



# 1603 Safety Guidance

# **Using the Brush Cutter**

- Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders, helmet, face shield and safety boots
- Attach the brush cutter to your harness carefully.
- 3. Make sure there is no-one in your area of work.
- Always hold the brush cutter with both hands as well as using the harness.
- Make sure the cutting head is running at full speed before starting to cut into the
- Keep the cutting head at or near ground level.
- Beware of debris and dirt that may be thrown up by blades.
- If the brush cutter starts to labour and slow down do not force it so hard. Do not overload the engine.
- Stop the engine if someone approaches you.
- 10. If you need to adjustments to the blade or guard stop the engine and wait until the blades have completely stopped. Wear your gloves to prevent cutting your hands while you make the adjustments.
- 11. Stop the engine before leaving the machine unattended.
- 12. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the
- 13. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work.

#### Please keep this leaflet safely as it may be required for future reference







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#### throttle setting. start without using the choke or part 1. Follow the same procedure as for a cold

#### **WHEN HOT** STARTING THE BRUSH CUTTER

the hire company. machine is idling do not use it. Return to 8. If the cutting attachment rotates while the running smootnly.

7. Turn off the choke when the engine is part throttle setting.

and release the throttle to release the 6. As soon as the engine has fired, squeeze recoils correctly.

5. Guide the cord back into place so that it

strongly. Don't pull it too far or it may engine, and then pull it quickly and can feel the starter has engaged with the 4. Pull the starter grip out slowly until you

movement, you will damage it. bnt your foot on the tube to prevent move when you pull the starter. Do not Hold the brush cutter firmly so it will not operuction.

the cutting attachment clear of any 2. Lay the brush cutter on the ground with throttle lock engaged.

cyoke spould be pulled out and the part 1. Set the engine controls correctly. The

**EBOM COLD** STARTING THE BRUSH CUTTER

#### wove your fuel can to a safe place 11. Put all tuel caps back on properly, and change them straight away.

10. If you spill any fuel on your clothes, up and cover it with soil.

9. If you spill any fuel on the ground, wipe it Dispose of fuel soaked clothing carefully. Wipe away any fuel off the machine.

suy fuel on yourself or the machine. Nee a funnel when refuelling. Do not spill

e. Shake the fuel can to mix the petrol and it to prevent dirt falling into the fuel tank. Clean the filter can and the area around your work area.

4. If possible move the machine away from

Stop the engine and let it cool down.

measures of petrol (40 ml per litre). nse j measure of two stroke oil to 25 much oil to use, follow them. Otherwise given you special instruction on how oil with petrol. It the hire company have 2. Use a fresh mixture of two stroke engine

No smoking.

# **BEFUELLING**

controls. Before you start the bush cutter, Make sure that you understand all of the







# Petrol/Oil Mix (2 Stroke) Brush Cutter

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

#### It is important to read this entire leaflet BEFORE using the brush cutter

- Petrol mixture is highly flammable. Take care not to cause a fire
- This brush cutter is designed for cutting brush, undergrowth. grass and small saplings, using the appropriate attachments.
- The sharp blades on the cutting head rotate very fast and can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
- If you have not used a brush cutter before, familiarise yourself with how the machine works before you start the main task.
- Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
- You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: Face shield - impact resistant EN166-B or BS2092 grade 1; Ear muffs or plugs giving protection for levels up to 107db(A); Safety Helmet to EN397 or BS5240; Safety boots to EN345 or BS1870/4962; Gloves.
- This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- This machine is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.















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blades is in place and adjusted correctly. Make sure the guard around the cutting

and fit them in the correct manner, do not Only fit the correct cutting attachments plades or the guard.

Wear gloves when fitting or adjusting the nse sparp blades.

company for the material being cut. Only pigges recommended by the Make sure you use the correct type of brotect the blades and you.

during the storage and transport, to The cutting blades should be covered, near ground level.

Brush cutters should only be used at or using the harness.

Do not operate this brush cutter without uite company.

snything tound damaged - contact the equipment including hamess. Do not use Check your machine, engine and all

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also need to wear appropriate personal Anybody who is working near to you will

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in the machine. suy long hair to prevent it getting caught when working with this machine. Tie up

·wnwiwiw hearing protection for this level as a appropriate ear muits or plugs giving levels up to 107 db(A) - wear This equipment is likely to cause noise

to work wear a safety helmet (BS5240)

or BS2092 grade 1). You must wear a face shield (EN166 - B level of protection.

or environments may require a higher you use this brush cutter. Particular jobs minimum that should be worn whenever protective equipment (ppe) are the 1. The following items of personal

## **SHOTANIAN**

that could foul your cutting blades. wire, stout branches and other debris Before starting clear the area of stones reer) away.

from injury. Keep at least 10 metres (32 Protect other people from the noise and

sug rust no-one is near to you or could 3. Make sure that the area is clear and safe

ventilated locations. run the brush cutter indoors or in poorly injury from breathing toxic fumes, never

To reduce the risk of serious or fatal tumes from petrol, or gas cylinders. is a danger of explosion. It will ignite Do not use this brush cutter where there

**WORK AREA** 



biotective equipment.

changing or adjusting the blades. You should wear gloves especially when

You must wear safety boots (EN345 or

