## **OPERATING PROCEDURE**

# HIRE DEPOT

## **Turf cutter**

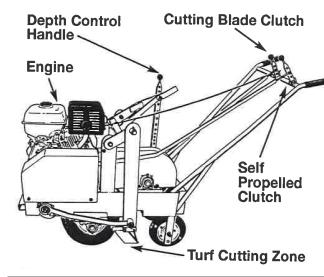
(Guide only)

#### **BEFORE STARTING**

- 1. Read and understand the hazard assessment sheet.
- 2. If the turf cutter is to be used in clay or hard ground conditions, it is recommended to water the area thoroughly and allow sufficient time for the soil to soften.
- 3. Identify and mark the location of sprinkler heads, gas pipes, telephone cables etc.

## SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

You alone know the operational demands and special conditions affecting the equipment in your situation and therefore assume the resposibility for developing, carrying out and enforcing the safety concepts which apply to your own operation to effect the greatest safety for yourself and the people around you.



Stay alert, don't get hurt

### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Remove the turf cutter from its trailer / carrier. **Use caution**.
- 2. Familiarise yourself with the machine and its controls.
- 3. Before starting the engine, ensure cutting blade is in the raised position.
- 4. Before starting the engine, ensure both clutch handles are forward and disengaged.
- Open fuel shut-off valve. Set choke control to 'CHOKE' or 'START' position. Set throttle control to 'RUN' or 'FAST' position. Set engine stop switch to 'ON' or 'RUN' position. Pull seater cord rapidly. Repeat (if necessary) with the choke off.



6. After starting the engine, engage the self-propelled clutch and move the machine to the desired cutting area.

Press the engine 'STOP' button located on the engine.

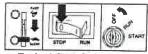
- 7. When the operator is ready to start cutting turf, lower the cutting blade to the desired depth by moving the depth control handle down.
- 8. Adjust the throttle lever to achieve desired motor speed according to the conditions.
- 9. To start the cutting blade pull the cutting clutch toward the operator.
- 10. Engage the self-propelled clutch.

# WARNING Keep hands and feet clear of the cutting blade at all times.

WARNING: IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY, DISENGAGE THE CLUTCH LEVERS. ALL ACTION STOPS.

11. When finished cutting turf, reverse the procedure:

- a) Reduce throttle speed
- b) Disengage self-propelled clutch push forward
- c) Disengage cutting blade clutch push forward
- d) Raise the cutting blade
- e) Engage the self-propelled clutch lever and return to the trailer / carrier. **USE CAUTION.**



**Typical Stop Switches** 

### **AFTER USE**

- 1. Turn fuel shut off valve to the 'OFF' position.
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- 2. Allow machine to cool down.
- 3. Wash mud and dirt off the turf cutter. Ensure no water enters the carburettor.
- 4. Remove any weeds, wire, rope or other material that may have wrapped around the cutting assembly.

# MANDATORY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT











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

This operating and safety brochure is intended as a guide only for the safe operation of this equipment. It does not override license requirements nor is it a substitute for structured operating lesson. If you are unsure about any aspect of the equipment, its capabilities or the correct usage, please call our trained staff for instruction or any questions you may have regarding the safe operation of this equipment.