



Using the Compact Ride on Mower

- Exercise caution when travelling up slopes or uneven ground and avoid turning on them.
- If a foreign object is hit, or a mower malfunction occurs it is important to always remember to turn off the mower before inspecting the damage. Keep hands and feet away from the mowers blades.
- Never reach under the mower for any reason while the mower is in operation.
- If the equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.
- Please keep this leaflet until work is complete.

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

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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 Compact Ride on Mower

- Petrol is highly flammable. Take care not to cause a fire or explosion.
- The compact ride on mower is designed for medium to large sized lawns. It should not be used on thick, wet or overgrown grass.
- The action of this mower can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in a careful and controlled way.
- The mower should not be driven unless the driver has previous experience, or they have received professional or practical instruction from the hire company.
- If the operator has not used a ride on mower before, they need to familiarise themselves with how the machine works before starting on the main task.
- Do not attempt to load or unload the machine from a truck or trailer unless fully experienced to do so.
- Plan ahead to make sure that work is always carried out safely.
- The following items of personal protective equipment must be worn when using the machine; Goggles or face shield to a minimum of EN166B
Ear muffs giving protection for noise levels up to 101 dB(a)
Gloves
Boots or protective footwear to a minimum of EN345
Note – EN number represent European Safety Standard
- The compact ride on mower must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- The mower is designed for operation by an able bodied adult, anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.
- Do not leave the mower unattended at any time.
- Always remove the keys from the ignition before leaving the machine.



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- ### STARTING
- Make sure that nobody is within the work area of the ride on compact mower.
 - Ensure that all drive and cutting controls are in their neutral position.
 - Turn the fuel tap/lever to the ON position.
 - Ensure the throttle lever is in the forward/fast position and that the choke is engaged (engaging the choke is not necessary if starting an engine that is already warm).
 - Ensure that the parking brake is in the ON position (if fitted).
 - If applicable apply the brake/clutch pedal by depressing fully to allow starting.
 - Insert key and turn clockwise to start.
 - Before work is started let the engine run at part throttle and carefully practice with the drive and cutting controls.
 - If the mower will not start, check that the oil level has not fallen too low. This may automatically prevent the engine running.
 - If the machine has been under heavy load, do not switch the engine off immediately. Reduce the throttle and allow the engine to idle for a few minutes to cool down.
 - Close the throttle fully and turn the ignition key to the OFF position.
 - Turn the fuel tap/lever to the OFF position.
 - Remember to remove the key.
- ### REFUELLING
- Remember smoking is prohibited whilst refuelling.
 - Stop the engine and let it cool down.
 - If possible refuel in a safe place away from the work area.
 - Clean the filter cap and the area around it to prevent dirt falling into the fuel tank.
 - Use a funnel when refuelling.
 - Take care not to spill any fuel on bare skin, or the mower. Wipe any fuel off the machine and dispose of any fuel soaked cloths carefully.
 - If any fuel is spilled on the ground, wipe it up or cover it with soil.
 - If any fuel is spilled onto clothes/garments or cover it with soil.
- ### STOPPING THE ENGINE
- If the machine has been under heavy load, do not switch the engine off immediately. Reduce the throttle and allow the engine to idle for a few minutes to cool down.
 - Close the throttle fully and turn the ignition key to the OFF position.
 - Turn the fuel tap/lever to the OFF position.
 - Remember to remove the key.
- ### Useful Reference Points • www.hae.org.uk/businessguard
- ### Before Starting Work...
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- ### WORK AREA
- Do not use this mower where there is danger of an explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
 - Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no one is near to the driver that could distract them.
 - Protect other people from danger, noise, dust and debris. Warn others to keep away; put barriers around the work area.
 - Never operate on any public road or highway.
 - Check that there are no cables or exposed pipework or other open services where you are using the machine.
 - Check the work area for soft ground, slopes holes and trenches or objects that may damage the machine.
 - Keep well away from any overhead power lines unless they are at least 5m (16ft) above the highest part of the compact mower. Do not forget that high voltage electricity can jump across large gaps.
 - If the work area is complex then it would be best to work with an assistant to offer guidance.
- ### OPERATORS
- The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever the mower is used. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.
 - Wear an impact resistant visor or goggles (EN166B) when using the mower.
- ### COMPACT RIDE ON MOWER
- The equipment is likely to cause noise levels up to 101dB(A) – wear appropriate earmuffs or plugs giving hearing protection for this level as a minimum.
 - Protective footwear should be worn, ideally safety boots to EN345.
 - Persons working near the equipment will also need to wear appropriate ppe.
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- ### INSURANCE
- Under the terms of hire, it is the user's responsibility for the safe custody of the machine and disposal of any fuel soaked skin, or the mower. Wipe any fuel off the machine and dispose of any fuel soaked cloths carefully.
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 - The machine is not designed to carry passengers at any time.
 - Do not use the machine for towing (unless the hire company have given permission to do so.
 - If this machine has not been used before, the driver will need to familiarise themselves with the machine before operating it.
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 - Check the engine oil and fuel levels before use.
 - Under the terms of hire, it is the user's responsibility for the safe custody of the machine. They must indemnify the hire company against loss or unreasonable damage such as vandalism. The best way to do this is by insurance.