

Cleaning asbestos containing materials



Caution: Using water blasters on asbestos containing materials, including asbestos cement roofs, is illegal.

Asbestos containing materials (such as fibrous cement or ‘Super Six’) must not be cleaned using a water blaster.

Cleaning asbestos containing materials, including a ‘fibro’ roof, with a high pressure water blaster is illegal as it can destroy the surface, cause cement debris and asbestos to spray into the air, and result in widespread contamination.

It is very difficult to contain asbestos fibres released during the process and very expensive to clean up. It puts you and your neighbours’ health at risk.

Homeowners can be fined up to \$10 000 for water blasting asbestos containing materials, as well as any additional costs associated with clean-up. Businesses may face heavier fines.

Well maintained asbestos cement roofs are not a risk to human health unless they are physically disturbed or being worked on. They can be left alone until they are no longer water tight.

Commercial fungicides and sealants have been developed that can be applied to fibro roofs, avoiding the need to clean them.

Instead of cleaning an asbestos cement roof or other asbestos containing material, apply a fungicide or sealant or consider replacing it.

You can find out more about sealants and fungicides from your local roof restoration company, paint supplier or hardware store.

For more information about asbestos visit **www.worksafe.qld.gov.au** or call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on **1300 369 915**.

Queensland Health also provides further information on identifying asbestos, the health risks of asbestos, what it looks like and more information on handling asbestos safely. Call **1300 QH INFO (1300 744 636)** or visit **www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos**.

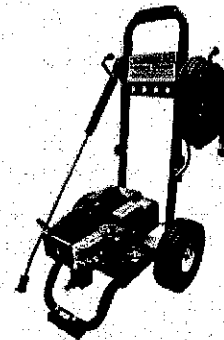


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Product Safety Assessment Sheet

PLANT INFORMATION

PSA Ref #: 00333
Model No: AR620TK
Plant Name: CROMMELINS PRESSURE CLEANER AR620TK
Manufacturer: Crommelins Machinery WA
Manufacturer's Website: www.crommelins.com.au
Web Link for Plant: www.crommelins.com.au
Potential noise level in dB: 85 to less than 95
Required hearing protection class: 2
Mandatory Personal Protective Equipment:



CROMMELINS™
MACHINERY



Foot Protection



Hearing Protection



Protective Clothing



Safety Goggles

RISK ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Operator Competency: Plant Licence Not Required

Potential Hazard(s)	Risk Level	Control Measure(s)
Slip/Trip/Fall	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not operate whilst on a ladder. Be aware of slippery or wet surfaces. Extend the pressure hose fully to avoid tripping. Do not leave the hose coiled on the ground.
Coming into Contact with High Pressure Water Jet	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never place any part of your body in front of the pressure nozzle. Never direct the spray jet at any person or animal.
Exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation when Working Outdoors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear sunscreen, hat, long sleeves and long trousers.
Electrical Hazard	Medium/Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never direct the spray at any electrical item. Use a power supply protected by a safety switch. Do not use with faulty leads or plugs. Ensure equipment is tested/tagged for compliance with electrical safety testing requirements.
Hearing Damage from Excessive Noise	Medium/Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing protection with a rating of 20dba must be worn.
Coming into Contact with Moving Parts	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All moving parts are shielded. Do not remove guards or covers.
Manual Handling Hazard	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use correct lifting techniques.

Customer Identified Hazard(s)

Key Operating Instructions

BEFORE USE

Ensure the pressure hose is securely connected to the pump and lance.

Connect the water supply to the pump and turn on.

Check that the oil level on the pump is at the correct level.

MOTOR OPERATION

To start, turn the motor switch on.

To stop, turn the motor switch off.

Shut off the water supply.

Pull the trigger on the gun to release any back pressure before disconnecting any hoses.

If the motor stops, the overload switch may be activated, let the motor cool down and the overload switch will reset.

Avoid using long extension leads.

Use only heavy duty 15amp extension leads.

Please refer to the User Guide and Operator's Manual for Operating Instructions

The Safety Information on this assessment has been developed for the Hire and Rental Industry to assist in the safe operation of this equipment.

This information contains general information only and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice, which the user should seek before operating.

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