

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS BRUSH BANDIT CHIPPERS

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOLS AND NOTATIONS

Signal Word	Likelihood of Occurrence	Degree of Potential Injury or Damage
⚠ DANGER	Will occur if warning is ignored	Severe
⚠ WARNING	Can occur if warning is ignored	Severe
⚠ CAUTION	Will or can occur if warning is ignored	Minor to Severe
NOTICE	Important, but not hazard related	Minor

THIS IS GENERAL INFORMATION REVIEW, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW DETAILED INFORMATION IN MANUALS AND DECALS AT ALL TIMES

⚠ DANGER

This machine is equipped with safety decals, guards and designs for your protection.

Don't ever take the machine for granted, always be cautious and careful when operating your equipment.

Read and follow all the instructions in your manual thoroughly. Your safety is dependent on your knowledge of how to operate and maintain this machine. You may obtain additional copies of this manual from your Bandit Dealer.

Before operating machine, you must have all potential operators; read and understand manuals and decals, watch the video and follow the recommendations.

Regardless of how hard a manufacturer tries to produce a safe machine, accidents still happen. Normally accidents are caused by people making mistakes. They do not read the manual, they ignore warning decals or do not use lockouts provided for their safety. This normally happens after the person has become accustomed to the machinery. In the initial start up and operation of the machinery, they are cautious, they are very careful because they do not understand the machine.

This equipment is intended for use by personnel who are experienced with similar equipment. Always operate safely. It is also recommended that someone else is present while operating or servicing in case an accident should occur. Never operate any machine while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Keep children, bystanders and animals clear of working area. Never operate equipment that is in need of repair or adjustment.

⚠ DANGER

Torn or loose clothing is more likely to get caught in moving machinery parts or tree branches. Keep such items as long hair, shirt sleeves, and shirt tails properly contained. Avoid wearing necklaces, rings, watches, and especially neckties while operating this machinery. Make sure the machine is in excellent condition, and all the guards are in place, tight and secure.

Wear all personal protection equipment and follow all safety standards per ANSI and OSHA instructions. Examples of equipment: hard hat, face shield, safety glasses, gloves, ear protection, etc. Do not wear gauntlet or secured fit gloves. Always keep a fully charged fire extinguisher with the machine while operating or servicing the machine.

⚠ WARNING

Operators **must** at all times be located within easy reach of all feed control and shut-off devices when the unit is running. They must be attentive and prepared to activate the devices.

⚠ DANGER

Before starting the machine, take a minute to check a few things. The machine should be in an area restricted from people passing by. This area around the machine must be free of all objects that can obstruct your movement when working with the machine. The machine should be checked for loose tools or foreign objects, especially in the infeed hopper area. All tools not in use should be secured in a tool box.

⚠ DANGER

Always block the tires and the machine tongue whenever the machine is unhooked for operation. DO NOT rely on the tongue jack for operational stabilization.

⚠ WARNING

Always stand to the side of the infeed hopper when inserting material. This will allow you to turn away from the wood, and walk away, without passing through the material. Machines should be fed from curbside (right side) whenever possible. Anytime an operator is near the infeed hopper, they must be within easy reach of feed control devices.

To increase production, don't waste time watching the material being fed. Once the limbs have started into the machine, you can walk away and get more material.

Keep the feedwheel tension springs adjusted only tight enough to keep the feedwheel teeth from slipping on the material. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN! This will overwork the hydraulic system, and make it difficult to feed larger material.

Always start the larger end (base end) of the log, tree or branch into the feedwheel(s) first.

Keep the engine R.P.M.'s at full throttle whether you are chipping brush or round wood. Lower R.P.M.'s will cause weak throwing power, and can cause plugging in the discharge.

⚠ DANGER

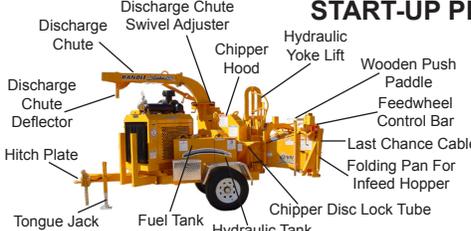
Never reach into the infeed hopper area of the machine, there is never any reason to. The feedwheel(s) are designed to pull trees and brush of any length into the machine. Pulling a hand, arm, foot or entire body through the machine is much easier than pulling a tree. Do not think you will be able to pull yourself free of the feedwheel(s), they will not let go. There is absolutely no reason to work inside of the infeed hopper. If the feedwheel(s) become tangled or clogged, stop the machine and wait several minutes before cleaning them out. If there are short pieces, or leaves and twigs, just leave them until feeding longer pieces. While the long pieces are feeding, simply toss the short pieces on top of them. The longer pieces will take them on into the machine.

A wooden push paddle has been provided to assist in feeding smaller material. It is the owner's and operator's responsibility to use and keep a wooden push paddle with the machine and to also secure it when transporting the machine. DO NOT use any body parts or any steel devices inside the infeed hopper area.

If there is larger diameter wood, try to feed it with smaller diameter wood. Start a small diameter limb which will partially open the feedwheel(s). Once the feedwheel(s) are partially open it is much easier to insert the larger diameter wood.

When feeding larger diameter wood, listen for the engine to possibly lug down. If it starts lugging down stop the feedwheel(s) by pushing the hydraulic control bar to off, and let the engine recover to full speed. If the machine is equipped with Autofeed and it is functioning properly, the feed system will automatically stop to let the engine recover. This will help stop the machine from plugging the discharge chute.

START-UP PROCEDURES



Position the control bar in the off position and start the engine and let the engine warm up at 1000 RPM's. (Follow engine manual information.) The machine may show signs of vibration until the engine can set at full throttle. The engine causes most of this vibration until it is brought up to full throttle. Engage PTO clutch, if applicable.

Push control bar forward towards the machine. This will allow the feedwheels to turn in reverse.

Allowing the feedwheels to turn in reverse will also allow for the hydraulic oil to warm up along with the engine.

Once the engine is properly warmed up, position the discharge chute to the proper position and bring the engine to full throttle. (Follow engine break-in procedures.)

Make sure to wear all personal protection equipment and follow all safety standards per ANSI and OSHA instructions. Examples of equipment: hard hat, face shield, safety glasses, gloves, ear protection, etc.

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