

NEWS

Part of Brandon's ongoing customer commitment means that we are constantly researching the tool and equipment industry for the highest standards of up-to-date and innovative machinery available. This issue of our informative Product News Section spotlights five indispensable hire products now available at Brandon Tool Hire, where customer confidence is assured.

SNELL SPLIT-MASTER

The New Angle in **STONE SPLITTING**

The need for a safe and effective stone splitting machine has long been acknowledged in many areas of the country, where the use of natural stone in building projects is required. Whilst many "home made" machines have appeared over the years, these have fallen short of expectations, being somewhat slow, crude and questionable in terms of operator safety.



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However, after stringent examination by Bob Baber head of the Brandon Hire Buying Department last year, it was clear that the newly engineered *Snell Split-Master M800* was in fact the only machine produced in the U.K. which could meet product requirement criteria, whilst satisfying *all current Health and Safety legislation*.

Early in 1999 Brandon Hire was proud to purchase and put to work in Somerset our first Snell Split-Master 2000. It became an overnight success as a cost efficient productive machine, whilst fully satisfying the specific needs of specialist natural stone builders, developers and small quarries.

The *Snell Split-Master M800* is easy to transport, and is totally site mobile to the areas of stone that require splitting. *There is no hefty, cumbersome setting-up* which some machines require, just a simple connection of the hydraulic couplings to the diesel power pack. On activation of the control valve, two independent hydraulic cylinders retract, pulling down each end of a closely guided upper blade towards a fixed lower blade, set in a rigid bed.

The unique floating blade

angles through 20 degrees either side of horizontal, to allow for irregular shaped stone and minimal wastage of material. These features, coupled to the "fast back" blade



return, maximise output by quickly allowing a wide variation in stone size to be accommodated.

The machine rapidly proved its value throughout the Company, and the fleet has since been significantly increased to meet demand from Yorkshire and Birmingham, as well as Bristol and throughout the South West. So if you use natural stone, or split blocks on any scale call Brandon Tool Hire to arrange a demonstration of the *Snell Split-Master M800*. ■ REF:BN01-01

TECH SPEC

Length	1370mm
Width	960mm
Height	1500mm
Weight	450kg
Cutting Window	635mm Long 320mm High

PRODUCT



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QUICK VIEW



STEP 1 Load the stone you require to cut...



STEP 2 The Snell-split master angles its blade to the shape of the stone



STEP 3 Cut to perfection with minimal wastage



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