

HSS Hire



Turf Cutter

Petrol driven turf cutter, ideal for removing turf in preparation for landscaping, pipe and cable laying.



Code 62356

PRE-OPERATION CHECKLIST

- Check the condition of blade
- Check that all screws are tightened, particularly those securing the blade
- Check that the guards and safety devices are securely tightened.
- Before switching on the turf cutter make sure that there are no persons in the vicinity.
- The engine is supplied with fuel.
- Check engine oil level
- Regularly check the tyre pressure.

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 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 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.



... have you been trained

The law requires that personnel using this type of equipment must be competent and qualified to do so. Training is available at HSS Training Solutions 0845 766 7799

...any comments?

If you have any suggestions to enable us to improve the information within this guide please e-mail your comments or write to the Safety Guide Manager at the address below e-mail: safety@hss.com

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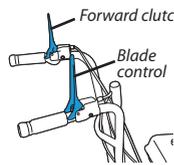


Pull the recoil start handle gently until it engages then give it a good strong pull to start the engine.

Repeat the procedure, if necessary, with the accelerator lever in **intermediate** position. Once the engine is running, set the accelerator in the **minimum** position and gently switch the choke to the **OFF** position.

BASIC TECHNIQUES

After switching on the engine move the gear lever forward.



Engage the blade control level.

To move the cutter, accelerate and then engage the forward clutch.

To select a different gear the forward clutch and the blade clutch must first be disengaged by releasing their levers. Then **select** the desired **forward** position using the gear lever, then **re-engage the forward clutch control** lever to set the machine in motion again.



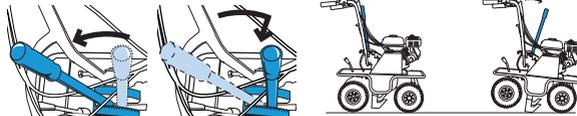
To stop the blade release the blade control lever.

To stop forward movement of the machine release the forward clutch then switch off the engine by moving the switch to **O** position.

CUTTING TIPS

At first the setting of a relatively high cutting height is recommended lowering it gradually according to working conditions.

HIGH POSITION LOW POSITION



Engage the blade clutch only after having carried out the machine switch-on and gear engagement operations.

Before engaging the blade clutch, gradually move the accelerator until the required speed is reached.

FOR SAFETY REASONS REVERSE HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY DISENGAGED ON THIS MACHINE.

WARNING

Take great care because the blade moves at very high speed.

Careless handling may cause fatal consequences.

GENERAL SAFETY

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

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

The hirer has a responsibility to ensure that all necessary risk assessments have been completed prior to the use of this equipment.

This equipment should only be used by an operator who has been deemed competent to do so by his/her employer.

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. Cordon off a NO GO area using cones and either barriers or tape, available for hire from your local HSS Hire.

  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 (73kg), never attempt to lift it on your own, always get help.

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

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

Ensure the work area is well lit and ventilated. If in doubt, ask for lighting and ventilation equipment at your local HSS Hire. 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.

Make sure the tyres are in good condition and correctly inflated. Check the condition of the equipment before use. If it shows signs of damage return it to your local HSS Hire.

Never leave the unit running and unattended. Always switch the engine off after finishing work.

Engine gets very hot switch off and allow to cool before touching any parts.

Do not use the machine unless you are able to call for help in the event of an accident.

Use only unleaded petrol from purpose-made fuel container. Never use a machine that is faulty.

EXHAUST DANGER

NEVER operate petrol engines indoors or in a confined space.

The exhaust contains gases that can kill.

ALWAYS ensure there is adequate ventilation when handling fuel.

FUEL SAFETY

NEVER refuel while the engine is hot or running.
NEVER smoke or allow naked lights into the area while refuelling.

NEVER inhale fuel vapour.

ALWAYS mop up spillage's as quickly as possible, and change your clothes if you get fuel on yourself.

ALWAYS store fuel in a purpose-made sealed container, in a cool, safe place well away from the work area.

FUEL SAFETY

NEVER start the machine if you have spilt fuel on it, or if the machine is leaking fuel.

GETTING STARTED

Never use the Turf Cutter until you have fully read and understood this User Guide and the machine has been properly set up using the information it contains.

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.

Position the turf cutter outdoors on sufficiently firm, flat soil. Inspect the machine before use (see Pre-operation Checklist).

 Turn engine switch to ON position.

 Turn Fuel to ON position by pushing the bottom knob towards right.

 If this is first use of the day then switch the choke to the ON position by moving the upper knob towards left.

Set the accelerator lever to the minimum position.

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