

IMPORTANT

Rules for Safe Operation

Log Splitter

Training

1. Read the Operator's Manual completely before attempting to use this log splitter.
2. Do not allow anyone to operate your log splitter who has not read the Operator's Manual or has not been instructed on the safe use of the splitter.
3. Never allow children or untrained adults to operate this machine.
4. Many accidents occur when more than one (1) person operates the log splitter. If a helper is assisting in loading logs to be split, never actuate controls until the helper is clear of the area.
5. Never allow anyone to ride on the machine.
6. Never transport cargo on the log splitter.
7. High fluid pressures are developed in hydraulic log splitters. Pressurized hydraulic fluid escaping through a pin hole opening can puncture skin and cause severe blood poisoning. Therefore, the following instructions should be heeded at all times.
 - (a) Do not operate the unit with frayed, kinked, cracked or damaged hoses, fittings, or tubing.
 - (b) Stop the engine and relieve hydraulic system pressure before changing or adjusting fittings, hoses, tubing, or other system components.
 - (c) Do not adjust the pressure settings of the pump or valve.
 - (d) Do not check for leaks with your hand. Leaks can be located by passing cardboard or wood over the suspected area. Look for discoloration. If injured by escaping fluid, see a doctor at once. Serious infection or reaction can develop if proper medical treatment is not administered immediately.
8. Keep the operator zone and adjacent area clear for safe, secure footing.
9. If your log splitter is equipped with an internal-combustion engine and intended for use near any unimproved forest, brush, or grass covered land, the engine exhaust should be equipped with a spark arrestor. Make sure you comply with applicable local, state, and federal codes. Take appropriate fire-fighting equipment with you.
10. Log splitters should be used only for splitting wood. Do not use for other purposes.

Preparation

1. Be thoroughly familiar with all controls and with the proper use of the equipment.
 - (a) Always wear safety shoes or heavy boots.
 - (b) Always wear safety glasses or goggles when operating the machine.
 - (c) Never wear jewelry or loose-fitting clothing that might become entangled in moving or rotating parts of the machine.
2. Make sure the splitter is on a level surface. Block the machine as required to prevent unintended movement.
3. Always operate the splitter from the handle side of the machine.
4. Logs to be split should be cut as squarely as possible.
5. Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable.
 - (a) Use an approved fuel container.
 - (b) Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.
 - (c) Fill fuel tank outdoors with extreme care. Never fill fuel tank indoors.
 - (d) Replace gasoline cap securely and clean up spilled fuel.

Operation

1. Before starting this log splitter, review the "Rules for Safe Operation." Failure to follow these rules may result in serious injury to the operator or bystanders.
2. Never leave the machine unattended with the power source operating.
3. Never operate the machine when under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
4. The machine owner should instruct all operators in safe log-splitter operation.
5. Always operate the log splitter with all safety equipment in place and all controls properly adjusted for safe operation.
6. Always operate the log splitter at manufacturer's recommended speed.
7. Always keep hands and feet clear of moving parts.
8. When loading the log splitter, place your hands on the sides of the log not at the ends. Never place your hands or any part of your body between a log and any part of the log splitter.
9. Never attempt to split more than one (1) log at a time unless the ram has been full extended and a second log is needed to complete the separation of the first log.
10. If logs are not cut square, the longest portion of the log should be rotated down and the most square end placed against the ram or base plate.
11. Use only your hand to operate the log splitter controls.
12. Do not refuel the engine until it has cooled for several minutes.

Maintenance and Storage

1. Always shut off the power source while repairing or adjusting the splitter except as recommended by the manufacturer.
2. Clean debris and chaff from engine cylinder, cylinder head fins, blower housing rotating screen, and muffler areas. If the engine is equipped with a spark arrester muffler, clean and inspect it regularly (follow manufacturer's service instructions). Replace, if damaged.
3. Never store the equipment with fuel in the tank inside a building where fumes might reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
4. Clear debris from movable parts, but only when the power source is shut off.
5. Check to be sure all nuts and bolts are tight to assure the equipment is in safe working condition.

My Signature certifies that I have read the above safety precautions and take full responsibility. My signature also certifies that I have been instructed in the usage of the machine and understand it fully. I agree to "hold harmless" the manufacturer, dealer, rental yard owner or anyone connected with the Ram Log Splitter.

SAFETY FIRST !

Customer Signature

Date