



## Safety Bulletin 120

### Diamond Cutting Blade Failure Incident

There has been a significant near miss involving a “Stihl” saw fitted with a new diamond tipped cutting blade on a training course. The saw was being used under supervision to cut a concrete pipe when the fins of the blade shattered. No one was injured; however, the incident could have had far more serious consequences. The saw was fitted with an Adamas Laser Turbo 12” diamond tipped cutting blade (see photograph below).



#### Product Information

Type = Adamas Laser Turbo

Size = 12in

Material use = Concrete

A full investigation is currently being conducted to identify the root cause of the blade failure. However, Site Managers and Safety Officers are requested to undertake an inspection of any “Stihl” type saws and stocks of blades on site.

Where Adamas Laser Turbo diamond tipped blades are identified, these should be quarantined and clearly marked “Do Not Use”. Replacement blades should be sourced from an alternative manufacturer. The salient points of this safety note are advised to be delivered via a tool box talk to all site personnel engaged in the use of hand held “Stihl” type saws.

**If you require any further information, clarification or assistance with the above, then please do not hesitate to contact us;**

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