

## WARNING SELF-PROPELLED WEED MOWER

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

**⚠️ WARNING:** Operating, servicing and maintaining this equipment can expose you to chemicals including engine exhaust, carbon monoxide and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize your exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, do not idle the engine except as necessary, operate and service your equipment in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing your equipment. For more information go to [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

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With all mowers, mower attachments and other rotary cutting devices, there is a chance of objects *being shot out at high speeds. These objects could cause serious injury or death to the operator or bystanders.* Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Clear it of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, bones, sticks, etcetera. Always wear safety goggles and other protective clothing. Keep children, animals and others at least 50 feet away at all times.

Use extreme caution whenever operating, moving, loading or unloading this equipment. During and after operation the Muffler and other components are Extremely Hot and will cause Serious Burns.

Never operate power equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or any substance that could affect your ability or judgment. Be alert! If you get tired while operating this equipment, take a break. Tiredness may result in loss of control.

Provide adequate ventilation when operating this equipment. Internal combustion engines consume oxygen and give off deadly carbon monoxide gas.

Do not tape down or otherwise by-pass any safety devices! Always operate this equipment from the designated operator's position.

Use extreme caution while moving this machine in reverse, look behind you before backing, check for obstructions and trip hazards.

Use extreme caution: The mower blade is very sharp! Keep your hands and feet clear of the blade at all times.

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES TO FOLLOW**

1. Be familiar with the area you are going to cut weeds. Cut only in daylight.
2. Before cutting weeds make sure the area is clear of solid objects and debris that could be thrown or damage the machine.
3. Do not cut when raining or when weeds are wet.
4. Do not operate the weed mower without deflectors or shields in place.
5. Before beginning work, check weed mower to make sure no damage has occurred in transit to controls or safety devices.
6. **ALWAYS WEAR PROTECTIVE EYE DEVICES INCLUDING A FACE SAFETY SHIELD.**
7. Do not allow children to operate weed mower. Keep others, especially children and pets, safely away from work area. Do not operate in proximity of windows or other breakable items.
8. Do not wear loose fitting clothes that could get caught. Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants and boots when operating a weed mower.
9. Never cut weeds by pulling the mower toward yourself. Cut across the face of slopes, not up or down. Do not cut weeds on excessively steep slopes.
10. Always be careful of your footing, especially on slopes.
11. Before handling the weed mower in any way, shut the engine off and wait until the blade has come to a complete stop.
12. Stop the engine whenever you leave the mower.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. **IF** there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**