



Using the Push Lawn Mower

1. Wear protective equipment including ear defenders and strong footwear.
2. If the mower has a grass box, do not run it without the grass box being fitted correctly. Stop the engine before emptying the grass box.
3. Always hold the mower handle firmly with both hands while working.
4. Keep hands and feet away clear of the blades at all times.
5. Do not run the mower when moving over paving or hard ground, or when first positioning the mower to start work.
6. Do not tilt the mower to expose the blades when they are still rotating. The user may accidentally put their foot into the danger area. The blades may also throw out stones and other debris.
7. While working, keep a lookout for any other stones or other objects on the ground. Stop then engine and clear them out of the way.
8. Stop work and stop the engine if someone approaches the operator.
9. If the mower starts to labour and slow down, raise the cutting height so less grass is being removed. Make a second pass later, with a deeper setting.
10. Stop the engine every time the grass box is empty.
11. Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug lead before making any adjustments other than the height of the cut.
12. Stop the engine before leaving the machine unattended.
13. If debris or rubbish gets tangled in the blades, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug lead before clearing the blockage or working on the mower.
14. Clean the machine at the end of each day, and before it is returned to the hire company. Make sure that there are no grass cuttings near the exhaust. Wear gloves – the exhaust will be hot.
15. Let the exhaust and engine cool down before it is stored away.
16. If the equipment does not work properly, do not attempt to fix it contact the hire company..

Please keep this leaflet safely as it may be required for future reference



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1. Check the machine, engine, guards and grass box and all equipment. If anything is found to be damaged, do not use the lawn mower – contact the hire company.
2. Make sure the guard over the grass outlet is securely fixed to the mower, but free to move when attaching and removing the grass box.
3. If planning to cut long grass, set the cut height to start with. This will avoid damaging the grass and overloading the mower. The user can then go back over the grass with a lower cut setting.
4. The mower may have an emergency stop lever, which stops the blades if the lever is released. This needs to be held in while starting, or working with the mower.
5. If the user gets into difficulty while working, do not fight to regain control of the controls before starting the lawn mower. They must know how to control it and how to stop it safely.
6. No smoking.
7. Use a fresh mixture of two stroke engine oil with petrol. If the hire company have given you special instructions on how much oil to use, follow them. Otherwise use 1 measure of two stroke oil to 25 measures of petrol (40ml per litre).
8. Stop the engine and let it cool down.
9. If possible move the machine away from the work area. Spill petrol will kill the grass.
10. Clean the filler cap and the area around it to prevent dirt falling into the fuel tank.
11. Shake the fuel can to mix the petrol oil.
12. Use a funnel when refuelling. Do not spill any fuel onto bare skin or the machine.
13. Wipe any fuel off the machine. Dispose of any fuel soaked cloths carefully.
14. Put all fuel cps back on properly, and change them immediately.
15. If any fuel is split on clothing/garments or fuel can to a safe, cool place.
16. Make sure the operator understands all the controls before starting the lawn mower. They must know how to control it and how to stop it safely.
17. Any rubbish or debris in the grass. Strong gloves will be needed to handle shoes or boots giving good foot protection.
18. The user will also need to wear strong protection for this level.
19. Ear muffs or plugs giving hearing levels up to 96dB(A) – wear appropriate ear muffs or plugs giving hearing protection for levels up to 96 dB(A); Strong boots or shoes giving adequate foot protection.
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21. The lawn mower is designed to be operated by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.
22. The equipment must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
23. The action of this lawn mower can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in a careful and controlled way.
24. Petrol is highly flammable. Take care not to cause a fire or explosion.
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Before Starting Work...

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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 this entire leaflet BEFORE using the Push Lawn Mower

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5. If the user has not used a petrol driven lawn mower before, they will need to practice in a spacious and level area until they feel confident to use it.
6. Plan work ahead to make sure that work will always be carried out safely and efficiently.
7. The following items of personal protective equipment must be used when operating the lawn mower;
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LAWN MOWER

OPERATORS

WORK AREA

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

2. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury from breathing in toxic fumes, do not run or test the engine indoors unless there is adequate ventilation.

3. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to the user to distract them.

4. Protect others from the noise and from injury. Keep other people at least 10meters (33feet) away.

5. Make sure the area that is about to be cut is free from large stones, pieces of wood, lengths of wire or anything else that may fly out or damage the machine. Wear gloves while doing this.

6. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever the mower is used. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.

7. This equipment is likely to cause noise levels up to 96dB(A) – wear appropriate ear muffs or plugs giving hearing protection for this level.

8. The user will also need to wear strong shoes or boots giving good foot protection.

9. Strong gloves will be needed to handle any rubbish or debris in the grass.

10. Anybody who is working near to the user will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.