# Stump Grinder (petrol) – Instructions for Use



#### **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 activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.



### **Required Safety Equipment**



Hearing Protection



Head Protection









Protective Clothing



Full Face Shield

## **Pre-Start Checks and Safety**

- Check fuel tank is full of appropriate fuel
- Check engine oil level
- Check belt tension
- Check cutting teeth (missing and tightness 110ft/LBS)
- Ensure brake is operational
- Lubrication points greased
- Check the area surrounding the stump for stones, steel, wire etc
- Check the stump for embedded foreign objects
- Check for underground services
- Clear the work area of people not involved
- Do not spill fuel
- Do not leave machine running unattended

## **Starting Procedure**

- 1. Turn on petrol
- 2. Engage choke (cold start)
- 3. Set throttle to half open
- Ensure (push-pull) switch is in the "ON" position
- 5. Lock park brake
- 6. Push down handle so that cutter wheel is off the ground
- Pull start cord until a slight resistance is felt
- 8. Give short sharp pulls
- 9. When engine fires or starts
- 10. Release choke
- 11. Re-pull start if required
- 12. Idle engine

### When Operating

- Place cutter wheel directly in front of stump
- Pull throttle full on
- Move handle back and forth (left and right) allowing the cutter to grind the stump with each pass
- When needed unlock brake
- Push grinder further into stump
- Continue grinding

### **Stopping and After Use**

- Allow engine to idle and cool down
- Turn OFF engine switch
- Turn OFF petrol

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