


## SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

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TASK	Operation of Whacker Packer					
HAZARDS	Flying debris		Heat / cold	✓	Electricity	
	Cuts / laceration		Dust		Rollover	
	Pinch / crush	✓	Noise / vibration	✓	Plant interaction	
	High pressure		Chemical		Other:	
PPE REQUIRED						

### PRE-START CHECKS

1. Ensure adequate ventilation in area when using fuel-powered equipment.
2. Allow engine to cool before refuelling – avoid spilling fuel on hot parts.
3. Obtain assistance or use mechanical aids to lift machine into trenches, etc, or when
4. unloading or loading off or on to vehicles.
5. Inspect machine and tighten loose bolts or screws, and check bolts on footplate.
6. Ensure that all guards and covers are fitted over moving parts of machine.
7. Check operation of controls and switches, and ensure that fuel cap is secure.

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1. Persons operating rammer should wear close fitting work clothing that will allow
2. free movement, eye and foot protection, and hearing protection in enclosed areas.
3. Shut off engine before attempting to adjust, clean or service machine.
4. Do not alter engine speed – run engine only at speed specified by manufacturer.
5. Do not operate engine unless air cleaner is fitted and clean.
6. Use only correct fuel or fuel mixture to prevent damage to engine.
7. Grasp handles at corners of handle when operating – use “loose” grip to reduce
8. stress and vibration on hands, wrists and arms from machine.
9. Always walk behind rammer, and allow machine to pull itself forward.
10. Operate so that shoe hits ground flat for best compaction, and not on toe or heel.
11. Reduce engine speed to SLOW if rammer needs to be lifted during operation.

### POST-OPERATION PROCEDURE

1. Switch machine OFF and allow to cool before working on engine or drive train.
2. Check engine cooling fins regularly and clean dust and debris with stiff brush.
3. Check all bolts, screws and connections, and inspect cable and fuel lines.
4. All repairs must be carried out by an authorised person or agent only