

SAFETY/RISK/HAZARD ASSESSMENT

PLANT INFORMATION

NHG Ref/Part No.

Plant Name: **Red Roo Lawn Corer**

Potential Noise Level in Db:

Required hearing protection class:

Operator Competency: **Plant Licence Not Required**



RISK ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Potential Hazard(s)

Injury from contact with moving parts

Risk Level	High
Control Measures	All users should familiarise themselves with the safe operation and emergency shutdown procedures of the equipment. Exclude non-essential persons from work area. Position the machine on level ground and chock wheels if required. Ensure machine is positioned away from steep slopes that may alter the feed in height, thus affecting the operation of the safety bar. Ensure all loose clothing, body parts, hair and equipment such as ropes are kept well clear of the operating machine. Do not remove guards or covers. Keep hands, feet and body from the cutting area while engine is running.

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.

Manual handling hazard

Risk Level	Medium
Control Measures	Take care when transporting. Two people are required to lift and transport the machine.

KEY OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

It is essential to familiarise yourself with all the controls before starting, including EMERGENCY STOP.

With the machine on firm level ground, check fuel and oil levels prior to starting.

To start machine

- 1) IGNITION Must be in ON position to start.
- 2) Open fuel shut – off valve. Move choke control to CHOKE or START position.
Note: - Choke must fully close. Move throttle control to RUN or FAST position. If engine is equipped with rocker style stop switch, push RUN or I (Ignition) before starting.
- 3) Grasp rope handle and pull slowly until resistance is felt to prevent kickback. Allow cord to rewind then pull chord rapidly. Repeat if necessary.
- 4) Once the engine has warmed up, fully open the choke, and reset the throttle to idling speed.

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

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