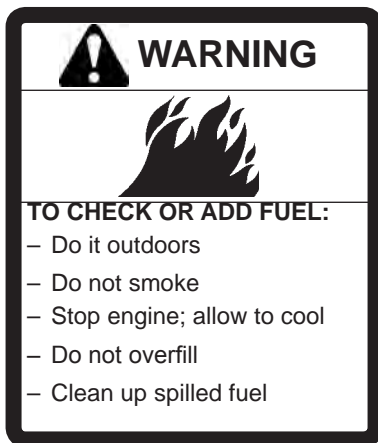


PRE-OPERATION CHECK LIST OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Review and follow all safety rules and safety decal instructions.
- Check that all safety decals are installed and in good condition. Replace if damaged.
- Check to make sure all shields and guards are properly installed and in good condition.
- Check that all hardware is properly installed and secured.
- Check to be sure engine is free of dirt and debris. Pay particular attention to the cooling fins, governor parts and muffler. Clean air intake screen. Check air cleaner; service as necessary.
- Check all lubrication points and grease as instructed in manual.
- Inspect area and remove stones, branches or other hard objects that might be thrown, causing injury or damage.
- Check that there are no exposed underground utilities in the work area.

FUELING-Gasoline is extremely flammable and highly explosive under certain conditions. BE SURE to install fuel cap after fueling.

- Fill fuel tank with good quality, clean, unleaded regular petrol (gasoline) to the level recommended by the engine manufacturer.
- Use a funnel to avoid spilling.



BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE

- Read the operator manual and engine manual.
- Be familiar with all controls, how each functions and what each operates.
- Check the engine oil level and add if necessary. Follow the engine manufacturers recommendations per the engine manual supplied with the machine
- Open the fuel valve.
- **Choke:** For cold starts, set the throttle lever to the "CHOKE" position. For warm starts set the throttle to the half-open position.

STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Pull the recoil starter to start the engine.
2. If the choke is "ON" when the engine starts, gradually back it off until the engine runs with no choke at all.

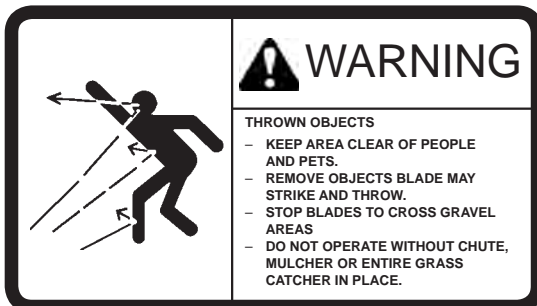
MOVING THE UNIT

TO MOVE THE UNIT WITHOUT THE BLADE RUNNING:

1. Do not engage the blade control lever.
2. Lift the free-wheel rod until the enlarged boss pops back behind the rear engine deck cover.
3. Set throttle to the desired engine speed.
4. Adjust the maximum travel speed with the Speed Adjustment Knob.
5. Disengage the Park Brake.
6. Pull or squeeze the forward / reverse lever on the right handlebar towards the handlebar to move the machine in a forward direction. The more the lever is squeezed the faster the machine will go, up to its maximum speed.
7. Push the thumb lever down to reverse. The farther the lever is pushed down the faster the machine will reverse, up to its maximum reverse speed.
8. Release the forward / reverse lever to stop the machine.

TO MOVE THE UNIT WITHOUT RUNNING THE ENGINE:

1. Pull the free-wheel rod until the enlarged boss comes through the hole in the rear engine deck cover. Slide the rod down the slot to latch it in the free-wheel position..
2. Disengage the Park Brake.
3. Push the unit.



CUTTING



UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, ELECTROCUTION, EXPLOSION, SERVICE DISRUPTION RISK

Before beginning any work, check area for exposed utilities. Also check for anything that could cause damage to the machine or harm the operator. Do not operate where there is any risk of contacting exposed utilities. Thoroughly inspect the areas where the equipment is to be used and remove rocks, toys, wire and other debris that may be picked up and thrown by the machine.

1. Move the machine to the area where it is to be used. With the engine off, Park Brake on and the blade disengaged, check that the cutting height is at the desired height for the job.
2. Start the engine, then adjust the speed of the engine to full throttle. Make sure that the Freewheel rod is pushed in.
3. Engage the blade by holding down the blade control lever. Pull the speed lever on the right handle bar up to move the machine forward while holding down the blade control lever to cut.

STOPPING OPERATION

1. Release the blade control lever to stop the blade.
2. Drive to level ground and release the traction drive to stop the machine.
3. Engage the park brake.
4. Stop the engine by moving the throttle control to the "OFF" position.

TRANSPORT

Engage the parking brake when transporting the machine on a truck or trailer. Use tie down straps to secure the machine from moving during transport. Close the fuel valve during transport to prevent flooding should any dirt get under the carburetor float needle. Leaving the valve open can allow severe flooding which may ruin the engine by diluting the oil.