



OPERATION

PARKING

NEVER PARK THIS UNIT ON A SLOPE OF ANY KIND. Always keep tines in the up position when parking the unit.

TINES RAISING/LOWERING

The tines are raised or lowered into the ground by operating the tine engagement lever on the upper handle. Tine penetration is very dependent on surface preparation. READ the entire operation section before aerating.

AERATING OPERATION

MOW: Mow the lawn to its normal cut height.

WATER: For the best performance and maximum tine penetration the lawn should be thoroughly watered the day before aeration.

INSPECT lawn before beginning work. Remove all rocks, wire, string, or other objects that can present a hazard during work prior to starting.

IDENTIFY and mark all fixed objects to be avoided during work, such as sprinkler heads, water valves, buried cables, or clothes line anchors, etc.

STARTING

ENGINE: See engine manufacturer's instructions for type and amount of oil and gasoline used. Engine must be level when checking and filling oil and gasoline.

ENGINE SPEED: Controlled by lever on the engine. Under normal conditions, operate at the minimum throttle speed to accomplish your task.

ON/OFF: Set the on/off switch to ON

FUEL VALVE: Move fuel valve to "ON" position

Honda: Located below the air cleaner on the engine.

CHOKE: Engage the choke when starting a cold engine.

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THROTTLE: Move the throttle control lever on the engine to fast position. Pull starting rope to start engine

IF YOUR UNIT FAILS TO START: check trouble shooting section in operator's manual. Also see engine manual

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ENGAGE TINES: With the aerator in the work area, lower the by releasing the center lever on the handle. When the lever is in the forward position, pull up on the bail to engage the tines.

AERATE: Push the machine with the tines engaged.

NOTE: in cold temperatures engage the tines in the up position for two minutes to warm the cam grease.

NOTE: For maximum tine penetration apply downward pressure on the handle.

TURNING: At the end of an aerating run, release the bail and raise the tines out of the ground. Then reposition the unit for another pass and lower the tines to begin another run.

TRANSPORT: Be sure to raise tines out of the ground (disengaging the bail and then raising the tines with the center lever) before transporting away from the work area.

AERATING TIPS

SLOPES: Do not operate the aerator on steep slopes (exceeding 15°). Use extreme caution when operating on any sloped surface. For lesser sloped areas operate the unit, traversing up and down at a 45 degree angle to the slope rather than straight across. Extended operation on steep slopes can cause engine damage.

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