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Using the Pressure Washer

- Wear protective equipment including goggles and waterproof overalls.
- Hold the lance in both hands when squeezing the trigger because the water pressure will make it "kick back".
- Do not aim the water jet at yourself, any other persons, or any animals. It will cause an injury.
- Do not spray the water jet over any electrical equipment. This could cause a short circuit and fire. This could cause a fatal electric shock.
- Stop the engine before leaving the machine unattended.
- Do not connect or disconnect a pressure hose or lance while the washer is pressurised. Stop the engine, and squeeze the lance trigger to release the pressure.
- Stop the engine and squeeze the lance trigger to release the pressure when not in use.
- If working in cold conditions, make sure that the water in the machine will not start to freeze when not in use.
- After work turn the detergent off or remove the detergent feed. Run the washer on just water to flush the detergent out. Then stop the engine, and squeeze the lance trigger to release the pressure.
- Drain the machine if there is any danger, of overnight frost.
- Make sure that all the water filters are cleaned and properly protected before you store the machine.
- If the equipment does not work properly, do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.



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- STARTING THE ENGINE**
- Check that the engine and machine controls are set correctly.
 - Move your fuel can to a safe cool place.
 - Put all fuel cans back on property, and move your fuel can to a safe cool place.
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 - Wipe any fuel spill on the ground, wipe it up or cover it with soil.
 - Use a funnel and clean petrol when refuelling. Do not spill any fuel on yourself or the machine. Dispose of fuel soaked cloth carefully.
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- REFUELING**
- Pull the starter handle slowly until you feel the engine. Don't pull it too far, or it may break strongly. If the starter has engaged with the engine, then pull it quickly and firmly so it will not move when you pull the starter.
 - Move sure that you hold the machine firmly so it will not move when you pull the starter.
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 - Guide the cord back into place so that it recolls correctly.
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- FUEL TANK**
- Clean the filter cap and the area around it to prevent dirt falling into the fuel tank.
 - If possible, move the machine away from your work area.
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 - Clean the filter cap and let it cool down.
 - No smoking.
 - Stop the engine and let it cool down.
- OPERATORS**
- The following items of personal protective equipment (PPE) are the minimum that should be worn. Whenever you use this pressure washer you should be aware that the hire company These supplied by the hire company. These extension hoses may have been damaged by the hire company.
 - Use only the hose supplied with the machine. Ensure it is laid out safely with no kinks, away from where vehicles may run over it.
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 - Make sure that all the pressure connections are firm and tight.
 - Make sure that dirty connections get dirty when you are setting up the machine.
 - You must wear an impact resistance visor or goggles when working with this machine.

- WATER SUPPLY**
- If your supply is from a water tank make sure the water is clean.
 - You must use a suitable filter if you are using chemicals or detergents, follow instructions supplied by the hire company.
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- PRESSURE WASHER**
- You should wear overalls, boots and gloves that are waterproof.
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 - Anybody working near to you will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
 - Set up the work area so that there is no danger of water being sprayed onto equipment if anything is found damaged. Do not use the pressure washer - contact the hire company.
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Pressure Washer

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work
may require the person responsible for this equipment
to carry out a specific risk assessment

It is important to read all of this leaflet

BEFORE you use the Pressure Washer

- Petrol is highly flammable. Take care not to cause a fire or explosion.
- This pressure washer is designed for high pressure water washing.
- The action of this pressure washer can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in a careful and controlled way.
- Familiarise yourself with how the equipment works before starting work.
- Think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
- You should have at least the following items of personal protective equipment
Impact resistant visor or goggles
Waterproof overalls
Waterproof boots
Waterproof gloves
- This equipment must not be used by minors. Or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- This pressure washer is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



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WORK AREA



Before Starting Work...