

Letter of Endorsement – EquipGrips

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide my professional endorsement of EquipGrips based on personal testing and practical experience using this product in conditions directly comparable to landscaping, groundskeeping, and industrial equipment operations.

I recently installed EquipGrips on a zero-turn mower used to maintain my approximately two-acre property, a task that closely reflects common equipment use in commercial landscaping and groundskeeping work. In the past, operating this equipment for extended durations consistently resulted in hand numbness, tingling, and dull elbow pain, often forcing me to stop work and take extended recovery breaks.

After installing the neoprene EquipGrips, I experienced an immediate and sustained reduction in vibration-related discomfort. I was able to operate the mower continuously without numbness, tingling, or joint pain, completing the task comfortably and efficiently. This improvement was clear and repeatable.

From an occupational safety and health perspective, this experience is particularly relevant to landscaping crews, groundskeepers, and industrial equipment operators, who routinely use vibration-producing equipment such as:

- Zero-turn and ride-on mowers.
- Walk-behind mowers.
- Trimmers, brush cutters, and blowers.
- Compact utility vehicles and ride-on equipment.
- Industrial equipment with hand-operated controls.

Prolonged exposure to vibration in these settings is a recognized ergonomic hazard and a contributing factor to Hand-Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS) and Vibration White Finger (VWF). Although OSHA does not currently prescribe a specific permissible exposure limit for hand-arm vibration, it recognizes vibration as a health hazard and expects employers to reduce exposure through feasible controls.

EquipGrips function as a practical engineering control, helping organizations demonstrate good-faith efforts to address vibration exposure under OSHA's General Duty Clause (Section 5(a)(1)), which requires employers to maintain a workplace free from recognized hazards likely to cause serious physical harm.

What makes EquipGrips particularly well-suited for landscaping, groundskeeping, and industrial environments is their simplicity and durability. They are easy to install, require minimal training, do not rely on worker compliance beyond normal equipment operation, and can be applied to existing equipment without modification. This greatly improves adoption and long-term effectiveness, key considerations in high-turnover or outdoor work environments.

It is also important to note that the installation of EquipGrips did not modify the equipment in any way. The grips were applied as a non-permanent, vibration-damping accessory and required no cutting, drilling, rewiring, or alteration of factory-installed components. The mower remained in its original manufacturer-designed configuration, and the use of EquipGrips did not require manufacturer approval nor alter equipment operation, certification, or warranty.

Based on my direct experience, I believe EquipGrips provide safety professionals, supervisors, and equipment owners with an additional, effective control option to reduce vibration exposure, operator fatigue, and discomfort, while supporting OSHA compliance expectations and injury-prevention efforts.

Sincerely,

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