
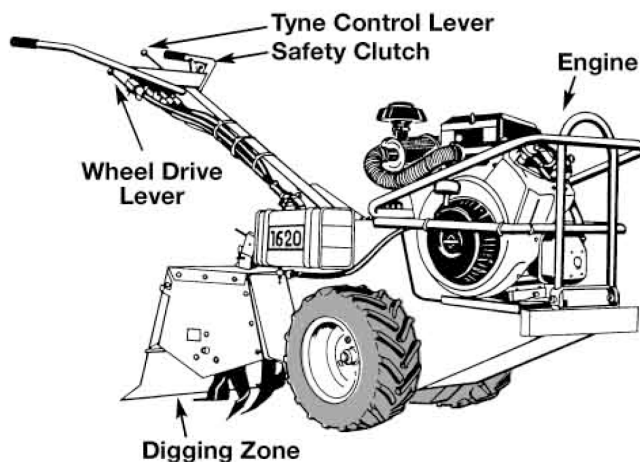


Rotary hoe (RH 1620)

(Guide only)

BEFORE USE

1. Read and understand the hazard assessment sheet and safety precaution sheet.
2. Ensure that all grass and weeds have been cut as low as possible.
3. If the rotary hoe is to be used in clay or hard ground conditions, it is recommended to water the area thoroughly and allow sufficient time for the earth to soften.
4. Police the area. Remove any foreign objects from the area. 
5. Identify and mark the location of sprinkler heads, gas pipes, telephone cables etc.



Stay alert, don't get hurt

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove the rotary hoe from its trailer. Use caution.
2. Familiarise yourself with the rotary hoe and its controls.
3. **Safety clutch lever** - located on the left handle bar (from rear) of the machine. The machine will not operate unless this lever is pressed up against the handle grip. When the lever is released, both wheels and tynes stop.
4. **Wheel speed lever** - the wheel speed is variable both in forward and reverse. Moving the wheel drive lever to the right causes the rotary hoe to go forward - to the left will activate reverse. The further the control lever is moved away from the centre, the faster the rotary hoe will travel. When the lever is centered, the wheels are locked in a neutral or park position.
5. **Tyne control lever** - the tynes operate at a constant speed. The tyne drive lever must be moved all the way over to the forward 'ON' position when hoeing. If an object becomes lodged in the tynes, put Wheel Drive lever in neutral and reverse tyne direction to dislodge it.
6. Open fuel shut-off valve, if engine is equipped. 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' (I = ignition) before starting.
Rewind starter: Grasp rope handle as illustrated and pull slowly until resistance is felt to prevent kickback. Then pull cord rapidly to overcome compression and start engine. Repeat if necessary with choke off and throttle control in 'FAST' position. Operate engine in 'FAST' position.
7. **Hoeing operation:** In most soil and soil conditions, the depth bar can be set with the pin in the third hole from the top.
 - A. When starting to rotary hoe, move tyne drive lever to the forward position.
 - B. Hold operator safety clutch lever to handle grip to engage tynes.
 - C. Move wheel drive lever to the right until desired wheel speed is reached. Under most conditions, at least two passes must be made. To increase depth, move the depth bar up one hole at a time.

TRANSPORT

Be sure tyne control lever is set at 'OFF' while loading and unloading rotary hoe and when moving to or from areas to be rotary hoed.



9. To prevent injuries from rotating tynes, KEEP REAR TYNE COVER CLOSED and MACHINE LEVEL while tynes are operating.



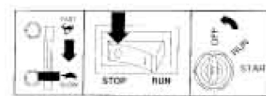
10. WARNING: OPERATE ROTARY HOE ON LEVEL GROUND ONLY.

11. WARNING: DO NOT LEAVE ROTARY HOE UNATTENDED WITH ENGINE RUNNING.



12. WARNING: KEEP HANDS AND FEET CLEAR OF TYNES AT ALL TIMES.

- 13. Stop engine: Do not move choke control to 'CHOKE' position to stop engine. Backfire or engine damage may occur. Move throttle control to 'SLOW' position, then push rocker switch to 0 (stop), or turn key to 'OFF', if equipped.



Typical Stop Switches

AFTER USE

- 1. Turn fuel tap to 'OFF' position.
- 2. Allow machine to cool down. Wash mud and dirt off of the hoe.
- 3. Remove any weeds, wire, rope, etc. that may have wrapped around the knives and rotor assembly.

MANDATORY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible solution

Do not under any circumstances attempt any repairs. Please call your local Hiredepot branch for assistance.

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