



DATA SHEET

PRE START/POST OPERATIVE CHECKS TO MACHINERY

The purpose of this data sheet is to highlight safe working practices for the use of mowing and mechanical equipment - *IT MUST NOT BE TREATED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR TRAINING* - All persons engaged in the use of mowing and mechanical equipment must receive appropriate training.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- Operators must wear Safety Boots incorporating steel toe-caps.
- Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing.
- Never allow children or untrained operators to operate the equipment.

BEFORE USE

- check fuel and oil levels and air cleaner.
- learn controls and know how to start and stop the machine in an emergency.
- lubricate all chains and grease / oil points.
- ensure all shields / guards are undamaged and secure in place.
- check the condition and security of the blades, blade bolts and cutter assembly; if damaged replace in sets to maintain the balance.
- check cutting height.
- ensure the blades and drive clutches are disengaged.

DURING USE

- ensure the work area is free from obstructions before beginning to mow.
- disengage cutters before crossing paths or stop the engine of rotary mowers.
- never make adjustments / repairs with the engine running - other than carburettor adjustments.
- always switch off the engine and remove the spark plug lead.
- never touch any moving parts.
- disconnect the spark plug lead if leaving the machine unattended.
- do not walk backwards when operating rotary mowers.
- prior to refuelling, stop engine and allow to cool.
- do not fill fuel tank on the grass surface.

AFTER USE

- clean machine thoroughly.
- examine the machine for loose or damaged components and replace.
- complete the LOG BOOK and report defects.

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