

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

LAWN MOWER - PETROL

**ONLY TRAINED
PERSONNEL
AUTHORISED TO OPERATE
THIS MACHINE**



Identified Hazards

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapidly rotating cutting blades • Noise • Fuel (Spillage/Fire/Explosion/ Vapours • Impact and cutting injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ejecting materials and flying debris • Manual handling • Hot surfaces
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Personal Protective Equipment Requirements to Operate



Other | Additional PPE Requirements:

Pre-Operational Safety Checks

- Locate and ensure you are familiar with all machine operations and controls;
- Check unit for loose/missing nuts, bolts and screws. Tighten and/ or replace as needed;
- Inspect fuel lines, tank, and area around carburettor for fuel leaks. Do not operate unit if leaks are found;
- Ensure mower is clean;
- Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty;
- Fuel lawn mower away from any possible sources of ignition;
- Ensure cutting blades are sharp, secure and in good condition;
- Check for any loose, broken, missing or damaged parts. Replace as needed;
- Identifying ON/OFF switch and emergency stop button;
- Ensure all other employees are clear of the immediate work area;

Operational Safety Checks

- Do not use in close proximity to other workers;
- When you start up the lawn mower, listen for unusual noises or vibrations;
- Keep your hands and feet away from moving parts at all times;
- Clear the area to be mowed of debris that may be thrown;
- Watch for ejecting material. Ensure no person or animal is endangered when operating equipment;
- Avoid mowing in wet conditions due to lack of traction;
- Maintain a proper balance and secure footing;
- Operate at a speed slow enough to keep control over unexpected hazards;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mow in a forward direction;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When mowing on a slope, mow across the slope. This keeps a better distance between you and the mower in case of a slip;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow the mower to cool down before refuelling;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure good housekeeping practices are in place to minimize waste build-up;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never leave mower running and unattended.
<p>Storage & Maintenance</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn off the fuel supply when work completed;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove any foreign material from in and around engine and cater parts;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before adjusting or cleaning grass clogs, shut off the mower, remove the spark plug lead and allow it to come to a complete standstill.