

A Safe Workplace

A Workplace Safety and Health Manual for Your Community

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Subject: TSE-12	Starting a Portable Gas Powered Air Compressor	Effective: April 01, 2005
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PPE Required: Safety glasses or face shield, hearing protection, steel- toe boots

Warning: Do not wear loose clothing or rolled up sleeves
Remove all jewelry

Steps:

1. Read and understand equipment manual before operating.
2. Check oil level on air compressor engine. Add oil if necessary.
3. Check air filters and clean as required.
4. Ensure all air valves are closed.
5. Turn start/run lever to start position.
6. Prime carburetor by pumping choke control 12-15 times. Leave choke out fully.
7. Turn key to engage starter. If engine does not start, turn key to off, prime 2-3 more times, then repeat step 4
8. When engine starts, slowly push choke in as engine warms up.
9. When engine has warmed up, turn start/run lever to run position.
10. Securely attach air hose to air outlet at one end, and blow-pipe at the other. In both cases insert safety locking pin.
11. After ensuring that valve at blow-pipe end is in "off position, open valve at compressor.
12. Holding blow-pipe securely, slowly open valve at blow pipe.