

# 0818 Safety Guidance



# **Using the Floor Cleaner / Polisher**

- Protective equipment including non-slip shoes must be worn.
- Many floor cleaners have two control levers which need to be held in to operate the machine Both hands should be kept on the handlebars at all times – the machine cannot be controlled one-handed.
- By gently raising and lowering the control arm the cleaner can be controlled so that it sweeps from side to side in an arc. Move forwards steadily to achieve proper coverage of
- The control tap to release cleaning solution can be operated without releasing the
- Keep a check on the position of the cable so that it does not get run over, stretched, or the plug is not accidentally pulled from the socket.
- 6. Keep the cable clear of any sharp edges in the work area.
- If it appears that the cable may be cut or damaged in any way, switch off and unplug at the mains before inspecting it. If the cable attached to the floor cleaner is damaged, stop using the equipment. Contact the hire company. If an extension cable has been damaged, do
- Switch off and unplug from the socket before leaving the machine unattended.
- When the work has been finished, empty any remaining cleaning solution and partly refill with clean water. Operate the machine in a safe place to flush the cleaning solution out of
- Keep everyone, especially young children and the infirm, off the cleaned floor until it is dry. They could fall on the slippery surface.
- 11. If the 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











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connections are dry and safe. Make sure that any extension cable will overneat and could catch life. vehicles. It should be unrolled fully or and places where it may be run over by or windows where it might be trapp The cable should be laid out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways should be plugged directly into the rcd. instructions, only a suitably rated heavy duty extension cable should be used, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). It



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company nas not given special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire required, tollow any If an extension cable is

according to the instructions supplied The rcd should be reset check that the rcd is working each time it The TEST button should be used to

protect against electric shocks it the cable or equipment gets damaged. This will help plugged into the rcd. The cleaner should be TITAL



# 230 VOLT MACHINES

4. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe. тау сатсп тге. might be run over by vehicles. It should be unrolled fully or it will overheat and edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where it

carefully avoiding any liquids,

The extension cable must be laid out

between the transformer and the cleaner. extension cable must only be used longer than 50 metres (160 feet). cable must be used, this should not be suitably rated heavy duty 110v extension given any special instructions, only a any instructions given by the hire company, if the hire company has not If an extension cable is required, follow



extension cables snould not should be plugged directly into the 230v socket. 230v sucket. used, the transformer If the portable transformer is

### 110 VOLT MACHINES (YELLOW PLUG)

pe read before using the equipment. normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug. The instructions below must quipment will have a yellow industrial plug The floor cleaner will only operate on one voltage: it will be 110v or 230v. 110v

Before the floor cleaner is switched on it 10. Check on how the on/off switch ope

Electrical switches or plugs should not

any or these other accessories are Contact the hire company if existing floor finishes may also be







# Floor Cleaner / Polisher

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 this entire leaflet **BEFORE** using the Floor Cleaner / Polisher

- 1. Electricity can be hazardous and must always be used with great care.
- Electricity and water can make a hazardous combination. Care must be taken whenever water or other solutions are used to keep them away from plugs, sockets, switches and the electrical parts of the cleaner.
- This floor cleaner is designed for cleaning, polishing and scrubbing hard surfaced floors. It may also be used to help clean some carpets, with the correct brushes fitted.
- The action of this floor cleaner can cause injury or damage to property if the equipment is
- If the operator has not used a floor cleaner before, they should familiarize themselves with the equipment on a small area of the floor before starting on the main task
- A minimum of the following items of personal protective equipment must be worn: ear muffs or plugs giving protection for levels up to 86 dB(A); waterproof gloves; non-slip shoes; rcd if using a 230 volt (mains) supply.
- This equipment must not be used by minors or by anyone under the influence of drugs or
- This floor cleaner is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.













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chemicals are available for different

A range of different brushes, pads and

comfortable height. Make sure that it is

If the control arm is adjustable, set it to a

Fill the solution tank with cold or warm

cleaning chemicals which are to be

Head the instructions supplied with any

it is left 'stood' on a carpet or other sensitive surface it may 'iron' a

A 110v transformer may get hot in use. If

square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial

230v mains will either have a normal

Equipment designed to run directly from

not to cause injury when moving it about

normal 230v supply. If a portable if the equipment is to be powered from a

a special 110v supply. The hire company will have provided a portable transformer if the squipment is to be powered from

Equipment with a cylindrical yellow industrial plug fitted is designed to run off

Check that the plug on the equipment matches the supply. Do not try to force

found to be damaged do not use the cleaner – contact the hire company.

connections or improvise them.

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These include cleaning,

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Check the floor cleaner, cables, plugs and all other equipment. If anything is

### FLOOR CLEANER

need to wear appropriate protective Anyone who is working nearby will also

Non-slip shoes should be worn. eaning or other chemicals are to be

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levels up to 86 d B(A) – weer appropriate esr muffs or plugs giving hearing protection for this level as a minimum, if the cleaner is going to be used the cleaner is going to be used confinuously. This equipment is likely to cause noise

environments may require a nigner lever protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever the equipment is used. Particular jobs or

The following items of personal

## **SHOTARIAN**

causing a tripping hazard. that the work can be done effectively, without running over the cable, or Plan the work route around the floor so Find out where the electrical sockets are. to help the floor to dry.

Open doors and windows before starting

people to keep away. Put up warning Protect people from slippery floors or other hazards caused by the work. Warn work can be done without distractions. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is nearby so that the

is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders. Do not use this floor cleaner where there

**WORK AREA** 

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

unat be known how to stop it. be touched unless hands are dry.













