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OPERATOR'S MANUAL



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Proposition 65 Warning:



Engine exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

1. Foreword

This manual provides information and procedures to safely operate and maintain this Wacker model. For your own safety and protection from injury, carefully read, understand and observe the safety instructions described in this manual.

Keep this manual or a copy of it with the machine. If you lose this manual or need an additional copy, please contact Wacker Corporation. This machine is built with user safety in mind; however, it can present hazards if improperly operated and serviced. Follow operating instructions carefully! If you have questions about operating or servicing this equipment, please contact Wacker Corporation.

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2. Safety Information

This manual contains DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, and NOTE callouts which must be followed to reduce the possibility of personal injury, damage to the equipment, or improper service.



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.



DANGER

DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

CAUTION: Used without the safety alert symbol, CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

Note: *Contains additional information important to a procedure.*

2.1 Laws Pertaining to Spark Arrestors

Notice: State Health Safety Codes and Public Resources Codes specify that in certain locations spark arresters be used on internal combustion engines that use hydrocarbon fuels. A spark arrester is a device designed to prevent accidental discharge of sparks or flames from the engine exhaust. Spark arresters are qualified and rated by the United States Forest Service for this purpose.

In order to comply with local laws regarding spark arresters, consult the engine distributor or the local Health and Safety Administrator.

2.2 Operating Safety

**WARNING**

Familiarity and proper training are required for the safe operation of equipment! Equipment operated improperly or by untrained personnel can be dangerous! Read the operating instructions contained in both this manual and the engine manual and familiarize yourself with the location and proper use of all controls. Inexperienced operators should receive instruction from someone familiar with the equipment before being allowed to operate the machine.

- 2.2.1 NEVER allow anyone to operate this equipment without proper training. People operating this equipment must be familiar with the risks and hazards associated with it.
- 2.2.2 NEVER touch the engine or muffler while the engine is on or immediately after it has been turned off. These areas get hot and may cause burns.
- 2.2.3 NEVER use accessories or attachments that are not recommended by Wacker. Damage to equipment and injury to the user may result.
- 2.2.4 NEVER leave machine running unattended.
- 2.2.5 NEVER operate the machine with the belt guard missing. Exposed drive belt and pulleys create potentially dangerous hazards that can cause serious injuries.
- 2.2.6 NEVER operate this machine in applications for which it is not intended.
- 2.2.7 NEVER use the trowel around pop-ups in the concrete that are lower than the lowest ring on the ring guard.
- 2.2.8 ALWAYS wear protective clothing appropriate to the job site when operating equipment.
- 2.2.9 ALWAYS remain aware of moving parts and keep hands, feet, and loose clothing away from moving parts of equipment.
- 2.2.10 ALWAYS read, understand, and follow procedures in Operator's Manual before attempting to operate equipment.
- 2.2.11 ALWAYS store equipment properly when it is not being used. Equipment should be stored in a clean, dry location out of the reach of children.
- 2.2.12 ALWAYS close fuel valve on engines equipped with one when machine is not being operated.
- 2.2.13 ALWAYS operate machine with all safety devices and guards in place and in working order. DO NOT modify or defeat safety devices. DO NOT operate machine if any safety devices or guards are missing or inoperative.
- 2.2.14 ALWAYS be sure operator is familiar with proper safety precautions and operation techniques before using machine.

2.3 Operator Safety while using Internal Combustion Engines



DANGER

Internal combustion engines present special hazards during operation and fueling! Read and follow warning instructions in engine owner's manual and safety guidelines below. Failure to follow warnings and safety guidelines could result in severe injury or death.

- 2.3.1 DO NOT run machine indoors or in an enclosed area such as a deep trench unless adequate ventilation, through such items as exhaust fans or hoses, is provided. Exhaust gas from the engine contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas; exposure to carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.
- 2.3.2 DO NOT smoke while operating machine.
- 2.3.3 DO NOT smoke when refueling engine.
- 2.3.4 DO NOT refuel hot or running engine.
- 2.3.5 DO NOT refuel engine near open flame.
- 2.3.6 DO NOT spill fuel when refueling engine.
- 2.3.7 DO NOT run engine near open flames.
- 2.3.8 ALWAYS refill fuel tank in well-ventilated area.
- 2.3.9 ALWAYS replace fuel tank cap after refueling.

2.4 Service Safety

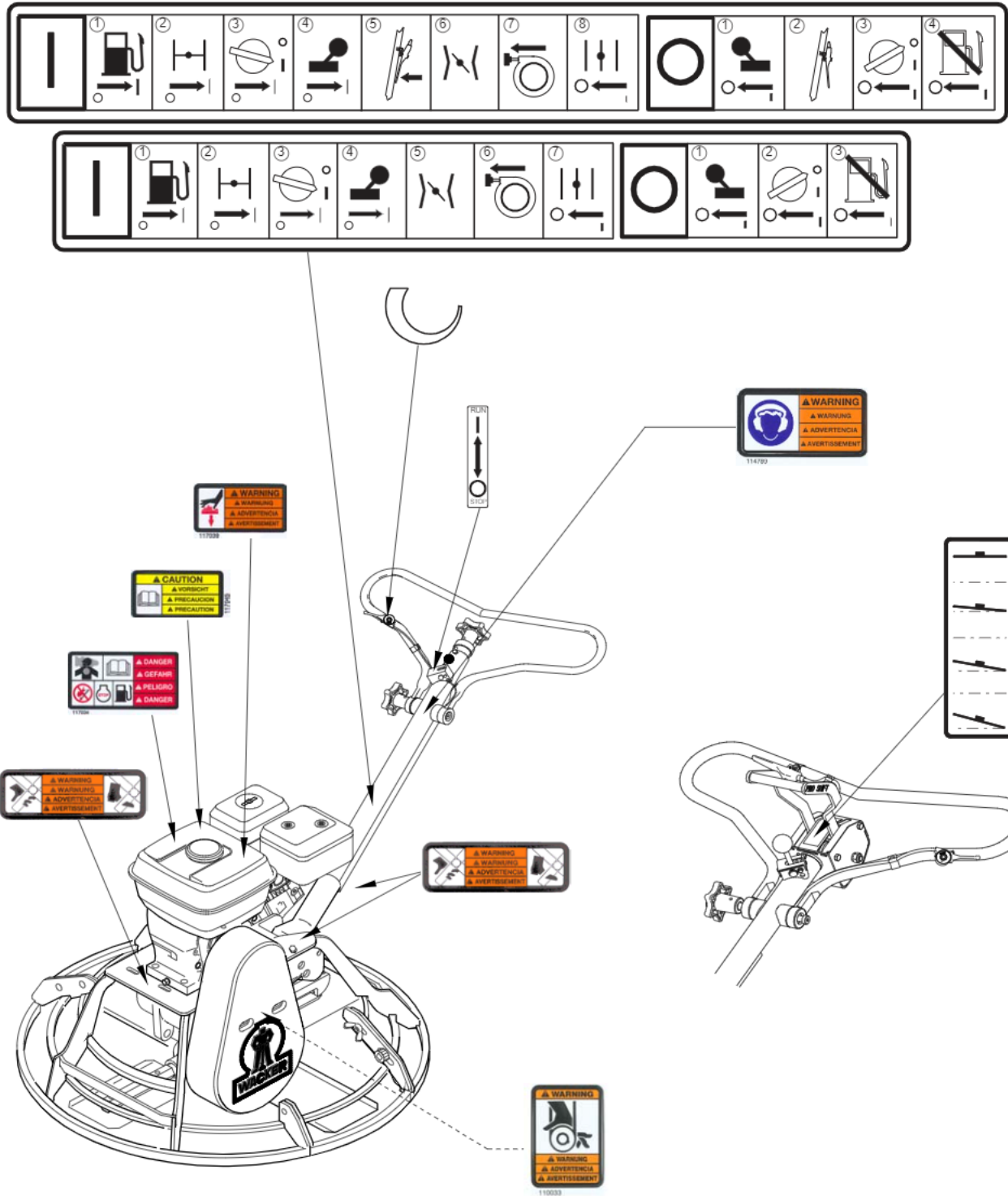


WARNING

Poorly maintained equipment can become a safety hazard! In order for the equipment to operate safely and properly over a long period of time, periodic maintenance and occasional repairs are necessary.

- 2.4.1 DO NOT attempt to clean or service machine while it is running. Rotating parts can cause severe injury.
- 2.4.2 DO NOT crank a flooded engine with the spark plug removed on gasoline-powered engines. Fuel trapped in the cylinder will squirt out the spark plug opening.
- 2.4.3 DO NOT test for spark on gasoline-powered engines, if engine is flooded or the smell of gasoline is present. A stray spark could ignite fumes.
- 2.4.4 DO NOT use gasoline or other types of fuels or flammable solvents to clean parts, especially in enclosed areas. Fumes from fuels and solvents can become explosive.
- 2.4.5 DO NOT remove blades while the machine is hanging overhead.
- 2.4.6 ALWAYS support the machine securely before changing blades.
- 2.4.7 ALWAYS keep area around muffler free of debris such as leaves, paper, cartons, etc. A hot muffler could ignite them, starting a fire.
- 2.4.8 ALWAYS replace worn or damaged components with spare parts designed and recommended by Wacker.
- 2.4.9 ALWAYS disconnect spark plug on machines equipped with gasoline engines, before servicing, to avoid accidental start-up.
- 2.4.10 ALWAYS keep machine clean and labels legible. Replace all missing and hard-to-read labels. Labels provide important operating instructions and warn of dangers and hazards.
- 2.4.11 ALWAYS handle blades carefully. The blades can develop sharp edges which can cause serious cuts.

2.5 Label Locations

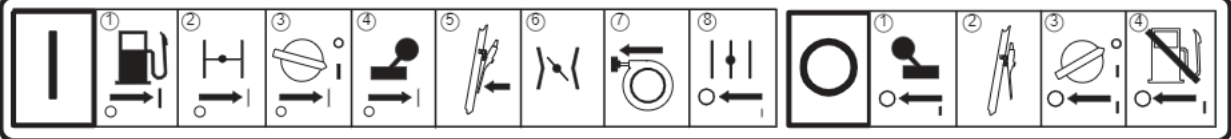
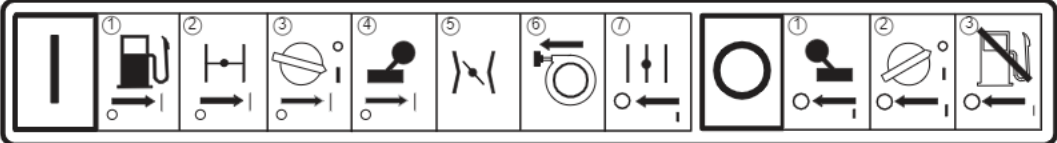


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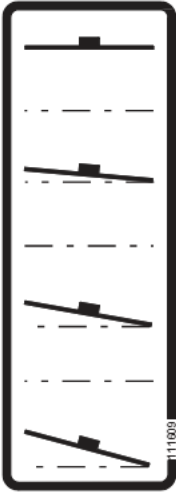
2.6 Safety and Information Labels

Wacker machines use international pictorial labels where needed. These labels are described below:

Label	Meaning
 117034	DANGER! Engines emit carbon monoxide; operate only in well ventilated area. Read the operator's manual. No sparks, flames or burning objects near machine. Shut off engine before refueling.
 117039  117038	WARNING! Hot surface!
 110033	WARNING! Hand injury if caught in moving belt. Always replace beltguard.
 114789	WARNING! To prevent hearing loss, wear hearing protection when operating this machine.
	WARNING! Cutting hazard. Always replace blade guard!

Label	Meaning
 WARNING Remove pan from trowel before lifting machine overhead. Pans can fall and cause death or serious injury if a person is hit.  WARNUNG Gleitscheibe vom Betonglätter entfernen bevor das Gerät über Kopfhöhe gehoben wird. Gleitscheibe kann fallen und schwere Verletzung oder Tod verursachen wenn Personal getroffen wird.  ADVERTENCIA Quite el disco de flotación antes de levantar la máquina alisadora de hormigón. Los discos podrían caer y matar o lastimar seriamente a una persona que se encuentre cerca.  AVERTISSEMENT Avant de lever l'appareil au-dessus de votre tête, ôter le disque de talochage de la truelle. Le disque de talochage peut tomber et entraîner de graves blessures ou même la mort.	WARNING! Remove pan from trowel before lifting machine overhead. Pans can fall and cause death or serious injury if a person is hit. (Located on top side of float pan.)
 	
	Open fuel flow valve.
	Open choke.
	Push or turn engine switch to ON position.
	Place run/stop switch in "RUN" position.

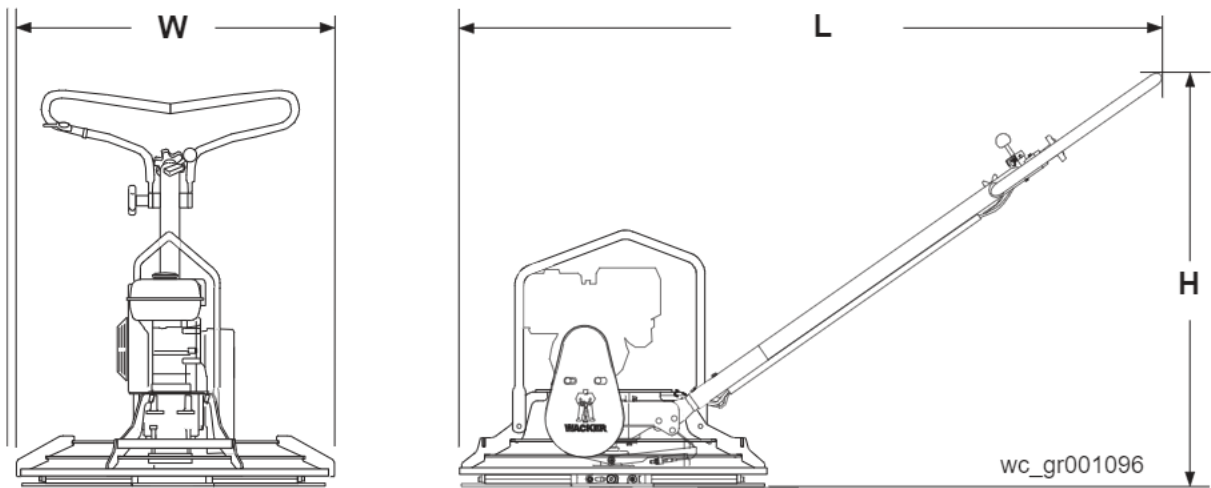
Label	Meaning
	Engage operator present lever.
	Pull rewind starter.
	Close fuel flow valve.
	Close choke.
	Push or turn engine switch to OFF position.
	Place run/stop switch in "STOP" position.
	Release operator present lever.
	Place throttle in the IDLE position.

Label	Meaning
	Variable speed throttle
	CAUTION! Read and understand the supplied operator's manuals before operating this machine. Failure to do so increases the risk of injury to yourself or others.
	CAUTION! Lifting point
	<i>Pro-Shift®</i> blade pitch (angle) adjustment: Pull handle towards the operator to increase the pitch. Push handle away from the operator to decrease the pitch.
	A nameplate listing the Model Number, Item Number, Revision, and Serial Number is attached to each unit. Please record the information found on this plate so it will be available should the nameplate become lost or damaged. When ordering parts or requesting service information, you will always be asked to specify the model, item number, revision number, and serial number of the unit.

Label	Meaning
U.S. PAT. Nos.: OTHER U.S. AND FOREIGN PATENTS PENDING <i>Pro-Shift</i>[®]	This machine may be covered by one or more patents.

3. Technical Data

3.1 Dimensions and Weight



Guide

Ref.	Description	Ref.	Description
A	Honda engine	E	Edging feature
D	Standard performance engine	P	<i>Pro-Shift®</i> blade system
G	High performance engine	T	Twist pitch blade system

Model	Item No.	LxWxH mm (in.)	Without Weight Kit kg (lbs.)	With Weight Kit kg (lbs.)
CT 30ADT	0008001	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	75 (165)	103 (228)
CT 30ADT	0008005	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	77 (170)	106 (233)
CT 30ADT-E	0008002	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	76 (168)	105 (231)
CT 30ADT-E	0007587	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	79 (173)	107 (236)
CT 30AGT	0008003	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	78 (171)	106 (234)
CT 30AGT	0008006	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	80 (176)	109 (239)
CT 30AGT-E	0008004	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	79 (174)	108 (237)
CT 30AGT-E	0007589	1549x762x914 (61 x 30 x 36)	81 (179)	110 (242)

Model	Item No.	LxWxH mm (in.)	Without Weight Kit kg (lbs.)	With Weight Kit kg (lbs.)
CT 36ADP	0007591	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	87 (191)	115 (254)
CT 36ADP	0007592	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	89 (196)	117 (259)
CT 36ADP-E	0007697	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	88 (194)	117 (257)
CT 36ADP-E	0008034	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	90 (199)	119 (262)
CT 36AGP	0007595	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	98 (217)	127 (280)
CT 36AGP	0007596	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	101 (223)	130 (286)
CT 36AGP-E	0008026	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	100 (220)	128 (283)
CT 36AGP-E	0008036	1830x914x1016 (72 x 36 x 40)	103 (226)	131 (289)
CT 36ADT	0008007	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	84 (185)	112 (248)
CT 36ADT	0009480	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	84 (185)	112 (248)
CT 36ADT	0008013	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	86 (190)	115 (253)
CT 36ADT-E	0008008	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	85 (188)	114 (251)
CT 36ADT-E	0007590	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	88 (193)	116 (256)
CT 36AGT	0008011	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	96 (211)	124 (274)
CT 36AGT	0008014	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	99 (217)	127 (280)
CT 36AGT-E	0008012	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	97 (213)	126 (277)
CT 36AGT-E	0007594	1753x914x1016 (69 x 36 x 40)	100 (220)	128 (283)

Model	Item No.	LxWxH mm (in.)	Without Weight Kit kg (lbs.)	With Weight Kit kg (lbs.)
CT 48ADP	0007598	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	113 (249)	142 (312)
CT 48ADP	0007602	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	116 (255)	144 (318)
CT 48ADP-E	0008028	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	114 (252)	143 (315)
CT 48ADP-E	0008032	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	117 (258)	146 (321)
CT 48AGP	0007599	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	119 (263)	148 (326)
CT 48AGP	0007603	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	122 (269)	151 (312)
CT 48AGP-E	0008027	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	121 (266)	149 (329)
CT 48AGP-E	0008031	2235x1220x1067 (88 x 48 x 42)	123 (272)	152 (315)
CT 48ADT	0008015	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	110 (243)	139 (306)
CT 48ADT	0008040	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	113 (249)	141 (312)
CT 48ADT-E	0008016	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	112 (246)	140 (309)
CT 48ADT-E	0007597	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	114 (252)	143 (315)
CT 48AGT	0008019	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	117 (257)	145 (320)
CT 48AGT	0008041	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	119 (263)	148 (326)
CT 48AGT-E	0008020	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	118 (260)	147 (323)
CT 48AGT-E	0007601	2108x1220x1156 (83 x 48 x 45.5)	121 (266)	149 (329)

3.2 Engine

Item No.		CT 30ADT 0007587, 0008001 0008002, 0008005	CT 30AGT 0007589, 0008003 0008004, 0008006
Engine			
Engine Make		Honda	Honda
Engine Model		GX 120 K1 QX2	GX 160 K1 QX2
Rated Power	kW (Hp)	3.0 (4.0)	4.1 (5.5)
Spark Plug		NGK BPR 6ES	
Electrode Gap	mm (in.)	0.7 – 0.8 (0.028 – 0.031)	
Engine Speed - full load	rpm	3800 ± 100	
Engine Speed - idle	rpm	1450 ± 100	
Clutch engagement	rpm	1800 – 1900	
Valve Clearance (cold)			
intake:	mm (in.)	0.15 (0.006)	
exhaust:		0.20 (0.008)	
Air Cleaner	type	Dual element	
Engine Lubrication	oil grade	SAE 10W30 SG or SF	
Engine Oil Capacity	ml (oz.)	600 (20)	
Fuel	type	Regular unleaded gasoline	
Fuel Tank Capacity	l (qts.)	2.5 (2.6)	

Item No.	CT 36ADT 0007590, 0007591 0007592, 0007697 0008007, 0008008 0008013, 0008034 0009480	CT 36AGT 0007594, 0007495 0007496, 0008011 0008012, 0008014 0008026, 0008036
Engine		
Engine Make	Honda	Honda
Engine Model	GX 160 K1 QX2	GX 240 K1 QA2
Rated Power kW (Hp)	4.1 (5.5)	6.0 (8.0)
Spark Plug	NGK BPR 6ES	
Electrode Gap mm (in.)	0.7 – 0.8 (0.028 – 0.031)	
Engine Speed - full load rpm	3800 ± 100	
Engine Speed - idle rpm	1450 ± 100	
Clutch engagement rpm	1800 – 1900	
Valve Clearance (cold) intake: mm (in.) exhaust:	0.15 (0.006) 0.20 (0.008)	
Air Cleaner type	Dual element	
Engine Lubrication oil grade	SAE 10W30 SG or SF	
Engine Oil Capacity ml (oz.)	600 (20)	1100 (37)
Fuel type	Regular unleaded gasoline	
Fuel Tank Capacity l (qts.)	2.5 (2.6)	6.1 (6.4)

Item No.	CT 48ADT 0007597, 0007598 0007599, 0008015 0008016, 0008027 0008028, 0008040	CT 48AGT 0007601, 0007602 0007603, 0008019 0008020, 0008031 0008032, 0008041
Engine		
Engine Make	Honda	Honda
Engine Model	GX 240 K1 QA2	GX 340 K1 QA2
Rated Power kW (Hp)	6.0 (8.0)	8.2 (11.0)
Spark Plug	NGK BPR 6ES	
Electrode Gap mm (in.)	0.7 – 0.8 (0.028 – 0.031)	
Engine Speed - full load rpm	3800 ± 100	
Engine Speed - idle rpm	1450 ± 100	
Clutch engagement rpm	1800 – 1900	
Valve Clearance (cold) intake: mm (in.) exhaust:	0.15 (0.006) 0.20 (0.008)	
Air Cleaner type	Dual element	
Engine Lubrication oil grade	SAE 10W30 SG or SF	
Engine Oil Capacity ml (oz.)	1100 (37)	
Fuel type	Regular unleaded gasoline	
Fuel Tank Capacity l (qts.)	6.1 (6.4)	6.8 (7.2)

3.3 Trowel

Item No.	CT 30ADT 0007587, 0008001 0008002, 0008005	CT 30AGT 0007589, 0008003 0008004, 0008006
Trowel		
Trowel Diameter*	mm (in.)	762 (30)
Number of Blades		4
Gear Box Lubrication	type/ ml (oz.)	Mobil SHC634 Approx. 1330 (45)
Speed Range	rpm	60 – 100 125 – 165
Pitch Range	degrees	0 – 15

Item No.	CT 36ADT 0007590, 0007591 0007592, 0007697 0008007, 0008008 0008013, 0008034 0009480	CT 36AGT 0007594, 0007495 0007496, 0008011 0008012, 0008014 0008026, 0008036
Trowel		
Trowel Diameter*	mm (in.)	914 (36)
Number of Blades		4
Gear Box Lubrication	type/ ml (oz.)	Mobil SHC634 Approx. 1330 (45)
Speed Range	rpm	60 – 100 125 – 165
Pitch Range	degrees	0 – 15

Item No.	CT 48ADT 0007597, 0007598 0007599, 0008015 0008016, 0008027 0008028, 0008040	CT 48AGT 0007601, 0007602 0007603, 0008019 0008020, 0008031 0008032, 0008041
Trowel		
Trowel Diameter*	mm (in.)	1220 (48)
Number of Blades		4
Gear Box Lubrication	type/ ml (oz.)	Mobil SHC634 Approx. 1330 (45)
Speed Range	rpm	60 – 100 125 – 165
Pitch Range	degrees	0 – 15

*Trowel blades must NOT be interchanged, i.e., do NOT put larger diameter blades on a smaller diameter trowel.

3.4 Sound and Vibration Data

The required sound specification, Paragraph 1.7.4.f of 89/392/EEC Machinery Directive, is:

- the sound pressure level at operator's location (L_{pA}) : “**A**” dB(A)
- the guaranteed sound power level (L_{WA}) = “**B**” dB(A)

These sound values were determined according to ISO 3744 for the sound power level (L_{WA}) and ISO 6081 for the sound pressure level (L_{pA}) at the operator's location.

- The weighted effective acceleration value, determined according to ISO 8662 Part 1, is: “**C**” m/s^2 for units with wing grip handle; “**D**” m/s^2 for units with bicycle-style handle.

The sound and vibration specifications were obtained with the unit operating on wet concrete at nominal engine speed.

Model	Item No.	A	B	C	D
CT 30ADT	0008001 0008005	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07
CT 30ADT-E	0008002 0007587	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07
CT 30AGT	0008003 0008006	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07
CT 30AGT-E	0008004 0007589	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07

Model	Item No.	A	B	C	D
CT 36ADP	0007591 0007592	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 36ADP-E	0007697 0008034	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 36AGP	0007595 0007596	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07
CT 36AGP-E	0008026 0008036	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07
CT 36ADT	0008007 0008013 0009480	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 36ADT-E	0008008 0007590	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 36AGT	0008011 0008014	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07
CT 36AGT-E	0008012 0007594	98.3	115.0	2.13	2.07
CT 48ADP	0007598 0007599	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 48ADP-E	0008028 0008027	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 48AGP	0007602 0007603	104.5	124.0	3.71	2.94
CT 48AGP-E	0008032 0008031	104.5	124.0	3.71	2.94
CT 48ADT	0008015 0008040	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 48ADT-E	0008016 0007597	103.9	118.6	2.31	3.07
CT 48AGT	0008019 0008041	104.5	124.0	3.71	2.94
CT 48AGT-E	0008020 0007601	104.5	124.0	3.71	2.94

4. Operation

4.1 Application

This trowel is a modern, high production machine intended for floating and finishing freshly poured concrete slabs. The machine's good balance, adjustable handle, and easily reached controls add to operator comfort and productivity. An automatic Run/Stop Switch, or a combination of an automatic Run/Stop Switch and an Operator Present Lever, provide added operator safety. Finishing rates will depend on operator skill and job conditions.

DO NOT use this machine for any application other than troweling concrete.

4.2 New Machine Set-up

Trowels are shipped from the factory with the handles and blades removed. Follow instructions on *Installing Blades* and *Installing and Adjusting Handles* when setting up new machines or when installing new handles and blades.

Note: *Steering handles come in two styles: a bicycle style grip or a wing grip. Assembly procedures are identical for both styles.*

4.3 Recommended Fuel

The engine requires regular grade unleaded gasoline. Use only fresh, clean gasoline. Gasoline containing water or dirt will damage fuel system. Consult engine owner's manual for complete fuel specifications.

4.4 Installing Blades

See Graphic: wc_gr001097

There are four types of blades available for the trowels. Float pans are large "pizza pan" style blades, which hook on over finish or combination blades and are available for the 30" and 36" machines only. Float blades are available for all machines and clip on over finish or combination blades. Both are used in the earliest stages of work, and are not pitched.

Finish blades, which are supplied with the machine, are used in the final stages of working, and are progressively pitched to burnish the concrete.

Combination blades can be used throughout the concrete working process. They are used in place of float blades or pans and finish blades.

Note: Trowel blades must NOT be interchanged, i.e., do NOT put larger diameter blades on a smaller diameter trowel.

- 4.4.1 New machines are supplied with finish blades as standard equipment. Finish blades are flat on both edges and can be installed in either direction.

When installing combination blades, orient blades as shown (a). This positions the raised edges of the blade correctly for the clockwise rotation of the machine.

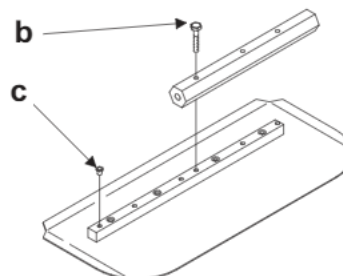
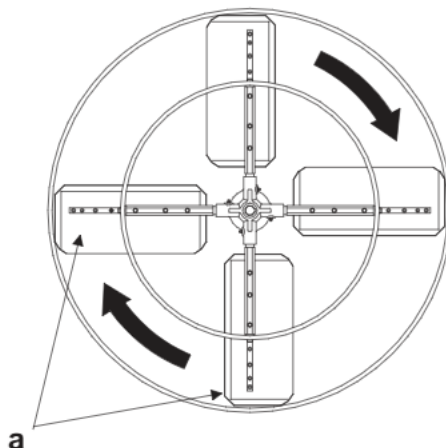
- 4.4.2 Secure blades to trowel arms with 1½" screws (b). Dip threads of screws in grease prior to installation. This will prevent concrete from cementing the screws in place and will make removal of the blades easier later on.

- 4.4.3 Plug the remaining threaded holes in the blade brace with plastic plugs (c) to prevent them from filling with concrete.



WARNING

Do not lift the trowel overhead with a float pan attached, as the pan could fall off and strike personnel working in the vicinity.



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4.5 Installing and Adjusting Handles

See Graphic: *wc_gr001100*

Pipe Handle:

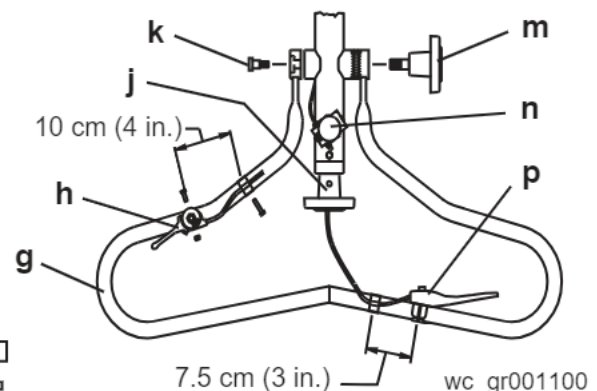
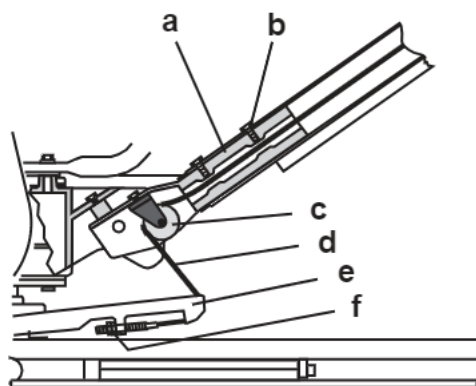
On new machines the pipe handle comes assembled with the pitch control (Twist or *Pro-Shift*®) (**j**) and stop switch (**n**).

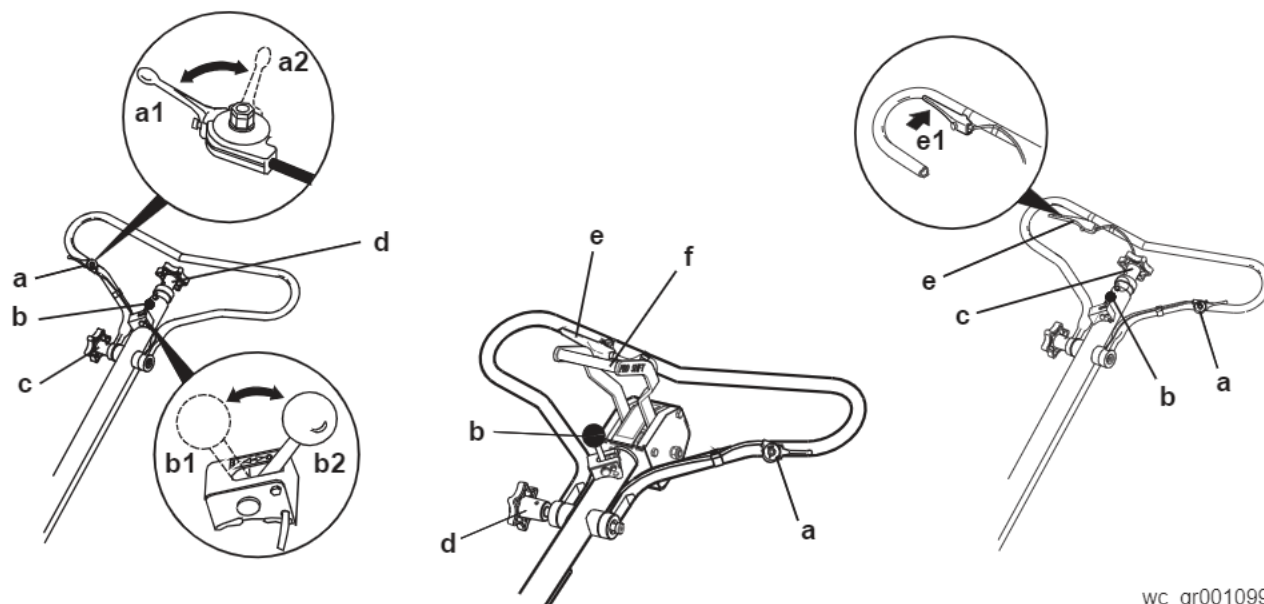
To install the pipe handle assembly:

- 4.5.1 Pull the pitch control cable (**d**) from bottom end of the tube and remove the nuts from the cable.
- 4.5.2 Thread the cable through the handle base (**a**) and over the pulley (**c**) as shown.
- 4.5.3 Attach the pipe handle to the handle base with two M8x16 screws (**b**). Secure the screws using Loctite 243 or an equivalent medium-strength threadlocking compound. Torque the screws to 22 Nm (16 ft.lbs.).
- 4.5.4 Push the *Pro-Shift*® handle all the way forward (away from the operator) OR turn the twist pitch control handle counterclockwise as far as possible. Connect the cable to the fork (**e**) as shown and adjust the cable nuts (**f**) so the cable is snug and the trowel blades lay flat (0° pitch).

Steering Handle:

- 4.5.1 Install the steering handle (**g**) to the machine as shown. Secure the shoulder bolt (**k**) using Loctite 243, or equivalent.
- 4.5.2 Position the throttle lever (**h**) on the handle and fasten it in place.
- 4.5.3 On machines equipped with an operator present lever, mount the lever (**p**) as shown. When installing, be sure that the tabs on the lever dig through the paint and into the metal of the handle. This will insure a good electrical ground. Test the function of the lever prior to using the trowel by starting the trowel and then disengaging the lever—the trowel should stop promptly. See *To Start*.
- 4.5.4 Position the handle by loosening the knob (**m**) and adjusting the handle up or down to suit the operator. Tighten the knob to secure the handle in position.





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4.6 Controls

See Graphic: wc_gr001099

Ref.	Description	Ref.	Description
a	Throttle lever	d	Handle adjustment
b	Run/Stop switch	e	Operator present lever
c	Twist pitch control	f	<i>Pro-Shift®</i> pitch control

4.7 Run/Stop Switch

See Graphic: wc_gr001099

The Run/Stop Switch **(b)** is located on the pipe handle. When the switch is placed in the “I” (run) position **(b1)**, the engine may be started and the trowel operated. When the switch is placed in the “O” (stop) position **(b2)**, the engine will not run and the trowel stops.

To prevent uncontrolled spinning of the trowel, the Run/Stop Switch is also designed to automatically close under certain conditions and shut off the engine. For example, if the operator loses his/her grip on the trowel, the centrifugal force created by the spinning machine will pull the switch to the “O” position, stopping the trowel.

4.8 Before Starting

Before starting trowel, check the following:

- oil level in engine
- oil level in gearbox
- fuel level
- condition of air filter
- condition of fuel lines
- condition of trowel arms and blades
- label descriptions

4.9 To Start

See Graphic: *wc_gr001099 and wc_gr0001098*

- 4.9.1 Open fuel valve by moving lever to the right **(g1)**.
- 4.9.2 If engine is cold, move choke lever to closed position **(i1)**. If engine is hot, set choke to open position **(i2)**.
- 4.9.3 Turn engine switch to “**ON**” **(h1)**.
- 4.9.4 Place the Run/Stop Switch in the “**I**” (run) position **(b1)**.
- 4.9.5 Move the throttle lever to the idle position **(a1)**.

Note: *The operator present lever must be fully engaged to start and run trowel. If the lever is not engaged, engine will not run.*

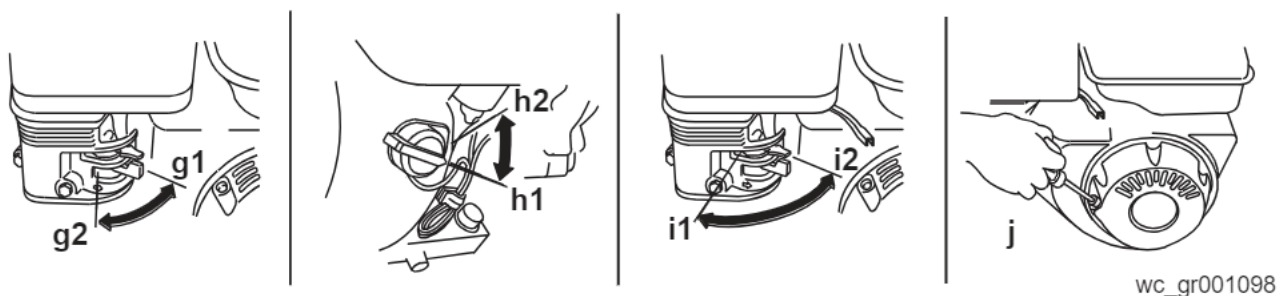
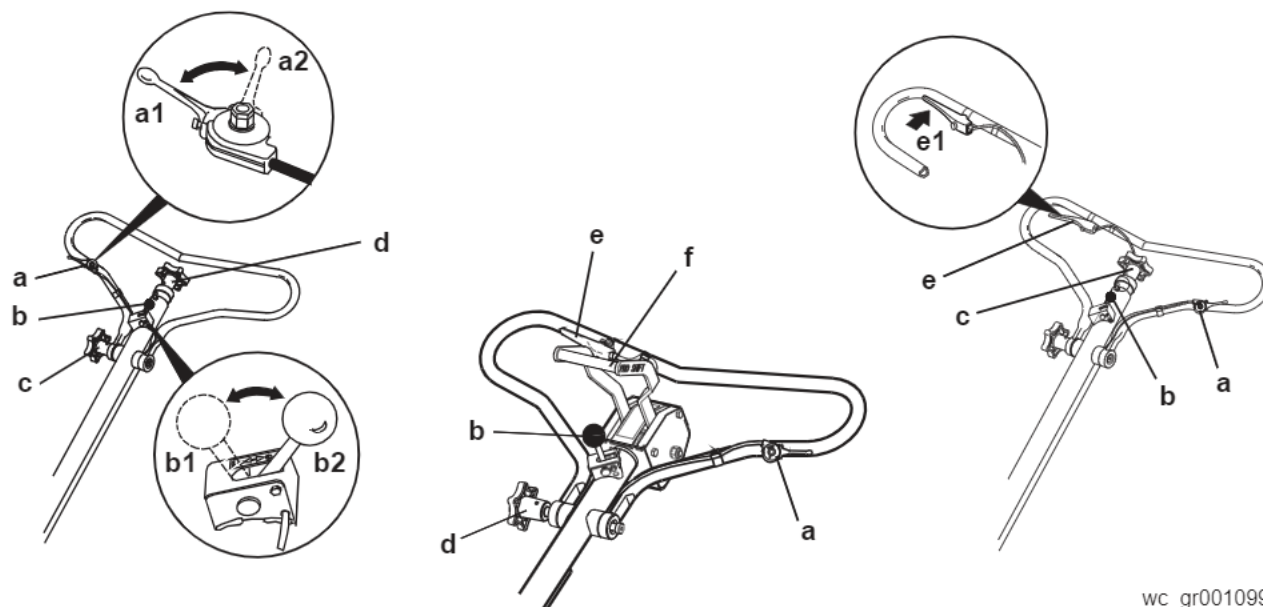
- 4.9.6 Engage the operator present lever **(e)**, if so equipped, stand to the side of the machine and pull the starter rope **(j)**.



Do not place foot on the ring guard when starting the engine, as severe injury can occur if foot slips through the ring guard as the blades start to spin.

Note: *If the engine oil is low, the engine will not start. If engine does not start, check the oil level and add oil as needed.*

- 4.9.7 Open choke as engine warms **(i2)**.
- 4.9.8 Open throttle **(a2)** to operate trowel. Adjust blade RPM with throttle speed to suit conditions.



4.10 To Stop

See Graphic: *wc_gr001099* and *wc_gr0001098*

- 4.10.1 Reduce engine RPM to idle by moving the throttle lever to slow position **(a1)**.
- 4.10.2 Place the Run/Stop Switch to the “O” (stop) position **(b2)** or release operator present lever **(e)**.
- 4.10.3 Turn engine switch to “OFF” **(h2)**.
- 4.10.4 Close fuel valve by moving lever to the left **(g2)**.

4.11 Operation

See Graphic: *wc_gr001101 and wc_gr001102*

Choose correct blade type and attach blades to trowel arms. Do not mix float or finish blades with combination blades.

Note: *When operating on soft concrete, do not let trowel stand in one spot too long. Always lift trowel from slab when operation is complete.*

Note: *“Left” and “Right” references are made from the operator's position.*

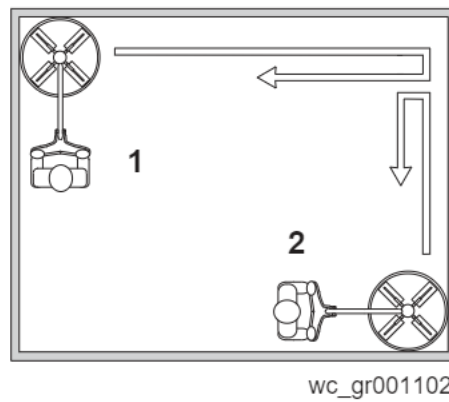
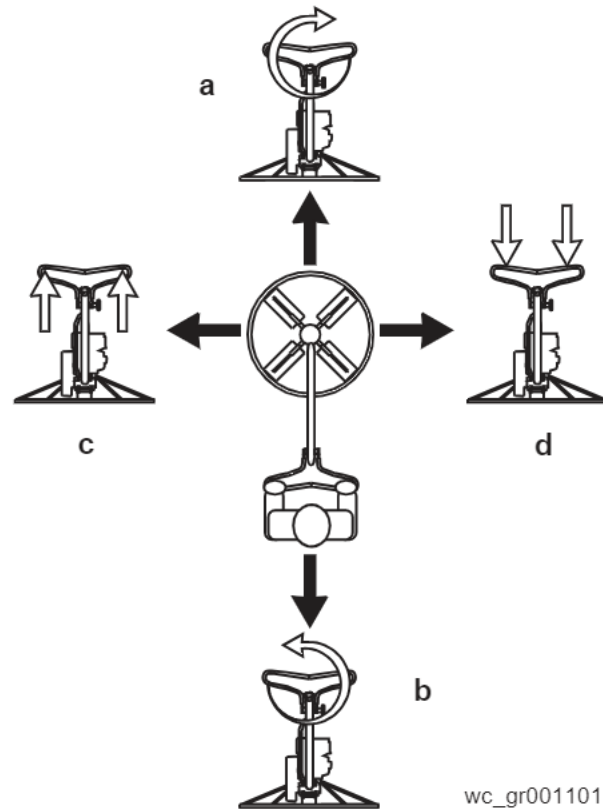
- 4.11.1 Adjust handle height to suit operator. See *Installing and Adjusting Handles*.
- 4.11.2 Start engine and engage blades by increasing engine speed. Set speed with throttle control on handle bar to appropriate speed for job conditions.
- 4.11.3 To move trowel forward twist handle clockwise **(a)**.
- 4.11.4 To move backward twist handle counterclockwise **(b)**.
- 4.11.5 To move to the left lift up slightly on the handle **(c)**.
- 4.11.6 To move to the right press down slightly on the handle **(d)**.
- 4.11.7 Clean trowel after each use to remove concrete splatter.



Personnel other than the trowel operator should not be allowed in the work area, as severe injury can occur from contact with operating trowel blades.

It is recommended that each set of work passes be at 90° to the previous set of work passes. This will help prevent the creation of valleys in the slab surface.

For example, in the illustration, the second set of work passes **(2)** is 90° to the first set of work passes **(1)**.



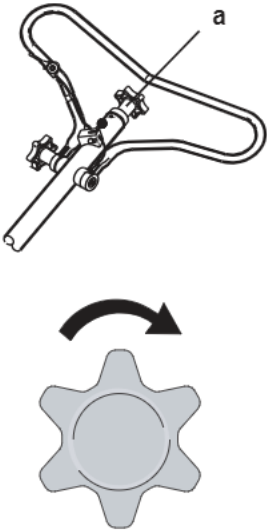
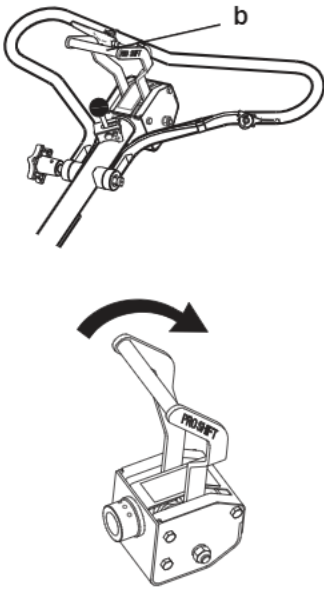
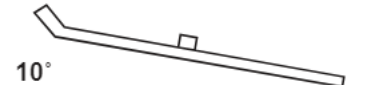
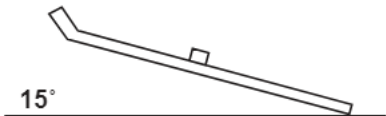
4.12 Pitch Adjustment

See Graphic: wc_gr001103

To adjust blade pitch (angle):

A = Twist pitch: turn the pitch adjusting knob **(a)** clockwise to increase pitch and counterclockwise to decrease pitch.

B = *Pro-Shift*® : pull the handle **(b)** towards the operator to increase pitch and away from the operator to decrease pitch.

A	B	C	D
		1	
		2	
		3	
		4	

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Ref.	C = Working condition of concrete	D = Suggested working pitch
1	Wet surface working stage	Flat (no pitch)
2	Wet to plastic working stage	Slight pitch (5°)
3	Plastic working stage	Additional pitch (10°)
4	Semi-hard working stage to hard finishing stage (burnishing)	Maximum pitch (15°)

For final finishing stages, it is sometimes desirable to add weights to the trowel guard rings to increase the burnishing force. Wacker supplies weight kits for this purpose.

4.13 Edger Guard Adjustment

See Graphic: *wc_gr001104*

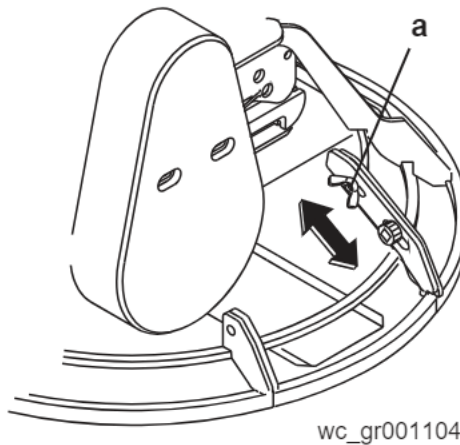
To adjust edger guard, loosen wingnut(s) **(a)** and slide guard to desired position, then re-tighten wingnut(s). When not using edger feature, adjust edger guard to its lowest position.



WARNING

DO NOT attempt to adjust edger guard while engine is running or blades are spinning. Rotating blades can cause severe injury.

DO NOT allow blade tips to protrude beyond the ring guard. Adjust the edger guard to protect personnel from blade tips.



5. Maintenance

5.1 Periodic Maintenance Schedule

The chart below lists basic machine and engine maintenance. Refer to engine manufacturer's Operator's Manual for additional information on engine maintenance.

	Daily before starting	After first 20 hrs.	Every 50 hrs.	Every 100 hrs.	Every 300 hrs.
Check fuel level.	•				
Check engine oil level.	•				
Inspect fuel lines.	•				
Inspect air filter. Replace as needed.	•				
Check and tighten external hardware.	•				
Clean air cleaner elements.			•		
Grease cam followers.			•		
Change engine oil.		•		•	
Check drive belt.				•	
Clean sediment cup.				•	
Check and clean spark plug.				•	
Check and adjust valve clearances.					•

5.2 Engine Oil

See Graphic: wc_gr000022

5.2.1 Drain oil while the engine is still warm.

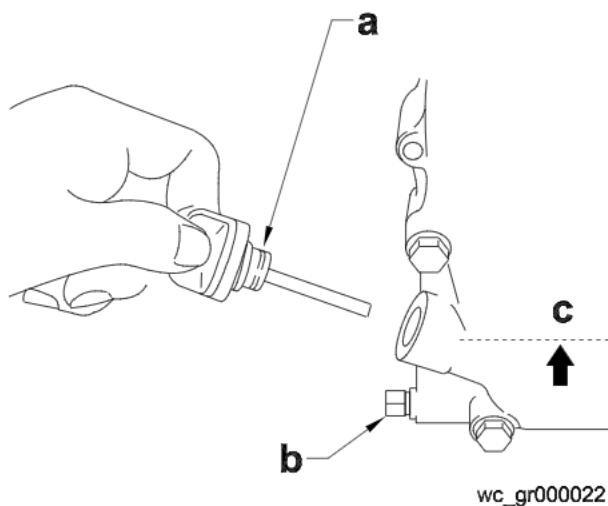
5.2.2 Remove the oil fill plug (a) and drain plug (b) to drain oil.

Note: In the interests of environmental protection, place a plastic sheet and a container under the machine to collect any liquid which drains off. Dispose of this liquid in accordance with environmental protection legislation.

5.2.3 Install drain plug.

5.2.4 Fill the engine crankcase with recommended oil up to the level of the plug opening (c). See *Technical Data* for oil quantity and type.

5.2.5 Install the oil filler plug.



5.3 Air Cleaner

See Graphic: wc_gr000025

The engine is equipped with a dual element air cleaner. Service air cleaner frequently to prevent carburetor malfunction.

CAUTION: NEVER run engine without air cleaner. Severe engine damage will occur.

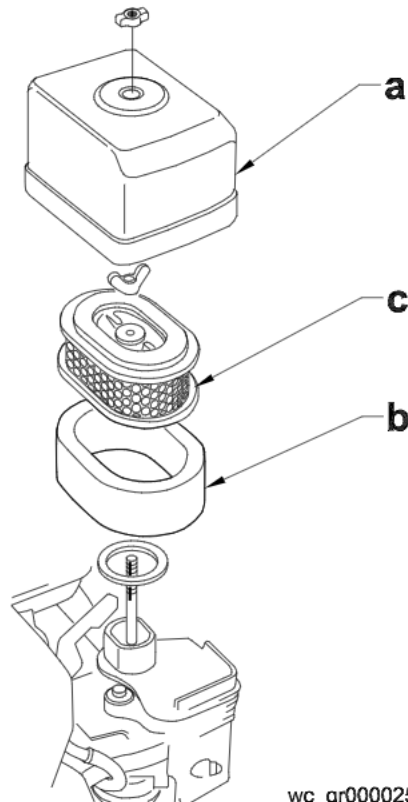


WARNING

NEVER use gasoline or other types of low flash point solvents for cleaning the air cleaner. A fire or explosion could result.

To service:

- 5.3.1 Remove air cleaner cover **(a)**. Remove both elements and inspect them for holes or tears. Replace damaged elements.
- 5.3.2 Wash foam element **(b)** in solution of mild detergent and warm water. Rinse thoroughly in clean water. Allow element to dry thoroughly. Soak element in clean engine oil and squeeze out excess oil.
- 5.3.3 Tap paper element **(c)** lightly to remove excess dirt. Replace paper element if it appears heavily soiled.



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5.4 Spark Plug

See Graphic: wc_gr000028

Clean or replace spark plug as needed to ensure proper operation. Refer to the engine Owner's Manual.



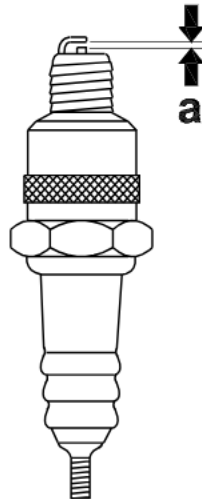
WARNING

The muffler becomes very hot during operation and remains hot for a while after stopping the engine. Do not touch the muffler while it is hot.

Note: Refer to the Technical Data for the recommended spark plug type and the electrode gap setting.

- 5.4.1 Remove spark plug and inspect it.
- 5.4.2 Replace plug if the insulator is cracked or chipped.
- 5.4.3 Clean spark plug electrodes with a wire brush.
- 5.4.4 Set the electrode gap (**a**).
- 5.4.5 Tighten spark plug securely.

CAUTION: A loose spark plug can become very hot and may cause engine damage.

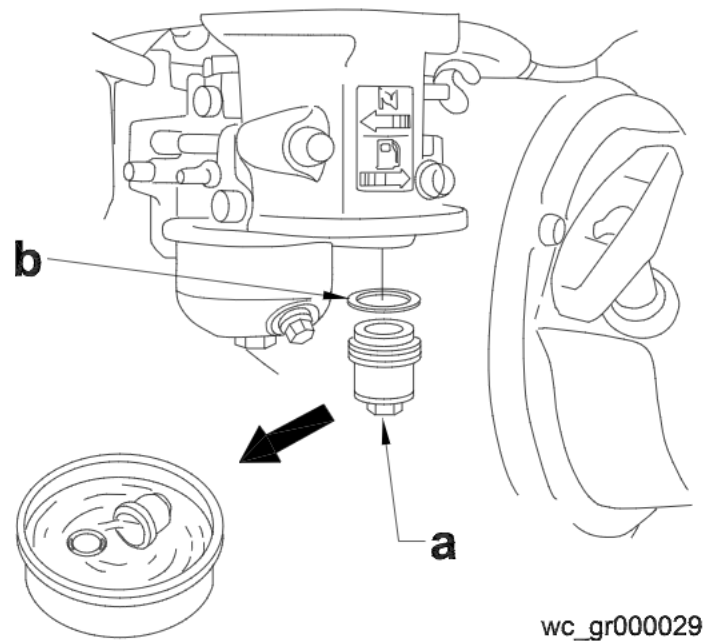


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5.5 Cleaning Sediment Cup

See Graphic: *wc_gr000029*

- 5.5.1 Turn fuel valve off.
- 5.5.2 Remove sediment cup **(a)** and O-ring **(b)**.
- 5.5.3 Wash both thoroughly in a nonflammable solvent. Dry and reinstall them.
- 5.5.4 Turn fuel valve on and check for leaks.



5.6 Adjusting Idle Speed

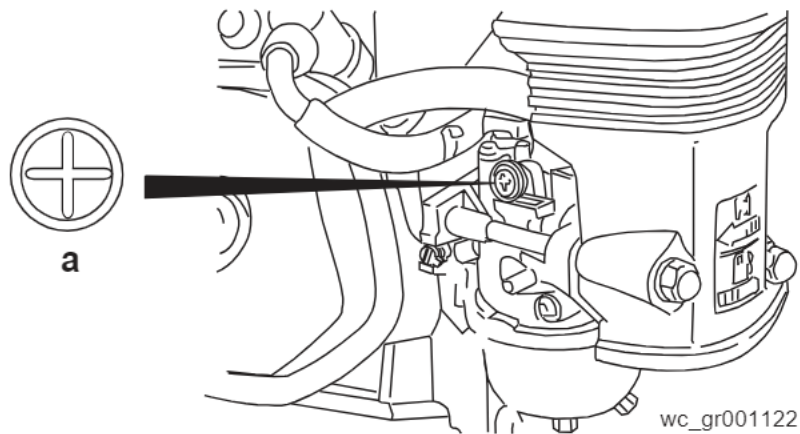
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Remove the drive belt before making any adjustment to the carburetor. See *Belt Replacement*. The blades will engage unless the belt is removed from the machine.

Adjust engine to the no load or idle speed per the Technical Data.

- 5.6.1 Start the engine and allow it to warm up to normal operating temperature.
- 5.6.2 Turn the throttle stop screw **(a)** in to increase speed, out to decrease speed. Make sure the throttle lever is touching the stop screw before measuring rpm.



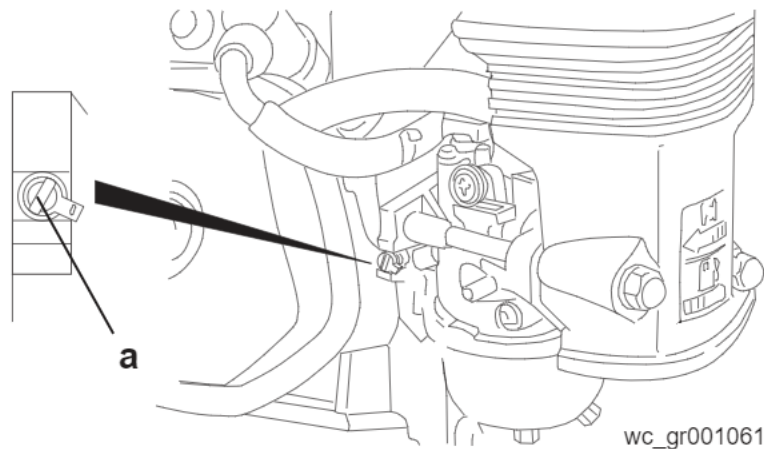
5.7 Carburetor Adjustment

See Graphic: wc_gr0001061



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The pilot screw **(a)** is fitted with a limiter cap to prevent excessive enrichment of the air-fuel mixture in order to comply with emission regulations. The mixture is set at the factory and no adjustment should be necessary. Do not attempt to remove the limiter cap. The limiter cap cannot be removed without breaking the pilot screw.



5.8 Belt Replacement

See Graphic: wc_gr001105

The trowel is equipped with a self-adjusting clutch. This clutch automatically tightens the belt and compensates for belt wear. Replace the belt if the clutch can no longer tighten belt enough to engage gearbox without slipping.

To replace belt:

- 5.8.1 Disconnect spark plug lead.



WARNING

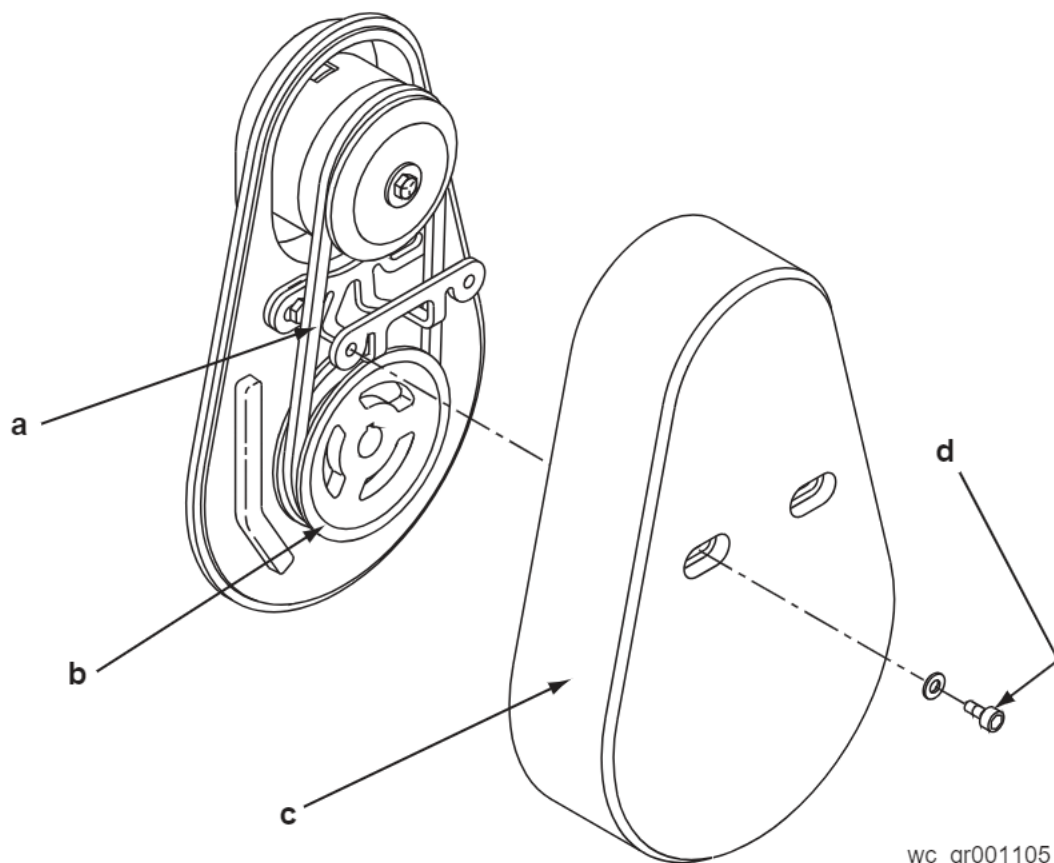
To avoid accidental starting of the engine, always disconnect spark plug lead before working on machine.

- 5.8.2 Loosen the two M8x16 screws **(d)** and remove belt guard **(c)**.

- 5.8.3 Slowly turn pulley **(b)** and roll belt **(a)** off.

Note: The clutch and the pulley are aligned at the factory and neither should be removed during belt replacement.

- 5.8.4 Install new belt and belt guard. Torque screws **(a)** to 22 Nm (16 ft.lbs.).



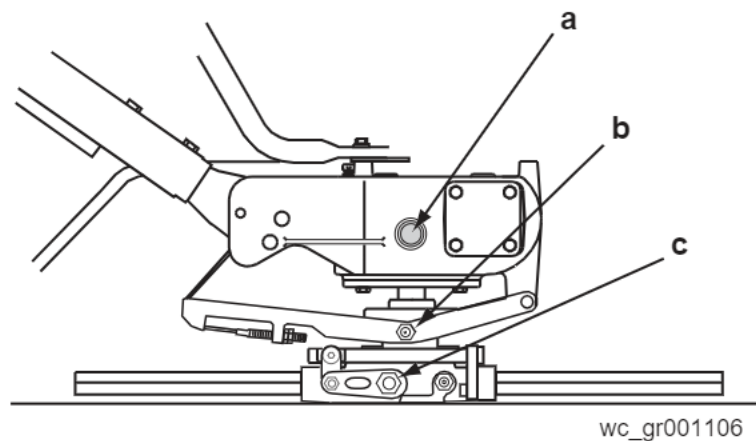
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5.9 Trowel Lubrication

See Graphic: wc_gr001106

Grease cam followers **(b)** and trowel arms **(c)** with Shell Alvania #2 grease or equivalent. See *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for intervals. Oil the run/stop switch, pitch control cable, and other parts of trowel on an as needed basis.

Oil in the gearbox should not require replacement unless it was drained to service gearbox. Check quantity through sightglass **(a)** located on side of gearbox. If quantity is low or leakage detected, consult your Wacker service department specialist for proper action.



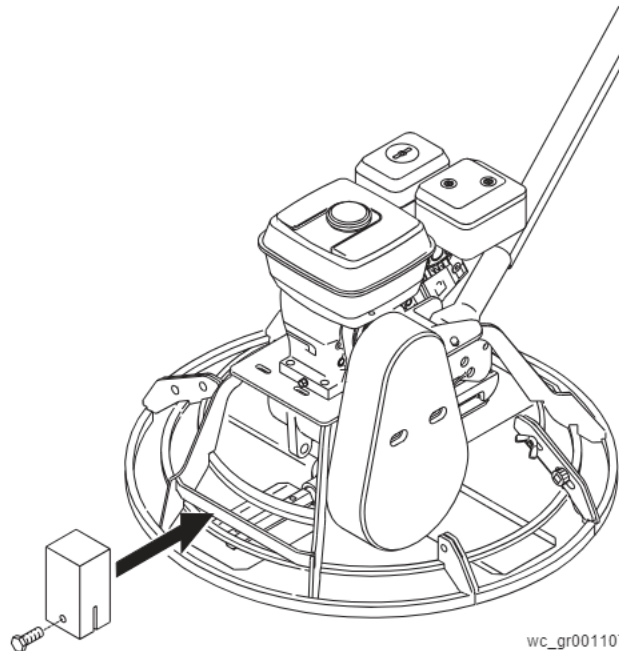
5.10 Optional Weights

See Graphic: wc_gr001107

To install optional weights, place equal number of weights in both front and rear of guard ring in designated area. Tighten screw to keep weights in place.



Under no circumstances should any object be used as additional weight other than the weights recommended by Wacker. The use of unauthorized weights could lead to personal injury or machine damage.



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5.11 Lifting

See Graphic: *wc_gr001108*

To lift the machine manually:

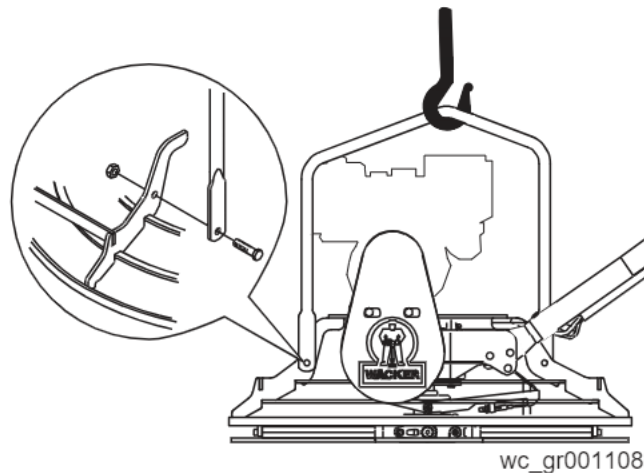
- 5.11.1 Stop engine.
- 5.11.2 Obtain a partner and plan the lift.
- 5.11.3 Balance the weight between the partners and lift the machine by the guard ring.

To lift the machine mechanically:

- 5.11.1 Stop engine.
- 5.11.2 See *Dimensions and Weight* for weight of machine and be sure that lifting device(s) can safely lift the weight.
- 5.11.3 Attach optional lifting bracket to trowel with screws and locknuts.
- 5.11.4 Attach hook, harness, or cable to the lifting bracket on machine as shown and lift as desired.



Do not lift the trowel overhead with a float pan attached, as the pan could fall off and strike personnel working in the vicinity.



5.12 Storage

If trowel is being stored for more than 30 days:

- Change engine oil.
- Drain fuel from engine.
- Remove spark plug and pour 15 ml (½ ounce) of SAE 30 engine oil into the cylinder. Replace spark plug and crank engine to distribute oil. Refer to engine manual.
- Clean dirt from cylinder, cylinder head fins, blower housing, rotating screen, and muffler areas.
- To save space, place handle in its storage position.
- Cover trowel and engine and store in a clean, dry area.

5.13 Troubleshooting

Problem / Symptom	Reason / Remedy
Trowel does not develop full speed.	• Remove deposits built up in engine cylinder and engine head. • Engine speed too low. Adjust speed. • Clean or replace air filter. • Clean debris from moving parts and trowel blades. • In cold weather, warm engine in idle 3 or 4 minutes. • Check throttle lever and cable for proper operation.
Engine runs; poor trowel operation.	• Check belt for wear or damage. • Check clutch for wear or damage. • Clean debris from moving parts and trowel arms.
Engine does not start or runs erratically.	• Check fuel level. Open fuel valve. • Clean air filter. • Check/replace spark plug. • Check in-line fuel filter. • Check engine oil level. • Check run/stop switch position. • Check engine stop switch position.
Trowel handle tends to rotate when idling.	• Check engine idle speed. It may be too high. • Belt alignment may be off.

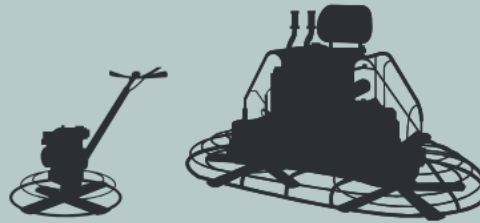
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U.S. Department of Labor publishes Safety and Health Regulations and Standards under the authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Act for the General Construction and Mining Industries. Its address is: U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210 (www.OSHA.gov and www.MSHA.gov).

ANSI – American National Standards Institute, c/o The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017 (www.ANSI.org).

ISO – International Standards Organization, 1, rue de Varembe Case postale 56, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland (www.ISO.ch).

SAE – Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096, publishes a list, "Operator Precautions" SAE J153 MAY 87 (www.SAE.org).

AEM – Association of Equipment Manufacturers, 111 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (www.AEM.org).

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FOREWORD

This safety manual is intended to point out some of the basic situations which may be encountered during the normal operation and maintenance of your walk-behind or ride-on concrete power trowel and to suggest possible ways of dealing with these conditions.

Additional precautions may be necessary, depending on application and attachments used and conditions at the work site or in the maintenance area.

The trowel manufacturer has no direct control over machine application, operation, inspection, lubrication, or maintenance. Therefore, it is your responsibility to use good safety practices in these areas.

Do not use the trowel for any purpose other than its intended purposes or applications.

The information provided in this manual supplements the specific information about your machine and its application that is contained in the manufacturer's manual(s).

Other information which may affect the safe operation of your machine may be displayed on safety signs, or in insurance requirements, employer's safety programs, safety codes, local, state/provincial, and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

If you do not understand any of this information, or if errors or contradictions seem to exist, consult with your supervisor before operating your trowel!

IMPORTANT: If you do not have the manufacturer's manual(s) for your particular machine, get a replacement manual from your employer, equipment dealer, or manufacturer of your machine. Keep this safety manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) accessible to the operator and maintenance personnel.

A WORD TO THE USER

Remember that **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also protect the people around you. It is your responsibility to study this manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) for your specific machine before operating your machine. Make them a working part of your safety program. Keep in mind that this safety manual is written for concrete power trowels only. Practice all other usual and customary safe working precautions, and above all –

**REMEMBER – SAFETY IS UP TO YOU
YOU CAN PREVENT SERIOUS
INJURY OR DEATH**



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FOLLOW A SAFETY PROGRAM

EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING

Consult your supervisor for specific instructions on a job, and the personal safety equipment required. For instance, you may need:

- Hard Hat
- Heavy Gloves
- Eye Protection
- Ear Protectors
- Safety Shoes
- Dust Mask or Respirator

Do not wear loose clothing or any accessory – flopping cuffs, dangling neckties and scarves, or jewelry – that can catch in moving parts.

DUST PRECAUTION

Some dust created by construction activities may cause silicosis or respiratory harm.

Your risk of exposure varies depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your risk, work in a well ventilated area, use a dust control system, and wear approved personal safety equipment such as a dust/particle respirator designed to filter out microscopic particles.



PREPARE FOR SAFE OPERATION

LEARN TO BE SAFE

- Read the operator's manual. If one has not been provided, get one and study it before operating the equipment.
- Learn the location and understand the functions of all controls before attempting to operate the equipment.
- Know the meaning of all identification symbols on the controls and gauges.
- Check to determine that the manufacturer's furnished safety warning labels are securely attached to the trowel and all warnings can clearly read. Replace labels and decals if they are missing or become worn or unreadable.
- Know the location and type of emergency shut-down control the trowel is equipped with.
- Never start or operate the trowel without protective guards and panels in place.
- Know the capabilities and limitations of the trowel.



SAFETY DEVICES

Know what safety devices your trowel is equipped with ... and see that each item is securely in place and in operating condition.

For example:

- Emergency stop switch or other "Shut-Down" devices
- Guards, Shields & Panels
- Alarms or Warning Lamps
- Drain Covers, Plugs, and Caps
- Pressure Relief Devices
- Lights



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PREPARE FOR SAFE OPERATION

PRE-OPERATIONAL CHECKS

Walk around the trowel. Carefully inspect for evidence of physical damage, such as cracks, bends, or deformation of plates and welds. Check for loose, broken or missing parts on the trowel, including brackets, vibration isolators, nuts and bolts. Hardware should be replaced with original equipment manufacturer's (OEM) parts, and should be properly tightened to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Remove all trash and debris from the trowel. Make sure oily rags, leaves, or other flammable material are removed and not stored on the trowel. Avoid potential fire hazards!

Clean all oil or grease from operator areas such as control handles, foot pedals, or platforms to prevent slipping.

Check for fuel, oil, and hydraulic fluid leaks. All leaks must be corrected before the trowel is operated.



Inspect all hydraulic hoses for cracks or signs of wear and replace if necessary. Secure all caps and filler plugs for all systems.

Always use a flashlight or shielded trouble light when checking for leaks – never use an open flame. Never check for hydraulic leaks with your hand. Hydraulic systems are under high pressure and leaks in these systems can penetrate the skin which can result in serious injury or even death. Always use a piece of cardboard or wood when looking for hydraulic leaks.

Be sure the trowel is properly lubricated. See that the fuel, lubricating oil, coolant and hydraulic reservoirs are filled to the proper levels with the correct fluids according to the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.



PREPARE FOR SAFE OPERATION

FIRE PREVENTION

Always stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling.

Never refuel –

- When engine is running
- Near open flame or sparks
- While smoking
- In poorly ventilated areas



Never overfill fuel tanks or fluid reservoirs. In the event of a fuel spill, do not attempt to start the engine until the fuel residue has been completely wiped up, and the area surrounding the engine is dry. Replace fuel cap securely after refueling.



Inspect electrical wiring for damage or wear.

Batteries produce explosive gas. Keep open flame or sparks away.

In case of accident or fire, be ready to act quickly, yet calmly. Do not panic. Knowing ahead of time where to locate a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, or to get assistance will help should an emergency situation come up.

CHECK THE WORK AREA

Learn – beforehand – as much about your working area as possible.

Be observant of other workers, bystanders and other machinery in the area. Keep all unauthorized, untrained people and children out of the area while the trowel is in operation.



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PREPARE FOR SAFE OPERATION

CHECK THE AREA

Thoroughly check the area for unusual or dangerous conditions, such as tools, or items that may damage the trowel or be propelled by the trowels rotating blades. Note where pipes and forms are located. Locate and mark protrusions (rebar, anchor bolts, floor drains, etc.) in the concrete.

GETTING ON AND OFF A RIDE-ON TROWEL

If operating a ride-on trowel, mount and dismount carefully. Use the steps and hand holds provided. Do not use control levers as hand holds and never use guard rings as steps. Watch for surfaces that may be slippery. Never jump off a ride-on trowel.

OPERATING ON AN ELEVATED DECK (MULTI-STORY OPERATION)

Consult local/state regulations before you operate equipment on an elevated deck. If operating on an elevated deck, ensure perimeter safety cabling of proper size and strength is in place. Do not operate the trowel close to the edge of the deck.

TRANSPORTING THE TROWEL

Never transport the trowel with float pans attached unless safety catches are used and are specifically cleared for such transport by the manufacturer. Under no circumstances hoist the trowel more than three feet off the ground with float pans attached. Always consult the manufacturer's operation manual for specific information on transporting the trowel.

START CORRECTLY – START SAFELY

Before starting, check for proper functioning of all operation and shutdown controls. Check all controls to be sure they are in the correct startup position. Know the proper starting procedure for your trowel. Follow the manufacturer's operational instructions.

WALK-BEHIND TROWELS

- Ensure that the operator is familiar with the trowel and is trained on its operation.
- Ensure the operator is well rested, not fatigued, is alert, and not impaired in any way (medications, drugs, alcohol, etc.).
- Do not start or operate the trowel if the drive train will not disengage. Centrifugal force between the trowel and surface when starting can cause uncontrolled handle movement that can cause serious injury. The handle must not move while pulling the engine recoil starter.
- Visually check to be sure that the blades are free of obstructions and the area is clear for operation.
- For trowels that use this feature, ensure that the emergency stop switch is in the ON position.
- Move the throttle to the idle position.
- Switch the engine ON/OFF switch to the ON position.
- Never place your foot on the ring guard when starting the engine or severe injury can occur if your foot slips through the ring guard as the blades start to spin.
- While firmly holding the handle with one hand, start the engine following the guidelines in the engine manufacturer's instruction manual.
- Hold the handle bar firmly with both hands while the trowel is "throttled-up".
- If control of the trowel is lost, stay clear and do not attempt to regain control until the trowel has stopped moving. Depending on the engine speed, the trowel handle can swing around before it stops completely.
- You are ready to operate the trowel!

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START SAFELY

RIDE-ON TROWELS

- Ensure that the operator is familiar with the trowel and is trained on its operation.
- Ensure the operator is well rested and not fatigued, is alert, and not impaired in any way (medications, drugs, alcohol, etc.).
- Adjust the seating if necessary and get into a comfortable position where all controls are accessible.
- Visually check to be sure that the blades are free of obstructions and the area is clear for operation.
- Start the trowel following the instructions in the engine manufacturer's operation manual. For diesel powered trowels, follow the instructions for glow plug and cold start operation.
- Observe any gauges and warning lights to ensure they are functioning and their readings are within the manufacturer's normal operating range.
- Check operation of controls. Make certain they operate properly.
- You are ready to operate the trowel!



SAFE WORKING PROCEDURES

DANGER – CARBON MONOXIDE

Exhaust from the engine contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that is not easily detected as it is colorless and odorless. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death! Do not operate your trowel indoors or in an enclosed area unless adequate ventilation is provided. Ensure that permissible carbon monoxide levels are monitored and not exceeded.



OTHER PRECAUTIONS

- Never leave the trowel unattended while it is running.
- Always keep clear of rotating or moving parts.
- Never use additional weights other than the weights recommended by the manufacturer. The use of unauthorized weights could lead to personal injury or damage to the trowel.

- Never fill the fuel tank while the engine is running. Turn the engine off and allow it to cool before refueling.

- The muffler, exhaust pipes and other engine parts will become hot during operation and will remain hot for a while after shutdown. Do not touch until allowed to sufficiently cool. Do not allow debris, rags, paper, or leaves to accumulate around these areas.



- Do not keep tools, buckets, loose materials on the trowel while it is running and never allow anyone other than the operator on or near the trowel while it is in operation.
- Do not use the trowel for any purpose other than its intended purposes or applications.

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WORK SAFELY

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Some walk-behind trowels are powered by electric motors. Electric motors and components present special hazards during operation. Read the operator's manual.

- Never operate a trowel with a damaged or worn electrical cord. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current load. When trowel is used outdoors, use only extension cords that are marked for outdoor use.
- Use only appropriate extension cords that have grounding-type plugs and receptacles that accept the machine's plug.



- Keep all electrical cords away from rotating elements, heat, oil, and sharp edges to avoid damaging them.
- Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, metal railings, radiators and metal ductwork.
- Always check the power supply before running the trowel. Using the wrong voltage supply will damage the motor.
- Always make sure the motor switch is OFF or in the stop position before plugging the trowel into the power supply.
- Do not operate an electric powered trowel in the rain or snow. Keep the motor, switch, and electrical cords dry.
- Never operate the trowel in areas exposed to flammable or explosive liquids or gases. Sparks could ignite fumes.

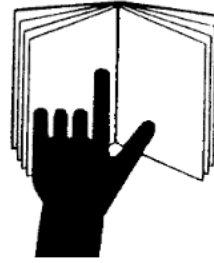
SHUT DOWN SAFELY

SHUT DOWN PROCEDURES

Never disable or disconnect the safety devices!

Always close fuel valves when the machine is not being used.

Refer to the manufacturer's manuals for specific shut down procedures.



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LOAD AND UNLOAD SAFELY

PRECAUTIONS

- Power trowels are heavy and awkward to move around.
- Do not attempt to lift the ride-on trowel by the guard rings.
- Use proper heavy lifting procedures.
- Keep all non-essential personnel clear of the area.
- Never hoist the trowel over areas where people are standing or working.
- Remove tools and loose items before lifting.
- Make sure the crossbars on the safety catches are in good condition if so equipped.
- Always consult your operator's manual for the best and proper lifting, loading, and unloading methods.

WALK-BEHIND TROWELS

Some walk-behind trowels can be lifted or moved by two people utilizing lifting tubes or other special attachments. Generally however, they must be

lifted using lifting bales (special lifting brackets), or other specific lifting points provided by the manufacturer, and cranes, hoists, or forklifts. Be certain any lifting devices used have adequate capacity.

RIDE-ON TROWELS

Ride-on trowels are very heavy. They require heavy-duty lifting devices such as cranes or heavy-duty hoists to lift them on and off the concrete slab.

Be certain any lifting devices used have adequate capacity. Some ride-on trowels are equipped with lifting bosses that are used with specialized apparatus to assist in moving the trowels around. Use extreme care when lifting or moving a ride-on trowel.

STORAGE

Always store equipment properly when it is not being used. Equipment should be stored in a clean, dry location out of reach of children.

PERFORM MAINTENANCE SAFELY

SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE SAFETY

Poorly maintained equipment can become a safety hazard! In order for your trowel to operate safely and properly over a long period of time, periodic maintenance and occasional repairs are necessary.

Do not attempt to clean, service, or perform adjustments on the trowel while it is running.



GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Keep area clean and dry if possible. Oily and wet surfaces are slippery; greasy rags are a fire hazard; wet spots are dangerous around electrical equipment.



GENERAL PROCEDURES

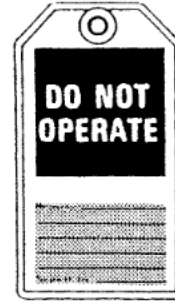
Do not perform any work on the trowel unless you are authorized to do so.

Standard maintenance procedures should always be observed. Read the manufacturer's manual or find assistance if you do not understand what you are doing.

Maintenance can be dangerous unless performed properly. Be certain that you have the necessary skill and information, correct tools and equipment to do the job correctly.

Attach a Do Not Operate tag or similar warning tag to the control panel (or handle on walk-behind trowels), and disconnect the battery (disconnect the spark plug wire on walk-behind trowels), before performing maintenance on the machine.

Disconnect the electric cord on electrical machines.



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PERFORM MAINTENANCE SAFELY

FORM GOOD DRESS HABITS

Loose clothing and jewelry can catch in moving parts and cause serious injury.

Keep hands – and clothing – away from moving parts.

GUARDS AND SAFETY DEVICES

After performing maintenance make certain all guards and panels have been reinstalled and all safety devices are functional.

BATTERY MAINTENANCE

Always wear eye and face protection.

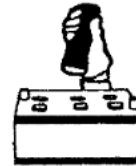
Batteries produce explosive gases. Keep open flame or sparks away. See the manufacturer's instructions when servicing the batteries, when using jumper cables, or when using a battery charger.



Use a flashlight to check battery electrolyte level. Always check with engine stopped.

Battery electrolyte is poisonous. It is strong enough to burn your skin, eat holes in clothing, and can cause blindness if splashed into eyes. Always wear eye and face protection.

Flush any contacted area with water immediately.



PERFORM MAINTENANCE SAFELY

FIRE PREVENTION

Avoid fire hazards.

Always stop the engine and allow it to cool before you refuel the trowel. Do not refuel while smoking or near open flame or sparks. Never overfill fuel tanks or fluid reservoirs.

Remove all trash or debris. Make sure oily rags or other flammable materials are not stored on or in the trowel.

Check for fuel, oil, or hydraulic fluid leaks. Repair the leaks and clean the machine before you operate it.

Inspect electrical wiring or worn or frayed insulation. Install new wiring if wires are damaged.

Do not weld or flame cut on pipes, tubes, or tanks that contain flammable fluids or gases.

Ether and starting fluid is flammable. Do not smoke when using. Always follow the instructions on the can and in the manufacturer's manual for your trowel.

Always use a safe, nonflammable solvent when you clean parts. Do not use flammable fluids or fluids that give off harmful vapors.

Store all flammable fluids and materials away from your work area.

Whenever the sparkplug is removed, do not test for spark on gasoline powered engines if engine is flooded or the smell of gasoline is present. A stray spark could ignite fumes.

Know where fire extinguishers are kept – how they operate – and for what type of fire they are intended!

Check readiness of fire suppression systems and fire detectors (is so equipped).



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PERFORM MAINTENANCE SAFELY

EXHAUST FUMES

Engine exhaust fumes can cause sickness or death.

When performing maintenance, if it is necessary to run an engine in an enclosed area, remove the exhaust fumes from the area when an exhaust pipe extension. If you do not have an exhaust pipe extension, make sure you open the doors and get outside air into the area.

Ensure that permissible carbon monoxide levels are monitored and not exceeded.



FLUID SIPHONING

Never siphon gasoline or hydraulic fluid using a hose and suction by mouth. Ingestion of these fluids even in small amounts will require immediate medical attention and can cause death.

COOLING SYSTEM

Maintain the cooling system according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Hot coolant can spray out and you can be burned if you improperly maintain or service the cooling system.

Remove filler cap only when cool.



PERFORM MAINTENANCE SAFELY

TROWEL BLADES AND PANS

- Do not attempt to clean, service or perform adjustments on the trowel while it is running.
- Do not remove while the trowel is hanging overhead. Always support the trowel securely on a flat, level surface before changing blades or pans.
- Always handle blades and pans carefully. Worn blades or pans may develop sharp edges that can cause serious cuts.
- Always replace worn or damaged parts with service parts designated by the manufacturer.
- Replace blades and pans as a complete set – even if only one blade or pan is showing wear or damage. They can wear differently depending on different jobs, and a difference in blade size will damage the finish of the slab surface.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS

Hydraulic fluid systems operate under high pressure. Even a small leak can have enough force to penetrate the eyes or skin. If injury occurs, seek immediate medical treatment by a physician familiar with injuries that are caused by hydraulic oil escaping under pressure.

Use a piece of wood or cardboard to find hydraulic oil leaks. Do not use your bare hands.

Wear safety glasses to prevent injuries to the eyes.

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Do you understand this AEM manual and items such as –

- Your safety program?
- Your trowel manufacturer's manual(s)?
- Proper clothing and personal safety equipment?
- Your trowel's controls, warning signs and devices, and safety equipment?
- Proper trowel lifting and moving procedures?
- How to inspect and start your trowel?

- How to check your trowel for proper operation?
- Proper working procedures?
- Proper shut down procedures?
- Your work area and any special hazards that may exist?
- Under what conditions you should not operate your trowel?

If you do not understand any of these items, consult with your supervisor before operating your trowel.

A FINAL WORD TO THE USER

Remember that **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but protect the people around you.

You have read this safety manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) for your specific trowel. Make them a working part of your safety program. Keep in mind that this safety manual is written for only this type of machine.

Practice all other usual and customary safe working precautions, and above all –

REMEMBER – SAFETY IS UP TO YOU

**YOU CAN PREVENT SERIOUS
INJURY OR DEATH**

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