



Operating Instructions

2 man Post Hole Digger



Pre-start Procedure:

1. Inspect entire unit before each use. Report any damaged or worn parts to NHG.
2. Check for any signs of fluid leaks, and ensure all fasteners are in place and securely fastened.
3. DO NOT use any attachments other than those provided.
4. Use only the attachment pin provided to secure implements, and ensure it is securely attached before operating unit.

On starting, always allow the unit to 'warm up' before beginning works.

To start:

1. Adjust throttle lever to approx.. $\frac{1}{4}$ open.
2. Pull rope starter gently until you feel resistance, allow to recoil, then pull quickly to start. Repeat if necessary.
3. Once started, slow engine to prevent over revving.
4. Allow engine to warm up before attaching auger.

If starting with auger attached, place unit in digging position. Both operators should place one hand on a handle bar and place other handle bar on hip to control movement, then proceed to Steps 1-3 above.

Test the throttle to ensure auger stops turning when throttle is released.

Drilling:

1. With both operators in position on opposite sides of the unit, both operators should place right hand on their corresponding right handle bar (one person controlling throttle) and allow the left handle bar to rest firmly against left hip.
2. Increase throttle slowly to determine torque, adjusting grip and operator position as necessary.
3. While drilling, allow the left handle bar to slide down left hip and leg to allow absorption of torque and to maintain control of the unit in difficult drilling conditions. Should the auger encounter an unseen object, the operators will be able to stall the unit, and allow the throttle operator to close the throttle.
4. DO NOT use with arms in an extended position. If an object is encountered, the unit could be jerked from the operators hands causing possible injury to the operators and/or damage to the unit.
5. DO NOT attempt to drill a hole with one pass. Drill to a depth of 1-2 feet and while auger is spinning, lift the unit to allow dirt to spin clear from the auger. Repeat until hole is complete.
6. DO NOT attempt to force the auger into the ground. It could lodge under an object and then cut through or raise the object to the surface if allowed to drill at its own speed.