

Air compressor buyers' guide



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This quick ten-point checklist can help you buy the right compressor for your purpose

1. Free air delivery (FAD) is the only relevant measure to size a compressor to your application. High horsepower doesn't guarantee high performance
2. The tank *stores* air, it doesn't *generate* it. A bigger tank doesn't mean more air, it means a longer cycle time
3. Too much pressure for your application wastes energy and can damage tools
4. If you have three phase power, buy a three phase compressor: they are more efficient and reliable
5. Good quality remains long after you've forgotten the price
6. Use a longer hose rather than a longer power lead
7. If you need a long lead, consider a petrol/diesel compressor instead
8. Always look for a distance with a noise rating, eg 70 dBA at 7 metres, to compare apples with apples
9. Consider portability: size, weight and wheels
10. Buy with confidence from a CAAA member: ask for the Protocol 2000+ label

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Air Compressor Rating in accordance with
AUSTRALIAN STANDARD AS 4637-2006
- Measurement of air flow only

Free Air Delivery (FAD)
(Under normal operating conditions)

Litres per minute

Refer to manufacturer about warranty conditions for this compressor.