

## SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES

# Rear Tine Tiller - Self Propelled

## AMAC



**FOOT  
PROTECTION  
MUST BE WORN**



**EYE & HEARING  
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**SUNSCREEN  
MUST BE WORN**



**PROTECTIVE  
CLOTHING  
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### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Read the owners manual and safety instructions before operating.
2. Know the location and function of all controls.
3. Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional.
4. Check unit for loose/missing nuts, bolts and screws. Tighten and/or replace as needed.
5. Look for signs of damage to tillage tines. Replace if required.
6. Inspect fuel lines, tank, and area around carburetor for fuel leaks. Do not operate unit if leaks are found.
7. Check the tyre pressure.
8. Faulty equipment must not be used. Immediately report suspect machinery.

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Watch especially for ejected material and ensure that no person or animal is endangered when operating.
2. Adjust the handles to a position for comfort and good balance.
3. Set the tiller depth according to soil conditions. See operator's manual.
4. Ensure the clutch is disengaged and the transmission is in neutral before starting.
5. Keep clear of rotating machine parts whilst the engine is operating.
6. Maintain a straight wrist position. Avoid using your wrist in a bent, extended or twisted position for extended periods.
7. Hold the handlebars firmly as they may lift during clutch engagement.
8. Be alert for rocks and other obstruction when operating the rotary hoe.
9. Use extreme caution when reversing or pulling the machine towards the operator.
10. Shut down immediately if the unit starts to shake or vibrate. Do not operate the tiller until the problem is corrected.
11. Always stop the engine and disconnect spark plug wire before cleaning the tines or undertaking maintenance.
12. Exercise extreme care when refuelling to avoid spilling fuel onto hot motor or exhaust.

### HOUSEKEEPING

1. Clean away any foreign material, debris from in and around the motor, tines and guards.
2. Keep the work area and implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Trip hazards
- Noise
- Foot injuries
- Entanglement
- Flying debris

This SOP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with the machine and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed to be used as an adjunct to teaching Safety Procedures and to act as a reminder to users prior to machine use.

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