

FAQ - Pressure Washer Use

What Personal Protective Equipment is required?

When operating this equipment wear:

- Hearing protection ear muffs or ear plugs
- Vented chemical safety goggles
- Snug fitting and durable clothing, jean or long pants no shorts or cut-offs
- Heavy duty non-slip gloves
- Safety boots
- Do not wear clothing/items that could get caught in equipment

What should I do prior to operating?

- Prior to operating any equipment review the operator's manual to familiarize yourself with the equipment.
- Inspect the equipment as outlined in operator's manual including the following:
 - Check hose for leaks
 - · Check spray gun and nozzle for leaks
 - Clean debris from machine

How do I safely operate the equipment?

- Only operate out doors
- Do not use in carports, porches, or enclosures
- Keep at least 5 feet of clearance on all sides.
- Work from a stable surface
- Exercise caution as puddles and slippery surfaces can form while using washer
- Firmly hole spray gun with both hands to avoid injury when there is kick back.
- Never pull starter cord without relieving spray gun pressure
- Pull cord slowly
- After each start attempt discharge spray gun to relieve pressure.
- Do not allow pressure stream to make contact with skin.
- Never leave spray gun unattended while machine is operating

How do I safely add fuel?

When adding fuel observe the following

- If required mix fuel and oil as per operator's manual.
- Always mix fuel outdoors
- Always shut off the motor
- Let the motor cool before adding fuel
- Do not smoke or place hot objects near fuel
- Open fuel cap slowly to release pressure gently
- Tighten fuel cap carefully after refueling
- Move the machine away from the area of refueling before trying to restart.
- If fuel is spilled on machine, wipe up the spillage and allow for the remaining fuel to evaporate
- If fuel is spilled on your clothes change your clothing and wash any parts of your body that has come in contact with the fuel
- If fuel is leaking from the machine remove from use until repaired.

What are some of the hazards?

- Wearing loose clothing that could result in getting caught in moving parts
- Hearing loss by failing to wear hearing protection properly
- Suffering eye injury due to splash of chemicals
- Skin damage, tissue damage or amputation due to contact with pressure stream.
- Slip and fall due to work on wet and slippery surfaces
- CO poisoning due to use in enclosed space

What if I have other concerns?

If you have any concerns or questions speak to your:

- 1. Supervisor,
- 2. Health and safety representative, or
- 3. Contact EHS

