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Model: 7HP-1

## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The MERXENG 7HP 212CC Plate Compactor is a robust, self-propelled machine designed for efficient compaction of various materials such as loose soil, gravel, sand, and asphalt. It features a powerful 7-horsepower, 212cc gas engine, delivering a compaction force of up to 4200 pounds and a vibration frequency of 5600 VPM. This compactor is ideal for preparing solid and flat foundations in construction, municipal works, road, and railway projects.



Figure 1: MERXENG 7HP 212CC Plate Compactor. This image shows the overall design of the compactor, highlighting its sturdy frame and engine.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

**Important:** Read this entire manual carefully before operating the plate compactor to ensure safe and proper use. Failure to follow instructions can result in serious injury or equipment damage.

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, hearing protection, and heavy-duty gloves, during operation.
- Ensure the work area is clear of bystanders, especially children and pets.
- Before each use, inspect the machine for any loose nuts, bolts, or damaged parts. Tighten any loose fasteners immediately.
- Operate the compactor only on stable, level ground. Avoid steep slopes.
- Do not operate the machine in enclosed spaces due to exhaust fumes. Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Handle fuel with extreme care. Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine off and cool. Do not smoke while

refueling.

- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts during operation.
- Familiarize yourself with the controls, including the engine stop switch, before starting the machine.

## 3. SETUP AND PRE-OPERATION CHECKS

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### 3.1 Initial Assembly

The compactor may require minor assembly, typically involving attaching the handle. Refer to the included assembly guide for detailed instructions. Ensure all bolts are securely tightened after assembly.

### 3.2 Fuel and Oil

This compactor uses unleaded gasoline (86+ octane) and engine oil. Always check oil and fuel levels before each operation.

- **Engine Oil:** Remove the oil dipstick, wipe it clean, reinsert it without screwing it in, then remove it again to check the oil level. The oil level should be between the minimum and maximum marks. Add recommended engine oil if necessary.
- **Fuel:** Fill the fuel tank with unleaded gasoline. Do not overfill. Ensure the fuel cap is securely fastened.

# 7HP Gasoline Engine

- 4200lbs compaction Force
- 12" Compaction Depth
- 5600VPM



Figure 2: Engine view. This image provides a close-up of the 212cc gas engine, showing the fuel tank and oil fill cap.

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Video 1: Pre-operation checks and starting the compactor. This video demonstrates how to check the oil level, prime the engine, and start the compactor.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### 4.1 Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the fuel valve is open.
2. Set the choke lever to the "CHOKE" position (if the engine is cold).
3. Move the throttle lever to the "FAST" position.
4. Pull the recoil starter handle firmly until the engine starts.
5. Once the engine starts, gradually move the choke lever to the "RUN" position.

### 4.2 Compaction Operation

Once the engine is running, the integrated pressing plate will begin to vibrate. Guide the compactor over the area to be compacted. The self-propelled design assists in movement. For optimal compaction, overlap each pass by approximately one-third of the plate width.

- The compactor can achieve a 12-inch compaction depth and cover up to 7,300 square feet per hour.
- Adjust the engine speed using the throttle lever to control the vibration intensity and travel speed.
- The machine is equipped with a shock absorption system to enhance operator comfort during extended use.



Figure 3: Efficient operation. This image shows the plate compactor being used on a dirt surface, demonstrating its operational efficiency.

### 4.3 Stopping the Engine

To stop the engine, move the throttle lever to the "STOP" or "OFF" position, then turn the engine switch to "OFF".

### 4.4 Transport and Storage

The compactor features a foldable transport wheel cover for convenient movement around the job site. When not in use, fold the handle and engage the transport wheels for easy storage without taking up excessive space.

# Simple Operation

Easy transportation and operation by one person

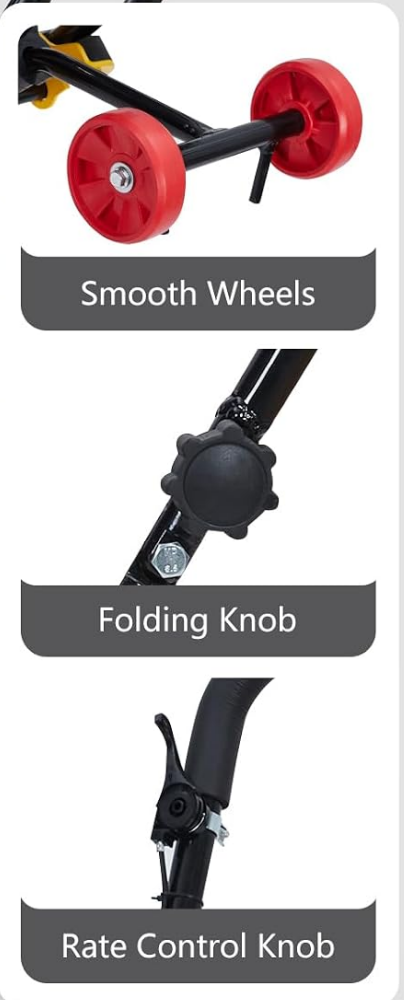


Figure 4: Simple operation and mobility. This image highlights the smooth transport wheels, folding knob for the handle, and the rate control knob for ease of use and storage.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your plate compactor.

- **After Each Use:** Clean the compactor plate and engine housing to remove dirt and debris. Check for any loose fasteners and tighten them.
- **Engine Oil:** Check the engine oil level before each use. Change the oil according to the engine manufacturer's recommendations (typically after the first 5 hours, then every 50 hours).
- **Air Filter:** Inspect and clean the air filter regularly, especially when operating in dusty conditions. Replace if damaged.
- **Spark Plug:** Inspect the spark plug periodically and clean or replace as needed.
- **Storage:** When storing for extended periods, drain the fuel tank or add a fuel stabilizer. Store in a clean, dry area.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                        | Possible Cause                                                                                  | Solution                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Engine does not start          | No fuel; fuel valve closed; engine switch off; low oil; clogged fuel filter; faulty spark plug. | Check fuel level and open valve; turn engine switch on; check oil level; clean/replace fuel filter; inspect/replace spark plug. |
| Loss of power during operation | Clogged air filter; old/stale fuel; incorrect oil level.                                        | Clean/replace air filter; drain old fuel and refill with fresh; check and adjust oil level.                                     |
| Excessive vibration or noise   | Loose fasteners; damaged vibration isolators; foreign object under plate.                       | Tighten all fasteners; inspect and replace damaged isolators; remove any obstructions.                                          |

If you encounter issues not listed here or require further assistance, please contact MERXENG customer support.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature             | Detail                         |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Type                | 212CC Gasoline Plate Compactor |
| Horsepower          | 7 HP                           |
| Vibration Frequency | 5600 VPM                       |
| Compaction Force    | 4200 lbs                       |
| Compaction Depth    | 12 inches                      |
| Stamped Plate Size  | 22.1 x 15.9 inches             |
| Product Dimensions  | 22.1 x 15.9 x 35.4 inches      |
| Item Weight         | 128 lbs / 58 kg                |
| Unleaded Gasoline   | 86+ octane gasoline            |
| Oil Capacity        | 0.95 Gallons (Engine Oil)      |
| Included Components | Wheel                          |



**Type:** 212CC Gasoline Plate Compactor

**Item Size:** 25.6x 15.7 x 18.1 in

**Horsepower:** 7HP

**Stamped Plate Size:** 22.1 x 15.9 x 0.3 in

**Vibration Frequency:** 5600 VPM

**Package Size:** 28.7x 16.9 x 23.6 in

**Compaction Force:** 4200 lbs

**Unleaded Gasoline:** 86+ octane gasoline

**Compaction Depth:** 12in

**Oil Capacity:** 0.95 Gal

**Item Weight:** 128 lbs / 58 kg

Figure 5: Product dimensions and key specifications. This image visually presents the main dimensions and a summary of the compactor's specifications.

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, technical support, or to order replacement parts, please contact MERXENG customer service. Keep your purchase receipt and product model number (7HP-1) handy for faster service.

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