

SAFETY/RISK/HAZARD ASSESSMENT

PLANT INFORMATION

NHG Ref/Part No.

Plant ID: POSHOL

Plant Name: Post Hole Digger

Potential Noise Level in Db: 90dB to less than 100dB

Required hearing protection class: 3

Operator Competency: Plant Licence Not Required

It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that all operators are competent.

Please refer to the User Guide and Operators Manual for detailed Operating Instructions



Protective
equipment
must be worn
when operating
this machine



RISK ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Potential Hazard(s)

Injury or death from contact with underground utilities

Risk Level	Medium
Control Measures	Always DIAL 1100 "BEFORE YOU DIG to locate electrical and gas pipes

Injury from contact with moving parts

Risk Level	Medium
Control Measures	Ensure hands and feet are kept well away from the rotating blades during operation. All moving parts are protected. Do not remove guards or covers. Ensure protective footwear is worn. Ensure auger is locked into position If the auger hits a solid object, release the throttle immediately

Exposure to ultraviolet radiation

Risk Level	Medium
Control Measures	Wear sunscreen, hat, long sleeves and long pants.

Manual handling hazard – heavy object

Risk Level	Medium/Low
Control Measures	Use correct lifting techniques.

Injury or ill health due to exposure to exhaust or fuel fumes

Risk Level	Medium/Low
Control Measures	Do not operate in confined space. Use in well ventilated area, preferably with fume extraction ventilation. Avoid breathing or coming into contact with fuel.

Burn hazard

Risk Level Medium/Low

Control Measures Wear protective clothing during operation. Avoid contact with hot components. Allow engine to cool before attempting any maintenance (the muffler is fitted with a heat shield). Note warning label on engine.

Hearing Damage

Risk Level Medium/Low

Control Measures Hearing protection with a rating of 20Db must be worn. Note warning label on unit.

Entrapment

Risk Level Low

Control Measures The operator should ensure no loose clothing. Do not operate in the vicinity of items likely to cause entanglement.

KEY OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Use **UNLEADED** fuel only

To start unit:

1. Turn the fuel lever to the ON position
2. Ensure engine stop switch is in the ON position
3. Set throttle to the half throttle position
4. For cold starting use the choke lever
5. Start the engine by pulling the recoil rope with throttle in low speed position (this will prevent the clutch engaging until operation is ready to commence)
6. As the engine warms up, return the choke lever to the open position

To commence operation:

1. Open the throttle to the desired speed
2. Maintain control of the machine with both hands on the handle and applying downward pressure.
3. Ease the machine upwards occasionally as this will help the removal of soil
4. Ensure protective clothing is worn

To stop unit:

1. Return the throttle to low speed, turn the stop switch to OFF
2. Turn fuel lever to OFF position

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The safety information contained in this assessment is general information only and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice or tuition, which the hirer should seek before operating.

