



Tool Tips

Operation & Safety

Mini-Excavator

Safety Practices:

Always make sure that the trailer is attached securely to vehicle.

Ensure all fastening devices from the trailer to the equipment are secured.

Use three points of contact for getting in and out of machines

Machine should be started and shut off at low throttle

Do not fuel machines that are still hot from running, allow engine to cool

Always dig from the front of the machine. The front of the machine is where the push blade is located.

Always lower the push blade when digging.

Always wear the seatbelt when operating the machine.

If the machine is left unattended, it must be parked on level ground with the key removed.

Wear close fitting protective clothing and correct safety footwear.

Do not use indoors or in confined spaces as equipment emits carbon monoxide.

Check controls for proper response. Shut down the machine if a fault is detected.

Never enter a moving machine.

Come to a complete stop before reversing direction.

Keep hands away from moving parts.

Ensure there is ample overhead clearance.

Stay clear of all electrical conductor lines.

Never touch a hydraulic leak under pressure.

Questions or Problems?

Contact the Home Depot listed on your contract.

Need More Information?

The instructions on this sheet are abbreviated instructions only and are provided solely as a customer service. They are not meant to replace the tool's operation manual. If you are unsure of the tool's safe and proper operation, please request an operator's manual from one of our sales associates.

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Tool Operation:

Step	Action
Drive Unit	
1	Check engine oil before startup
2	Make sure all levers are in the neutral position.
3	Push throttle lever forward.
4	Pull choke - gas engine Engage glow plugs - diesel engine
5	Gas engine - Return choke lever to operating position.
6	Never jerk the controls, use a steady even action.
7	Never transport materials with boom / loader arms elevated
Trailer / Transporting	
1	Secure machine to trailer with chains and binders before transporting.
2	Transport machine with bucket mounted on the machine. Loaders arm should be down.
3	Make sure that the jack on the trailer is securely raised and locked into place prior to towing.
4	Ensure all pins, chains, binders and retention devices are fastened securely before towing the equipment.

Tips:

Step	Action
1	Gas engines: Use choke when starting engine, THEN REDUCE CHOKE FOR OPTIMUM OPERATION. Diesel engines: Let glow plugs heat longer in cold weather.
2	This Mini-Excavator steers by skidding either the left or right set of tracks. It is capable of zero radius turns. Drive slowly.
3	Always move backwards while digging, not driving over an area you just finished digging.
4	Make wide sweeping turns with the unit to reduce turf damage and pavement marking.
5	Practice moving the bucket and controls prior to digging.
6	Use a funnel when refueling the drive unit. Add proper fuel type for the equipment. Do not smoke while refueling the machine. Other than fuel, do not add any fluids to the equipment without authorization.