

Hand Held Auger Use

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Hazards Present:	PPE or Devices Required:	Additional Training Required:
Moving parts	Steel toed boots	Operators Manual
Vibration	Safety glasses	
MSI injury	Hearing protection	

Safe Work Procedure:

- 1) Start engine. Move the choke lever to the "ON" position. Move the throttle control to low. Grasp the starter cord and pull. After the engine has started; slowly move the choke lever to the "OFF" position. If the motor does not start, move the choke lever to the "OFF" position and pull the starter control again. Once the motor is running slowly increase the throttle.
- 2) Place the auger point in the desired hole location. Make sure that the unit is upright.
- 3) Engage the throttle and start digging at a slow speed. Increase speed as the auger enters the soil.
- 4) For heavier soil, move the unit up and down for each foot of depth.
- 5) If an object is encountered that is too large for the auger to move, release the throttle control until the engine idles down. Then pull the auger from the hole and turn the engine off. Remove the obstacle if possible and then resume digging.

If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, engage the emergency stop and follow the lock out procedure

REPORT ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS TO YOUR SUPERVISOR

Guidance Documents/Standards: MB Workplace Safety & Health Act & Regulations: <i>Part 6 Personal Protective Equipment</i> <i>Part 16 Machines, Tools and Robots</i>	This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years
	Reviewed By WSH Committee: Date: