

WARNING EDGER/TROWEL/GROOVER

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced, or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

 **WARNING:** Operating, servicing, and maintaining this equipment can expose you to chemicals including Silica Crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size) from concrete which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize your exposure, avoid breathing dust. For more information go to www.P65warnings.ca.gov

PERSONAL SAFETY:

- CONTACT with wet (unhardened concrete, mortar, cement, or cement mixtures) can cause skin irritation, severe chemical burns, or serious eye damage. Avoid contact with eyes and skin.
- WEAR waterproof gloves, fully buttoned long-sleeved shirt, full-length pants, and tight-fitting eye protection when working with these materials. If you must stand in wet concrete, use waterproof boots that are tight at the top and high enough to keep concrete from flowing into them. If you are finishing concrete, wear knee pads to protect your knees.
- WASH wet concrete, mortar, cement, or cement mixtures from your skin with fresh, clean water immediately after contact, indirect contact through clothing can be as serious as direct contact, so promptly rinse wet concrete, mortar, cement, or cement mixtures from clothing. Seek medical attention if you have persistent or severe discomfort. In case of eye contact, flush with plenty of clean water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician immediately.

An edger is easy to use and operates smoothly, creating a nice lip on the concrete. The product prevents the concrete edges from chipping with wear.

A hand trowel is used when the concrete has hardened into a tighter formation. Take the hand trowel and use its edge to swipe across the surface. This evens out any hairline fractures that may have appeared in the concrete due to excessive water concentration.

A groover cuts clean, smooth professional control joints every time. The design allows for sharp, clean joints without mussing the top of the slab. This tool creates a groove in wet cement to control expansion and contraction and relieve stress points. The groover creates a radius to prevent chipping.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**