

HAZARD EVALUATION AND CONTROL

Description of Plant: PortaVibe Vibrator

Model No: PVE44, PVE44R

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Issue: A

Hazard Description	Hazard Y/N	Plant & / or Situation	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Control
A - ENTANGLEMENT 1 Can anyone's hair, clothing, gloves necktie, jewellery, cleaning brushes, rags, or other materials become entangled with moving parts of the plant, or materials in motion?	Y	Entanglement with rotor while rotating	5	C	* Do not operate the machine unless all protective guards are in place. * Keep hands and feet clear of rotating and moving parts as they will cause injury if contacted. * Ensure that the motor operation switch is in the off position and the spark plug ignition lead is disconnected before removing guards or making adjustments.
B - CRUSHING					
1. Can anyone be crushed due to:-					
a. Material falling off the plant?	N				
b. Uncontrolled or unexpected movement of the plant or its load?	N				
c. Lack of capacity for the plant to be slowed, stopped or immobilised?	N				
d. The plant tipping or rolling over?	N				
e. Parts of the plant collapsing?	N				
f. Coming in contact with moving parts of the plant during testing, inspection, operation, maintenance, cleaning or repair?	N				
g. Being thrown off or under the plant?	N				
h. Being trapped between the plant and material or fixed structures?	N				

* Refer to Flextool operating instructions.

Likelihood of Occurrence

1. Expected to Happen
2. Common
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely
5. Highly Unlikely

Severity of Result

- A. Fatality
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i. Other factors not mentioned?	N				
C. CUTTING, STABBING & PUNCTURING?					
1. Can anyone be cut, stabbed or punctured due to:					
a. Coming in contact with sharp or flying objects?	Y	Contact with worn flexible shaft	3	E	* Use gloves when handling and inspecting the flexible shaft outer casing. Excessive wear of the rubber cover can expose the wire braided reinforcement, allowing it to project and cause injury.
b. Coming in contact with moving parts of the plant during testing, inspection, operation, maintenance, cleaning or repair of the plant?	Y	Output shaft, drive dog contact while rotating	5	E	* Do not operate the machine unless all protective guards are in place. * Keep hands and feet clear of rotating and moving parts as they will cause injury if contacted. * Ensure that the motor operation switch is in the off position and the spark plug ignition lead is disconnected before removing guards or making adjustments.
c. The plant, parts of the plant or work pieces disintegrating?	N				
d. Work pieces being ejected?	N				
e. The mobility of the plant?	N				
f. Uncontrolled or unexpected movement of the plant?	N				
g. Other factors not mentioned?	N				
D. SHEARING					
1. Can anyone's body parts be sheared between two parts of the plant, or material handled by the plant?					
	N				
E. FRICTION					
1. Can anyone be burnt due to contact with moving parts or surfaces of the plant, or between a part of the plant and a work piece or structure?					
	N				

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F. STRIKING					
1. Can anyone be struck by moving objects due to :					
a. Uncontrolled or unexpected movement of the plant?	Y	Plant moving while unattended	4	E	* Do not leave the equipment in operation while it is unattended.
b. The plant, parts of the plant or work pieces disintegrating?	N				
c. Work pieces being ejected?	Y	Splashing of concete	4	E	* Goggles for eye protection may also be necessary.
d. Mobility of the plant?	N				
e. Other factors not mentioned?	N				
G. HIGH PRESSURE SUBSTANCES					
1. Can anyone come into contact with substances under high pressure, due to plant failure or misuse of the plant?					
	N				
H. ELECTRICAL					
1. Can anyone be injured by electrical shock or burnt due to:					
a. The plant contacting live electrical conductors?	N				
b. The plant working in close proximity to electrical conductors?	N				
c. Overload of electrical circuits?	N				
d. Damaged or poorly maintained electrical leads and cables?	N				
e. Damaged electrical switches?	N				

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f. Water near electrical equipment?	N				
g. Lack of isolation procedures?	N				
h. Other factors not mentioned?	N				
I. EXPLOSION 1. Can anyone be injured by explosion of gases, vapours, liquids, dusts or other substances, triggered by the operation of the plant or by material handled by the plant?	Y	Petrol vapour	5	B	* Petrol is extremely flammable and explosive under certain conditions. * Ensure that petrol is only stored in an approved storage container. * Do not refuel the motor while it is in operation or hot. * Do not refuel the motor in the vicinity of sparks, a naked flame or a person smoking. * Do not overfill the fuel tank and avoid spilling petrol when refuelling. Spilled petrol or petrol vapour may ignite. If spillage occurs, ensure that the area is dry before starting the motor. * Ensure that the fuel tank cap is securely fitted after refuelling.
J. SLIPPING, TRIPPING & FALLING 1. Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant, slip, trip or fall due to:					
a. Uneven or slippery work surfaces?	Y	Slip, trip, fall	3	E	* Slip/Trip/Fall is a major cause of serious injury or death. Beware of the flexible shaft and water left on the walking or work surface. To reduce the risk of injury from loss of balance, start the motor with the unit on a flat level surface, and only pick up the unit when the engine is idling.
b. Poor housekeeping, eg, swarf in the vicinity of the plant, spillage not Cleaned up?	Y	Slip, trip, fall	3	E	* Slip/Trip/Fall is a major cause of serious injury or death. Beware of the flexible shaft and water left on the walking or work surface. To reduce the risk of injury from loss of balance, start the motor with the unit on a flat level surface, and only pick up the unit when the engine is idling.

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c. Obstacles being placed in the vicinity of the plant, other factors not mentioned?	N				
2. Can anyone fall from a height due to:					
a. Lack of proper work platform?	N				
b. Lack of proper stairs or ladders?	N				
c. Lack of guardrails or other suitable edge protection?	Y	Slip, trip, fall	3	E	* Slip/Trip/Fall is a major cause of serious injury or death. Beware of the flexible shaft and water left on the walking or work surface. To reduce the risk of injury from loss of balance, start the motor with the unit on a flat level surface, and only pick up the unit when the engine is idling.
d. Unprotected holes, penetrations or gaps?	Y	Slip, trip, fall	3	E	* Slip/Trip/Fall is a major cause of serious injury or death. Beware of the flexible shaft and water left on the walking or work surface. To reduce the risk of injury from loss of balance, start the motor with the unit on a flat level surface, and only pick up the unit when the engine is idling.
e. Poor floor or walking surfaces, such as the lack of a slip-resistant surface?	N				
f. Steep walking surfaces?	N				
g. Collapse of the supporting structure?	N				
h. Other factors not mentioned?	N				

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K. ERGONOMIC					
1. Can anyone be injured due to:					
a. Poorly designated seating?	N				
b. Repetitive body movement?	Y	Operating vibrator	3	C	* Exercise care when handling vibrators. Exposure to vibration or repetitive work actions may be harmful to hands and arms.
c. Constrained body posture or the need for excessive effort?	N				
d. Inadequate or poorly placed lighting?	N				
e. Lack of consideration given to human error or human behaviour?	N				
f. Mismatch of the plant with human traits and natural limitations?	N				
g. Other factors not mentioned?	N				
L. SUFFOCATION					
1. Can anyone be suffocated due to lack of oxygen, or atmospheric contamination?					
	Y	Motor exhaust fumes	4	A	Warning label on motor * Do not operate or refuel a petrol motor in a confined area without adequate ventilation. * Carbon monoxide exhaust gases from internal combustion motor driven units can cause death in confined spaces.
M. HIGH TEMPERATURE OR FIRE					
1. Can anyone come into contact with objects at high temperature					
	Y	Motor muffler	3	E	* Be careful to avoid contact with the muffler when engine is hot as it may cause severe burns.
N. TEMPERATURE (THERMAL COMFORT)					
1. Can anyone suffer ill health due to exposure to high or low temperatures?					
	Y	Wet clothing	4	E	* Use waterproof protection for hands and knees (if kneeling) when concreting. If your clothing becomes wet from concrete contact make sure you change the clothing. Do not walk about waiting for it to dry.
O. OTHER HAZARDS					
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a. Chemicals?	N				
b. Toxic gases or vapours?	Y	Motor exhaust fumes	4	A	Warning label on motor * Do not operate or refuel a petrol motor in a confined area without adequate ventilation. * Carbon monoxide exhaust gases from internal combustion motor driven units can cause death in confined spaces.
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d. Dust?	N				
e. Noise?	Y	Vibrator operation	2	B	* Excessive noise can lead to temporary or permanent loss of hearing. * Wear an approved hearing protection device to limit noise exposure, as required by Occupational Health and Safety regulations. Noise levels in excess of 87dB(A) may be produced by engines and vibrators.
f. Vibration?	Y	Vibrator operation	4	D	* Exercise care when handling vibrators. Exposure to vibration or repetitive work actions may be harmful to hands and arms. * Do not hold the vibrator head in your hands while it is running. Hold the vibrator by the "D" handle & use the supplied carry strap to isolate your hands from the vibration. * Never stand on the vibrating head while it is operating. * Do not place your foot on the vibrator head while it is running unless it is done momentarily and the vibrator head is resting on a resilient support such as a car tyre.
g. Radiation	N				
h. Other factors not mentioned?	N				

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