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Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 Conformity Considerations?



A simple guide to identify the obvious features which all machinery, including hand-held power tools, must have as a consequence of legal provisions contained in the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008. In reviewing the machine or hand-held power tool the following questions need to be asked. If the answer to any of the six questions is NO, the equipment is unlikely to be in conformity with the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008.

Does the equipment have?		Yes	No
On the machine or power tool	Inside the box with the machine or power tool		
1. UKCA Marking			
2. Marking			
	3. UK Declaration of Conformity		
	4. Instructions (safe use)		
	5. Noise information		
	6. Vibration information*		

*Hand-held tools only

UKCA Marking – must, at least, be on the machine or hand-held power tool. It may also appear in the documentation accompanying the machine or hand-held power tool. It may even appear on the 'box' in which the equipment is supplied.

1. Marking – All machinery (including hand-held power tools) must be marked with the MINIMUM particulars in the box on the right

2. Declaration of Conformity — this Declaration may be a single sheet of paper or it may be included in the Instructions or other document(s) with the equipment. It identifies that responsibility is taken for the machine or hand-held power tool and what legal provision has been met by the signatory at the bottom on behalf of the company.

3. Instructions (for safe use) — all machinery (including hand-held power tools) must be accompanied by instructions for safe use. An exploded diagram of the equipment is totally inadequate without the instructions.

4. Noise information — as part of the Instructions, the value of the noise emitted by the equipment must be stated, together with the reference number of the measurement standard.

5. Vibration information — as part of the Instructions for all hand-held power tools, the value of the vibration emitted by the power tool must be stated, together with the reference number of the measurement standard.

Further information can be found here: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-equipment-machinery/machinery-directive-definition.htm>

Name and address of the manufacturer or Authorised Representative
Designation of series or type
Serial number (if any)
Year of construction

