




# MILWAUKEE TOOL

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To Whom It May Concern,

Milwaukee®, in partnership with Industrial Hygiene Sciences, LLC, has conducted testing on the Milwaukee M18™ FUEL™ PACKOUT Wet/Dry Vacuum (0970-20) with HEPA filter paired with the M18™ FUEL™ 7” / 9” Large Angle Grinder (2785-20), 2” Diamond Long Dry Core Masonry Bit (48-17-0020), and SDS MAX Dust Extraction Attachment (5317-DE). Results show that the user will be below the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) as described by OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1153 when using the above combination, assuming it is used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions. Testing results and procedures are outlined below:

Unit Tested	Average # of Cores Drilled	Average Sample Duration	% Silica (Quartz) in Sample	Average Respirable Crystalline Silica Concentration (µg/m³)	OSHA PEL in 1926.1153 (µg/m³)
	24	60 minutes	11.7%	12.5 µg/m³ TWA	50 µg/m³

- All coring was performed using a Milwaukee M18™ FUEL™ PACKOUT Wet/Dry Vacuum (0970-20) with HEPA filter paired with the M18™ FUEL™ 7” / 9” Large Angle Grinder (2785-20), 2” Diamond Long Dry Core Masonry Bit (48-17-0020), and SDS MAX Dust Extraction Attachment (5317-DE).
- The coring was completed horizontally through standard cinder concrete blocks mounted in an upright fixture.
- The cinder blocks were 1900 PSI concrete.
- A new HEPA filter and clean box were used for each trial.
- The HEPA filter was knocked into a garbage can after every 6 holes. The vacuum box was not emptied during the trial.
- The vacuum was turned to high speed.
- The trials were performed in an enclosure with no outside air ventilation. Ambient air cleaner with HEPA filtration was used between each trial.
- Samples were collected on 3-piece 37 mm diameter preweighed PVC filter mounted in a BGI GK2.69 respirable dust sampler, run at 4.2 lpm and connected to a GilAir Plus air sampling pump. The flow rate through the sampling train was measured using a TSI 4146 Calibrator before and after each Trial. A field blank was submitted with each day’s set of samples.
- Samples were analyzed using OSHA ID-142 by the Wisconsin Occupational Health Laboratory, an AIHA Accredited laboratory. The sampling method used meets the definition of respirable crystalline silica in 1926.1153 (a) and Appendix A of the OSHA Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard (1926.1153).
- The Time Weighted Average (TWA) was calculated assuming zero exposure to respirable crystalline silica for the non-sampled portion of a 480 minutes (8 hour) shift. Longer exposure times, assuming that the dust exposures would be similar to those collected in these trials, would likely result in higher TWAs. Factors, including, but not limited to, the ventilation and air flow patterns in the space where the work is done, how the tool is used, how sharp the blade is, the user’s technique, the silica content of the cement board, how many cuts are made, the presence of other respirable silica dust generating activities in the area, and vacuum maintenance could affect actual user exposures.

\*A 2” Diamond Dry Core bit reflects the dust generating application used in this test, the table below suggest other bit sizes, based on volume of dust, would also be compliant when using the Milwaukee M18™ FUEL™ PACKOUT Wet/Dry Vacuum.

Details on how to properly implement as a part of a complete exposure plan are outlined below\*:

### **Maximum Number of Holes per Day\*\***

#### **Hole Diameter**

<b>Hole Depth</b>		<b><u>1”</u></b>	<b><u>1.25”</u></b>	<b><u>1.5”</u></b>	<b><u>1.75”</u></b>	<b><u>2”</u></b>	<b><u>2.5”</u></b>
	<b><u>1”</u></b>	1,016	777	629	528	455	357
	<b><u>1.5”</u></b>	677	518	419	352	303	238
	<b><u>2”</u></b>	508	388	314	264	227	178
	<b><u>2.5”</u></b>	406	311	251	211	182	142
	<b><u>3”</u></b>	338	259	209	176	151	119
	<b><u>3.5”</u></b>	290	222	179	151	130	102
	<b><u>4”</u></b>	254	194	157	132	113	89
	<b><u>4.5”</u></b>	225	172	139	117	101	79
	<b><u>5”</u></b>	203	155	125	105	91	71

\*These calculations are offered for reference and are calculated values based on previously recorded test data and represent a full workday of the tested application

\*\* The user must drill the same number or fewer holes than those listed above for the given application in order to be considered compliant with the objective data clause of 29 CFR 1926.1153 OSHA regulation on crystalline silica dust.

It is the responsibility of the user to operate the tool in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions. For the latest listings of approvals, visit [milwaukeetool.com](http://milwaukeetool.com). For technical or service assistance, contact Milwaukee Customer Service at 1-800-729-3878.