## Toolbox Safety Series Safe Use of Power Nailers and Staplers



# SESSION THREE WARNING LABELS AND SYMBOLS



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## SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

#### **Tool users must**

- choose the correct tool to perform the task
- read and understand the owner's manual
- work in a safe manner
- maintain tools according to the manufacturer's requirements.

#### **Employers must ensure**

- the employee uses the correct tool for the intended work task
- the tool is in good working condition
- the employee has read and understands the manufacturer's instructions and has been properly trained on the tool's use
- the employee uses the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

#### **Coworkers must**

- alert others in their surroundings of potential hazards associated with tool use
- use appropriate PPE
- ensure that proper training for tool use has been conducted.

This Toolbox series provides both owners and users of nailers and staplers with some basic information on the safe use of their tools.

ANSI standard SNT-101, ISO standard 11148
Part 13, OSHA standards, manufacturer's
instructions and recommendations,
safety and construction practices, and
recommendations were used to develop this
Toolbox Safety Series.

## **TOPICS FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS**

**Session 1: Choose the Correct Tool for the Job** 

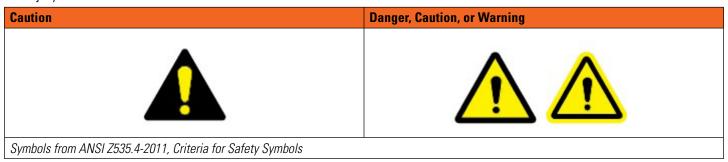
Session 2: Read and Understand All Safety, Use, and Maintenance Instructions

## **WARNING AND SAFETY LABELS**

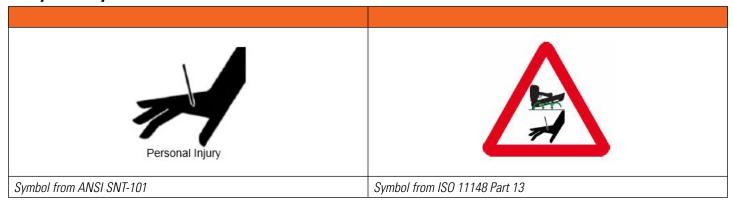
These basic warning labels are included in the safety instructions of many manuals and on the housing of many tools. The actual symbols intended to convey the same common meaning might vary by manufacturer.

#### Safety alert symbols

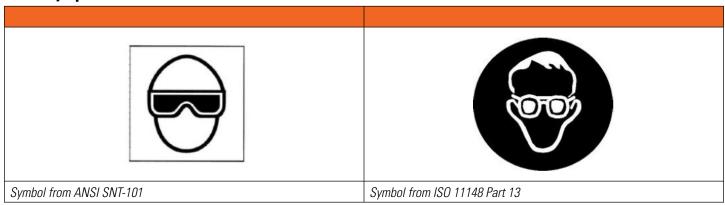
These are symbols alerting you to potential physical injury hazards. Follow all safety messages and symbols to avoid possible injury or death.



## Keep hands and other body parts away from tool contact point to avoid accidentally driving a fastener into your body.



## Wear eye protection.









A variety of other approved symbols may be used.

## Wear hearing protection.



Symbol from ISO 11148 Part 13

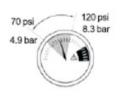






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### Do not exceed tool operating air pressure.







#### Never use bottled or flammable gas to operate the tool.

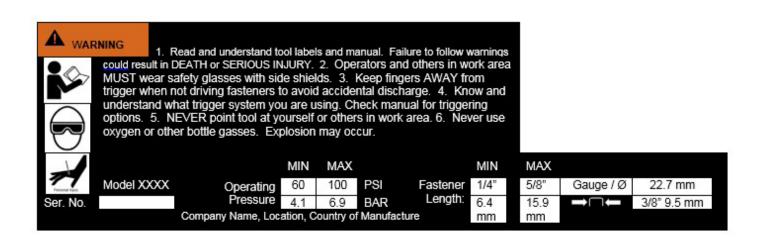






The following represent labels that would be on a tool. Size and shape will vary based on the tool's size or space availability.

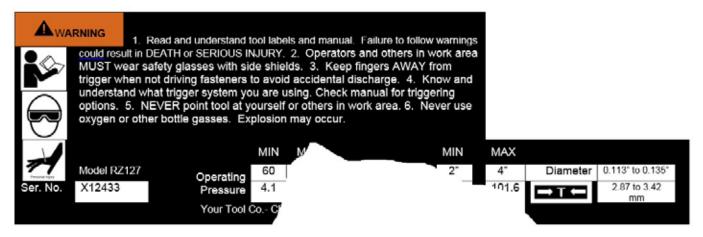




## QUIZ

This quiz may have multiple correct answers. Its purpose is to be the first step in a discussion with your supervisor/foreman and fellow workers in regard to power-fastening-tool safety. Please discuss these questions as a group with your co-workers and supervisor/foreman.

1. You are new on the job and have been handed a tool with the following damaged warning label.



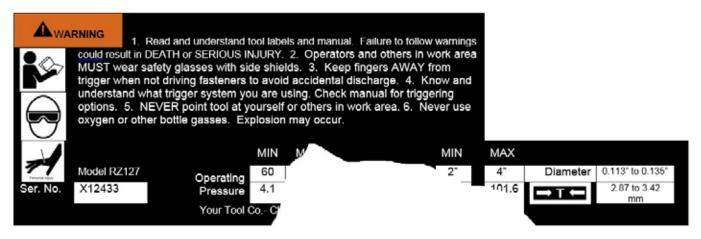
- A. What should you do?
- B. Why?
- C. What does this symbol mean?



## **ANSWER KEY**

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1. You are new on the job and have been handed a tool with the following damaged warning label.



#### A. What should you do?

Possible answers: Check the tool for damage. Consult the owner's manual to determine max operating pressure.

#### B. Why?

Answer: Exceeding maximum pressure could result in injury. Other damage to the tool could exist, putting workers at risk of injury.

#### C. What does this symbol mean?



Answer: Keep your hand away.

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