

## Please read this carefully before operating our equipment

### HELP

If the equipment does not operate correctly, is faulty or you are not satisfied with its performance, stop work and contact Agile Equipment hire on 1300 092 647. Do not attempt repairs yourself.

### GENERAL SAFETY

- Read this User Guide and any other Safety Information provided (e.g., decals, manufacturer's operating instructions), completely and in its entirety, before operating the equipment.
- Always conduct a pre-inspection of the equipment before commencing work and report any damage or concerns to your local depot.
- Do not use the equipment if it is damaged, faulty or has any parts missing.
- Please ensure you have the correct machine for the job, and you know how

to properly and safely operate it (there are many different equipment options available to make your job easy).

- You need to be familiar with and fully understand the equipment and its operations, including uncontrolled or unexpected movement, emergency shut down/response and follow instructions provided by the hirer.
- Ensure that you assemble and use the equipment according to the manufacturers and hirer's instructions.
- Check controls and any safety devices for proper response.
- Make sure you possess a Certificate of Competency or license issued by the relevant Regulatory Authority were required to operate particular equipment.
- Where possible; operate in a clear work area free from non-essential persons, children, animals or hazards.
- Ensure the weather conditions are suitable for the job. If weather conditions

adversely change, cease work.

- Ensure that you have a secure footing and clear access and egress to the work area while on the job.
- Maintain constant awareness of your surroundings when operating moving equipment
- Ensure the work environment is well lit with all aspects of the job easily seen and discernible.
- Ensure that you use correct lifting techniques and/or mechanical aids where applicable when using or transporting any machine or materials.
- Ensure any equipment or loads are securely restrained and are unable to move or fall during transport.
- Do not operate any equipment if you are tired or suffering any medical condition, or if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, which may cause lethargy or dangers to yourself or others.
- Do not hurry and take unnecessary risks.

### USING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- Thoroughly familiarise yourself with the safety precautions associated with the operation of any equipment before attempting to use it.
- Ask for assistance and refer to the supplier's manual(s) if you are not sure of the correct use of the equipment.
- Ensure all equipment guards are in place; operational and all cutting tools are sharp.
- Never force tools or use equipment for purposes other than those for which they were designed
- Use of equipment may cause a collapse of the structure in some applications (e.g. trenches, excavations, wall removal etc.) and may require installation of approved shoring or other suitable controls.
- Confined spaces can be hazardous, as toxic and flammable gasses may be present. Make sure you have taken adequate precaution prior to entering and whilst working in a confined space. Use the correct PPE, monitoring equipment and ventilation to minimise risk.
- Operate engine driven equipment only in well-ventilated areas. Fumes can kill. LPG and Fuel engines produce carbon monoxide gas. Carbon monoxide gas is odourless. Improperly ventilated or enclosed spaces may allow carbon monoxide levels to accumulate, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning.

### FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND GASES

- Use extreme care when filling fuel tanks – vapours can be explosive.
- Ensure that the motor is turned off and cool before refuelling.
- Keep fuel containers at least 3 meters away from where you will be starting the equipment.
- NEVER smoke in the vicinity of, and keep sources of sparks away from, any flammable liquid or gas.
- Where possible, keep an appropriate fire extinguisher nearby.
- LPG is highly explosive when mixed with air; keep it well away from open flame or sources of sparks. LPG as is heavier than air and will displace air at lower levels – even though you may not be able to smell it, LPG may still be present.
- Keep cylinders vertical and firmly secured at all times (e.g. storage, transport, use).
- If testing appliances for leaks – always use soapy water, NEVER a naked flame.
- Gases cannot always be seen or smelt and can cause oxygen deficiency. Those include CO<sub>2</sub>, Helium, Argon. Always use these appliances in well-ventilated areas. LPG and Fuel appliances use up oxygen. Lack of oxygen can lead to drowsiness, unconsciousness and death. Do not leave appliances unattended as the LPG flame may go out leading to gas escape and a possible dangerous gas build up.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Always wear all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment such as safety goggles, earmuffs, safety boots, helmet, gloves etc., appropriate for the task or equipment and as indicated.



### CLOTHING

- Wear suitable clothes. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery that may be caught up in moving parts.
- Long hair shall be constrained through netting, tying or other close-fitting apparel.
- Where applicable, protect yourself outside with long-sleeved clothing, sun protection, and hat.

