

## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing this Stinger Equipment, Inc. product. This manual will explain the safety, maintenance and operation of your unit.

# Safety

- All operators should read the product manual in its entirety before operating. All operators must be properly trained on the controls and their functions.
- All safety equipment, shields and covers must remain in place and free of any defects. Do not use this equipment if any guards or safety decals are not in place.
- Perform an inspection of the unit before each use. Ensure all fasteners are secure, the tires are properly inflated and engine oil level is correct.
- Do not use this unit on a slope of more than 20 degrees.
- Do not use if terrain exceeds skill or comfort level.

#### Refueling the unit:

- Use an OSHA approved fuel can
- Do not fuel while the unit is running or hot
- Absolutely no smoking while refueling
- Refuel only outside and on level ground
- Do not overfill the unit
- Secure the fuel cap

This Symbol means: ATTENTION! TAKE NOTICE! Your attention is needed to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you. This symbol is followed by a Signal word describing the level of hazard. Throughout this manual and on all equipment you will see these safety labels.

#### Signal word definitions:



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

# **A**WARNING

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



CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, MAY result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices or property damage.

## Maintenance

Turn the unit off as shown in Figure 1, and remove spark plug as shown in Figure 2 before performing any maintenance.

#### Hydrostatic transmissions

The hydrostatic transmissions features a maintenance-free design.

#### Belt

• Inspect the engine belt every 100 hours, or annually, for signs of wear.

Belt Replacement Procedure:

- 1. Disconnect the tension spring to release belt pressure
- Take note of the belt orientation and pathway in figure
  3 before removing and discard old belt.
- 3. Replace with new belt and reinstall tension spring.

#### Chains

- Inspect the chains after the first 4 hours, daily the first week and weekly afterwards and adjust as needed. A properly tensioned chain should have 1/4-3/8" of slack.
- Make sure the chain is clean and free of any debris.



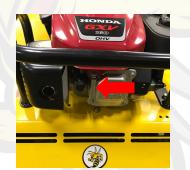
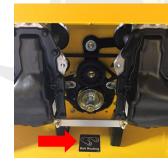


Figure 2



Chain Tensioning:

- 1. Loosen idler sprocket nut as shown in Figure 4 but do not remove.
- 2. Slide sprocket up to increase chain tension and retighten the idler sprocket nut.
- 3. Lubricate both chains with cycle chain lube weekly

#### Engine

- Run unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 86 or higher and 10% or less ethanol.
- Check engine oil level on level ground daily
- Drain Honda engine's oil by removing oil plug in figure 5.
- Change the oil within the first month or 10 hours, do not overfill unit.
- Regular oil changes are required every 6 months or 50 hours or sooner depending on conditions.
- 10w30 is recommended
- Clean/replace the air filter every 3 months or 25 hours.
- See supplemental Engine manufacturer booklet for additional maintenance procedures and requirements

#### **Grease Points**

• Grease the 4 bearings on the tine shaft every 50 hours as shown in Figure 7.





Figure 5



#### Depth Adjustment

- 1. Remove rear tires
- 2. Remove the Allen head shoulder bolt on both sides of the unit as shown in figure 7.
- 3. Reinstall shoulder bolt in one of the three threaded holes. The top hole offers the deepest core, while the lowest hole offers the shallowest core.

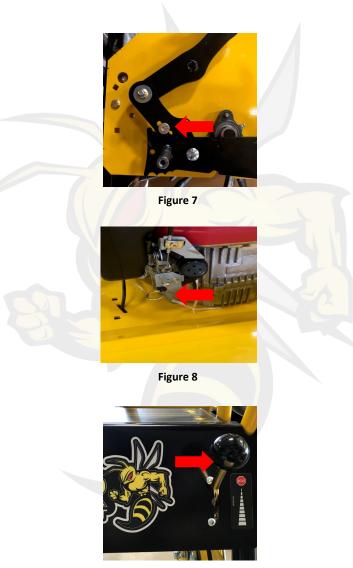
## Operation

#### Starting and Stopping the Engine

- 1. Pull choke loop to set the choke when starting a cold engine as shown in figure 8.
- 2. Give a quick pull to the recoil.
- 3. Allow the unit to warm up and slide the throttle to the desired rpm.
- 4. Slide the throttle all the way back to turn off the engine as shown in figure 9.

#### First Time Use

- 1. Operate the unit at low speed and in a wide open area.
- 2. Practice making wide turns first and tighter turns as you get used to using the machine and the controls.
- 3. You do not have to raise the tines to make turns. Tight turns are possible with practice while aerating.
- 4. Raise the tines to transport the unit across hard surfaces.



#### **Unit Operation**

- 1. Push both steering controls as shown in Figure 10 forward, to move the unit forward. The more pressure applied, the greater the speed.
- 2. Pull back on both steering controls to go backwards.
- 3. Reduce the speed of the left or right steering control while moving forward to turn left or right. Stopping the inside tine to make turns will tear and damage turf.
- 4. Turning in reverse is not recommended.

#### Usage

- 1. Lower aeration tines into the ground by lowering tine handle as shown in figure 11.
- 2. Lock the tines in the up position by lifting the handle up until you hear a click as shown in figure 12.
- 3. Tines can remain in the ground when making turns. Slow the inside tines for turning. Do not stop the inside tines while turning or you will damage the turf.
- 4. Always lift tines prior to transporting and crossing over concrete, tree roots, and other hard surfaces.

Note: Always consider what might be below the turf prior to aerating. Does the property have unground utilities, invisible dog fence, low voltage lighting, irrigation., etc... Calling 811 or a private locater service is strongly recommended. Take appropriate actions to prevent damages.





Figure 10





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