**Hydraulic Post Hole Borer– Instructions for use**

**PRE-START CHECKS:**

* Check auger size for machine and job.
* Check cutters on auger.
* Check fuel tank is full (unleaded 91)

**STARTING PROCEDURE:**

* Turn on engine switch.
* Engage the choke if starting from cold.
* Pull starter cord out until a slight resistance is felt, let starter recoil, and give a sharp pull till engine fires or starts.
* Disengage the choke.
* Allow engine to warm up.
* To fit auger: position auger into coupling on hydraulic drive motor.
* Push up collar and release to lock auger into position.
* Lift machine to check that auger is fully locked into position.

**OPERATION:**

* Position borer where hole is to be bored using self-drive hydraulic lever (some models only)
* Activate hydraulic hand lever to rotate borer.
* Release to stop.

Apply a slight downward pressure onto machine and hold steady.

* Keep drawing out the auger from the hole to clear the excavated earth.

**STOPPING AND AFTER USE:**

* Turn off engine switch or push stop button.
* Push up collar and release auger from machine.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

* Use only in well-ventilated areas.
* Stop engine when refuelling.
* Securely hold the machine with both hands

**HAZARDS:**

* Avoid wearing any loose clothing that may tangle in the auger.
* Check for underground power cables, water pipes and tree roots etc before boring holes.
* Take extra care on wet and slippery surfaces.

**REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

