

Safety First

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users.

Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the job. Do this by:

- Thinking about and observing your surroundings
- Running through the steps of the job in your mind
- Identifying the hazards, how you can get hurt and how you'll prevent it
- Knowing what plant and equipment you need
- Only starting when you can do the job safely
- Ensuring you are trained or experienced for the task
- Communicating with everyone involved

Points to Consider when planning a task. Can you:

- Come into contact with an energy source (e.g. heat, electricity, substance under pressure) or hazardous materials
- Be struck-by or against anything?
- Be caught-in, on or between anything?
- Slip, trip or fall on the same or too a lower level
- Strain or sprain a muscle?
- Cause damage to plant equipment or property?
- Spill or pollute something?

Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Fuel tank is full (2 Stroke 25:1 mix)
- Correct quantity and sized shear pins
- Correct auger size for machine and job
- Auger cutting tip is undamaged
- Throttle lever returns by itself when released
- Avoid wearing any loose clothing that may tangle in the auger
- Use only in a well ventilated area
- Securely hold the machine with both hands
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Stop engine when refueling
- Check for power cables, water pipes and tree roots etc before boring holes
- Take extra care on wet slippery surfaces

Required Safety Equipment



Foot Protection



Hearing Protection



Hand Protection



Protective Clothing



When Operating

- Drop the auger from a height so it will stand into the ground by itself
- With the motor idling fit the post hole borer onto the auger by way of the shear pin or spindle coupling which is locked by a ¼ of a turn
- Grasp the machine firmly with both hands
- Slightly spread feet apart to keep a good balance
- Depress throttle to a comfortable speed that suits
- Apply downward pressure onto the machine
- Keep drawing out the auger from the hole to clear the excavated earth

Starting procedure

1. Place the machine on the ground with the handle on end and the throttle to the top
2. Both operators should hold the machine firmly
3. Switch ignition switch to the on position
4. Engage the choke
5. Depress the throttle lever
6. Pull the starter cord with short sharp pulls until the engine starts and/or fires. Disengage the choke
7. If required pull starter cord again until engine starts
8. Release throttle then allow to idle while the auger is connected

Stopping and After Use

- Allow the engine to cool down for two minutes
- Depress stop button or turn off the ignition switch to stop the engine
- Remove the auger from the machine