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Safety Information Sheet

SLIT SEEDER, 6 HP

Safety

- Do not start and/or run engine indoors.
- Do not refuel engine until engine has cooled off.
- The exhaust becomes very hot during operation. Never touch the muffler as this will cause severe burns.
- Never operate unit without all safety guards in place. This includes, but is not limited to the belt, and blade cutter reel covers.
- Make sure that you and any bystanders are wearing personnel protection equipment. Including eye and hearing protection along with long pants. Do not wear loose fitting clothes or jewelry as this may become caught in rotating parts. (Children should never operate machinery.)
- Never bypass kill switches.
- Do not leave unit while engine is running, or while parts are still in motion.
- Check for buried cables, wires, and irrigation pipes before seeding, dethatching or power raking.
- Remove all debris from area to be seeded, as debris may become flying projectiles.
- Use extreme caution on slopes. Wear shoes with an aggressive pattern to reduce chances of slipping and/or falling.
- Avoid running over manhole covers, concrete, asphalt, rocks, etc...while seeding. This may cause damage to the unit. If abnormal vibration occurs discontinue use of machine until service can be performed.

Operation

1. Set the seed flow to the recommended seed rate.
2. Move the depth control lever to the recommended height.
3. Attach the lanyard to operator. If not equipped with a lanyard, hold down the operator's presence handle.
4. Make sure that the "pistol grip control" is in the parked position.
5. Turn on/off switch on engine to on.
6. Turn fuel on.
7. If engine is cold turn choke on. If engine is warm leave choke off.
8. Start the engine and turn off the choke.
9. Move the "transmission engagement T handle" into the frame if it is pulled out.
10. Tilt back on the unit and turn the cutter reel on. Slowly lower the unit to the ground.
11. Turn seed flow on.
12. Move "pistol grip control" into desired direction of travel.

Power Seeding – When over seeding, set the blades to cut slits in the soil ¼" – ½" deep. For basic over seeding, only 1 pass is required. If there are a few bare areas due to fungus or dog urine, seed the entire property with one pass, on the bad areas, go forward then backward and forward again to add extra seed. This method will save time and seed while giving a nicer finished product.

Dethatching – Because of the Turf Revitalizer’s aggressive blade design, you can use the same machine for dethatching. Simply turn off the seed flow and do a single or double pass as desired. It is recommended to dethatch even a newly seeded lawn the following spring or fall to allow the grass to thicken properly which reduces the chance of fungus.

Power Raking / Renovation – The Turf Revitalizer is the most compact yet powerful power rake on the market. For breaking new ground, leveling, or renovating a lawn, drop the blades down to 1”-1 ½” deep. Use the hydrostatic drive to do the work for you. Go forward and backward with the machine to till the ground in very uneven areas, or simply make a double pass in two directions to break up and level the ground in moderate areas. Hard, dry ground works the best. The unit is much more aggressive when breaking up hard dry ground while going backward because the blades are reverses tilling the soil. Multiple passes may be needed if the ground is too soft and engine bogs down. In which case make a couple of shallow passes then increase the cutting depth.

Note: The Turf Revitalizer will seed at the same rate going forward and backwards.

Note: If there is excessive thatch, it may be necessary to remove the thatch prior to seeding. This will prevent the new grass from suffocating under the thatch.

Note: With the Turf Revitalizer, it is very easy to put more grass seed down than is recommended because of the thinking that “more is better”. Grass that is too thick is very susceptible to fungus during summer months. Seed at the recommended seed rate, most seed rates can be located on the seed bag, or can be obtained from your supplier.

Note: Unit performs best when ground is dry.