

## 1. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR PORTABLE COMPRESSORS (WITH GENERATOR)

To be read attentively and acted accordingly before towing, lifting, operating, performing maintenance or repairing the unit

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The policy of Atlas Copco is to provide the users of their equipment with safe, reliable and efficient products. Factors taken into account are among others:

- the intended and predictable future use of the products, and the environments in which they are expected to operate,
- applicable rules, codes and regulations,
- the expected useful product life, assuming proper service and maintenance,
- providing the manual with up-to-date information.

Before handling any product, take time to read the relevant instruction manual. Besides giving detailed operating instructions, it also gives specific information about safety, preventive maintenance, etc.

Keep the manual always at the unit location, easy accessible to the operating personnel.

See also the safety precautions of the engine and possible other equipment, which are separately sent along or are mentioned on the equipment or parts of the unit.

These safety precautions are general and some statements will therefore not always apply to a particular unit.

Only people that have the right skills should be allowed to operate, adjust, perform maintenance or repair on Atlas Copco equipment. It is the responsibility of management to appoint operators with the appropriate training and skill for each category of job.

#### Skill level 1: Operator

An operator is trained in all aspects of operating the unit with the push-buttons, and is trained to know the safety aspects.

#### Skill level 2: Mechanical technician

A mechanical technician is trained to operate the unit the same as the operator. In addition, the mechanical technician is also trained to perform maintenance and repair, as described in the instruction manual, and is allowed to change settings of the control and safety system. A mechanical technician does not work on live electrical components.

#### Skill level 3: Electrical technician

An electrical technician is trained and has the same qualifications as both the operator and the mechanical technician. In addition, the electrical technician may carry out electrical repairs within the various enclosures of the unit. This includes work on live electrical components.

#### Skill level 4: Specialist from the manufacturer

This is a skilled specialist sent by the manufacturer or its agent to perform complex repairs or modifications to the equipment.

In general it is recommended that not more than two people operate the unit, more operators could lead to unsafe operating conditions. Take necessary steps to keep unauthorized persons away from the unit and eliminate all possible sources of danger at the unit.

When handling, operating, overhauling and/or performing maintenance or repair on Atlas Copco equipment, the mechanics are expected to use safe engineering practices and to observe all relevant local safety requirements and ordinances. The following list is a reminder of special safety directives and precautions mainly applicable to Atlas Copco equipment.

These safety precautions apply to machinery processing or consuming air. Processing of any other gas requires additional safety precautions typical to the application and are not included herein.

Neglecting the safety precautions may endanger people as well as environment and machinery:

- endanger people due to electrical, mechanical or chemical influences,
- endanger the environment due to leakage of oil, solvents or other substances,
- endanger the machinery due to function failures.

All responsibility for any damage or injury resulting from neglecting these precautions or by non-observance of ordinary caution and due care required in handling, operating, maintenance or repair, also if not expressly mentioned in this instruction manual, is disclaimed by Atlas Copco.

The manufacturer does not accept any liability for any damage arising from the use of non-original parts and for modifications, additions or conversions made without the manufacturer's approval in writing.

If any statement in this manual does not comply with local legislation, the stricter of the two shall be applied.

Statements in these safety precautions should not be interpreted as suggestions, recommendations or inducements that it should be used in violation of any applicable laws or regulations.

### 1.2 GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- 1 The owner is responsible for maintaining the unit in a safe operating condition. Unit parts and accessories must be replaced if missing or unsuitable for safe operation.
- 2 The supervisor, or the responsible person, shall at all times make sure that all instructions regarding machinery and equipment operation and maintenance are strictly followed and that the machines with all accessories and safety devices, as well as the consuming devices, are in good repair, free of abnormal wear or abuse, and are not tampered with.
- 3 Whenever there is an indication or any suspicion that an internal part of a machine is overheated, the machine shall be stopped but no inspection covers shall be opened before sufficient cooling time has elapsed; this to avoid the risk of spontaneous ignition of oil vapour when air is admitted.
- 4 Normal ratings (pressures, temperatures, speeds, etc.) shall be durably marked.
- 5 Operate the unit only for the intended purpose and within its rated limits (pressure, temperature, speeds, etc.).
- 6 The machinery and equipment shall be kept clean, i.e. as free as possible from oil, dust or other deposits.
- 7 To prevent an increase in working temperature, inspect and clean heat transfer surfaces (cooler fins, intercoolers, water jackets, etc.) regularly. See the maintenance schedule.
- 8 All regulating and safety devices shall be maintained with due care to ensure that they function properly. They may not be put out of action.
- 9 Care shall be taken to avoid damage to safety valves and other pressure-relief devices, especially to avoid plugging by paint, oil coke or dirt accumulation, which could interfere with the functioning of the device.
- 10 Pressure and temperature gauges shall be checked regularly with regard to their accuracy. They shall be replaced whenever outside acceptable tolerances.
- 11 Safety devices shall be tested as described in the maintenance schedule of the instruction manual to determine that they are in good operating condition.
- 12 Mind the markings and information labels on the unit.
- 13 In the event the safety labels are damaged or destroyed, they must be replaced to ensure operator safety.
- 14 Keep the work area neat. Lack of order will increase the risk of accidents.
- 15 When working on the unit, wear safety clothing. Depending on the kind of activities these are: safety glasses, ear protection, safety helmet (including visor), safety gloves, protective clothing, safety shoes. Do not wear the hair long and loose (protect long hair with a hairnet), or wear loose clothing or jewelry.
- 16 Take precautions against fire. Handle fuel, oil and anti-freeze with care because they are inflammable substances. Do not smoke or approach with naked flame when handling such substances. Keep a fire-extinguisher in the vicinity.

**17a Portable compressors with generator (with earthing pin):**

Earth the generator as well as the load properly.

**17b Portable compressors with generator IT:**

**Note:** This generator is built to supply a sheer alternating current IT network.

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### 1.3 SAFETY DURING TRANSPORT AND INSTALLATION

To lift a unit, all loose or pivoting parts, e.g. doors and towbar, shall first be securely fastened.

Do not attach cables, chains or ropes directly to the lifting eye; apply a crane hook or lifting shackle meeting local safety regulations. Never allow sharp bends in lifting cables, chains or ropes.

Helicopter lifting is not allowed.

It is strictly forbidden to dwell or stay in the risk zone under a lifted load. Never lift the unit over people or residential areas. Lifting acceleration and retardation shall be kept within safe limits.

- 1 Before towing the unit:
  - ascertain that the pressure vessel(s) is (are) depressurized,
  - check the towbar, the brake system and the towing eye. Also check the coupling of the towing vehicle,
  - check the towing and brake capability of the towing vehicle,
  - check that the towbar, jockey wheel or stand leg is safely locked in the raised position,
  - ascertain that the towing eye can swivel freely on the hook,
  - check that the wheels are secure and that the tyres are in good condition and inflated correctly,
  - connect the signalisation cable, check all lights and connect the pneumatic brake couplers,
  - attach the safety break-away cable or safety chain to the towing vehicle,
  - remove wheel chocks, if applied, and disengage the parking brake.
- 2 To tow a unit use a towing vehicle of ample capacity. Refer to the documentation of the towing vehicle.
- 3 If the unit is to be backed up by the towing vehicle, disengage the overrun brake mechanism (if it is not an automatic mechanism).
- 4 Never exceed the maximum towing speed of the unit (mind the local regulations).
- 5 Place the unit on level ground and apply the parking brake before disconnecting the unit from the towing vehicle. Unclip the safety break-away cable or safety chain. If the unit has no parking brake or jockey wheel, immobilize the unit by placing chocks in front of and/or behind the wheels. When the towbar can be positioned vertically, the locking device must be applied and kept in good order.
- 6 To lift heavy parts, a hoist of ample capacity, tested and approved according to local safety regulations, shall be used.
- 7 Lifting hooks, eyes, shackles, etc., shall never be bent and shall only have stress in line with their design load axis. The capacity of a lifting device diminishes when the lifting force is applied at an angle to its load axis.
- 8 For maximum safety and efficiency of the lifting apparatus all lifting members shall be applied as near to perpendicular as possible. If required, a lifting beam shall be applied between hoist and load.
- 9 Never leave a load hanging on a hoist.
- 10 A hoist has to be installed in such a way that the object will be lifted perpendicular. If that is not possible, the necessary precautions must be taken to prevent load-swinging, e.g. by using two hoists, each at approximately the same angle not exceeding 30° from the vertical.
- 11 Locate the unit away from walls. Take all precautions to ensure that hot air exhausted from the engine and driven machine cooling systems cannot be recirculated. If such hot air is taken in by the engine or driven machine cooling fan, this may cause overheating of the unit; if taken in for combustion, the engine power will be reduced.
- 12 The electrical connections shall correspond to local codes. The machines shall be earthed and protected against short circuits by fuses or circuit breakers.
- 13 Never connect the generator outlets to an installation which is also connected to a public mains.
- 14 Before connecting a load, switch off the corresponding circuit breaker, and check whether frequency, voltage, current and power factor comply with the ratings of the generator.

## 1.4 SAFETY DURING USE AND OPERATION

- 1 When the unit has to operate in a fire-hazardous environment, each engine exhaust has to be provided with a spark arrester to trap incendiary sparks.
- 2 The exhaust contains carbon monoxide which is a lethal gas. When the unit is used in a confined space, conduct the engine exhaust to the outside atmosphere by a pipe of sufficient diameter; do this in such a way that no extra back pressure is created for the engine. If necessary, install an extractor. Observe any existing local regulations. Make sure that the unit has sufficient air intake for operation. If necessary, install extra air intake ducts.
- 3 When operating in a dust-laden atmosphere, place the unit so that dust is not carried towards it by the wind. Operation in clean surroundings considerably extends the intervals for cleaning the air intake filters and the cores of the coolers.
- 4 Close the compressor air outlet valve before connecting or disconnecting a hose. Ascertain that a hose is fully depressurized before disconnecting it. Before blowing compressed air through a hose or air line, ensure that the open end is held securely, so that it cannot whip and cause injury.
- 5 The air line end connected to the outlet valve must be safeguarded with a safety cable, attached next to the valve.
- 6 No external force may be exerted on the air outlet valves, e.g. by pulling on hoses or by installing auxiliary equipment directly to a valve, e.g. a water separator, a lubricator, etc. Do not step on the air outlet valves.
- 7 Never move a unit when external lines or hoses are connected to the outlet valves, to avoid damage to valves, manifold and hoses.
- 8 Do not use compressed air from any type of compressor, without taking extra measures, for breathing purposes as this may result in injury or death. For breathing air quality, the compressed air must be adequately purified according to local legislation and standards. Breathing air must always be supplied at stable, suitable pressure.
- 9 Distribution pipework and air hoses must be of correct diameter and suitable for the working pressure. Never use frayed, damaged or deteriorated hoses. Replace hoses and flexibles before the lifetime expires. Use only the correct type and size of hose end fittings and connections.
- 10 If the compressor is to be used for sand-blasting or will be connected to a common compressed-air system, fit an appropriate non-return valve (check valve) between compressor outlet and the connected sand-blasting or compressed-air system. Observe the right mounting position/direction.
- 11 Before removing the oil filler plug, ensure that the pressure is released by opening an air outlet valve.
- 12 Never remove a filler cap of the cooling water system of a hot engine. Wait until the engine has sufficiently cooled down.
- 13 Never refill fuel while the unit is running, unless otherwise stated in the Atlas Copco Instruction Book (AIB). Keep fuel away from hot parts such as air outlet pipes or the engine exhaust. Do not smoke when fuelling. When fuelling from an automatic pump, an earthing cable should be connected to the unit to discharge static electricity. Never spill nor leave oil, fuel, coolant or cleansing agent in or around the unit.
- 14 All doors shall be shut during operation so as not to disturb the cooling air flow inside the bodywork and/or render the silencing less effective. A door should be kept open for a short period only e.g. for inspection or adjustment.
- 15 Periodically carry out maintenance works according to the maintenance schedule.
- 16 Stationary housing guards are provided on all rotating or reciprocating parts not otherwise protected and which may be hazardous to personnel. Machinery shall never be put into operation, when such guards have been removed, before the guards are securely reinstalled.
- 17 Noise, even at reasonable levels, can cause irritation and disturbance which, over a long period of time, may cause severe injuries to the nervous system of human beings.  
When the sound pressure level, at any point where personnel normally has to attend, is:  
below 70 dB(A): no action needs to be taken,  
above 70 dB(A): noise-protective devices should be provided for people continuously being present in the room,  
below 85 dB(A): no action needs to be taken for occasional visitors staying a limited time only,  
above 85 dB(A): room to be classified as a noise-hazardous area and an obvious warning shall be placed permanently at each entrance to alert people entering the room, for even relatively short times, about the need to wear ear protectors,  
above 95 dB(A): the warning(s) at the entrance(s) shall be completed with the recommendation that also occasional visitors shall wear ear protectors,  
above 105 dB(A): special ear protectors that are adequate for this noise level and the spectral composition of the noise shall be provided and a special warning to that effect shall be placed at each entrance.
- 18 Insulation or safety guards of parts the temperature of which can be in excess of 80 °C (175 °F) and which may be accidentally touched by personnel shall not be removed before the parts have cooled to room temperature.
- 19 Never operate the unit in surroundings where there is a possibility of taking in flammable or toxic fumes.
- 20 If the working process produces fumes, dust or vibration hazards, etc., take the necessary steps to eliminate the risk of personnel injury.
- 21 When using compressed air or inert gas to clean down equipment, do so with caution and use the appropriate protection, at least safety glasses, for the operator as well as for any bystander. Do not apply compressed air or inert gas to your skin or direct an air or gas stream at people. Never use it to clean dirt from your clothes.
- 22 When washing parts in or with a cleaning solvent, provide the required ventilation and use appropriate protection such as a breathing filter, safety glasses, rubber apron and gloves, etc.
- 23 Safety shoes should be compulsory in any workshop and if there is a risk, however small, of falling objects, wearing of a safety helmet should be included.
- 24 If there is a risk of inhaling hazardous gases, fumes or dust, the respiratory organs must be protected and depending on the nature of the hazard, so must the eyes and skin.
- 25 Remember that where there is visible dust, the finer, invisible particles will almost certainly be present too; but the fact that no dust can be seen is not a reliable indication that dangerous, invisible dust is not present in the air.
- 26 Never operate the unit at pressures or speeds below or in excess of its limits as indicated in the technical specifications.
- 27 Never operate the generator in excess of its limits as indicated in the technical specifications and avoid long no-load sequences.
- 28 Never operate the generator in a humid atmosphere. Excessive moisture causes worsening of the generator insulation.
- 29 Do not open electrical cabinets, cubicles or other equipment while voltage is supplied. If such cannot be avoided, e.g. for measurements, tests or adjustments, have the action carried out by a qualified electrician only, with appropriate tools, and ascertain that the required bodily protection against electrical hazards is applied.
- 30 Never touch the power terminals during operation of the machine.
- 31 Whenever an abnormal condition arises, e.g. excessive vibration, noise, odour, etc., switch the circuit breakers to OFF and stop the engine. Correct the faulty condition before restarting.
- 32 Check the electric cables regularly. Damaged cables and insufficient tightening of connections may cause electric shocks. Whenever damaged wires or dangerous conditions are observed, switch the circuit breakers to OFF and stop the engine. Replace the damaged wires or correct the dangerous condition before restarting. Make sure that all electric connections are securely tightened.

- 33 Do not use aerosol types of starting aids such as ether. Such use could result in an explosion and personal injury.
- 34 Avoid overloading the generator. The generator is provided with circuit breakers for overload protection. When a breaker has tripped, reduce the concerned load before restarting.
- 35 If the generator is used as stand-by for the mains supply, it must not be operated without control system which automatically disconnects the generator from the mains when the mains supply is restored.
- 36 Never remove the cover of the output terminals during operation. Before connecting or disconnecting wires, switch off the load and the circuit breakers, stop the machine and make sure that the machine cannot be started inadvertently or there is any residual voltage on the power circuit.
- 37 Running the generator at low load for long periods will reduce the lifetime of the engine.
- 16 When performing any operation involving heat, flames or sparks on a machine, the surrounding components shall first be screened with non-flammable material.
- 17 Never use a light source with open flame for inspecting the interior of a machine.
- 18 When repair has been completed, the machine shall be barred over at least one revolution for reciprocating machines, several revolutions for rotary ones to ensure that there is no mechanical interference within the machine or driver. Check the direction of rotation of electric motors when starting up the machine initially and after any alteration to the electrical connection(s) or switch gear, to check that the oil pump and the fan function properly.
- 19 Maintenance and repair work should be recorded in an operator's logbook for all machinery. Frequency and nature of repairs can reveal unsafe conditions.
- 20 When hot parts have to be handled, e.g. shrink fitting, special heat-resistant gloves shall be used and, if required, other body protection shall be applied.
- 21 When using cartridge type breathing filter equipment, ascertain that the correct type of cartridge is used and that its useful service life is not surpassed.
- 22 Make sure that oil, solvents and other substances likely to pollute the environment are properly disposed of.
- 23 Before clearing the unit for use after maintenance or overhaul, check that operating pressures, temperatures and speeds are correct and that the control and shutdown devices function correctly. Submit the generator to a testrun, check that the AC power performance is correct.

## 1.5 SAFETY DURING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Maintenance, overhaul and repair work shall only be carried out by adequately trained personnel; if required, under supervision of someone qualified for the job.

- 1 Use only the correct tools for maintenance and repair work, and only tools which are in good condition.
- 2 Parts shall only be replaced by genuine Atlas Copco replacement parts.
- 3 All maintenance work, other than routine attention, shall only be undertaken when the unit is stopped. Steps shall be taken to prevent inadvertent starting. In addition, a warning sign bearing a legend such as "work in progress; do not start" shall be attached to the starting equipment.  
On engine-driven units the battery shall be disconnected and removed or the terminals covered by insulating caps.  
On electrically driven units the main switch shall be locked in open position and the fuses shall be taken out. A warning sign bearing a legend such as "work in progress; do not supply voltage" shall be attached to the fuse box or main switch.
- 4 Before dismantling any pressurized component, the compressor or equipment shall be effectively isolated from all sources of pressure and the entire system shall be relieved of pressure. Do not rely on non-return valves (check valves) to isolate pressure systems. In addition, a warning sign bearing a legend such as "work in progress; do not open" shall be attached to each of the outlet valves.
- 5 Prior to stripping an engine or other machine or undertaking major overhaul on it, prevent all movable parts from rolling over or moving.
- 6 Make sure that no tools, loose parts or rags are left in or on the machine. Never leave rags or loose clothing near the engine air intake.
- 7 Never use flammable solvents for cleaning (fire-risk).
- 8 Take safety precautions against toxic vapours of cleaning liquids.
- 9 Never use machine parts as a climbing aid.
- 10 Observe scrupulous cleanliness during maintenance and repair. Keep away dirt, cover the parts and exposed openings with a clean cloth, paper or tape.
- 11 Never weld on or perform any operation involving heat near the fuel or oil systems. Fuel and oil tanks must be completely purged, e.g. by steam-cleaning, before carrying out such operations. Never weld on, or in any way modify, pressure vessels. Disconnect the alternator cables during arc welding on the unit.
- 12 Support the towbar and the axle(s) securely if working underneath the unit or when removing a wheel. Do not rely on jacks.
- 13 Do not remove any of, or tamper with, the sound-damping material. Keep the material free of dirt and liquids such as fuel, oil and cleansing agents. If any sound-damping material is damaged, replace it to prevent the sound pressure level from increasing.
- 14 Use only lubricating oils and greases recommended or approved by Atlas Copco or the machine manufacturer. Ascertain that the selected lubricants comply with all applicable safety regulations, especially with regard to explosion or fire-risk and the possibility of decomposition or generation of hazardous gases. Never mix synthetic with mineral oil.
- 15 Protect the engine, alternator, air intake filter, electrical and regulating components, etc., to prevent moisture ingress, e.g. when steam-cleaning.

## 1.6 TOOL APPLICATIONS SAFETY

Apply the proper tool for each job. With the knowledge of correct tool use and knowing the limitations of tools, along with some common sense, many accidents can be prevented.

Special service tools are available for specific jobs and should be used when recommended. The use of these tools will save time and prevent damage to parts.

## 1.7 SPECIFIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

### Batteries

When servicing batteries, always wear protecting clothing and glasses.

- 1 The electrolyte in batteries is a sulphuric acid solution which is fatal if it hits your eyes, and which can cause burns if it contacts your skin. Therefore, be careful when handling batteries, e.g. when checking the charge condition.
- 2 Install a sign prohibiting fire, open flame and smoking at the post where batteries are being charged.
- 3 When batteries are being charged, an explosive gas mixture forms in the cells and might escape through the vent holes in the plugs. Thus an explosive atmosphere may form around the battery if ventilation is poor, and can remain in and around the battery for several hours after it has been charged. Therefore:
  - never smoke near batteries being, or having recently been, charged,
  - never break live circuits at battery terminals, because a spark usually occurs.
- 4 When connecting an auxiliary battery (AB) in parallel to the unit battery (CB) with booster cables: connect the + pole of AB to the + pole of CB, then connect the - pole of CB to the mass of the unit. Disconnect in the reverse order.

### Pressure vessels

(according to directive 87/404/EEC annex II § 2)

Maintenance/installation requirements:

- 1 The vessel can be used as pressure vessel or as separator and is designed to hold compressed air for the following application:
  - pressure vessel for compressor,
  - medium AIR/OIL,and operates as detailed on the data plate of the vessel:
  - the maximum working pressure ps in bar,
  - the maximum working temperature Tmax in °C,
  - the minimum working temperature Tmin in °C,
  - the capacity of the vessel V in l.
- 2 The pressure vessel is only to be used for the applications as specified above and in accordance with the technical specifications. Safety reasons prohibit any other applications.
- 3 National legislation requirements with respect to re-inspection must be complied with.
- 4 No welding or heat treatment of any kind is permitted to those vessel walls which are exposed to pressure.
- 5 The vessel is provided and may only be used with the required safety equipment such as manometer, overpressure control devices, safety valve, etc.
- 6 Draining of condensate shall be performed regularly when vessel is in use.
- 7 Installation, design and connections should not be changed.
- 8 Bolts of cover and flanges may not be used for extra fixation.

### Safety valves

All adjustments or repairs are to be done by an authorized representative of the valve supplier (see [maintenance schedule 4.2](#)).