

BASIC TECHNIQUES

Turn **ON** the fan's **ON/OFF** switch followed by the **heat selector switch** – never use the gun unless the fan is working properly.

Now simply **play the air jet over the surface to be stripped**. Keeping the nozzle 100mm to 150mm (4in to 6in) away from it, **until the paint is soft** enough to be scraped off.

While scraping, never point the gun at yourself, the gun's flex, or anything else that could be harmed or damaged by the heat.

EQUIPMENT CARE

Never use the equipment except for its intended purpose. If it will not do what you want with reasonable ease, assume you have the wrong tool for the job. Contact your local HSS Hire Shop for advice.

Keep the equipment clean. You will find this less of a chore if you clean it regularly, rather than wait until the end of the hire period.

When not in use, store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves.

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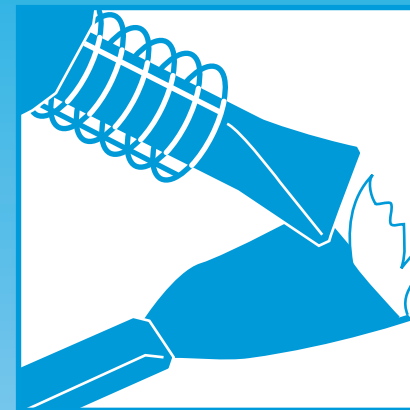
Switch OFF and unplug the gun, then allow it to cool before refitting the fish-tail nozzle and neatly coiling the flex ready for return to your local HSS Hire Shop.



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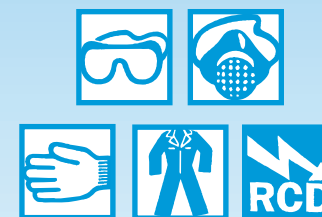
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HSS Hire Shops



Hot Air Paint Stripper

Electric hot air gun for the removal of paint prior to redecorating.



Code 61112

GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Hire Shop.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area.

Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This equipment should only be used by a competent person who has read and understood these instructions.

NEVER use this equipment for drying purposes, **REMEMBER** to anyone else the hot air stripper looks like a hair dryer, **NEVER LEAVE IT UNATTENDED OR STORE IT WHERE OTHERS CAN GET ACCESS TO IT!**



Safety Goggles **MUST** be worn by everyone in the work area.



Some materials being removed by this process may contain substances or produce vapors which can be harmful to health. A suitable mask must be worn when using this equipment.



Wear practical, protective clothing, gloves and footwear. Avoid loose garments and jewellery that could get in the way.

There is a serious risk of personal injury if you do not follow all instructions laid down in this guide.

Always switch OFF and unplug the equipment when not in use, allowing it to cool before handling it. **Never leave it switched ON and unattended.**

Check the condition of the equipment before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it to your local HSS Hire Shop.

To avoid possible heat damage NEVER place or aim the Hot Air Paint Stripper directly on/at carpet, plastics, glass or other heat sensitive surfaces.

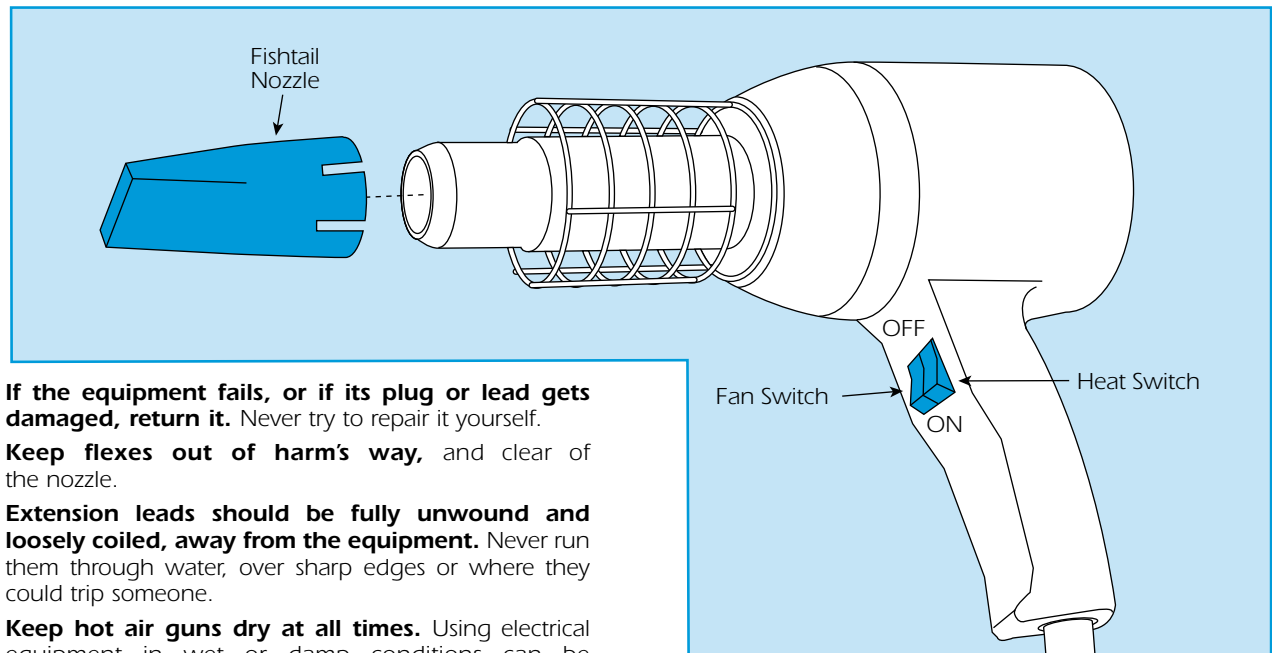
Watch your footing. Take special care if working other than on firm, level ground. **Above ground-level, ALWAYS work from a stable, purpose-made work platform** such as a step-up or trestle.

Keep the work area tidy. Stripped paint can be slippery and may present a serious fire hazard.

Information on COSHH regulations is available from your local HSS Hire Shop.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Most HSS electrical equipment is designed to plug into a standard 240V, 13A power socket. However, 110V models (with a round, yellow plug) must be supplied from a 110V generator, or from the mains via a suitable transformer.



If the equipment fails, or if its plug or lead gets damaged, return it. Never try to repair it yourself.

Keep flexes out of harm's way, and clear of the nozzle.

Extension leads should be fully unwound and loosely coiled, away from the equipment. Never run them through water, over sharp edges or where they could trip someone.

Keep hot air guns dry at all times. Using electrical equipment in wet or damp conditions can be dangerous.

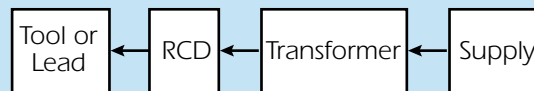


To reduce the risk of electric shock, use a suitable RCD (Residual Current-Operated Device) available from your local HSS Hire Shop, or power 240V (Not 110V) equipment from a power circuit with a built-in RCD.

Siting an RCD

When used with a transformer an RCD will only protect the user if fitted between the transformer and the tool being used.

An RCD fitted between the power supply and the transformer only protects up to the transformer.



Never carry or pull the equipment by its flex.

GETTING STARTED

Prepare the work area before you start. Open the windows, vacuum the area and clear any furniture, curtains, pictures or carpets etc. Have a metal tray ready to rest the gun on when not being used.

To strip large, flat areas, fit the fish-tail nozzle extension. Use the bare nozzle for small areas or where intense heat is required.

Turn both fan and heater ON/OFF switches OFF, **plug the gun into its power supply and prepare to switch ON.**

Paint Stripping Pointers

Tackle a small area at a time, keeping the air stream moving.

Soften the paint rather than burn it off. It usually blisters when ready to be scraped.

Take care not to scorch surrounding woodwork when tackling isolated stubborn patches.

Small patches and flecks are best sanded off. Never point the gun directly at glass – it will crack.

Deflect the hot air away using a sheet of metal – careful, it will get hot.

Never use the gun to strip metal doors or windows.

The heat could distort the frames and/or crack the glass.

Note That some finishes cannot be stripped with hot air.

For these, use a chemical stripper.