

## 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.



## Starting Procedure

1. Turn fuel tap to on
2. Turn ignition switch to run
3. Choke engine (cold start)
4. Move throttle to start position
5. Make sure the transmission is in neutral
6. Pull starter recoil briskly until engine fires or starts
7. Release choke
8. Re-pull starter recoil briskly (if required) until engine starts
9. Allow the engine to warm up

## Required Safety Equipment



## Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Ensure fuel tank is full (straight petrol)
- Check engine oil
- Check transmission oil level
- Check condition of tines
- Ensure area to till is free of all rubble and debris
- Keep children clear of working area
- Stop engine to refuel
- Do not spill fuel
- Keep hands and feet clear of tines while machine is running
- Stop engine to clear tines
- Don't touch hot engine
- Check all safety functions for correct operation
- To stop in an emergency either release the main clutch from the main handle bar or turn off the ignition switch
- Never use in a confined area
- Never use on a slope in excess of 20°

## Operating the Rotary Hoe

- Select a gear suitable to drive the unit to your start position
- Increase engine speed to the desired position and engage the clutch by squeezing the main clutch lever together with the main handle bar to drive, release clutch lever when in position
- Engage the tine drive selector (for safety reasons the tines can't be selected when the reverse drive gear is selected). Always hoe in first gear only.
- Squeeze the main clutch lever together with the main handle bar to start the tine rotation and allow the unit to drive forward and the tines to dig into the ground
- Should the machine jerk forward while tilling, press down on the handle bars
- Continue hoeing by steering the machine around the desired area
- The unit will only hoe to a depth controlled by the hardness of the ground, if you want to go deeper go over the area again

## Stopping and After Use

- Disengage clutch (release the lever)
- Disengage tine drive selector
- Select neutral
- Move throttle lever to idle
- Turn the ignition switch to off
- Turn fuel tap off