

POST HOLE DIGGER

(PETROL POWERED)



1 ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE

This Equipment Safety Data Sheet is intended as a guide only for the safe operation of this device. It does not override Worksafe NZ recommendations or any other industry requirements. You **MUST** be a competent qualified person to operate this machine. Do not use this post hole digger for work that it was not designed for!

If you are unsure about any aspect of this device or its capabilities or its suitability, or if you are in doubt as to its proper usage you must contact one of the Hire Company Employees or an industry expert before continuing.

2 PLANNING FOR SAFETY

A hazard identification assessment & control site plan, **MUST** be in place before starting any work.

BEFORE USING THIS POST HOLE DIGGER:

- Specify the tasks and methods for the job
- Ensure that this machine is the best machine for the job
- Understand the capabilities of this device and its limitations
- Identify any site specific hazards that may affect the safe use of this machine and remove any hazards
- Identify any underground services
- Ensure site emergency procedures, first aid kit and fire extinguisher are in place.

3 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



EYE & FACE PROTECTION



PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR



HEARING PROTECTION



PROTECTIVE GLOVES

4 IMPORTANT HAZARDS



- **Danger! Operating the Post Hole Digger exerts a strong rotational force on your body.** You must be physically strong enough to withstand the force of the digger and to lift the auger + motor from the hole. You must have a good strong footing before starting digging. Never operate if you have a pre existing back injury or if conditions are slippery.



- **Danger! Risk of amputation!** Never place hands or feet in the excavation areas, especially when the auger is rotating.



- **Danger! Risk of collapse!** Never dig on unstable ground or close to the edge.

- **Danger! Always check for underground services.** Check before you dig.



- **Danger! Risk of entanglement!** Never wear loose clothing. Tie back long hair. Keep fencing material, especially wire, well clear of digging zone.

⚠ DANGER!

- Never remove or tamper with the safety features of this machine, especially the auger safety brake. If any of the safety features have been tampered with or are not functional, do not use this device
- Be aware of hot surfaces, especially the exhaust muffler and engine. Do not touch.
- Exhaust gases are poisonous. Never run the engine in confined spaces.
- Turn off engine when refuelling. No smoking. Use appropriate PPE when refuelling.
- Fatigue warning: Vibration and prolonged use may cause accidents from fatigue. Never operate this device if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or any substance capable of impairing your abilities. You must be physically strong enough to operate this machine. Minimum age 18 years.

5 WORK ZONE

WORK SITE PRECAUTIONS

FIRST AID KIT

IN EMERGENCY
DIAL 111

- Before commencing work ensure everyone understands the site traffic management plan, emergency procedures, where to find a fire extinguisher or first aid kit, and that you can call 111 in an emergency.

Operator must always use both hands and operate from the correct position. Never sit or stand on digger to increase downward pressure.

Single operator only! 3 metre exclusion zone

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING!
NEVER OPERATE IN CONFINED PLACES!

Keep all materials outside of exclusion zone, especially wire.

Take care when discharging soil from auger flutes! Stop the auger, remove the device from the hole to a safe spot then discharge the soil by briefly pressing the throttle to spin the auger. Never remove dirt or objects from the digging zone while the auger is turning. Only use those augers and extensions bars as supplied.

DANGER!

BE AWARE OF HIDDEN OBSTACLES SUCH AS UNDERGROUND SERVICES, TREE ROOTS & ROCKS

