

## Operating Information

### Before You Start:

- \* Mow the lawn to its normal cut height.
- \* Allow lawn to dry. Wet conditions may cause increased damage to healthy grass.
- \* Set raker depth so that blades just touch on a flat surface like a sidewalk or driveway. To adjust raker height rotate black knob clockwise to raise and counterclockwise to lower setting, then lift handle to lower unit into operating position. NOTE: DO NOT FORCE HANDLE!
- \* Lawns with thatch exceeding 3/4" may be best dethatched in two treatments (spring and fall) to avoid major shock to lawn.

### Starting:

1. Turn the fuel valve ON. (move lever to the right)
  2. Close the choke lever. (move lever to the left) NOTE: Do not use the choke if the engine is warm or the air temperature is high.
  3. Turn the engine switch to the ON position.
  4. Pull the starter grip lightly until resistance is felt, then pull briskly. CAUTION: Do not allow the starter grip to snap back against the engine. Return it gently to prevent damage to the starter.
  5. As the engine warms up, gradually open the choke. (move to the right)
- \* To engage clutch in heavy thatch, bear down on the handle to slightly raise the front wheels. Then engage the clutch and slowly lower the unit into the turf.
  - \* Do a small test area at a slow walk and stop
    - o If the engine RPM drops excessively your depth is set too low;
    - o If the unit pulls you forward and bounces roughly your setting is set too low.
  - \* empty bag when it is approximately ½ full for best results.

### Turning and Maneuvering Your Machine

Bear down on the handle and pivot on the rear wheels.

### Special Considerations on Hills

- \* Warning DO NOT operate on hills exceeding 35% grade.
- \* It is recommended for best uniformity that hills be power raked across the slope, not up and down the slope.
- \* DO NOT leave the unit sitting on a slope unattended. It has no parking brake.

### Finishing

- \* Remove all extracted thatch from the grass and compost or dispose of properly.

Other procedures to improve your lawn may include:

- \* Aeration
- \* Fertilization

### Transporting Your Rented Lawn Comber:

- \* Shut off the engine and allow engine to cool for at least 2 minutes.
- \* Close folding handle if unit is furnished with one.
- \* Use two people to lift the machine.
- \* Secure in place during transport.

## Safety Information

### Warnings

DO NOT service when running.

DO NOT use on any other service than grass.

DO NOT operate on slopes exceeding 35%.

DO NOT place hands or feet near moving or rotating parts.

DO NOT run engine in an unventilated place.

DO NOT run engine while servicing. Remove spark plug wire before commencing any service work

DO NOT attempt to service a rented machine. CALL YOUR LOCAL RENTAL DEALER FOR ANY AND ALL SERVICE

DO NOT remove guards when operating

DO's:

DO read all maintenance and service instructions before attempting work.

DO read engine manufacturer operating and maintenance instructions.

DO inspect lawn to be power raked and remove rocks, wire, string and other objects that might present a hazard before starting.

DO identify and mark all ground objects to be avoided such as sprinkler heads, stakes, water valves, clothes line anchors, etc.

DO understand that this machine is for use on grass lawns only.