



WHEEL BALANCER MACHINE SAFETY TIPS



Be Prepared	Work Safe	Finish Right
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ensure you have been trained in the use of the balancer ✓ Inspect the machine to ensure no obvious defects: broken cover, damaged controls, damaged fastener ✓ Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Safety glasses – Non-slip safety shoes ✓ Remove rings, bracelets, watches, necklaces before work ✓ Tie back long hair ✓ Wear tight-fitting clothing and/or roll up sleeves to prevent snagging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lift wheel properly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Grip the wheel securely – Lift with the leg muscles; bend at the hips and keep the back straight (i.e., maintain natural curve in low back) – Keep the wheel close to your body – Turn your feet and do not twist the back ✓ Use the proper centering cone for the wheel ✓ Firmly secure wheel with the retainer ✓ Remove large rocks from tire treads before starting ✓ Do not place any body part past the threshold of the cover ✓ Never open the cover while a balancer is running ✓ Do not grasp rotating parts ✓ Do not defeat any safeguarding system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean the floor and work area around the machine ✓ Ensure all warning signs are readable ✓ Use a lockout procedure for cleaning and maintenance ✓ Defective equipment must be tagged and removed from service ✓ Clean and put away PPE ✓ Let your supervisor know of any safety concerns and damage to the balancer



Speak up!

If you see a hazard, let a supervisor know.
Everyone plays a role in your safety and health.

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