

# RIDE ON MOWER SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

**DO NOT use this equipment unless you have been instructed on its safe use and operation and have been given permission**

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas.



Sunscreen must be worn



Hearing Protection must be worn



Sturdy footwear must be worn at all times in work areas.



Protective clothing must be worn.

## PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Ensure all safety devices, guards, switches, and shields are fitted, secure and functional.
- ✓ Ensure that seat belt, if fitted, is in sound condition.
- ✓ Ensure cutting blades are secure and in good condition.
- ✓ Ensure that any pneumatic and hydraulic mechanisms are in sound condition.
- ✓ Ensure that all electrical switches (including dead man's switch if fitted) are functioning.
- ✓ Faulty equipment must not be used. Report suspect machinery immediately.

## OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Never carry passengers.
- ✓ Be sure the transmission is out of gear and the mower blade clutch disengaged before starting.
- ✓ Keep clear of moving machine parts.
- ✓ Drive at speed slow enough to maintain control over unexpected hazards and while turning.
- ✓ Travel up/down slopes rather than across taking extra care when ascending/descending steep slopes. Use 150 degree slope as the maximum to attempt to mow.
- ✓ Take extreme caution when refuelling to prevent spilling fuel onto hot engine or exhaust.
- ✓ Before making adjustments bring the machine to a complete standstill and isolate.
- ✓ Be aware of the potential for ejected material and ensure that no person or animal is endangered when operating the equipment.
- ✓ Always check behind you before reversing, ensure area is clear of people, animals or objects.
- ✓ Before mowing ensure area is clear of any debris and bystanders are at a safe distance.

## STOPPING THE RIDE ON MOWER

- ✓ Park on even ground.
- ✓ Always stop the ride on mower and shift the gear selector to park position before getting off.
- ✓ Raise and secure the cutting blades.
- ✓ Lock the parking brake.
- ✓ Stop the engine and remove the keys.

## CLEANING UP

- ✓ Clean away any foreign material and debris from in and around engine and catcher parts.
- ✓ Keep the work area or implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.

## POTENTIAL RISKS AND INJURIES

- ⓘ Eye & face injuries.
- ⓘ Rapidly rotating cutting blades.
- ⓘ Rolling or Tipping risks.
- ⓘ Noise.
- ⓘ Cuts and abrasions.
- ⓘ Ejected material and flying debris.

## DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect equipment.
- ✗ Do not use a mower for any other purpose than what it is designed to do.
- ✗ Do not carry a sharp tool in your pocket.

**This does not necessarily cover all possible risks associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed as a guide to be used to compliment training and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.**

*This information is based on material published in manufacturers operating guides*

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