

### 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



Gloves



Boots



Protective Clothing



Face Shield



Visual Inspection

### 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

### Pre Start Checks and Safety

- ! To stop this machine in an emergency releasing 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 in 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 it's 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 exhausts

### Starting procedure

The lower pivoting section of the main control handle is the on/off engine switch

Check the dethatcher head is in the raised position before starting

Place the throttle lever in the choke position (cold start)

Pull starter cord out until a slight resistance is felt, let starter recoil and give sharp pulls till engine fires or starts

If engine continues to run reposition throttle lever to the idle position

If engine doesn't continue to run reposition the throttle lever to the full throttle position and give sharp pulls till engine starts

Reposition throttle to the idle position

Allow engine to warm up

### Stopping and After Use

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