

Noise emissions:

Honda engine powered - 81dBA

Ear muffs

To be worn - B.S. 6344 for levels above 85dBA

**IMPORTANT
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

This machine is hired under terms & conditions of the Hire Contract.

No liability will be accepted for any damage caused to persons or property through failure to observe operating and safety instructions.

A charge will be made for any damage caused to the machine through misuse or failure to comply with operating instructions.

Hirers are also reminded that they are liable for the replacement cost of any machine & accessories, lost or stolen.

BE SECURITY WISE - DO NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES

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ROTOVATOR

Self-propelled - 8hp HONDA 4-stroke petrol engine

NEVER
TIP THIS MACHINE ON ITS SIDE OR UPSIDE-DOWN

TIPPING CAN CAUSE OIL LEAKAGE INTO THE AIR FILTER AND EXHAUST CAUSING DAMAGE.

REPAIR COSTS WILL BE CHARGED TO HIRER.

Petrol engines can only be slightly tipped in such a way that the spark plug remains uppermost.

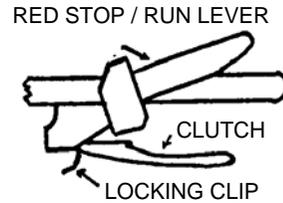
SAFETY NOTES

- **ALWAYS** start engine in the open air.
- **DO NOT** smoke when refuelling.
- **USE ONLY** neat unleaded petrol.
- **ALWAYS** stop the engine before making any adjustments, refuelling or cleaning.
- **NEVER** remove any safety guards that are fitted.
- **DO NOT** touch any moving parts whilst the machine is running.
KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY.
- **BEFORE STARTING WORK** inspect and clear the work area of any objects that could damage the machine.
- **NEVER** allow children or anyone uninstructed to operate the machine. **KEEP ALL ANIMALS AWAY.**
- **IF YOU LOSE CONTROL** let go of the **red RUN / STOP lever** and the engine / drive system will stop.

IF A FAULT or oil leak develops, do not attempt any repair and contact E&J HIRE Tel: 01843 868185

STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Check fuel level - use neat unleaded fuel.
2. Fully depress the RED engine RUN / STOP LEVER and CLUTCH lever, then lock both in position with locking clip.
3. Ensure gear lever in neutral and rotors disengaged.
4. Apply half throttle (lever on right handle).
5. Move fuel lever to 'ON' position.
6. Move choke lever to 'ON' position if engine cold or only lightly warm.
7. Pull recoil start handle gently until resistance felt, then pull firmly to start engine.
8. When engine has started, move choke lever to off position.



(NOTE: If a Honda engine has not started by second pull, you have forgotten something i.e. engine switch, choke - check.)

DURING OPERATION

The red RUN / STOP lever must be kept depressed, if released or partially released the engine / machine will stop.

OPERATION

1. Fully squeeze clutch lever (clutch must be used at all times to change gears & to engage/disengage rotor drive).
2. Select working gear (No1 or 2), using right-hand gear lever.
3. Engage rotor drive by easing left-hand gear lever forward.
4. Release clutch lever slowly and increase engine speed.
5. If the gear levers are difficult to engage. Make sure engine is on tick over and slightly release / reapply clutch lever whilst attempting to engage. NEVER ATTEMPT GEAR CHANGE AT HIGH REVS.

TO STOP ENGINE

1. Release red RUN / STOP lever and engine / machine will stop.
2. Move fuel lever to 'OFF'.

WARNING – EXHAUST COVER WILL BE HOT

FOR SAFETY

Reverse gear CANNOT BE selected whilst the rotors are in gear, nor can the rotor drive be engaged if reverse is selected.

OPERATING HINTS

Do not expect the machine to do the impossible.

It will NOT break into dry rock hard ground (such areas need to be cracked open with a fork prior to rotovating). It may take 3 or 4 passes to break through the top surface and rotovate to full depth. Clear all loose trash / long material from area before attempting to rotovate, if such material left on ground it will wrap around rotors making it impossible for machine to work effectively. Periodically stop machine and check digging rotor and remove foreign matter i.e. wire, string, grass etc.,

Excessive downward pressure on the handlebars may cause the machine to jump. Apply gentle pressure and the machine will find its own digging depth each pass according to the type of ground.

CENTRE DEPTH KNIFE CONTROL

The lever & lock pin mounted on top of the rotor box, raises or lowers a knife between the rotors, which can be used to help rip into surface and control depth.

