

Leaf Blower/Vacuums

BASIC SAFETY

Before using this equipment and to avoid personal injury, carefully read and understand these instructions. If there is anything you do not understand, DO NOT use this equipment, contact the hire company for advice.

Make sure you are aware of all safety requirements and that this equipment is suitable for the task you wish to undertake.

The work area must be cordoned off from the general public and bystanders.

This equipment must only be used by persons who are medically fit to do so. If you have any medical condition, are recovering from any medical condition or suffer from any mental or physical disability, you MUST seek professional medical advice before using this equipment.

This equipment must not be operated by persons who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

You MUST perform a risk assessment before using this equipment to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Wear the correct Personal Protective Equipment for the task ahead.

    Wear gloves when handling this equipment. Wear suitable clothing. Protect your eyes, wear safety goggles. Protect your hearing, always wear ear defenders.

 Wear a dust mask or suitable respiratory protective equipment.

Do not wear loose jewellery or clothing that may get in the way or become trapped in the equipment. Tie back long hair.

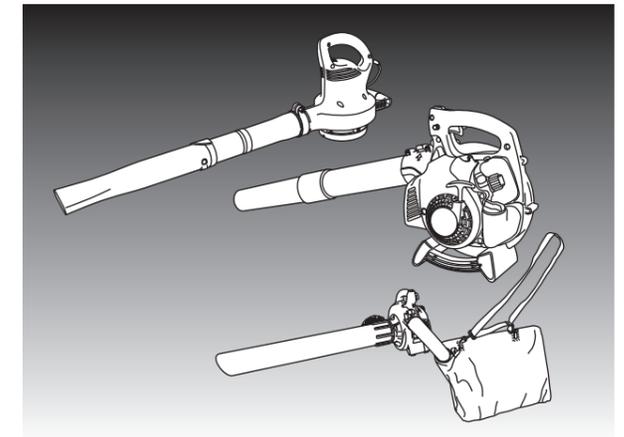
Inform everyone in the work area of what you are doing.

Only operate this equipment in a well lit and ventilated area.

HAVS

Hand-Arm vibration syndrome is a disease that can lead to permanent disability. This can be caused by prolonged use of any tool or powered equipment that vibrates during operation. For information on manufacturers vibration levels and recommended rest periods contact the hire company.

As a precaution, stop working if you experience discomfort or numbness when operating the equipment.



DO not work near flammable materials.

GET FAMILIAR! You must understand how to switch this machine OFF quickly in case of an emergency.

Make sure that all guards are present and correctly fitted.

Carefully inspect the equipment before use, if there is any doubt about its condition, DON'T USE IT.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

If you have hired a 230V model fitted with a 13A plug, it can be powered from a standard 230V 13A power supply.

If you have hired a 230V model fitted with a 16A plug, it can be powered from a 230V 16A mains powered socket or from a suitable generator.

Note that the maximum overall length of cable you can use with this machine is 30M and any extension used must be at least 2.5mm 3 core.

If the equipment fails, or if any part becomes damaged, return it. DO NOT repair it yourself.

DO NOT operate this equipment in damp or wet conditions.

Fully unwind and loosely lay all power supply cables and extension leads. Position them away from the equipment where they will be protected from water, sharp objects and where they will not pose a trip hazard.

 For additional safety, always use an RCD or power the equipment from a mains circuit with a built in RCD.

Switch the equipment and power supply OFF before plugging into the supply.

FUEL

If fitted with a 2 stroke engine you must only refuel with ready mixed two stroke oil and unleaded fuel.

The mix should be 50-1, only use two stroke oil supplied by the hire company, and mix to the hire companies recommendations.

Petrol DO'S and DON'TS

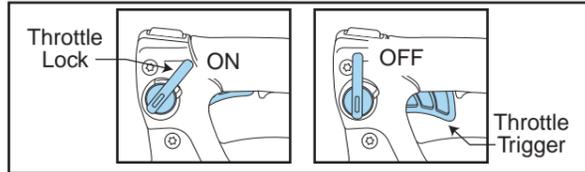
DO clear up petrol spillages immediately.
DO store spare fuel in a cool, safe place in an approved sealed container.
DO leave a one inch air space in the fuel tank when refuelling.
DON'T refuel the engine when it is hot or running.
DON'T smoke or use a naked light when refuelling.

Always switch OFF the engine when cleaning, making adjustments or when left unattended.

The engine produces exhaust gasses that can kill so safeguard against the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Do not operate this equipment within a building or in a confined space, ensure adequate ventilation.

Petrol engines become hot in use so avoid contact with the engine until it has cooled.

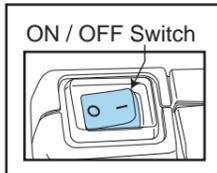
THE CONTROLS



The controls consist of a throttle trigger which controls engine speed. The throttle can be locked at full throttle when running the unit continuously.

SETTING THE UNIT UP

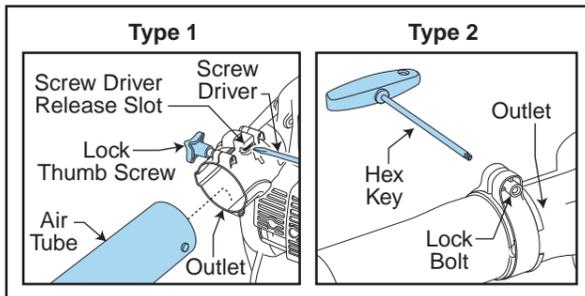
You have the option of using this machine as a blower to move leaves or as a vacuum to pick up leaves. Depending upon which, follow the relevant instructions below.



WARNING; when making adjustments or alterations to this machine, it **MUST BE SWITCHED OFF**.

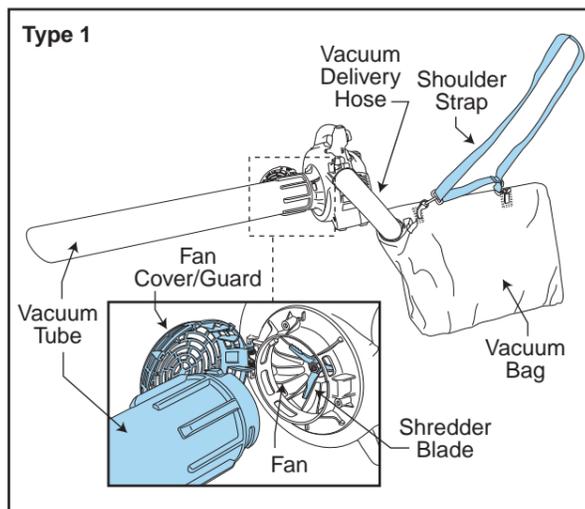
When altering the unit, the vacuum fins and shredder blades are exposed and will cause serious personal injury if in contact with your hands. Always wear suitable protective gloves.

As a Blower...



Make sure that the fan cover/guard is closed and correctly locked. If the vacuum tube is fitted, remove it, then close the fan cover/guard.

As a Vacuum...



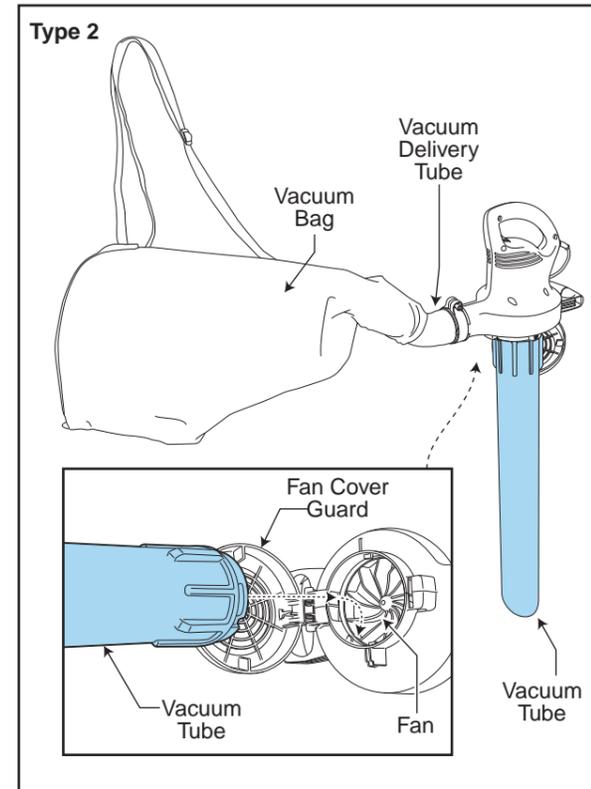
Remove the air tube if fitted.

Connect the vacuum delivery tube to the outlet. Loosen the outlet lock thumb screw then insert the vacuum delivery tube into the outlet until it clicks into position.

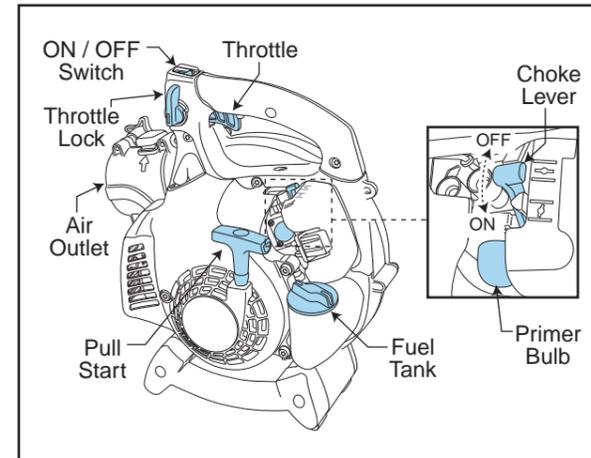
Next, open the fan cover / guard by inserting a flat screwdriver into the release slot and raise the screwdriver until it is released. **CAUTION**, the fan is fitted with shredder blades which are sharp.

Insert the vacuum tube into the fan housing and turn clockwise until it locks in position.

Finally, attach the vacuum bag to the vacuum delivery hose and secure in place. Check that the vacuum bag's zip is closed before proceeding.



STARTING THE ENGINE



To start the engine, move the ON/OFF switch to the ON position.

If the engine is cold, set the choke to on by moving the choke control away from the handle.

Press the priming button 4 times allowing it to refill each time.

Holding the main handle with your left hand give two or three smooth pulls on the starter cord until the engine coughs.

Set the choke to off by moving it towards the handle then one more pull of the starter handle will now start the engine. When restarting a warm engine you do not need to use the choke.

BLOWING

Caution; the air flow from this machine is extremely powerful. Do not aim the air tube at anybody including yourself. **DO NOT** blow towards any buildings or property which could be damaged by flying debris.

Petrol Model...

Start the engine then lift the unit up with your right hand. Squeeze the throttle to bring the engine up to maximum speed.

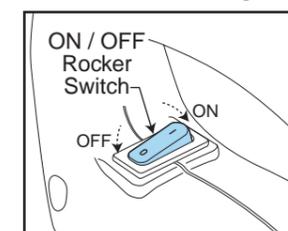
Aim the end of the air tube at the base of the leaves to be moved and work in a sweeping motion side to side. Try to contain the loose leaves within a controllable area.

Once the leaves have been moved as required, set the throttle to idle, switch the engine OFF.

For working continuously, squeeze in the throttle then move the throttle lock lever back to lock the throttle in position. To release the throttle, move the lever forward.

Electric Model...

Caution; the air flow from this machine is extremely powerful. Do not aim the air tube at anybody including yourself. **DO NOT** blow towards any buildings or property which could be damaged by flying debris.



Hold the unit with your right hand and set the ON/OFF switch to ON.

Aim the end of the air tube at the base of the leaves to be moved and work in a sweeping motion side to side. Try to contain the loose leaves within a controllable area.

Once the leaves have been moved as required, set the ON/OFF switch to OFF.

VACUUMING

Caution; This machine is only to be used for picking up general loose rubbish, leaves and similar items. It is **NOT** suitable for picking up cans.

Take care not to vacuum up sharp objects or items which are aight such as discarded cigarettes.

Petrol Model...

Start the engine then lift the unit up with your right hand. Place the vacuum bag shoulder strap onto your shoulder.

Squeeze the throttle to bring the engine up to maximum speed.

Work over the area in a methodical manner. When the vacuum bag is 3/4 full, set the throttle to idle, switch the engine OFF and empty the bag.

If the fan should block, switch the engine OFF and remove the vacuum tube. Remove the blockage wearing gloves.

For working continuously, squeeze in the throttle then move the throttle lock lever back to lock the throttle in position. To release the throttle, move the lever forward.

Electric Model...

Hold the unit with your right hand, place the vacuum bag shoulder strap over your shoulder then set the ON/OFF switch to ON.

Work over the area in a methodical manner. When the vacuum bag is 1/3 full, switch the unit OFF, disconnect from the power supply and empty the bag.

If the fan should block, switch the unit OFF, disconnect from the power supply and remove the vacuum tube. Remove the blockage wearing gloves.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & CLEANING

Regularly check the vacuum bag and empty once 3/4 full.

When not being used, store the unit in a clean condition and in a safe place away from thieves and unauthorised users.

FINALLY

When you have finished, set the throttle to idle. switch the engine OFF and wait for it to stop.

Disconnect all tubes and ensure the fan cover / guard is correctly closed. Empty the vacuum bag then give the unit a thorough clean ready for return.

NOTE

Failure to clean the equipment thoroughly may make you liable to a cleaning charge.