



# Using the Power Plane

1. Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders, dust mask and goggles.
2. Check that the blades are fitted correctly.
3. To prevent damage to your blades, check there are no nails, screws or pieces of metal embedded in your workpiece.
4. Always hold the plane firmly in both hands.
5. Apply only moderate pressure to the machine. Any extra pressure will overload the machine and may cause an uneven surface.
6. Keep the cable clear, do not let the machine run over it.
7. If you think the cable may be cut or damaged in any way, switch off and unplug at the socket before inspecting it. If the cable attached to the power plane is damaged, stop using the machine. Contact the hire company, if an extension cable has been damaged, do not use it again.
8. Take care not to accidentally pull the plug from the socket.
9. Watch out for signs that vibration may be affecting your hands. If your fingers start to tingle or feel numb, take a short break from using the machine. Exercise your fingers to encourage blood circulation.
10. To help prevent vibration affecting your hands, operate the machine for shorter periods. Keep your hands warm - wearing gloves may help do this.
11. Switch off and wait for the blades to stop completely before you put the machine down.
12. Make sure that any ventilation slots in the power plane do not get blocked with woodchips or sawdust.
13. Switch off and remove the plug from the socket before leaving the power plane unattended.
14. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.

Please keep this leaflet safely as it may be required for future reference



Hire Association Europe  
2450 Regents Court  
The Crescent  
Birmingham Business Park  
Solithull B37 7YE

Telephone: 44 (0) 121 380 4600  
Fax: 44 (0) 121 333 4109  
Email: mail@hae.org.uk  
website: www.hae.org.uk

# Power Plane

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

## It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Power Plane

1. Plan the use of the Power Plane so that it can always be used safely.
2. Electricity is dangerous and must always be used with great care.
3. This power plane is designed for dressing all types of wood.
4. The action of this power plane can cause injury or damage if it is not used in a careful and controlled way.
5. If you have not used a power plane before, familiarise yourself with the machine on some straightforward work before you start on the main task.
6. You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: impact resistant goggles: EN166 – B or BS2092 grade 1; dust mask – a minimum of EN149 ffp2(s) protection; ear muffs or plugs giving protection for levels up to 101 dB(A); gloves; rcd if using a 230 volt (mains) supply.
7. This power plane must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. This power plane is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



Every effort has been made by HAE/EHA to ensure that the information given in this document and supporting material is accurate and not misleading. HAE/EHA cannot accept responsibility for any loss or liability perceived to have arisen from the use of any such document/material. Only Acts of Parliament and Statutory Instruments have the force of law and only the courts can authoritatively interpret the law.

Any unauthorised reproduction – manually or electronically – is STRICTLY prohibited

©Copyright Hire Association Europe April 2011

Telephone: 44 (0) 121 380 4600  
Fax: 44 (0) 121 333 4109  
Email: mail@hae.org.uk  
website: www.hae.org.uk

Hire Association Europe  
2450 Regents Court  
The Crescent  
Birmingham Business Park  
Solithull B37 7YE

1. Lay the extension cable out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where it, unrroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
  2. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.
- ### 230 VOLT MACHINES (SQUARE PIN OR BLUE PLUG)
1. Use a residual current device ("rcd"), plugged directly in to the 230 volt socket. Plug your machine into the rcd. This will help to protect you against electric shock if the cable or machine get damaged.
  2. Use the "TEST" button to check that the rcd is working each time you use it. Reset the rcd according to the instructions supplied with it.
  3. If you need an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitable rated heavy duty one, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). Plug it directly into the rcd.
  4. Lay it out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where it, unrroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
  5. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

- ### 110 VOLT HEATERS (YELLOW PLUG)
1. If you are using a portable transformer, plug the transformer directly into the 230volt socket. Do not use any 230v extension cables.
  2. If you need to use an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitable rated heavy duty 100v extension cable, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). You must only use an extension cable.
- ### ELECTRICAL SAFETY
1. Your machine will only operate on one voltage: it will be 100v or 230v. 110v machines will have a yellow industrial plug fitted. 230v machines will have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug. Read the instructions below for your machine.
  2. Make sure you seat the blades correctly and that they are in the right way round.
  3. Use only sharp blades. Blades that are blunt leave a rough surface and cause the plane to overheat.
- ### BLADES
1. Switch off and remove the plug from the socket before making adjustments or changing the blades.
  2. Make sure you seat the blades correctly and that they are in the right way round.
  3. Use only sharp blades. Blades that are blunt leave a rough surface and cause the plane to overheat.



## Before Starting Work...

1. Do not use this power plane where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
  2. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you or could distract you.
  3. Protect other people from the noise and from injury. Warn others to keep away, put up warning signs or barriers around your work area.
- ### OPERATORS
1. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever you use this machine. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.
  2. You must wear goggles (EN166 – B or BS2092 grade 1) when you are using this power plane.
  3. This power plane is likely to cause noise levels up to 101 dB(A) – wear appropriate ear muffs or plugs giving hearing protection for this level as a minimum.
  4. You will need to wear an appropriate dust mask (with a minimum of EN149 ffp2(s) protection) when you are working with material that causes dust.
  5. Anybody who is working near to you will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- ### POWER PLANE
1. Check your machine, cables, plugs and cutting blades. If anything is found damaged, do not use the power plane – contact the hire company.
  2. You must wear goggles (EN166 – B or BS2092 grade 1) when you are using this power plane.
  3. This power plane is likely to cause noise levels up to 101 dB(A) – wear appropriate ear muffs or plugs giving hearing protection for this level as a minimum.
  4. You will need to wear an appropriate dust mask (with a minimum of EN149 ffp2(s) protection) when you are working with material that causes dust.
  5. Anybody who is working near to you will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
  6. Always hold the power plane correctly with two hands while working.
  7. Vibration from using this power plane can be hazardous. Warm your hands up before you start work, and wear gloves to keep your hands warm while you are working.
  8. Check on how the on/off switch operates – before you switch the power plane on, you must know how to stop it.