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POWERED HAND TOOLS – Part 1

When and how should you inspect powered hand tools?

- Inspect tools for any damage prior to each use.
- Check the handle and body casing of the tool for cracks or other damage.
- If the tool has auxiliary or double handles, check to see that they installed securely.
- Inspect cords for defects: check the power cord for cracking, fraying, and other signs of wear or faults in the cord insulation.
- Check for damaged switches and ones with faulty trigger locks.
- Inspect the plug for cracks and for missing, loose or faulty prongs.

What should you do if you find a tool defective?

- If a tool is defective, remove it from service, and tag it clearly "Out of service for repair".
- Replace damaged equipment immediately - do not use defective tools "temporarily".

Have tools repaired by a qualified person - do not attempt field repairs