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Before you start

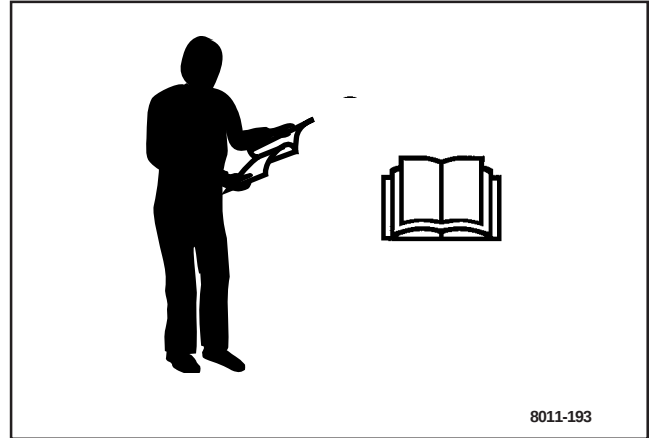
Read this entire manual and understand and follow all instructions and warnings before operating the machine.

Operator Tips

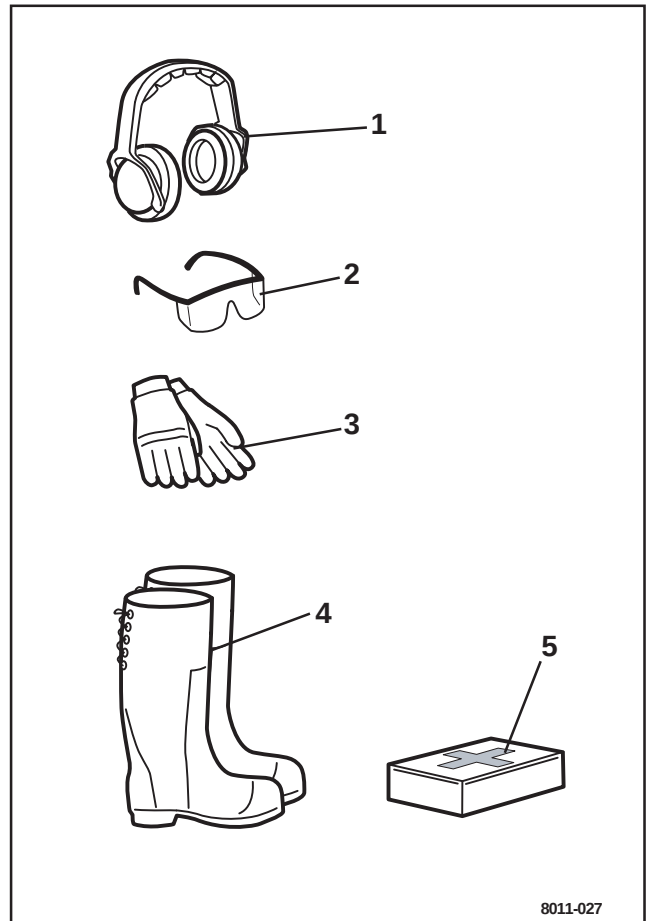
- To engage reverse gear you may need to rock the machine back and forth while pulling the shift lever.
- Stop before shifting gears.
- Cut going down hill slopes not across or up slope.
- End cuts by pushing the blade engagement lever down while still holding the throttle to cut the end of the sod strip as the blade rises.
- Soil conditions will effect cutting depth. Readjusting the blade depth may be required as you move from hard soil to soft or moist soil conditions.
- Do not attempt sharp turns while cutting.

It is usually not necessary to water before cutting. In extreme conditions, such as clay soil that is very compacted, a simple test as follows will determine if you need to water before cutting. Use a garden hand spade, weed tool, or even a large screwdriver to test the ground's hardness. You should be able to push the tool into the ground 2 to 3 inches with little effort. If you are unable to do so, then watering may be advisable. Watering the day before should give sufficient time for the soil to absorb the moisture. Use your hand tool to gauge the effectiveness of your watering. Allow the grass to dry before cutting to provide adequate traction for sod cutting.

- Review all of the machine's safety decals.
- Use personal safety equipment. (See "Protective Equipment" section.)
- Make sure that you are familiar with safety regulations and shutdown procedures described previously in the operator's manual.
- Make sure that all guards are in place and in good condition.
- Make sure that the blades are in place and in good condition.



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1. Ear protection
2. Protective glasses
3. Protective gloves
4. First aid kit
5. Protective boots or steel-toed shoes

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- Make sure that the work area and blades in particular are free from metallic objects such as wire, nails, etc. that could be thrown out and injure persons in the vicinity and damage the equipment.
- Make sure that everyone, including children and animals, are not in the sod cutting area. Debris can be thrown out and injure people and animals.



Using your sod cutter

- Be sure engine oil is at engine manufacturer's recommended level. (Refer to engine manufacturer's manual.)
 - Make sure centrifugal clutch case has the proper amount of oil.
 - Put the sod cutter into neutral before starting.
 - Place blade in transport position before starting.
1. Position the sod cutter at your starting point with the blade out of the ground.
 2. Unscrew knob and thread into a desired hole for the correct depth of cut. (See Figure)
 3. Pull the blade engagement lever up.
 4. Place the shift lever in slow gear (setting #1).
 5. Pull the throttle while maintaining a slight down pressure on the handlebar and cut a short distance, then stop. Put shift lever in neutral.
 6. Lift the edge of the sod to check the cut depth.
 7. To change the depth, push the blade engagement lever down, unlock the depth lock knob and select the appropriate hole and repeat steps 3 thru 6.
 8. End cuts by pushing the blade engagement lever down while holding the throttle to cut the end of the sod strip as the blade exits the ground.

