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0813 Pressure washer - petrol

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Pressure Washer

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment

It is important to read all of this leaflet

BEFORE you use the Pressure Washer

1. Petrol is highly flammable. Take care not to cause a fire or explosion.
2. This pressure washer is designed for high pressure water washing.
3. The action of this pressure washer can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in a careful and controlled way.
4. Familiarise yourself with how the equipment works before starting work.
5. Think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
6. You should have at least the following items of personal protective equipment
   Impact resistant visor or goggles
   Waterproof overalls
   Waterproof boots
   Waterproof gloves
7. This equipment must not be used by minors. Or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. This pressure washer is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.

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Using the Pressure Washer

1. Wear protective equipment including goggles and waterproof overalls.
2. Hold the lance in both hands when squeezing the trigger because the water pressure will make it "kick back".
3. Do not aim the water jet at yourself, any other persons, or any animals. It will cause an injury.
4. Do not spray the water jet over any electrical equipment. This could cause a short circuit and fire. This could cause a fatal electric shock.
5. Stop the engine before leaving the machine unattended.
6. Do not connect or disconnect a pressure hose or lance while the washer is pressurised. Stop the engine, and squeeze the lance trigger to release the pressure.
7. Stop the engine and squeeze the lance trigger to release the pressure when not in use.
8. If working in cold conditions, make sure that the water in the machine will not start to freeze when not in use.
9. After work turn the detergent off or remove the detergent feed. Run the washer on just water to flush the detergent out. Then stop the engine, and squeeze the lance trigger to release the pressure.
10. Drain the machine if there is any danger, of overnight frost.
11. Make sure that all the water filters are cleaned and properly protected before you store the machine.
12. If the equipment does not work properly, do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.

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Before Starting Work...

WORK AREA

1. Do not use this pressure washer where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
2. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury from breathing toxic fumes, do not run the pressure washer indoors unless you have good ventilation when working in other confined areas.
3. Make sure that the area is clear and safer and that no-one is near to distract you.
4. Protect other people from the noise and water spray. Use a wash bay, or erect barriers. Make sure there is good drainage for the waste water.
5. Set up the work area so that there is no danger of water being sprayed onto any electricity supply socket.

OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (PPE) are the minimum that should be worn. Whenever you use this pressure washer. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.
2. You must wear an impact resistance visor or goggles when working with this machine.
3. You should wear overalls, boots and gloves that are waterproof.
4. Anybody working near to you will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
5. Make sure that none of the hose connections get dirty when you are setting-up the machine.
6. Make sure you understand all of the controls. Before you start the washer, you must know how to control it and stop it safely.

PRESSURE WASHER

1. Check your machine, engine, high pressure water hoses, and all equipment. If anything is found damaged, do not use the pressure washer – contact the hire company.
2. Use only the hose supplied with the machine. Ensure it is laid out safely with no kinks, away from where vehicles may run over it.
3. Extension hoses may have been supplied by the hire company. These allow you to site your machine further away to reduce noise.
4. Make sure that all the pressure hose connections are firm and tight.

WATER SUPPLY

1. If your supply is from a water tank make sure the water is clean.
2. You must use a suitable filter if you are in any doubt about how clean your water supply is.
3. If using chemicals or detergents, follow the instructions supplied with them. Use only the recommended detergent by the hire company.

REFUELLING

1. No smoking.
2. Stop the engine and let it cool down.
3. If possible, move the machine away from your work area.
4. Clean the filter cap and the area around it to prevent dirt falling into the fuel tank.
5. Use a funnel and clean petrol when refuelling. Do not spill any fuel on yourself or the machine.
6. Wipe any fuel off the machine. Dispose of fuel soaked cloth carefully.
7. If any fuel is spilt on the ground, wipe it up or cover it with soil.
8. If any fuel is spilt on your clothes, change them straight away.
9. Put all fuel caps back on properly, and move your fuel can to a safe cool place.

STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Check that the engine and machine controls are set correctly.
2. Make sure that you hold the machine firmly so it will not move when you pull the starter.
3. Pull the starter handle slowly until you can feel that the starter has engaged with the engine, then pull it quickly and strongly. Don't pull it too far, or it may break
4. Guide the cord back into place so that it recoils correctly.

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