

## 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.



## Required Safety Equipment



Foot Protection



Hearing Protection



Hand Protection



Protective Clothing

## Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Fuel tank is full (2 Stroke 25:1 mix)
- Ensure correct quantity and sized shear pins
- Ensure correct auger size for machine and job
- Check auger cutting tip is undamaged
- Check throttle lever returns by itself when released
- 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
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Stop engine when refueling
- Check for underground power cables, water pipes and tree roots etc before boring holes
- Take extra care on wet slippery surfaces

## When Operating

- Fit auger to machine with shear pin supplied
- Grasp the machine firmly with both hands
- Slightly spread feet apart to keep a good balance
- Depress throttle to a comfortable speed that suits
- Apply downward pressure onto the machine
- Keep drawing out the auger from the hole to clear the excavated earth

## Starting procedure

1. Fit the auger onto the machine
2. Turn the fuel tap to on
3. Place the machine on the ground with the handle on end and the throttle to the top
4. Switch ignition switch to the on position (if applicable)
5. Engage the choke
6. Depress the throttle lever
7. Set the left hand grip to your waist and pull the starter cord while holding the right grip with the left hand
8. Give short sharp pulls until the engine starts and/or fires.
9. Disengage the choke
10. If required pull starter cord until engine starts
11. Throttle engine then allow to idle

## Stopping and After Use

- Allow the engine to cool down for two minutes
- Depress stop button or turn off the ignition switch to stop the engine
- Turn the fuel tap off
- Remove the auger from the machine