

# TOMAHAWK

**TVIBH  
BACKPACK CONCRETE VIBRATOR**

**Operation Manual**

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## 1. SAFETY INFORMATION

This manual contains DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, and NOTE callouts which must be followed to reduce the possibility of personal injury, damage to the equipment, or improper service.



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.



**DANGER** indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



**WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



**CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.



**CAUTION:** Used without the safety alert symbol, **CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

## 1.1 Laws Pertaining to Spark Arresters

Notice: State Health Safety Codes and Public Resources Codes specify that in certain locations spark arresters be used on internal combustion engines that use hydrocarbon fuels. A spark arrester is a device designed to prevent accidental discharge of sparks or flames from the engine exhaust. Spark arresters are qualified and rated by the United States Forest Service for this purpose.

In order to comply with local laws regarding spark arresters, consult the engine distributor or the local Health and Safety Administrator.

## 1.2 Operating Safety



Familiarity and proper training are required for the safe operation of equipment! Equipment operated improperly or by untrained personnel can be dangerous! Read the operating instructions contained in both this manual and the engine manual and familiarize yourself with the location and proper use of all controls. Inexperienced operators should receive instruction from someone familiar with the equipment before being allowed to operate the machine.

**1.2.1 NEVER** allow anyone to operate this equipment without proper training. People operating this equipment must be familiar with the risks and hazards associated with it.

**1.2.2 NEVER** touch the engine or muffler while the engine is on or immediately after it has been turned off. These areas get hot and may cause burns.

**1.2.3 NEVER** use accessories or attachments that are not recommended by Tomahawk Power. Damage to equipment and injury to the user may result.

**1.2.4 NEVER** leave machine running unattended.

**1.2.5 ALWAYS** be sure operator is familiar with proper safety precautions and operation techniques before using machine.

**1.2.6 ALWAYS** wear ANSI Z87.1-approved safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields, or when needed, a face shield. Use a dust mask in dusty work conditions. Also use non-skid safety shoes, hardhat, gloves, dust collection systems, and hearing protection when appropriate. This applies to all persons in the work area.

**1.2.7 ALWAYS** close fuel valve on engines equipped with one when machine is not being operated.

**1.2.8 ALWAYS** store equipment properly when it is not being used. Equipment should be stored in a clean, dry location out of the reach of children.

**1.2.9 ALWAYS** operate machine with all safety devices and guards in place and in working order. DO NOT modify or remove safety devices. DO NOT operate machine if any safety devices or guards are missing or inoperative.

**1.2.10 ALWAYS** read, understand, and follow procedures in Operator's Manual before attempting to operate equipment.

### 1.3 Safety while using Combustion Engines



Internal combustion engines present special hazards during operation and fueling! Read and follow warning instructions in engine owner's manual and safety guidelines below. Failure to follow warnings and DANGER safety guidelines could result in severe injury or death.

**1.3.1 DO NOT** run machine indoors or in an enclosed area such as a deep trenches unless there is adequate ventilation, through such items as exhaust fans or hoses are provided. Gasoline exhaust from the engine contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas; exposure to carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.

**1.3.2 DO NOT** smoke while operating machine.

**1.3.3 DO NOT** smoke when refueling engine.

**1.3.4 DO NOT** refuel hot or running engine.

**1.3.5 DO NOT** refuel engine near open flame.

**1.3.6 DO NOT** spill fuel when refueling engine.

**1.3.7 DO NOT** run engine near open flames.

**1.3.8 ALWAYS** refill fuel tank in well-ventilated area.

**1.3.9 ALWAYS** replace fuel tank cap after refueling.

**1.3.10 ALWAYS** check fuel lines and fuel tank for leaks and cracks before starting engine.

**1.3.11 DO NOT** run machine if fuel leaks are present or fuel lines are loose.

### 1.4 Service Safety



Poorly maintained equipment can become a safety hazard! In order for the equipment to operate safely and properly over a long period of time, periodic maintenance and occasional repairs are necessary.

**1.4.1 DO NOT** attempt to clean or service machine while it is running. Rotating parts can cause severe injury.

**1.4.2 DO NOT** crank a flooded engine with the spark plug removed on gasoline-powered engines. Fuel trapped in the cylinder will squirt out the spark plug opening.

**1.4.3 DO NOT** test for spark on gasoline-powered engines, if engine is flooded or the smell of gasoline is present. A stray spark could ignite fumes.

**1.4.4 DO NOT** use gasoline or other types of fuels or flammable solvents to clean parts, especially in enclosed areas. Fumes from fuels and solvents can become explosive.

**1.4.5 ALWAYS** keep area around muffler free of debris such as leaves, paper, cartons, etc. A hot muffler could ignite them, starting a fire.

**1.4.6 ALWAYS** replace worn or damaged components with spare parts designed and recommended by Tomahawk Power.

**1.4.7 ALWAYS** disconnect spark plug on machines equipped with gasoline engines, before servicing, to avoid accidental start-up.

**1.4.8 ALWAYS** keep machine clean and labels legible. Replace all missing and hard-to-read labels. Labels provide important operating instructions and warn of dangers and hazards.

**1.4.9 ALWAYS** check for damaged parts before each use. Carefully check that the screed will operate properly and perform its intended function. Replace damaged or worn parts immediately. Never operate the screed with a damaged part.

**1.4.10 ALWAYS** inspect the screed prior to placing in storage and before re-use. Store the screed in a dry, secure place out of the reach of children when not in use.

**1.4.11 ALWAYS** use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for use with the screed. Accessories that may be suitable for one Screed may create a risk of injury when used with the screed equipment.

**1.4.12 ALWAYS** keep boards clean when not in use and guards in place and in working order.

## **2. TECHNICAL DATA**

### **2.1 Design and Features**

Ideal for construction, formwork, patching, and other repair jobs, the Tomahawk TVIBH Backpack Concrete Vibrator is the perfect for removing air bubbles at 12,000 VPM to help properly settle concrete faster. Tomahawk vibrators are designed with superior padding with adjustable straps and cushion to distribute weight evenly to reduce operator fatigue.

### **2.2 Quick Connect Design**

Work smarter, not harder and change vibrator shafts and heads quicker than before with Tomahawk's Quick Connect Vibrator Design!

### **2.3 Honda Engine**

Honda's GX35 engine is legendary for superior reliability and performance. And there's no doubt about it. Low noise levels, low vibration, and low emissions – without sacrificing power output or performance.

## 2.4 Machine Data

ENGINE DATA	
Engine Brand	Honda
Engine Model	GX35
Engine Type	Air-cooled 4-stroke OHV
Displacement	35.8 cm <sup>3</sup>
Net Power Output*	1.3 hp (1.0 kW) @ 7,000 rpm
Net Torque	1.2 lb-ft (1.6 Nm) @ 5,500 rpm
Starting System	Recoil
Oil Capacity	3.4 US oz (100cc)
Fuel Tank Capacity	0.67 U.S. qt (.63 liter)
VIBRATOR DATA	
Vibrations	10,000 - 12,000 VPM
Vibrator Type	Eccentric
Shaft Connection Type	Quick Connect
Mount Type	Swivel Mounted
Weight	15 lbs

## 3. CHECKS BEFORE STARTING

### 3.1 Recommended Fuel

The engine requires regular grade unleaded gasoline, 89 octane or higher. Use only fresh, clean gasoline. Gasoline containing water or dirt will damage fuel system. Consult engine owner's manual for complete fuel specifications.

### 3.2 Starting Checklist

Read and understand safety and operating instructions at beginning of this manual.

- Oil level in engine
- Fuel level
- Condition of air cleaner
- Tightness of external fasteners
- Condition of fuel lines
- Wear of the spark plug

## **4. MACHINE'S SAFETY RULES**

### **4.1 For your own safety, the safety of others, and the safety of this equipment, read the following instructions carefully:**

- 4.1.1** For the proper use of this device, please assure that the operator has been correctly informed of the content of this manual before using it.
- 4.1.2** This machine must be used only under the applications for which it has been designed and according to these safety instructions.
- 4.1.3** DO NOT touch any part of the vibrating group when the motor is running.
- 4.1.4** DO NOT work in an area exposed to flammable liquids or gases.
- 4.1.5** DO NOT allow inexperienced or not trained personnel to use the machine.
- 4.1.6** Please secure all the threads and bolts before working.
- 4.1.7** DO NOT stop the machine until the concrete mass is fully vibrated.
- 4.1.8** DO NOT work with the machine if any type of dysfunction, even small, has been observed.
- 4.1.9** DO NOT connect the flexible shaft to the motor when this is working.
- 4.1.10** DO NOT operate in the motor shaft when this is working and without transmission
- 4.1.11** DO NOT work with transmission or poker in bad conditions, the motor overheats.
- 4.1.12** DO NOT permit untrained personnel to operate the motor or connections.
- 4.1.13** Read the engine manufacturer's manual BEFORE working.
- 4.1.14** DO NOT work in closed rooms, as the exhaust fumes may be toxic.
- 4.1.15** Wait 2 minutes for the petrol refill until the motor gets cold.
- 4.1.16** Keep the air intake clean and open for the correct running of the motor.
- 4.1.17** The vibration that transmitted to the operator does not exceed 8.2  $\text{m/s}^2$  of acceleration.

### **4.2 Usage Conditions**

For your own safety, the safety of others, and the safety of this equipment, read the following instructions carefully:

- 4.2.1** Before working, be sure the hose joint nut is fastened to the motor (screwed to LEFT).
- 4.2.2** Make sure the poker is well screwed to the flexible shaft (screwed to LEFT).
- 4.2.3** DO NOT work with a flexible shaft with big bends.
- 4.2.4** DO NOT over lubricate the shaft.
- 4.2.5** DO NOT keep working the poker out of the concrete for more than 5 minutes.
- 4.2.6** DO NOT restrict the movement of the poker during the work.
- 4.2.7** DO NOT stop the poker inside the concrete.
- 4.2.8** Change the wear parts to avoid damage to the internal parts.
- 4.2.9** Do the maintenance with the kinds and quantities of recommended lubricants.

## **5. VIBRATOR OPERATION**

### **5.1 Before Starting**

- 5.1.1** Before working, make sure that all the security devices are operating under normal conditions.
- 5.1.2** Read the engine manufacturer manual thoroughly.
- 5.1.3** DO NOT work in rooms with scarce ventilation.
- 5.1.4** Make sure there is NO flammable good near to the escape.
- 5.1.5** Check the petrol level in the reservoir (use always unleaded gas in 4 stroke engines).
- 5.1.6** Check the oil reservoir of the motor is full (see engine manual) in the 4-stroke engine (SAE10W30).
- 5.1.7** Check all the bolts are well tightened.
- 5.1.8** Start the motor, regulate the speed with the accelerator until it reaches a good vibration.
- 5.1.9** When a defect or a malfunction has been detected, endangering the use of this machine or not, stop the work and make the correspondent maintenance to avoid any danger or bigger damage.

### **5.2 Getting Started**

Read item #5 in USAGE CONDITIONS

### **5.3 Shaft Connection to Power Unit**

The power unit is designed to facilitate a quick and safe connection to the flexible shaft.

### **5.4 Connection Procedure**

- 5.4.1** Connect the transmission shaft to the square engine housing.
- 5.4.2** Screw the plastic nut of the shaft to the aluminium thread of the power unit.
- 5.4.3** The nut turns left.
- 5.4.4** No tool is required.

### **5.5 Connection Choices**

- 5.5.1** Flexible Shaft Length: TVW10-P 10ft.
- 5.5.2** Vibrator Head Diameter: 1" (TVW10-P-1) and 2" (TVW10-P-2)

### **5.6 Poker Connection to Flexible Shaft**

CONNECTION PROCEDURE:

- 5.6.1** Introduce the hexagonal driver of the poker in the shaft.
- 5.6.2** Screw the poker on the screwed end of the transmission up to fasten with a spanner (left threads).

## 5.7 Inspection

**5.7.1** Before starting the job, ensure that all handling and safety devices are working correctly.

**5.7.2** Regularly inspect the condition of the transmission to ensure it is in good condition. When the hose is broken, repair it or replace it to avoid damaging the shaft or the poker.

**5.7.3** Replace parts that are worn down.

**5.7.4** If defects are found in the safety devices or other defects which could reduce the safe handling of the equipment, notify the person in charge immediately.

## 6. DIMENSIONS OF WEAR FOR THE POKERS

<b>MODEL</b>	<b>DIAMETER (inch)</b>	<b>LENGTH (inch)</b>
TVW10-P1	1	12
TVW10-P2	2	12



**6.1.1** The minimum dimensions are printed in bold.

**6.1.2** The dimensions within brackets are the original dimensions.

**6.1.3** Replace the housing when it has been worn down to the minimum diameter.

**6.1.4** Replace the tip when it has reached the minimum length.

## 7. MAINTENANCE

### 7.1 Maintenance Table

Maintain the equipment in accordance with the following recommended procedures. Refer to the engine manufacturer's instruction manual for additional information about engine maintenance. The following chart is based on a normal operation schedule.

	<b>MONTHLY</b> (BEFORE STARTING)	<b>WEEKLY</b> (EVERY 50 HOURS)	<b>MONTHLY</b> (EVERY 200 HOURS)	<b>QUARTERLY</b> (EVERY 250 HOURS)
Clean the engine and beams	●			
Check the nuts and bolts	●			
Check the engine and fill with oil	●			
Change the motor oil (first 20 hours of use)		●		
Clean the spark plugs		●		
Clean the air filter		●		
Clean the oil filter			●	
Clean the spark plugs			●	
Adjust the spark plugs as needed			●	
Clean the carburetor				●
Clean the cylinder head				●
Set the valves				●
Replace the spark plug				



## **7.2 Additional Maintenance Information**

**7.2.1** Safety fittings must be checked after every maintenance check.

**7.2.2** Always use the original parts for every maintenance check.

**7.2.3** DO NOT fill the fuel tank near any potential source of danger. (EX: while smoking)

**7.2.4** Lock the petrol admission key while filling the fuel tank.

**7.2.5** Use unleaded, clean gas.

**7.2.6** The “idle” speed of the motor cannot exceed 3,000RPM. Check this speed during maintenance checks.

**7.2.7** Refer to the engine’s manual for correct information on engine speed, starting, and stopping.

## **7.3 Periodic Maintenance of Flexible Shaft and Pokers**

**7.3.1** To perform maintenance on the transmission and poker, begin by disconnecting the motor.

**7.3.2** Use only original parts in all maintenance operations.

**7.3.3** Check the wear of the poker controlling- located on the outside diameter and length of the poker.

**A.** Replace the housing or cap when the diameter or length is less than specified in the reference table.

**7.3.4** Lubricate the shaft every 100 working hours.

**A.** To lubricate the shaft, grasp some grease in the palm of your hand and run over the length of the shaft. The shaft will have a light coating of lubricant.

**B.** The recommended quantity is 25 g per meter.

**C.** DO NOT over lubricate, as it could cause the grease to penetrate into the poker.

**D.** DO NOT clean the shaft with solvent.

**7.3.5** When the length of the shaft is not equal to the length of the hose, replace.

**7.3.6** Every 300 hours, change the oil of the poker.

**A.** To change the oil:

**i.** Remove the cap.

**ii.** Hold the housing with a clamp.

**iii.** Tap the cap with a plastic hammer. This will help to break the seal and to loosen the threads.

**iv.** Take out the old oil and fill the cavity of the cap with a light, non foaming SAE40 oil or equivalent.

**v.** Mount the poker back into place..

**vi.** If inspection reveals that the oil is a thick, heavy, sticky mixture, then the grease of the flexible shaft has penetrated into the head. Then, all seals must be replaced.

## **7.3 Periodic Maintenance of Flexible Shaft and Pokers Continued**

### **7.3.7 Maintenance Steps:**

- A.** Flush the parts with solvent and wipe it all down.
- B.** Examine the bearings, seals and hex driver.
  - i.** If the inspection shows that grease has penetrated into the head, the oil seals need replacement.
  - ii.** When replacing the oil seals, mount them back to back (neoprene seal lips face away from each other).
- C.** The purpose of the seals is to keep the oil of the head in, and the flexible shaft grease out. Be careful not to damage the polished surface where the seals are located.
  - i.** Change the seals when they are removed.
- D.** Fill the cavity of the cap with a light non-foaming SAE40 oil or equivalent.
- E.** Apply sealant before assembling.
- F.** Assemble the O ring.
- G.** Tighten and clean the excess sealant.
- H.** It is important all the parts are tightened securely to avoid water and cement from entering the head.

**7.3.8** Assemble all of the parts correctly once maintenance checks are completed.

**7.3.9** Every 12 months (or more frequently depending on use), have the unit inspected by a dealer authorized by Tomahawk Power.

## **7.4 Storage**

**7.4.1** When the motor will not be used for a long period of time, store in a clean, dirt-free, protected area.

## **7.5 Transportation**

**7.5.1** When transporting the unit, ensure that the motor is safe from slipping, overturning, and hard hits.

## 8. Troubleshooting

<b>LOCATING MALFUNCTIONS WITH THE ENGINE</b>	
<b><i>PROBLEM</i></b>	<b><i>CAUSE/SOLUTIONS</i></b>
The motor does not work	Check the gas level.
	Check the gas admission key is open.
	Check the de choke position.
	Check the engine oil level.
<b>LOCATING MALFUNCTIONS OF FLEXIBLE SHAFT AND POKERS</b>	
<b><i>PROBLEM</i></b>	<b><i>CAUSE/SOLUTIONS</i></b>
The motor works overload and overheats	Head is overlubricated.
	Too much grease in shaft or too little
	Failure of seal and the transmission grease have gone into the head or the head oil have gone out.
	Head movement is restricted.
	Transmission with extreme bents.
	Transmission in bad condition, broken hose.
Bearing Failure	Not enough oil in the head.
	The head has been working out of the concrete during a long time.
	Water has penetrated the head
	The housing has received strong stroke.

## **9. SPARE PARTS**

### **9.1 How to Order Spare Parts**

**9.1.1** For all spare parts, contact Tomahawk Power Customer Support. If Tomahawk Power does not have the part, customer service will refer you to an authorized dealer in your area.

**9.1.2** All spare parts requested must include the part code number as stated in the Parts Manual. Also include the manufacturer number, if available.

**9.1.3** The identification plate with manufacturer and model number is located in the top part of the motor's plastic frame. You can also find the numbers in the Parts Manual on the Tomahawk Power website.

**9.1.4** The transmission and pokers have the manufacture number engraved outside.

### **9.2 Warranties**

**9.2.1** Your warranty is valid for 1 year after purchasing your Concrete Vibrator.

**A.** This warranty covers parts with manufacturer defects.

**B.** The warranty will not cover a malfunction due to improper usage of the equipment.

**9.2.3** For all warranty requests, contact Tomahawk Power Customer Support.

**9.2.4** The unit must be sent to Tomahawk Power, or an authorized dealer.

**A.** The complete address and name of the consignee must be included.

**9.2.5** Customer Support will notify you if your warranty is valid.

**9.2.6** Warranty will be void if any equipment has been handled by personnel outside of Tomahawk Power, or an unauthorized dealer.

**9.2.7** Tomahawk Power reserves the right to modify any part of this manual without prior notice.\*

## 10. OPERATION RECOMMENDATIONS

**10.1** Choose the type of vibrator adequate to the dimensions of the structure, the distance among the reinforcement, and the slump cone. It is recommendable to have an additional concrete vibrator, based on the scope of your project.

**10.2** Before beginning the job, check that the concrete vibrator is in good use and it works correctly. Use safe practices and protection.

**10.3** Pour the concrete in the structure, avoiding high heights. Try to pour levelled the concrete. The thickness of every layer should be less than 50 cm. Between 30 and 50cm is recommended.

**10.4** Introduce the vibrator vertically in the concrete mass without moving it horizontally.

**10.5** Do not use the vibrator to push the concrete horizontally.

**10.7** The concrete vibrator should be introduced into the mass at regular intervals.

**10.7.1** Intervals should be from 8 to 10 times the diameter of the poker.

**10.7.2** Watch the concrete during the process of vibrating to determine the field of action of the vibrator. This field should be overlapped to avoid areas without vibrating.

**10.8** To obtain optimum compacting, plunge it 10 cm into the precedent layer to assure a good adherence. Different layers should not be big to avoid cold joints while vibrating.

**10.9** Do not push or force the vibrator into the mass, as it could be stuck in the reinforcements.

**10.10** The time of vibration in each point depends on the type of the concrete, the size of the vibrator and other factors.

**10.10.1** This time can be from 5 to 15 seconds after the immersion in each point.

**10.10.2** The time is shorter for a fluid mass, a vibration in excess can produce segregation.

**10.11** Well vibrated concrete creates a shiny and compact surface around the poker. There should be no more air bubbles, as well a change in the noise of the vibrator is produced.

**10.12** Many flawed structures are produced due to the vibration performed in an disorderly, rushed manner.

**10.13** DO NOT push or force the vibrator against the reinforcement.

**10.13.1** Keep a minimum distance of 7 cm from the walls.

**10.14** Always remove the poker vertically with movements upwards and downwards so the concrete fills the empty space again.

**10.15** DO NOT switch off until you stop the vibration completely.

**10.16** The speed when removing the vibrator should be approximately 8 cm per second. When the vibrator is nearly out, extract quickly to avoid shaking the surface.

**10.17** In order to vibrate slabs, the poker has to be kept at an angle.

**10.18** DO NOT keep the concrete vibrator out of the concrete during long periods of time.

**10.19** If you do not continue vibrating, turn off the unit.

**10.20** Always follow the maintenance and safety instructions.

## 11. TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR VIBRATION CONCRETE

### **Proper concrete vibration techniques WILL:**

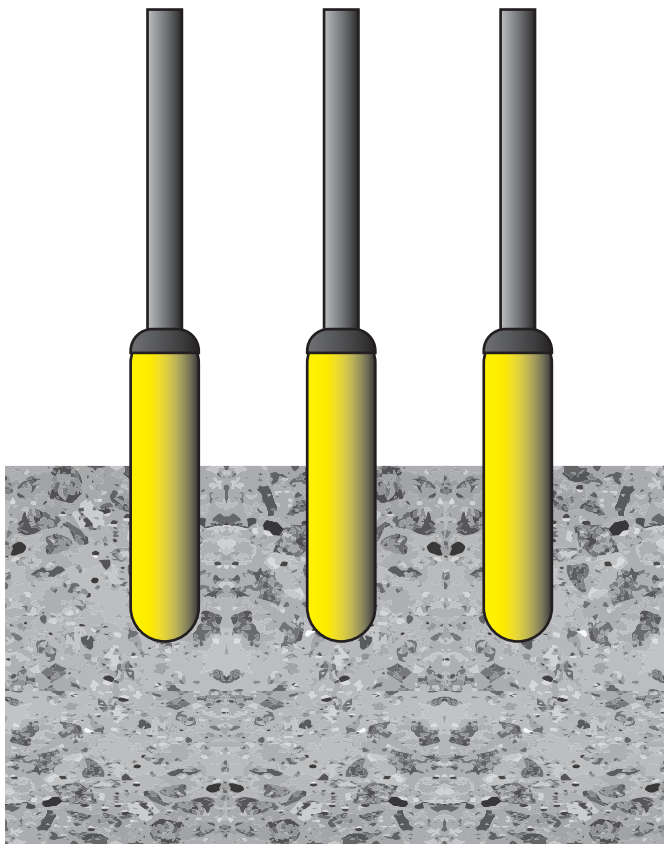
- Produce concrete with the maximum strength and qualities designed in the mixture.
- Bond rebar to maximize concrete strength.
- Slow down the penetration of rust-causing liquids by increasing density.
- Eliminate rock pockets and lift lines.
- Minimize patchwork, improving surface appearance by removing trapped air.

### **Proper concrete vibration techniques WILL NOT:**

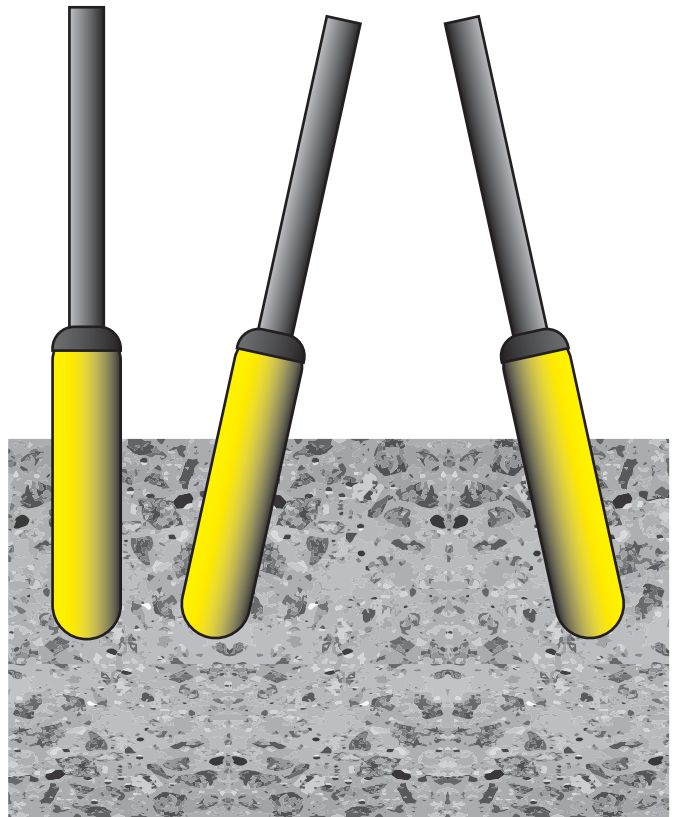
- Cause segregation.
- Eliminate a significant amount of entrained air.
- Normally damage the lower layers, as long as the concrete in these lower layers becomes plastic under the vibrating action.

### **For quality concrete results, we recommend the following:**

1. Select the largest concrete vibrator that is suitable for the job at hand.
2. Insert the concrete vibrator vertically. Using its own weight, allow it to sink to the desired depth.
  - a. DO NOT FORCE, as it may lock in between rebars.
3. Hold the concrete vibrator for 5 to 15 seconds. Then, slowly lift it up, remaining behind the trapped air's upward movement.
  - a. Allow around 15 seconds for each 2-foot distance to avoid re-trapping the air.
4. To close the hole formed by the vibrator, move it up and down slightly.
5. To prevent churning air into the top layer, withdraw the vibrator quickly when near the top.
6. Move the vibrator and re-insert it at a distance of  $1 \frac{1}{2} X$  the "Radius Of Action". (Shown in diagrams on page 19)
7. Allow the vibrator to pass 3 to 6 inches into the previous layer. This knits the layers together, ensuring a strong bond and preventing "lift lines" when the forms are removed.
8. Try to limit concrete pours to 2 to 3 feet high. This way, air has less resistance to escape.
9. DO NOT use the vibrator to move the concrete laterally, as it causes segregation. Instead use a shovel.
  - a. Place the vibrator in the center of the mounds to knock them down.



**PROPER TECHNIQUE**



**INCORRECT TECHNIQUE**

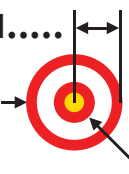


**IMPORTANT**

Trapped air moves upward in the mixture from 1 to 3 inches per second.  
(1 inches in near 0 slump; 3 inches in 4 to 5 inch slump).

**RADIUS OF VIBRATOR ACTION.....**

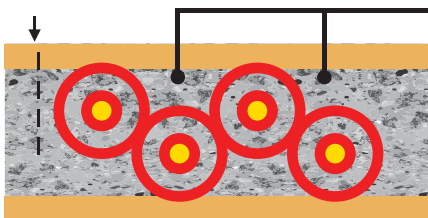
**AREA OF INFLUENCE**



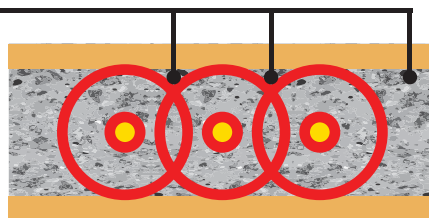
**INSERTION POINT OF VIBRATOR**

**FORM**

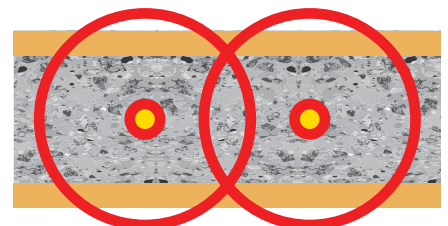
**NO VIBRATIONS**



**TOO SMALL**



**TOO SMALL**



**PROPER SIZE**

## **11. TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR VIBRATION CONCRETE CONTINUED**

Consolidation eliminates the pockets of aggregate and air bubbles. This maximizes strength and eliminates surface voids, bringing sufficient fine material to the surface and against forms to produce the desired finish.

Concrete vibrators consolidate concrete by sending out shock waves, which allows aggregate to float freely while pushing lighter trapped air up and out of the mixture.

They allow pouring stiff mixtures of concrete possible. Stiffer mixtures are stronger, more economical, result in less segregation, less bleeding, and less shrinkage cracks.

When you have consolidated concrete properly, a thin line of mortar will appear along the form near the vibrator, or the coarse aggregate will disappear into the concrete.

For more information regarding vibrating concrete, refer to publications from the American Concrete Institute.

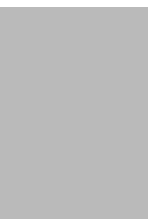


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**TVIBH  
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**6.5 GAL MOTORIZED  
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COMPACTION



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**3,550 lbs/ft Vibratory Rammer**  
Part#: TR68H

3.6 HP Honda GXR120 Engine  
Easily achieve a 100% compaction rating  
3-in-One Fuel System with carburetor protection  
13" x 11" plate for narrow trenches and corners  
3 Year Engine Warranty & 1 Year Product Warranty



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ENGINES

**3,400 lbs/ft Plate Compactor**  
Part#: TPC90H

5.5 HP Honda GX160 Engine  
Easily achieve a 100% compaction rating  
22" x 20" cold, rolled steel beveled base plate  
Includes 3.5 gallon water tank for asphalt compaction  
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KOHLER  
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Part#: TPC80 & TPC80H

6 HP Kohler CH260 & 5.5 HP Honda GX160 Engines  
Easily achieve a 100% compaction rating  
16.5" x 21.5" plate for narrow trenches and corners  
Optional Honda Engine model: TPC80H  
3 Year Engine Warranty & 1 Year Product Warranty

FINISHING



**6.5 Gal Backpack Concrete Sprayer**  
Part#: TCS6.5

Maintain constant, adjustable pressure up to 450 PSI  
Achieve superior concrete finishes with even spraying  
Spray 15,000 sq ft in less than 10 minutes  
Compatible with major manufacturer wands  
1 Year Product Warranty



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**1.6 HP Vibratory Concrete Screed**  
Part#: TVSA-H

1.6 HP Honda GX35 Engine  
Aluminum Magnesium blades available from 8ft - 14ft  
Finish concrete 4X faster than other screed methods  
360° adjustable handle placement  
3 Year Engine Warranty & 1 Year Product Warranty



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**6" Early Entry Green Concrete Saw**  
Part#: TFS6H

5.5 HP Honda GX160 Engine  
Maximum cutting depth of 1 3/16 inches  
OSHA compliant vacuum port for dust collection  
Includes 6" early entry concrete blade  
3 Year Engine Warranty & 1 Year Product Warranty

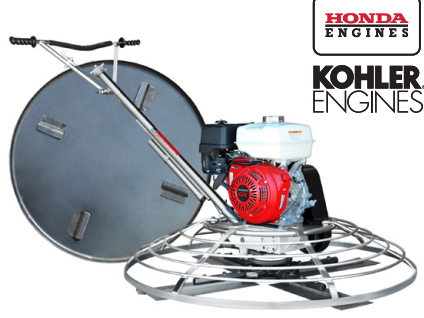
FINISHING



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ENGINES

**1.6HP Backpack Concrete Vibrator**  
Part#: TVIBH + TVW10-P

1.6 HP Honda GX35 engine  
Consolidation with speeds of 10,000-12,000 VPM  
Quick Connect centrifugal clutch vibrator  
1" and 2" Diameter Whips Available in 10ft Length  
3 Year Engine Warranty & 1 Year Product Warranty



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**36" & 46" Concrete Power Trowel**  
Part#: TPT36H/K & TPT46H/K

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Adjust trowel blade pitch from 0-28°  
60-115 RPM rotor speed for superior concrete finishes  
Includes float pan and trowel blades  
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HONDA  
ENGINES

**8" Gas Powered Concrete Scarifier**  
Part#: TSCAR8H

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Remove traffic lines at 800 - 1,000 linear ft/hr  
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2000 Max Watts, 1600 Rated Watts  
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OSHA and GFCI Compliant  
Parallel technology capable for double the power  
2 Year Product Warranty

**INVERTER SERIES**



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Part#: TWG210A

Steady 50 - 210 Amp DC welding output  
60% Duty Cycle for extended use  
Suitable for welding rods from 6010 to 7024  
Electric Key Start with battery included  
2 Year Product Warranty



**7000 Watt Generators**  
Part#: TG7000

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Voltage Selector gives Full Wattage for 120V or 240V  
Run Time of 8 hours at 50% Load  
OSHA and GFCI Compliant  
2 Year Product Warranty

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**3.7 Gallon 3HP Backpack Fogger**  
Part#: TMD14

Turbo Boosted Pump with 40ft + Horizontal Reach  
Sprays 1 acre in 30 minutes  
10X Faster than Manual Pump Sprayers  
Converts to Leaf Blower with 200 MPH Air Velocity  
1 Year Product Warranty



**4.75 Gallon Battery Power Sprayer**  
Part#: eTPS18

Reach Up to 30ft Horizontal Reach  
Sprays 6000 sq ft in 10 minutes  
10X Faster than Manual Pump Sprayers  
70 PSI Commercial Grade Pump  
1 Year Product Warranty



**5 Gallon Backpack Power Sprayer**  
Part#: TPS25

Reach Up to 30ft Horizontal Reach  
Sprays acres in 10 minutes  
10X Faster than Manual Pump Sprayers  
50-435 Adjustable PSI Commercial Grade Pump  
1 Year Product Warranty

**AND MORE**



**4 Gal. Backpack Fertilizer Spreader**  
Part#: TGS30

Reach up to 30ft Horizontally  
Sprays 1 acre in 30 minutes  
20X Faster than push spreaders  
Converts to Leaf Blower with 200 MPH Air Velocity  
1 Year Product Warranty



**3" Full Trash Water Pump**  
Part#: TW3H

Moves liquids at a rate up to 375 gal/min  
Handle solids up to 1.5"  
Silicone carbide seals and a chrome plated volute  
8 HP engine protected by rugged all purpose frame  
3 Year Engine Warranty & 1 Year Product Warranty



**Commercial 38" Push Sweeper**  
Part#: TOS38

Collect up to 14.5 gallons of dust and debris  
Can be used indoors & outdoors on wet or dry surfaces  
Includes integrated airflow control and fine dust filter  
Lightweight design, capable of fitting through doorways  
1 Year Product Warranty



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