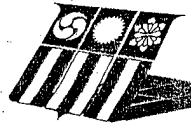


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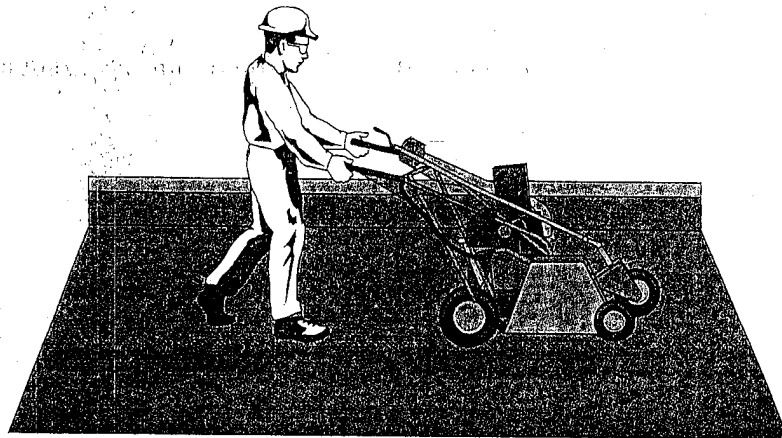
Week 4

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Roof Cutters

- ☛ Personal protective equipment is a must when operating a roof cutter.
 - Eye protection in the form of goggles or safety glasses, whether you are the operator or are working in the immediate vicinity of the roof cutter, will prevent flying debris from striking your eyes.
 - Very dusty jobs may warrant goggles over safety glasses.
 - Hearing and respiratory protection may be needed as well.
- ☛ Cushioned handles will help to reduce the amount of vibration from the machine.
- ☛ Roof cutters also pose hazards to passers-by and nearby property.
 - Because roof cutters have a tendency to throw gravel and debris, operating one can impact people and objects other than those on the roof. Try to coordinate operations with building owners in order to prevent damage.
- ☛ Take care when adjusting the cutting blade.
 - If the blade is set too low, you might actually find yourself cutting through the roof deck.
- ☛ Before refueling, shut off the engine and allow it to cool as much as possible. Don't smoke while refueling the roof cutter, or any other piece of gasoline-powered equipment.

Roof cutters are excellent pieces of equipment for saving time on larger jobs. Don't fall into the trap of "haste makes waste" though. Take enough time to be careful. Protect yourself and others from flying rocks and debris, and the other hazards that can be present when roof cutters are used.



Roof Cutters Training Tips

- Demonstrate the capability of roof cutters to throw small stones and debris.
- Show employees how to lower the cutting blade, and how to keep from lowering it too far.
- Ask the following questions:
 - Why is it so important to wear eye protection?
 - What will happen if the blade is set too low?