

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT



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 job. Do this by:

- Thinking about and observing your surroundings
- Running through the steps of the job in your mind
- Identifying the hazards, how you can get hurt and how you'll prevent it
- Knowing what plant and equipment you need
- Only starting when you can do the job safely
- Ensuring you are trained or experienced for the task
- Communicating with everyone involved

Points to consider when planning a task. Can you:

- Come into contact with an energy source (e.g. heat, electricity, substance under pressure) or hazardous materials
- Be struck-by or against anything?
- Be caught-in, on or between anything?
- Slip, trip or fall on the same or too a lower level
- Strain or sprain a muscle?
- Cause damage to plant equipment or property?
- Spill or pollute something?

Hydraulic Post Hole Borer

Instructions for Use



Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Check auger size for machine and job
- Check cutters on auger
- Check engine oil level/hydraulic oil level
- Check fuel tank is full (straight petrol)
- Avoid wearing any loose clothing that may tangle in the auger
- Use only in a well ventilated area
- Securely hold the machine with both hands
- Stop engine when refueling and removing augers
- Check for underground power cables, water pipes and tree roots etc before boring holes
- Take extra care on wet slippery surfaces

When Operating

- Position borer where hole is to be bored using self drive hydraulic lever (some models only)
- Lock wheels with levers attached to wheels (some models only)
- Activate hydraulic hand lever to rotate borer
- Release to stop
- Apply a slight downward pressure onto machine and hold steady
- Keep drawing out the auger from the hole to clear the excavated earth

Starting Procedure

- Turn on fuel supply
- Turn on engine switch
- Engage the choke is starting from cold
- Pull starter cord out until a slight resistance is felt, let starter recoil and give sharp pulls till engine fires or starts
- Disengage the choke
- If required re-pull starter cord out until a slight resistance is felt, let starter recoil and give sharp pulls till engine starts
- Allow engine to warm up
- To fit auger: To reduce the risk of injury, shut off the engine before removing or changing the auger
- position auger into coupling on hydraulic drive motor
- Push up collar and release to lock auger into position
- Lift up machine to check that auger is fully locked into position

Stopping and After Use

- Turn off engine switch or push stop button
- Turn off fuel supply
- Push up collar and release auger from machine