



## Screeders



### THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ BY THE USER BEFORE OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

- 1 The screeder must be operated correctly according to the manufacturer's or owner's operating instructions, which are available on request if required.
- 2 **CHECK** that all animals and unauthorised personnel keep clear of the work area. Erect barriers whenever necessary to keep personnel at a safe distance.
- 3 Loose clothing, sleeves etc should be avoided. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery should be removed. Wear overalls whenever possible.
- 4 Wear personal protective equipment; safety boots, gloves, (to prevent cement burns) safety goggles/glasses, dust mask are usually necessary.
- 5 When noise levels are uncomfortably high at 85-89 dB(A), it is advisable to wear hearing protectors.
- 6 At still higher noise levels, when it is necessary to shout to be heard, (at 90 dB(A), and above) the law requires that hearing protectors must be worn.
- 7 Before you start the machine make sure you know how to stop it in an emergency.
- 8 **ALWAYS** switch off the machine before transporting, or moving it around the site.
- 9 **DO NOT** operate the machine when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 10 **CHECK** that guards on the engine are secure. **NEVER** operate with missing or defective guards.
- 11 **DO NOT** smoke when refuelling. **NEVER** refuel with the engine is running and **ALWAYS** allow the engine to cool before refuelling.
- 12 Replace fuel caps securely on engine and fuel containers. Wipe up any spillage immediately.
- 13 Fuel containers should be in good condition and leak proof.

- 14 **ALWAYS** refuel in an area, which is adequately ventilated.
- 15 **DO NOT** operate in a hazardous or explosive atmosphere, or where fuel has been split.
- 16 **DO NOT** use in a badly ventilated or area where exhaust fumes can sink into a basement or excavation.
- 17 **DO NOT** leave the machine running whilst unattended. Switch off and wait until the machine has completely stopped before leaving the area.
- 18 **ENSURE** that the power unit and beams are securely attached before the start of the operation. If using extending beams, **ENSURE** that the length of the extending beams is securely fixed before using the machine.
- 19 After adjustments have been made ensure that all tools are removed from the work area.
- 20 If approached by anybody, stop the machine immediately.
- 21 **NEVER** attempt to carry the machine on your own. **ALWAYS** seek assistance or use suitable lifting equipment.
- 22 **NEVER** push the machine. **ALWAYS** gently pull the screeder. This will ensure that you have a consistent finish on the surface.
- 23 **NEVER** force the machine; always allow it to travel at its own pace.
- 24 **ENSURE** that there are no obstructions in your line of travel. Watch your step to avoid tripping.
- 25 Vibration from the screeder can cause '**VIBRATION WHITE FINGER**' and eventually other damage to hands and arms. Keep your hands warm at all times. Gloves can reduce vibration. If your hands start to feel numb, stop work and exercise your fingers to restore circulation. Limit your time using the tool as much as possible.
- 26 **DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.

## EFFECTS OF FRESHLY MIXED CONCRETE'S 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 wash 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.



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