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## Chipping Concrete

Concrete chipping operations are sometimes necessary to remove small amounts of masonry. Compact pneumatic chipping hammers are often used to do the job. These compact battering rams pack a lot of punch, but they can be dangerous if they are not used properly. Here are some common-sense tips provided by tool manufacturers.

### **Dress Appropriately to Protect Yourself**

- Always wear impact-resistant eye protection; everyone in the area should wear eye protection.
- Depending on the situation, wear a facemask or respirator.
- Wear a hardhat, especially if there is a risk from overhead falling objects.
- Wear adequate clothing that fits properly.
- Wear proper hearing protection.
- Wear gloves to protect your hands.

### **Inspect Tool Condition Before Use**

- Check the tool for tightness and wear.
- Check the tool and retainer for wear.
- Inspect hose connections for cracks, worn threads, and loose couplings.
- Use a short safety chain over the air-to-tool connection.

### **Beware Of Air Under Pressure**

- Never engage in horseplay with compressed air—it's dangerous!
- Always disconnect the tool when it is not in use or when you are changing accessories.
- Never exceed the tool's designated operating pressure.

### **Proceed With Caution**

- Always keep both hands on the tool.
- Watch for excess lengths of the air hose, which can cause you to trip.
- Never operate the tool without the chisel against the work surface.
- Discontinue use if numbness, tingling, pain, or whiteness of the skin occurs.

Always follow any special manufacturer instructions, and always use good common sense.

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