Operation manual

Carefully read entire manual before operating the firewood maschine!

Hydraulic log splitter HS 90-2Z

- Set-up & installation
- Use
- Maintenance
- Accessories







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Operating manual

1. Introduction

Dear customer.

thank you very much for your trust and preference in choosing our equipment and joining the number of our best customers in the world. We are confident that our equipment will be up to all your expectations and assure you a long lasting quality and performance.

This model "HS 90-2Z" is a PTO, tractor powered splitter with mechanical 2-hands control.

1.1 Delivery and transport claims

Upon delivery of the machine please check for visual machine damages such as damaged packing or scratched buckled parts. If so, make a remark on all copies of the delivery bill before signing for acceptance. Also have the truck driver sign al copies of the delivery bill.

Should your shipper or the truck driver refuse to accept your claim, fully reject delivery and make sure to inform us (the manufacturer) immediately. No claims shall be taken into account by the shipper or by the insurance company, if a reservation note is not made on the delivery bill.

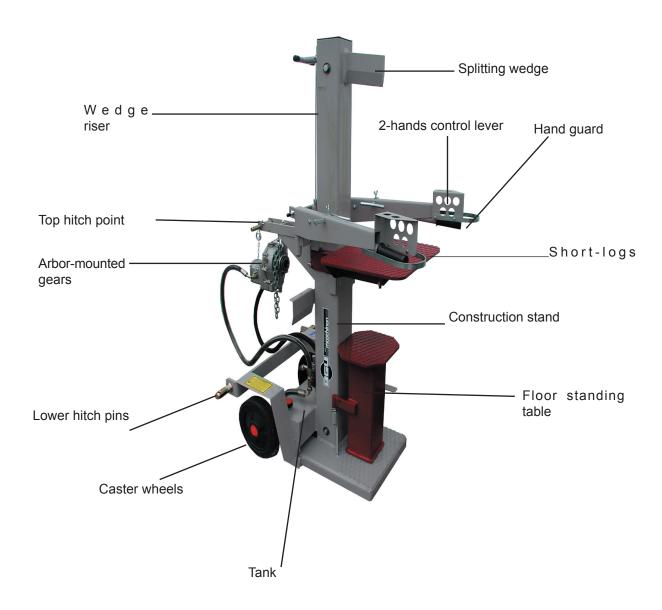
All transport damages must be notified within latest 2 days from delivery. Therefore delivery must be collected and inspected within this term. Later claims shall be disregarded. In case of assumed but not visually clear transport damages make sure to mark the following sentence on the delivery bill: "Reserved delivery due to assumed transportation damages."

Insurance and shipping companies act with extreme caution in case of transport damages and sometimes refuse to accept responsibility.

Please make sure to provide clear and exhaustive evidence (photos) of the claimed damages.

Thank you in advance for your help and attention to this matter.

2. Product overview



3. Safety signs and decals



 Machine safety label "Before setting-up, servicing, maintaining and cleaning the machine, disengage power and stop the engine. Lock the tool and secure against accidental start."

Keep your hands away from all moving parts! Pinched hands danger!



Machine safety label "Read, understand, and follow all instructions in this manual and on the splitter before starting"

Keep at safety distance from the dangerous zone!!



 Machine safety label "DANGER! Moving Parts!" "One-man operating only!"

Possible dangers can arise from moving parts on the machine. The machine is to be strictly operated by one man at a time only.

p max 260 bar

4. Warning label "p max 260 bar"

The label shows the max admissible operating pressure.



Warning label "Pinched Hands danger"

Never place hands or feet between log and splitting wedge or between log and ram during the forward or reverse stroke.



6. Operation safety label "IMPORTANT! Mind for correct table installation"

Make sure the pressure table is properly hooked up and installed on the splitter. Please carefully read the instruction manual.



7. Identification label "BGU-Maschinen" logo"



8. Identification label "Product identification"

This label shows the company details of the manufacturer and the main technical data of the machine.



Machine safety label "Wear suitable protective gloves!"



10. Machine safety label "Wear suitable protective boots!"



 Machine safety label "Wear earplugs and googles"



12. Operation safety label
Read, understand, and follow all instructions in
this manual before starting.



13. Machine safety label "DANGER! Moving parts!"



14. Safety-alert symbol

"Read and recognize safety information. Be alert to the potential for personal injury when you see this safety-alert symbol"



15. Machine safety label "max 540 rev/min"

This label shows the max admissible number of PTO shaft revolutions.



4. Safety



Strictly perform installation, set-up, maintenance, cleaning and transportation with the motor switched off and the tool firmly secured against accidental operation. Immediately disconnect power off the machine in case of any eventual fault or trouble.

The user shall strictly comply with these operation, set-up, maintenance, repair and troubleshooting instructions in order to assure safe operation and no damages to the equipment. Moreover we recommend to let the machine be run only and strictly by trained and skilled staff who must be familiar with the applicable occupational safety and health administration rules as well as applicable transportation rules. Incorrect use of the splitter can cause serious injury or death. Make sure that full compliance is assured at all times with the general safety and health rules on the workplace as well as the applicable local traffic rules.

No person under school leaving age should operate a circular saw. However, young people in age of 16 or slightly more may work on the machine providing that they received adequate training, that they carry all due personal protection safeties and that an adult supervisor keeps standing nearby.

Machine instability can result in injury or severe damages. To ensure stability during operation make sure to choose a flat, dry floor free from any tall grass, brush or other interferences.

The working area around the machine must be kept as clear as possible from surrounding tripping obstacles and slippery foundation floors should be duly treated (do not use saw dust or wood ash for this purpose). Make sure that the equipment stands on a safe stable foundation.

Following precautions must be taken at all times:

- NEVER use your log splitter at night or without sufficient illumination.
- NEVER operate your log splitter on slippery, wet, muddy, or icy surfaces and ensure that a wide but confined
 - area is available around the machine and assure maximum working freedom.
- NEVER operate the machine without wearing steel-toed shoes, tight-fitting gloves and tear-resistant work cloths
- NEVER remove from your log splitters the safety tools and devices mounted on the machine by the manufacturer
- NEVER exceed the max admissible number of drive shaft revolutions (540 rpm/min)
- NEVER exceed 420 rpm/min if continuous operation is performed.

Always assure compliance with safety, protection and accident prevention rules as well as general road and traffic rules in the country of use.

Operators should always wear personal protection cloths, steel-toed safety shoes, snug-fitting tear-resistant work cloths, safety gloves earplugs and safety goggles.

Site must be free of slippery surfaces and tripping obstacles. Make sure that all access ways are properly maintained so that wood can be safely delivered, loaded and shipped.

4.1 Mandatory application field

The log splitter is strictly designed for one-man operation. Never allow more than one person approach and work on the machine at the same time.

This splitter is conceived for splitting short and long logs for <u>firewood preparation only</u>. BEWARE: no cross-grain splitting is permitted. Always split grain-wise and never split one log on top of the other. When loading logs on the log splitter make sure that the chunk rests entirely and safely on the riffle-plate table and avoid unsafe methods or splitting other materials than firewood.

Any other use or splitting method is considered by the manufacturer as "misuse". In case of misuse the manufacturer will not be liable for any injuries or damages and the operator will be held entirely responsible.

Please make sure to comply with these set-up, operation and maintenance/repair instructions in order to avoid happening of any injury or dangerous condition.

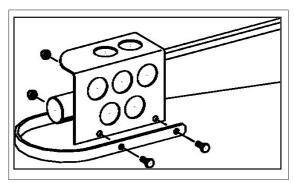


BEWARE: this unit has a log capacity of min 70 mm and max 450 mm diameter.

5. Operation

5.1 Hand-guard assembly

Uncrate the machine and assemble the special U-guards on the control handles before first use and installation. These hand-guards are delivered loose in the crate by the manufacturer for packing reasons. After uncrating, they are to be simply screwed on the control levers. To do so, fix each guard with two screws (see picture on the side). Make sure to tight all screws after complete guard assembly.



"Hand-guard assembly"

5.2 Hydraulic specs

The machine is equipped with own hydraulic oil tank located inside the base-stand and is supplied by the manufacturer with a first oil fill.

BEWARE: a leaning splitter position during transport may result into oil leakage from the oil plug.

At low ambient temperature the oil in the hydraulic circuit will thicken. In this case, it is recommended to avoid sudden start-up (splitting without warming the motor up) that could result into damages and trouble of the hydraulic system.

To assure trouble free operation of the hydraulic system at low ambient temperature, let the motor run idle and cycle the unit several times till the oil in the hydraulic loop warms up.

Setting of the main control valve is done at the manufacturer before shipping. The unit comes to you ready for service so that no other adjustment/installation work is required other than assembly of the hand-guards on the control levers.

5.3 Initial check-ups



The log splitter is equipped with safety two-hands mechanical controls designed for the operator to keep both hands free from danger and from infringing the moving ram zone during the entire splitting cycle.

It is strongly recommended to check the operation of the two-hands control every time before a new use.

To do so, engage both handles and hold them down at the same time until the wedge slides all the way down.

If your system is duly set, the wedge stops upon releasing of just one of the two handles while the ram stops completing its up/down stroke at once.

On the other hand, the wedge must recommence its upwards travel to the initial start position (all the way up) as soon as the other handle is also released.

Make sure that the wedge does not travel down when operating only one single lever.

Check that both handles spring back into their normal position when the hand pressure is released.

5.4 Start-up

Before first use, make sure that the log splitter is in good conditions and that there are no visual damages. Check all hydraulic hoses, fittings and couplings to detect and repair eventual oil leaks. Do not check for

leaks with your hand. Leaks can be located by passing a piece of cardboard or wood around the suspected leak and looking for discoloration.

Make sure that all safeties and protections are duly assembled on the machine. Do not attempt to remove or by-pass these safeties!



Should any trouble or unusual behaviour be detected, do not start splitting wood until these have been fixed.

5.5 WARNING



The location you choose for your machine should be flat, dry, and solid.

Check around log splitter for hazards. Make sure that the area is free of slippery surfaces and objects to trip over. Slippery and icy floor conditions must be duly treated to assure solid standing conditions.

Never reach with your hands at pinch points where they can get caught by the travelling wedge!

5.6 Adjusting the ram stroke length

The ram travel is factory set to the maximum log capacity before shipment. You just rand the ram slides automatically up to the maximum travel stroke.

Should your chunks be much shorter than your capacity beneath the wedge,

it is possible to adjust the ram stroke accordingly.

Stepless ram stroke adjustment is possible at all times.



Slide the wedge riser down to the desired stroke length and shut the motor off.

When you do this, make sure to engage one of the control handles in order to prevent the ram from trigging back to its upper start position.

Now release the wing-nut on the rear grip-handle and pull up the control rod as much as possible. The ram travel is reduced by an equivalent stroke length as the pulled-up rod length. Once the rod is pulled sufficiently up to obtain the desired ram stroke, tighten the wind-nut back to the original torque.

Now you can start the splitter motor again and check the ram that should be now completing a shorter travel than the original full-stroke.

Later ram travel adjustments to the original full-stroke length can be repeated at all times by simply releasing the wing-nut, pushing the rod back in and tightening the wing-nut again.

5.7 Setting the intermediate short-logs table

The log splitter is equipped with an intermediate hang-up table for splitting short logs up to 550 mm long.

Setting-up/removing the short-logs table can be easily performed without any additional tool or help.

To remove it:

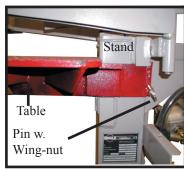
- release the wing-nut on the table mount,
- remove the safety lock pin on one side,
- now, slightly lift the table up and pull it out towards you To fit it on:
- slip the table onto the lower level mount, grip the front rim of the table and slightly lift it up, and push it down to the stop,
- now release grip on the front rim and let the table settle down making sure that the rear table hooks are well and firmly settled on the mounts (see picture on the side)

- Finally slip the clevis back into the special fixation holes on the table mounts and the special wing-nuts.

(if the table is duly settled the clevis will fit easily and effortless into the holes)

5.8 Setting the log clamps

In order to hold the log firmly under the wedge during the entire splitting cycle, use the special log-clamps located on each control handle. Both log clamps are adjustable depending on log diameter and size and in case of very think logs they can be set all inside the cutting area.



"Short-logs table position"



In order to adjust the clamps position, first release the wing-nut on the control handle and then fit the clamp on each side as desired.

Once adjusted to the desired position, lock the clamps into position by tightening the wing-nut again.

5.9 Operation

Start the motor and switch the splitter on.

Load a chunk on the table, close the control handles until firmly securing the log by means of the clamps located on the handles.

Now push both handles down at the same time to start the cycle and engage the ram that will immediately start travelling down.

DO NOT RELEASE THE CONTROL HANDLES UNTIL THE CYCLE IS COMPLETELY OVER AND THE LOG IS SPLIT.



Should any emergency arise and stopping be required, simply set the control handles free from your grip. When doing this, the ram will immediately travel all the way back up.

As soon as the log is completely split, release both control handles and let the ram travel back to start position and be ready for a new cycle.

Do not attempt to catch the split wood or remove wood sticks from the table by hand until the cylinder rod stops at its maximum travel position.

Clear the table and remove chips and wood debris from the machine before starting a new cycle.

When loading chunks, make sure that logs sits central and firmly with its sawn end on the table.

Never place your hands on top of the log when loading the log on the splitter.

Do not split wood chunks with lots of branches, first clean it and remove all branches. DANGER: crooked trunk pieces with green/dry branches may burst under wedge pressure!

Make sure to shut the motor off before leaving the area at work end.

5.10 Clearing logs sticking to the wedge

5.11 Splitting on the floor-standing table

If your logs are up to 550mm long use the floor-type table to split them through in just one stroke. If they are longer, load the log on the foot plate, pull the two-hands control handles inwards to firmly hold the log in the central position beneath the wedge. Push both control handles simultaneously to slide the wedge down as much as possible through the log that will stick-on. Now push the control levers aside and let the wedge slide back up with the log suspended on it.

As the ram completes the reverse stroke and stops, swing the floor-type table in, beneath the wedge and the log sticking on it. Make sure to swing the table all the way against the splitter stand (see page 5 - Product overview) and to secure it by means of the special locking lever before operating the wedge again and complete a second splitting stroke across the log.

Before loading the next log on the foot plate, make sure to swing the floor-type table wide opened and remove eventual wood chips away from the splitting area.



Lock lever for floor-type table

6. Connection and disconnection to PTO drive

Make sure to perform accurate connection of your drive shaft both on the splitter and the power input side. This PTO-driven splitter is equipped with a three-point linkage to fit on the one available on your tractor. The drive shaft is going to act as linkage and driving element between the tractor and the splitter and should be therefore duly mounted and secured by the special pins available on the machine.

Press the detent lock inward as you slide the arbor-mounted gears onto the tractor PTO stub shaft. Slide the machine shaft forward far enough to make sure the detent lock has snapped into the lock position. Secure the drive shaft with the special retaining chain to avoid dangerous twisting.



Do not perform any repair, adjustment, cleaning or maintenance work whatsoever while the machine is running (disconnect PTO-drive switch the motor off).

Before stopping the tractor engine, make sure to disconnect the drive shaft in order to avoid damaging the power drive.

7. Transportation

7.1 Handling the splitter on its own caster-wheels arrangement

Make sure that power is fully switched off and that the arbor-mounted gears have been disconnected before transporting the machine.

This machine is conceived for very ergonomic easy handling thanks to the special wheel arrangement in the rear bottom part of the machine.

Before handling the machine around, make sure to tie up the two control handles together to prevent them from swinging out and accidentally injure/damage persons or other equipment standing nearby.

One man can easily handle the machine on site by himself. Handling asset is leaned back on the wheels while the operator firmly holds it with one hand on the rear upper grip and the other hand on the cover plate above the motor.

The splitter is best handled with the wedge fully retracted inside the splitter stand.

4.2 Handling on a three-point linkage

If you wish to handle the machine on the three-point linkage of your tractor (or other equivalent systems) make sure to comply with below instructions.

Make sure that the machine does not infringe the tractor profile nor blinds tractor lights and signal lights (stop lights, tail lamps, etc...). If so, you first must provide for additional travel light provisions as required for road travel in your country.

The same is applicable for all other tools or equipment infringing the tractor profile by 1m in the back and 40cm on the side. In this latter case, suitable clearance lamps must be provided in the front. Make sure to apply suitable warning sings (white/red) as per DIN Standard 11300 to warn about protruding obstacles likely to endanger the nearby traffic.

More details are obtainable from the StVO (for Germany) or local traffic Authorities in your country.



8. 4-ways wedge, splay-wedge and wedge extension

On request, the log splitter can be factory equipped with a 4-ways wedge, a splay wedge and/or a wedge extension.

The 4-ways wedge is designed for splitting each log in 4 sticks in one cycle.

The splay wedge can be used for cleaving big, hardwood logs and facilitates breaking through the log.

4-ways wedge, splay wedge and wedge extension are simply slipped on the permanent wedge of the machine and secured by means of a special M12 screw bolt .



BEFORE STARTING THE CYCLE make sure that wedge is fully slipped-on the permanent wedge and secured in position with the blade wings facing the operator side.

The removable wedge extension provides a bigger down-splitting stroke and should be used in combination with the floor-type table to quickly, safely and effectively split full-cord logs on the floor plate.

DO NOT USE the wedge extension to split short logs on the intermediate table because the extension would hit against the table quickly damaging the cutting edge.

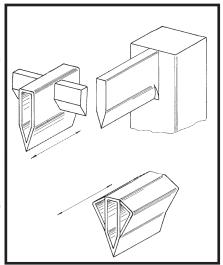


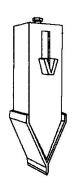
BEFORE STARTING THE CYCLE make sure that the 4-ways/cleaving wedge or extension wedge is fully slipped-on the permanent wedge and secured in position.

Do not work with a loosened wedge to avoid falling off during splitting!!

This is a very UNSAFE method and could result in major injuries to the operator and permanent machine damages.

When using a 4-ways wedge the log clamps on the control handles must be pulled out of the splitting area below wedge.







9. Repairs and maintenance



Make sure that the machine is fully disconnected and all moving parts are secured before performing any maintenance/repair work on the machine. In the event of any malfunctioning, switch the machine off before trouble-shooting.

9.1 Regular maintenance

Make maintenance a regular part of daily operation. The daily maintenance routine needs to include:

- Cleaning of the machine and clearing of all parts from residual wood debris, chips, dust, bark pieces and eventual other waste.
- Greasing of the sliding pads inside the splitter stand
- Hydraulic oil check and (in case of leakage) hydraulic hose and fittings check-up to detect eventual oil leaks.
- Lubrication of all moving parts

9.2 Hydraulic oil

Periodically check the oil level inside the hydraulic oil tank. When doing so, accurately avoid contaminating the tank with dirt, wood chips, sow dust etc...

Make sure that the splitter never runs without oil or with a low oil level. When this happens, air is likely to reach inside the hydraulic loop. Failure to maintain due oil level may cause poor running and irregular splitter operation (very rough, back/forth or up/down motions) as well as major pump damages.

Please schedule your first oil change after approximately 25-30 operation hours and later ones after each 50 operation hours or once a year.

The oil drain plug is located on the bottom tank side while the fillercap is on the upper right hand side of the tank.

Recommended oil types: HLP 46, DEA HD B 46, Shell Tellus 10 - 46, Esso Nuto H 46

When changing the oil, never let used oil drop down on the ground, rather collect whole of it in a sealed container for due disposal. Oil disposal containers should be of at least 8 I capacity. If you are using smaller containers, make sure to drain the tank in more than one round to avoid spilling old oil out on the ground. Used oil is very polluting and should be disposed in accordance with local rules!

After refilling the tank with new oil, let the splitter cycle three or four times and let the air blow out of the hydraulic loop before closing the cap.

9.3 Sliding pads

Should irregular noisy knocks be heard while the ram is sliding up and down, grease the plastic sliding pads located inside the splitter stand. Preferably use commercial grease available in your country. Make a trial test before starting to work again. The noisy knocks should disappear after greasing.

Should you detect an unusually larger gap between the wedge riser and the stand, sliding pads are likely to be worn out. If so replace them with brand new ones.



10.Technical data

Log length capacity on foot plate Log length on short-logs table Log length on floor-type table Ram stroke Minum log diameter Max log diameter Splitting power * Max. operating pressure Max. number of driveshaft rev. in continuous operation	[mm] [mm] [mm] [mm] [t] [bar] [rpm/min]	1350 [mm] 550 [mm] 900 500 70 450 9 260 540 420
Overall heigth (Wedge riser up) Overall height (wedge riser down) Width Length Weight	[mm] [mm] [mm] [mm] [kg]	1600 1100 865 1000 176
Oil tank capacity	[1]	8

^{*} please account for ± 10% splitting power rates.

10.1 Noise emissions

Noise emissions were measured in accordance with the European directives for the measurement of noise emissions on the workplace. The measurement was performed by external authorized certification bodies in compliance with the applicable standards based on applicable rules for agricultural and forestry equipment. Noise levels were detected and measured 1600mm high above the machine and 1000mm away in front of it. The detected noise level was:

LpA = 75 dB(A).

11. Other areas of possible hazard

11.1 Mecahnical dangers

The special two-hands control mechanism minimises risks and dangers related to moving parts on the machine. An additional safety is provided on the machine in order to prevent working with only one handle while the other one is being engaged (held down) by some mechanical tool or system.

DO NOT EVER ATTEMPT to remove or by-pass the two-hands control! Danger: operating the splitter without the safety two-hands control will increase your risk of having your hands pinched during the splitting cycle. Do not remove any other safety and protection device from the machine.

WARNING: splitting without due safety devices might result into serious injures to the operator or the other persons around the workplace. Keep hands and fingers clear at all times. Many log-splitting accidents happen on the return portion of the stroke.

12. Warranty

All BGU machines are covered with warranty terms in accordance with the law. Customers should promptly notify the manufacturer eventual material or production claims on their detection. While asking for warranty service, customer should show copy of their purchase invoice or receipt.

The warranty does not cover for faults due to natural wear, temperature or weather agents as well as misuse, faulty installation or set-up, improper operation and lubrication or acts of vandalism.

No warranty will be given on parts damaged by improper handling, use and application. The manufacturer is further not responsible for warranty service on machines used for other applications than mentioned in this manual, altered or modified by the customer or other thirds, or overloaded.

No warranty applies to consumable parts (for instance: wedge and other fittings) and to adjustment/setting works.



13. Troubleshooting

Type of malfunction	Possible origins of the problem	Solutions
The wedge doesn't rise	- The driveshaft turns in the wrong direction - Oil level is too low	- Check and adjust - Fill new oil in
The wedge doesn't lower	- Same as above	- Same as above
Wedge moves slowly or will not extend completely on normal log	- Oil level is too low - Wrong valve détente - Pump is broken - Cylinder gaskets are damaged	- Fill oil in - Adjust valve - Replace pump - Replace gaskets
Ram stops during splitting	- Log is too big, crogged or with lots of branches	- Turn/adjust log position
Hydraulic hoses heat-up excessively	- Oil level too low - Pump is damaged - Wrong valve détente	- Fill oil in - Replace pump - Adjust valve

