



Safety Instructions

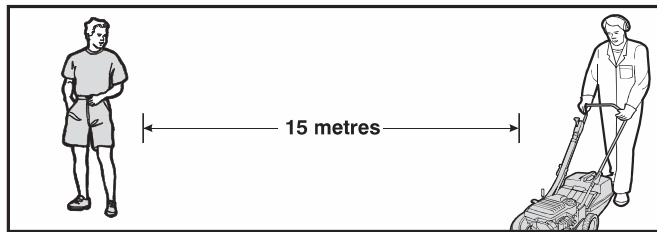
Transporting the mower

- Turn the engine off, by moving the throttle lever to the 'STOP' position and switching the fuel tap off (where fitted).
- Disconnect the spark plug lead and wedge it between the cylinder head fins.
- Do not transport the mower in a vehicle if there is fuel in the fuel tank.
- Remove the starter key and disconnect the battery (Keystart models only).

Before using the mower

- Do not start the mower until you have studied the instruction manuals.
- Know the mower controls. Learn how to stop the engine quickly in an emergency by moving the throttle to the 'STOP' position.
- Before using the mower, ensure that the blade assembly is not worn or damaged. Always replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve correct balance. Damaged or worn blades and bolts are major hazards. Use genuine VICTA spare parts only.
- **Please note blades are tucked under blade disc for safety and transport reasons before use. Once the engine is started they will relocate themselves for cutting.**
- Check all fasteners regularly. Always ensure the mower is in a safe operating condition.
- Check for grass build up around the engine and muffler which may cause overheating and/or a fire hazard.
- Do not start the engine unless the rear flap and/or grasscatcher are securely in position.

Operating the mower



- Do not mow while people or pets are in the vicinity of the mower or within the mowing area. Ensure that bystanders are a minimum of 15 metres away.
- Do not mow in bare feet or open shoes. Wear long trousers and heavy footwear.
- Make sure the lawn is clear of sticks, stones, bones, wire and debris before mowing. These could be thrown by the blades and cause injury or damage.
- Start the engine carefully with feet well clear of blades. Do not tilt the mower when starting the engine.
- Stop the engine whenever you leave the mower, even for a moment.
- Mow only in good daylight.
- Keep hands and feet away from rotating parts beneath mower when engine is running.
- Do not over speed the engine or alter the governor settings. Excessive engine speed is dangerous and shortens mower life.



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- **Never lift, carry or tilt the mower when the engine is running.**
- Stop the engine before pushing the mower across gravel, paths or roads. Stop the engine before the mower leaves the lawn.
- Stop the engine before adjusting the cutting height.
- Mow across the face of a slope, never up or down. Use extreme caution when changing direction on a slope. Do not mow on excessively steep slopes.
- Never mow by pulling the mower towards you. You may slip and pull the mower on top of your feet.
- Walk with the mower, never run.
- The safety distance determined by the guiding handles must be maintained at all times.
- At the conclusion of mowing, always turn the mower off using the throttle lever then turn fuel tap off (where fitted).

Maintaining the mower

- If the mower begins to vibrate abnormally, or if it strikes a foreign object - STOP the engine, disconnect the spark plug lead from the spark plug and carefully wedge it between the cylinder fins. Inspect the mower and blades for any damage.
- Replace worn or faulty mufflers as they adversely affect engine performance and increase emissions.
- VICTA recommends that all maintenance, repair and inspection work be carried out by a VICTA Authorised Service Centre.
- Store the mower in a well ventilated area, away from any naked flames such as those found in hot water heaters.

Refuelling the mower

- Refuel the mower outdoors only.
- Do not smoke when refuelling the engine. Never add fuel or remove the fuel cap while the engine is running or hot. If fuel is spilt, do not start the engine. Move the mower away from the area of the spill. Do not create any source of ignition until fuel vapours have dissipated.
- Store fuel in a cool place and in a container specifically designed for the purpose. VICTA supplies a 5 litre fuel can as an optional extra. Plastic containers are unsuitable, except those specifically designed to hold fuel.

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Hazards

The following safety precautions must be strictly observed to avoid the risk of damage or personal injury.

- Do not smoke while operating or refuelling the mower. Never add fuel or remove the fuel cap while the engine is running or hot. If the fuel is spilt, do not start the engine. Move the mower away from the area of the spill. Do not create any source of ignition until the fuel vapours have dissipated.
- Check all fasteners regularly. Always ensure that the mower is in safe operating condition. Use genuine spare parts only.
- Do not operate the mower in confined spaces where exhaust fumes (carbon monoxide) can collect.
- Stop the engine whenever you leave the mower, even if only for a moment.
- Stop the engine when emptying the grasscatcher. Never try to clear grass from inside the mower while the engine is running.
- Never lift, carry or tilt the mower when the engine is running.
- Bystanders must be at least 15 metres away during operation of the mower, as rocks and other materials may be thrown at high velocities. Switch the unit off immediately if approached.
- Never use the mower unless the grasscatcher and/or the rear flap are correctly assembled and fitted.

Personal Safety Equipment

Recommended safety equipment to wear when working with your lawnmower:



A set of ear muffs.



A pair of protective gloves.



A pair of safety boots.



Eye Protection.