

“SLASHBUSTER”®

Operator Instructions

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Safety

- I. **Never** approach cutter wheel when the engine is running!!!!
- II. **Wheel position**: The operator should never be able to see the bottom of the cutting wheel while in operation, because of the possibility of throwing debris towards the operator station. Whenever possible, keep the cutter head parallel to the surface.
- III. **Cutting safety**: Always cut a little high to expose hidden fences, rocks, utilities, etc., then mow to finish height. Remember debris is discharged to the front and right of the cutting head. Use this to your advantage when working in congested areas. Always work away from building, fences, highways, etc. When cutting down trees, always undercut first, then use the head to place the tree where desired. Never cut trees at full extension of the boom. Use common sense!!!

Basic operating procedure

- I. **Engaging cutter**: Select forward cutting head direction, using three position toggle switch, (forward, neutral, reverse), start cutter by pressing foot switch, (once for one, once again for off).
- II. **The D&M Machine Division, Inc. “SLASHBUSTER”®** is a finesse machine. Always let the cutter head do the work - never force the cutting action. For best results, use the outer edge of the cutter wheel to do the cutting. The bottom teeth are for mulching debris already on the ground. Angle the head slightly and use the outer teeth to mulch standing trees. Run the cutter head unit to the contour of the ground. The head tilts to allow this action. Keep the third boom up and not in contact with the ground. Do not force the head sideways or down...let the cutter do the work.

- III. **Wheel speed**: The speed of the cutter wheel is adjustable on some installations via flow control valves. This is a desirable feature when working in tight areas.
- IV. **Material handler**: The uses of the material handler are many. You can handle what you cut to build a working mat to lower ground pressure. You can build road with it; clean ditches with it; rake with it; load and unload with it; and remove stumps with it, (always dig around and loosen first).

To prevent damage, always pick logs and materials from center and use extreme caution when swinging. Keep side torsion to a minimum. This unit is not designed to dig in rock.

If you maintain the “SLASHBUSTER”® and work it within its limits, it will give you years of reliable service.