

## POWDER-ACTUATED TOOLS

- Only qualified employees who carry valid operator cards shall be permitted to operate powder-actuated tools. Training can be arranged through the manufacturers' representative or your Production Safety Representative.
- Eye or face protection shall be worn by operators and assistants when the tool is in use.
- Prior to use, the operator is to inspect the tool to determine that it is in proper working condition.
- Any tool found not to be in working condition shall be immediately removed from service, tagged "Defective," given to the supervisor and not used until it has been repaired.
- Use only fasteners and powder loads recommended by the tool manufacturer for a particular tool.
- Tools shall be loaded just prior to firing. If the work is interrupted after loading, the tool shall be unloaded immediately.
- Never point a loaded or unloaded powder actuated tool at any person.
- Always keep hands and feet clear of the open barrel end.
- The tool should be held perpendicular to the work surface when fastening into any material, except for specific applications approved by the tool manufacturer.