

## SOP - Mower - Ride On

**DO NOT** use this plant\* or complete this task unless you have been inducted in its safe use and operation by an Authorised Experienced Operator

This SOP may not cover all possible hazards and risks and should be referred to as a control measure in the risk assessment process. Additional training may be required for high risk plant/work. Site and task may change required PPE.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Eye protection must be worn



Minimum P2 face mask or respirator must be worn when airborne dust or fumes are created



Hearing protection must be worn



Foot protection must be worn



High visibility clothing must worn



Protective body clothing must be worn



Walk-a-Round

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND RISKS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Entanglement</b><br/>Entanglement in moving parts</li> <li> <b>Slip, Trips, Falls</b><br/>Slip, trip, fall from entry/exit of plant and slippery plant surfaces</li> <li> <b>Cutting, Stabbing or Puncturing</b><br/>Injury from sharp or flying object<br/>Injury from unexpected movement of plant<br/>Injury from contact with moving parts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Crushing</b><br/><b>Crushing due to plant tipping or rolling over</b></li> <li> <b>Exposure to Dust/Fumes</b><br/>Exposure to Dust<br/>Exposure to other emissions released by the plant</li> <li> <b>Other</b><br/><b>Hearing damage from excessive noise</b></li> </ul> |
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### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Complete site specific risk assessment
- ✓ Complete the appropriate pre-operational plant checklist if applicable
- ✓ Ensure you are familiar with plant operations and controls
- ✓ Ensure that guards are fitted, secured and functional in accordance with manufacturers guidelines
- ✓ Ensure that the roll bar is secure
- ✓ Ensure all safety mechanisms are functioning (including dead man's switch if fitted)
- ✓ Before starting the mower, ensure all levers are in their neutral positions, the parking brake is engaged and the clutch is disengaged
- ✓ Seat belt to be worn

### OPERATING PROCEDURES

- ✓ Keep clear of moving plant parts
- ✓ Drive at speed slow enough to keep control over unexpected hazards
- ✓ Operate plant to the conditions of the work area
- ✓ Operate plant on slopes according to manufactures guidelines
- ✓ Use caution when reversing
- ✓ Watch for ejected material. Ensure no person or animal is endangered when operating plant
- ✓ Always watch for bystanders when operating plant

- ✓ Before making adjustments bring plant to a complete standstill and isolate

### ENDING OPERATIONS

- ✓ Park on even ground
- ✓ Stop the ride on mower and shift the gear selector to park position
- ✓ Raise and secure the cutting blades
- ✓ Lock the parking brake
- ✓ Stop the engine and remove the keys
- ✓ Allow plant to cool before performing any maintenance, refuelling or cleaning
- ✓ Remove any foreign material from in and around engine catcher parts
- ✓ Refuel plant at least 3 metres from combustibles
- ✓ Ensure plant is in good working order and stored in the appropriate location

### DO NOT

- ✗ Do not use if plant is faulty. Attach an Out of Service tag and report fault to your supervisor
- ✗ Do not carry passengers
- ✗ Do not leave plant running unattended
- ✗ Do not leave keys in machinery whilst unattended
- ✗ Do not use mobile phone while operating plant

\*Plant in this SOP refers to any machinery, equipment, appliance, container, implement and tool.