

Tool Type Compressor

Experience Intermediate

Injury Severity Hurt but OK

Description

My father and I were building an air compressor. We got everything hooked up and the tank was filling up with air. The air gauge wasn't working and we still let the tank fill up. The ends bubbled out. We then let the air out of the tank and replaced the air gauge. The next one worked and we got it up to 95psi and all of a sudden one of the ends blew out. My father received slight cuts on his arm. The air compressor and tank flew over 6 feet off the sawhorses. The end tore through a metal ladder and tore the support legs in half. We never did find the end in the woods.

Advice

If the gauge doesn't work, stop what you are doing and fix it.

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After cutting a bunch of semi-wet 2 X 4's on my sliding compound miter saw I noticed a lot of gummed up saw dust had filled the plastic blade slot at the rear of the saw. I couldn't see very well because I had on those cheap plastic safety glasses, so I took them off and grabbed the air hose to blow out the wet, gummy sawdust. A piece flew out and struck me in the right eye. I had to wear a patch for 2 days and squirt this medicine in my eye 3 times a day for a couple of days, but I'm fine now. I now own a good quality pair of regular "eyeglass" type of safety glasses that I wear the entire time I'm in the shop.

Advice

Buy and wear a good quality set of safety glasses. The cheap plastic ones just get scratched and dirty so you end up taking them off to see...bad idea.