



# Safety Instructions

THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ BY THE OPERATOR  
BEFORE USING THE MACHINE.



## 7.4 Tampers (Rammers)

- This equipment is designed to be operated by someone with normal ability. Persons with a disability or injury must assess whether their disability, when using the equipment, will affect their health and safety and the safety of others.
- It should only be operated by someone with experience of similar equipment.
- This equipment must not be used by anyone whose competence is impaired, for example by drink or drugs.

- 1 The tamper must be operated correctly according to the manufacturer's or owner's operating instructions, which are available on request if required.
- 2 **CHECK** that all persons and animals are clear of the work area.
- 3 Wear protective clothing as conditions determine such as hard hats, safety footwear (with steel toe caps).
- 4 When noise levels are uncomfortably high over 80dB(A), it is advisable to wear hearing protectors.
- 5 If higher noise levels occur regularly when it is necessary to shout to be heard, (85dB(A) and above) the law requires that hearing protectors must be worn.
- 6 Stand the machine on a level surface before starting the engine.
- 7 **CHECK** that guards are secure. **NEVER** operate the machine with missing or defective guards.
- 8 Before starting an engine the operator should familiarise himself/herself on how to stop it.
- 9 After starting the engine hold the handle firmly as you start the ramming system.
- 10 During tamping keep the ramming shoe parallel to the ground and **DO NOT** pull the machine backwards.
- 11 **DO NOT** operate the machine on a solid surface.
- 12 **DO NOT** smoke when refuelling. **NEVER** refuel with the engine running.
- 13 Replace the fuel caps securely on the engine and fuel container. Wipe up any spillage immediately.
- 14 Fuel containers should be in good condition and leak proof.
- 15 **DO NOT** use the machine in a hazardous or explosive atmosphere, or where fuel has been spilt.
- 16 **DO NOT** use the machine in a trench, basement or other badly ventilated or enclosed area where exhaust fumes can sink into a basement or excavation.
- 17 If it has to be used in an enclosed area, ducting may be used to discharge exhaust fumes to a safe place.
- 18 Move the machine at least 10 metres from the fuelling point before starting engines.
- 19 **CHECK** that there are no combustible materials against the exhaust system. The exhaust and silencer get very hot.
- 20 In the event of a leak of fuel or oil developing, switch the engine off **IMMEDIATELY**.
- 21 **DO NOT** leave the machine unattended with the engine running.
- 22 **DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.



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