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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE JOB AND TASKS

Hand tool used for sharpening agricultural tools (hoes, axes, machetes, sickles, saws, among others). Its function is to restore and maintain the edge through controlled abrasion.

2. RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1. Risk Identification

1. Risk of Cuts or Abrasions
 - Possibility of minor cuts or scrapes from contact with the abrasive surface or the tool being sharpened.
 - Risk of injury when cleaning or handling the file without gloves.
2. Impact and Projection Risks
 - Projection of metal particles or fragments from the edge during sharpening.
 - Risk of eye injury if proper eye protection is not used
3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Motion Risks
 - Muscle pain or fatigue in arms, wrists, or back due to prolonged use.
 - Injuries from forced or repetitive postures.
4. Risks of Falls, Trips, and Loss of Control
 - Loss of control of the file if the handle is loose or the tool being sharpened is not properly secured.
 - Tripping hazards from tools or objects in the work area.
5. Risks Due to Poor Condition or Improper Use
 - Breakage or detachment of the handle, which may lead to loss of control.
 - Using the file on inappropriate materials or without properly securing the piece.
6. Chemical and Environmental Contact Risks
 - Skin irritation or reactions from contact with dust.
 - Inhalation of particles when working in unventilated environments.

2.2 Risk Assessment

Hazard	Consequence	Likelihood	Severity	Risk
Cut or abrasion	Severe cuts or partial amputations	Medium	High	High
Impact and projection	Eye injuries from metal particles	Medium	High	High
Ergonomic / repetitive	Muscle fatigue, arm/back pain	High	Medium	High
Falls or loss of control	<i>Blows or cuts due to loss of grip</i>	Medium	Medium	Medium
Poor condition or incorrect use	Handle breakage, minor accident	Medium	Medium	Medium

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Chemical / environmental	Inhaled dust	Medium	Low– Medium	Medium
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2.3. Preventive Measures for Identified Risks

1. Cut or Abrasion
 - Use cut-resistant gloves and properly secure the tool to be sharpened.
 - Keep hands away from the edge during sharpening.
 - Do not touch the edge while the file is in motion.
2. Impact and Projection
 - Wear safety goggles to protect eyes from flying metal shavings.
 - Keep a safe distance from other people during sharpening.
 - Ensure the piece is in a stable position before starting.
3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Motion Risks
 - Take regular breaks to reduce fatigue.
 - Keep your back straight and work with the tool at an appropriate height.
 - Alternate the working hand during prolonged tasks.
4. Falls, Trips, and Loss of Control
 - Keep the work area clean and free of obstacles.
 - Ensure the handle is properly attached and not loose.
 - Do not work on unstable or slippery surfaces.
5. Poor Condition or Incorrect Use
 - Replace worn, rusty, or loose-handled files.
 - Do not use the file as a lever or for striking.
 - Use only on metal materials and cutting edges.
6. Chemical / Environmental
 - Wear a mask if metallic dust is present in the air.
 - Wash hands after work to avoid skin irritation.
 - Work in well-ventilated areas.

2.4. Corrective Measures in Case of an Accident

1. Cuts or Abrasions
 - Apply direct pressure to the wound, disinfect, and bandage.
 - In case of serious injuries, go to a medical center.
2. Impacts or Projections
 - If a particle enters the eye, rinse thoroughly with clean water.
 - Seek medical attention if pain persists or vision is affected.
3. Ergonomic or Postural Injuries
 - Stop the task if pain appears in arms or back.
 - Perform light stretches and rest before continuing.
4. Falls or Loss of Control

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- Stop the activity and check for possible injuries.
 - Check the handle's attachment and the tool's stability before resuming work.
5. Accidents Due to Poor Condition or Incorrect Use
- Do not use the file again until the damaged part is repaired or replaced.
6. Accidents from Environmental Contact
- Wash the affected area with soap and water in case of irritation.
 - Consult a doctor if discomfort persists.

2.5. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Measures

- The effectiveness of these measures will be evaluated by verifying that, after their implementation, the situation has been safely controlled, the user has received the necessary care, and the tool has been inspected or repaired before resuming work.
- It is also advisable to periodically check the condition of the file and compliance with safety regulations, adjusting the measures if new risks arise.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

3.1. Points to Consider When Preparing for Use

- Keep the work area free of obstacles.
- Ensure the file is clean, dry, and the handle is securely attached.
- Secure the tool to be sharpened using a clamp or stable system.
- Use appropriate PPE: gloves, safety glasses, and mask.
- Avoid distractions or using the tool under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.

3.2. Points to Consider During Use

- Maintain a stable posture and work with firm, steady, and controlled movements.
- Hold the file by the handle without applying excessive pressure.
- Avoid touching the edge during sharpening.
- Do not use the file without a handle.
- Stay focused on the task and avoid distractions.

3.3. Warnings

- Dangerous tool; improper use may cause cuts or injuries.
- Keep out of reach of children or untrained individuals.
- Do not use under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Abrasive element.
- Use safety gloves.

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- Use eye protection.
- Wear a mask if metallic dust is present.
- Refer to the instruction manual.



4. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

4.1. Cleaning

- Clean the file surface after each use with a wire brush or compressed air.
- Do not use corrosive liquids or submerge in water.

4.2. Condition Check

- Check the condition of the teeth and the handle attachment.
- Replace if there is excessive wear, corrosion, or damage.

4.3. Storage

- Store in a dry, clean place protected from moisture.
- Keep away from other tools that could damage it.

4.4. Specific Maintenance

- Do not attempt to manually sharpen or modify the file surface.
- Replace the handle if looseness or cracks are observed.

4.5. Recycling and Environment

- Dispose of the file at the end of its useful life according to local metal waste regulations.
- Separate metal and wood/plastic components.
- Do not abandon the tool in the natural environment.

5. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

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