

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 activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.



Required Safety Equipment



Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- To stop this machine in an emergency release the lower section of the main control handle (this is the main engine stop switch)
- Careless or improper use of this machine may cause serious or fatal injury
- Never allow children or inexperienced people to operate this machine
- Avoid operating the machine on wet grass
- Always use with the catching device or impact guard fitted
- Remove all foreign objects before use
- 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
- Never tape up or tie the lower pivoting section of the control handle to the top section (this overrides its main safety cut out safety switch)
- Never use in confined areas
- Never put your hands or feet near the rotating parts
- Take extreme caution around hot engine parts and

Starting Procedure

1. The lower pivoting section of the main control handle is the on/off engine switch
2. Check the dethatcher head is in the raised position before starting
3. Place the throttle lever in the choke 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. If engine continues to run reposition throttle lever to the idle 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. Reposition throttle to the idle position
8. Allow engine to warm up

When Operating

- Position machine over area to be dethatched
- Lower the dethatcher head control level to engage the blades
- The blade depth can be adjusted with the large screw knob on the front of the main body
- Always use the machine in the forward movement and disengage the blades to pull the machine backwards
- Always walk, and never run
- Always work crosswise on a slope rather than up and down
- Always turn off the engine by releasing the lower section of the main control handle before removing the grass catcher
- Never use the machine where you know the soil level is shallow and has an excessive gravel base etc

Stopping and After Use

- To stop the machine release the lower section of the main control handle (this is the main engine stop switch)