

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?

One Man Post Hole Borer - Battery



Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Insert fully charged battery - ensure it locks into place
- Ensure you have correct auger for the job
- Fit auger onto drive head and secure with retaining pin
- Check auger cutting tip is undamaged
- Avoid wearing any loose clothing that may tangle in the auger
- Keep people away from work area
- Securely hold the machine with both hands
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Stop engine when refueling
- Check for underground power cables, water pipes and tree roots etc before boring holes
- Take extra care on wet slippery surfaces

When Operating

- Grasp the machine firmly with both hands
- Slightly spread feet apart to keep a good balance. Place reaction bar against hip
- Select the speed (high/low) properly
- Depress trigger to a comfortable speed that suits
- depending on the hole diameter and condition of the ground.
- When digging a deep hole or digging in clay soil, do not try to dig at once. Dig the hole by lifting up and down the tool so that the soil in the hole can be discharged.
- If the rotation speed of the tool slows down due to high load operation, lift the tool up little, and move the tool up and down to dig in small steps.
- Machine will stop on over load. Select reverse and remove auger from soil. Select forward and retry

Stopping and After Use

- Switch the machine off by releasing the on / off trigger Switch
- Clean driving head with damp rag, do not rinse with water. Clean mud off auger
- Recharge batteries for next use