



Riding Mower Use

What Personal Protective Equipment is required?

When operating this equipment wear:

- Hearing protection ear muffs or ear plugs
- Safety glasses
- Snug fitting and durable clothing, jean or long pants no shorts or cut-offs
- Heavy duty non-slip gloves
- Safety boots
- Do not wear clothing/items that could get caught in equipment

What should I do prior to operating?

- Prior to operating any equipment review the operator's manual to familiarize yourself with the equipment.
- Inspect the equipment as outlined in operator's manual including the following:
 - Check tires and tire pressure
 - Check for fuel or oil leaks
 - Test the safety interlock system verify it passes manufacturer's tests.

How do I safely operate the equipment?

- Inspect area where equipment is being used remove all obstructions.
- Never carry passengers.
- Do not operate with interlocks disconnected or not operational
- Be aware of terrain hazards such as holes
- Keep legs, arms and body within the operator compartment. Keep hands and feet away from cutting unit
- Do not use on slopes greater than the safe slope limit for the mower
- Operate up and down faces of slopes not across and reduce speed on slopes and in turns.
- Exercise caution near drop-offs, ditches or embankments
- Stop blade when on any surface but grass

How do I safely add fuel?

When adding fuel observe the following

- If required mix fuel and oil as per operator's manual.
- Always mix fuel outdoors
- Always shut off the motor
- Let the motor cool before adding fuel
- Do not smoke or place hot objects near fuel
- Open fuel cap slowly to release pressure gently
- Tighten fuel cap carefully after refueling
- Move the machine away from the area of refueling before trying to restart.
- If fuel is spilled on machine, wipe up the spillage and allow for the remaining fuel to evaporate
- If fuel is spilled on your clothes change your clothing and wash any parts of your body that has come in contact with the fuel
- If fuel is leaking from the machine remove from use until repaired.

What are some of the hazards?

- Wearing loose clothing that could result in getting caught in moving parts
- Hearing loss by failing to wear hearing protection properly
- Suffering eye injury from not using eye protection
- Loss of control resulting in a roll over due to working on slopes.

What if I have other concerns?

If you have any concerns or questions speak to your:

1. Supervisor,
2. Health and safety representative, or
3. Contact EHS