SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES

AERATOR - LAWNAIRE

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Safety glasses must be worn at all times.

Appropriate footwear must be worn.

Close fitting or protective clothing is encouraged.

Hearing protection must be worn when noise levels are excessive.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. **Ensure a suitable safe work area.**
2. **Visually check all moving parts and all fasteners. If loose or broken, tighten or replace.**
3. **Examine the tines for any obvious damage (bent, Broken) replace if necessary.**
4. **Check the engine crankcase and gear reduction case oil levels with the engine resting in a level position. Add oil if necessary.**

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. **Ensure the material is secure and well supported.**
2. **Never start or run the engine inside where exhaust fumes can collect. Carbon Monoxide present in the exhaust is an odourless and deadly gas.**
3. **Check the area and remove any object which may present a safety hazard or damage the equipment.**
4. **Do Not operate equipment without shields in place. Do Not make adjustments or perform any maintenance while the engine is running.**
5. **Allow the engine to cool before refuelling.**
6. **Keep hands and feet away from moving parts.**
7. **Take care when working on a slope. Travel up and down slope at 45-degree angle rather than across, to prevent unit from tipping over. DO NOT release clutch handle on slope; this will cause freewheeling, allowing unit to roll down the slope**
8. **On completion, remove any foreign material from in and around tines and guards.**

HOUSEKEEPING

1. **Wash the unit with water once the engine has cooled.**
2. **Check the tines for damage, bent or broken. Replace what is necessary.**
3. **Check all guards are in good condition.**
4. **Check fuel and oil levels and replenish as necessary.**
5. **Return this equipment to the appropriate storage area.**
6. **Leave the work area in a safe, clean and tidy condition.**

POTENTIAL HAZARDS & RISKS

■ Moving, rotating & sharp parts ■ Noise/Vibration ■ Foreign Objects ■ Eye injuries■ Burns

Date of last review: _____ **Signature:** _____

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 teaching Safety Procedure and to act as a reminder to users prior to machine use