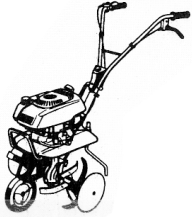




Safety Instructions

THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ BY THE USER BEFORE STARTING THE MACHINE.



17.8 Cultivators

- This equipment is designed to be operated by someone with normal ability. Persons with a disability or injury must assess whether their disability, when using the equipment, will affect their health and safety and the safety of others.
- It should only be operated by someone with experience of similar equipment.
- This equipment must not be used by anyone whose competence is impaired, for example by drink or drugs.

Cultivators with and without driven wheels.

- 1 The cultivator must be operated correctly according to the manufacturer's or owner's instructions, which are available on request if required.
- 2 **CHECK** the work area for objects which might be caught up by the rotors, or cause them damage, such as wire, timber or large stones.
- 3 **DO NOT** let children operate the machine.
- 4 Wear protective footwear such as boots with steel toecaps.
- 5 When noise levels are uncomfortably high over 80dB(A), it is advisable to wear hearing protectors.
- 6 If higher noise levels occur regularly when it is necessary to shout to be heard, (85dB(A) and above) the law requires that hearing protectors must be worn.
- 7 If the ground is very dry, dampen down with water to prevent dust. Dust generated from the soil can give rise to silicosis.
- 8 **CHECK** that guards are secure. **NEVER** operate the machine with missing or defective guards.
- 9 Before starting the engine make sure you know how to stop it.
- 10 **CHECK** that the gear lever is in **NEUTRAL** and the rotor drive is **DISENGAGED** before starting the engine.
- 11 Hold the handle of the machine firmly in both hands when digging.
- 12 If you lose control of the machine release the control levers totally to stop it.
- 13 **DO NOT** touch the rotor when the engine is running.
- 14 **ALWAYS** disengage the rotor drive before turning the machine.
- 15 **DO NOT** use reverse gear unless absolutely necessary. There is a danger the machine can reverse over you if you trip and fall. **DO NOT** attempt to engage the rotor when reversing.
- 16 **STOP** the engine before clearing a choked rotor.
- 17 **DO NOT** leave the engine running when the machine is left unattended.
- 18 **DO NOT** smoke when refuelling. **NEVER** refuel with the engine running.
- 19 Replace the fuel caps securely on the engine and fuel container. Wipe up any spillage immediately.
- 20 Fuel containers should be in good condition and leak proof.
- 21 **CHECK** that there is no combustible material on the exhaust system. The exhaust and silencer get very hot.
- 22 In the event of a leak of fuel or oil developing, switch the engine off **IMMEDIATELY**.
- 23 **DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.



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