

# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

## WHIPPER SNIPPER – PETROL

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



### Identified Hazards

• Fuel (Spillage/ Fire/ Explosion/ Vapours)	• Hot Surfaces
• Noise	• Toxic Exhaust fumes (carbon monoxide)
• Manual handling	• Slips and trips
• Impact and cutting injuries	•

### Personal Protective Equipment Requirements to Operate

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<b>Other   Additional PPE Requirements:</b>

### Pre-Operational Safety Checks

• Make sure equipment is free of any signs of wear and damage;
• 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;
• Check guards ensuring they are in working order;
• Operator to inspect work area to ensure that work surface is even and stable to prevent slips, trips and falls;
• Fuel whipper snipper away from any possible sources of ignition;
• Always turn off whipper snipper before replacing lines;
• Load the nylon line cutting head only with nylon trimmer line of the proper diameter;
• Do not operate if the line cutter is missing;

### Operational Safety Checks

• Keep hands and feet away from all moving parts;
• Do not overreach and ensure proper footing and balance;
• Adjust the handle/s to a position for comfort and good balance;
• When starting, ensure the machine is in a clear area so the line or blade cannot contact the ground or any other obstruction;
• The muffler side of the engine should be away from your body to avoid burns
• Maintain a straight wrist position. Avoid using your wrist in a bent, extended or twisted position for extended periods;
• Always keep both hands on the control handles. Do not operate one-handed;

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not raise the line or blade head over knee height;</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep machine clear of fences, wires, posts, rocks, etc. to prevent kick out and cutter head damage;</li></ul>                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure moving parts have come to a complete stop before performing any maintenance or cleaning;</li></ul>                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After shutting down the engine, keep fingers and feet away from the cutting line or blade until all rotation stops;</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure motor is stopped and allowed to cool before refuelling;</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refuel only in a well-ventilated area away from possible ignition sources;</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take extreme caution when refuelling to avoid igniting fuel on hot exhaust or engine.</li></ul>                               |