Table 1 – Equipment Names and Best Practice Tips – Update September 2018

- Includes equipment terms commonly used by different trades and in different geographic areas
- 'Best practice' tips are intended to help employers and their employees operate the equipment-control options effectively and are based on 1) <u>OSHA's Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction</u>; 2) <u>OSHA's Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") for the Construction Industry</u>; 3) <u>silica standard's Table 1</u>; 4) manufacturer specifications; and 5) craft worker/contractor input based on experience in the field.

Equipment/ Control	Photo & Video	Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory Protection	Best Practice Tips
(i) Stationary masonry saws Other Names: Table saw Brick/block saw Tile saw ⁴	Photo courtesy of the International Masonry Institute & OSHA Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction: Stationary Masonry Saws Video courtesy of OSHA (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtoBc34EbBo) English & Spanish subtitle options included.	 Use saw equipped with integrated water delivery system that continuously feeds water to the blade. Operate and maintain tool in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions. Required Respiratory Protection: ≤4 hours/shift: NONE >4 hours/shift: NONE 	 OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that: The saw is equipped with an integrated water delivery system (commercially developed specifically for the type of tool in use) An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used The spray nozzle is working properly to apply water at the point of dust generation The spray nozzle is not clogged or damaged All hoses and connections are intact Water is applied at least at the flow rate specified by the manufacturer Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up) Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴ "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴ Tips for this tool continued on next page.



	 Other tips: Visually inspect the water attachment to ensure it is properly connected to the water source and the tool Inspect the blade for cracks, loose segments, or other damage Check the hose or water tubes and the water flow rate regularly to ensure it is sufficient to control the dust generated so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the blade has entered the substrate (material) being cut If recycling water, check regularly to make sure the water is circulating and change water to avoid silt build-up in water Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying
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(ii) Handheld power saws (any blade diameter)

Other names: Chop saw

Cut-off saw

Wet saw

Partner saw

Tile saw⁴



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OSHA° Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction: Handheld Power Saws (Any Blade Diameter)

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included.

CONTROL: water + respirators³

- Use saw equipped with integrated water delivery system that continuously feeds water to the blade.
- Operate and maintain tool in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions.

Required Respiratory Protection:

Outdoors

≤4 hours/shift: NONE>4 hours/shift: APF 10

Indoors or in an enclosed area

≤4 hours/shift: APF 10>4 hours/shift: APF 10

OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that:

- An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used
- The spray nozzle is working properly to apply water at the point of dust generation
- The spray nozzle is not clogged or damaged
- All hoses and connections are intact
- Water is applied at least at the flow rate specified by the manufacturer
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up)
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴

- Visually inspect water attachment to ensure it is properly connected to the water source and the tool
- Inspect the blade for cracks, loose segments, or other damage
- Check the hose and the water flow rate regularly to ensure it is sufficient to control the dust generated so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the blade has entered the substrate (material) being cut
- Adjust nozzles so that water goes to the cutting area but still cools the blade
- Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying



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Handheld power saws for cutting fiber-cement board (with blade diameter of 8 inches or less)



Photo courtesy of NIOSH

Other names:

Worm drive

Circular saw

Cement saw



National Institute for

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CONTROL: ventilation (local exhaust ventilation or LEV)

For tasks performed outdoors only:

- Use saw equipped with commercially available dust collection system.
- Operate and maintain tool in accordance to manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions.
- Dust collector must provide the air flow recommended by the tool manufacturer, or greater, and have a filter with 99% or greater efficiency.

Required Respiratory Protection: Outdoors

≤4 hours/shift: NONE >4 hours/shift: NONE OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that:

- The shroud or cowling is intact and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and without kinks or tight bends
- The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling
- The air flow rate is equal or greater than recommended by the manufacturer
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up)
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴
- Employers may rely on statements made by the manufacturer of equipment to determine dust collection systems function at the air flow level required. However, employers must properly select, use, maintain, and replace dust collection systems in order to ensure they function as designed⁴



Other tips:
 When working indoors, provide sufficient ventilation to prevent build-up of visible airborne dust
 Visually inspect the blade, hood (shroud or cowl) and the shop vacuum system for missing or damaged parts
 Check the hood (shroud or cowl) and dust collection system regularly to ensure the system is operating so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the
blade has entered the substrate (material)
 The hose should be of sufficient size (≤1.25-inch inner diameter) to allow adequate airflow for the dust capture and transport, only be as long as necessary, and be kept as straight as possible
 Visually inspect the blade, hood (shroud or cowl) and shop vacuum system to ensure they are properly connected
 A high efficiency disposable filter bag can be used as a prefilter in the shop vacuum to capture most of the dust to prolong the life of the filter cartridge
 Plug the shop vacuum or saw into intelligent vacuum switches or use a shop vacuum with a built-in intelligent vacuum switch
 Regularly clean the saw, check and replace the filter, and empty the dust collection unit to prevent clogging and overheating
 Do not use compressed air to clean the equipment, filters, work clothing, or work environment (compressed air can damage the filter)



Equipment/ Control	Photo	Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory Protection	Best Practice Tips
	Photo courtesy of the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services' NIOSH-funded Silicosis Surveillance Project	Methods & Required Respiratory	OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that: • An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used • The spray nozzle is working properly to apply water at the point of dust generation • The spray nozzle is not clogged or damaged • All hoses and connections are intact • Water is applied at the flow rate specified by the manufacturer or greater • Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up) • Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust ⁴ • "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴
			 Other tips: Visually inspect the water attachment to ensure it is properly connected to the water source and the tool Inspect the blade and shroud for cracks, loose segments, or other damage Check the water nozzles and the water flow rate regularly to ensure it is sufficient to control the dust generated so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the blade has entered the substrate being cut Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying



Equipment/ Control	Photo	Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory Protection	Best Practice Tips
(v) Drivable saws	Photo courtesy of Diamond Products Limited	CONTROL: water For tasks performed outdoors only: • Use saw equipped with integrated water delivery system that continuously feeds water to the blade. • Operate and maintain tool in accordance to manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions. Required Respiratory Protection: Outdoors • ≤4 hours/shift: NONE • >4 hours/shift: NONE	 OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that: An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used The spray nozzle is working properly to apply water at the point of dust generation The spray nozzle is not clogged or damaged All hoses and connections are intact Water is applied at the flow rate specified by the manufacturer or greater Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up) Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust ⁴ "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴ Other tips: Visually inspect the water attachment to ensure it is properly connected to the water source and the tool Inspect the blade and shroud for cracks, loose segments, or other damage Check the water nozzles and the water flow rate regularly to ensure it is sufficient to control the dust generated so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the blade has entered the substrate (material) being cut Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying



Equipment/ **Photo** Control (vi) Rigmounted core saws or drills Other names: Core drilling machine/ equipment Photo courtesy of Hilti, Inc. Copyright 2017

Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory Protection

Best Practice Tips

CONTROL: water

- Use tool equipped with integrated water delivery system that continuously feeds water to the blade.
- Operate and maintain tool in accordance to manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions.

Required Respiratory Protection:

- ≤4 hours/shift: NONE
- >4 hours/shift: NONE

OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that:

- An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used
- The spray nozzle is working properly and produces a pattern that applies water at the point of dust generation
- The spray nozzle is not clogged or damaged
- All hoses and connections are intact
- Water is at the flow rate specified by the manufacturer or greater
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up)
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴

- Visually inspect the water attachment to ensure it is properly connected to the water source and the tool
- Inspect the drill for cracks, loose segments, or other damage
- Check the hose or water tubes and the water flow rate regularly to ensure it is sufficient to control the dust generated so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the blade has entered the substrate (material) being cut
- Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying

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(vii)
Handheld
and standmounted
drills
(including
impact and
rotary
hammer

(Handheld)
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Other names:

drills)

Hammer drill

Rotohammer

Rotohammer



(Stand-mounted)
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OSHA® Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction: Handheld and Stand-Mounted Drills (Including Impact and Rotary Hammer Drills)

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CONTROL: ventilation (local exhaust ventilation or LEV)

Protection

 Use tool equipped with commercially available shroud or cowling with dust collection system

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Methods & Required Respiratory

 Operate and maintain tool in accordance to manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions.

Required Respiratory Protection:

≤4 hours/shift: NONE>4 hours/shift: NONE

OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that:

- The shroud or cowling is intact and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and without kinks or tight bends
- The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling
- The air flow rate is equal to or greater than recommended by the manufacturer
- A HEPA-filtered vacuum is used when cleaning holes.
 Compressed air can be used in conjunction with a HEPA-filtered vacuum or hole cleaning kit designed for use with compressed air to clean holes
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up)
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴



 Employers may rely on statements made by the manufacturer of equipment to determine dust collection systems function at the air flow level required. However, employers must properly select, use, maintain, and replace dust collection systems in order to ensure they function as designed⁴ Other tips: Visually inspect the drill, hood (shroud or cowl) and the dust collection system to ensure they are properly connected Visually inspect the drill, hood (shroud or cowl) and the dust collection system for missing or damaged parts Check the drill, hood (shroud or cowl) and dust collection system regularly to ensure the system is operating so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the drill has entered the substrate (material) Check and replace the filter and empty the dust collection unit, and use filters and collection bags for collecting silica dust If applicable, regularly check the automatic filter cleaning system to ensure it is operating properly to maintain



Equipment/ **Best Practice Tips Photo Engineering, Work Practice Control** Control **Methods & Required Respiratory Protection** OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that: (viii) Dowel CONTROL: ventilation + respirators³ drilling rigs For tasks performed outdoors only: • The shroud or cowling is intact and installed in accordance for concrete Use shroud around drill bit with with the manufacturer's instructions • The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and a dust collection system. Dust collector must have a filter with without kinks or tight bends 99% or greater efficiency and a The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in filter-cleaning mechanism. accordance with the manufacturer's instructions Use a HEPA-filtered vacuum The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling when cleaning holes. The equipment is equipped with a shroud around the drill bit and a dust collection system that has a filter with 99% **Required Respiratory Protection:** or greater efficiency Outdoors The dust collection equipment has a filter cleaning Photo courtesy of the Laborers Health and ≤4 hours/shift: APF 10 mechanism Safety Fund >4 hours/shift: APF 10 A HEPA-filtered vacuum is used when cleaning holes; compressed air can be used in conjunction with a HEPAfiltered vacuum or hole cleaning kit designed for use with compressed air to clean holes Other tips: • Visually inspect the tool, hood and the dust collection system to ensure they are properly connected, and there are no missing or damaged parts Check the tool, hood and dust collection system regularly to ensure the system is operating so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the drill has entered the substrate (material) Use smooth ducts and maintain duct transport velocity at 3,500 to 4,000 feet per minute [ACGIH 2010] Provide duct clean-out points Install pressure gauges across dust collection filters so the drill operator knows when to clean or change the filter



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(ix) Vehiclemounted drilling rigs for rock and concrete



Photo courtesy of NIOSH

CONTROL: ventilation (local exhaust ventilation or LEV) + water

 Use dust collection system with close capture hood or shroud around drill bit with a low-flow water spray to wet the dust at the discharge point from the dust collector.

Required Respiratory Protection:

- ≤4 hours/shift: APF 10
- >4 hours/shift: APF 10

OR

Protection



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CONTROL: enclosed cab + water

 Operate from within an enclosed cab and use water for dust suppression on drill bit.

Required Respiratory Protection:

• ≤4 hours/shift: APF 10

>4 hours/shift: APF 10

OSHA¹ requires the employer to implement dust collection systems and water controls that ensure that:

- The shroud or cowling is intact and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and without kinks or tight bends
- The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling
- An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used
- The spray nozzles are working properly and produce a pattern that applies water on the discharge point from the dust collector
- The spray nozzles are not clogged or damaged
- All hoses and connections are intact

OR

- Enclosed cab is:
 - Maintained as free as practicable from dust
 - Has door seals and closing mechanism that work properly
 - Has gaskets and seals that are in good condition and work properly
 - Is under positive pressure maintained through continuous delivery of filtered air
 - \circ Has intake air that is filtered through a pre-filter that is 95% efficient in the 0.3-10 μm range (e.g., MERV-16 or better)
 - Has heating and cooling capabilities
- An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used
- The spray nozzles are working properly and produce a pattern that applies water on the discharge point from the dust collector
- The spray nozzles are not clogged or damaged
- All hoses and connections are intact



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Best Practice Tips

(x) **Jackhammers** and handheld

powered chipping tools

Other names:

Chipping hammer

Chipping gun

Chisel gun

Demolition hammer⁴

Demolition hammer with bushing tool 4



(water)



(vacuum) Photos courtesy of the International Masonry Institute & OSHA



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CONTROL: water + respirators³

Protection

Use tool with water delivery system that supplies a continuous stream or spray of water at the point of impact.

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Required Respiratory Protection: Outdoors

≤4 hours/shift: NONE

Indoors or in an enclosed area

>4 hours/shift: APF 10

≤4 hours/shift: APF 10

>4 hours/shift: APF 10

OR

CONTROL: ventilation+ respirators³ (see next page)

OSHA¹ requires, for water controls, the employer to ensure that:

- A continuous stream or spray of water is delivered at the point of impact through direct connections to fixed water lines or portable water tank systems; one or two workers can operate the water delivery system
- An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used
- The spray nozzle is working properly and produce a pattern that applies water at the point of dust generation
- The spray nozzles are not clogged or damaged
- All hoses and connections are intact
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴

- Check the hose or spray nozzle regularly to ensure the flow rate is sufficient to control the dust generated so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the breaker/drill has entered the substrate (material)
- Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying



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(x) Jackhammers and handheld powered

Other names:

chipping tools

Chipping hammer

Chipping gun

Chisel gun

Demolition hammer⁴

Demolition hammer with bushing tool ⁴



(water)



(vacuum)
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Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction:
Jackhammers and Handheld Powered Chipping Tools

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CONTROL: ventilation+ respirators³

- Use tool equipped with commercially available shroud and dust collection system.
- Operate and maintain tool in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust.
- Dust collector must provide the air flow recommended by the tool manufacturer, or greater, and have a filter with 99% or greater efficiency and a filtercleaning mechanism.

Required Respiratory Protection:

<u>Outdoors</u>

≤4 hours/shift: NONE>4 hours/shift: APF 10

Indoors or in an enclosed area

≤4 hours/shift: APF 10>4 hours/shift: APF 10

OR

CONTROL: water + respirators³ (see previous page)

OSHA¹ requires, for **dust collection controls**, the employer to ensure that:

- The system provides at least the air flow recommended by the manufacturer, a filter with 99% or greater efficiency, and a filter cleaning mechanism
- The shroud or cowling is intact and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and without kinks or tight bends
- The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, opentop structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴
- Employers may rely on statements made by the manufacturer of equipment to determine dust collection systems function at the air flow level required. However, employers must properly select, use, maintain, and replace dust collection systems in order to ensure they function as designed⁴

- Visually inspect the jackhammer/ impact driller, shroud (cowl or hood) and dust collection system to ensure they are properly connected
- Visually inspect the jackhammer/ impact driller, shroud (cowl or hood) and dust collection system for missing or damaged parts



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(xi) Handheld grinders for mortar removal (i.e. tuckpointing)

Other names:

Tuckpointing grinder

Angle grinder

Grinder



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Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction:

Handheld Grinders for Mortar Removal (Tuckpointing)

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CONTROL: ventilation (local exhaust ventilation or LEV) + respirators³

Protection

- Use grinder equipped with commercially available shroud and dust collection system.
- Operate and maintain tool in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions.
- Dust collector must provide 25 cubic feet per minute (cfm) or greater of airflow per inch of wheel diameter and have a filter with 99% or greater efficiency and a cyclonic pre-separator or filter-cleaning mechanism.

Required Respiratory Protection:

- ≤4 hours/shift: APF 10
- >4 hours/shift: APF 25

OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that:

- The system provides at least 25 CFM of air flow per inch of wheel diameter, a filter with 99% efficiency or greater, and either a cyclonic pre-separator or a filter-cleaning mechanism
- The shroud or cowling is intact, encloses most of the grinding blade, and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and without kinks or tight bends
- The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling
- The blade is kept flush against the surface whenever possible
- The tool is operated against the direction of blade rotation whenever practical
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴



 Employers may rely on statements made by the manufacturer of equipment to determine dust collection systems function at the air flow level required. However, employers must properly select, use, maintain, and replace dust collection systems in order to ensure they function as designed⁴
 Other tips: Visually inspect the grinder, shroud (cowl or hood) and dust collection system to ensure they are properly connected, and there are no missing or damaged parts Other tips (continued): Check the grinder, shroud (cowl or hood) and dust collection system regularly to ensure the system is operating so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the grinder is flush against the work surface If applicable, regularly check the automatic filter cleaning system to ensure it is operating properly to maintain maximum air flow and suction power Place one side of the shroud against the working surface before inserting the blade into the mortar joint – this directs the dust into the shroud as the blade cuts into the mortar joint Do not move the grinder back and forth along the slot as this will create a gap that increases dust escape – for better results, move the grinder in one direction, making a second pass only if necessary Back off the cutting pressure of the blade a short distance before removing it from the slot so the vacuum can have enough time to clear any dust buildup Use only enough cutting force to operate the tool
effectively and keep the leading tool edge flush against the working surface



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For tasks performed outdoor only:

Use grinder equipped with

integrated water delivery

system that continuously feeds

water to the grinding surface.

Operate and maintain tool in

instructions to minimize dust

accordance with manufacturer's

CONTROL: water

Best Practice Tips

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Handheld grinders for uses other than mortar removal

Other names:

Surface Grinder

Sander

Polisher





(vacuum)

Required Respiratory Protection: Outdoors

≤4 hours/shift: NONE

emissions.

>4 hours/shift: NONE

OR

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CONTROL: ventilation (local exhaust ventilation or LEV) + respirators³ (see next page)

OSHA¹ requires, for water controls, that the employer ensure that:

- An integrated water system is provided that continuously feeds water to the grinding surface
- An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used
- The spray nozzle is working properly and produces a pattern that applies water at the point of dust generation
- The spray nozzle is not clogged or damaged
- All hoses and connections are intact

- Visually inspect the water attachment to ensure it is properly connected to the water source and the tool, and for missing or damaged parts
- Check the hose and water flow rate regularly to ensure it is sufficient to control the dust generated so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the grinder is flush with the cutting/work surface
- Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying
- Use the smallest wheel and least aggressive tool necessary to complete task
- Use a static pressure gauge, where available, to monitor performance



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xii) Handheld grinders for uses other than mortar removal

Other names:

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<u>CONTROL</u>: ventilation (local exhaust ventilation or LEV) + respirators³

- Use grinder equipped with commercially available shroud and dust collection system.
- Operate and maintain tool in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions.
- Dust collector must provide 25 cubic feet per minute (cfm) or greater of airflow per inch of wheel diameter and have a filter with 99% or greater efficiency and a cyclonic pre-separator or filter-cleaning mechanism.

Required Respiratory Protection: Outdoors

≤4 hours/shift: NONE>4 hours/shift: NONE

Indoors or in an enclosed area:

• ≤4 hours/shift: NONE

>4 hours/shift: APF 10

OR

CONTROL: water (see previous page)

OSHA¹ requires, for **dust collection controls**, that the employer ensure that:

- The system provides at least 25 CFM of air flow per inch of wheel diameter, a filter with 99% efficiency or greater, and either a cyclonic pre-separator or a filter-cleaning mechanism
- The shroud or cowling is intact and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and without kinks or tight bends
- The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴
- Employers may rely on statements made by the manufacturer of equipment to determine dust collection systems function at the air flow level required. However, employers must properly select, use, maintain, and replace dust collection systems in order to ensure they function as designed⁴



Other tips:
 Use the smallest wheel and least aggressive tool necessary to complete task
 Visually inspect the grinder, shroud (cowl or hood) and dust collection system to ensure they are properly connected, and for missing or damaged parts
 Check the grinder and dust collection system regularly to ensure the system is operating so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the grinder is flush with the work surface/substrate
If applicable, regularly check the automatic filter cleaning system to ensure it is operating properly to maintain maximum air flow and suction power and can be used in conjunction with the HEPA filter
Use a static pressure gauge, where available, to monitor performance



Equipment/ Control	Photo	Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory Protection	Best Practice Tips
(xiii) Walk- behind milling machines and floor grinders	Photo courtesy of OSHA	 CONTROL: water Use machine equipped with integrated water delivery system that continuously feeds water to the cutting surface. Operate and maintain tool in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions. Required Respiratory Protection: ≤4 hours/shift: NONE >4 hours/shift: NONE OR CONTROL: ventilation (see next page) 	OSHA¹ requires, for water controls, that the employer ensure that: • An integrated water system is provided that continuously feeds water to the cutting surface • An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used • The spray nozzles are working properly and produce a pattern that applies water at the point of dust generation • The spray nozzle is not clogged or damaged • All hoses and connections are intact • Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up) • Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴ • "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴ Other tips: • Check the hose or spray nozzle regularly to ensure the flow rate is sufficient to control the dust generated so than ovisible dust² is emitted from the process once the breaker/drill has entered the substrate (material) • Prevent wet slurry from accumulating and drying

Equipment/ **Photo** Control **Protection** (xiii) Walkbehind milling machines and floor grinders emissions. mechanism. Photo courtesy of OSHA OR

Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory

CONTROL: ventilation

- Use machine equipped with dust collection system recommended by the manufacturer.
- Operate and maintain tool in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust
- Dust collector must provide the air flow recommended by the manufacturer, or greater, and have a filter with 99% or greater efficiency and a filter-cleaning
- When used indoors or in an enclosed area, use a HEPAfiltered vacuum to remove loose dust in between passes.

Required Respiratory Protection:

≤4 hours/shift: NONE

>4 hours/shift: NONE

CONTROL: water (see previous page)

Best Practice Tips

OSHA¹ requires, for **dust collection controls**, that the employer ensure that:

- The system provides a filter with 99% efficiency or greater and a filter-cleaning mechanism
- The hose connecting the tool to the vacuum is intact and without kinks or tight bends
- The filter(s) on the vacuum are cleaned or changed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- The dust collection bags are emptied to avoid overfilling
- Loose dust must be cleaned with a HEPA-filtered vacuum in between passes of the machine to prevent the loose dust from being re-suspended
- Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up)
- Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴
- "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, opentop structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴

- Visually inspect the milling machine, shroud (hood or cowl) and dust collection system to ensure they are properly connected
- Visually inspect the milling machine, shroud (hood or cowl) and dust collection system for missing or damaged part
- Check the milling machine, shroud (hood or cowl) and dust collection system regularly to ensure the system is operating so that no visible dust² is emitted from the process once the once the blade has entered the substrate being cut
- Use dust collector in accordance with manufacturer specifications including airflow rate

Equipment/ Control	Photo	Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory Protection	Best Practice Tips
(xiv) Small drivable milling machines (less than half-lane)	Photo courtesy of @ WIRTGEN GmbH	 CONTROL: water + surfactant Use a machine equipped with supplemental water sprays designed to suppress dust. Water must be combined with a surfactant. Operate and maintain machine to minimize dust emissions. Required Respiratory Protection: ≤4 hours/shift: NONE >4 hours/shift: NONE 	 OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that: Supplemental water sprays are designed to suppress dust Water used is combined with a surfactant An adequate supply of water for dust suppression is used The spray nozzles are working properly and produce a pattern that applies water at the point of dust generation The spray nozzles are not clogged or damaged All hoses and connections are intact Additional exhaust is provided as needed to minimize the accumulation of visible airborne dust when operating indoors or in an enclosed space (area where airborne dust can build up) Additional means of exhaust could include: portable fans (e.g. box fans, floor fans, axial fans, oscillating fans), portable ventilation systems, or other systems that increase air movement and assist in the removal and dispersion of airborne dust⁴ "Indoors or in enclosed areas" refer to any areas where, without the assistance of forced ventilation, the dispersal of airborne dust can be impeded and concentrations can build up. Parking garages, pits, trenches, empty swimming pools, open-top structures with 3 walls, or other structures with limited air movement could be considered enclosed⁴ Other tips: See NAPA and CPWR's "Field Guide for Controlling Silica Dust Exposure on Asphalt Pavement Milling Machines" (https://tinyurl.com/NAPA-FieldGuide)

Equipment/ Photo Engineering, Work Practice Control Methods & Required Respiratory Protection	Best Practice Tips
drivable milling machines (half-lane and larger) Photo courtesy of NAPA Pho	OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that: For water and ventilation controls, • The machine is equipped with exhaust ventilation on the drum enclosure and a supplemental water spray is designed to suppress dust OR For water and surfactant controls, • The machine is equipped with a supplemental water spray • Water used is combined with a surfactant Other tips: • See NAPA and CPWR's "Field Guide for Controlling Silica Dust Exposure on Asphalt Pavement Milling Machines" (https://tinyurl.com/NAPA-FieldGuide) • Ensure the correct controls are being used for the depth of the asphalt cut



Equipment/ **Photo & Video Best Practice Tips Engineering, Work Practice Control** Control **Methods & Required Respiratory Protection** OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that: (xvi) Crushing CONTROL: water + ventilated booth machines Use equipment designed to Enclosed cabs or booths: • Are maintained as free as practicable from dust deliver water spray or mist for Have door seals and closing mechanism that work dust suppression at crusher and other points where dust is properly Used by permission of Screen Machine generated (e.g., hoppers, Have gaskets and seals that are in good condition Industries™ conveyers, sieves/sizing or and work properly • Are under positive pressure maintained through vibrating components, and continuous delivery of filtered air discharge points). Operate and maintain machine Have intake air that is filtered through a pre-filter that is 95% efficient in the 0.3-10 µm range (e.g., in accordance with MERV-16 or better) manufacturer's instructions to ENGLOSED Have heating and cooling capabilities minimize dust emissions. Water sprays or mists are at the crusher and other points Use a ventilated booth that CABS where dust is generated (e.g., hoppers, conveyers, sieves, provides fresh, climatesizing or vibrating components, and discharge points) controlled air to the operator, or Video courtesy of NIOSH Nozzles are located upstream of dust generation points a remote control station. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk5 and positioned to thoroughly wet the material C-bCuXns) **Required Respiratory Protection:** The volume and size of droplets is adequate to sufficiently wet the material (optimal droplet size is between 10 and ≤4 hours/shift: NONE 150 μm) >4 hours/shift: NONE Spray nozzles are located far enough from the target area to provide complete water coverage, but not so far that the water is carried away by wind



Photo & Video

Best Practice Tips

(xvii) Heavy equipment and utility vehicles used to abrade or fracture silicacontaining materials (e.g., hoeramming, rock ripping) or used during demolition activities involving silica-

containing materials



Photo Courtesy of OSHA Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction/CPWR

≤4 hours/shift: NONE

Operate equipment from within an enclosed cab.

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CONTROL: enclosed cab AND water

+ ventilation (if workers outside cab

Methods & Required Respiratory

Protection

are engaged in task⁵)

When employees outside of the cab are engaged in the task, apply water and/or dust suppressants as necessary to minimize dust emissions.

Required Respiratory Protection:

>4 hours/shift: NONE

OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that:

- Enclosed cabs or booths:
 - Are maintained as free as practicable from dust
 - Have door seals and closing mechanism that work properly
 - Have gaskets and seals that are in good condition and work properly
 - Are under positive pressure maintained through continuous delivery of filtered air
 - Have intake air that is filtered through a pre-filter that is 95% efficient in the 0.3-10 µm range (e.g., MERV-16 or better)
 - Have heating and cooling capabilities
- Water, dust suppressants, or both are applied as necessary when other employees are engaged in the task outside of enclosed cabs



Video courtesy of NIOSH (https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=pk5 C-bCuXns)



Photo & Video

Best Practice Tips

(xviii) Heavy equipment and utility vehicles for tasks such as grading and excavating but not including: demolishing, abrading, or fracturing silicacontaining materials



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CONTROL: enclosed cab (if only operator is engaged in task⁵)

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Methods & Required Respiratory

When the equipment operator is the only employee engaged in the task, operate equipment from within an enclosed cab.

Required Respiratory Protection:

- ≤4 hours/shift: NONE
- >4 hours/shift: NONE

OR

Protection

CONTROL: water + ventilation

Apply water and/or dust suppressants as necessary to minimize dust emissions.

Required Respiratory Protection:

≤4 hours/shift: NONE >4 hours/shift: NONE OSHA¹ requires the employer to ensure that:

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 - Are maintained as free as practicable from dust
 - Have door seals and closing mechanism that work properly
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 - Have heating and cooling capabilities
- Water, dust suppressants, or both are applied as necessary when other employees are engaged in the task outside of enclosed cabs.



²Although many of the entries on Table 1 require employers to "[o]perate and maintain" tools "in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions," 29 C.F.R. § 1926.1153(c)(1)(i)-(vii), (x)-(xiii), (xvi), or to "[o]perate and maintain machine[s] to minimize dust emissions," 29 C.F.R. § 1926.1153(c)(1)(xiv)-(xv), the standard does not separately require employers to minimize dust emissions. An employer generating a limited amount of dust when engaging in a task listed on Table 1 would not be in violation of the standard if it is fully and properly implementing the engineering controls, work practices, and respiratory protection specified on the Table (including operating and maintaining controls so as to minimize emissions). A small amount of dust can be expected even with new equipment that is operating as intended by the manufacturer. However, a noticeable increase in dust emissions may indicate that the dust control system is not operating properly. See OSHA's Q&A's #15 at https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/construction_info_silica.html.

³Respirator use is conditional on time spent using equipment (less than or equal to 4 hours/shift or greater than 4 hours/shift) and if task is done outdoors, indoors or in an enclosed area. See Table 1 in the standard for specific requirements including the assigned protection factor (respiratory protection). The employer does not have the track the exact amount of time that employees are performing a job throughout a shift to be in compliance with Table 1. Before the task is performed, the employer must make a good-faith judgement about whether the task will take more than 4 hours based on previous experience and other available information. At the beginning of the task, the employer must provide the employee the respiratory protection required for the anticipated time the employee will be engaged in the task. However, if unforeseen difficulties or other circumstances are expected to extend the task duration beyond 4 hours, the employer must provide the appropriate respiratory protection as soon as it becomes evident. (In that situation, the 4-hour mark is still measured from the beginning of the task, not from the time the expected duration of the task changes.) See OSHA's Q&A's #14 at https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/construction_info_silica.html.

⁴In August 2018, OSHA released new Q&A's. These additions are based on information included in the responses. Q&A #11 addresses manufacturer air flow recommendations; #12 addresses use of additional exhaust; #13 addresses indoor and enclosed spaces; #14 addresses respirator requirements based on duration of task; #15 addresses minimizing dust emissions; #17 addresses demolition hammers with bushing tools; #18 addresses tile saws. For more information, see https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/construction_info_silica.html.

⁵Employees engaged in the Table 1 task means the equipment operator; helpers, laborers and other employees who are assisting with the task; or any other employee responsible for completing the task. For example, an employee operating a walk-behind saw and another employee helping the operator guide the saw are both engaged in the task. An employee operating a jackhammer would be engaged in the task, but another employee directing traffic near the employee jackhammering would not be engaged in the task. OSHA's Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction, page 5.



¹Best practice requirements from OSHA's Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction