

SAFETY FIRST:

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. In accordance with Health and Safety in Employment Act requirements, this sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for use at a commercial worksite so that the information is available to all users.



Required Safety Equipment



Ear Muffs



Hard Hat



Boots



Protective Clothing



Visual Inspection

Pre Start Checks and Safety

- ! Fuel tank is full (diesel)
- ! Correct engine & hydraulics oil levels
- ! Correct radiator & reserve tank water levels
- ! Ensure grease points lubricated
- ! Check for hydraulic & engine oil leaks
- ! Check tyre pressures and condition
- ! Check the work area for underground services and overhead obstructions
- ! Always keep machine level (i.e. side to side) and on firm non slippery undulating surfaces
- ! Do not allow inexperienced persons to operate unit
- ! Do not leave machine running and unattended
- ! Always place bucket on ground when unattended
- ! Keep people well away from the work area
- ! Keep all body parts within cab area while operating
- ! Keep seat belt fastened at all times
- ! Do not use in confined areas
- ! Take extreme caution when turning on slopes
- ! Do not over load machine
- ! Always travel at a safe speed for the job
- ! Do not allow people to ride on machine

When Operating

- Move throttle lever to increase engine rpm to a speed that feels comfortable to you
- Release park brake
- Familiarize yourself with the operation of the levers (forward, reverse turning) and the foot pedals (bucket controls)
- Do not travel with bucket raised

Starting procedure

- Fasten seat belt snugly
- Lower the seat safety bar
- Ensure park brake is on
- Make sure the controls are in the neutral (centre) position
- Place throttle at approx 1/2 position
- Ensure stop knob is pushed in
- Turn ignition to "on" (check warning lights are on)
- Turn key to preheat for approx 10 20 seconds (cold start)
- Turn ignition key to start
- When engine is running check warning lights are off
- Move throttle lever to idle position and allow machine to warm up for 5 minutes

Stopping and After Use

- Park the machine in a safe place and on level ground
- Lower the lift arms and put the bucket on the ground
- Decrease engine speed and allow engine to idle for 3 minutes to cool engine and hydraulics
- Engage the park brake
- Pull out engine stop knob
- Switch off ignition
- Raise the seat safety bar
- Unfasten seat belt and remove