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2624 Safety Guidance

2 STROKE PETROL



Using the Wacker Rammer

- Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders and safety boots
- With the engine running, open the throttle lever fully to start the vibration action, then adjust to obtain an even jumping action.
- Hold the rammer vertically when you are using it.
- This machine moves forward, and can be turned easily, while the vibration action is on. Be careful not to strain yourself by moving it while the engine is not running.
- Always keep your hands, feet and any loose clothing away from moving parts of the compactor.
- Watch out for signs that vibration may be affecting your hands. If your fingers start to tingle or feel numb, take a short break from using the machine. Exercise your fingers to encourage blood circulation.
- To help prevent vibration affecting your hands, operate the machine for shorter periods. Keep your hands warm - wearing gloves may help do this.
- To stop the vibration without stopping the engine, fully close the throttle.
- When the compactor is not being operated, stop the engine and turn off the fuel valve. If you need to leave the compactor unattended, lay it down, or lean it against a strong support to prevent it being knocked over.
- 10. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.
- 11. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work. Keep this leaflet safe as it may be required for reference at a future date

Wacker Rammer

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

It is important to read all of this leaflet **BEFORE** you use the Wacker Rammer

- Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
- Petrol is highly flammable. Take care not to cause a fire or explosion.
- This compactor is designed for compacting soil and hackfill
- The action of this Wacker rammer can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
- If you have not used a Wacker rammer before, familiarise yourself with the machine in an open safe area before you start on the main task
- You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: ear muffs or plugs giving protection for levels up to 96 dB(A); safety boots and gloves.
- This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or
- This compactor is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.

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Close the fuel valve. the engine just below the ruel tank. 1. Press the stop button on the side of

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stop in a tew seconds. 2. Close the fuel valve. The engine will 7. Close the throttle lever.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

- гие сиоке 11. If starting a warm engine, do not use
- 10. Open the choke by moving the blue eugine. the throttle to ensure an even running
- As soon as the engine has fired, adjust it recoils correctly.
- 8. Guide the cord back into place so that ргеак
- strongly. Don't pull it too far, or it may with the engine, then pull it quickly and can teel that the starter has engaged 7. Pull the starter handle slowly until you the starter.
- firmly so it will not move when you pull e Make sure that you hold the machine NOT pump the button.
- the carburettor for a few seconds. Do 2. Press and hold the primer button on shoe. It must be quarter to half full. bottom of the machine by the ramming
- level sight glass located near the 4. With the rammer upright, check the oil ratchet control located on the handle. Set the throttle to four clicks on the .HUA
- closed by moving the blue lever to

- auonia pe obeur i ue cuoke auonia pe S. The fuel valve at the bottom of the tank controls are set correctly.
- 1. Check that the engine and machine

STARTING THE ENGINE

- move your fuel can to a safe, cool 11. Put all fuel caps back on properly, and
- change them straight away. 10. If you spill any fuel on your clothes,
- it up or cover it with soil. If you spill any fuel on the ground, wipe
- of fuel soaked cloth carefully. Wipe any fuel off the machine. Dispose spill any fuel on yourself or the machine.
- 7. Use a funnel when refuelling. Do not and oil. Shake the fuel can to mix the petrol
- around it to prevent dirt falling into the Clean the filler cap and the area trom your work area.
- 4. If possible, move the machine away
- 3. Stop the engine and let it cool down.
- petrol (40 ml per litre). of two stroke oil to 25 measures of follow them. Otherwise, use 1 measure instructions on how much oil to use, company nave given you special

- engine oil with petrol. If the hire Use a fresh mixture of two stroke 1. No smoking.
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machine, you must know how to stop it.

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and may cause damage to the blocks. It will damage the final surface on rigid surfaces such as paving This compactor is not suitable for use while you are working.

wear gloves to keep your hands warm hands up before you start work, and rammer can be hazardous. Warm your Vibration from using this Wacker working.

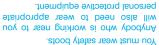
- with two hands while Always grip the Wacker rammer damaged - contact the hire company. equipment. Do not use anything found Check your machine, engine, and all
- position. Take care. lifting it into the upright, working transport vehicle, and when you are to help you when you are lifting it off a the weight near the top. Get some 1. This is a heavy machine with a lot of

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protection for this level as a minimum.

ear mutts or plugs giving hearing levels up to 96 dB(A) - wear appropriate This equipment is likely to cause noise require a higher level of protection.

Particular jobs or environments may whenever you use this machine minimum that should be worn protective equipment (PPE) are the 1. The following items of personal

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or cables that are laid just beneath the The compactor will damage any pipes

away, put barriers around your work debris and dust. Warn others to keep Protect other people from the noise coniq qisttact you.

safe and that no-one is near to you or Make sure that the area is clear and aiways be required.

extraction ventilation will almost suitability and the ventilation required has been **tully** assessed. Mechanical use it in other indoor situations it its use it in domestic premises and only carbon monoxide poisoning. Never confined spaces could cause tatal Using this equipment indoors or in

fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders. a danger of explosion. It will ignite Do not use this machine where there is

WORK AREA

