

# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

## SAFETY FIRST

These safety instructions provide information necessary for safe operation of Paslode® tools. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OPERATE THE TOOL UNTIL YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS.**



### WEAR EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION

Always wear hearing and eye protection devices, that conform to ANZI Z87.1 requirements, when operating or working in the vicinity of a tool. As an employer you are responsible for enforcing the use of eye protection. Wear hard hats in environments that require their use.

### THE TOOL MUST BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED

Do not throw the tool on the floor, strike the housing in any way or use the tool as a hammer to knock material into place.

### NEVER ENGAGE IN HORSEPLAY WITH THE TOOL

The tool is not a toy so do not use it like one. Never engage in horseplay with the tool or point it at yourself or any other person, even if you think it is not loaded.

### NEVER ASSUME THE TOOL IS EMPTY

Check the magazine for fasteners that may be left in the tool. Even if you think the tool is empty or disconnected, never point it at anyone or yourself. Unseen fasteners could fire from the tool.

### NEVER CLAMP THE TRIGGER IN A LOCKED OR OPERATING POSITION

The trigger of the tool must never be tampered with, disabled or clamped in a locked or operating position since this will cause the tool to drive a fastener any time the work contacting element depressed.

### DO NOT LOAD FASTENERS WITH THE AIR LINE CONNECTED, OR WITH THE TOOL TRIGGER OR WORK CONTACTING ELEMENT DEPRESSED

When loading fasteners into the tool be sure you disconnect the air line and that you do not depress the trigger or work contacting element.



### OPERATE THE TOOL ONLY ON A WORKPIECE

The tool should be operated only when it is in contact with the workpiece. Even then you should be careful when fastening thin material or working near the edges and corners of the workpiece since the fasteners may drive through or away from the workpiece.

### DO NOT DISABLE OR REMOVE THE WORK CONTACTING ELEMENT

This tool is equipped with a safety mechanism, called a work contacting element, to help prevent accidental firing. Never tamper with, disable or remove the work contacting element. Do not use the tool unless the work contacting element is working properly. The tool could fire unexpectedly.



### DISCONNECT THE TOOL WHEN NOT IN USE

Always disconnect the tool from the air line when it is not in use, when you leave the work area or when moving the tool to a new location. The tool must never be left unattended because people who are not familiar with the tool might handle it and injure themselves or others.

### CARRY THE TOOL ONLY BY THE HANDLE

Always carry the tool by the handle only. Never carry the tool by the air hose or with the trigger depressed since you could drive a fastener unintentionally and injure yourself or someone else.

### DO NOT WEAKEN THE TOOL HOUSING

The tool housing is a pressure vessel and should never be weakened by having your company's name, area of work or anything else stamped or engraved into its surface.

### DISCONNECT THE TOOL WHEN PERFORMING REPAIRS AND CLEARING JAMS

Never attempt to clear a jam or repair a tool unless you have disconnected the tool from the air line and removed all remaining fasteners from the tool.

### ALWAYS USE THE PROPER FITTING FOR THE TOOL

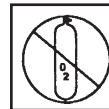
Only MALE pneumatic type air connectors should be fitted to the tool, so that high pressure air in the tool is vented to atmosphere as soon as the air line is disconnected.

NEVER install FEMALE quick disconnect couplings on the tool. Female couplings will trap high pressure air in the tool when the air line is disconnected, leaving the tool charged and able to drive at least one fastener.



### DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED AIR PRESSURE

Operate the tool only at the recommended air pressure. Do not exceed the maximum air pressure marked on the tool. Be sure the air pressure gauge is operating properly and check it at least twice a day.



Never use any bottled air or gases such as oxygen to operate the tool since they could cause the tool to explode.

### INSPECT TOOL FOR PROPER OPERATION

Clean the tool at least daily and lubricate as required. Never operate a dirty or malfunctioning tool.

### USE ONLY PASLODE RECOMMENDED PARTS AND FASTENERS

Use only parts and fasteners specifically designed and recommended by Paslode for use in the tool and for work to be done. Using unauthorized parts and fasteners or modifying the tool in any way creates dangerous situations. Replace all missing warning labels---refer to tool schematic for correct placement and part number.

## ⚠ WARNING

Failure to follow any of the above instructions could result in severe personal injury to tool user and bystanders or cause damage to tool and property.

Contact your local Paslode Representative for presentation of Paslode's Safety Awareness Program