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| **DO NOT use this equipment unless you are authorised, and you have been trained in its safe use and operation. Refer to Operator’s manual for specific information.** |
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Other PPE (list):

### **PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

1. **If any adjustments are required, the mower must be isolated to prevent unexpect start up.**
2. **Ensure all safety devices, guards, switches, and shields are fitted, secure and functional. Do not use the mower if guards are not in place.**
3. **Check seat and seat belt are in good condition and functioning correctly.**
4. **Make any adjustments to suit the operator e.g., seat**
5. **Visually check cutting blades are secure and in good condition.**
6. **Ensure that any belt, pneumatic and hydraulic mechanisms are in good condition.**
7. **Ensure all accessories and attachments are securely fitted, including ROPS.**
8. **Ensure that all electrical switches (including dead man’s switch if fitted) are functioning.**
9. **Record any maintenance in the equipment maintenance record.**

**DO NOT USE FAULTY OR DAMAGED EQUIPMENT**

**Tag equipment out of service and report defects immediately to your supervisor**

#### OPERATIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. **Use the right mower for the job. Match the area to mow, environment, mower speed, seat suspension, seat suitability and physical operator requirements e.g., seat rating.**
2. **Seat belt must be used if the mower has Roll Over Protection Structure (ROPS). If ROPS are not in place, do not use the seat belt.**
3. **Before starting, place transmission out of gear and disengage the mower blade clutch.**
4. **Do not carry passengers.**
5. **Watch for ejected material. Ensure no person or animal is endangered when operating equipment.**
6. **Keep clear of moving parts.**
7. **Drive at slow speed to maintain control if an unexpected hazard occurs.**
8. **Reduce speed when travelling over rough ground to avoid back injuries.**
9. **Continually monitor ground conditions, adjust the mower speed and/or seat suspension to suit conditions.**
10. **Travel up/down a slope rather than across the slope. Do not mow slopes that are greater than 15o**
11. **Allow engine to cool before refuelling and exercise caution during refuelling activities.**
12. **Do not use a ride on mower close to the top of retaining walls or drop off. Use a push mower or line trimmer.**

#### HOUSEKEEPING

1. **Park mower on flat, even ground.**
2. **Stop mower and shift gear to park position.**
3. **Raise and secure the cutting blades.**
4. **Engage park brake.**
5. **Stop engine and remove keys.**
6. **Remove any foreign material and debris from the mower.**

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

* + Rotating, sharp parts ◼ Dust and fumes ◼ Vibration

◼ Airborne particles ◼ Noise

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