

## SPECIALIST CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS



# Hand Arm Vibration Policy Statement

Specialist Construction Products (SCP) and its businesses are committed to delivering market-leading expertise across a range of specialist products for the construction industry.

As part of this service, SCP is offering comprehensive hand-arm vibration testing and risk management service to its customers, providing meaningful, practical advice on managing exposures and minimising injuries.

### HAND ARM VIBRATION SYNDROME (HAVS)

Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS) remains a serious issue within the construction industry. Contracted through exposure to vibration from power tools, HAVS affects the nerves, blood vessels, muscles and joints of the hand, wrist and arms. It can become severely disabling if ignored and is irreversible for the 3,000 people who develop the condition each year.

Under the Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005, it is a legal requirement for all employers to manage their employees' vibration exposure. Employers found to neglect this duty of care will be heavily penalised and risk paying expensive compensation and legal costs.

### SCP'S HAVS POLICY

SCP prides itself on customer service and places the customer's needs at the heart of its business.

Vibration exposure is a highly complex and technical issue which must be communicated clearly to the construction industry. To help deliver this, SCP has established the Noise and Vibration Control Group (NVCG). Led by internationally recognised experts in vibration exposure, the NVCG offers support ranging from practical advice on the performance of individual power tools and consumables through to the provision of, and ongoing support for, vibration exposure management solutions covering all aspects of a customer's business.

SCP is committed to delivering industry-leading expertise and is determined to offer the most reliable service to customers. SCP:

- Is manufacturer-independent and provides information based on comprehensive trials using relevant, 'real world' test conditions.
- Has a unique blend of technical expertise and a practical understanding of on-site power tool and accessory usage, providing a strong basis for delivering the most helpful advice for customers.
- Delivers a full 'consultancy service', providing comprehensive HAVS risk management systems to fit with a customer's existing risk management processes.
- Offers training sessions for procurement, project management and health and safety managers, and toolbox talks for sites.

SCP actively collaborates with the Health and Safety Executive, the British Standards Institution, Trade Associations and other specialist groups to ensure that it offers the best possible solutions to customers, minimising the risk of construction workers developing HAVS.



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