

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



Hand Protection



Foot Protection



Protective Clothing



Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Check fuel tank is full (diesel)
- Check engine and hydraulic oils are at correct level and water if applicable
- Grease all lubrication points daily
- Ensure all control levers move freely and return to the neutral position
- Activate and check correct function of safety control level locks
- Check above ground for branches, beams and structures (overhead power lines require four metres clearance)
- Check below ground for underground services such as cables, pipes, culverts and tunnels etc
- Keep unauthorised people away from site
- Check ground condition and slopes
- Always use in well ventilated areas
- Ensure the loader is sized correctly and has the correct safety features for the job
- Keep the loader level at all times
- Do not allow inexperienced people to operate the machine
- Do not leave the engine running while unattended
- Do not let people ride on the machine
- Always travel with the bucket low to the ground
- Always travel up and down slopes, not across or rollover may occur
- Do not spill fuel
- Ensure hands, feet and loose clothing are kept clear from moving parts of the loader

Starting Procedure

1. Ensure park brake is on
2. Move throttle to “one third” throttle
3. Ensure the Forward/Reverse lever is in the neutral position
4. Turn ignition switch to pre heat and hold for 20 seconds (if applicable)
5. Turn ignition switch to start the machine
6. Move throttle lever to the idle position
7. Allow engine to warm up

When Operating

- Fasten and adjust the seat belt fitted to the machine
- Raise lever locks to activate controls and release park brake
- Check the correction of each control lever
- Always operate throttle with smooth even control
- Must be operated on a flat level surface or in accordance with manufacturer’s specifications
- Proceed to move loader around area site whilst operating bucket controls to load and unload bucket

Stopping and After Use

- Park loader in a safe place
- Engage the park brake
- Lower the bucket to the ground
- Idle engine before switching off