

Turf Cutter – Instructions for Use

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SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else, please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users. Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.

Note: This safety and instruction sheet is on the main machine only, you will be issued with additional sheets for the attachments you have.

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT



Hearing Protection



Eye Protection



Head Protection



Foot Protection



Protective Clothing



Hand Protection



Starting Procedure

1. To start your sod cutter, shift the throttle or transmission lever, which is typically on the handlebars, to the “neutral” position.
2. Push the blade engagement lever, which is typically on the side at the rear of the machine, away from you to lift the cutting blade above the ground.
3. Move the sod cutter to the area of lawn you plan to cut and disengage the clutch before you start the engine.
4. The sod cutter will not start if the clutch is engaged. Lift the handlebars while pulling the blade engagement lever toward you to lower the blade to the ground.

Preparation and Safety

1. Wear eye protection and closed-toe shoes when using a sod cutter and avoid loose clothing that may get caught in the cutter’s moving parts.
2. Ensure pets and other people are a minimum distance of 30 feet from the machine at all times during operation, and never turn the sod cutter on in enclosed areas such as a garage or shed.
3. Water the soil prior to cutting to give the blades of the sod cutter some traction. In dry soils the blades may slip, and the sod cutter’s wheels may skid, which makes it difficult to control the machine.
4. Check the oil level before use.
5. The oil should reach between the two marks on the dipstick. If it does not, add high quality detergent oil according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Cutting the Sod/Turf

1. Push down on the handlebars
2. Shift the throttle lever to the full position
3. Push downward on the sod cutter constantly as you walk the machine forward - The cut sod should have 3/4 inch or less of soil attached to it to ensure rapid root growth when it is replanted
4. Walk in a straight line at a slow speed - The distance you walk determines the length of the sod cut. Four-foot strips are usually ideal.
5. At the end of the cut, lift the handlebars and when the blade is clear of the sod, disengage the clutch control lever and the cutter will stop.
6. Turn off the engine
7. Raise the cutting blade

Blade Depth Adjustment

1. Most sod cutters have levers on the side at the rear of the machine.
2. The uppermost lever typically raises and lowers the blade, the next locks the blade into place and the lowest lever locks the blade angle.
3. You will also find a depth control knob in this location. Turn the hex nut on this knob with an adjustable wrench to unlock the depth control.
4. Turn it clockwise to add cutting depth or counter-clockwise to reduce it.
5. Tighten the hex nut to lock the blade into position before you resume cutting.

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