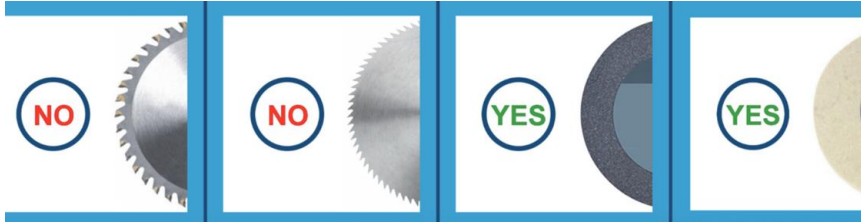


Angle grinder tooth saw blade attachment



Background

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) has issued a safety alert over angle grinder saw attachments which could cause serious injury or even death.

Advised Action

Consumers

- Ensure you only use attachment types designed for use with angle grinders as recommended by the angle grinder manufacturer, and purchase from a reputable business.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- Ensure you wear the recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when using angle grinders.
- If you possess a toothed saw blade in scope of this alert, stop using it and dispose of it safely.

Images of toothed saw blades are included in the Consumer Safety Poster, linked below.

- If an attachment in scope of this alert was marketed as compatible for use with an angle grinder, you may be entitled to redress under consumer protection regulations and you should contact the business that supplied the product.

Businesses

- Must comply with their obligations under product safety law.
- Must remove from the market attachments sold for use with angle grinders which do not comply with the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008, including toothed saw blades.
- Should warn people having purchased non-compliant attachments of the risk of serious injury or fatality presented by the product when used with an angle grinder.



For information & Action

- Construct
- Construction delivery
- Consult
- Operate

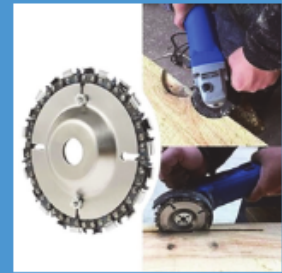
- The toothed saw blade attachment is not designed to be used with an angle grinder. It could result in 'kickback' when the blade snags or strikes an object during operation causing the tool to be suddenly forced back towards the operator.
- Anyone who has these angle grinder attachments in their possession is urged to stop using them immediately.
- Retailers are also being told to immediately stop selling toothed saw blades as attachments for angle grinders.

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CONSUMER SAFETY ALERT

Angle Grinder Chainsaw Discs

Risk of serious injury or death



Beware of chainsaw discs being sold as attachments for angle grinders. These are not legal and have seriously injured people across the UK. If the disc grips the cutting surface the grinder can jump or turn sharply and be torn out of your hands.

If you have a chainsaw disc like those in the photographs:

- 1. Do not use it.**
- 2. Return it to where you bought it for a refund.**

Any businesses selling these products must remove them from the market immediately as they do not comply with the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008.

Members of the public are encouraged to report businesses selling these products to Citizens Advice Consumer Service at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or on 0808 223 1133.



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All actions are to be closed out within the time period specified in the original email. Normally within one to two weeks.

Print Audit/Inspection Question Sets

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- ASTS- Traffic Management & Cycle safety
- Asbestos Removal Inspection
- Canteen & Welfare
- CDM Work Activity Inspection
- CLOCS - Site Operations Inspection (Aug 18 update)
- CLOCS-Inspection of fleet operator by contractor
- Construction Management H, S & E Tour (Rail)
- COVID-19 Site Inspection
- Cycle Safety
- Demolition
- Fire Co-Ordinator Inspection_Rail_Rev1
- Fire Safety Inspection
- High Winds Inspection
- Leadership OEI Tour
- Lifting Operations
- Loading and Unloading checklist
- Lone Working
- Management H, S & E Tour (Rail)
- Office Inspection
- Plant & Equipment - MEWP - rev1
- Pre-Commencement Piling Inspection
- QHSEW Meeting / Toolbox Talk Inspection Checklist
- Risers
- Safety Alert Confirmation Checklist
- Scaffold Inspection
- Site Management Safety Tour
- Temp Electrical Installations - use from 01.09.16
- Training & Competence
- Weekly Rail Inspection

1. Select your commission/ project
2. Select 'Schedule inspection'
3. Inspection category = Safety
4. Inspection type = Safety alert confirmation checklist
5. Under additional information, enter "Safety alert: *Angle grinder tooth saw blade attachment*"

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