

# Tools

A tool is a device held in the operator's hand. If a device would be considered both a tool and a machine, the tool regulations apply.

It is the farmer's responsibility to supply the appropriate tools required for the task and to ensure that people are trained to use those tools.

Where a person is working with a device that will be struck by a tool used by another person, that device must be held by an adequate holding apparatus.

All tools and accessories must be:

- Made of good quality material.
- Inspected before use and repaired, when necessary, before use.
- Used only for their intended purpose.
- Equipped with a device for a secure hand grip.
- Operated, inspected, repaired and maintained as per the manufacturer's specifications.

## Powder-Actuated Tools

A powder-actuated tool is one that propels or discharges a fastening device by means of powder-generated explosive force. A powder-actuated tool must be operated by a competent individual and used in accordance with the ANSI standard A10.3.

## Portable Power-Operated Hand Tools

Powered-operated hand tools include those powered by electricity, hydraulics or pneumatics (e.g. compressed air) and must:

- Be repaired by a competent person.
- Have a double-insulated cord or be grounded when powered by electricity.
- Have a shut-off mechanism immediately accessible to the operator where lines or hoses are connected to the tool.
- Be explosion-proof where there is a risk of explosion.

*Farmers should avoid having hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical or electrical lines and hoses running across aisles, travel ways or work areas.*

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