

WOODSPLITTER OPERATING SAFETY

1. **Please remember it is important that you READ AND HEED THE SAFETY SIGNS on the Woodsplitter.** Clean or replace all safety signs if they cannot be clearly read and understood. They are there for your safety, as well as the safety of others. The safe use of this machine is strictly up to you, the operator.
2. All things with moving parts are potentially hazardous. There is no substitute for a cautious, safe-minded operator who recognizes potential hazards and follows reasonable safety practices. The manufacturer has designed this **WOODSPLITTER TO BE USED WITH ALL ITS SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROPERLY ATTACHED**, to minimize the chance of accidents. **STUDY THIS MANUAL** to make sure you have all safety equipment attached.
3. If a safety shield or guard is removed for any reason, it **must be replaced** before the machine is again operated.
4. Personal protection equipment including hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, safety shoes, and tight gloves are recommended during assembly, installation, operation, adjustment, maintaining, repairing, removal, or moving. **Do not** allow long hair, loose fitting clothing, or jewellery to be around moving parts.
5. **Always** use two people to handle heavy, unwieldy components during assembly, installation, removal or moving.
6. **Never** place any part of your body, fingers, hands, feet, etc. where it would be in danger if movement should occur during assembly, installation, operation, maintaining, repairing, removal or moving. Keep others away.
7. **Do not** allow bystanders within 20 feet of machine during operation. Wood chips can fly out and injure others.
8. **Do not** step over or straddle splitter during operation.
9. **Do not** try to split more than one log at a time. The extra log can fly out and cause injury.
10. Keep your fingers and hands away from cracks in the log that can open while splitting.
11. **Always** load logs by holding on the sides, not the top and bottom.
12. **Do not** load the splitter when the wedge is in motion.
13. **Do not** try to split logs across the grain. Some kinds can burst or splinter and fly out of machine causing injury.
14. For uneven cut logs, **always** place the wide end down and the most square end against the splitting wedge.
15. **Never** use alcoholic beverages or drugs which can hinder alertness or coordination while operating this equipment. Consult your doctor about operating this machine while taking prescription medications.
16. **Do not** allow riders on the machine or at any time. There is no safe place for any riders.
17. **Before** you operate the machine, check over all pins, bolts, connections and hydraulic components to be sure all are securely in place and tight. Tighten or replace any leaking, damaged or worn parts **immediately**.
18. **Do not** allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.
19. **NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO OPERATE OR BE AROUND THIS MACHINE.**
20. **Do not** operate on slopes or hillsides. Sloping terrain can cause logs to roll or slip.
21. **Clear the work area** of objects which might be picked up and snagged or entangled in the machine. **Do not** operate on slippery, wet, muddy or icy surfaces. Good footing prevents slipping and tripping.

ALWAYS THOROUGHLY CLEAN WOODSPLITTER AFTER EACH USE