

Aerator

Operator's Guide

1. *Aeration Tips*- The best aerating condition is soft, moist ground. To test soil: push a garden spade or large screw driver into the ground. The tool should drive in 2-3 inches with little effort. If unable to do so, watering the lawn a day before is necessary.

2. *Before You Start*- Lock the folding handle in its operating position. The rear wheel control handle must be pulled up so rear wheels are fully down. Insert weights, as needed. Be sure area is clear of rocks, wire, string & other objects.

3. *Aerating*- Start engine and adjust throttle setting. You want to have a comfortable walking speed and maintain control of the machine. Adjust depth control knob to desired depth; turning the knob clockwise decreases core depth. Push down the rear wheel control handle to lower aerating tines into the ground (rear wheels will rise). Engage clutch control. To stop, release clutch control.

4. *Turning & Maneuvering*- Release clutch control handle, pull up rear wheel control handle, then pivot machine on rear wheels to turn *or* release clutch control, lift handle bar and pivot machine on front wheel. NEVER cross hard surfaces (sidewalks, driveways, stepping stones, etc) with tines down.

5. *Operating on Slopes*- NEVER operate on slopes exceeding 35% grade. For slopes UNDER 35% grade, operate the machine up & down the slope instead of across. Use the rear adjustment knob to set the rear wheels for extra stability. Remove the downhill side weight to reduce rollover and to maintain consistent core plug length. Move remaining weight from downhill side to uphill side after each pass when operating across slopes. NEVER disengage tines from ground when traveling uphill or downhill; ONLY disengage on a flat surface.

