

Safe Operating Procedure



PPE Required



General Safety Instructions

- Complete pre-start checklist
- Read Manufacturers Operation Manual (www.flexihire.com.au)
- Report any faults or damage to Flexihire 1300FLEXIHIRE
- Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery
- Do not operate equipment near pedestrians or people
- Do not operate without the appropriate PPE as detailed
- Do not operate equipment under the influence of drugs or alcohol

General Engine Safety

- **Refuelling** – Do not smoke, or introduce ignition source, always turn engine off and allow engine to cool first, relieve fuel pressure by loosening cap slowly, wipe clean any fuel spills prior to re-start, If fuel spilled on clothes change clothes, ensure cap is replaced & store fuel vessel away from work area
- Do not breathe fuel vapour & replace cap securely after fuelling
- Do not operate engine without adequate ventilation
- Beware of hot surfaces on engine & other parts

Plate Compactors & Rammers



Risk Assessment

- Assess the immediate work area for any hazards
- Control or eliminate all the risks associated with the hazards
- Hazards to check for that may require risk control-
 - ☐ Overhead power lines
 - ☐ Digging
 - ☐ Confined space
 - ☐ Traffic & moving machinery
 - ☐ Stored energy – air, hydraulic, electricity, pressure
 - ☐ Working at height
 - ☐ Falling objects
 - ☐ High Voltage
 - ☐ Any stored energy

Operating Safety Instructions

Beware of handling this equipment and do not attempt to lift on your own	Be aware of the rammer tipping over as it is top heavy
Always operate with two hands firmly attached and with a solid stance	Do not leave running unattended
Beware of feet and keep them well clear of the plates	Do not use rammers or compactors if damaged or if all guards are not in place
Remove all hazards from the worksite	Ensure some water is present to compact
Do not operate against a glass window	Do not push too hard allow the machine to move along itself and steer it by moving the handle
Avoid over compacting the ground	