If blowing, think carefully about the direction of the air flow. The fan is powerful enough to move quite heavy objects and send them hurtling towards windows, people and other susceptible items. Keep bystanders a minimum of 3m away.

If vacuuming, check the collection bag and empty regularly. To do this, switch the engine OFF then open the bag via the rear zip. Tip the contents into a suitable container and reseal the zip before continuing.

If the fan should block, switch the engine OFF, then unblock it with a suitable tool, not your hands. **Never allow your hands to enter either end of the fan unit**, for any reason.

Take your time and don't overdo it. You are more likely to have an accident if you are tired or rushing.

EQUIPMENT CARE

Never push the equipment beyond its design limits. If it will not do what you want with reasonable ease and speed assume you have the wrong tool for the job. contact your local HSS Hire Shop.

Keep the equipment clean, you will find this less of a chore if you clean up regularly rather than wait until the end of the hire.

When not in use, store the equipment, somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves.

Regularly check the fuel level and top up as necessary using 2-stroke oil and unleaded petrol mixed as directed on the 2-stroke oil container.

FINISHING OFF

Turn OFF the ON/OFF switch and wait for the engine to stop then empty the collection bag.

Let the engine cool then **thoroughly clean the machine ready for return** to your local HSS Hire Shop.



...any comments?

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HSS Hire Shops



Leaf Sucker / Blower Petrol

For collecting leaves, clippings and litter.



Code 62366

GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Hire Shop.

There is a serious risk of personal injury if you do not follow all instructions laid down in this guide.

This equipment should be used by an able bodied, competent adult who has read and understood these instructions. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability, should seek expert advice before using it.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area.

Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Safety Goggles MUST be worn by everyone in the work area.

This equipment generates potentially harmful noise levels. To comply with health and safety at work regulations, ear defenders must be worn by everyone in the vicinity.

Wear practical, protective clothing, gloves and footwear. Avoid loose garments and jewellery that could get in the way of the work, tie back long hair.

Check the equipment before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it.

Never direct the blower outlet at anybody.

Do not use this machine to pick up or move glass and other sharp objects.

Exhaust Danger

NEVER operate petrol engines indoors or in a confined space.

The exhaust from the engine contains gases that can Kill.

Always switch OFF the equipment when not in use.

Engines, especially the exhausts, **get very hot** so switch OFF and **allow to cool before touching them.**

Keep flammable materials well away from the engine and exhaust.

Watch your footing. Take special care if working other than on firm, level ground.

COSHH information sheets are available from your local HSS Hire Shop.

Fuel Safety

NEVER refuel while the engine is hot or running. Never smoke or allow naked lights into the area while refuelling. Never inhale fuel vapour.

ALWAYS mop up spillages as quickly as possible, and change your clothes if you get fuel on yourself.

ALWAYS store fuel in a purpose-made sealed container, in a cool, safe place well away from the work area.

GETTING STARTED

To use the machine as a vacuum, attach the collection bag complete with tube to the fan outlet. Now fit the suction pipe to the fans inlet.

If using the machine as a blower, attach the blow tube to the fan outlet. Now close the cover to the fans inlet

Mix 2-stroke oil with unleaded petrol in a suitable container, as directed on the sachet, and fill the fuel tank. Never add oil and petrol to the tank unmixed.

Turn the ON/OFF switch to the ON position and, if starting from cold, fully close the choke. Now, set the throttle half on and hold using the trigger lock button.

Note that some models need to be primed. Simply press the priming bulb three times to inject fuel into both the carburettor and cylinder.

Next **pull the starter cord a few times** until the motor 'coughs', fully **open the choke and pull the starter cord once more.** The motor should fire.

If restarting after a short break, you need only set the choke half open. If the engine floods, fully open the choke, hold the throttle full on, then pull the starter cord repeatedly until the engine fires.

Once the engine has **warmed up, fully open the choke** and **squeeze the throttle trigger then release** to leave the engine idling.

BASIC TECHNIQUES

Lift the machine up and place the carry strap on your shoulder, adjusting as necessary for comfort.

Squeeze the throttle trigger to **bring the engine up to maximum speed and begin** to either pickup debris or blow it in to a manageable pile.

