

## REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT







### **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?

# Extension Power Unit Pole saw & trimmer (2-stroke)

Instructions for Use



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

- Check fuel tank is full of appropriate fuel and cap secures correctly
- Check for loose nuts, bolts and screws
- Make sure the pole extension is attached correctly
- Make sure the job site is safe to operate especially for overhead electrical lines
- For pole saw, make sure the chain is sharp and tensioned correctly, oil tank is full
- For hedge trimmer, make sure blades are sharp and lubricated

### **When Operating**

- Use appropriate PPE
- Ensure all by standers and assistants are aware of work proceedings
- Hold and operate the unit in a comfortable manner
- After machine has warmed up, fit the harness (if required) and you are ready to commence work
- These machines have a clutch which operates automatically when the machine
  is "revved up". So, a gentle pull on the throttle trigger will start the blade or chain
  moving.

### **Starting Procedure**

- Pump fuel primer bulb to prime fuel in carburettor
- Engage the choke (cold starts)
- Move ignition switch to on
- Lock throttle trigger by depressing trigger then lock button with thumb
- Hold machine down with one hand
- Pull starter slowly until a slight resistance is felt
- Give short sharp pulls
- When engine fires or starts disengage choke
- Once engine is running release throttle lock by squeezing trigger then release

### **Stopping and After Use**

- Return the throttle lever to idle
- Turn the engine switch to OFF
- Let the unit cool down
- Make sure the unit is clean