

# HSS Hire Shops

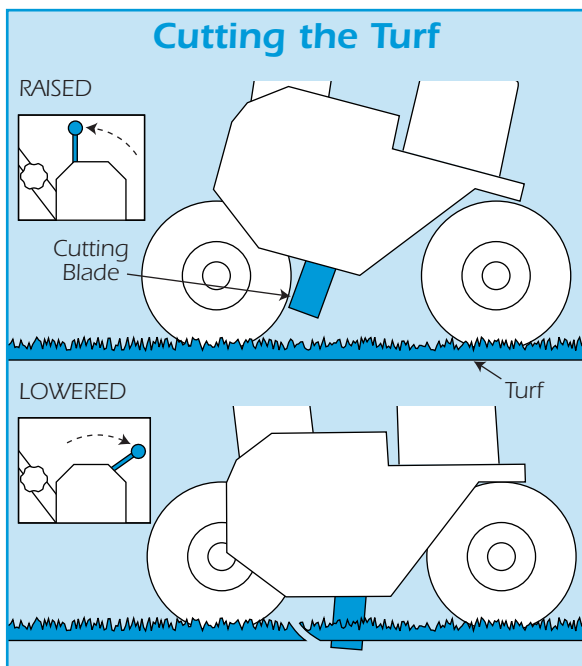


## Turf Cutter

A petrol driven turf cutter, ideal for lifting turfs prior to ground work allowing their return after the work is finished.



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For best results, **role the turf up and clear it from the area**, before starting the next cut.

Always **position yourself so you can control the turf cutter while staying clear of its cutter and path of travel**.

**Take your time and don't overdo it.** You are more likely to have an accident if you are tired or rushing.

### EQUIPMENT CARE

**Never push the equipment beyond its design limits.** If it will not do what you want with reasonable ease and speed, assume you have the wrong equipment for the job. Contact your local HSS Hire Shop for advice.

**Keep the equipment clean** - you will find this less of a chore if you clean it regularly, rather than wait until the end of the hire period.

When not in use, **store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe** from thieves.

### FINISHING OFF

**Turn the engine's ON/OFF switch to the OFF position and close the fuel tap.**

**Give the unit a final clean up ready for return**, to your local HSS Hire Shop.



### ...any comments?

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## GENERAL SAFETY


**For advice** on the safety and suitability of this equipment **contact your local HSS Hire Shop.**


**There is a serious risk of personal injury if you do not follow all instructions laid down in this guide.**


**This equipment should be used by an able bodied, competent adult** who has read and understood these instructions. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability, should seek expert advice before using it.

**Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area.**

 **Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**

 **This equipment generates potentially harmful noise levels.** To comply with health and safety at work regulations, **ear defenders must be worn** by everyone in the vicinity.

 **Wear practical, protective clothing, gloves and footwear.** Avoid loose garments and jewellery that could catch in moving parts, tie back long hair.

 **This equipment is heavy (77kg), never attempt to lift it on your own, always get help.**

**Always switch OFF the engine when not in use.**

**Ensure the work area is well lit and ventilated,** if in doubt, ask about site lighting and fume extraction equipment at your local HSS Hire Shop.

**Turf cutters can cause serious injury. Always keep feet and hands well away from the cutter** while the machine is running, taking special care when starting.

**Do not work near flammable gases or liquids,** petrol or paint thinner fumes for example. **Keep combustible materials at a safe distance** - at least 5m.

## Exhaust Danger

**Never operate petrol engines indoors or in a confined space.**

**The exhaust contains gases that can kill.**

**Engines, especially the exhausts, get very hot so switch OFF and allow to cool before touching them.**

**Make sure you know how to switch this machine OFF before you switch it ON** in case you get into difficulty.

**Make sure the tyres are in good condition and are inflated to 40psi (2.8bar).**

## Fuel Safety

**NEVER refuel while the engine is hot or running.**

**NEVER smoke or allow naked lights into the refuelling area.**

**ALWAYS mop up spilt fuel quickly and change clothes if you get any on yourself.**

**ALWAYS store fuel in suitable sealed containers, in a cool, safe place, well away from the work area.**

**Check the condition of the equipment before use.** If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it to your local HSS Hire Shop.

## GETTING STARTED

**The Turf Cutter is a self-propelled machine designed to cut a continuous turf 300mm wide.**

**It is not suitable for use in soil/turf conditions where there are tree or large plant roots present, nor should it be used where there is a large volume of stones in the soil.**

**Raise the control handle assembly to the operating height,** to raise or lower the assembly, loosen the lock knob, move the assembly as required, then retighten.

**Wheel the unit to the start of the cut,** with the front facing the direction of travel.

Before starting the engine, **check fuel and oil levels** (see EQUIPMENT CARE).

**Turn the engine's ON/OFF switch to the ON position, open the fuel tap, then set the choke** – fully closed if starting from cold, half closed if the engine has warmed up.

**Holding the throttle lever halfway, a few brisk pulls on the starter cord should now start the engine.**

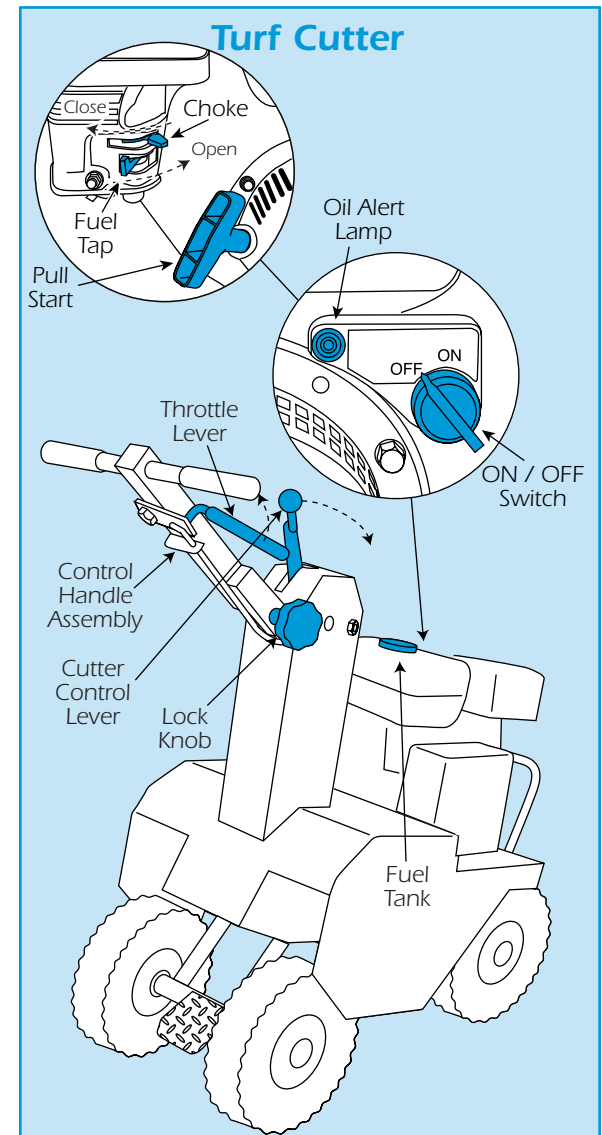
Once started, **let the engine warm up for a few minutes before opening the choke.**

## BASIC TECHNIQUES

**To lower the cutting blade into place and engage the wheel drive mechanism, move the cutter control lever forward and lock into the side slot.**

**The engine is fitted with an automatic centrifugal clutch,** which engages as the engine speed is increased.

Gently **pull the throttle lever back to increase the engine speed,** until the machine begins to move forward.



**Increase the engine speed until the unit is travelling at a pace that suits both the operator and the turf conditions.**

**The turf will be cut in a continuous strip,** which can be rolled up and stored.

**To neatly cut the turf at the end of the strip, release the throttle lever. Raise the cutter** by moving the cutter control lever fully back and lock into the rear side slot.

**Gently pull the throttle lever to activate the cutter, then push the unit forward to sever the turf, then switch the engine OFF.**