

Valmar Multiuse Vehicle

AgSafe Safe Work Procedure

1. Complete your pre – start inspection.
2. Only start the engine from the operator’s position, never from any other location.
3. Before starting make sure the direction control lever is in the neutral position (middle). If it is pushed forwards the machine will move forward. If it is pushed back the machine will move backwards.
4. Check your surroundings for other people or machinery in front or behind. It is important for the operator to understand that they must stay on the machine when it is running. If the operator gets off the engine must be shut off.
5. Pull the throttle control rod out gently.
6. If the engine is cold pull the choke control out to engage the choke. When the engine has warmed up slightly you must remember to push the choke control cable back in.
7. Turn the ignition key clockwise, when the motor starts release the key immediately.
8. When the engine has started and the choke has been disengaged you are ready to being operations. Pull the throttle control rod out of the desired position for the task to be completed.
9. When operating the machine up or down a ramp make sure to line the machine up so that travel will be in a straight line. This is just in case the power steering fails, which could cause steering to become very difficult. By lining it up correctly you are lowering the risk associated with engine failure.

Section 2 – Valmar Blower – Safe Operating Procedures

1. Complete your prestart inspection
2. It is mandatory to wear proper hearing protection while operating the blower. If hearing protection needs to be taken off you must first turn off the blower.
3. To start the blower, use these following steps...
 - a. Place the kill switch in the on or run position
 - b. Place throttle control in the idle position
 - c. The choke may be needed if the blower is cold, if the blower is

- warm the choke won't be needed.
- d. Engage choke if needed and pull the starter cord. Repeat a couple times, disengage the choke and pull the starter cord again
 - e. When the blower has started leave the throttle in the idle position until you are ready to begin applying
 - i. When refueling or filling the hopper as well as doing any form of prep be sure the blower is switched to off
 - ii. If you have to leave the operators positions at any time make sure everything is in the off position.

Filling the Hopper – Safe Operating Procedures

1. Complete your pre – start inspection.
2. Look around and make sure that there is no one in front or behind the machine while carefully driving into the field. When in the field turn off the engine and open the booms.
3. During this step make sure the proper respiratory equipment is being used, not only for you but for other workers in the vicinity. Place bag of product on top of the screen inside the hopper. Carefully cut the bottom of the bag so that the product empties into the hopper running thru the screen first. Be careful not to spill any while filling the hopper.
4. To avoid any unnecessary weight only put in the amount of product that is needed. Added weight increases your chances of getting stuck; it can also cause more damage to the vine.

Always use caution when using this machine

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