

OPERATION**PARKING**

NEVER PARK THIS UNIT ON A SLOPE OF ANY KIND. Always keep tines in the up position when parking the unit.

TINES RAISING/LOWERING

The tines are raised or lowered into the ground by operating the tine engagement lever on the upper handle. Tine penetration is very dependent on surface preparation. READ the entire operation section before aerating.

AERATING OPERATION

MOW: Mow the lawn to its normal cut height.

WATER: For the best performance and maximum tine penetration the lawn should be thoroughly watered the day before aeration.

INSPECT lawn before beginning work. Remove all rocks, wire, string, or other objects that can present a hazard during work prior to starting.

IDENTIFY and mark all fixed objects to be avoided during work, such as sprinkler heads, water valves, buried cables, or clothes line anchors, etc.

START ENGINE: See Safety and General Operation manual.

SET SPEED: The ground speed of your aerator varies with the engine speed. Set the engine at approximately half throttle to start. Speed may be increased based on the turf conditions (i.e. large flat areas) and operator experience. Speed should be lowered when operating under adverse turf conditions (i.e. fenced areas, hills, or slopes).

MOVE: Be sure the tine engagement control is in the up position (tines out of the ground) and engage the wheel drive by squeezing the operators clutch bail against the handle. Transport the aerator to the work area.

ENGAGE TINES: With the aerator in the work area, release the clutch bail and push forward on the tine engagement lever, lowering the tines into the dirt.

AERATE: Engage the operators clutch bail by pushing it pulling it backwards from the handle, and start aerating.

NOTE: For maximum tine penetration apply downward pressure on the handle.

TURNING: At the end of an aerating run, release the clutch bail and lift up on the tine engagement control to lift the tines out of the ground. Using the handle lift the front of the unit to pivot it around and line up for the next pass.

TRANSPORT: Be sure to lift the tine engagement lever (tines out of the ground) before transporting away from the work area.

AERATING TIPS

WATER: For the best performance and maximum tine penetration, the lawn should be thoroughly watered the day before aeration.

SLOPES: Do not operate the aerator on steep slopes. Use extreme caution when operating on any sloped surface. For lesser sloped areas operate the unit, traversing up and down at a 45 degree angle to the slope rather than straight across. Extended operation on steep slopes can cause engine damage.

NOTE: DO NOT release the operators clutch bail when operating on a slope. This will allow the unit to free wheel and allow the unit to roll down the slope.

NOTE: Honda engines are equipped with a low oil sensor to prevent engine damage. When it senses a low oil condition (i.e. unit is operating or sitting on a steep slope) the engine shuts down. The low oil condition must be corrected before the engine can be restarted. See the engine owner's manual for more information.

TINE PENETRATION: Maximum tine penetration is achieved by applying downward pressure on the handle during operation.

TURNING: At the end of a pass the tines can be lifted out of the ground to turn by lifting straight up on the operators handle.

