

INFORMATION SHEET – PN3-03/May 2007

Machines Directive

98/37/EC until 29 December 2009
then 2006/42/EC applies from that date


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 Machines Directive.

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 Machines Directive.**

Does the equipment have?		YES	NO
On the machine or power tool	Inside the box with the machine or power tool		
1 CE marking			
2 Marking			
	3 Declaration of conformity		
	4 Instructions (for safe use)		
	5 Noise information		
	6 Vibration information (hand-held tools)		

- CE 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.
 - Marking** - All machinery (including hand-held power tools) must be marked with the MINIMUM particulars in the box on the right:
- Name and address of the manufacturer
or Authorised Representative
Designation of series or type
Serial number (if any)
Year of construction
CE mark


- 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.
 - Instructions (for safe use)** - all machinery (including hand-held power tools) must be accompanied by instructions for safe use. This will be in the form of a sheet or booklet in an official language of the EU of the Member State in which the product is being placed on the market or put into service. An exploded diagram of the equipment is totally inadequate without the instructions.
 - 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.
 - 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.