

RICE HYDRO, INC.  
MANUFACTURER OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
DIRTDAWG-CUB POST HOLE DIGGER  
One Man Gas-Powered Auger/Digger

**FOR WARRANTY REGISTRATION CALL: 1-800-245-4777**

**DANGER & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** *Improper use or neglecting to follow all manufactures operation and safety instructions can result in property damage or personal injury including death. Call 811 before you dig. Completely read and understand the manufacturers operating instructions.*

**PRECAUTIONS:**

1. Do not wear loose fitting, or frayed clothing that may become entangled in rotating auger bit or other moving parts.
2. Always keep hands, arm, feet, and legs clear of rotating auger bit, and WEAR proper safety eye protection.
3. Engine and fuel valve should always be in the **OFF** position when changing the auger bit. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE AUGER BIT WITH UNIT RUNNING.**
4. Remove auger bit before storing or transporting unit.
5. Always use proper handle grips for all hands-on control of unit, as some components may become **HOT, DO NOT TOUCH.**
6. Do not fill oil or gas with engine running or HOT from extended use. Do not have any flame/igniter located near the engine while fueling.

**MAINTENANCE:**

Check ALL fluids before each use. Check auger bit is properly connected and secured with pin. Follow ALL maintenance and prior use instructions of Honda engine as per the manual included with your unit. SAE 10w/30 motor oil is recommended. Oil level should be filled to meet sight glass or dipstick measurements as indicated in engine manual.

**OPERATION:**

1. Move the red throttle button to "ON" position and pull start engine. (Follow engine manual for prime and starting of cold engine)
2. Control and secure unit with both hands-on grips and hip pad facing towards the user.
3. Align auger bit with desired location for digging and squeeze the throttle.
4. Apply down force to begin digging, it is recommended to move auger in and out of the hole several times during this process to remove excess dirt.
5. When finished turn red throttle button to the OFF position.

## HOW TO ADD OIL:

Step 1. To avoid oil spill, make sure engine is off and in the correct position using the kickstand as shown on the picture below.



Step 2. To check oil level, use oil filler cap/dipstick to see how much oil is needed.

**WARNING:** Operating, servicing, and maintaining this equipment can expose you to chemicals including engine exhaust, carbon monoxide and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, do not idle the engine except as necessary, operate and service your equipment in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing your equipment. For more information go to: [www.p65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.p65warnings.ca.gov).

Step 3. Slowly Fill engine with 4-stroke automotive SAE 10W-30 detergent oil. Use supplied bottle of oil which contains 3.4 ounces to avoid overfilling engine.



Step 4. Reinstall the oil filler/dipstick securely. If any oil is spilled, make sure to wipe it up.

### **NOTICE:**

Running the engine with low or excessive oil level can cause engine damage. This type of damage is not covered by the Distributor's Limited Warranty.

### **FOR MAINTENANCE:**

Check the engine oil level before each use, or every 10 hours of operation.