



## These Instructions Must be Read by the User Before Operating the Equipment

### Power Trowels and Floats

**Power trowels and floats must be operated correctly according to the manufacturer's or owner's operating instructions, which are available on request if required.**

**CHECK** that all persons and animals are clear of the work area. Loose clothing, sleeves etc should be avoided. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery should be removed. Wear overalls whenever possible.

Wear personal protective equipment; safety boots gloves, (to prevent cement burns) safety goggles/glasses, dust mask are usually necessary.

When noise levels are uncomfortably high at 85-89 dB(A), it is advisable to wear hearing protectors.

At still higher noise levels, when it is necessary to shout to be heard, (at 90 dB(A), and above) the law requires that ear protection must be worn.

Before you start the machine make sure you know how to stop it in an emergency.

**ALWAYS** switch off the machine before transporting or moving it around the site.

**DO NOT** operate the machine when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**CHECK** that guards on the engine are secure. **NEVER** operate with missing or defective guards.

**DO NOT** smoke when refuelling. **NEVER** refuel with the engine running and **ALWAYS** allow the engine to cool

Replace fuel caps securely on engine and fuel containers. Wipe up any spillage immediately.

Fuel containers should be in good condition and leak proof.

**ALWAYS** refuel in an area, which is adequately ventilated.

**DO NOT** operate in a hazardous or explosive atmosphere, or where fuel has been split.

**DO NOT** use in a badly ventilated or area where exhaust fumes can sink into a basement or excavation.

**DO NOT** leave the machine running whilst unattended. Switch off and wait until the machine has completely stopped before leaving the area.

**ALWAYS** stop the machine before making any adjustments to manual controlled blades. After adjustments have been made ensure that all tools are removed from the work area.

If approached by anybody, stop the machine immediately.

**NEVER** attempt to carry the machine on your own. **ALWAYS** seek assistance or use suitable lifting equipment. **NEVER** lift the machine by the guard ring, **ALWAYS** lift from the lifting point provided.

**ENSURE** that the machine is on a flat surface; adjust the pitch control so that the blades are flat on the surface.

**ENSURE** that you get into the operator's position, which is behind the centre of the handle and that you have a good footing.

Apply the throttle slowly until the desired operating speed is obtained.

**NEVER** force the machine, always allow it to travel at it's own pace.

**ENSURE** that there are no obstructions in your line of travel.

**DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.

### EFFECTS OF FRESHLY MIXED CONCRETE ON THE SKIN

- Cement mixes are well known to cause some occupational skin disease. Both irritant and allergic contact dermatitis can result from contact with wet cement.
- Special health precautions that are recommended by the manufacturer of the materials should be adhered to.
- The skin and eyes must be protected from contact with cement. The use of barrier cream may give some protection if contact is kept to a minimum.
- Clean boots, wash or change clothes after work and washing off freshly mixed concrete or dust. Importantly any cement on the skin should be washed off as quickly as possible.
- If cement dust or mixture gets into the eyes they should be washed out **IMMEDIATELY** with plenty of clean water and medical treatment **MUST** be sought.
- Protective respiratory equipment should be worn during all surface treatment of hardened concrete.