
SAFETY

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Most accidents with this product can be prevented if you follow all instructions in this manual and on the product. The most common hazards, according to accident statistics, are discussed below, along with the best way to protect yourself and others.

Honda Tiller Usage

Honda tillers are designed to give safe and dependable service if operated according to instructions and intended use.

Honda tillers are intended to be used by an experienced, trained, operator who is familiar with the use of power equipment. Do not allow a child or an inexperienced, untrained operator to use this tiller. Operating this equipment requires special effort on your part to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Read and understand this owner's manual.

Avoid Rotating Tines

The rotating tines can cause injury. Keep away from the tine shield whenever the engine is running. If you need to adjust the tines, or work around the tines for any reason, always stop the engine. Disconnect the spark plug cap if you need to clean or handle the tines.

Clear Tilling Area

The tiller tines can throw rocks and other objects with enough force to cause injury. Before tilling, carefully inspect the area and remove all large debris.

Keep Shields in Place

Guards and shields are designed to protect you from being hit by thrown objects and from hot engine parts and moving components. For your safety and the safety of others, keep all shields in place when operating the tiller.

Refuel with Care

Gasoline is extremely flammable and gasoline vapor can explode. Refuel only outdoors, in a well-ventilated area, with the engine off. Never smoke near gasoline, and keep other flames and sparks away. Always store gasoline in an approved container.

Wear Protective Clothing

Wearing protective clothing will reduce your risk of injury. Long pants and eye protection reduce the risk of injuries from thrown objects. Sturdy shoes with aggressive soles will help protect your feet and give you better traction on slopes or uneven ground. Clothing worn by the operator should be fairly tight and belted. Loose clothing should not be permitted because of the danger of getting into moving parts. Tie up or restrain long hair.

Turn Engine Off When Not Tilling

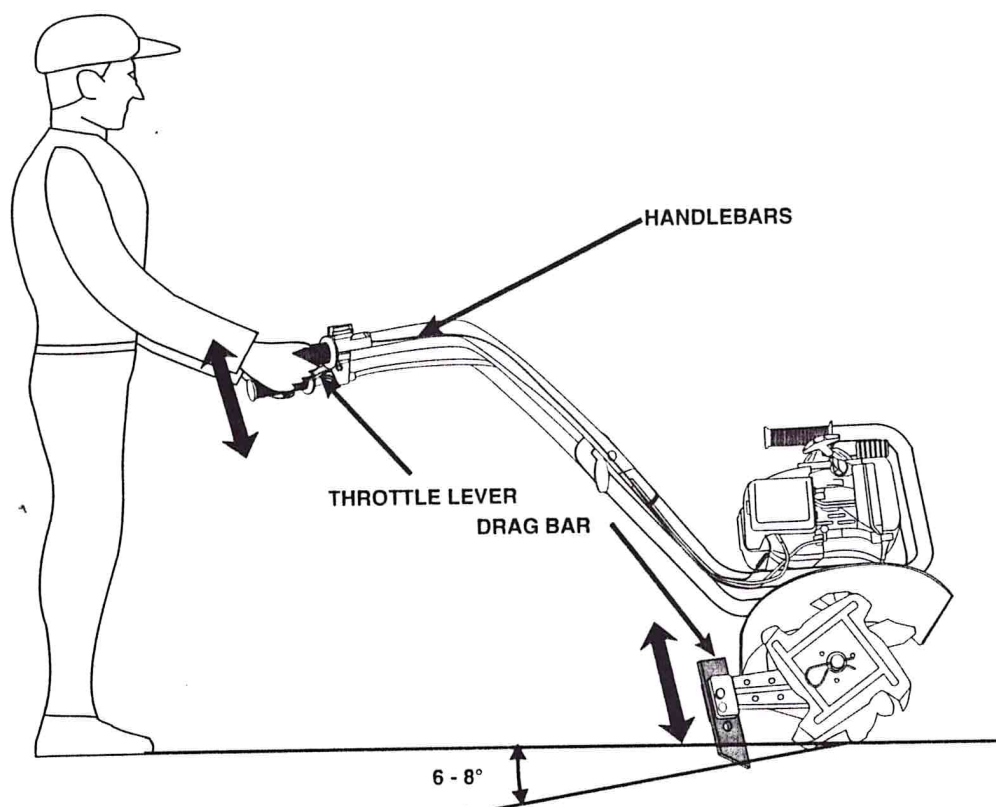
If you need to leave the tiller for any reason, even just to inspect the area ahead, always stop the engine .

OPERATION

TILLER OPERATION

1. Install the drag bar (see page 12). Honda recommends using the drag bar when tilling. The tiller can be difficult to control without the drag bar installed.
2. Adjust the handlebar to a comfortable position (see page 12) (waist height for normal tilling operation).
3. Set the tilling depth by moving the drag bar up or down (see page 12).

The ideal height of the drag bar will depend on the type of soil being tilled, and soil conditions at the time of tilling. In general, however, the drag bar should be adjusted so that the tiller is tilted slightly backward.
4. Start the engine (see page 13).
5. Tilt the tiller back until the tines are off the ground. Squeeze the throttle lever to full speed position (lever tight against the grip).
6. Lower the front of the tiller until the tines begin to dig into the ground.
7. Lower the handle slightly so the front of the tiller is raised about 6 - 8°. To get the maximum advantage from the tiller, hold the tiller at this angle while you are tilling the ground.



Handling Tips

- If the tiller tends to move forward rapidly, push down on the handlebars to allow the drag bar to penetrate the soil and slow the forward motion of the tiller. Continue to press down until the tiller tines have dug to a desired depth that allows easy tiller handling.
- If the tines dig in but the tiller will not move forward, ease up on the handlebars and move the handlebars from side-to-side. If the tiller still digs in, but will not move forward, raise the drag bar up a hole.
- When turning, push down on the handlebars to bring the tiller's weight to the rear; this will make turning easier.