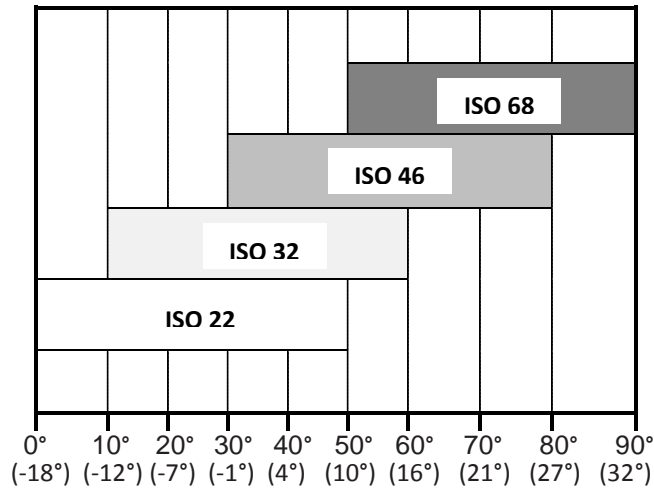


Fill hydraulic oil

The log splitter is shipped without hydraulic fluid in the reservoir. Fill the reservoir before your initial use.

1. Remove the vented reservoir dipstick, which is located next to the engine on top of the reservoir tank. See FIGURE 17.



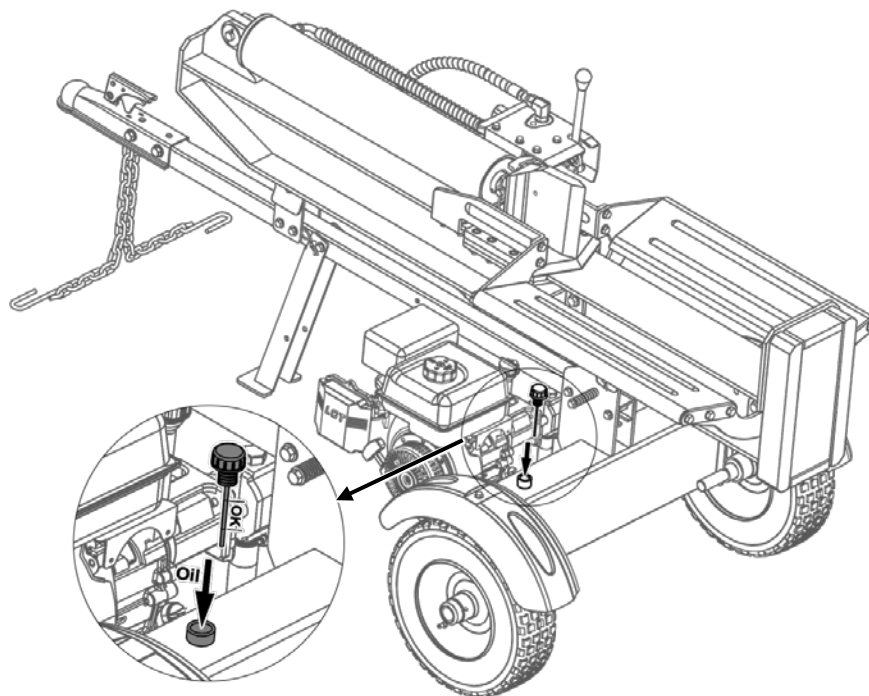
Please select the oil based on the outside temperature range the log splitter will be used in. Refer to the chart provided to select the appropriate hydraulic oil.

Approved fluids include Shell Tellus® S2 M 32 Hydraulic Fluid, Dexron® III / Mercon® automatic transmission fluid, Pro-Select™ AW-32 Hydraulic Oil or 10WAW-ISO viscosity grade 32 hydraulic oil. It is not recommended that fluids be mixed, to top off the reservoir tank during initial set-up use Shell Tellus® S2 M 32 Hydraulic Fluid only.

2. Slowly fill the reservoir tank with the recommended hydraulic oil until oil level reach the maximum line on the dipstick.
3. Replace the vented dipstick in the reservoir.
4. Start the engine, and use the control handle to engage the wedge to the farthest extended position, and then retract. Repeat this operation for 12 cycles. Much of the fluid will be drawn into the cylinder and hoses. Stop the engine, and check the oil level as instructed below.

NOTE: Make sure the oil level is above the bottom line on the dipstick. If not, refill the reservoir to prevent damage to the hydraulic pump. **DO NOT overfill.** Some fluid may overflow from the vent plug as the system builds heat and the fluid expands and seeks a balanced level

5. However, you **MUST** check the fluid level before each operating. If not filled, proceed with above steps:



(FIGURE17)