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Safety Information Sheet

TWO MAN AUGER

WARNING!!

1. Keep bystanders away from the hole and earth drill while it is in use.
2. Before using the earth drill, be sure the area you are drilling in is clear of potential hazards that could possibly entangle itself around the drill bit.
3. Make sure you know the location of all buried utility lines.
4. Always stop the motor when moving between holes and when machine is not being used to drill with.
5. Always wear proper clothing for the job. Never wear a watch or ring. Eye and hearing protection, boots, gloves and dust masks may be required.
6. Never operate machine in unventilated areas.
7. Avoid coming in contact with the muffler and other engine parts while engine is running. Temperature may exceed 150 degrees F.

STARTING:

1. Start the engine. Some machines have as many as 4 engine switches. The engine will not start unless the switches are all in the ON position.
2. Before attaching auger start the earth drill at the job site and allow it to warm up. While running, check the controls and clutch action to be sure it is working as intended.

CAUTION; NEVER CONNECT OR DISCONNECT THE AUGER OR DRILL BIT WHILE MOTOR IS RUNNING.

STARTING WITH AUGER ATTACHED:

1. After motor has been allowed to warm up, shut the motor off and attach the auger, using the clevis pin and clip provided.
2. Place the machine in the digging location.
3. Set throttle lever to approximately 1/4 open.
4. Person operating throttle places handle bar with attached throttle lever in right hand and positions left handle bar grip firmly against left hip. With the throttle operator standing directly in front of the belt guard of the machine, the throttle lever should be located at the rubber grip on the right hand handle bar. If not, then the machine is not set up properly and should not be used until it is put into proper working order.
5. Person assisting the throttle operator must be standing directly across from the operator, he positions the left handle bar grip firmly on his left hip while supporting the machine with his right hand on the right hand handle bar, using his left hand to pull the rope starter.
6. When the machine starts, the person operating the throttle must be ready to slow the engine down to prevent premature drilling. Both the operator and his assistant must have complete control of the machine before they are ready to start drilling.

CAUTION: DO NOT START THE MOTOR WITH THE AUGER IN A HOLE. HAVE IT AT IDLE SPEED BEFORE PLACING INTO THE HOLE.

DRILLING:

- The higher the handle bars are above the hips the less control the operators will have. If an object is encountered while the auger is turning, the handle bars could be jerked from the operators hands causing possible injury.
- Digging speed and controllability are directly related to the overall condition of machine, type of soil and operator.
- Under certain digging conditions, such as hitting a buried boulder or root, severe and sudden side thrust can be exerted upon the operators. Injury can occur if operators are not physically and mentally prepared to deal with this condition. Operate the earth drill at less than full throttle to assure a quicker clutch release when an object is hit.
- Do not attempt to drill the hole in one pass. Drill to 1 or 2 feet, lift the machine and spin the dirt off, being careful not to lift the auger completely out of the hole. Repeat until you reach the required depth

NOTE: IF THE AUGER BECOMES STUCK IN THE HOLE, CONTACT FIRST PLACE RENTAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE IT.