SECTION 1 – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS – READ BEFORE USING

Protect yourself and others from injury — read, follow, and save these important safety precautions and operating instructions.

1-1. Symbol Usage

DANGER! − Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.

NOTICE − Indicates statements not related to personal injury.

1-2. Engine Hazards

The symbols shown below are used throughout this manual to call attention to and identify possible hazards. When you see the symbol, watch out, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the Principal Safety Standards listed in Section 1-7. Read and follow all Safety Standards.

Only qualified persons should install, operate, maintain, and repair this equipment. A qualified person is defined as one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project and has received safety training to recognize and avoid the hazards involved.

During operation, keep everybody, especially children, away.

FUEL can cause fire or explosion.

- Stop engine and let it cool off before checking or adding fuel.
- Do not add fuel while smoking or if unit is near any sparks or open flames.
- Do not overfill tank — allow room for fuel to expand.
- Do not spill fuel. If fuel is spilled, clean up before starting engine.
- Dispose of rags in a fireproof container.
- Always keep nozzle in contact with tank when fueling.

MOVING PARTS can injure.

- Keep away from moving parts such as fans, belts, and rotors.
- Keep all doors, panels, covers, and guards closed and securely in place.
- Stop engine before installing or connecting unit.
- Have only qualified persons remove doors, panels, covers, or guards for maintenance and troubleshooting as necessary.
- To prevent accidental starting during servicing, disconnect negative (−) battery cable from battery.
- Keep hands, hair, loose clothing, and tools away from moving parts.
- Reinstall doors, panels, covers, or guards when servicing is finished and before starting engine.
- Before working on generator, remove spark plugs or injectors to keep engine from kicking back or starting.
- Block flywheel so that it will not turn while working on generator components.

BATTERY EXPLOSION can injure.

- Always wear a face shield, rubber gloves, and protective clothing when working on a battery.
- Stop engine before disconnecting or connecting battery cables, battery charging cables (if applicable), or servicing battery.
- Do not allow tools to cause sparks when working on a battery.
- Do not use this unit to charge batteries or jump start vehicles unless it has a battery charging feature designed for this purpose.
- Observe correct polarity (+ and −) on batteries.
- Disconnect negative (−) cable first and connect it last.
- Keep sparks, flames, cigarettes, and other ignition sources away from batteries. Batteries produce explosive gases during normal operation and when being charged.
- Follow battery manufacturer’s instructions when working on or near a battery. See Battery Service Manual (listed in Safety Standards) for additional information.

BATTERY CHARGING OUTPUT can injure.

(Battery charging feature not present on all models.)

- Have only qualified persons do battery charging work.
- Charge lead-acid batteries only. Do not use battery charger to supply power to an extra-low-voltage electrical system or to charge dry cell batteries.
- Do not charge a frozen battery.
- Do not use damaged charging cables.
- Do not require a battery that has loose terminals or one showing damage such as a cracked case or cover.
- Before charging battery, select correct charger voltage to match battery voltage.
- Set battery charging controls to the Off position before connecting to battery. Do not allow battery charging clips to touch each other.
- Keep charging cables away from vehicle hood, door, or moving parts.

HOT PARTS can burn.

- Do not touch hot parts bare handed.
- Allow cooling period before working on equipment.
- To handle hot parts, use proper tools and/or wear heavy, insulated welding gloves and clothing to prevent burns.
### 1-3. Hydraulic Hazards

#### HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT can injure or kill.
- Incorrect installation or operation of this unit could result in equipment failure and personal injury. Only qualified persons should install, operate, and service this unit according to its Owner’s Manual, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.
- Do not exceed the rated output or capacity of the hydraulic pump or any equipment in the hydraulic system. Design hydraulic system so failure of any hydraulic component will not put people or property at risk.
- Before working on hydraulic system, turn off and lockout/tagout unit, release pressure, and be sure hydraulic pressure cannot be accidentally applied.
- Do not work on hydraulic system with unit running unless you are a qualified person and following the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Do not modify or alter hydraulic pump or manufacturer-supplied equipment. Do not disconnect, disable, or override any safety equipment in the hydraulic system.
- Use only components/accessories approved by the manufacturer.
- Keep away from potential pinch points or crush points created by equipment connected to the hydraulic system.
- Do not work under or around any equipment that is supported only by hydraulic pressure. Properly support equipment by mechanical means.

#### HYDRAULIC FLUID can injure or kill.
- Before working on hydraulic system, turn off and lockout/tagout unit, release pressure, and be sure hydraulic pressure cannot be accidentally applied.
- Relieve pressure before disconnecting or connecting hydraulic lines.
- Check hydraulic system components and all connections and hoses for damage, leaks, and wear before operating unit.
- Wear protective equipment such as safety glasses, leather gloves, heavy shirt and trousers, high shoes, and a cap when working on hydraulic system.
- Use a piece of paper or cardboard to search for leaks—never use bare hands. Do not use equipment if leaks are found.
- HYDRAULIC FLUID is FLAMMABLE—do not work on hydraulics near sparks or flames; do not smoke near hydraulic fluid.
- Reinstall doors, panels, covers, or guards when servicing is finished and before starting unit.
- If ANY fluid is injected into the skin or body seek medical help immediately.

#### HOT PARTS AND FLUID can burn.
- Do not touch hot parts bare handed or allow hot fluid to contact skin.
- Allow cooling period before working on equipment.
- To handle hot parts, use proper tools and/or wear heavy, insulated welding gloves and clothing to prevent burns.

#### MOVING PARTS can injure.
- Keep away from moving parts such as fans, belts and rotors.
- Keep all doors, panels, covers, and guards closed and securely in place.
- Keep hands, hair, loose clothing, and tools away from moving parts.
- Before working on hydraulic system, turn off and lockout/tagout unit, release pressure, and be sure hydraulic pressure cannot be accidentally applied.
- Have only qualified people remove guards or covers for maintenance and troubleshooting as necessary.
- Reinstall doors, panels, covers, or guards when servicing is finished and before starting engine.

#### EXHAUST SPARKS can cause fire.
- Do not let engine exhaust sparks cause fire.
- Use approved engine exhaust spark arrestor ir required areas — see applicable codes.

#### STEAM AND HOT COOLANT can burn.
- If possible, check coolant level when engine is cold to avoid scalding.
- Always check coolant level at overflow tank, if present on unit, instead of radiator (unless told otherwise in maintenance section or engine manual).
- If the engine is warm, checking is needed, and there is no overflow tank, follow the next two statements.
- Wear safety glasses and gloves and put a rag over radiator cap.
- Turn cap slightly and let pressure escape slowly before completely removing cap.

#### BATTERY ACID can BURN SKIN and EYES.
- Do not tip battery.
- Replace damaged battery.
- Flush eyes and skin immediately with water.

#### Using a generator indoors CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES.
- Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide. This is a poison you cannot see or smell.
- NEVER use inside a home or garage, EVEN IF doors and windows are open.
- Only use OUTSIDE and far away from windows, doors, and vents.

#### ENGINE HEAT can cause fire.
- Do not locate unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces or flammables.
- Keep exhaust and exhaust pipes way from flammables.

#### READ INSTRUCTIONS.
- Read and follow all labels and the Owner’s Manual carefully before installing, operating, or servicing unit. Read the safety information at the beginning of the manual and in each section.
- Use only genuine replacement parts from the manufacturer.
- Perform installation, maintenance, and service according to the Owner’s Manuals, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.
1-4. Compressed Air Hazards

COMPRESSED AIR EQUIPMENT can injure or kill.

- Incorrect installation or operation of this unit could result in equipment failure and personal injury. Only qualified persons should install, operate, and service this unit according to its Owner’s Manual, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.
- Do not exceed the rated output or capacity of the compressor or any equipment in the compressed air system. Design compressed air system so failure of any component will not put people or property at risk.
- Before working on compressed air system, turn off and lockout/tagout unit, release pressure, and be sure air pressure cannot be accidentally applied.
- Do not work on compressed air system with unit running unless you are a qualified person and following the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Do not modify or alter compressor or manufacturer-supplied equipment. Do not disconnect, disable, or override any safety equipment in the compressed air system.
- Use only components and accessories approved by the manufacturer.
- Keep away from potential pinch points or crush points created by equipment connected to the compressed air system.
- Do not work under or around any equipment that is supported only by air pressure. Properly support equipment by mechanical means.

HOT METAL from air arc cutting and gouging can cause fire or explosion.

- Do not cut or gouge near flammables.
- Watch for fire; keep extinguisher nearby.

COMPRESSED AIR can injure or kill.

- Before working on compressed air system, turn off and lockout/tagout unit, release pressure, and be sure air pressure cannot be accidentally applied.
- Relieve pressure before disconnecting or connecting air lines.
- Check compressed air system components and all connections and hoses for damage, leaks, and wear before operating unit.
- Do not direct air stream toward self or others.
- Wear protective equipment such as safety glasses, hearing protection, leather gloves, heavy shirt and trousers, high shoes, and a cap when working on compressed air system.
- Use soapy water or an ultrasonic detector to search for leaks—never use bare hands. Do not use equipment if leaks are found.
- Reinstall doors, panels, covers, or guards when servicing is finished and before starting unit.
- If ANY air is injected into the skin or body seek medical help immediately.

BREATHING COMPRESSED AIR can injure or kill.

- Do not use compressed air for breathing.
- Use only for cutting, gouging, and tools.

TRAPPED AIR PRESSURE AND WHIPPING HOSES can injure.

- Release air pressure from tools and system before servicing, adding or changing attachments, or opening compressor oil drain or oil fill cap.

MOVING PARTS can injure.

- Keep away from moving parts such as fans, belts and rotors.
- Keep all doors, panels, covers, and guards closed and securely in place.
- Keep hands, hair, loose clothing, and tools away from moving parts.
- Have only qualified people remove guards or covers for maintenance and troubleshooting as necessary.
- Reinstall doors, panels, covers, or guards when servicing is finished and before starting engine.

HOT PARTS can burn.

- Do not touch hot compressor or air system parts.
- Allow cooling period before working on equipment.
- To handle hot parts, use proper tools and/or wear heavy, insulated welding gloves and clothing to prevent burns.

READ INSTRUCTIONS.

- Read and follow all labels and the Owner’s Manual carefully before installing, operating, or servicing unit. Read the safety information at the beginning of the manual and in each section.
- Use only genuine replacement parts from the manufacturer.
- Perform installation, maintenance, and service according to the Owner’s Manuals, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.
### ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.
Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns. Machine internal circuits are live when power is on. Incorrectly installed or improperly grounded equipment is a hazard.
- Do not touch live electrical parts.
- Do not use AC weld output in damp, wet, or confined spaces, or if there is a danger of falling.
- Use GFCI protection when operating auxiliary equipment. Test GFCI receptacles at high speed.
- Do not connect to any electrical distribution system normally supplied by utility power unless a proper transfer switch and grounding procedure are employed.
- Do not touch live electrical parts.
- Do not use AC weld output in damp, wet, or confined spaces, or if there is a danger of falling.
- Use GFCI protection when operating auxiliary equipment. Test GFCI receptacles at high speed.
- Do not connect to any electrical distribution system normally supplied by utility power unless a proper transfer switch and grounding procedure are employed.
- Properly install, ground, and operate this equipment according to its Owner's Manual and national, state, and local codes.
- Turn off all equipment when not in use.
- Use only well-maintained equipment. Repair or replace damaged parts at once. Maintain unit according to manual.
- Keep all panels and covers securely in place.

### FIRE OR EXPLOSION hazard.
- Do not install or place unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces.
- Do not install unit near flammables.
- Do not overload building wiring – be sure power supply system is properly sized, rated, and protected to handle this unit.

### FALLING EQUIPMENT can injure.
- Use lifting eye to lift unit and properly installed accessories only, NOT gas cylinders. Do not exceed maximum lift eye weight rating (see Specifications).
- Use correct procedures and equipment of adequate capacity to lift and support unit.
- If using lift forks to move unit, be sure forks are long enough to extend beyond opposite side of unit.
- Keep equipment (cables and cords) away from moving vehicles when working from an aerial location.
- Follow the guidelines in the Applications Manual for the Revised NIOSH Lifting Equation (Publication No. 94–110) when manually lifting heavy parts or equipment.

### HIGH PRESSURE FLUIDS can injure or kill.
- Engine fuel system components can be under high pressure.
- Before working on fuel system, turn off engine to release pressure.
- If ANY fluid is injected into the skin or body seek medical help immediately.

### OVERHEATING can damage motors.
- Turn off or unplug equipment before starting or stopping engine.
- Do not let low voltage and frequency caused by low engine speed damage electric motors.
- Use only equipment suitable for operation on 60 or 50/60 Hz power.

### FLYING SPARKS can injure.
- Wear a face shield to protect eyes and face.
- Shape tungsten electrode only on grinder with proper guards in a safe location wearing proper face, hand, and body protection.
- Sparks can cause fires — keep flammables away.

### MOVING PARTS can injure.
- Keep away from moving parts.
- Keep away from pinch points such as drive rolls.

### OVERUSE can cause OVERHEATING.
- Allow cooling period; follow rated duty cycle.
- Do not block or filter airflow to unit.

### STATIC (ESD) can damage PC boards.
- Put on grounded wrist strap BEFORE handling boards or parts.
- Use proper static-proof bags and boxes to store, move, or ship PC boards.

### TILTING OF TRAILER can injure.
- Use tongue jack or blocks to support weight.
- Properly install welding generator onto trailer according to instructions supplied with trailer.

### READ INSTRUCTIONS.
- Read and follow all labels and the Owner’s Manual carefully before installing, operating, or servicing unit. Read the safety information at the beginning of the manual and in each section.
- Use only genuine replacement parts from the manufacturer.
- Perform installation, maintenance, and service according to the Owner's Manuals, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.
1-6. California Proposition 65 Warnings

⚠️ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which are known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

For Diesel Engines:

⚠️ WARNING: Breathing diesel engine exhaust exposes you to chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

- Always start and operate the engine in a well-ventilated area.
- If in an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.
- Do not modify or tamper with the exhaust system.
- Do not idle the engine except as necessary.

For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/diesel.

1-7. Principal Safety Standards


Applications Manual for the Revised NIOSH Lifting Equation from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Website: www.cdc.gov/NIOSH.

For Standards regulating hydraulic systems, contact the National Fluid Power Association. Website: www.nfpa.com.