

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Trimmer-String

DO NOT use this machine unless you have received authorization from the Shop Coordinator



A dust mask must be worn at all times.



Safety goggles must be worn at all times.



Work boots must be worn at all times.



Hearing protection must be worn.

Potential Hazards and Injuries

- Struck-By
- Lacerations
- Electrocutation
- Hearing Damage
- Fumes (Inhalation)
- Fire
- Spills

Pre-Operational Safety Checks

- Ensure tool is off when inspecting.
- Make sure all guards are in place before operating equipment.
- Make sure all parts are securely attached.
- Inspect spark plug cap and lead to make sure they are not damaged, otherwise electric shock can occur.
- Ensure spool is properly secured.
- Only use manufacturer's recommend string/thread size and material.
- Check fuel lines and gas tank for leaks. Read and understand safety manual.
- Put on required PPE before using equipment.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Safety zone is 50 feet away from another person

Safe Practices During Operation

- When refueling, make sure the room or location you are refueling in is well ventilated. Ensure that absorbents are close at hand, especially when refueling. Have an ABC fire extinguisher available for use in the event of an accidental fire.
- Avoid operating equipment within 50 feet of another person.
- Use caution when operating equipment near windows and near traffic.
- Watch for uneven surfaces, holes and slopes; take extra care with footing to avoid slips, trips and falls.
- Keep hands, arms and dry debris away from the muffler, it can result in burns or fires.
- Be aware of combustible material and use caution when identified.
- Hold trimmer head just above ground and let the string cut; never force the cutter into grass or weeds.
- Follow manufactures recommendations for use and care of equipment.

DON'T

- Never start the equipment indoors as exhaust can create a harmful breathing atmosphere.
- Do not try to remove debris or make adjustments while the machine is in operation; make sure machine is off before clearing.

SOP must be used in conjunction with an effective training program