

Safe Operating Procedure

Whacker



PERSONAL SAFETY



PRE OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Check compactors fuel level, oil level, air filter;
- Check area for an potential obstacles or hazards;
- Ensure that no flammable gases in the area;
- Ensure fuel is sufficient and engine oil level okay.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Manual handling injuries;
- Noise levels;
- Exhaust fumes;
- Vibrations;
- Hot engine components;
- Fire.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY PRACTICES (CONTROLS)

- Turn fuel on (lever down);
- Close choke and place throttle at idle;
- Pull rope start in a smooth action, keeping knees bent and back straight;
- Once started, open choke and allow to warm up;
- Move throttle quickly to full position;
- Let compactor plane along by itself, using the handles to steer the machine along;
- Bring machine back to idle when stationary or travelling over compacted or solid ground;
- Work progressively over the area to be compacted, to prevent the machine from 'digging in';
- Spray area with water to suppress dust and to aid with compaction;
- Do not refuel petrol motor while in operation or when engine is hot;
- Do not refuel petrol motor while in the vicinity of sparks, naked flame or person/s smoking;
- Do not overfill fuel tank;
- Ensure fuel tank cap is securely fitted after refuelling;
- Do not operate or refuel the motor in confined space without adequate ventilation.

HOUSEKEEPING

- Ensure petrol is stored in approved storage container;
- Avoid spilling petrol when refuelling, if spillage occurs, ensure area is dry before starting motor;
- Allow compactor to idle for a few seconds before pressing the stop button;
- Ensure the stop button is depressed until the motor is completely stopped;
- Once the motor has cooled the machine can be cleaned;
- Place the machine in a secured area and/or back to store.