

## SAFETY FIRST:

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read and complete the competency test before the equipment is operated. 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



Goggles



Hard Hat



Gloves



Boots



Protective Clothing



Visual Inspection

## Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- ! Check fuel tank is full (2- stroke 25:1 mix)
- ! Never refuel with engine running and take care not to spill fuel
- ! Never use on gravelled surfaces
- ! Check unit for loose, missing or damaged parts, or use with abnormal vibrations, if any found have unit repaired before further use
- ! Never use the unit with safety guards removed
- ! Never direct discharge of material towards bystanders and avoid glass enclosures, buildings, vehicles, etc
- ! Never allow anyone near area of operation
- ! Stay alert for uneven terrain, holes, etc
- ! Always inspect the area prior to edging to ensure it is clear of foreign objects etc
- ! Never leave the unit unattended with the motor still running
- ! Always operate the unit from the position where the guards block the line of sight to the cutting blade
- ! Only use the machine for what it was designed for
- ! Only use in a well ventilated area
- ! Always hold machine firmly with both hands
- ! Only run machine at full throttle while cutting

## When Operating

- Position unit where you want to start cutting
- Push down on main control handle to raise front wheel off the ground
- Squeeze left handle bar lever then allow the cutting head to lower to the required cutting depth then release lever
- By changing the lower lock plate position there is nine pre set cutting depths
- Start pushing the unit slowly along the line you wish to edge (Use full throttle while cutting and push the unit at a speed that doesn't overload or stall the engine)
- Raise cutting blade between cutting runs

## Starting procedure

- Push ignition switch to the run position
- Move choke lever to the choke position (cold engine)
- Pull upward on the throttle lever (right hand side), push in pin to retain full throttle position while releasing pressure off the throttle lever
- Pull the recoil starter briskly several times until engine starts or attempts to start
- Place choke lever in the run position
- If required repull the starter until engine continues to run
- Release throttle from the full position and allow engine to warm up at idle for approx 3 minutes

## Stopping and After Use

- Raise cutting head and release throttle
- Allow engine to idle down then push ignition switch to the stop position
- Use caution as cutting blade continues to rotate for a short time after stopping engine
- Raise cutting head
- Clean unit thoroughly