

Trike Pruner

AgSafe Safe Work Procedure

1. Complete your walk around pre – inspection, looking for unsafe conditions.
2. Check engine oil level by removing the dipstick, wiping off the oil with a cloth, reinserting the dipstick and removing again. Check that the oil is between the full and low marks on the dipstick.
3. Check the hydraulic oil level. Remember that as the oil heats up the level will rise slightly.
4. Grease the machine as required using the correct type of grease.
5. Never attempt to start this machine from anywhere other than the operators position. By not starting it in the operator's position this could cause serious injury or death.
6. Make sure the direction control levers are in neutral position. Left lever controls the left hydraulic motor. Right lever controls the right hydraulic motor. Pushing the lever forward makes the machine move forward.
7. Be sure no one is within 50 feet of the pruner.
8. If the engine is cold put the choke control lever in choke position.
9. Throttle should be in fast idle position.
10. Turn the key clockwise and release as soon as the engine starts.
11. Once the engine has started and has warmed up slightly place the choke control lever in off position.
12. At any time if someone is within the 50 foot radius the pruner must be shut down until the 50 foot radius is clear.
13. Before getting off the machine, the engine must be shut off.
14. The engine is only allowed to be operated if the person running the machine is qualified.

Operating the Pruner

1. Push the center red button of the throttle handle in and pull out the throttle handle to speed up the engine. Turning the throttle handle counter clockwise will also speed up the engine a small amount per turn. When the machine is in motion it should be running at $\frac{3}{4}$ throttle.
2. The direction control levers control which direction the machine travels as well as the speed of travel. To move forward push both levers forward together. To reverse pull both levers back together. The further forward or back the levers are pushed is how fast the machine moves. If one lever is pushed or pulled further than the other the machine will turn. For a sharp turn push one lever forward and pull the other lever back.
3. When driving up or down a ramp make sure that no other personnel are either in front of or behind the pruner. Remember if someone is in a 50 foot radius the machine is to not be operated.
4. While travelling up or down a ramp it is important to keep the head in the down position so that the weight of the head is traveling on the tag wheels. Failing to keep the head down will cause the machine to be very unstable and difficult to control.
5. When going down the ramp into the field remember to lift the head at the bottom of the ramp. Failing to do so will cause the head to dig into the field and will cause damage to the pruner head.
6. Be sure to shut the engine down on level ground only. Never shut down the engine on an incline as it will roll and without hydraulic power you will not be able to steer.
7. On this machine standing is allowed for visibility to operate the machine safely.
8. The operator must be aware that underneath this machine there are drive sprockets and chains that are not physically guarded. The sprockets and chains only move if the machine is in motion. The operator is guarded by the floor while in the operator's position. It is important to follow these safe operation procedures so that no one can possibly come in contact with this hazard. Be sure to shut the engine off before dismounting.

Please use the following **Safe Work Procedures** as a guideline to building your own safe work procedures.

