SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR STONEAGE® EQUIPMENT

ROTARY SHOTGUN NOZZLES

1. Use a jetting gun with a barrel length sufficient to ensure that the tool contacts the ground before passing over the operator’s foot.
2. The jetting gun must include a pressure dump mechanism controlled by the operator.
3. In good conditions, jet reaction force should not exceed 1/3 the weight of the operator.
4. In poor conditions (uneven or slippery footing, low light, confined spaces, etc.) use a lower jet reaction force.
5. Use equal jet sizes in opposite nozzle head ports to prevent vibration from jet imbalance.

SURFACE PREPARATION

1. Shielding should be used to capture jet rebound and flying material.
2. Be aware of jet thrust limitations of the equipment based on weight or strength; additional weight may need to be added to handle high flow rates.

LARGE VESSEL & TANK CLEANING

1. If it is necessary for an operator to work near the cleaning jets, this person should have control of the pressure dump.
2. High flow rates can produce hundreds of pounds of jet thrust. Make certain that your equipment is capable of securely supporting the jet thrust.
3. Beware of falling or flying material; stay away from vessel openings while jetting is in process. 3-D tools have jets that may cross an opening unpredictably.
4. Rotating cleaning equipment with long nozzle arms should be started and stopped slowly to prevent unscrewing of connections due to inertia.
5. Waterjets can produce a static electrical charge. If the vessel being cleaned contains a combustible liquid or vapor having a risk of ignition, the tool should be properly grounded.

IMPORTANT!

OPERATIONS WITH THIS EQUIPMENT CAN BE DANGEROUS IF CAUTION IS NOT EXERCISED PRIOR TO AND DURING TOOL USE.

Please follow these instructions in addition to the guidelines in the Recommended Practices Handbook published by the Waterjet Technology Association (www.wjeta.org)
PIE & TUBE CLEANING

1. Equipment should always be used with an operator controlled dump mechanism to release the high pressure water. The person working nearest the cleaning jets should have control of the pressure dump.
2. The length of the tool including end fitting on hose should be greater than the inside diameter of the pipe to be cleaned to prevent the tool from turning around. If not, a rigid pipe or nipple should be installed between the hose end and tool.
3. Use rigid pipe or colored leader hose connected to the tool as an indicator of tool approaching the operator.
4. Strong thrust is created by waterjets and these forces can become unbalanced if a nozzle plugs during operation.
5. Use of a backout preventer is recommended to stop tools from backing out of a pipe. A guard should be used if there is risk of the tool turning around in the pipe.
6. When cleaning small diameter plugged tubes, use a tool and hose less than 2/3 of the tube diameter to allow room for debris to escape. A waterjet resistant guard is recommended to protect the operator if the tool is pulled or forced back out of the tube.
7. Avoid having the operator and/or other personnel standing in the possible path of an out of control tool.
8. Waterjets of sufficient pressure can damage pipes and tubes if they are not kept moving.

RIGID LANCING

1. The far end of the bundle being cleaned should be marked off and a shield used if personnel are or will be nearby.
2. When performing rigid lancing, the person nearest the jets should have control of the pressure dump.
3. The lancing machine should be securely supported to handle both the jet reaction force and possible hydraulic-ing.
4. The operator should be positioned where he can see the tube face, but far enough away to reduce getting splash back from the cleaning operation.
5. Mechanical stops should be set to avoid excessive feeding of the lance beyond the tube end.
6. The operator should be aware of the operating window in the positioner to avoid damage to hoses or equipment as the carriage passes through.

SEWER & CULVERT CLEANING

1. A protective sleeve should be used. The retaining clamp and rope should be attached to the end of the sleeve nearest the truck.
2. Never operate tools in a pipe or opening of a diameter large enough to allow the tool to turn around, unless a secure shield is used. Manhole cleaning requires specific jetting and appropriate safety equipment.
3. The length of the tool including the end fitting on hose should be greater than the inside diameter of the pipe to be cleaned to prevent the tool from turning around. If not, a rigid pipe should be installed between the hose end and the tool.
4. Position tool 2 ft or more into the line before increasing pressure.
5. After the tool is positioned in the line, tape a flag or marker to the reel hose two to three feet above manhole grade. There should be only one marker on the hose. Do not rely solely on the reel counter to determine length of hose remaining in line.
6. Avoid having the operator and/or other personnel standing in the possible path of an out of control tool.
7. Turn off and secure pump before removing the tool from the line.
8. Secure both the hose reel and tool to prevent tool from dragging on the ground while driving.

note about wrenches

Use a correctly sized open-end wrench to fit the flats provided on the inlet nut when attaching the tool to the lance. Do not use a pipe wrench or pliers with teeth as this can crush and crack the hardened steel body, leading to tool breakage during operation.