

Things To Remember When Buying A Rammer

1. TRAVEL DOLLY

Where you park your truck and where you need to compact might not be as close together as you think. Ever tried dragging a rammer through the dirt to your trench? Not easy. Even if you get 2 guys to carry it, it's not ideal to try to maneuver these machines over any sort of distance.

That's where a travel dolly comes into play.

Being able to attach a lightweight dolly to a rammer and roll it from one place to another means that it takes less man power, it's easier, and it's faster to do. Who can argue with that?

Not all compactors come with a dolly because most are made specifically for the model they're sold with. That means that you won't always be able to buy the rammer now and the dolly later. Make sure you're not getting yourself stuck with a machine you can't move easily.

A travel dolly is definitely something you don't want to overlook when you're using a rammer on a construction site.

2. HEARING PROTECTION

Likely something you already have on the job site, hearing protection (in the form of ear plugs or ear muffs) are something that should be used when a rammer is being operated.

These machines can reach up to 110dB or more, which means that permanent hearing damage can be achieved fast if not careful.

If you don't have any form of hearing protection on site, we highly recommend it. Getting the job done is important, but making sure you go home in the same condition you arrived is vital for everyone involved.

Invest in some quality protection and your team will thank you. Even beyond using a rammer, ear plugs or ear muffs can be a welcome addition to any job site.

It might not seem like a big deal, but hearing protection is really no joke, especially when using big, loud machinery like a rammer. When damage is done, it is irreversible, so be sure to take caution the first time around and avoid any loss whatsoever.

3. ADJUSTABLE HEIGHT HANDLE

There's nothing worse than using any piece of equipment that hasn't been designed for you.

When you're specifically talking about a tamping rammer, it becomes especially difficult to do a good job compacting if the handle height of your machine isn't comfortable for you to use.

Select rammers on the market have adjustable handles which allows the operator to fine-tune the machine to his or her preferences before extended use.

This specific feature is a difficult one because it isn't something you can simply add onto your purchase if the tamper wasn't engineered with people of different height in mind.

For that reason, make sure that you're choosing a great machine when buying.

It's easy to believe that a machine that's too high or too low might not be a nuisance, but if you think about using it for hours on end, that minor inconvenience quickly snowballs into an avalanche.

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