

SAFETY/RISK/HAZARD ASSESSMENT

PLANT INFORMATION

NHG Ref/Part No.

Plant ID: WHIPSNIP

Plant Name: Stihl FS90 Whipper Snipper

Potential Noise Level in Db: 100db to less than 105db

Required hearing protection class: 4

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



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when operating
this machine



RISK ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Potential Hazard(s)

Injury from contact with moving parts

Risk Level High

Control Measures Keep body parts away from moving parts and ensure all operators are wearing protective equipment such as boots, eye and ear protection.

All users should familiarise themselves with the safe operation and emergency shutdown procedures of the equipment.

Exclude non-essential persons from work area (minimum of 6m).

Do not run while using whipper snipper.

Be alert for rocks and other obstruction which may be ejected from the work area at high speed.

Inspect equipment before operation to ensure connections & assembly are firmly positioned.

Never leave unattended while engine is running.

Do not use if under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or fatigue.

Hearing Damage

Risk Level Medium/High

Control Measures Hearing protection must be worn. Note warning label on unit.

Explosion or fire from fuel vapours

Risk Level Medium

Control Measures Stop engine before refuelling. Do not refuel while hot. Avoid spillage of fuel when refuelling. Ensure the fuel cap is properly secured after refuelling. Carry out visual checks for fuel leaks and repair before operation. Keep flammables away from the engine. Do not smoke while operating, servicing or refuelling this machine.

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

Risk Level Medium

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.

Exposure to ultraviolet radiation if working outdoors

Risk Level Medium

Control Measures Wear sunscreen, hat, long sleeves and long pants.

Burn hazard

Risk Level Medium/Low

Control Measures Wear protective clothing during operation. Avoid contact with hot components.
Never operate the engine with heat shields removed.

KEY OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Place the machine on the ground to start (do not drop start)
2. Hold down throttle interlock and squeeze throttle
3. While holding both levers in the above position, move the starter switch to ON
4. Release throttle triggers
5. Turn the both the fuel valve and operation switch to ON
6. For cold start, move the throttle control lever to the choke position
7. If the machine is equipped with a fuel primer, push bulb several times to prime
8. Firmly hold the handle of the starter rope, pull the starter cord slowly until resistance is felt, then pull rapidly.
9. If the engine does not start, repeat the above step until the engine starts.
10. Once the engine starts immediately turn the throttle lever (choke) to Run
11. Allow engine to warm up before operation

OPERATION

1. Face cutter head at an angle in front of you towards the ground
2. Engage throttle and move forward using a left to right arc like motion

STOPPING THE ENGINE

1. Turn the starter switch to OFF
2. Turn off fuel valve

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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.