

Safe Work Method Statement SWMS-405



SWMS Title:	Use of Scrubber Polisher		Description of Task / Activity:	Use of Scrubber Polisher		
Partner Site:	All Partner Sites					
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Authorisation:						
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Risk Matrix

Elimination Substitution Engineering Administration

Step 1 Determine Probability				Step 2			
LIKELIHOOD		CONSEQUENCE					
		PERSON ASSE		ASSETS	ENVIRONMENT		
	Practically impossible	1	Minor Near Miss	Under \$500 Damage and Minimal Productivity Disruption.	No Damage		
	Not Likely to Occur	2	First Aid Treatment Injury	\$500–1000 Damage and/or Slight Production Disruption.	Minor Damage		
	Unusual but Possible	3	MTI or Short Term LTI	\$1000–5000 Damage and/or Production Disruption.	Reversible Damage		
	Quite Possible	4	Long Term LTI	\$5000–10,000 Damage and/or Project Contingency Plan Required.	Serious Damage		
	Almost Certain	5	Fatality, Permanent Disability	More than \$10,000 Damage and/or Large Reorganisation of Project.	Major Damage		

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Step 3 Calculate Risk					
Consequence					
Likelihood	1	2	3	4	5
А	1	3	6	10	15
	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High
В	2	5	9	14	19
	Low	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
С	4	8	13	18	22
	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme
D	7	12	17	21	24
	Low	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme
E	11	16	20	23	25
	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

			Requir	ed PPE (Personal	Protective Equip	ment)		
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1. Hazard / Hazardous Event	2. Current Controls
Pre-Start Checklists	 Before using the machine, a Pre-Start Check must be conducted to ensure the machine is able to operate safely. Refer to HSEQ-FM-114 DC Cleaning Equipment Pre-Start Checklist, fill out the appropriate sections and record any faults or issues.
Use of Portable Electrical Equipment	 Only team members who have been made aware of hazards associated with the use of the Scrubber/Polisher are to carry out this task, this awareness training is to be recorded in the team members training register. The operator is to visually check the equipment before each use, any faults identified are to be reported to the Manager and the equipment is not to be used until it is rectified or item replaced. The Scrubber/Polisher is to be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
Electricity – Electric Shock	 The Scrubber/Polisher must always be used with a Residual Circuit Breaker (RCD): The RCD must be tested before use. The Scrubber/Polisher is to be tested and tagged as per AS3760. Any extension cable used with this equipment must be fitted with an RCD: the RCD must be tested before each use.
Manual Handling – Muscular / Joint injuries due to poor handling technique	 When attaching cleaning pads to the floor polisher, it must be switched off and disconnected from the power source. Use the wheels to move equipment, if you are required to lift the equipment ask for assistance. During use do not force the machine against its natural movement: if you lose control release the control lever.
Trailing Cables - Trips & Slips	 Cables are to be clearly marked. Cable runs should be as short as possible: and should not cross pedestrian routes. The Scrubber/Polisher should not be used at times of low for differing levels of floor surfaces. The area cleaned/polished is to be well lit. The operator is to place wet floor/cleaning in progress signs at all appropriate approaches to the area being cleaned. They are to remain in place until the works have been completed and then removed after completion of works.



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	Non-slip footwear is to be worn.			
Vibration	 Avoid using the machine for prolonged periods of time: short periods of rest between operations will help. Team members should stop using portable polishers if they notice any of the following symptoms: Numbness, tingling or loss of feeling of the fingers, pain in the fingers or wrist joints. Your Manager is to be informed immediately if experiencing these symptoms. 			
Fire	Any temporary extension cables that are being used must be fully unwound and routed in such a manner that they do not cause a trip hazard.			
Use of Hazardous Floor Stripping Solution	 Ensure PPE detailed in the SDS is worn. As a minimum this includes, rubber/latex gloves, goggles, non slip footwear, long sleeve top and long pants. Use diluted solution of floor stripper (as per manufacturers recommendations) in wel ventilated areas. Where skin contact with the floor cleaner occurs take off immediately all contaminated clothing and rinse skin with water or shower. If in eyes rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. 			
Unauthorised Use – Accidents due to untrained team members	Never leave the Scrubber/Polisher unattended when cleaning.			
3. Additional Information				
For Additional Information contact the HSE Team.				
4. Activity Risk Rating: Medium (C3)				