

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT



SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users.

Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the job. Do this by:

- Thinking about and observing your surroundings
- Running through the steps of the job in your mind
- Identifying the hazards, how you can get hurt and how you'll prevent it
- Knowing what plant and equipment you need
- Only starting when you can do the job safely
- Ensuring you are trained or experienced for the task
- Communicating with everyone involved

Points to consider when planning a task. Can you:

- Come into contact with an energy source (e.g. heat, electricity, substance under pressure) or hazardous materials
- Be struck-by or against anything?
- Be caught-in, on or between anything?
- Slip, trip or fall on the same or too a lower level
- Strain or sprain a muscle?
- Cause damage to plant equipment or property?
- Spill or pollute something

Lawn Aerator

Instructions for Use

Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- To stop this machine in an emergency release the clutch control lever of the main control handle
- Careless or improper use of this machine may cause serious or fatal injury
- Never allow children or inexperienced people to operate this machine
- Pre-watering of lawn may be required to ensure tines can penetrate ground sufficiently
- Remove all foreign objects before use and mark hazards such as sprinkler heads
- Check oil level before use
- Check fuel tank is full (straight petrol)
- Do not refuel while engine is running
- Never operate the machine with individuals, children or pets near by
- Fill front drum with water if additional weight required
- Never use in confined areas
- Never put your hands or feet near the rotating parts
- Take extreme caution around hot engine parts and exhausts



Starting Procedure

1. Turn the engine switch on
2. Check the tines are in the raised transport position before starting
3. Turn the fuel on, and place the choke lever in the start position (cold start)
4. Pull starter cord out until a slight resistance is felt, let starter recoil and give sharp pulls till engine fires or starts
5. Reposition choke lever to the run position
6. If engine doesn't continue to run reposition the throttle lever to the full throttle position and give sharp pulls till engine starts
7. Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes

When Operating

- Move throttle on the handle to the desired speed
- Position machine over area to be aerated
- Lower the aerator head by pushing down the transport position lever to engage the tines to the ground
- Place downward pressure on the handle, and push the clutch control lever down to start the tine rotation and drive forward
- Always use the machine in the forward movement and disengage the blades to pull the machine backwards
- Always walk, and never run
- Consider removing the weight from the downhill side of machine when operating on a slope
- Machine can perform normal turns with tines engaged, but aerator head should be raised for very tight turns
- Never use the machine where you know the soil level is shallow and has an excessive gravel base etc

Stopping and After Use

- Stop the machine by releasing the clutch control lever, raising the aerator head using the transport position lever and switching off the ignition on the motor