

Safety notice (1): brick saw disc sizes

We have had a couple of reports of the wrong size disc being used in radial cut off saws (aka the Stihl brick-saws). It seems that discs other than the correct size were provided and the operator decided to give it a go rather than abandon the job or send out again for the correct size. It seems the problem is that the operator was competent but the shopper wasn't - despite being given the specification of the disc they were taken in by the person in the hire shop who said "yeah that's the right size".

So:

A warning for our shoppers: WRG bricksaws take discs with a **20mm internal diameter**. Ask the operator for a full specification and stick to it.

and

A warning for our operators: Don't ever use the wrong specification disc. While you may get away with just clamping it up tight, if it goes wrong it will go horribly wrong. **Don't do it.**

Safety Notice (2): rear wheel steer dumpers

We have seen that there is a bit of a problem with the dumper category on the Driver Authorisation scheme. Historically the two wheel drive/rear wheel steer dumper was our standard dumper and people moved up to the four wheel drive model when they occasionally visited posh sites. However the four wheel drive model is now the norm and so many people get taught how to drive the 4wd models but not the 2wd models.

DESPITE the instructor guidance notes reminding people that they should always find a safe area and check how an unfamiliar bit of kit behaves we have had a couple of occasions when people have assumed a 2wd dumper will be no problem to drive as they have driven 4wd.

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So:

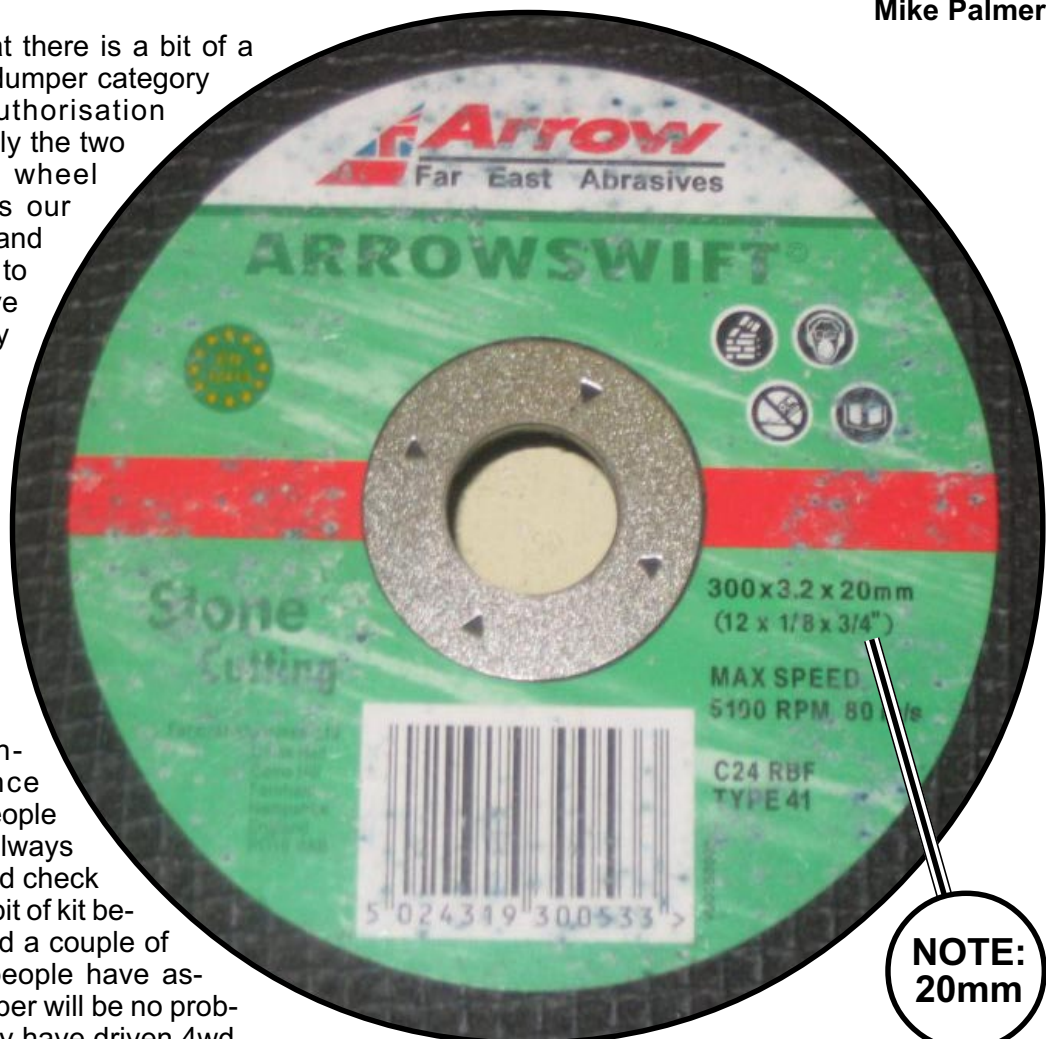
A warning to all dumper operators: rear wheel steer dumpers handle very differently to articulated ones.

and

A warning to all site leaders: always remind your operators that they should be familiar with how any machine operates before using it in anger.

We will resolve this issue by separating out the dumper categories in the Driver Authorisation scheme sometime soon.

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**NOTE:
20mm**