

## SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users. Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.



## Starting Procedure

1. Turn fuel tap to on
2. Turn ignition switch to run
3. Choke engine (cold start)
4. Move throttle to start position
5. Make sure the transmission is in neutral
6. Pull starter recoil briskly until engine fires or starts
7. Release choke
8. Re-pull starter recoil briskly (if required) until engine starts
9. Allow the engine to warm up

## Required Safety Equipment



## Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Check fuel tank is full (straight petrol)
- Check engine oil
- Check transmission oil level
- Check condition of tines
- Ensure area to till is free of all rubble and debris
- Keep children clear of working area
- Stop engine to refuel
- Do not spill fuel
- Keep hands and feet clear of tines while machine is running
- Stop engine to clear tines
- Don't touch hot engine
- Check all safety functions for correct operation
- Never use in a confined area
- Never run hoe in reverse while tines are selected
- Operate on level ground only
- To stop in an emergency release the clutch lever (at left handle grip)

## When Operating

- Drive the unit to your start position (the tine control lever should be set at off when moving machine without tilling)
- Increase engine speed to the desired position and engage the clutch by the main clutch lever (at left handle grip) this activates wheel drive
- The tine drive lever must be moved all the way over to the forward "on" position when tilling
- Should the machine jerk forward while tilling, press down on the handle bars
- Continue hoeing by steering and driving the machine with the wheel drive lever around the desired area (never hoe in reverse)
- The unit will only hoe to a depth controlled by the hardness of the ground, under most conditions at least two passes must be made. For deeper tillage, move the depth bar up one hole at a time

## Stopping and After Use

- Disengage clutch (release the lever)
- Disengage tine drive selector
- Select neutral
- Move throttle lever to idle
- Turn the ignition switch to off
- Turn fuel tap off