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Honda's Advanced 4 stroke Technology has also led to the development of the world's first 4-stroke blower. With its super-quiet operation and effortless power it simply blows the competition away. Complying with the toughest emission standards, the Honda Blower is the perfect substitute during water restrictions.

To ensure safe operation

Operator Responsibility

- Any part from the machine is a potential source of danger if the machine is used in abnormal conditions or if the maintenance is not done correctly.
- Read the Owner's Manual carefully. Be familiar with the controls and their proper use of the handy blower. Know how to stop the engine rapidly.
- Never allow children or people unfamiliar with this Owner's Manual to use the handy blower. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- If you lend or resell your handy blower to a third person, instruct him or her on how to handle the product and alert him or her to read and understand the Owner's Manual carefully before operation.
- Never operate the handy blower while:
 - people, especially children or pets are nearby.
 - the user is fatigued or under medication, or has swallowed substances known to affect judgment or reactions.
- Keep people and pets away from the operator during operation.
- Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
- While operating the handy blower, always wear the following protective clothing and protective devices.

Protective clothing

Wear adequate clothes with long sleeves and long pants. The clothes must fit your body and button up or zip up securely. Do not leave the sleeves and bottom of the shirt/jacket loose. Wear the arm covers, too.

Do not wear the clothes with the tapes, laces and/or ribbons, loose clothes, necktie, necklace, etc. during operation. They can be caught in the handy blower causing injury. Bind your hair if it is long, and do not let your hair below your shoulder.



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Protective devices

Goggles

Wear the goggles or other eye protection to protect your eyes from the debris that is thrown by the handy blower.

Helmet

Wear the helmet to protect your head from the overhead branches and the falling foreign material.

Face shield

Wear the face shield to protect your face from debris thrown by the handy blower.

Ear muffs/ear plugs

Wear the ear muffs, ear plugs or other hearing protection to protect your ears from the noise.

Gloves

Wear the gloves to protect your hands.

Safety boots

Wear the safety boots with the non-slip sole and toe protector to protect your feet from the flying debris. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.

Dust mask

We recommend that you wear the dust mask if you suffer from the allergic rhinitis, e.g. pollinosis, etc. The dust mask is available at a pharmacy and it is helpful for reducing the amount of pollens you breathe.

- Before each use, visually inspect the handy blower for any damage and looseness of fastening part.
- Avoid operating the handy blower at night, in bad weather or when there is poor visibility.
- Walk, never run during operation.
- Avoid operating the handy blower on a steep slope. The steep slope is very slippery, so you can slip down.
- Do not operate the handy blower with the labels, and other parts removed.
- Do not mount an incorrect part and do not tamper with the handy blower as it can result in personal injury and/or equipment damage. Use the handy blower that is designed for your model and application.



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- Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug cap in the following cases:
 - Before any operation around the handy blower.
 - Before checking, cleaning or working on the handy blower.
 - After striking a foreign object. Inspect the handy blower for damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the handy blower again.
 - If the handy blower starts to vibrate abnormally. Check immediately the cause of the vibration and perform the necessary repair.
- Stop the engine in the following cases:
 - Whenever you leave the handy blower unattended.
 - Before refueling.
 - When any person or pet is approaching.
 - Shut off the engine immediately when the handy blower shows abnormal vibration suddenly. Sudden vibration can suggest the damaged rotating parts or loose fasteners. Examine the cause of the problem, and do not start the engine before repair is made.
- The handy blower is faulty when the engine is idling by returning the throttle but the handy blower keeps turning, and idle speed adjustment must be made. Consult your authorized Honda dealer.
- Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the handy blower is in safe working condition. Regular maintenance is an essential aid to user's safety and retaining a high level of performance.
- Do not use the handy blower with worn or damaged parts. Parts must be replaced, or repaired. Replace worn or damaged parts with Honda genuine parts. Non equivalent quality parts may damage the machine and be prejudicial to your safety.
- Injury caused by vibration and cold:
You may feel the prickling or burning pain in your fingers, and the fingers may lose colour and feeling depending on your constitution. It is believed that these symptoms are brought on by vibration and/or exposure to cold.



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The specific trigger point of these symptoms are not identified yet, but observe the following instructions.

- Limit the amount of time you spend operating the handy blower in a day.
 - A day's work should consist of the work with the handy blower and the other work without the hand-held equipment so you can limit the amount of time when your hands are exposed to the machine vibration.
 - Keep your body warm, especially your hands, wrists and arms.
 - Take your breaks at shorter intervals and arm exercises well to maintain good blood circulation. Do not smoke while working.
 - When you feel discomfort, redness and swelling of the fingers followed by whitening and loss of feeling, consult your doctor promptly.
- Injury caused by repeated operation:
Performing the repeated operation for a prolonged time may cause injury. Observe the following instructions to reduce the causes of the injury.
- Avoid the repeated operation by using your wrist(s) in bent, stretched or twisted position.
 - Take your breaks regularly to minimize the effect of the repeated operation. Take your time when performing the repeated operation.
 - Do not rush to operate the handy blower.
 - When your fingers, hands, wrists and/or arms are throbbing or numbed, consult your doctor.



Child Safety

- Keep children indoors and supervised at all times any outdoor handy blower is being used nearby. Young children move quickly and are attracted especially to the handy blower activity.
- Never assume children will remain where you last saw them. Be alert and turn the handy blower off if children enter the area.
- Children should never be allowed to operate the handy blower, even under adult supervision.

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Fire and Burn Hazard

Gasoline is extremely flammable, and gasoline vapor can explode. Use extreme care when handling gasoline. Keep gasoline out of reach of children.

- Store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.
- Refuel outdoors only, and do not smoke while refueling or handling fuel.
- Add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add gasoline or fuel while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.
- If gasoline is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine but move the handy blower away from the area of spillage and avoid creating any source of ignition until gasoline vapours have dissipated.
- Tighten all fuel tanks and container caps securely.
- When you start the engine after refueling, be sure to start the engine at least 3m (10 ft.) away from the refueling spot.
- Never store the handy blower with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame, spark or high temperature source.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- To reduce the fire hazard, keep the handy blower, especially the engine, muffler and the gasoline storage area, free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Do not leave containers of vegetable matters in or near a building.
- If the fuel tank has be to drained, this should be done outdoors, with a cold engine.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Hazard

Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide, a colourless and odourless gas. Breathing exhaust can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.

- If you run the engine in an area that is confined or even partially enclosed, the air you breathe could contain a dangerous amount of exhaust gas. To keep exhaust gas from building up, provide adequate ventilation.
- Replace faulty muffler.
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.