# **TK HIRE**



# Operating and safety instructions for a towable logsplitter

#### **SAFETY FIRST:**

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. In accordance with Health and Safety in Employment Act requirements, this sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for use at a commercial worksite so that the information is available to all users.

#### REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT













of the log



**SPECIAL NOTE: TOWING SPEED** 

Maximum towing speed for trailers is 90 km/hr

#### **Pre Start Checks and Safety**

This machine can cause serious injury if misused – Please read the following safety instructions carefully before operating the machine. This machine is designed to be operated by one person only, the person placing the wood into the splitter should be the same person operating the control lever. This ensures that hands are clear of the danger zone before the control is operated.

Extreme pressure is exerted by the ram which may cause the wood to twist, trapping fingers or hands causing serious injury.

! Check fuel tank is full (straight petrol)

! Check engine & hydraulic oil levels

! Set splitter up on a level site with stabilizer legs down and wheels chocked

! Ensure all logs are pre cut into manageable lengths (with chainsaw)

! Do not hold wood whilst it is being split

! Continue to keep hands clear while the ram is in the return mode, the crush injury risk behind the ram is equal to that in front of the ram

! Keep children away from the machine at all times

! Always use in a well ventilated area

! Ensure no body part or combustible material can come into contact with the engine exhaust

! Always stop engine before refuelling

! Beware of loose clothing at all times

#### When Operating

Increase engine speed to full throttle Familiarise yourself with the ram control, it has a dead man valve fitted so the ram will stop as soon as the lever is released Place logs on the splitting bench so that the hydraulic ram will pierce the centre

Always position the log to be split with the grain (never attempt to split across the grain as the log may burst or fly off splitting bench)

Only split one log at a time
Remove hands from log before engaging
the hydraulic ram
Retract ram from split log and remove

Retract ram from split log and remove from bench before preparing for next log

## **Starting procedure**

Turn on fuel supply & engine switch Choke engine (cold start) Pull starter cord out until a slight resistance is felt, let starter recoil and give sharp pulls till engine fires or starts Release choke

If required repull starter cord out until a slight resistance is felt, let starter recoil and give sharp pulls till engine starts Allow engine to warm up

## **Stopping and After Use**

Turn off engine switch or push stop button Turn off fuel supply