



SWITCHBLADE 5/6

SICKLE BAR

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OPERATOR'S MANUAL



This Operator's Manual is an integral part of the safe operation of this machine and must be maintained with the unit at all times. READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the Safety and Operation Instructions contained in this manual before operating the equipment. C01-Cover



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To the Owner/Operator/Dealer





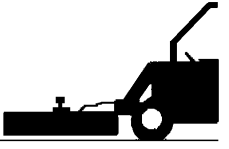
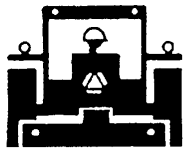
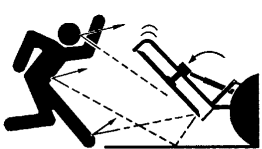

All implements with moving parts are potentially hazardous. There is no substitute for a cautious, safe-minded operator who recognizes the potential hazards and follows reasonable safety practices. The manufacturer has designed this implement to be used with all its safety equipment properly attached to minimize the chance of accidents.

BEFORE YOU START!! Read the safety messages on the implement and shown in your manual. Observe the rules of safety and common sense!



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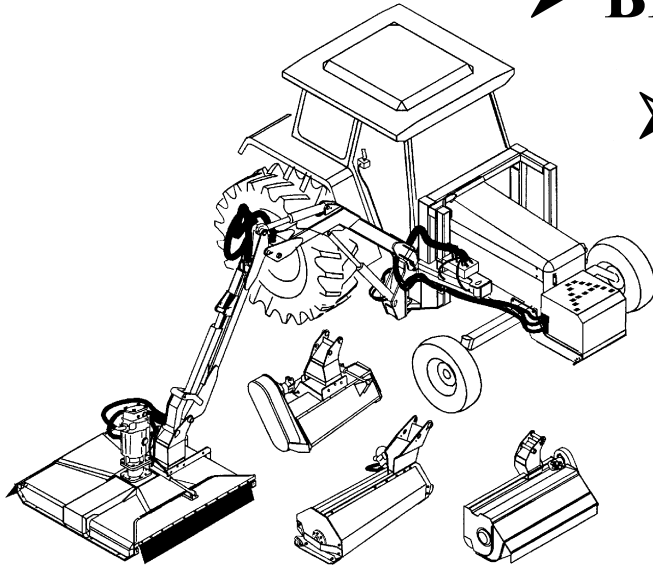
FAILING TO FOLLOW SAFETY MESSAGES AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR EVEN DEATH TO OPERATOR AND OTHERS IN THE AREA.

<p>1.</p> 	<p>2. NORIDERS. NO CHILDREN OPERATORS.</p> 	<p>3. USE SAFETY SHOES, HARD HAT, SAFETY GLASSES, SEAT BELTS, & ROPS.</p> 	<p>4. BLOCK UP SECURELY BEFORE WORKING UNDER.</p> 
<p>1. Study and understand Operator's Manuals, Safety Signs, and Instructional Decals for tractor and implement to prevent misuse, abuse and accidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Learn how to stop engine suddenly in an emergency. Be alert for passersby and especially children. <p>2. Allow no children on or near implement or tractor. Allow no riders on tractor or implement. Falling off may cause serious injury or death from being run over by tractor or cutter or contact with rotating blades.</p> <p>3. Operate only with tractor having Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) and with seatbelt fastened securely and snugly to prevent injury and possible death from falling off or tractor overturn. Personal Protective Equipment such as Hard Hat, Safety Glasses, Safety shoes, and Ear Plugs are recommended.</p> <p>4. Block up or support raised machine and all lifted components securely before putting hands or feet under or working underneath any lifted components to prevent crushing injury or death from sudden dropping or inadvertent operation of controls. Make certain area is clear before lowering or folding.</p> <p>5. Before transporting, put Lift Lever in detent or full-lift position. Secure the implement for transport by installing Cylinder Stops or Transport Pin on pull-type implement center axle and Wing Transport Locks on folding implements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attach Safety Chain to cutter and towing unit securely. See Operator's Manual. <p>6. Make certain that SMV sign, Warning Lights, and Reflectors are clearly visible. Follow local traffic codes.</p> <p>7. Never operate with Cutting Head raised if passersby, bystanders, or traffic are in the area to reduce possibility of injury or death from objects thrown by Blades under Guards or cutter structure.</p> <p>8. Before dismounting, secure implement in transport position or lower to ground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Put tractor in park or set brake, disengage PTO, stop engine, and remove key, and wait until noise of rotation has ceased to prevent entanglement in rotating parts which can cause injury or death.● Never mount or dismount a moving vehicle. Crushing from runover may cause injury or death.			
<p>5. TRANSPORT SAFELY, CARRY LOW TO GROUND</p> 	<p>6. USE SMV, LIGHTS, & REFLECTORS.</p> 	<p>7. DO NOT OPERATE WITH CUTTER RAISED.</p> 	<p>8. DO NOT MOUNT OR DISMOUNT WHILE MOVING.</p> 

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WARRANTY INFORMATION:

Read and understand the complete Warranty Statement found in this Manual. Fill out the Warranty Registration Form in full and return it to within 30 Days. Make certain the Serial Number of the Machine is recorded on the Warranty Card and on the Warranty Form that you retain.



➤ **BE SAFE!**

➤ **BE ALERT!**

➤ **BE ALIVE!**

➤ **BE TRAINED**
before operating
the Mower!

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Safety Training
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In order to reduce accidents and enhance the safe operation of mowers, *Alamo Industrial*, in cooperation with other industry manufacturers has developed the AEM/FEMA Industrial and Agricultural Mower Safety Practices video and guide book.

The video will familiarize and instruct mower-tractor operators in safe practices when using industrial and agricultural mowing equipment. It is important that Every Mower Operator be educated in the operation of their mowing equipment and be able to recognize the potential hazards that can occur while operating a mower. This video, along with the mower operator's manual and the warning messages on the mower, will significantly assist in this important education.

Your Authorized *Alamo Industrial* Dealer may have shown this video and presented you a DVD Video when you purchased your mower. If you or any mower operator have not seen this video, **Watch the Video, Read this Operator's Manual, and Complete the Video Guidebook** before operating your new mower. If you do not understand any of the instructions included in the video or operator's manual or if you have any questions concerning safety of operation, contact your supervisor, dealer or *Alamo Industrial*.

If you would like a VHS video tape of the video, please email AEMVideo@alamo-group.com or Fax AEM VHS Video at (830) 372-9529 or mail in a completed copy of the form on the back of this page to AEM VHS Video 1502 E Walnut Street, Seguin, TX 78155. and request the VHS video version. Please include your name, mailing address, mower model and serial number.

Every operator should be trained for each piece of equipment (Tractor and Mower), understand the intended use, and the potential hazards before operating the equipment.

**Alamo Industrial Division is willing to provide
one (1) AEM Mower Safety Practices Video**

Please Send Me: ☐ VHS Format – AEM/FEMA Mower Operator Safety Video
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SAFETY

General Safety Instructions and Practices

A careful operator is the best operator. Safety is of primary importance to the manufacturer and should be to the owner/operator. Most accidents can be avoided by being aware of your equipment, your surroundings, and observing certain precautions. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Read and understand these Safety Messages before assembling, operating or servicing this Implement. This equipment should only be operated by those persons who have read the manual, who are responsible and trained, and who know how to do so responsibly.



The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is used throughout this manual and on decals which are attached to the equipment. The Safety Alert Symbol means: "ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!" The Symbol and Signal Word are intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this equipment.

Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all---remember safety is up to YOU. Only YOU can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, WILL result in DEATH OR VERY SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, COULD result in DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, MAY result in MINOR INJURY.

Important

Identifies special instructions or procedures that, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of the machine, attachments or the environment.

NOTE: *Identifies points of particular interest for more efficient and convenient operation or repair.* (SG-1)

READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following Safety Messages. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in the Safety Messages. Always use good common sense to avoid hazards. (SG-2)



Si no lee ingles, pida ayuda a alguien que si lo lea para que le traduzca las medidas de seguridad. (SG-3)

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



¡ LEA EL INSTRUCTIVO!

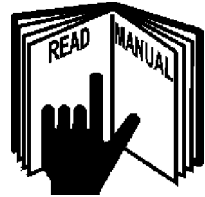


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Never operate the Tractor or Implement until you have read and completely understand this Manual, the Tractor Operator's Manual, and each of the Safety Messages found in the Manual or on the Tractor and Implement. Learn how to stop the tractor engine suddenly in an emergency. Never allow inexperienced or untrained personnel to operate the Tractor and Implement without supervision. Make sure the operator has fully read and understood the manuals prior to operation.

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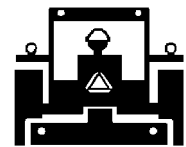


WARNING

Always maintain the safety signs in good readable condition. If the safety signs are missing, damaged, or unreadable, obtain and install replacement safety signs immediately. (SG-5)

WARNING

Make certain that the "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the Equipment use the Tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations. (SG-6)



WARNING

Operate this Equipment only with a Tractor equipped with an approved roll-over-protective system (ROPS). Always wear seat belts. Serious injury or even death could result from falling off the tractor--particularly during a turnover when the operator could be pinned under the ROPS. (SG-7)

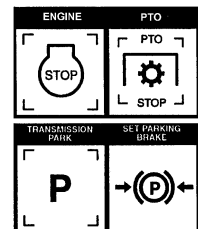


WARNING

Do not modify or alter this Implement. Do not permit anyone to modify or alter this Implement, any of its components or any Implement function. (SG-8)

DANGER

BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



DANGER

Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



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Never allow children to operate, ride on, or come close to the Tractor or Implement. Usually, 16-17 year-old children who are mature and responsible can operate the implement with adult supervision, if they have read and understand the Operator's Manuals, been trained in proper operation of the tractor and Implement, and are physically large enough to reach and operate the controls easily. (SG-11)



⚠ WARNING

Do not mount or dismount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped. (SG-12)



⚠ DANGER

Start tractor only when properly seated in the Tractor seat. Starting a tractor in gear can result in injury or death. Read the Tractor operators manual for proper starting instructions. (SG-13)



⚠ DANGER

Never work under the Implement, the framework, or any lifted component unless the Implement is securely supported or blocked up to prevent sudden or inadvertent falling which could cause serious injury or even death. (SG-14)



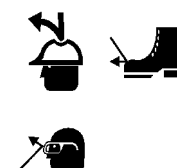
⚠ WARNING

Do not operate this Equipment with hydraulic oil or fuel leaking. Oil and fuel are explosive and their presence could present a hazard. Do not check for leaks with your hand! High-pressure oil streams from breaks in the line could penetrate the skin and cause tissue damage including gangrene. To check for a hose leak, SHUT the unit ENGINE OFF and remove all hydraulic pressure. Wear oil impenetrable gloves, safety glasses and use Cardboard to check for evidence of oil leaks. If you suspect a leak, REMOVE the HOSE and have it tested at a Dealer. If oil does penetrate the skin, have the injury treated immediately by a physician knowledgeable and skilled in this procedure. (SG-15)



⚠ WARNING

The operator and all support personnel should wear hard hats, safety shoes, safety glasses, and proper hearing protection at all times for protection from injury including injury from items that may be thrown by the equipment. (SG-16)



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CAUTION

PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO LOUD NOISE MAY CAUSE PERMANENT HEARING LOSS! Tractors with or without an Implement attached can often be noisy enough to cause permanent hearing loss. We recommend that you always wear hearing protection if the noise in the Operator's position exceeds 80db. Noise over 85db over an extended period of time will cause severe hearing loss. Noise over 90db adjacent to the Operator over an extended period of time will cause permanent or total hearing loss. **NOTE:** *Hearing loss from loud noise [from tractors, chain saws, radios, and other such sources close to the ear] is cumulative over a lifetime without hope of natural recovery.* (SG-17)

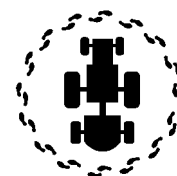


WARNING

Never attempt to lubricate, adjust, or remove material from the Implement while it is in motion or while tractor engine is running. (SG-20)

WARNING

Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order. (SG-21)



WARNING

Do not put hands or feet near the cutter bar. Blade contact can result in serious injury. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the mower is securely blocked up. (SSM-1)



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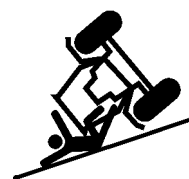
WARNING Transport only at speeds where you can maintain control of the equipment. Serious accidents and injuries can result from operating this equipment at high speeds. Understand the Tractor and Implement and how it handles before transporting on streets and highways. Make sure the Tractor steering and brakes are in good condition and operate properly.



Before transporting the Tractor and Implement, determine the proper transport speeds for you and the equipment. Make sure you abide by the following rules:

Test the tractor at a slow speed and increase the speed slowly. Apply the Brakes smoothly to determine the stopping characteristics of the Tractor and Implement. As you increase the speed of the Tractor the stopping distance increases. Determine the maximum transport speed not to exceed 20 mph (30 kph) for transporting this equipment.

Test the equipment at a slow speed in turns. Increase the speed through the turn only after you determine that the equipment can be operated at a higher speed. Use extreme care and reduce your speed when turning sharply to prevent the tractor and implement from turning over. Determine the maximum turning speed for you and this equipment before operating on roads or uneven ground.



Only transport the Tractor and Implement at the speeds which allow you to properly control the equipment.

Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes or worn tires. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases: use extreme care and reduce your speed. When operating in traffic always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy. (SG-19)



WARNING Always read carefully and comply fully with the manufacturer's instructions when handling oil, solvents, cleansers, and any other chemical agent. (SG-22)



DANGER Never run the Tractor engine in a closed building or without adequate ventilation. The exhaust fumes can be hazardous to your health. (SG-23)



DANGER KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING ELEMENTS to prevent entanglement and possible serious injury or death. (SG-24)

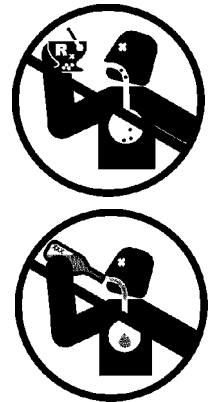


DANGER Never allow children to play on or around Tractor or Implement. Children can slip or fall off the Equipment and be injured or killed. Children can cause the Implement to shift or fall crushing themselves or others. (SG-25)

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⚠ DANGER

NEVER use drugs or alcohol immediately before or while operating the Tractor and Implement. Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. Before operating the Tractor or Implement, an operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to operate the Equipment safely. NEVER knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness or coordination is impaired. Serious injury or death to the operator or others could result if the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. (SG-27)



⚠ DANGER

Operate the Tractor and/or Implement controls only while properly seated in the Tractor seat with the seat belt securely fastened around you. Inadvertent movement of the Tractor or Implement may cause serious injury or death. (SG-29)

⚠ WARNING

Mow only in conditions where you have clear visibility in daylight or with adequate artificial lighting. Never mow in darkness or foggy conditions where you cannot clearly see at least 100 yards(90 m) in front and to the sides of the tractor and mower. Make sure that you can clearly see and identify passersby, steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, debris and foreign objects. If you are unable to clearly see these type of items discontinue mowing. (SGM-1)

⚠ WARNING

Engine Exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. (SG-30)

⚠ WARNING

Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. (SG-31)

⚠ WARNING

Extreme care should be taken when operating near loose objects such as gravel, rocks, wire, and other debris. Inspect the area before mowing. Foreign objects should be removed from the site to prevent machine damage and/or bodily injury or even death. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator. Stop mowing immediately if blades strike a foreign object. Repair all damage and make certain rotor or blade carrier is balanced before resuming mowing. (SGM-05)



⚠ WARNING

Mow at the speed that you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. The correct mowing speed depends on terrain condition and grass type, density, and height of cut. Normal ground speed range is from 2 to 5 mph(3-8 kph). Use slow mowing speeds when operating on or near steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, or when debris and foreign objects are to be avoided. (SGM-07)

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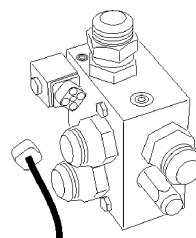
Replace bent or broken blades with new blades. NEVER ATTEMPT TO STRAIGHTEN, WELD, OR WELD HARDFACING ON BLADES SINCE THIS WILL LIKELY CRACK OR OTHERWISE DAMAGE THE BLADE WITH SUBSEQUENT FAILURE AND POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES. (SGM-10)



Relieve hydraulic pressure prior to doing any maintenance or repair work on the Implement. Place the Mower Head on the ground or securely supported on blocks or stands, disengage the PTO, and turn off the engine. Push and pull the control Levers or Joystick several times to relieve pressure prior to starting any maintenance or repair work. (SBM-6)



Always disconnect the wire leads from the mower valve solenoid before performing service on the Tractor or Mower. Use caution when working on the Tractor or Mower. Tractor engine must be stopped before working on Mower or Tractor. The Mower Blades could inadvertently be turned on without warning and cause immediate dismemberment, injury or death. (SBM-12)



Do not back up with this implement. Backing could damage the machine or its components. (S3PT-4)



Use extreme care when lowering or unfolding the implement's wings. Make sure no bystanders are close by or underneath the wings. Allow ample clearance around the implement when folding or unfolding the wings. Use extreme caution around buildings or overhead power lines. (S3PT-05)



There are obvious and hidden potential hazards in the operation of this Implement as in all power-driven or pulled equipment. REMEMBER! This machine is often operated in rough terrain conditions that include tall grass, weeds, gullies, holes, slopes, hidden obstructions and the like. Serious injury or even death may occur unless care is taken to assure the safety of the operator and bystanders in the area. Do not operate this machine with anyone in the immediate area. (S3PT-07)



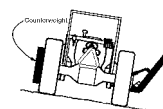
This Implement is wider than the Tractor. Be careful when operating or transporting this equipment to prevent the Implement from running into or striking sign posts, guard rails, concrete abutments or other solid objects. Such an impact could cause the Implement and Tractor to pivot violently resulting in loss of steering control, serious injury, or even death. Never allow the Implement to contact obstacles. (S3PT-12)



Never interfere with factory-set hydraulic calibrations. Any change in calibration could cause a failure of the equipment and may result in injury. (SBH-13)



Maintain adequate tractor stability to prevent lateral instability and possible tip-over which could result in serious bodily injury or even death. Widen the wheel tread and add wheel weights where necessary. Refer to the mounting instructions or call Customer Service if you need assistance with Counterweight Procedure. (SSM-2)



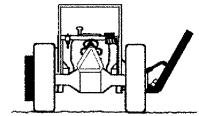
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WARNING

Do not operate Mower if excessive vibration exists. In the case of extreme vibration, shut down the Mower and the Tractor engine and wait until all motion has stopped. Inspect the Mower to determine the source of the vibration. If any Mower blades are missing or damaged replace them immediately. Operating the Mower with excessive vibration can result in component failure and broken objects could be thrown outward. To reduce the possibility of property damage and personal injury, never allow the Mower to be operated with excessive vibration. (SSM-3)

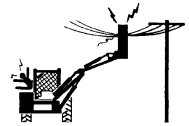
WARNING

Never leave the mower unattended while the head is in the raised position. The mower could fall causing serious injury to anyone who might inadvertently be under the mower. (SSM-4)



DANGER

Always keep a careful lookout and use extreme care when working around overhead obstructions. Never allow the Mower head or boom within 10 feet of any power line. When working close to overhead power lines consult your electric company for a safe code of operation. (SBM-7)



WARNING

Prolonged operation may cause operator boredom and fatigue affecting safe operation. Take scheduled work breaks to help prevent these potentially impaired operating conditions. Never operate the Implement and Tractor in a fatigued or bored mental state which impairs proper and safe operation. (SG-32)

WARNING

Use extreme caution when getting onto the Implement to perform repairs, maintenance and when removing accumulated material. Only stand on solid flat surfaces to ensure good footing. Use a ladder or raised stand to access high spots which cannot be reached from ground level. Slipping and falling can cause serious injury or death. (SG-33)

WARNING

Avoid contact with hot surfaces including hydraulic oil tanks, pumps, motors, valves and hose connections. Relieve hydraulic pressure before performing maintenance or repairs. Use gloves and eye protection when servicing hot components. Contact with a hot surface or fluid can cause serious injury from burns or scalding. (SG-34)

WARNING

Perform service, repairs and lubrication according to the maintenance section. Ensure the unit is properly lubricated as specified in the lubrication schedule and all bolts and nuts are properly torqued. Failure to properly service, repair and maintain this Implement in good operating condition could cause component failure and possible serious injury or even death. (SG-35)

DANGER

DO NOT operate this Implement on a Tractor that is not properly maintained. Should a mechanical or Tractor control failure occur while operating, immediately shut down the Tractor and perform repairs before resuming operation. Serious injury and possible death could occur from not maintaining this Implement and Tractor in good operating condition.

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⚠ DANGER

The rotating parts of this machine have been designed and tested for rugged use. However, the blades could fail upon impact with heavy, solid objects such as metal guard rails and concrete structures. Such impact could cause the broken objects to be thrown outward at very high velocities. To reduce the possibility of property damage, serious injury, or even death, never allow the cutting blades to contact such obstacles. (SGM-4)

⚠ WARNING

Follow these guidelines to reduce the risk of equipment and grass fires while operating, servicing, and repairing the Mower and Tractor:



- Equip the Tractor with a fire extinguisher in an accessible location.
 - Do Not operate the Mower on a Tractor with an underframe exhaust.
 - Do Not smoke or have an open flame near the Mower and Tractor.
 - Do Not drive into burning debris or freshly burnt areas.
 - Ensure slip clutches are properly adjusted to prevent excessive slippage and plate heating.
 - Never allow clippings or debris to collect near drivelines, slip clutches, and gearboxes.
- Periodically shut down the Tractor and Mower and clean clippings and collected debris from the mower deck. (SGM-12)

⚠ WARNING

DO NOT weld or repair rotating mower components. Welds and other repairs may cause severe vibration and/or component failure resulting in part being thrown from the mower causing serious bodily injury. See your Authorized Dealer for proper repairs. (SGM-13)

⚠ DANGER

The Mower is designed for certain mowing applications and is rated to cut up to a specific size vegetation (see Mower Standard Equipment and Specifications). DO NOT use this mower to cut vegetation above the Mower's rated capacity or to cut any type of non-vegetative material. Only operate this Mower on a properly sized and equipped Tractor. Operating this Mower in an application for which it is not designed and/or operating the Mower with the wrong size Tractor can cause Mower component damage and equipment failure resulting in possible serious injury or death. (SGM-14)

⚠ WARNING

Raise the mower head to the transport position and secure with the retaining pin before traveling on public roads and when storing the mower in the upright position. (SSM-05)

⚠ WARNING

DO NOT stand in front of the mower head or perform service while the head is in the break back position. The mower head could suddenly swing forward causing serious bodily injury. Relieve all hydraulic pressure and secure the mower in position before performing maintenance. (SSM-06)

⚠ DANGER

All Safety Shields, Guards and other safety devices including (but not limited to) - Deflectors, Steel Guards and Gearbox Shields must be used and maintained in good working condition. All safety devices should be inspected carefully at least daily for missing or broken components. Missing, broken, or worn items must be replaced at once to reduce the possibility of injury or death from thrown objects, entanglement, or blade contact. (SSM-07)

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WARNING

Only replace the spring assembly as a complete unit. **DO NOT** attempt to remove or repair the spring outside the assembly. Spring tension when released could cause serious bodily injury. (SSM-08)



WARNING

Wear gloves and exercise care when handling blades. Blades are SHARP and can cause lacerations to hands and other parts of the body if not safely handled. (SSM-09)



DANGER

Do not operate the implement while wearing loose fitting clothing. Entanglement of the clothing with the rotating elements can result in serious injury or even death. Stay clear of all rotating elements at all times. (SSP-03)



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DO NOT allow any person under a folded wing unless wing is securely locked up or supported. **DO NOT** approach the Implement unless the Tractor is turned off and all motion has ceased. Never work under the frame work, or any lifted component unless the implement is securely supported or blocked up. A sudden or inadvertent fall by any of these components could cause serious injury or even death. (STI-03)



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PARTS INFORMATION

Alamo Industrial mowers use balanced and matched system components for blade carriers, blades, cuttershafts, knives, knife hangers, rollers, drivetrain components, and bearings. These parts are made and tested to Alamo Industrial specifications. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce mower performance, void mower warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine Alamo Industrial mower parts for economy and safety. (SPRM-1)

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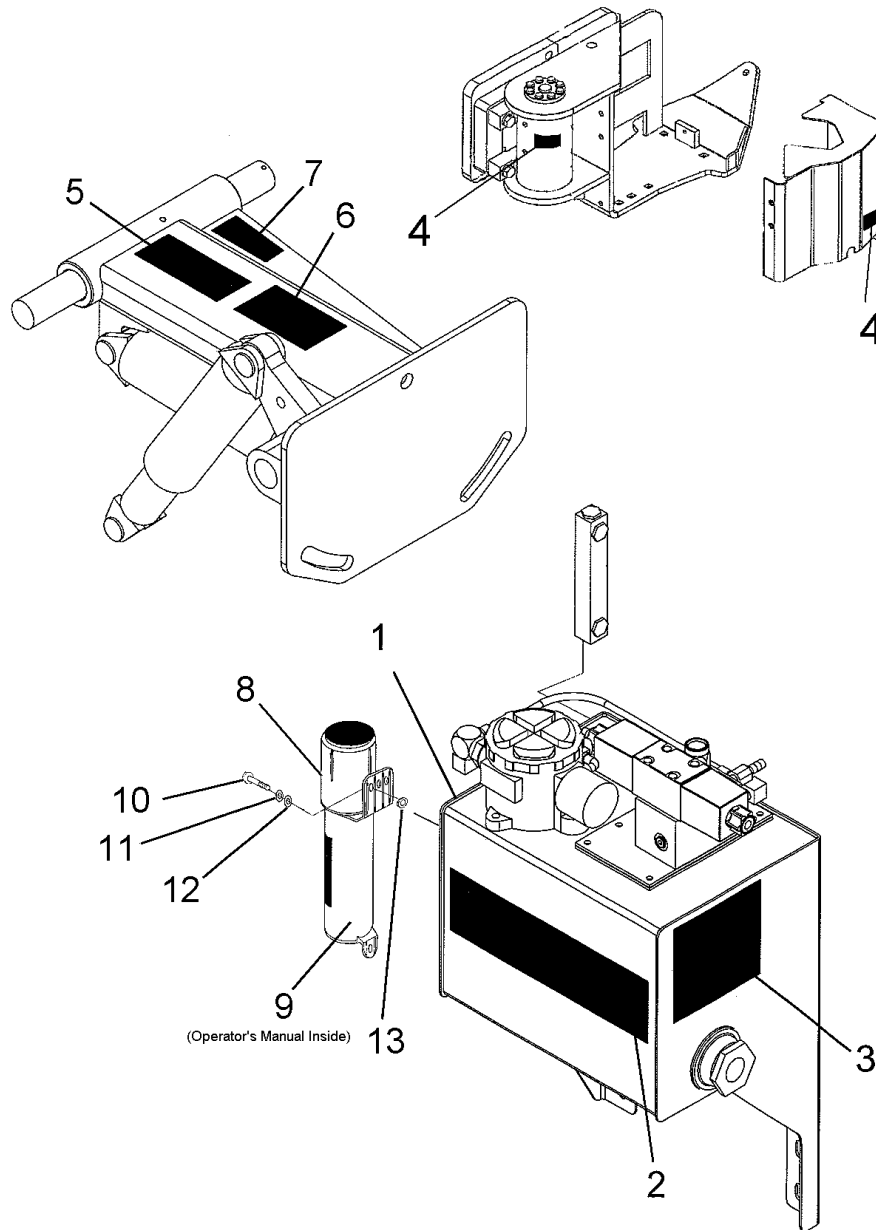
In addition to the design and configuration of this Implement, including Safety Signs and Safety Equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the machine. Refer also to Safety Messages and operation instruction in each of the appropriate sections of the Tractor and Equipment Manuals. Pay close attention to the Safety Signs affixed to the Tractor and Equipment. (SG-18)

Decal Location

NOTE: Alamo Industrial supplies safety decals on this product to promote safe operation. Damage to the decals may occur while in shipping, use, or reconditioning. Alamo Industrial cares about the safety of its customers, operators, and bystanders, and will replace the safety decals on this product in the field, free of charge (Some shipping and handling charges may apply). Contact your Alamo Industrial dealer to order replacement decals.

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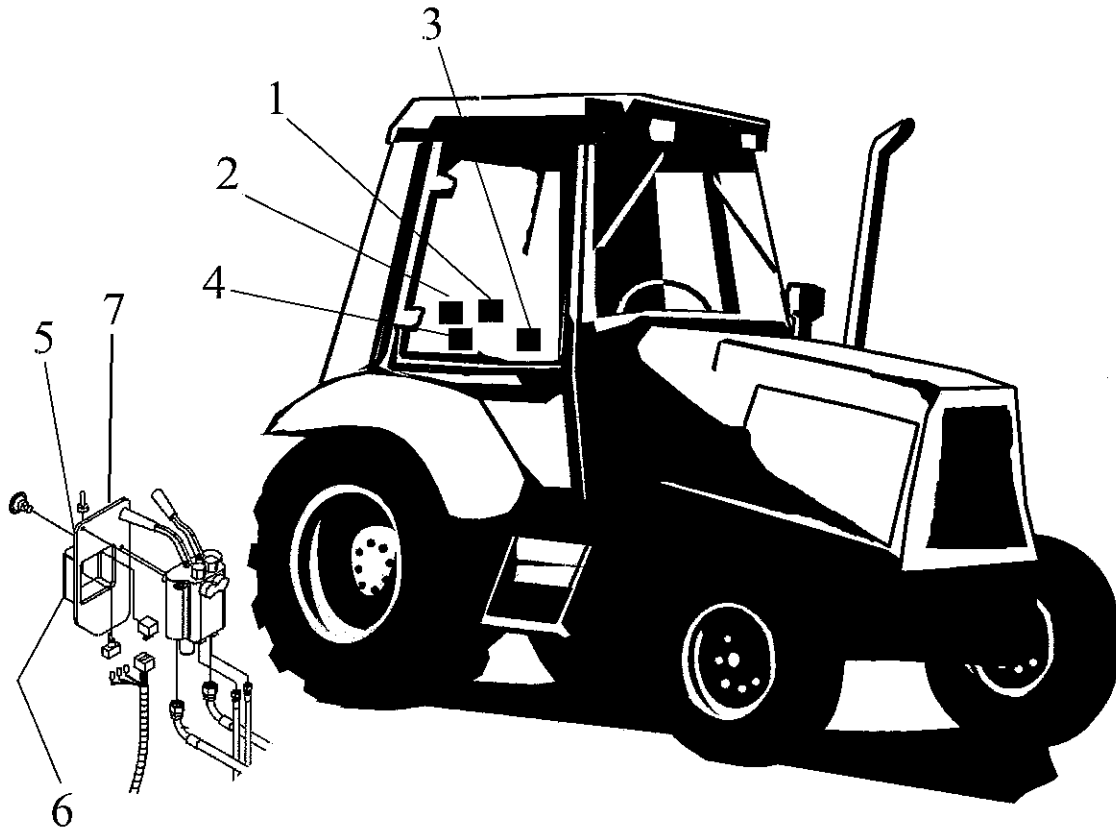
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ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
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1.	02966305	1	INSTRUCT	Universal Tractor
2.	02974997	1	NAME	Switch Blade
3.	02965262	1	WARNING	Hose Burst
4.	000678	1	INSTRUCT	Grease Fitting Inside
5.	02962765	1	DANGER	Multiple Hazard
6.	0614500	1	CAUTION	No Step
7.	NFS	1	SER PLT	Serial Number Plate
8.	00776031	1		Canister, Parts Manual
9.	02974374C	1		Switch Blade Oper. Manual
10.	10058000	3		Bolt
11.	00017000	3		Lock washer
12.	00024100	3		Flatwasher
13.	02959924	3		Locknut

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ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1.	02970354	1	INSTRUCT	Knife Clearance
2.	02965093	1	INSTRUCT	Proper Engine
3.	00725746	1	PELIGRO	Spanish Translation
4.	0410300	1	WARNING	Warning Sign
5.	02975270	1	INSTRUCT	Bar Reversing Instruction
6.	02974321	1	INSTRUCT	Valve Operation
7.	02982584	1	INSTRUCT	Attention Reset Cutter head

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Decal Description

INFORMATION - Attention - Service Hydraulic System with Universal Tractor Hydraulic Oil. Alamo Group part Number 02966307.

02966305



NAME LOGO



P/N 02974997

WARNING! Failure to INSPECT and REPAIR or REPLACE Hoses may allow worn Hoses to rupture SUDDENLY and VIOLENTLY with resulting serious BODILY INJURY from SCALDING or FIRE with resulting BURN INJURY or DEATH.

P/N 02965262



Information that Grease Fitting is present and must apply grease.

P/N 000678



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DANGER! Crushing and Pinch Points.
Moving machine parts can pinch or crush or fall-which may cause injury or death.

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CAUTION! Not a step, keep hands and feet off machine.

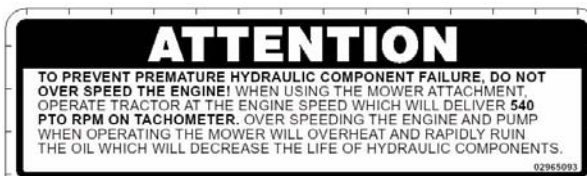
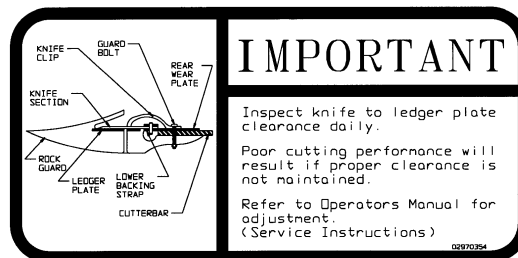
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IMPORTANT - Inspect knife to ledger plate clearance daily. Poor cutting performance will result if proper clearance is not maintained. Refer to operators manual for adjustment.

02970354

INFORMATION - To prevent premature hydraulic component failure, do not over speed the engine. When using the mower attachment, operate tractor at the engine speed which will deliver 540 PTO RPM on Tachometer. Over speeding the engine and pump when operating the mower will overheat and rapidly ruin the oil which will decrease the life of the hydraulic components.

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Peligro Translation, If you do not know how to read English, please find someone who knows how to read English.

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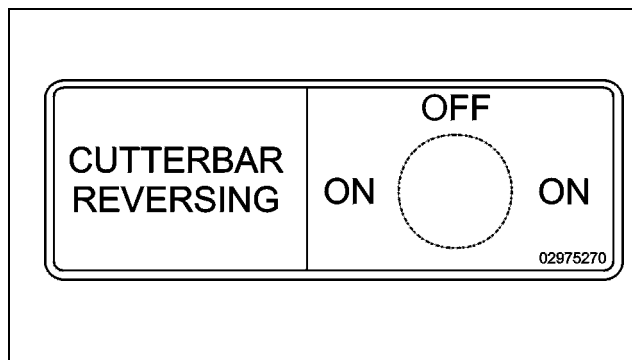


CAUTION! Keep all shields in place. Keep hands, feet and clothing away from power-driven parts. Stop machine to adjust and oil. If mechanism becomes clogged shut off power before cleaning. Keep off mower and keep others off. Warn bystanders to keep away.

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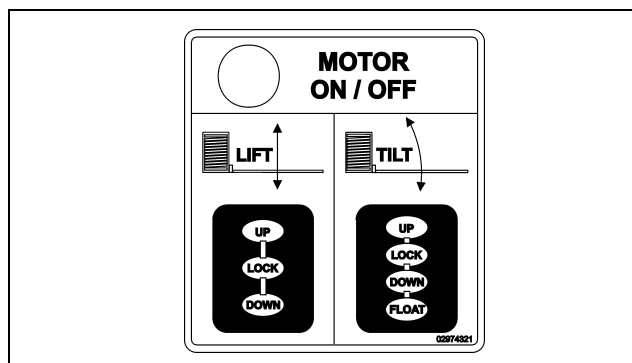


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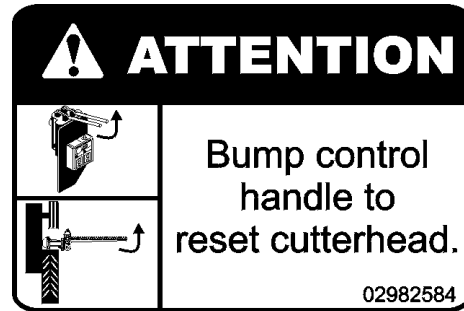
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ATTENTION! Bump control handle to reset cutterhead.

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Federal Laws and Regulations

This section is intended to explain in broad terms the concept and effect of federal laws and regulations concerning employer and employee equipment operators. This section is not intended as a legal interpretation of the law and should not be considered as such.

Employer-Employee Operator Regulations

U.S. Public Law 91-596 (The Williams-Steiger Occupational and Health Act of 1970) OSHA

This Act Seeks:

“...to assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources...”

DUTIES

Sec. 5 (a) Each employer-

- (1) shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees;
- (2) shall comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under this Act.
- (b) Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant to this Act which are applicable to his own actions and conduct.

OSHA Regulations

OSHA regulations state in part: “At the time of initial assignment and at least annually thereafter, the employer shall instruct every employee in the safe operation and servicing of all equipment with which the employee is, or will be involved.”

Employer Responsibilities:

To ensure employee safety during Tractor and Implement operation, it is the employer’s responsibility to:

1. Train the employee in the proper and safe operation of the Tractor and Implement.
2. Require that the employee read and fully understand the Tractor and Implement Operator’s manual.
3. Permit only qualified and properly trained employees to operate the Tractor and Implement.
4. Maintain the Tractor and Implement in a safe operational condition and maintain all shields and guards on the equipment.
5. Ensure the Tractor is equipped with a functional ROPS and seat belt and require that the employee operator securely fasten the safety belt and operate with the ROPS in the raised position at all times.
6. Forbid the employee operator to carry additional riders on the Tractor or Implement.
7. Provide the required tools to maintain the Tractor and Implement in a good safe working condition and provide the necessary support devices to secure the equipment safely while performing repairs and service.
8. Require that the employee operator stop operation if bystanders or passersby come within 25 feet.

Child Labor Under 16 Years of Age

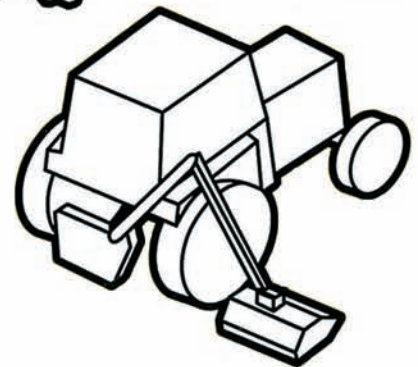
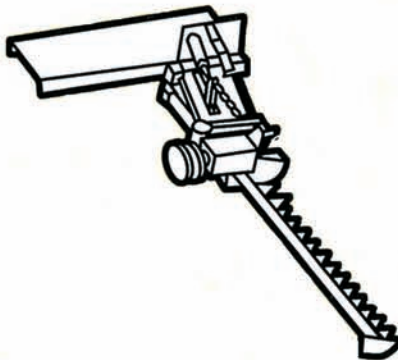
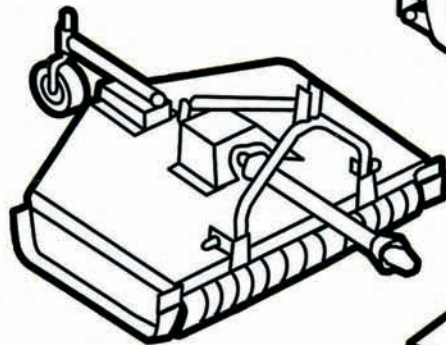
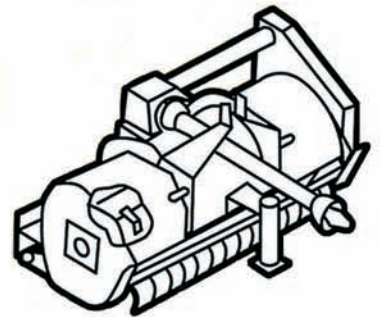
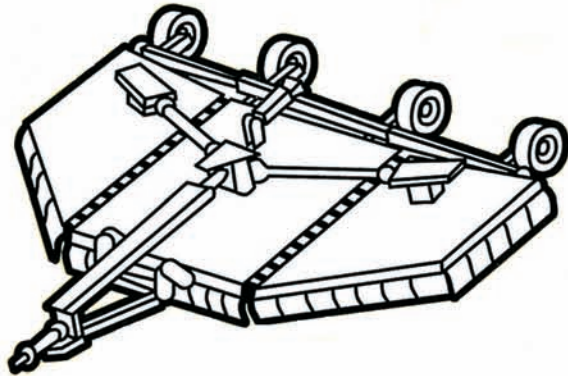
Some regulations specify that no one under the age of 16 may operate power machinery. It is your responsibility to know what these regulations are in your own area or situation. (Refer to U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment Standard Administration, Wage & Home Division, Child Labor Bulletin #102.)



Safety Manual

*For Operators
and Mechanics*

Industrial/ Agricultural Mower



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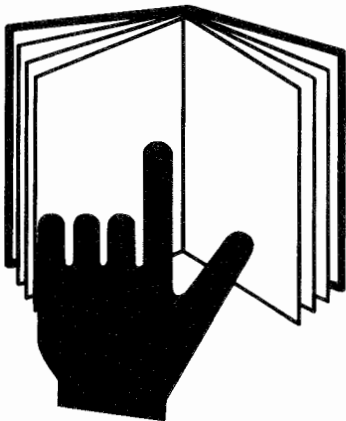
This Safety Manual is intended to point out some of the basic safety situations which may be encountered during the normal operation and maintenance of your machine and to suggest possible ways of dealing with these conditions. This manual is NOT a substitute for the manufacturer's manual(s).

Additional precautions may be necessary, or some instructions may not be applicable, depending on the equipment, attachment devices, and conditions at the worksite or in the service area. The manufacturer has no direct control over machine application, operation, inspection, lubrication, or maintenance. Therefore, it is **YOUR** responsibility to use good safety practices in these areas.

The information provided in this manual supplements the specific information about your machine that is contained in the manufacturer's manual(s). Other information which may affect the safe operation of your machine may be contained on safety signs or in insurance requirements, employer's safety and training programs, safety codes, local, state/provincial and national laws, rules and regulations.

IMPORTANT: *If you do not have the manufacturer's manual(s) for your particular machine, get a replacement manual from your employer, equipment dealer, or the manufacturer of your machine. Keep this safety manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) with your machine.*

A Word to the User



It is your responsibility to read and understand this safety manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) before operating this machine. This safety manual takes you step-by-step through your working day. The safety manual, manufacturer's manual(s), safety signs (decals) and safety precautions must be explained to those users or operators who cannot read the material.

In addition to equipment design and configuration, **HAZARD CONTROL** and **ACCIDENT PREVENTION** are dependent upon the owner's and operator's awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment.

Remember that **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also protect the people around you. Study this manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) for your specific machine. Make them a working part of your safety program. Keep in mind that this safety manual is written only for industrial and agricultural mowers.

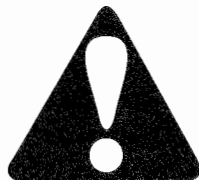
Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all – remember safety is up to YOU. Only YOU can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.

Safety Alerts

Symbol

This Safety Alert Symbol means:

**“ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT!
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!”**



The Safety Alert Symbol identifies important safety messages on equipment, safety signs, in manuals or elsewhere. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of death or personal injury. Follow the instructions in the safety message.

Signal Words

Signal words are distinctive words that will typically be found on safety decals on this equipment or other equipment on the worksite. These words are intended to alert the viewer to the existence and relative degree of a hazard.



This signal word indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



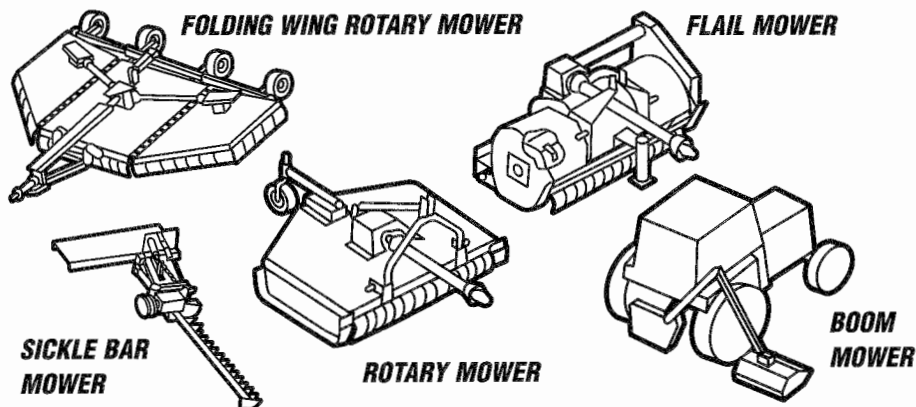
This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation exists which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

- ACCIDENTS DISABLE AND KILL.
- ACCIDENTS COST.
- ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED.

Industrial/Agricultural Mowers

A mower for pasture clipping, crop residue shredding, heavy brush cutting for land clearing, waterways, right-of-ways, road side or highway mowing.

INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL MOWER TYPES:



Be a Responsible Operator



For safe operation of your equipment, you must be a responsible operator. A responsible operator must clearly understand the written instructions supplied by the manufacturer, be trained—including actual operation of the equipment and know the safety rules and regulations for the worksite.

Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. An operator should **NEVER** use drugs which affect alertness, judgement and coordination or alcohol while operating motorized equipment, including tractors and mowers. An operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder his or her ability to operate this equipment safely. **NEVER** knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness, judgement or coordination is impaired.

Protect Yourself

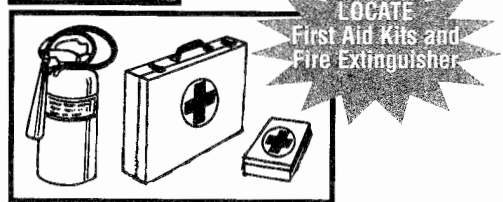
Wear all the protective clothing and personal safety devices issued to you or called for by job conditions.

You may need:

- Hard hat
- Safety shoes
- Safety glasses with side shields, goggles or face shield
- Heavy gloves
- Hearing protection
- Reflective clothing
- Wet weather gear
- Respirator or filter mask

Wear adequate clothing for the job conditions.

Always know where to get assistance in the case of an emergency. Know where to find and how to use a first aid kit and fire extinguisher/fire suppression system.



**Stay alert. Avoid accidents.
Don't learn safety the hard way.**

Safety Management of Hazards and Risks

In addition to equipment design and configuration, **HAZARD CONTROL** and **ACCIDENT PREVENTION** are dependent upon the owner's and operator's awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDS AND RISKS IS ESSENTIAL TO RESPONSIBLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF TRACTORS AND MOWERS.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF LISTED HAZARDS AND RISKS:

Thrown Object Hazard

POSSIBLE THROWN OBJECT INJURY RISKS EXIST FOR MOWER OPERATORS AND BYSTANDERS DURING MOWER OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

DISCHARGED OBJECTS (ROCKS, DEBRIS, BROKEN MOWER BLADES, BLADE BOLTS, CABLES, CHAINS, WIRE, ETC....) FROM THE MOWER.

Equipment Protective Devices And Recommended Safety Practices

The mower deck and protective devices cannot prevent all objects or debris from escaping the blade enclosure area in every mowing condition. It is possible for objects to escape and travel several hundred (300) feet.

RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to users or operators who cannot read.

TO HELP PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM OBJECTS STRIKING OPERATOR OR OTHER PERSONS DO THE FOLLOWING:

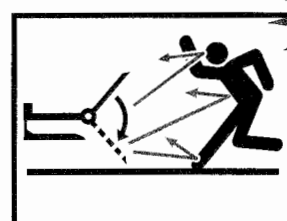
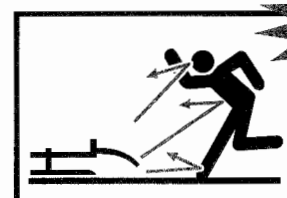
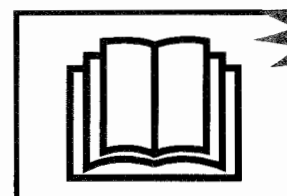
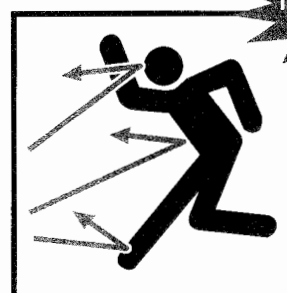
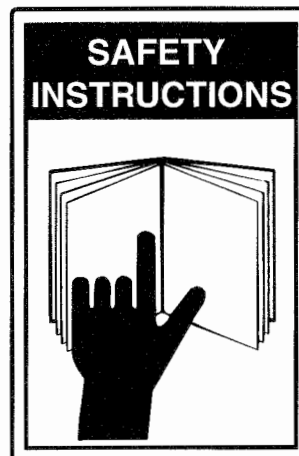
BYSTANDERS SAFETY

- Keep bystanders several hundred (300) feet from mowing area.

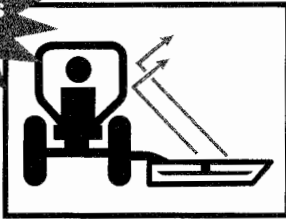
EQUIPMENT PROTECTIVE DEVICES SAFETY

To contain, deflect or reduce thrown objects from blade enclosure area:

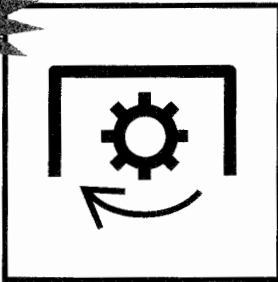
- Keep chain, flexible or solid deflector shields in place on the front and rear of the mower deck and in good repair.
- Do not operate with damaged or missing thrown object shielding.



**USE ROPS
Enclosed Cabs
or Protective
Enclosures**



**USE Proper
PTO Speed**



**MAINTAIN
Equipment**



OPERATOR SAFETY

Raised wings, side mount and boom type mower operations may reduce the mower's thrown object shielding effectiveness for the mower operator's protection.

Do the following to increase operator protection from thrown objects during these mowing operations:

- Use enclosed ROPS cabs, special protective enclosures, screens or other operator shielding devices when performing these operations.

EXCEEDING RECOMMENDED PTO SPEEDS

Do not exceed manufacturer's recommended PTO speeds.

Excessive PTO speeds may cause:

- Blade failures
- Higher velocity objects escaping or broken blades being thrown from mower blade enclosures.
- Potential 540 rpm driveline failures operating at 750 to 1000 rpm speeds.

OTHER SAFETY PRACTICES:

- Never operate mower with broken, bent, missing, or severely worn blades.
- Before mowing, remove debris and foreign objects to avoid them being picked up and thrown out by the mower.

* Do not operate the mower in transport or in raised wing positions.

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) inspection and maintenance instructions for chain guards, flexible or solid deflector shielding:

- Replace worn or damaged guards and other shielding before mowing.
- Use only manufacturer's replacement guards and shielding. Other guarding or shielding sources may not fit or have inadequate materials to meet the strength requirements of the equipment.
- Replace worn or damaged decals and warning instructions.
- Explain the inspection and maintenance instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.

Rotating Blades and Driveline Hazards and Risks

A POSSIBLE INJURY RISK EXISTS TO MOWER OPERATORS AND BYSTANDERS DURING MOWING OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- BODY CONTACT WITH ROTATING BLADES.
- BODY ENTANGLEMENT WITH ROTATING DRIVELINES AND PARTS.

Equipment Protective Devices and Recommended Safety Practices

RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. To help prevent serious injury or death from moving blade contact, driveline or parts entanglement of operators or other persons do the following:

BYSTANDERS SAFETY

- Do not operate near bystanders.
- Keep other persons several hundred (300) feet from the mowing area.

OPERATOR SAFETY PRACTICES

- Do not allow riders on tractor or mower. Securely fasten seat belt when mowing.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice before servicing, adjusting, cleaning or unclogging the mower.
- Keep clear of rotating blades, parts, and drivelines.
- Never start tractor engine while standing beside equipment.
- Only start tractor engine while sitting in operator's seat with seat belt fastened.

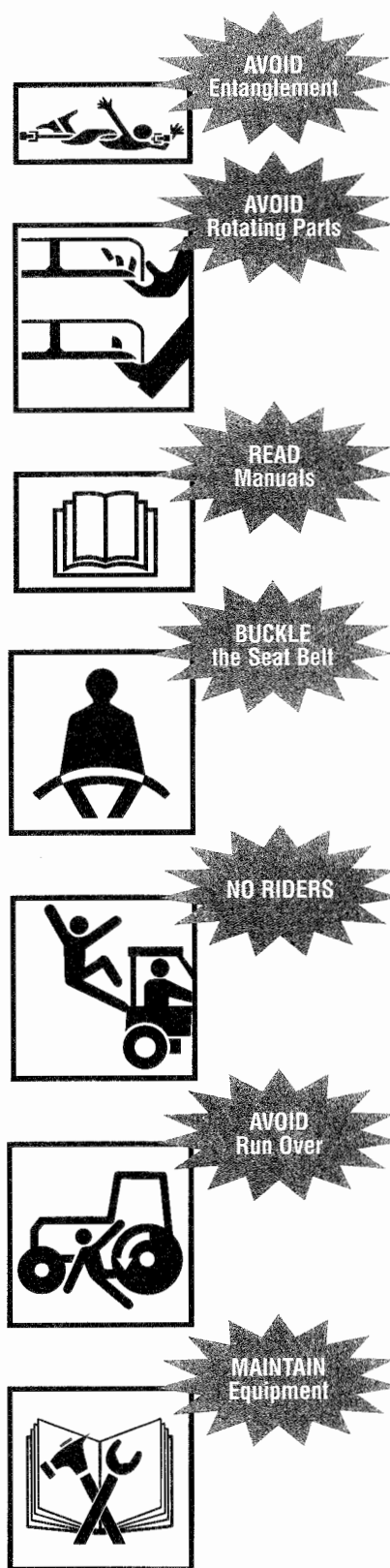
RECOMMENDED GUARDS, DRIVELINE GUARDS AND SHIELDING SAFETY PRACTICES

- Keep guards, driveline and other shielding in place and in good repair.
- Do not operate mower with missing or damaged guards, driveline guards or other shielding.

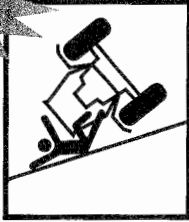
RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) inspection and maintenance instructions for guards, driveline guards and other shielding:

- Replace worn or damaged guards, driveline guards and other shielding before mowing.
- Use only manufacturer's replacement guards and shielding. Other guarding or shielding sources may not fit or have inadequate materials to meet the strength requirements of the equipment.
- Replace worn or damaged decals and warning instructions.
- Explain the inspection and maintenance instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.



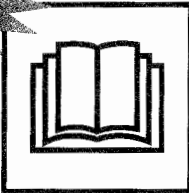
**AVOID
Rollover**



**USE
Tractor ROPS**



**READ
Manuals**



**ADD
Ballast**



**WIDEN
Wheel Spacing
and ADD Off-Side
Ballast**



**BUCKLE
the Seat Belt**



**AVOID
CRUSHING
Lock-Up Wing**



Tractor and Mower Rollover or Overturn Hazards and Risks

A POSSIBLE ROLLOVER OR OVERTURN INJURY RISK EXISTS TO MOWER OPERATORS DURING MOWING OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- ROUGH TERRAIN, STEEP SLOPES, HOLES, BUMPS, RUTS, ROCKS, STUMPS OR OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS THAT COULD OVERTURN TRACTOR AND MOWER.
- EXCESSIVE GROUND SPEEDS FOR THESE TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

Equipment Protective Devices and Recommended Safety Practices

When possible remove stumps, stones, etc.. or mark them and other obstructions clearly to avoid upsets, breakdowns, and dangerous driving conditions. Use extreme care to maintain control over the equipment when operating in these terrain conditions.

RECOMMENDED-TRACTOR ROPS

A tractor equipped with ROPS or enclosed ROPS cab and seat belt for operator safety is essential for additional operator protection when operating mower in these terrain conditions.

RECOMMENDED-TRACTOR STABILITY ADJUSTMENTS

Read the tractor operator's manual for adjustments to increase tractor stability:

- Adding front and rear wheel weights or ballast.
- Adjusting wheel spacing to maximum width .
- Adding off-side counter ballast to side-mounted and boom mowers.
- Explain adjustments to those users or operators who cannot read.

RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. **To help prevent serious injury or death to the operator from tractor and mower overturns, do the following:**

- Securely fasten seat belt when mowing with ROPS equipped tractors.
- Avoid excessive ground speed for terrain conditions.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops and turns when operating up, down or across slopes.
- Avoid slippery ground conditions.
- Make wide and gradual turns.
- Plan to mow down hill on steep slopes to avoid overturning.

Falling Mower or Parts Crushing Hazards and Risks

A POSSIBLE CRUSHING INJURY RISK EXISTS FOR MOWER OPERATORS AND OTHERS DURING MOWING OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- FALLING MOWER OR EQUIPMENT FROM HYDRAULIC SYSTEM FAILURE.
- FAILURE TO SECURELY SUPPORT, BLOCK-UP OR LOCK-UP LIFTED MOWER OR EQUIPMENT PARTS.

Equipment Protective Devices and Recommended Safety Practices

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. **To help prevent serious injury or death to operators and other from alling mower or equipment parts, do the following:**

RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES

Before working near or underneath lifted mower or equipment parts:

- Use proper equipment shutdown practices before servicing, adjusting, cleaning or unclogging the mower.
- Securely support or block-up raised mower or equipment parts.
- Securely support, block-up or lock-up wings with locking devices on wing type mowers or lower mower or equipment parts to the ground.
- Use transport locks when transporting mower on public roads.

High Pressure Hydraulic Fluid Leak Hazards and Risks

A POSSIBLE HIGH PRESSURE FLUID SKIN INJECTION INJURY AND GANGRENE RISK EXISTS FOR MOWER OPERATORS AND OTHERS FROM HIGH PRESSURE HYDRAULIC OR DIESEL OIL LEAK INJECTION INTO THE SKIN.

TO AVOID GANGRENE, INJECTED FLUID MUST BE SURGICALLY REMOVED WITHIN A FEW HOURS BY A DOCTOR FAMILIAR WITH THIS TYPE OF INJURY.

RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. High pressure fluid pinhole leaks can be almost invisible.

To help prevent serious injury or death, do the following:

- Search for leaks with cardboard or wood.
- Do not use hands to check for leaks.
- Relieve system pressure before disconnecting lines.
- Before applying system pressure:
 - Check for damaged lines, pipes, and hoses.
 - Check to insure tight connections.
- Before operating pressurized systems:
 - Purge air from system.
 - Refer to the manufacturer's operator manual(s) for instructions.
 - Explain the procedures to those users or operators who cannot read.

Tractor Refueling Hazards and Risks

To avoid serious injury or death from fire during refueling:

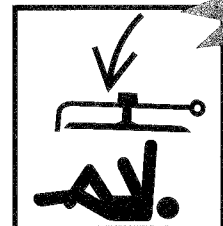
- Shut off engine and ignition.
- Never fill fuel tank near open flames.
- Never smoke while refueling.
- Avoid static electricity sparks by grounding fuel nozzle against tank filler neck.
- Avoid overfilling tank or spilling fuel.
- Clean up any spilled fuel immediately.
- Always replace fuel cap.

To avoid serious injury or death from engine exhaust fumes:

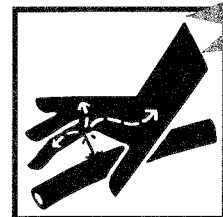
- Adequately ventilate enclosed spaces before starting the engine.



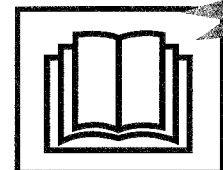
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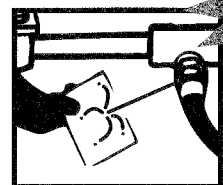
**AVOID
CRUSHING
Block-Up or
Securely Support
Mower**



**HIGH
PRESSURE FLUID
Can Inject
into the Body**



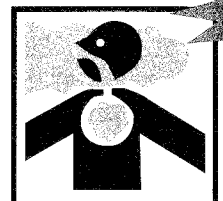
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**AVOID
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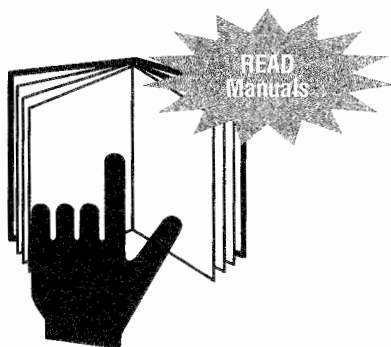


**AVOID
Fires and
Explosions**



**AVOID
Exhaust Fumes**

Follow A Safety Program



SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO RESPONSIBLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF TRACTORS AND MOWERS. DO THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR SAFE MOWING OPERATION:

BE A QUALIFIED OPERATOR BY:

- Reading, understanding and obeying the manufacturer's written instructions in operator manual(s) and safety signs on mower and tractor.
- Receiving operational training with mower and tractor.
- Asking your equipment dealer or supervisor to explain things you do not understand.
- Explaining the written instructions in the operator manual(s) and safety signs (decals) on the mower and tractor to those users or operators who cannot read.

Safety Before Operation

Know Job Site Safety Rules And Regulations

Ask your supervisor about equipment operation safety rules you will be expected to obey.

Some basic rules for your's and others' safety:

- A ROPS and seat belt equipped tractor is required for operator protection during mowing operations.
- Know mower and tractor operating capacity and characteristics.
- Never alter or remove safety equipment.
- Never allow children or unqualified persons to operate mower or tractor.
- Never allow riders on mower or tractor.
- Keep others away from mowing operation.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice before dismounting tractor.
- Allow all moving parts to stop before making equipment inspections, repairs, or adjustments.
- Securely support or block-up mower before working beneath mower or lifted components.
- Wear personal protective clothing and safety devices issued to you or recommended by the equipment manufacturer.



Know Tractor And Mower Controls

Know the following about your tractor and mower:

- Function, purpose and use of controls.
- Safe operating speeds.
- Safe slope and uneven terrain capabilities.
- Braking and steering characteristics.
- Tractor and mower operating clearances.
- How to stop equipment quickly in an emergency.



Use All Available Equipment Safety Devices

To help keep you and others around you safe:

- Make certain manufacturer's recommended guards, shields and safety signs are installed on equipment and in good condition.
- Keep all protective devices in place and securely fastened.
- **NEVER** operate your equipment with missing, disconnected or damaged safety devices.
- Use ballast and weight required for equipment operational stability.

Check The Mower And Tractor Equipment

Before beginning your work day:

- Check for loose, broken, missing or damaged tractor and mower parts.
- Repair or replace these parts when needed.
- Check for proper tractor and mower attachments.
- Check for proper tractor and mower PTO rpm rating match.
- Check mower blades condition. Sharpen or replace per manufacturer's recommendation. Blade modifications, such as welding or hard surfacing cutting edges by welding or straightening bent blades, can reduce blade strength and adversely affect blade properties and safety.
- Check that all guards and shields are in place and that all equipment is in good operating condition. This includes PTO driveline, gearbox and implement guards and shields that are used for operator protection.
- Check for properly latched driveline yoke end locking devices.
- Check for damaged or leaky tractor and mower hydraulic systems.
- Check and read safety signs and warning instructions.
- Explain the safety signs and warning instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.

Check The Work Area

Inspect, identify and avoid hazardous conditions in the work area:

- Rough terrain, drop-offs, ditches, potholes steep slopes, stumps, standing water, mud soft soil, slippery conditions, debris and foreign objects.
- Inspect mowing area and remove or mark all foreign objects and debris to be avoided by mower.

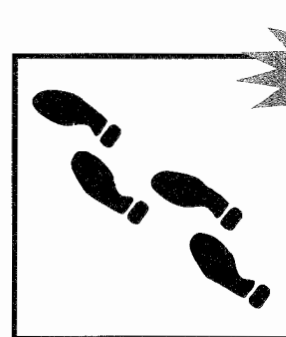
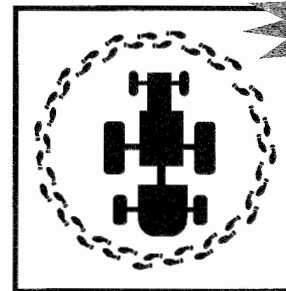
Analyze mowing area to determine:

- Best and safest mowing procedure.
- Material type and height to be mowed.
- Operating terrain conditions.
- Using forward travel mowing pattern when possible.

Look Out For The Safety of Others

Before starting equipment:

- Walk around the equipment.
- Check for anyone under, on or near the equipment.
- Clear everyone from these areas.
- Sound a warning.



Safety – Starting & Testing

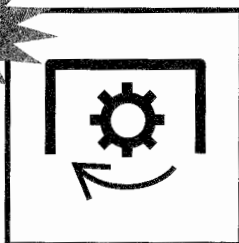
**USE Three
Point Contact**



**USE ROPS
and Seatbelt**



**USE Proper
PTO speed**



Mounting Tractor Safely

Before mounting:

- Clean shoes and wipe hands.

During mounting and dismounting:

- Use handholds and step plates.
- Never grab steering wheels or controls for handholds.
- Never mount or dismount from a moving tractor.

Tractor And Mower Controls Safety Test

Before starting:

- Fasten and adjust seat belt on your ROPS-equipped tractor.
- Check parking brake for engagement.
- Check PTO disengagement.
- Check all controls for Neutral or Park position.
- Warn others in area before starting tractor.
- Follow tractor manufacturer's recommended starting procedures.

After starting:

- Check all instruments, gauges and indicator lights for normal operation.
- Check all tractor controls, steering and brakes for proper function.
- Repair improperly functioning tractor before using.
- Raise and lower mower for driveline bottoming out or engagement problems.
- Check your equipment for excessive vibration and unusual noises.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practices before inspecting equipment.

Power Takeoff System And Mower Safety

Tractors with dual-speed (540 or 1000 rpm) shiftable PTO systems.

To avoid serious injury or death from failed parts due to mower over speed:

- Be sure to position PTO selector to mower's rated PTO rpm speed.

Tractors with transmission-driven PTO systems.

A rotary mower will have a significant flywheel effect which may continue to propel a tractor with a transmission-driven PTO system.

The tractor should be equipped and operated as follows:

- Install an over-running clutch.
- Give yourself sufficient maneuvering room and time by anticipating turns, stops and speed reductions.

Safety – During Operation

Hitching Mower To Tractor Safety

Three-point hitch-mounted mower safety:

- Refer to mower and tractor manufacturers' manuals.
- Place tractor's hydraulic power lift (rockshaft) selector lever in down position to avoid unexpected movement.
- Explain the hitching procedures to those users or operators who cannot read.

Pull-type hitch-mounted mower safety:

- Refer to mower and tractor manufacturers' manuals.
- Attach only to drawbar hitch.
- Do not attach to tractor's rear axle or three-point hitch arms.
- Adjust tractor drawbar length for 540 or 1000 rpm PTO operation.

Make The Right Start In Mower Safety

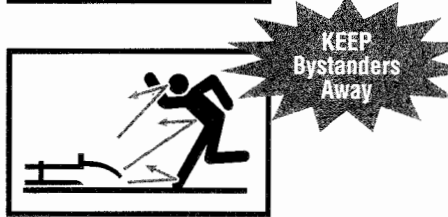
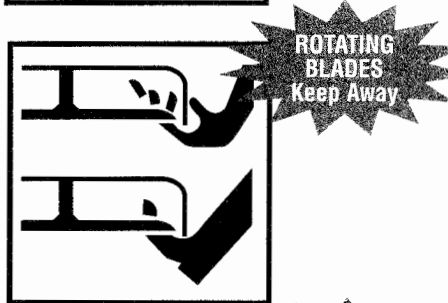
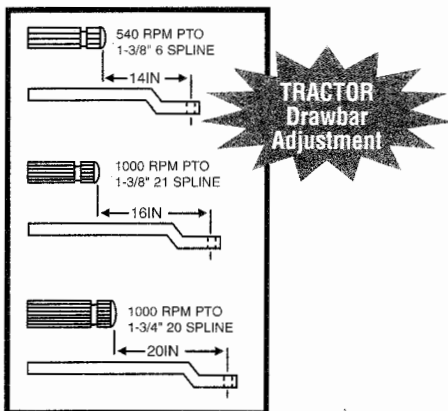
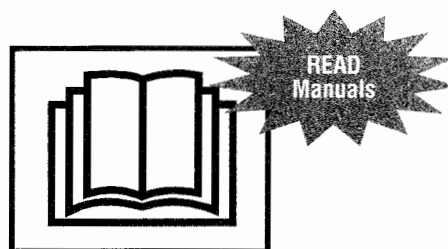
Mow only in daylight or good artificial light conditions.

To avoid serious injury or death from mower thrown objects or blade contact:

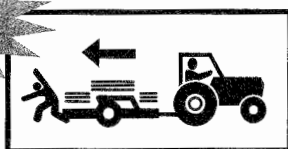
- Keep chain shields, flexible or solid deflector shields or discharge chutes in place and in good repair.
- Keep everyone several hundred (300) feet from mowing operation.
- Never direct mower discharge toward anyone.
- Keep hands, feet and other body parts away from rotating parts, blades and discharge openings.
- Do not operate mower in transport position.

Mower PTO drive engagement:

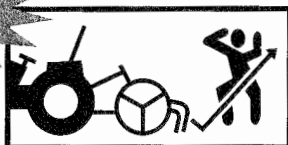
- Raise mower to maximum cutting height.
- Engage PTO at low engine rpm.
- Increase engine rpm to mower rated rpm PTO speed.
- Lower mower to desired cutting height.
- Stop and shut down immediately if the mower strikes an obstruction.
- Inspect and repair any mower damage before resuming mowing.
- Do not operate mower with severe vibrations or with unusual noise.



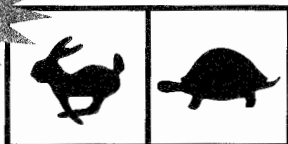
**LOOK OUT
For Others**



**MAINTAIN
FLAIL
Rear Roller**



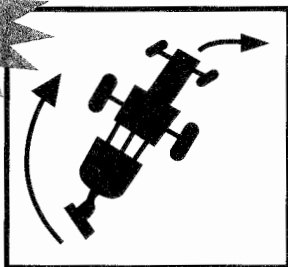
**USE PROPER
Ground Speeds**



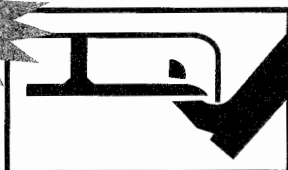
**STOP BLADE
Before
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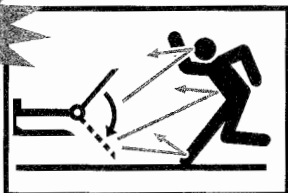
**PROVIDE
Adequate
Clearance for
Mower Swing**



**NEVER STAND
On Mower
Keep Away**



**KEEP CHUTE
In Place**



Mowing In Reverse Safety

Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible.

Do the following when mowing in reverse direction:

- Check for any persons behind mower before reversing direction.
- Use extreme care when reverse direction mowing.
- Maintain rotary mower front and rear safety shields and flail front shields and rear rollers.

Mowing Ground Speed

Proper ground speed depends on terrain conditions and grass type, density and height to be cut:

- Normal ground speed range is 2 to 5 mph.
- Slower ground speed for mowing tall, dense grass.
- Faster ground speed for mowing medium height, thin grass and under smooth terrain conditions.
- Use slower ground speed for mowing in rough, sloping or unfamiliar terrain.

Extremely tall grass mowing

- You may need to mow extremely tall grass twice.

First mowing pass:

- Cut grass higher (10-15 inches) to avoid hidden objects.

Second mowing pass:

- Remove debris and objects.
- Cut grass at desired height and 90 degree to the first mowing pass when possible.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice for your safety before dismounting tractor.

Watch equipment clearances

Three-point hitch and side mounted mowers have a larger turning arc than pull-type mowers. Allow sufficient clearance for safe turning.

Under Mount Mower Safety

When mowing with an under mount mower:

- Keep removable discharge chute in place and over discharge opening.
- Never stand on an operating mower housing.
- Distribute grass clipping with discharge chute facing mowed area.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice before clearing clogged mower or discharge chute.

Wing Or Boom Type Mower Overhead Obstruction Hazards and Risks

Check for overhead obstructions with raised wings or boom-type mowers to avoid serious injury or death by contact with:

- Electrical power lines.
- Low tree limbs.
- Other overhead obstructions.

Wing And Side Mount Mowers Safety

When mowing with wing and side-mount mowers:

Raised wing positions reduces shielding protection and increases the thrown object and blade contact hazard risks.

To avoid serious injury or death by thrown objects or blade contact from raising and lowering wings during mowing operations:

- Do not mow with bystanders in mowing area.
- Be sure no one is near mower while raising or lowering wings.
- Keep the exposed rotating wing blade time to a practical minimum during a raised wing mowing operations.
- Stop mowing if persons enter into mowing area.
- Only raise wing to clear objects in the mowing path or to match ground slope.
- Disengage wing drive for extended periods of mowing with raised wings.
- Lower raised wing to ground after clearing object or ground slope conditions.
- Allow all mower blades to stop rotating before raising wing sections during other operations.

Ditch Bank Mowing Safety

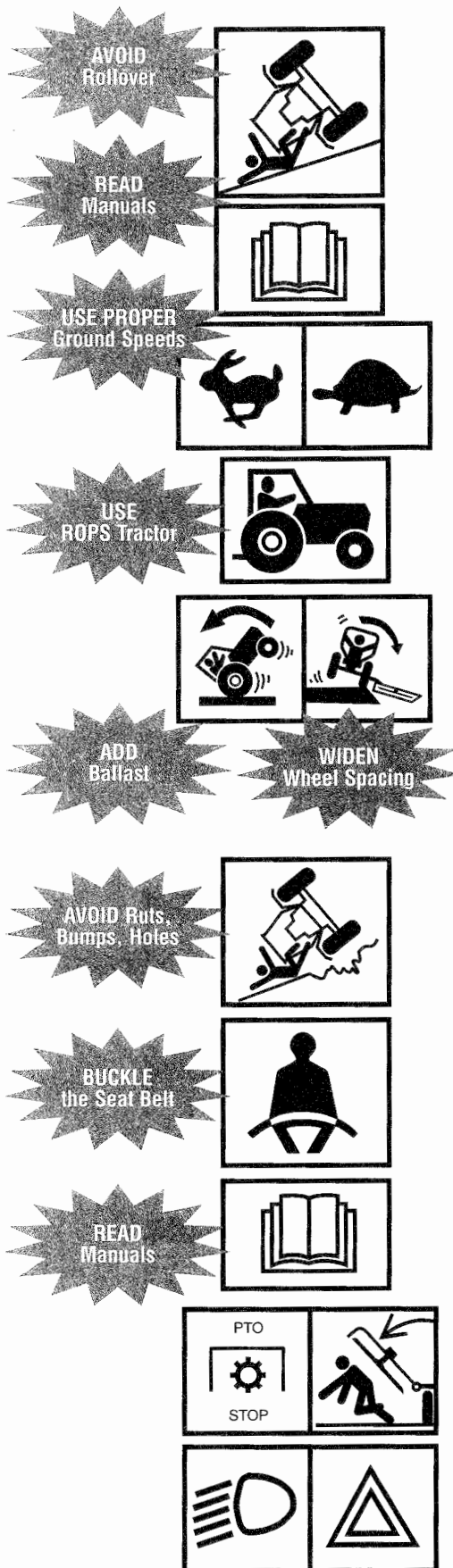
Use extreme care when mowing ditch banks. Watch for washouts, eroded areas and mowing obstructions along the ditch banks. Hitting obstructions with side-mount or boom mowers may swerve the tractor's front end toward the ditch.

Raised wing and boom-type mower ditch bank operations may reduce the mower's thrown object shielding effectiveness for the mower operator's protection.

To increase operator protection from thrown objects during ditch bank operations:

- Use enclosed ROPS cabs, special protective enclosures and other operator shielding when performing these operations.
- Inspect mowing area and remove or mark all foreign objects and debris to be avoided by mower.





Mowing Uneven Terrain Safely

The tractor and mower stability is reduced on slopes and uneven terrain.

You can prevent tractor and mower overturns and maintain equipment stability control by:

- Reviewing tractor and mower operator's manuals for operating safety practices on slopes and uneven terrain conditions. Explain the practices to those users and operators who cannot read.
- Avoiding extremely steep slope operations.
- Using extreme care to maintain control over your equipment when operating in these conditions.
- Increasing tractor stability by adding wheel weights and increasing wheel spacing (Refer to tractor operator's manual for recommendations)
- Using ROPS and seat-belt-equipped tractor for operator safety during mowing operations.
- Maintaining minimum ground speed.
- Making wide and gradual turns.
- Avoiding sudden starts, stops, and turns when operating up, down, or across slopes.
- Not raising rear-mount or side-mount mowers or mower wings from the ground during these operations .
- Keeping alert for holes, bumps, ruts, rocks, stumps or other obstructions that could overturn tractor and mower.
- Avoiding slippery ground conditions that could overturn tractor and mower.
- Avoiding tractor and mower "hang up" by diagonal passing through sharp dips and drops.

Use extreme care in maintaining equipment stability during all uneven terrain and slope mowing operations. You are the final judge as to any slope that can be safely negotiated.

Equipment Road Transporting Safety

If equipment is to be driven on public roads:

- Refer to tractor and mower manufacturers' operator's manuals for instructions.
- Explain the instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.
- Check local regulations for required equipment markings, lights, flashers, etc., while traveling on public roads. Lights are required on mowers that obscure tractor taillights and/or warning lights.

Before transporting on public roads:

- Disengage PTO to mower.
- Raise mower into transport position.
- Lock wings up into transport position with locking devices on wing-type and side-mounted mowers.
- Attach safety chain between pull-type mower and tractor.
- Make sure lights, flashers, reflectors and SMV are in place and visible.
- Check SMV (Slow-Moving Vehicle) emblem for visibility to any rear approaching vehicle.

While transporting on public roads:

- Obey all local traffic regulations.
- Approach intersections with caution.
- Observe speed and traffic control signs.
- Avoid panic stops and sharp turns.

Parking Safety

Park equipment at:

- Designated or out-of-traffic areas.
- Preferably level ground locations.

Sloping ground parking locations:

- Position equipment across slope.
- Set parking brakes.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Block tractor wheels.

Before temporarily parking and leaving disabled equipment near traffic areas:

- Remove equipment from public roads.
- Set out warning flags
- Use tractor flashers.

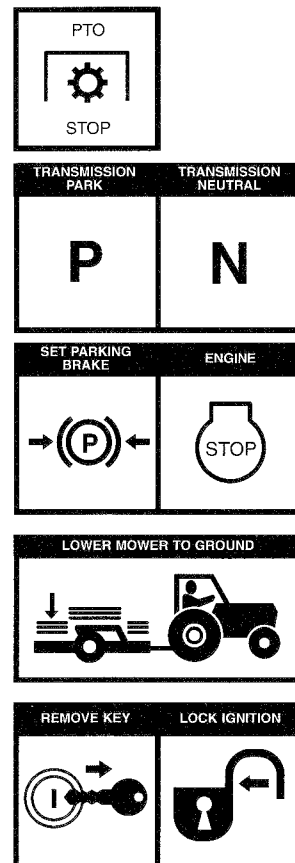
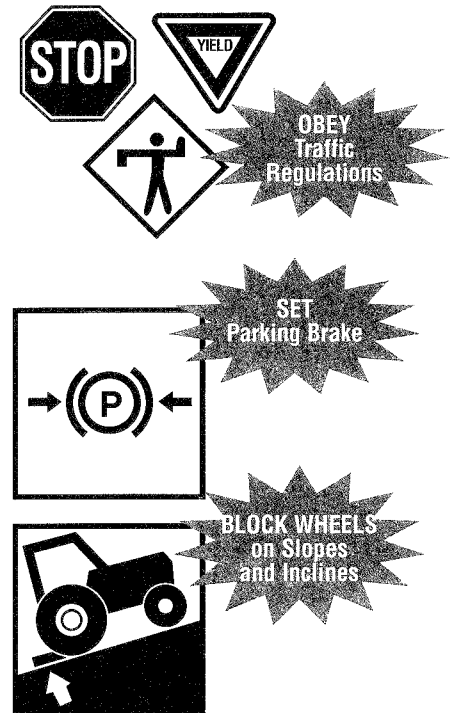
Safety – During Shutdown

Use Proper Equipment Shutdown Practices For Your Safety

Refer to tractor and mower manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommend shutdown procedures. Explain the procedures to those users or operators who cannot read.

Make proper equipment shutdown procedures an important habit to practice. Follow these safety practices before dismounting tractor:

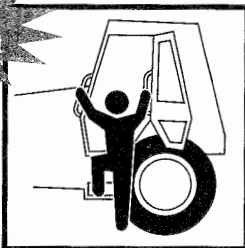
- Disengage PTO clutch and transmission drive.
- Idle engine for gradual cooling.
- Place the controls in PARK or NEUTRAL.
- Set the parking brake.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Lower wings of wing-type mowers to ground.
- Shut off engine.
- Wait for all moving parts to stop before equipment inspections, adjustments or repairs.
- Relieve hydraulic pressure by moving hydraulic controls several times in all directions.
- Lock ignition and remove key when equipment is to be inspected, repaired, adjusted or unattended.
- Lock anti-vandalism covers and closures when equipment is unattended.
- Dismount carefully maintaining three-point contact.



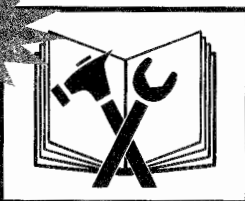
**WAIT For
Moving Parts to
Stop Before
Dismount**



**USE Three
Point Contact**



**MAINTAIN
Equipment**



FOLLOW

**Maintenance
Schedule**



Dismounting Tractor Safely

Before dismounting tractor:

- Use proper equipment shutdown practice for your safety.
- Lower implement to the ground, stop engine and PTO, set brakes, allow all moving parts to stop, and remove key before dismounting from tractor.
- Never dismount from moving equipment.
- Never jump from machines.
- Dismount carefully.
- Check for slippery steps
- Keep feet and hands away from controls.
- Use handholds and steps during dismount.
- Face machine and use 3 point contact (2 hands, 1 foot or 2 feet, 1 hand).

Safety – During Maintenance

Maintenance Safety

Do the following for your safety before performing any maintenance, repairs or service procedures:

- Follow proper equipment shutdown practice.
- Wear all the protective clothing and personal safety devices necessary to safely perform the job.
- Refer to your manufacturer's manuals for proper maintenance, repair and service procedures. Explain the procedures to those users and operators who cannot read.

Stored energy sources (electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, etc..) must be either locked, blocked, relieved, disconnected, stopped, secured, neutralized, controlled or reduced to a practical minimum before any maintenance, repair or service procedures can be done safely.

Some basic safety practices to prevent potential injuries from energy releasing sources:

- Disengage PTO before shutting off engine.
- Place controls in PARK or NEUTRAL before shutting off engine.
- Set parking brake or block wheels.
- Allow all moving parts to stop.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Lower wings to ground on wing-type mowers.
- Shut off tractor engine.
- Lock ignition and remove key.
- Look and listen for evidence of moving parts before opening shields.
- Securely support or block-up mower before working underneath mower or other lifted components.
- Securely support, block-up, or lock-up mower wings with locking devices before working near or underneath a wing-type mower.
- Relieve hydraulic system pressure by moving controls several times in all directions.
- Relieve pressure before disconnecting or disassembling any pressurized system.
- Block or relieve spring pressure before disassembling any spring-loaded mechanism.
- Securely support or block up any elevated machine component before working on it.
- Avoid flames, sparks, or smoking near any fuels.

Mower Manufacturer Parts and Your Safety

Most mower manufacturers use special fasteners and specially designed parts to meet mowing operations requirements.

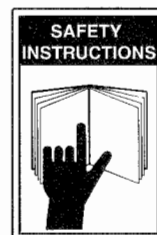
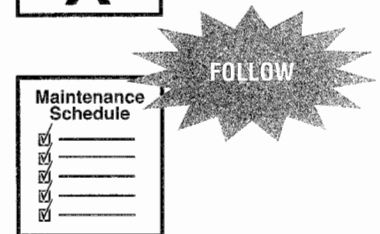
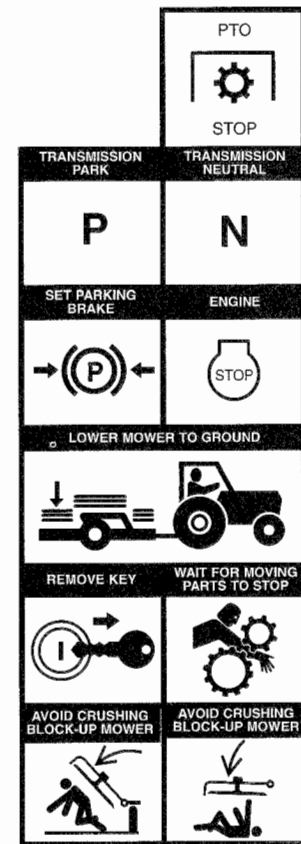
Critical safety-related parts (Self-locking blade bolts, blades, pins, shields or other special items) have specific strength, design and fit requirements for the make and model mower you are using.

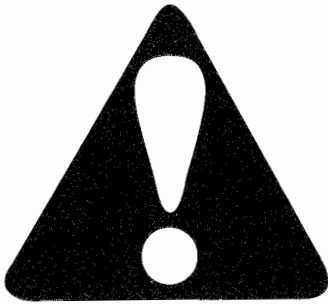
Modifications or repair parts not approved by the mower manufacturer can cause serious safety hazard exposure risk to you and others.

TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM UNAPPROVED PARTS OR MODIFICATIONS:

- Do not substitute common hardware for self-locking blade bolts or other special part items.
- Do not substitute blades, pins, shields or other critical safety-related parts.
- Do not use grade 5 or 8 bolts to replace grade 2 shear bolts.

FOLLOW THE SAFETY PRACTICE OF ALWAYS CHECKING THE MOWER FOR PROPER FUNCTION AFTER ALL ADJUSTMENTS REPAIRS OR SERVICE.

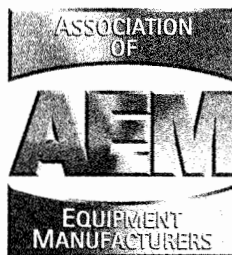




One Final Word



You have just finished reading the Mower Safety Manual. It is impossible for this manual to cover every potentially hazardous situation you may encounter. But, your knowledge of these safety precautions and your adherence to the basic rules of safety will help build good judgment in all situations. Our objective is to help you develop good safety habits and make you a better mower operator. The mower safety manual, safety precautions and basic rules of safety must be explained to those users or operators who cannot read.



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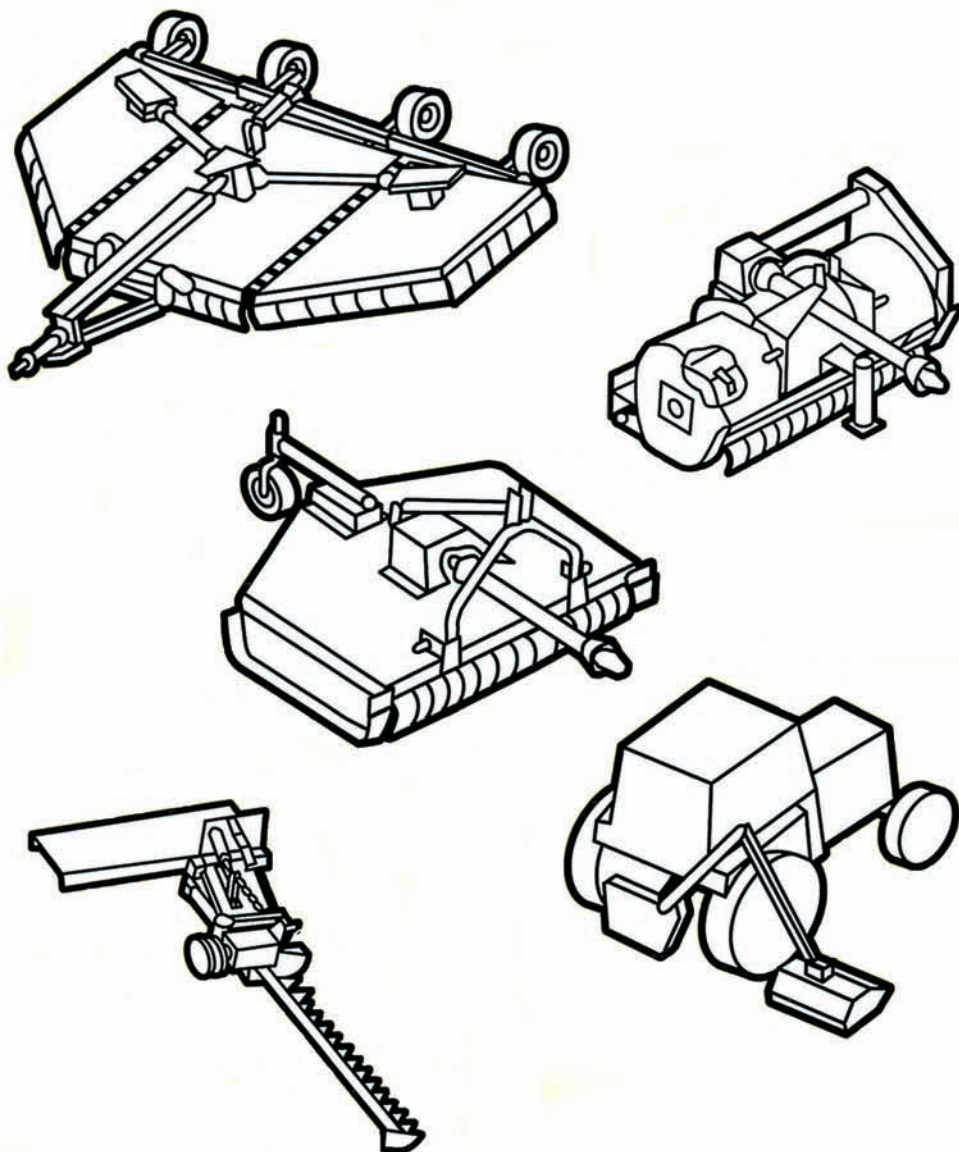
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Introducción

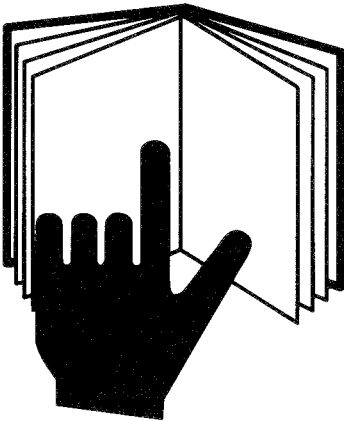
El propósito de este manual de seguridad es señalar algunas de las situaciones básicas de seguridad que pueden ocurrir durante la operación y mantenimiento de su máquina y sugerir los métodos posibles para tratar estas situaciones. Este manual NO es un sustituto de el (los) manual(es) del fabricante.

Pueden ser necesarias algunas precauciones adicionales, o algunas instrucciones no pueden aplicar, dependiendo del equipo, dispositivos de fijación, y las condiciones del lugar de trabajo o del área en que se realiza el servicio. El fabricante no tiene control directo sobre las aplicaciones, operación, inspección, lubricación o mantenimiento de la máquina. Por lo tanto, es **SU** responsabilidad practicar buenas medidas de seguridad en estas áreas.

La información proporcionada en este manual sirve como complemento de los detalles de información específicos de su máquina que están incluidos en el (los) manual(es) del fabricante. La información adicional que pueda afectar la operación segura de su máquina puede estar incluida en las etiquetas de seguridad o en los requisitos del seguro, programas de seguridad del empleador, códigos de seguridad, leyes locales del estado/provincia y leyes nacionales, reglas y reglamentos.

IMPORTANTE: si usted no tiene el (los) manual(es) del fabricante de su máquina específica, obtenga un manual de reemplazo con su empleador, distribuidor de equipo o el fabricante de su máquina. Mantenga este manual de seguridad y el (los) manual(es) del fabricante con su máquina.

Palabras para el usuario



Usted tiene la responsabilidad de leer y comprender este manual de seguridad y el (los) manual(es) del fabricante, antes de operar esta máquina. Este manual de seguridad lo guía paso a paso a lo largo de su día de trabajo. El manual de seguridad, el (los) manual(es) del fabricante, avisos de seguridad (calcomanías) y precauciones de seguridad, deben explicarse a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer el material.

Adicionalmente al diseño y configuración del equipo el **CONTROL DEL PELIGRO** y la **PREVENCIÓN DE ACCIDENTES** dependen de la conciencia, preocupación, prudencia y capacitación adecuada de los propietarios y operadores durante la operación, transporte, mantenimiento y almacenamiento del equipo.

Recuerde que **USTED** es la clave para mantener la seguridad. Las buenas prácticas de seguridad no lo protegen solamente a usted sino que también a las personas que lo rodean. Estudie este manual y el (los) manual(es) del fabricante para su máquina específica. Hágalos una parte integral de su programa de seguridad. Recuerde que este manual de seguridad está escrito únicamente para segadoras industriales y agrícolas.

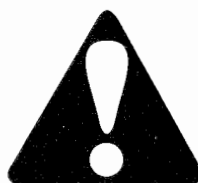
Practique todas las precauciones de seguridad usuales y acostumbradas en el trabajo y más que todo – recuerde que la seguridad depende de USTED. Solamente USTED puede evitar las lesiones graves o la muerte debidas a prácticas inseguras.

Advertencia de seguridad

Símbolo

Este símbolo de alerta de seguridad significa:

“¡ATENCIÓN! ¡MANTÉNGASE ALERTA! ¡SU SEGURIDAD ESTÁ INVOLUCRADA!”



El símbolo de alerta de seguridad identifica los mensajes de seguridad importantes en el equipo, en los avisos de seguridad, en los manuales y en otros lugares. Cuando usted vea este símbolo, esté alerta a la posibilidad de muerte o lesiones. Siga las instrucciones en el aviso de seguridad.

Palabras de señales

Las palabras de señales son palabras específicas que regularmente se encontrarán en las calcomanías de seguridad en este equipo o en otros equipos en el lugar de trabajo. Estas palabras tienen el objetivo de alertar a la persona que las vea de la presencia y el grado relativo de un riesgo.



Esta palabra de señal indica una situación de riesgo inminente que si no es evitado podrá resultar en la muerte o lesiones graves.



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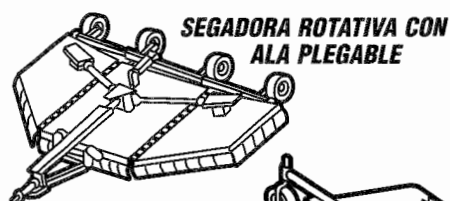
Esta palabra de señal indica una situación potencialmente riesgosa que si no se evita podría resultar en lesiones menores o moderadas.

- LOS ACCIDENTES PUEDEN LISIAR Y CAUSAR LA MUERTE.
- LOS ACCIDENTES SON COSTOSOS.
- LOS ACCIDENTES PUEDEN EVITARSE.

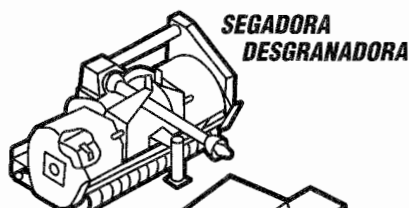
Segadoras industriales y agrícolas

Es una segadora para cortar pasto, triturar residuos de cultivos, cortar maleza para la limpieza de terrenos, vías navegables, derechos de paso, cortes en los bordes de los caminos o carreteras.

TIPOS DE SEGADORAS INDUSTRIALES Y AGRÍCOLAS:



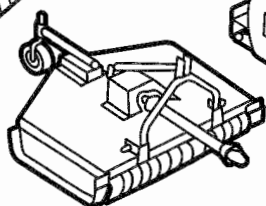
SEGADORA ROTATIVA CON ALA PLEGABLE



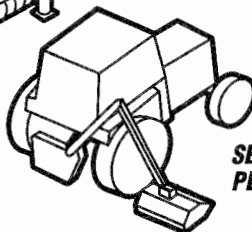
SEGADORA DESGRANADORA



SEGADORA DE BARRA TIPO HOZ



SEGADORA ROTATIVA



SEGADORA DE PESCANTE

Sea un operador responsable



Para la operación segura de su equipo usted debe ser un operador responsable. Un operador responsable debe comprender claramente las instrucciones escritas proporcionadas por el fabricante ser capacitado – incluyendo la operación real del equipo y el conocimiento de las reglas y reglamentos de seguridad del lugar de trabajo.

Las medicinas y el alcohol pueden y afectarán el estado de alerta y coordinación del operador, por lo tanto, afectarán la habilidad del operador para operar el equipo en forma segura. Un operador **NUNCA** debe usar medicinas que puedan afectar su estado de alerta, juicio y coordinación; ni beber alcohol mientras opera equipo motorizado incluyendo tractores y segadoras. Un operador que use medicamentos por prescripción médica o de venta libre debe consultar con un médico profesional para conocer sobre cualquier efecto secundario que podría limitar su habilidad para operar este equipo en forma segura. **NUNCA** permita que alguien opere este equipo cuando estén afectados su estado de juicio alerta o de coordinación.

Protéjase usted mismo

Use toda la ropa protectora y los dispositivos de seguridad personal que se le proporcionen o que sean los indicados para las condiciones de trabajo.

Usted puede necesitar:

- Casco protector
- Zapatos de seguridad
- Anteojos de seguridad con protección lateral, gafas protectoras o protector facial
- Guantes extrafuertes
- Protección auditiva
- Ropa reflectora
- Equipo para clima húmedo
- Respirador o máscara filtrante

Use ropa apropiada para las condiciones del trabajo.

Siempre conozca cómo obtener ayuda en caso de una emergencia. Conozca donde encontrar y cómo usar los equipos de primeros auxilios y el extintor de incendios/sistema de supresión de incendios.



**Manténgase alerta. Evite los accidentes.
No conozca la seguridad en la forma más difícil.**

Manejo seguro de riesgos y peligros

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EL MANEJO SEGURO DE RIESGOS Y PELIGROS ES UN ELEMENTO ESENCIAL PARA LOS PROPIETARIOS Y OPERADORES RESPONSABLES DE TRACTORES Y SEGADORAS.

REVISE EL MANEJO SEGURO DE LOS PELIGROS Y RIESGOS ENUMERADOS A CONTINUACIÓN.

Peligro de objetos despididos

EXISTE LA POSIBILIDAD DEL RIESGO DE LESIONES A LOS OPERADORES Y TRANSEÚNTES CAUSADAS POR OBJETOS DESPIDIDOS DURANTE LA OPERACIÓN DE LA SEGADORA POR LOS SIGUIENTES:

OBJETOS (PIEDRAS, ESCOMBROS, HOJAS ROTAS DE LA SEGADORA, PERNOS DE LA HOJA, CABLES, CADENAS, ALAMBRE, ETC.) DESPIDIDOS POR LA SEGADORA.

Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas

La cubierta de la segadora y los dispositivos protectores no pueden evitar que escapen todos los objetos o desechos del área cerrada de la hoja en todas las condiciones de segado. Es posible que los objetos escapen y se desplacen cientos de pies (300 [100 m]).

PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad recomendadas durante la operación. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

PARA AYUDAR A EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE CAUSADAS POR OBJETOS QUE GOLPEEN AL OPERADOR U OTRAS PERSONAS HAGA LO SIGUIENTE:

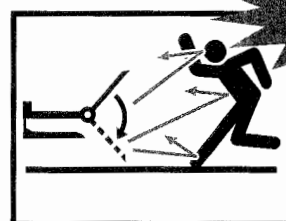
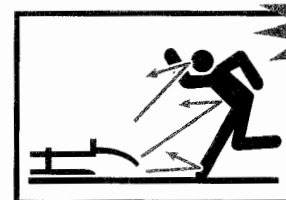
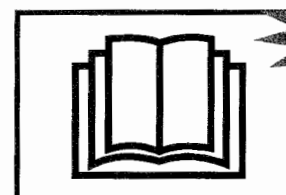
SEGURIDAD DE TRANSEÚNTES

- Mantenga a los transeúntes a varios cientos de pies (300 [100 m]) del área segada.

SEGURIDAD PROPORCIONADA POR LOS DISPOSITIVOS PROTECTORES DEL EQUIPO

Para contener, desviar o reducir los objetos despididos del área cerrada de la hoja:

- Mantenga la cadena, blindajes deflectores flexibles o sólidos colocados en la parte delantera y trasera de la cubierta de la segadora, en su lugar y en buen estado de funcionamiento.
- No opere el equipo con los blindajes para objetos despididos dañados o sin que estén colocados en su lugar.



SEGURIDAD DEL OPERADOR

La operación de las segadoras con las alas levantadas, de montaje lateral y pescante, pueden reducir la efectividad del blindaje para proteger al operador contra los objetos despedidos de la segadora.

Haga lo indicado a continuación para aumentar la protección del operador contra los objetos despedidos durante las operaciones de segado:

- Use cabinas cerradas con una estructura de protección contra vuelcos (ROPS), cubiertas protectoras especiales, mallas u otros dispositivos para proteger al operador cuando efectúa estas operaciones.

SOBREPASAR LAS VELOCIDADES RECOMENDADAS PARA LA TOMA DE FUERZA (PTO)

No sobrepase las velocidades recomendadas por el fabricante para la toma de fuerza (PTO).

Las velocidades excesivas de la toma de fuerza (PTO) pueden causar:

- Fallo de la hoja
- Escape de objetos a velocidad alta u hojas rotas despedidas del área cerrada de la hoja de la segadora.
- Fallos potenciales de la línea de transmisión de 540 rpm cuando se opera a velocidades de 750 a 1000 rpm.

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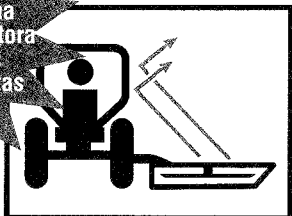
- Nunca debe operar la segadora con hojas rotas, dobladas, faltantes o que estén extremadamente desgastadas.
- Antes de segar retire los desechos y objetos extraños para evitar que sean recogidos y despedidos por la segadora.
- No debe operar la segadora durante el transporte o en posición de ala levantada.

PRÁCTICAS DE MANTENIMIENTO RECOMENDADAS

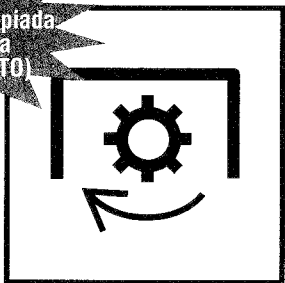
Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer sobre la inspección y mantenimiento de las defensas de la cadena y blindaje deflector flexible o sólido:

- Reemplace las defensas desgastadas o dañadas y los demás blindajes antes de segar.
- Use solamente las defensas y blindajes de reemplazo del fabricante. Otras defensas o blindajes pueden no encajar, o los materiales pueden no ser adecuados para cumplir con los requisitos de resistencia del equipo.
- Reemplace las calcomanías desgastadas o dañadas y las instrucciones de advertencia.
- Explique las instrucciones de inspección y mantenimiento a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

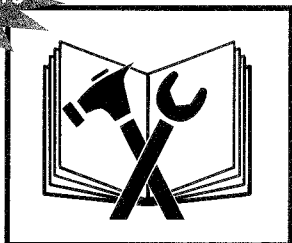
USE cabinas cerradas con una estructura protectora contra vuelcos (ROPS) o cubiertas protectoras



USE la velocidad apropiada de la toma de fuerza (PTO)



DÉ MANTENIMIENTO a su equipo



Peligros y riesgos de las hojas rotativas y línea de transmisión

EXISTE EL RIESGO DE POSIBLES LESIONES A LOS OPERADORES DE LA SEGADORA Y TRANSEÚNTES DURANTE LAS OPERACIONES DE SEGADO CAUSADAS POR LO SIGUIENTE:

- CONTACTO DEL CUERPO CON LAS HOJAS ROTATIVAS.
- ENREDO DEL CUERPO CON LAS LÍNEAS DE TRANSMISIÓN Y PIEZAS ROTATIVAS.

Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas

PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. Para evitar el riesgo de lesiones graves o la muerte causadas por el contacto con la hoja en movimiento, línea de transmisión o enredo de los operadores u otras personas haga lo siguiente:

SEGURIDAD DE TRANSEÚNTES

- No debe operar cerca de transeúntes.
- Mantenga a otras personas a varios cientos de pies (300 [100 m]) del área de segado.

PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD DEL OPERADOR

- No permita pasajeros en el tractor o segadora. Asegúrese el cinturón de seguridad durante el segado.
- Use la práctica de parada del equipo apropiada antes de dar servicio, ajustar, limpiar o eliminar las obstrucciones de la segadora.
- Manténgase alejado de las hojas rotativas, piezas y líneas de transmisión.
- Nunca arranque el motor del tractor mientras esté de pie al lado del equipo.
- Solamente arranque el motor del tractor cuando esté sentado en el asiento del operador con el cinturón de seguridad abrochado.

PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS PARA DEFENSAS Y BLINDAJES DE LA LÍNEA DE TRANSMISIÓN

- Mantenga las líneas de transmisión y otros blindajes colocados y en buen estado.
- No debe operar la segadora cuando las defensas, defensas de la línea de transmisión u otros blindajes hagan falta o estén dañados.

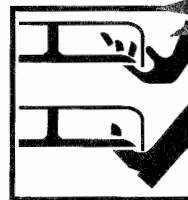
PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las instrucciones sobre defensas, defensas de la línea de transmisión y otros blindajes:

- Reemplace las defensas, defensas de la línea de transmisión y otros blindajes desgastados o dañados antes de segar.
- Use solamente defensas y blindajes de reemplazo hechas por el fabricante. Otras defensas o blindajes pueden no encajar o ser de materiales inadecuados que no cumplan con los requisitos de resistencia del equipo.
- Reemplace las calcomanías e instrucciones de advertencia desgastadas o dañadas.
- Explique las instrucciones de inspección y mantenimiento a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.



EVITE enredarse



EVITE las piezas rotativas



LEA los manuales



ASEGÚRESE el cinturón de seguridad



NO LLEVE PASAJEROS

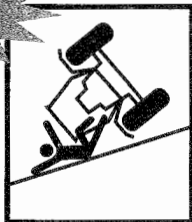


EVITE el ser atropellado



DÉ MANTENIMIENTO a su equipo

EVITE vuelcos



USE la estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) del tractor



LEA los manuales



AGREGUE balasto



AUMENTE el espacio entre las ruedas y AGREGUE balasto en el lado contrario



ASEGURESE el cinturón de seguridad



EVITE EL APLASTAMIENTO asegure el ala



Peligros y riesgos de rodamiento o vuelco del tractor y segadora

EXISTE UN RIESGO DE LESIONES POSIBLES AL OPERADOR POR RODAMIENTO O VUELCO DE LA SEGADORA DURANTE LAS OPERACIONES DE SEGADO POR LO SIGUIENTE:

- TERRENO ACCIDENTADO, PENDIENTES INCLINADAS, AGUJEROS, BACHES, SURCOS, PIEDRAS, TRONCOS U OTRAS OBSTRUCCIONES QUE PODRÍAN VOLCAR EL TRACTOR Y SEGADORA.
- VELOCIDADES ABSOLUTAS EXCESIVAS PARA ESTAS CONDICIONES DE TERRENO.

Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas

Cuando sea posible, retire los troncos, piedras, etc., o márkuelos claramente con las demás obstrucciones para evitar vuelcos, averías y condiciones de conducción peligrosas. Tenga extremo cuidado para mantener el control sobre el equipo cuando opere en terrenos con estas condiciones.

ESTRUCTURAS CONTRA VUELCO (ROPS) RECOMENDADAS PARA TRACTORES

Un tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) o cabina ROPS cerrada y cinturón de seguridad para la seguridad del operador, es esencial para la protección adicional del operador, cuando opera en terrenos con estas condiciones

AJUSTES RECOMENDADOS PARA LA ESTABILIDAD DEL TRACTOR

Lea el manual del operador del tractor para conocer los ajustes para aumentar la estabilidad del tractor:

- Agregue pesas o balasto a las ruedas delanteras y traseras.
- Ajuste el espacio entre las ruedas al ancho máximo.
- Agregue contra balasto en el lado contrario a las segadoras de montaje lateral y de pescante.
- Explique los ajustes a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad de operación recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. **Para evitar lesiones graves o la muerte del operador por el vuelco del tractor y segadora, haga lo siguiente:**

- Abroche firmemente el cinturón de seguridad cuando segue con tractores equipados con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS).
- Evite la velocidad absoluta excesiva de acuerdo con las condiciones del terreno.
- Evite los arranques, paradas y virajes repentinos cuando opere subiendo, bajando o atravesando pendientes.
- Evite las condiciones de terreno resbaloso.
- Haga virajes anchos y graduales.
- Planifique segar cuesta abajo en pendientes inclinadas para evitar los vuelcos.

Peligros y riesgos de aplastamiento por una segadora o piezas desprendidas

EXISTE EL RIESGO DE UNA LESIÓN POR APLASTAMIENTO PARA LOS OPERADORES Y OTRAS PERSONAS DURANTE LAS OPERACIONES DE SEGADO DEBIDO A LO SIGUIENTE:

- SEGADORA O EQUIPO DESPRENDIDO DEBIDO A FALLO DEL SISTEMA HIDRÁULICO.
- FALLO EN DAR SOPORTE, BLOQUEAR O ASEGURAR COMPLETAMENTE LA SEGADORA O PIEZAS DEL EQUIPO.

Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad de operación recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. **Para ayudar a evitar lesiones serias o la muerte de los operadores y otras personas causadas por la caída de la segadora o piezas de equipo, haga lo siguiente:**

PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS

Antes de trabajar cerca o debajo de la segadora o piezas de equipo en posición levantada:

- Use la práctica de parada del equipo apropiada antes de dar servicio, ajustar, limpiar o eliminar las obstrucciones de la segadora.
- Soporte o coloque bloques firmemente debajo de la segadora o piezas de equipo.
- En las segadoras de tipo ala coloque bloques o asegure firmemente las alas con los seguros o baje al suelo la segadora o piezas del equipo.
- Use los seguros de transporte cuando transporte la segadora en caminos públicos.

Peligros y riesgos por la fuga de fluido hidráulico a presión alta

EXISTE UN RIESGO PARA LOS OPERADORES DE SEGADORAS Y OTRAS PERSONAS DE UNA POSIBLE INYECCIÓN DE FLUIDO A PRESIÓN ALTA O GANGRENA CAUSADA POR LA INYECCIÓN EN LA PIEL DE ACEITE HIDRÁULICO O DIESEL.

PARA EVITAR LA GANGRENA, EL FLUIDO INYECTADO DEBE SER ELIMINADO QUIRÚRGICAMENTE EN POCAS HORAS, POR UN MÉDICO FAMILIARIZADO CON ESTE TIPO DE LESIÓN.

PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. Las fugas de fluido a presión alta por agujeros minúsculos pueden ser casi invisibles.

Para ayudar a evitar lesiones serias o la muerte haga lo siguiente:

- Busque las fugas con pedazos de cartón o madera.
- No use las manos para verificar la presencia de fugas.
- Descargue la presión del sistema antes de desconectar los conductos.
- Antes de aplicar presión al sistema:
 - Revise que los conductos, tuberías y mangueras no estén dañados.
 - Revise que las conexiones estén apretadas.
- Antes de operar los sistemas presurizados:
 - Descargue el aire del sistema.
 - Haga referencia al (los) manual(es) del operador del fabricante para obtener instrucciones.
- Explique los procedimientos a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

Peligros y riesgos durante el llenado de combustible del tractor

Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte por incendio durante el llenado:

- Apague el motor y la ignición.
- Nunca llene el tanque de combustible cerca de llamas descubiertas.
- Nunca fume mientras llena combustible.
- Evite las chispas causadas por la electricidad estática poniendo a tierra la boquilla del combustible contra el cuello de llenado del tanque.
- Evite sobrellenar el tanque o derramar el combustible.
- Limpie inmediatamente el combustible derramado.
- Siempre vuelva a colocar la tapa del combustible.

Para evitar lesiones serias o la muerte causadas por las emanaciones del escape del motor:

- Ventile adecuadamente los espacios cerrados antes de arrancar el motor.



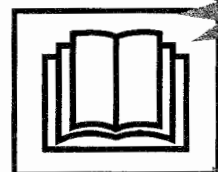
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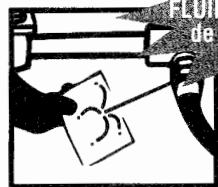
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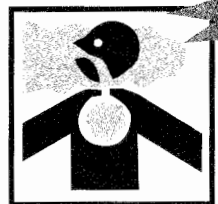
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Cumpla con un programa de seguridad

LA SEGURIDAD ES IMPORTANTE PARA LOS PROPIETARIOS Y OPERADORES RESPONSABLES DE TRACTORES Y SEGADORAS. HAGA LO SIGUIENTE PARA SU SEGURIDAD DURANTE LA OPERACIÓN DE SEGADO:

SEA UN OPERADOR CAPACITADO HACIENDO LO SIGUIENTE:

- Leyendo, comprendiendo y obedeciendo las instrucciones escritas del fabricante en el (los) manual(es) del operador y avisos de seguridad en la segadora y tractor.
- Recibiendo capacitación operativa para la segadora y tractor.
- Solicitando a su distribuidor de equipo o supervisor que le explique lo que usted no comprende.
- Explicando las instrucciones escritas en el (los) manual(es) del operador y avisos de seguridad (calcomanías) en la segadora y tractor a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

Seguridad previa a la operación

Conozca las reglas y reglamentaciones de seguridad del lugar de trabajo

Pregunte a su supervisor sobre las reglas de seguridad de operación del equipo que usted deberá obedecer.

Algunas reglas para su seguridad y la de los demás:

- Un tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) es necesario para la protección del operador durante las operaciones de segado.
- Conozca la capacidad y características de operación de la segadora y tractor.
- Nunca altere o desmonte el equipo de seguridad.
- Nunca permita que niños o personas no capacitadas operen una segadora o tractor.
- Nunca permita pasajeros en la segadora o tractor.
- Mantenga a otras personas alejadas de la operación de segado.
- Use la práctica apropiada para parar el equipo antes de bajarse del tractor.
- Permita que se detengan todas las piezas móviles antes de efectuar inspecciones, reparaciones o ajustes al equipo.
- Soporte o coloque bloques firmemente debajo de la segadora antes de trabajar debajo de la segadora o componentes elevados.
- Use la ropa protectora y dispositivos de seguridad personal que le han sido asignados o recomendados por el fabricante del equipo.



Conozca los controles del tractor y segadora

Conozca lo siguiente sobre su tractor y segadora:

- Función, propósito y uso de los controles.
- Velocidades seguras de operación.
- Capacidad para operar en forma segura en pendientes y terreno accidentado.
- Características de frenado y dirección.
- Espacios libres necesarios para la operación del tractor y segadora.
- Cómo detener rápidamente el equipo cuando haya una emergencia.

Use todos los dispositivos de seguridad del equipo disponibles

Para ayudar a mantener su seguridad y la de las personas que lo rodean:

- Asegúrese de que las defensas, blindajes y avisos de seguridad recomendados por el fabricante están instalados en el equipo y en buen estado.
- Mantenga todos los dispositivos protectores en su lugar y abrochados firmemente.
- **NUNCA** debe operar su equipo con los dispositivos de seguridad sin colocar, desconectados o dañados.
- Use el balasto y peso requerido para la estabilidad operativa del equipo.

Inspeccione el equipo de la segadora y tractor

Antes de comenzar su día de trabajo:

- Revise que no haya piezas del tractor y segadora que estén sueltas, rotas, dañadas o que no estén colocadas en su lugar.
- Repare o reemplace estas piezas cuando sea necesario.
- Verifique que los implementos del tractor y segadora sean los apropiados.
- Verifique que sean iguales las rpm de régimen de la toma de fuerza (PTO) a las del tractor y de la segadora.
- Revise el estado de las hojas de la segadora. Afile o reemplace de acuerdo con las recomendaciones del fabricante. Las modificaciones a las hojas como soldadura o endurecimiento de los bordes cortantes con soldadura o enderezado de las hojas dobladas, pueden reducir la resistencia de las hojas y afectar adversamente las propiedades y seguridad de las hojas.
- Verifique que todas las defensas y blindajes estén colocados en su lugar y que todo el equipo esté en buen estado de funcionamiento. Esto incluye la línea de transmisión de la toma de fuerza (PTO), caja de engranajes, defensas y blindajes del implemento que sirven para la protección del operador.
- Verifique que la horqueta de la línea de transmisión y los dispositivos de seguro estén correctamente asegurados.
- Verifique que los sistemas hidráulicos del tractor y segadora no estén dañados ni tengan fugas.
- Revise y lea los avisos de seguridad y las instrucciones de advertencia.
- Explique los avisos de seguridad e instrucciones de advertencia a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

Inspeccione el área de trabajo

Inspeccione, identifique y evite las condiciones peligrosas en el área de trabajo:

- Terreno accidentado, bajadas escarpadas, zanjas, agujeros, pendientes inclinadas, troncos, agua estancada, suelo de lodo suave, condiciones resbalosas, desechos y objetos extraños.
- Inspeccione el área de segado y elimine o marque todos los objetos extraños y desechos que debe evitar con la segadora.

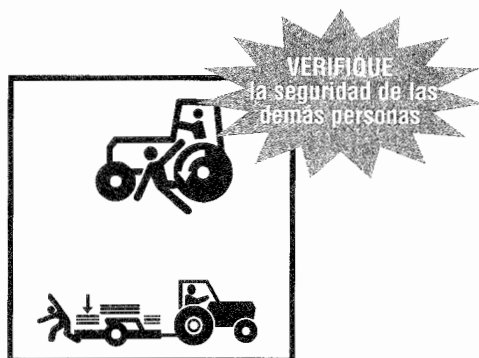
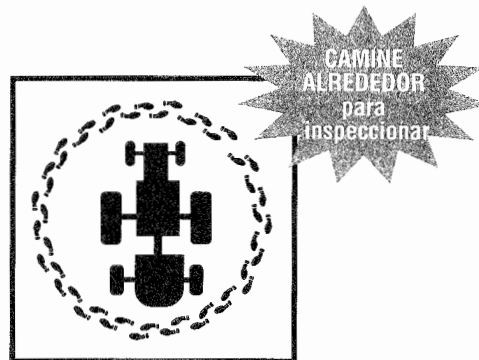
Analice el área de segado para establecer:

- El mejor y más seguro procedimiento de segado.
- Tipo de material y altura de segado.
- Estado del terreno de operación.
- El uso de un patrón de segado de desplazamiento hacia delante siempre que sea posible.

Verifique la seguridad de las demás personas

Antes de arrancar el equipo:

- Camine alrededor del equipo.
- Verifique que no haya nadie debajo, sobre o cerca del equipo.
- Aleje a todas las personas de estas áreas.
- Haga sonar una alarma.



Seguridad durante el arranque y prueba //

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el contacto de
tres puntos



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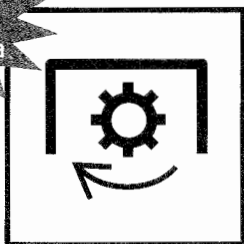


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Arranque únicamente desde el asiento, en estacionamiento o en punto muerto. El arranque en otra posición puede causar la muerte.

USE la
velocidad
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(PTO)



Seguridad durante la subida al tractor

Antes de subir:

- Límpiense los zapatos y las manos.

Durante la subida y la bajada del tractor:

- Use las asas y placas de los escalones.
- Nunca utilice los volantes de dirección o controles como asas.
- Nunca suba ni baje de un tractor en movimiento.

Prueba de seguridad de los controles del tractor y segadora

Antes del arranque:

- Ajuste y abroche el cinturón de seguridad en su tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS).
- Verifique que el freno de estacionamiento esté enganchado.
- Verifique que desenganche la toma de fuerza (PTO).
- Verifique que todos los controles estén en la posición de punto muerto (N) o de estacionamiento (P).
- Advierta a las demás personas presentes en el área antes de arrancar el tractor.
- Cumpla con los procedimientos de arranque recomendados por el fabricante del tractor.

Después del arranque:

- Revise que todos los instrumentos, indicadores y luces indicadoras funcionen normalmente.
- Revise que todos los controles, dirección y frenos del tractor funcionen apropiadamente.
- Repare un tractor que no esté funcionando apropiadamente antes de usarlo.
- Suba y baje la segadora cuando la línea de transmisión llegue al fondo o cuando existen problemas de enganche.
- Verifique que su equipo no vibre excesivamente y que no tenga ruidos anormales.
- Use prácticas apropiadas para detener el equipo antes de inspeccionarlo.

Seguridad en el sistema de toma de fuerza y segadora

Tractores con sistemas de doble velocidad (540 ó 1000 rpm) toma de fuerza (PTO) de cambios.

Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte por el fallo de piezas causado por la sobrevelocidad de la segadora:

- Asegúrese de colocar el selector de la toma de fuerza (PTO) a la velocidad de régimen de las rpm de la toma de fuerza (PTO).

Tractores con sistemas con toma de fuerza (PTO) impulsados por la transmisión.

Una segadora rotativa tendrá un efecto significativo de volante, que puede continuar impulsando el tractor cuando tiene un sistema de toma de fuerza (PTO) impulsado por la transmisión.

El tractor debe estar equipado y ser operado como se indica a continuación:

- Instale un embrague de sobremarcha.
- Permítase suficiente espacio y tiempo para maniobrar anticipando los virajes, paradas y reducciones de velocidad.

Seguridad durante la operación

Seguridad durante el enganche de la segadora al tractor

Seguridad en el montaje de la segadora con un enganche de tres puntos:

- Haga referencia a los manuales de los fabricantes de la segadoras y el tractor.
- Coloque la palanca selectora del elevador de potencia hidráulica del tractor (eje de balancín) en posición baja para evitar el movimiento inesperado.
- Explique los procedimientos de enganche a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

Seguridad en el montaje de la segadora con enganche de tipo tiro:

- Haga referencia a los manuales del fabricante de la segadora y tractor.
- Utilice solamente un enganche de barra de tiro.
- No la enganche al eje trasero del tractor ni a los brazos del enganche de tres puntos.
- Ajuste la longitud de la barra de tiro del tractor para la operación de la toma de fuerza (PTO) de 540 ó 1000 rpm.

Comience el uso de la segadora en forma correcta para mayor seguridad

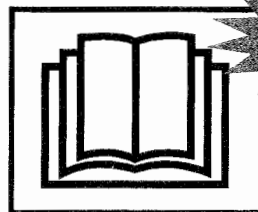
Segue solamente durante el día o cuando exista iluminación artificial adecuada.

Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte causadas por objetos despedidos por la segadora o contacto con las hojas:

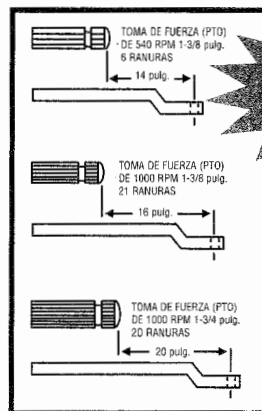
- Mantenga los blindajes de la cadena, blindajes deflectores flexibles o sólidos, conductos de descarga, colocados en su lugar y en buen estado.
- Mantenga a todas las personas a varios cientos de pies (300 [100 m]) de la operación de segado.
- Nunca dirija hacia ninguna persona la descarga de la segadora.
- Mantenga las manos, pies y otras partes del cuerpo alejadas de las piezas rotativas, hojas y agujeros de descarga.
- No debe operar la segadora en posición de transporte.

Enganche de la transmisión, toma de fuerza (PTO) de la segadora:

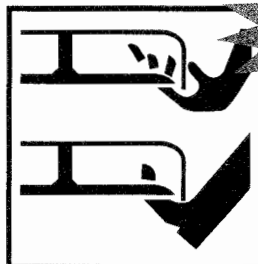
- Suba la segadora a la altura máxima de corte.
- Enganche la toma de fuerza (PTO) con rpm bajas del motor.
- Aumente las rpm del motor a la velocidad de régimen de las rpm de la toma de fuerza (PTO).
- Baje la segadora a la altura de corte deseado.
- Deténgase y pare inmediatamente si la segadora golpea una obstrucción.
- Inspeccione y repare cualquier daño que tenga la segadora antes de reiniciar el segado.
- No debe operar la segadora cuando tenga vibración excesiva o ruidos anormales.



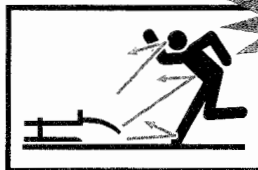
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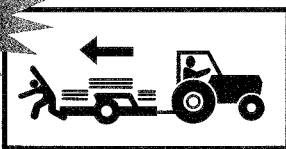


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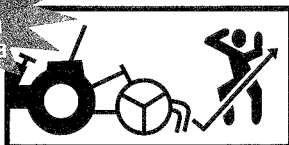


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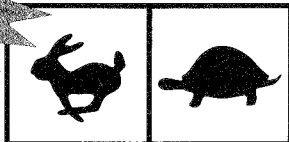
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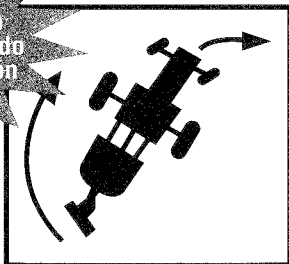
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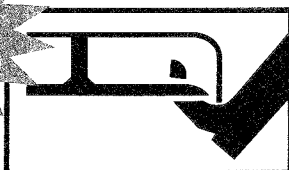
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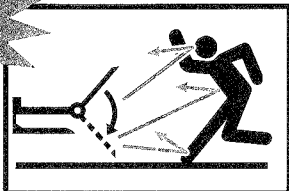
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colocado en
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Seguridad durante el segado en marcha atrás

Evite segar en marcha atrás siempre que sea posible.

Haga lo siguiente cuando sega en marcha atrás:

- Verifique que no haya personas atrás de la segadora antes de dar marcha atrás.
- Use extremo cuidado al invertir la dirección del segado.
- Mantenga los blindajes de seguridad delanteros y traseros y los blindajes delanteros de la desgranadora y los rodillos traseros de la segadora rotativa.

Velocidad absoluta de segado

La velocidad absoluta depende de las condiciones del terreno, tipo de pasto, densidad y la altura de corte:

- El alcance normal de la velocidad absoluta es de 2 a 5 mph.
- La velocidad absoluta debe ser menor cuando sega pasto alto y denso.
- La velocidad absoluta puede ser mayor cuando sega pasto de altura mediana, delgado y cuando las condiciones del terreno sean uniformes.
- Use una velocidad absoluta menor cuando sega en pendientes accidentadas o terreno desconocido.

Segado de pasto extremadamente alto

- Puede ser necesario segar dos veces el pasto extremadamente alto.

Primera pasada de segado:

- Haga un corte alto al pasto (10-15 pulgadas [25-38 mm]) para evitar objetos escondidos.

Segunda pasada de segado:

- Retire los desechos y otros objetos.
- Corte el pasto a la altura deseada y a 90 grados de la primera pasada siempre que sea posible.
- Use las prácticas apropiadas de parada del equipo para su seguridad al bajar del tractor.

Vigile los espacios libres del equipo

Las segadoras con enganche de tres puntos y de montaje lateral tienen un arco de viraje mayor que las segadoras de tiro. Permita suficiente espacio libre para virar con seguridad.

Seguridad en el uso de las segadoras montadas en la parte inferior

Cuando sega con una segadora montada en la parte inferior:

- Mantenga el conducto de descarga desmontable colocado en su lugar sobre el agujero de descarga.
- Nunca permanezca de pie sobre la cubierta de una segadora que esté en operación.
- Distribuya el pasto cortado con el conducto de descarga hacia el área ya segada.
- Use las prácticas apropiadas para la parada del equipo antes de eliminar las obstrucciones de la segadora o conducto de descarga.

Riesgos y peligros de obstrucciones elevadas cuando se usan segadoras de ala o pescante

Verifique que no haya obstrucciones elevadas cuando use segadoras con alas levantadas o de tipo pescante, para evitar lesiones graves o la muerte causadas por el contacto con:

- Líneas de transmisión de energía eléctrica.
- Ramas bajas de árboles.
- Otras obstrucciones elevadas.

Seguridad en el uso de las segadoras de ala y de montaje lateral

Cuando utilice segadoras de ala y de montaje lateral:

Las posiciones con el ala levantada reducen la protección del blindaje y aumentan los riesgos de objetos despedidos y de contacto con la hoja.

Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte causadas por objetos despedidos o contacto con la hoja por la subida y bajada de las alas durante las operaciones de segado:

- No segue cuando haya transeúntes en el área de segado.
- Asegúrese de que no haya personas cerca cuando suba o baje las alas.
- Mantenga el período de tiempo durante el que está expuesta la hoja rotativa del ala, a un mínimo práctico durante las operaciones de segado con el ala levantada.
- Detenga el segado si entran personas en el área de segado.
- Solamente suba el ala para pasar sobre objetos que se encuentren en el camino de segado o para seguir la inclinación del terreno.
- Desenganche la transmisión del ala durante los períodos prolongados de segado con las alas levantadas.
- Después de pasar sobre un objeto o sobre inclinaciones del terreno, baje el ala levantada, al suelo.
- Permita que todas las hojas de la segadora detengan su rotación antes de levantar las secciones del ala durante otras operaciones.

Seguridad durante el segado de los bordes de las zanjas

Use cuidado extremo cuando sigue los bordes de las zanjas. Vigile para ver si hay derrumbes, áreas erosionadas y obstrucciones para el segado a lo largo del borde de la zanja. El extremo delantero del tractor puede desviarse hacia la zanja al golpear las obstrucciones con las segadoras de montaje lateral o de pescante.

Las operaciones con segadoras con alas levantadas y pescantes pueden reducir la efectividad del blindaje para objetos despedidos de la segadora que sirven para proteger al operador.

Para aumentar la protección del operador de objetos despedidos durante las operaciones en los bordes de las zanjas:

- Use cabinas cerradas con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS), cubiertas protectoras especiales y otros blindajes para el operador, cuando efectúe estas operaciones.
- Inspeccione el área de segado y retire o marque todos los objetos extraños y desechos que deben evitarse con la segadora.





Seguridad durante el segado de terreno accidentado

La estabilidad del tractor y segadora se reduce en las pendientes y terreno accidentado.

Usted puede evitar el vuelco del tractor y segadora y mantener el control de la estabilidad del equipo haciendo lo siguiente:

- Revisando los manuales del operador del tractor y segadora para conocer las prácticas de seguridad de operación en pendientes y terreno accidentado. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.
- Evitando operar en pendientes extremadamente inclinadas.
- Usando cuidado extremo para mantener el control sobre su equipo cuando opere en estas condiciones.
- Aumentando la estabilidad del tractor, agregando pesas a las ruedas y aumentando el espacio entre las mismas, (haga referencia al manual del operador del tractor para conocer las recomendaciones).
- Usando un tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) y cinturón de seguridad para la seguridad del operador durante las operaciones de segado.
- Manteniendo una velocidad absoluta mínima.
- Haciendo virajes anchos y graduales.
- Evitando arranques, paradas y virajes repentinos cuando opere subiendo, bajando o atravesando las pendientes.
- No subiendo del suelo las segadoras montadas atrás o lateralmente ni las alas de segado durante estas operaciones.
- Manteniéndose alerta por si hubiera agujeros, baches, surcos, piedras, troncos u otras obstrucciones que podrían volcar el tractor y segadora.
- Evitando las condiciones de suelo resbaloso que podrían volcar el tractor y segadora.
- Evitando que el tractor y segadora queden atascados al pasar diagonalmente sobre declives y bajadas escarpadas pronunciadas.

Use extremo cuidado para mantener la estabilidad del equipo durante todas las operaciones sobre terreno accidentado y pendientes. Usted tiene la palabra final referente a cualquier pendiente que pueda ser trabajada en forma segura.

Seguridad durante el transporte del equipo en caminos

Si es necesario conducir el equipo sobre los caminos públicos:

- Haga referencia al manual del operador del fabricante del tractor y segadora para conocer las instrucciones.
- Explique las instrucciones a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.
- Verifique las reglamentaciones locales referentes a las marcas, luces, luces intermitentes, etc., requeridas del equipo para el desplazamiento sobre caminos públicos. Se requiere de luces para las segadoras que obstruyen las luces traseras del tractor y/o las luces de advertencia.

Antes del transporte en caminos públicos:

- Desenganche la toma de fuerza (PTO) conectada a la segadora.
- Suba la segadora a la posición de transporte.
- Asegure las alas en la posición de transporte con los seguros en las segadoras de tipo ala y de montaje lateral.
- Enganche la cadena de seguridad entre la segadora de tipo tiro y el tractor.
- Asegúrese de que las luces, luces intermitentes, reflectores y avisos de vehículo de movimiento lento (SMV) están colocados y visibles.
- Revise que el emblema de vehículo de movimiento lento (SMV) sea visible para cualquier vehículo que se acerque desde atrás.

Cuando transporte en caminos públicos:

- Obedezca todas las reglamentaciones locales de tráfico.
- Acérquese a las intersecciones con precaución.
- Cumpla con los avisos de velocidad y de control de tráfico.
- Evite las paradas bruscas y doblar repentinamente.

Seguridad durante el estacionamiento

Estacione el equipo en:

- Áreas designadas o alejadas del tráfico.
- Preferentemente utilice lugares en terreno nivelado.

Lugares de estacionamiento en terreno inclinado:

- Coloque el equipo en posición transversal en las pendientes.
- Aplique los frenos de estacionamiento.
- Baje la segadora al suelo.
- Coloque bloques en las ruedas del tractor.

Antes de estacionar temporalmente y abandonar el equipo incapacitado cerca de áreas con tráfico:

- Retire el equipo de los caminos públicos.
- Coloque las banderas de advertencia.
- Use las luces intermitentes del tractor.

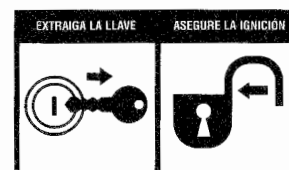
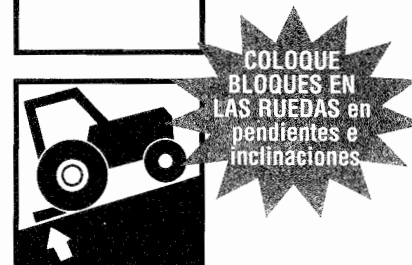
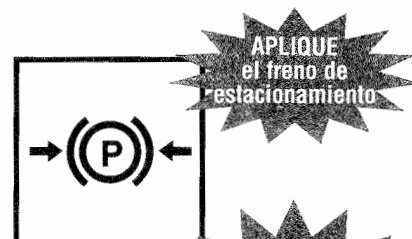
Seguridad durante la parada

Para su seguridad use las prácticas apropiadas para la parada del equipo

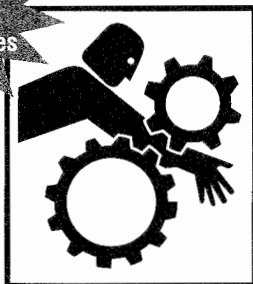
Haga referencia al (los) manual(es) del operador del fabricante del tractor y segadora para conocer los procedimientos de parada recomendados. Explique los procedimientos a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

Haga que los procedimientos apropiados de parada del equipo sean una costumbre importante que se debe practicar. Siga estas prácticas de seguridad antes de bajarse del tractor:

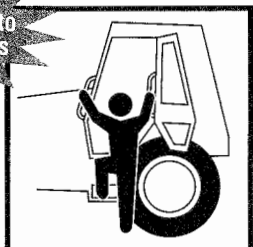
- Desenganche el embrague y transmisión de la toma de fuerza (PTO).
- Para que el motor enfríe gradualmente permita que funcione al ralentí.
- Coloque los controles en estacionamiento (P) o en punto muerto (N).
- Coloque el freno de estacionamiento.
- Baje la segadora al suelo.
- Baje al suelo las alas de las segadoras de tipo ala.
- Apague el motor.
- Espere a que todas las piezas movibles se detengan antes de efectuar inspecciones, ajustes o reparaciones al equipo.
- Descargue la presión hidráulica moviendo los controles hidráulicos varias veces en todas las direcciones.
- Asegure la ignición y extraiga la llave cuando el equipo debe ser inspeccionado, reparado, ajustado o va a permanecer desatendido.
- Asegure las cubiertas contra el vandalismo cuando el equipo permanece desatendido.
- Baje cuidadosamente manteniendo un contacto de tres puntos.



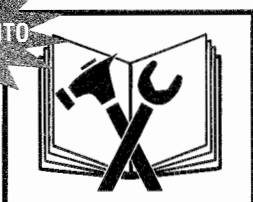
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USE el contacto de tres puntos



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Seguridad durante la bajada del tractor

Antes de bajar del tractor haga lo siguiente:

- Para su seguridad, use las prácticas apropiadas para la parada del equipo.
- Baje el implemento al suelo, apague el motor y la toma de fuerza (PTO), aplique los frenos, permita que se detengan todas las piezas móviles y extraiga la llave antes de bajar del tractor.
- Nunca baje del equipo cuando esté en movimiento.
- Nunca salte de las máquinas.
- Baje cuidadosamente.
- Verifique que los escalones no estén resbalosos.
- Mantenga los pies y manos alejados de los controles.
- Use las asas para las manos y los escalones para bajar.
- Vea hacia la máquina y use el contacto de 3 puntos (2 manos, 1 pie ó 2 pies, 1 mano).

Seguridad durante el mantenimiento

Seguridad durante el mantenimiento

Para su seguridad haga lo siguiente antes de efectuar procedimientos de mantenimiento, reparación o servicio:

- Cumpla con la práctica apropiada para la parada del equipo.
- Use toda la ropa protectora y equipo de seguridad personal necesarios para efectuar el trabajo en forma segura.
- Haga referencia a sus manuales del fabricante para conocer los procedimientos correctos de mantenimiento, reparación y servicio. Explique los procedimientos a los usuarios y operadores que no puedan leer.

Las fuentes de energía almacenada (eléctrica, mecánica, hidráulica, neumática, química, térmica etc.) deben estar aseguradas, bloqueadas, descargadas, desconectadas, apagadas, aseguradas, neutralizadas, controladas o reducidas a un mínimo práctico, antes de efectuar con seguridad cualquier procedimiento de mantenimiento, reparación o servicio.

Algunas prácticas de seguridad básicas para evitar posibles lesiones causadas por las fuentes que emiten energía:

- Desenganche la toma de fuerza (PTO) antes de apagar el motor.
- Coloque los controles en estacionamiento (P) o punto muerto (N) antes de apagar el motor.
- Aplique el freno de estacionamiento o coloque bloques en las ruedas.
- Permita que todas las piezas movibles se detengan.
- Baje la segadora al suelo.
- En las segadoras de tipo ala, baje las alas al suelo.
- Apague el motor del tractor.
- Asegure la ignición y extraiga la llave.
- Observe y escuche para establecer si hay piezas en movimiento antes de abrir los blindajes.
- Soporte o coloque bloques firmemente debajo de la segadora antes de trabajar debajo de la segadora u otros componentes elevados.
- Soporte, coloque bloques o asegure firmemente las alas de la segadora con los seguros antes de trabajar cerca o debajo de una segadora de tipo ala.
- Descargue la presión del sistema hidráulico moviendo los controles varias veces en todas direcciones.
- Descargue la presión antes de desconectar o desensamblar cualquier sistema presurizado.
- Coloque bloques o descargue la presión del resorte antes de desensamblar cualquier dispositivo a resorte.
- Soporte o bloquee firmemente cualquier componente de la máquina que esté elevado, antes de trabajar en ella.
- Evite las llamas, chispas o fumar cerca de cualquier combustible.

Su seguridad y las piezas del fabricante para la segadora

La mayoría de los fabricantes de segadoras usan sujetadores y piezas especialmente diseñadas para cumplir con los requerimientos de la operación de segado.

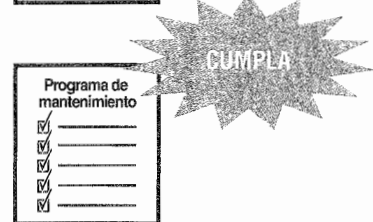
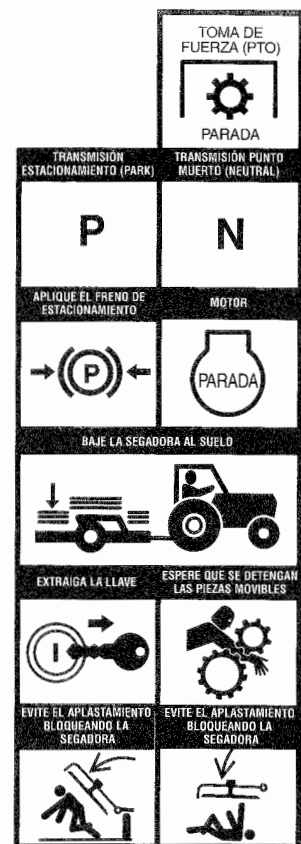
Seguridad crítica – piezas relacionadas (pernos de la hoja autoasegurados, hojas, pasadores, blindajes u otros artículos especiales) tienen requerimientos de fuerza, diseño y encaje específicos para el estilo y modelo de la segadora que usted utiliza.

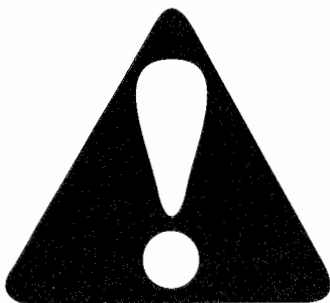
Las modificaciones o piezas para reparación que no son aprobadas por el fabricante de la segadora pueden causar un riesgo significativo por exposición a su seguridad y la de los demás.

PARA EVITAR LAS LESIONES SERIAS O LA MUERTE CAUSADAS POR PIEZAS O MODIFICACIONES NO APROBADAS:

- No sustituya accesorios comunes por los pernos autoasegurados de las hojas u otras piezas especiales.
- No sustituya las hojas, pasadores, blindajes u otras piezas relacionadas con la seguridad crítica.
- No use pernos de grado 5 u 8 para reemplazar los pernos de resistencia limitada grado 2.

CUMPLA LA PRÁCTICA SEGURA DE SIEMPRE VERIFICAR EL FUNCIONAMIENTO CORRECTO DE TODOS LOS AJUSTES, REPARACIONES O SERVICIO DE LA SEGADORA.

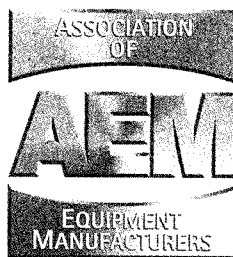




Palabra final



Usted ha terminado de leer el manual de seguridad de la segadora. Es imposible que este manual incluya toda situación peligrosa potencial que usted pueda encontrar. Sin embargo, su conocimiento de estas precauciones de seguridad y su cumplimiento de las reglas básicas de seguridad le ayudarán a crear buen juicio para todas las situaciones. Nuestro objetivo es ayudarle a desarrollar buenos hábitos de seguridad y hacerlo un mejor operador de segadora. El manual de seguridad de la segadora, precauciones de seguridad y reglas básicas de seguridad deben explicarse a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.



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This Switch Blade is designed with care and built with quality materials by skilled workers. Proper assembly, maintenance, and operating practices, as described in this manual, will help the owner/operator get years of satisfactory service from the machine.

The purpose of this manual is to familiarize, instruct, and train. The Assembly manual instructs the owner/operator in the correct assembly of the Mower using standard and optional equipment. The Parts Listing section is designed to familiarize the owner/operator with replaceable parts on the Mower. This section provides exploded assembly drawings of each mower component illustrating each piece and the corresponding part number.

Careful use and timely service saves extensive repairs and costly downtime losses. The Operation and Maintenance Sections of the manual train the owner/operator how to work the Mower correctly and attend to appropriate maintenance. The Trouble Shooting Guide helps diagnose difficulties with mower and offers solution to the problems.

Safety is of primary importance to the owner/operator and to the manufacturer. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages, that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Many of the Safety Messages will be repeated throughout the manual. The owner/operator/dealer should know these Safety Messages before assembly and be aware of the hazards of operating this mower during assembly, use, and maintenance. The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this machine.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, WILL result in DEATH OR VERY SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, COULD result in DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, MAY result in MINOR INJURY.



Identifies special instructions or procedures that, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of the machine, attachments or the environment.

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The simplistic, time-tested design of the Switch Blade® offers its users a fast, efficient, cost-effective method of vegetation maintenance. Designed for tractors with smaller horsepower engines, it is both safe and reliable. Users can depend on the Switch Blade for high production due to faster cutting as well as less maintenance than any other industrial mower on the market today.

The Switch Blade cutter bar features a breakaway system allowing the unit to hinge when obstructed. Also featured is a planetary drive system which allows for smoother operation and cleaner cutting. An efficient motor, decreased in size and weight, helps to increase speed control.

With a two-section front pump, the updated hydraulic system allows the unit to run cooler by eliminating heat, thus running more efficiently. This translates into more cutting power and less machine maintenance. The Switch Blade's proven blade design allows for precision cutting. Built-in rock guards help to minimize blade damage.

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Attention Owner/Operator

BEFORE OPERATING THIS MACHINE:

1. Carefully read the Operator's Manual, completely understand the Safety Messages and instructions, and know how to operate correctly both the tractor and implement.
2. Fill out the Warranty Card in full. Be sure to answer all questions, including the Serial Number of the implement. Mail within 30 days of delivery date of this implement.

NOTE: Warranties are honored only if completed "Owner Registration and Warranty" forms are received by Alamo Group within thirty days of delivery of the implement.

3. Record the Blade Model and Serial Numbers on the Warranty page at the front of the Operator's Manual. Keep this as part of the permanent maintenance file for the implement.

IMPORTANT

For your safety and to guarantee optimum product reliability, always use Genuine ALAMO INDUSTRIAL replacement parts. The use of inferior "will-fit" parts will void Warranty of your ALAMO INDUSTRIAL implement and may cause premature or catastrophic failure which can result in serious injury or death. If you have any questions concerning the repair parts you are using, contact ALAMO INDUSTRIAL, 1502 E. Walnut Seguin, TX 78155 (830) 372-3551.



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ALAMO INDUSTRIAL SWITCH BLADE SICKLE BAR OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Alamo Industrial Switch Blade are manufactured with quality material by skilled workers. The Switch Blade is designed for cutting grass and weeds up to 1/2" diameter such as in rights-of-way and roadsides. The Switch Blade is equipped with safety warning decals, protective guards, shields, and other safety features to provide operator and passerby protection, however, no shielding is 100% accurate. ALL safety equipment and safety warning decals must be maintained on the unit in good operational condition at all times.

It is the operator's responsibility to be knowledgeable of all potential operating hazards and to take every reasonable precaution to ensure oneself, others, animals, and property are not injured or damaged by the unit, tractor or a thrown object. Do not operate the unit if bystanders, passersby, pets or livestock are within 300 feet of the unit.

This section of the Operator's Manual is designed to familiarize, instruct, and educate operators to the safe and proper use of the Switch Blade. Pictures contained in this section are intended to be used as a visual aid to assist in explaining the operation of a Switch Blade and are not specific to a Switch Blade. Some pictures may show shields removed to enhance visual clarity. NEVER operate the unit without all safety equipment in place and in good operational condition. The operator must be familiar with the unit and tractor operation and all safety practices before beginning operation. Proper operation, as detailed in this manual, will help ensure years of safe and satisfactory use of the Switch Blade.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY SECTION OF THIS MANUAL AND THE TRACTOR MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO USE THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT. If you do not understand any of the instructions, contact your nearest authorized dealer for a full explanation. Pay close attention to all safety signs and safety messages contained in this manual and those affixed to the implement and tractor. *OPS-U- 0001*

READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following Safety Messages. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in the Safety Messages. Always use good common sense to avoid hazards. (SG-2)



Si no lee ingles, pida ayuda a alguien que si lo lea para que le traduzca las medidas de seguridad. (SG-3)

**SAFETY
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1. OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

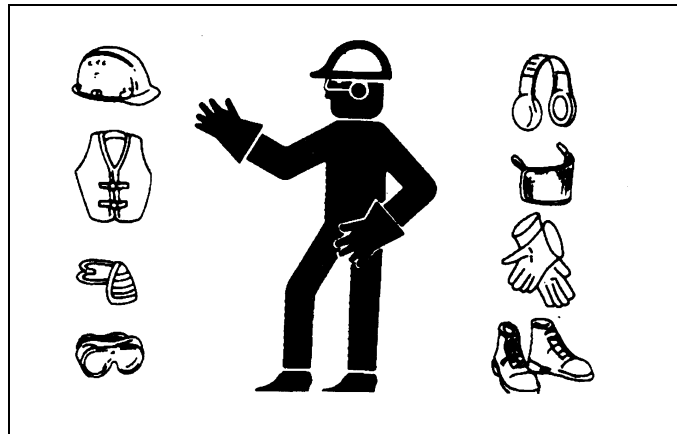
Safe operation of the unit is the responsibility of a qualified operator. A qualified operator has read and understands the implement and tractor Operator's Manuals and is experienced in implement and tractor operation and all associated safety practices. In addition to the safety messages contained in this manual, safety signs are affixed to the implement and tractor. If any part of the operation and safe use of this equipment is not completely understood, consult an authorized dealer for a complete explanation.

If the operator cannot read the manuals for themselves or does not completely understand the operation of the equipment, it is the responsibility of the supervisor to read and explain the manuals, safety practices, and operating instructions to the operator.

Safe operation of equipment requires that the operator wear approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the job conditions when attaching, operating, servicing, and repairing the equipment. PPE is designed to provide operator protection and includes the following safety wear:

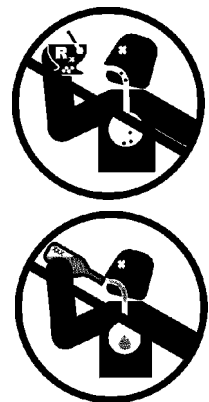
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Protective Eye Glasses, Goggles, or Face Shield
- Hard Hat
- Steel Toe Safety Footwear
- Gloves
- Hearing Protection
- Close Fitting Clothing
- Respirator or Filter Mask (depends on operating conditions) OPS-U- 0002



⚠ DANGER

NEVER use drugs or alcohol immediately before or while operating the Tractor and Implement. Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. Before operating the Tractor or Implement, an operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to operate the Equipment safely. NEVER knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness or coordination is impaired. Serious injury or death to the operator or others could result if the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. (SG-27)



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2.TRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

The tractor used to operate the mower must have the power capacity to lift, pull, and operate the Power Take Off (PTO) at the mower's rated speed while traveling at a ground speed between 2 and 5 MPH. Operating the mower with a tractor that does not meet the following requirements may cause tractor or mower damage and be a potential danger to the operator and passersby.

Tractor Requirements and Capabilities

- ASAE approved Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) or ROPS cab and seat belt.
- Tractor Safety Devices Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem, lighting,
- Tractor Horsepower:
 - Minimum25 HP
- Front End Weights.....As needed to maintain 20% weight on front axle
- Power Take Off.....540 RPM 6-spline or 1000 RPM 21-spline shaft

2.1 ROPS and Seat Belt

The tractor must be equipped with a Roll-Over-Protective-Structure (ROPS) (tractor cab or roll-bar) and seat belt to protect the operator from falling off the tractor, especially during a roll over where the driver could be crushed and killed. Only operate the tractor with the ROPS in the raised position and seat belt fastened. Tractor model not equipped with a ROPS and seat belt should have these life saving features installed by an authorized dealer. *OPS-U- 0003*



Operate this Equipment only with a Tractor equipped with an approved roll-over-protective system (ROPS). Always wear seat belts. Serious injury or even death could result from falling off the tractor--particularly during a turnover when the operator could be pinned under the ROPS. (SG-7)



2.2 Tractor Safety Devices

If transporting or operating the tractor and implement near a public roadway, the tractor must be equipped with proper warning lighting and a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem which are clearly visible from the rear of the unit. Lights and a SMV emblem must be equipped directly on implements if the visibility of the tractor warning signals are obscured.

Maintain all manufacturer equipped safety shields and guards. Always replace shields and guards that were removed for access to connect, service, or repair the tractor or implement. Never operate the tractor PTO with the PTO master shield missing or in the raised position. *OPS-U- 0004*

2.3 Tractor Horsepower

The power required to operate a mower is determined by the tractor PTO horsepower. For most mowing conditions, the Switch Blade mower requires a tractor with at least 25 HP for a 5 and 6 unit. Operating the mower with a tractor that does not have adequate power may damage the tractor engine. Exceeding 25 HP may cause mower damage by overpowering the unit in heavy cutting conditions.

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2.4 Tractor Hydraulics

The Switch Bar is controlled by two levers from the tractor cab. There are two cylinders on the unit one is the "tilt" and "Lift" cylinders. The tilt is used in conjunction with the tilt control lever to control the Up, Lock, Down, or float position. The lift cylinder is used in conjunction with the lift control lever to control the Up, Lock, or Down position. The hydraulic motor is coupled to the tractors cutter drive to give power to the Switch Blade in conjunction with hydraulic circuit to supply full system flow.

⚠ WARNING

Do not operate this Equipment with hydraulic oil or fuel leaking. Oil and fuel are explosive and their presence could present a hazard. Do not check for leaks with your hand! High-pressure oil streams from breaks in the line could penetrate the skin and cause tissue damage including gangrene. To check for a hose leak, SHUT the unit ENGINE OFF and remove all hydraulic pressure. Wear oil impenetrable gloves, safety glasses and use Cardboard to check for evidence of oil leaks. If you suspect a leak, REMOVE the HOSE and have it tested at a Dealer. If oil does penetrate the skin, have the injury treated immediately by a physician knowledgeable and skilled in this procedure. (SG-15)



2.5 Front End Weight

A minimum of 20% total tractor weight must be maintained on the tractor front end at all times. Front end weight is critical to maintain steering control and to prevent the tractor from rearing up while driving. If the front end is too light, add weight until a minimum of 20% total weight is reached on the front tires. Front weights and weight carriers can be purchased through an authorized tractor dealership. OPS-U- 0005

2.6 Power Take Off (PTO)

Depending on the unit, the mower is designed to operate at a PTO speed of 540 or 1000 RPM. Most tractors operate at either 540, or a combination of 540 and 1000 RPM PTO speeds. The operating speed of the mower and tractor can be determined by the number of splines on the driveline yoke and PTO output shaft. Those operating at 540 RPM will have a 6-spline shaft and those operating at 1000 RPM will have a 21-spline shaft or a 1-3/4" 20 spline shaft. Refer to the tractor owner's manual for instructions to change PTO speeds on models that operate at more than one speed.

If operating an older model tractor where the tractor's transmission and PTO utilize one master clutch, an over-running clutch must be used between the PTO output shaft and the driveline of the mower. An authorized tractor dealer can provide the over-running clutch and its installation if needed. OPS-U- 0006

3.GETTING ON AND OFF THE TRACTOR

Before getting onto the tractor, the operator must read and completely understand the implement and tractor operator manuals. If any part of either manual is not completely understood, consult an authorized dealer for a complete explanation. OPS-U- 0007

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WARNING Do not mount or dismount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped. (SG-12)



3.1 Boarding the Tractor

Use both hands and equipped handrails and steps for support when boarding the tractor. Never use control levers for support when mounting the tractor. Seat yourself in the operator's seat and secure the seat belt around you.

Never allow passengers to ride on the tractor or attached equipment. Riders can easily fall off and be seriously injured or killed from falling off and being ran over. It is the operator's responsibility to forbid all extra riders at all times. OPS-U- 0008



DANGER Never allow children to operate, ride on, or come close to the Tractor or Implement. Usually, 16-17 year-old children who are mature and responsible can operate the implement with adult supervision, if they have read and understand the Operator's Manuals, been trained in proper operation of the tractor and Implement, and are physically large enough to reach and operate the controls easily. (SG-11)



DANGER Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



WARNING Do not mount or dismount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped. (SG-12)



3.2 Dismounting the Tractor

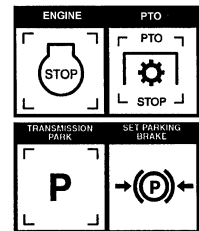
Before dismounting, park the tractor and implement on a reasonably level surface, apply the parking brake, idle the engine down, disengage the PTO, and lower the implement to the ground. Shut down the tractor engine according to the operator's manual, remove the key, and wait for all motion to completely stop. Never leave the seat until the tractor, its engine and all moving parts have come to a complete stop.

Use hand rails and steps when exiting the tractor. Be careful of your step and use extra caution when mud, ice, snow or other matter has accumulated on the steps or hand rails. Use all handrails and steps for support and never rush or jump off the tractor. OPS-U- 0009

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BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



4.STARTING THE TRACTOR

The operator must have a complete understanding of the placement, function, and operational use of all tractor controls before starting the tractor. Review the tractor operator's manual and consult an authorized dealer for tractor operation instructions if needed.

Essential Tractor Controls:

- Locate the light control lever.
- Locate the engine shut off control.
- Locate the brake pedals and the clutch.
- Locate the PTO control.
- Locate the 3-point hitch control lever.
- Locate the hydraulic remote control levers.

Before starting the tractor ensure the following:

- Conduct all pre-start operation inspection and service according to the tractor operator's manual.
- Make sure all guards, shields, and other safety devices are securely in place.
- The parking brake is on.
- The PTO control lever is disengaged.
- The 3-point hitch control lever is in the lowered position.
- The hydraulic remote control levers are in the neutral position.
- The tractor transmission levers are in park or neutral.

Refer to the tractor owner's manual for tractor starting procedures. Only start the tractor while seated and belted in the tractor operator's seat. Never bypass the ignition switch by short circuiting the starter solenoid. After the tractor engine is running, avoid accidental contact with the tractor transmission to prevent sudden and unexpected tractor movement. OPS-U-0028



Never run the Tractor engine in a closed building or without adequate ventilation. The exhaust fumes can be hazardous to your health. (SG-23)



Start tractor only when properly seated in the Tractor seat. Starting a tractor in gear can result in injury or death. Read the Tractor operators manual for proper starting instructions. (SG-13)



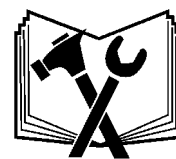
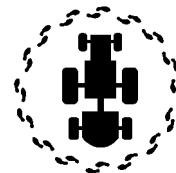
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5. PRE-OPERATION INSPECTION AND SERVICE

Before each use, a pre-operation inspection and service of the implement and tractor must be performed. This includes routine maintenance and scheduled lubrication, inspecting that all safety devices are equipped and functional, and performing needed repairs. DO NOT operate the unit if the pre-operation inspection reveals any condition affecting safe operation. Perform repairs and replacement of damaged and missing parts as soon as noticed. By performing a thorough pre-operation inspection and service, valuable down time and repair cost can be avoided. OPS-U-0029

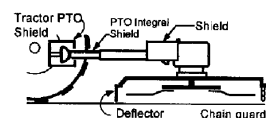
WARNING

Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order. (SG-21)



DANGER

All Safety Shields, Guards and Safety devices including (but not limited to) - the Deflectors, Chain Guards, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, PTO integral shields, and Retractable Door Shields should be used and maintained in good working condition. All safety devices should be inspected carefully at least daily for missing or broken components. Missing, broken, or worn items must be replaced at once to reduce the possibility of injury or death from thrown objects, entanglement, or blade contact. (SGM-3)



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5.1 Tractor Pre-Operation Inspection/Service

Refer to the tractor operator's manual to ensure a complete pre-operation inspection and scheduled service is performed according to the manufacturers recommendations. The following are some of the items that require daily service and inspection:

- Tire condition/air pressure
- Wheel lug bolts
- Steering linkage
- PTO shield
- SMV sign is clean and visible
- Tractor's lights are clean and functional
- Tractor Seat belt is in good condition
- Tractor ROPS is in good condition
- ROPS is in the raised position
- No tractor oil leaks
- Radiator free of debris
- Engine oil level and condition
- Engine coolant level and condition
- Power brake fluid level
- Power steering fluid level
- Fuel condition and level
- Sufficient lubrication at all lube points
- Air filter condition OPS-U-0030

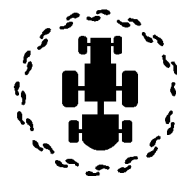


5.2 Sickle Bar Pre-Operation Inspection/Service

Before each Sickle Bar use, a complete inspection and service is required to ensure the Sickle Bar is in a good and safe working condition. Damaged and/or broken parts should be repaired and/or replaced immediately. To ensure the Sickle Bar is ready for operation, conduct the following. OPS-SB-0001



Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order. (SG-21)



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The operator's manual and safety signs affixed on the unit contain important instructions on the safe and proper use of the equipment. Maintain these important safety features on the implement in good condition to ensure the information is available to the operator at all times.

- Ensure the manual canister is secured to the equipment with the operator's manual inside.
- Ensure all safety signs are in place and legible. Replace missing, damaged, and illegible decals. *OPS-U- 0011*



FRAME ASSEMBLY

- Inspect condition of mounting frame weldment.
- Inspect condition of Carriage Arm frame.
- Ensure all bolts and screws are in position and are properly torqued.
- Ensure all pins are in place and fastened with screws.
- Ensure frame is properly mounted to tractor and hardware is properly installed and tightened. *OPS-SB- 0002*



WARNING

Relieve hydraulic pressure prior to doing any maintenance or repair work on the Implement. Place the Mower Head on the ground or securely supported on blocks or stands, disengage the PTO, and turn off the engine. Push and pull the control Levers or Joystick several times to relieve pressure prior to starting any maintenance or repair work. (SBM-6)

WARNING

Never Leave the mower unattended while the head is in the raised position. The mower could fall causing serious injury to anyone who might inadvertently be under the mower. (SBM-4)



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SICKLE BAR ASSEMBLY

- Inspect condition of Serrated Knives.
- Inspect condition of Sickle Bar knife guards.
- Ensure all bolts and screws are in position and are properly torqued.
- Ensure all knife clips are in place and fastened with screws.
- Ensure Sickle Bar is properly mounted to frame and tractor and hardware is properly installed and tightened. OPS-SB- 0003

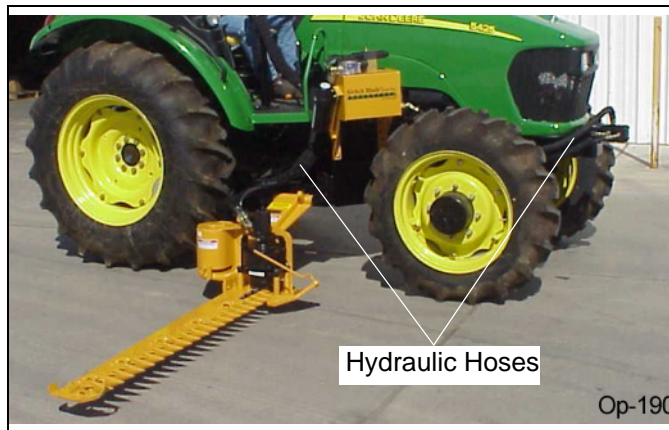


WARNING

Never attempt to lubricate, adjust, or remove material from the Implement while it is in motion or while tractor engine is running. (SG-20)

HYDRAULIC LINE INSPECTION

- Check for hydraulic leaks along hoses, cylinders and fittings. **IMPORTANT:** DO NOT use your hands to check for oil leaks. Use a piece of heavy paper or cardboard to check for hydraulic oil leaks.
- Inspect the condition of the valve weldment.
- Ensure fitting is properly connected
OPS-SB- 0004



WARNING

Do not operate this Equipment with hydraulic oil or fuel leaking. Oil and fuel are explosive and their presence could present a hazard. Do not check for leaks with your hand! High-pressure oil streams from breaks in the line could penetrate the skin and cause tissue damage including gangrene. To check for a hose leak, SHUT the unit ENGINE OFF and remove all hydraulic pressure. Wear oil impenetrable gloves, safety glasses and use Cardboard to check for evidence of oil leaks. If you suspect a leak, REMOVE the HOSE and have it tested at a Dealer. If oil does penetrate the skin, have the injury treated immediately by a physician knowledgeable and skilled in this procedure. (SG-15)



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HYDRAULIC PUMP/OIL RESERVOIR

- Check oil reservoir level and oil condition. (Add specific type oil if low)
- Change hydraulic oil filter and hydraulic oil according to maintenance schedule.
- Ensure there are no oil leaks and fitting are properly connected
- Inspect overall condition of hydraulic pump.
- Inspect pump drive shaft.



The oil reservoir has a filter condition gauge located on the filter housing. The filter will show in the red arc when the oil filter needs changing or when the oil temperature is below 100 degrees F. The oil filter should be changed after every 500 hours of operation or when the gauge shows in the red arc when the oil temperature is above 100 degrees F. When changing the filter, also replace the breather filter element (P/N 02974319) located under the black cap. OPS-SB- 0005

⚠ WARNING

Attention: Oil Filler Cap is also the Pressure Relief Cap.

Remove cap slowly to relieve pressure before removing cap completely. Stay clear to prevent being scalded with hot oil that may spray out of the tank that is still pressurized and may cause serious injury to eyes, face, and exposed skin. (Ops-0001-MISC)

⚠ WARNING

Avoid contact with hot surfaces including hydraulic oil tanks, pumps, motors, valves and hose connections. Relieve hydraulic pressure before performing maintenance or repairs. Use gloves and eye protection when servicing hot components. Contact with a hot surface or fluid can cause serious injury from burns or scalding. (SG-34)

OPERATION

6.DRIVING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

Safe tractor transport requires the operator possess a thorough knowledge of the model being operated and precautions to take while driving with an attached implement. Ensure the tractor has the capacity to handle the weight of the implement and the tractor operating controls are set for safe transport. To ensure safety while driving the tractor with an attached implement, review the following. OPS-U- 0012

DANGER

Never operate the Tractor or Implement until you have read and completely understand this Manual, the Tractor Operator's Manual, and each of the Safety Messages found in the Manual or on the Tractor and Implement. Learn how to stop the tractor engine suddenly in an emergency. Never allow inexperienced or untrained personnel to operate the Tractor and Implement without supervision. Make sure the operator has fully read and understood the manuals prior to operation.

(SG-4)



WARNING

Transport only at speeds where you can maintain control of the equipment. Serious accidents and injuries can result from operating this equipment at high speeds. Understand the Tractor and Implement and

how it handles before transporting on streets and highways. Make sure the Tractor steering and brakes are in good condition and operate properly.

Before transporting the Tractor and Implement, determine the proper transport speeds for you and the equipment. Make sure you abide by the following rules:

Test the tractor at a slow speed and increase the speed slowly. Apply the Brakes smoothly to determine the stopping characteristics of the Tractor and Implement. As you increase the speed of the Tractor the stopping distance increases. Determine the maximum transport speed not to exceed 20 mph (30 kph) for transporting this equipment.

Test the equipment at a slow speed in turns. Increase the speed through the turn only after you determine that the equipment can be operated at a higher speed. Use extreme care and reduce your speed when turning sharply to prevent the tractor and implement from turning over. Determine the maximum turning speed for you and this equipment before operating on roads or uneven ground.

Only transport the Tractor and Implement at the speeds which allow you to properly control the equipment.

Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes or worn tires. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases: use extreme care and reduce your speed. When operating in traffic always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy. (SG-19)



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6.1 Starting the Tractor

The procedure to start the tractor is model specific. Refer to the tractor operator's manual for starting procedures for your particular tractor. Consult an authorized dealer if the starting procedure is unclear. Ensure the 3-point control lever is in the lowered position and the PTO is disengaged before starting the tractor. OPS-U-0033



Never run the Tractor engine in a closed building or without adequate ventilation. The exhaust fumes can be hazardous to your health. (SG-23)

6.2 Brake and Differential Lock Setting

Make sure the tractor brakes are in good operating condition. Tractor brakes can be set to operate independently allowing single rear wheel braking action or locked together to provide simultaneous rear wheel braking. FOR MOST DRIVING AND OPERATING CONDITIONS, THE BRAKE PEDALS SHOULD BE LOCKED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFECTIVE BRAKING ACTION.

Always disengage the tractor differential lock when turning. When engaged the differential lock will prevent or limit the tractor from turning. During normal cutting conditions, locking the differential provides no benefit and should not be used. OPS-U-0013



Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases; use extreme care and reduce your speed in these conditions. When operating in traffic, always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy.

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6.3 Driving the Tractor and Switch Blade

Start off driving at a slow speed and gradually increase your speed while maintaining complete control of the tractor and mower. Moving slowly at first will also prevent the tractor from rearing up and loss of steering control. The tractor should never be operated at speeds that cannot be safely handled or which will prevent the operator from stopping quickly during an emergency. If the power steering or engine ceases operating, stop the tractor immediately as the tractor will be difficult to control.

Perform turns with the tractor and implement at slow speeds to determine how the tractor with an attached mower handles a turn. Determine the safe speed to maintain proper control of the tractor when making turns. When turning with an attached implement, the overall working width of the unit is increased. Allow additional clearance for the implement when turning.

To avoid overturns, drive the tractor with care and at safe speeds, especially when operating over rough ground, crossing ditches or slopes, and turning corners. Tractor wheel tread spacing should be increased when working on inclines or rough ground to reduce the possibility of tipping.

Triumph mowers will cut neat, square corners. It is seldom necessary to raise the cutterbar at corners. Turn quickly when near the end of cut using brake to pivot right-hand wheel of tractor when making turns to the right. When turning corners to the left, run tractor in low gear. The cutterbar swings around faster when turning in this direction and increases the possibility of striking an unnoticed obstacle.

When mowing a ditch, the tip of the cutting bar is in the ditch. When you want to come out, be sure to turn out of the ditch to allow the cutterbar to exit the ditch.

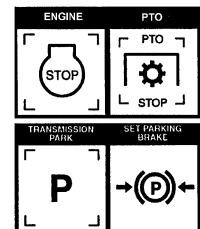
Use extreme caution when operating on steep slopes. Keep the tractor in a low gear when going downhill. DO NOT coast or free-wheel downhill. OPS-SB-0006



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BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



Never Leave the mower unattended while the head is in the raised position. The mower could fall causing serious injury to anyone who might inadvertently be under the mower. (SBM-4)

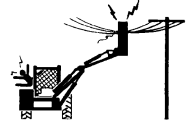


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⚠ DANGER

Always keep a careful lookout and use extreme care when working around overhead obstructions. Never allow the Mower head or boom within 10 feet of any power line. When working close to overhead power lines consult your electric company for a safe code of operation.

(SBM-7)



7.OPERATING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

THE OPERATOR MUST COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HOW TO OPERATE THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AND ALL CONTROLS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE. The operator must read and understand the Safety and Operation Sections of the implement and tractor operator's manuals. These manuals must be read and explained to any operator who cannot read. Never allow someone to operate the implement and tractor without complete operating instructions.

Before starting any operation, the operator must become familiar with the area to be worked in and any obstacles and hazards contained within to ensure safety to the operator, bystanders, and equipment. Special attention should be paid to foreign debris, rough terrain, steep slopes, and passersby and animals in the area.

OPS-U- 0015

⚠ WARNING

Many varied objects, such as wire, cable, rope, or chains, can become entangled in the operating parts of the mower head. These items could then swing outside the housing at greater velocities than the blades. Such a situation is extremely hazardous and could result in serious injury or even death. Inspect the cutting area for such objects before mowing. Remove any like object from the site. Never allow the cutting blades to contact such items.

(SGM-06)

⚠ WARNING

Mow at the speed that you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. The correct mowing speed depends on terrain condition and grass type, density, and height of cut. Normal ground speed range is from 2 to 5 mph(3-8 kph). Use slow mowing speeds when operating on or near steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, or when debris and foreign objects are to be avoided. (SGM-07)

⚠ WARNING

Extreme care should be taken when operating near loose objects such as gravel, rocks, wire, and other debris. Inspect the area before mowing. Foreign objects should be removed from the site to prevent machine damage and/or bodily injury or even death. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator. Stop mowing immediately if blades strike a foreign object. Repair all damage and make certain rotor or blade carrier is balanced before resuming mowing. (SGM-05)



Position Controls

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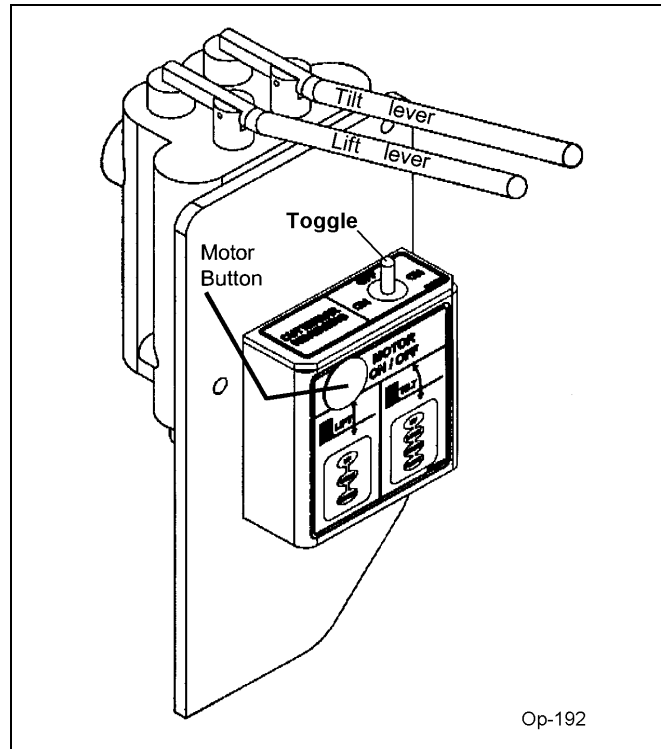
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All operating positions of the mower are controlled with two control valve levers. The 'lift' function control permits selection of Up, Lock, or Down position and the 'tilt' control may be placed in one of four positions; Up, Lock, Down, or Float.

Moving the 'lift' lever up will raise the cutter bar. Release the lever and it will automatically return to the center position to lock the cutter bar into position. Moving the "lift" lever down will lower cutter bar.

Lift the 'tilt' lever and the cutter bar tip will arc up toward the operator. Push down on the tilt control lever and the tip of the cutter bar will rotate down. Release the lever and it will automatically return to center position to lock the cutter bar into position. By pushing the lever all the way down, it will lock into float detent position. This allows the cutter bar to follow the contour of the ground. The tilt function also incorporates an additional feature. If the tilt is lifted to its maximum position, the lift cylinder will engage and fully raise the cutter bar to maximum up position. When the tilt is lowered the bar will automatically return to the same lift height it was. This allows the operator to use one lever to raise the cutter bar to avoid an obstruction such as a utility pole.

If it is necessary to hold the cutter bar in the air (in such conditions as mowing over water, stones, or other debris) the operator should then set the height with the 'lift' control in the hold (center) position and the 'tilt' control in the hold (center) position. The valve incorporates holding components to maintain position.



7.1 MOTOR CONTROL

The motor starts when the button on the control stand is pulled out and tractor engine is running. The motor rotation can be reversed, to clear cutter bar, by moving the toggle switch, located above the motor switch, to the center position, allow the cutter bar to stop and then move the toggle to the other position.

7.2 KNIFE SPEED

Operate the tractor engine at the RPM that will produce 540 PTO RPM. This will produce the proper knife speed for the cutter bar.

WARNING

Many varied objects, such as wire, cable, rope, or chains, can become entangled in the operating parts of the mower head. These items could then swing outside the housing at greater velocities than the blades. Such a situation is extremely hazardous and could result in serious injury or even death. Inspect the cutting area for such objects before mowing. Remove any like object from the site. Never allow the cutting blades to contact such items.

(SGM-06)

7.3 TRACTOR MOWING SPEED

The best mowing speeds are usually between 1-3 MPH. Conditions will vary with the material being cut and the terrain, but select a speed producing the desired result and maintain that speed. If too much material falls on the cutter bar, increase the ground speed slightly. If grass is being torn out, slow down by switching to a slower gear to allow the knife time to cut clean. If the cutter bar breaks back frequently when cutting heavy dead grass, brush, or vines, slow down to allow the knife time to cut cleanly.

OPERATION

WARNING

Mow at the speed that you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. The correct mowing speed depends on terrain condition and grass type, density, and height of cut. Normal ground speed range is from 2 to 5 mph(3-8 kph). Use slow mowing speeds when operating on or near steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, or when debris and foreign objects are to be avoided. (SGM-07)

7.4 CUTTER BAR BREAK-BACK

When the cutter bar strikes an obstruction while traveling forward, it will break back against the rotor actuator. The cutter bar will stay back until you bump the control handle to return it to the cutting position. **NOTE: The Beak-Away System only allows the cutter bar to break back. Do not back the tractor or allow it to roll back with the rear edge of the cutter bar against an obstruction. Severe damage to the carriage or other components may result.**

IMPORTANT: Do not slide the cutter bar past the obstruction. If necessary, back up, adjust the bar to clear the obstacle and proceed with mowing.

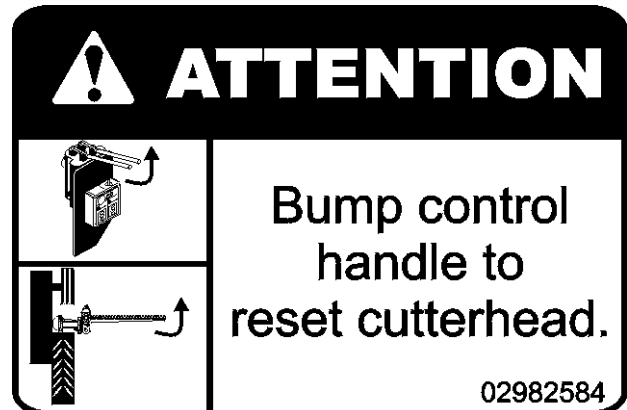
If knife jams or stalls on a large branch or other debris, it can often be cleared by moving the cutter bar toggle switch to the off position, waiting until the cutter bar stops, then moving the toggle to the reverse position. This will sometimes clear the jam. If the jam is not cleared, Idle the tractor, stop the tractor engine, and clear the jam by freeing the obstruction manually. Always keep fingers, hands and other body parts clear of cutter bar knife. The knife can move suddenly, even with the tractor engine shut down.

CAUTION

Do not back up with this implement. Backing could damage the machine or its components. (S3PT-4)

WARNING

Never interfere with factory-set hydraulic calibrations. Any change in calibration could cause a failure of the equipment and may result in injury. (SBH-13)



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7.5 Operating the Switch Blade

Only operate the unit from the tractor operator's seat with the seatbelt securely fastened on a ROPS or cab equipped tractor. The unit is designed for roadside mowing of grass and small weeds. Sharp blades will produce a cleaner cut and require less power. Travel at a speed that allows the mower sufficient time to cut through the vegetation and maintain operating speed to prevent overloading the unit and tractor. Choose a driving pattern that provides the maximum pass length and minimizes turning. Stay alert and watch for trees, low hanging limbs, power lines, and other overhead obstacles and solid ground objects while you are operating.

Avoid mowing in the reverse direction. If the mower must be backed to access an area to cut, make sure there are no persons or other foreign debris behind the tractor and unit before mowing in reverse. When mowing in reverse, operate the tractor and unit at a reduced ground speed to ensure control of the tractor and unit is maintained.

Operators should be aware that sickle bar mowers are precision cutting machines. They are designed to cut like a pair of fine shears but are subjected to the roadside punishment of a bulldozer!

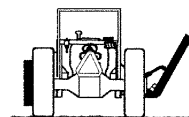
If the mower is not cutting properly, the operator must be prepared to make on-the-job adjustments to assure good cutting and avoid costly repairs. Keep a grease gun, oil can, heavy hammer, screw driver, and proper size wrenches on the tractor at all times. Since most of the day-to-day problems originate in the cutterbar, operators should keep the cutterbar in adjustment and make sure that the knife is sharp. Refer to the service instructions for specific adjustments and information.

To save time, it is recommended that spare knives and rockguards be carried on the tractor for replacement on the job.

Follow the daily lubrication procedures given in the service instructions. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight. A carefully adjusted and maintained mower will make the job easier and reward you with outstanding performance, long life, and reduced maintenance. OPS-SB- 0007

WARNING

Never leave the mower unattended while the head is in the raised position. The mower could fall causing serious injury to anyone who might inadvertently be under the mower. (SSM-4)

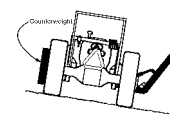


WARNING

Do not operate Mower if excessive vibration exists. In the case of extreme vibration, shut down the Mower and the Tractor engine and wait until all motion has stopped. Inspect the Mower to determine the source of the vibration. If any Mower blades are missing or damaged replace them immediately. Operating the Mower with excessive vibration can result in component failure and broken objects could be thrown outward. To reduce the possibility of property damage and personal injury, never allow the Mower to be operated with excessive vibration. (SSM-3)

WARNING

Maintain adequate tractor stability to prevent lateral instability and possible tip-over which could result in serious bodily injury or even death. Widen the wheel tread and add wheel weights where necessary. Refer to the mounting instructions or call Customer Service if you need assistance with Counterweight Procedure. (SSM-2)



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7.6 Shutting Down the Switch Blade

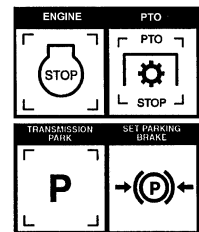
To shut down implement, first bring the tractor to a complete stop. Decrease engine RPM to idle then disengage implement. The implement will come to a complete stop within a suitable amount of time. Do not engage or disengage the implement at a high RPM unless there is an emergency situation.

Park the tractor on a level surface, place the transmission in park or neutral and apply the parking brake, shut down the engine, remove the key, and wait for all motion to come to a complete stop before exiting the tractor. OPS-SB- 0008



⚠ DANGER

BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



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8. TRACTOR AND SWITCH BLADE STORAGE

Properly preparing and storing the unit at the end of the season is critical to maintain its appearance and to help ensure years of dependable service. The following are suggested storage procedures:

- Thoroughly clean all debris from unit to prevent damage from rotting grass and standing water.
- Lubricate all grease points and fill oil levels according to the maintenance lubrication schedule.
- Tighten all bolts to the proper torque. Ensure all pins and other hardware are in place.
- Check the unit for worn and damaged parts. Perform repairs and make replacements so that the unit will be ready for use at the start of the next season.
- Store the unit in a clean and dry location.
- Use spray touch-up enamel where necessary on bare metal surfaces to prevent rust and to maintain the appearance of the unit.

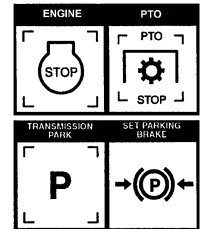
OPS-SB- 0009



Never allow children to play on or around Tractor or Implement. Children can slip or fall off the Equipment and be injured or killed. Children can cause the Implement to shift or fall crushing themselves or others. (SG-25)



BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



Perform service, repairs and lubrication according to the maintenance section. Ensure the unit is properly lubricated as specified in the lubrication schedule and all bolts and nuts are properly torqued. Failure to properly service, repair and maintain this Implement in good operating condition could cause component failure and possible serious injury or even death. (SG-35)

9. TRANSPORTING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

Inherent hazards of operating the tractor and implement and the possibility of accidents are not left behind when you finish working in an area. Therefore, the operator must employ good judgement and safe operation practices when transporting the tractor and implement between locations. By using good judgement and following safe transport procedures, the possibility of accidents while moving between locations can be substantially minimized. OPS-U- 0017

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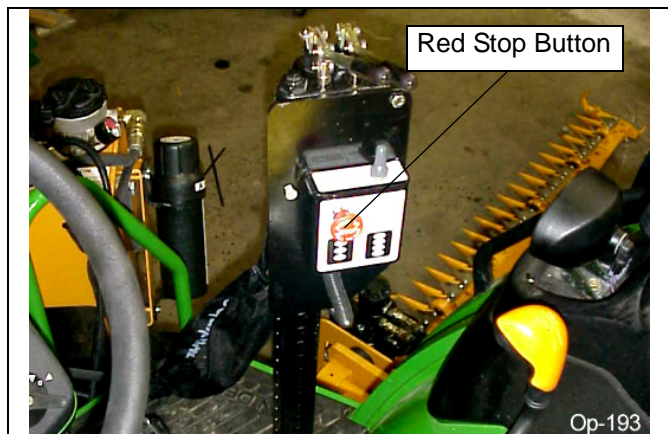
Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement.
Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



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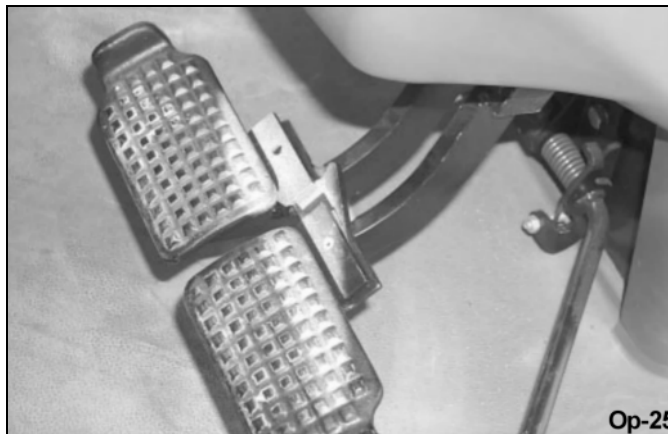
The control valve incorporates load holding components which will keep the bar locked in position. Under normal transport situations, this system will keep the bar in position. However, for added security when transporting over a long distance use the transport safety pins and hair pins provided with the mower. Install as follows:

1. Shut off the mower motor. (Push in red knob) See Page 11 Fig. 4.
2. Raise the cutterbar to the vertical position by fully raising the lift and then the tilt.
3. Shut off the tractor engine.
4. Insert the short carriage transport pin thru the subframe clevis and behind the carriage lug. Insert the hair pin. The boom is now in the transport position. To remove the boom from the Boom Rest, pull the Lift back and raise the boom about 6 inches. Then Swing the boom around to the desired position. OPS-SB- 0010



Before transporting the tractor on a public roadway or boarding a trailer for transport, the tractor brake pedals should be locked together. Locking the pedals ensures that both wheels brake simultaneously while stopping, especially when making an emergency stop.

Use extreme caution and avoid hard applications of the tractor brakes when towing heavy loads at road speeds. Never tow the implement at speeds greater than 20 MPH (25 kph). OPS-U- 0018



9.1 Transporting on Public Roadways

Extreme caution should be used when transporting the tractor and mower on public roadways. The tractor must be equipped with all required safety warning features including a SMV emblem and flashing warning lights to alert drivers of the tractor's presence. Remember that roadways are primarily designed for automotive drivers and most drivers will not be looking out for you, therefore, you must look out for them. Check your side view mirrors frequently and remember that vehicles will approach quickly because of the tractor's slower speed. Be extremely cautious when the piece of equipment that you are towing, is wider than the tractor tire width and/or extends beyond your lane of the road. OPS-B- 0014

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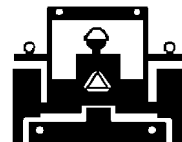
The SMV (Slow-Moving Vehicle) emblem is universal symbol used to alert drivers of the presence of equipment traveling on roadways at a slow speed. SMV signs are a triangular bright orange with reflective red trim for both easy day and night visibility. Make sure the SMV sign is clean and visible from the rear of the unit before transporting the tractor and implement on a public roadway. Replace the SMV emblem if faded, damaged, or no longer reflective. OPS-U- 0020



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



Make certain that the "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the Equipment use the Tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations. (SG-6)



Make sure that all tractor flashing warning lights, headlights, and brake/taillights are functioning properly before proceeding onto public roads. While newer model tractors have plenty of lighting to provide warning signals and operating lighting, most older models where only equipped with operating lights. Consult an authorized tractor dealer for lighting kits and modifications available to upgrade the lighting on older tractor models. OPS-SB- 0011



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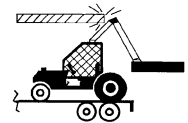
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When operating on public roads, have consideration for other road users. Pull to the side of the road occasionally to allow all following traffic to pass. Do not exceed the legal speed limit set in your country for agricultural tractors. Always stay alert when transporting the tractor and mower on public roads. Especially in busy cities be careful that there are no bystanders, poles, large obstructions or any vehicles that may be in path of the mower. Use caution and reduce speed if other vehicles or pedestrians are in the area. OPS-SB-0012



⚠ DANGER

When transporting Boom Mower on a truck or trailer, the height or width may exceed legal limits when the boom is in the transport position. Contact with side or overhead structures or power lines can cause property damage or serious injury or death. If necessary lower boom to reduce height and/or remove mowing head to reduce width to the legal limits. (SBM-8)



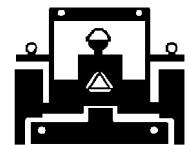
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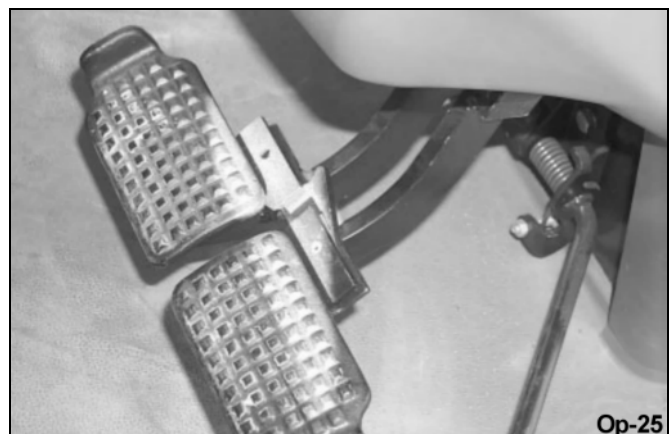


⚠ WARNING

Make certain that the "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the Equipment use the Tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations. (SG-6)



Reduce speed before turning or applying the brakes. Ensure that both brake pedals are locked together when operating on public roads. OPS-U-0023



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9.2 Hauling the Tractor and Implement

Before transporting a loaded tractor and implement, measure the height and width dimensions and gross weight of the complete loaded unit. Ensure that the load will be in compliance with the legal limits set for the areas that will be traveled through. *OPS-U- 0024*



Use adequately sized and rated trailers and equipment to transport the tractor and implement. Consult an authorized dealer to determine the proper equipment required. Using adequately sized chains, heavy duty straps, cables and/or binders, securely tie down both the front and rear of the tractor utilizing the proper tie down locations as specified by the tractor manufacturer. *OPS-U- 0025*



Arrange the chains so that when tightened, the chains are pulling downward and against themselves. Carefully tighten the securing chains or other fasteners using boomers or binders to apply maximum tension. Use extreme care when attaching and removing the securing devices as the extreme tension involved when released has the potential to inflict serious injury.

While hauling the tractor and implement, make occasional stops to check that the tractor and implement have not moved or shifted and that the securing chains have maintained tension. If during transport a hard braking, sharp turning, or swerving action was performed, stop at the next safe location to inspect the security of the load. *OPS-U- 0026*



MAINTENANCE SECTION

Maintenance Section 4-1

MAINTENANCE

LUBRICATION INFORMATION

For continued good cutting and trouble-free operation, it is important to follow these instructions accurately.

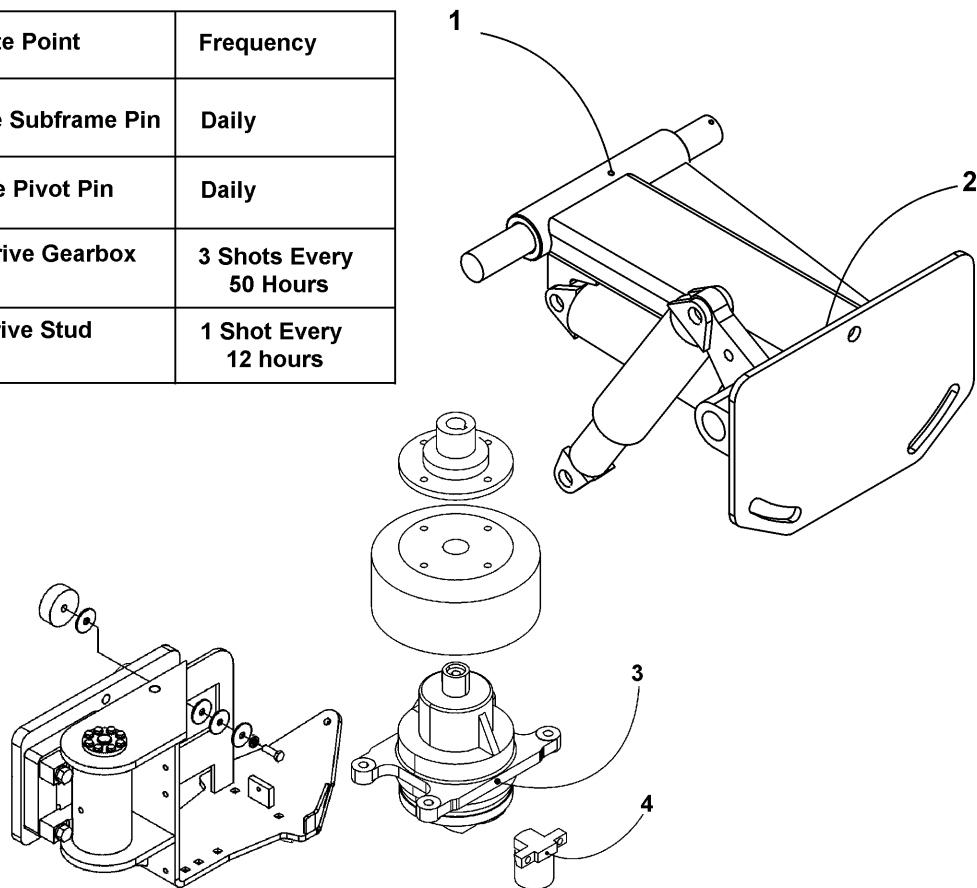
Shut off the tractor engine and remove key before lubricating the mower.

Greasing: Wipe dirt from grease fittings and grease gun nozzle before greasing. Replace missing or damaged grease fittings immediately. Use a good grade of lithium based #2 grease where grease fittings are provided. Do not over-lubricate. Stop as soon as clean grease emerges from the joint, unless noted other wise below.



This safety alert symbol is used to point out areas requiring precautions for your safety. Failure to observe these warnings could result in injury to you. DO NOT attempt to make adjustments with the mower or tractor running!

Lubricate Point	Frequency
1. Carriage Subframe Pin	Daily
2. Carriage Pivot Pin	Daily
3. Knife Drive Gearbox	3 Shots Every 50 Hours
4. Knife Drive Stud	1 Shot Every 12 hours



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INITIAL HYDRAULIC SYSTEM CLEANING

After the first 100 hours of operation, or if the filter condition gauge shows in the red area when the oil is above 100°F drain, clean and replace the filter. Replace the oil after 250 hrs of operation. The oil and filter should be changed in the following manner:

1. On a flat clean area, lower the mower to the floor, turn off the tractor, set the park brake and remove key.
2. Remove the magnetic drain plug from the bottom of the reservoir and drain the oil into a catch container. Discard the used oil according to the regulations in your area. Clean off any particles attached to the magnetic drain plug. Reinstall the plug using a paste-type pipe thread sealant suitable for hydraulic use.
3. Remove the suction hose and suction fittings from the tank. Remove the suction screen. (Refer to the Tank Assembly in the parts section). Wash the suction screen in clean solvent and allow to dry thoroughly. Reinstall the suction screen, suction fittings and suction hose using a paste-type pipe thread sealant suitable for hydraulic use.
4. Unscrew the cap from the top of the filter housing. Remove the filter element from the bowl and replace with the new filter element provided with the new unit (P/N 02974310).
5. Fill the reservoir with a good grade of clean universal tractor hydraulic oil (P/N 02966307-5 Gal. Container). Always add oil using a system that filters the oil prior to being added to the tank. Never assume that any oil, even new oil in a new container, is contaminant free. To rapidly fill the tank, remove the filter cartridge from the bowl. Fill the tank until the oil is at the top of the sight gauge. Reinstall the element and screw cap.
6. Start the tractor and check for leaks.

RESERVOIR OIL & FILTER MAINTENANCE:

Dirty oil can destroy the hydraulic system. Dirt scores valve spools and cylinder plungers and gouges metal from pump and motor thrust plates, gears, and housings. If mower performance is lagging or system is running hotter, the cause could be oil contamination. The oil reservoir has a filter condition gauge located on the filter housing. The filter will show in the red arc when the oil filter needs changing or when the oil temperature is below 100 degrees F. The oil filter should be changed after every 400 hours or every 12 months of operation or when the gauge shows in the red arc when the oil temperature is above 100 degrees F. When changing the filter, also replace the breather filter element (P/N 02974319) located under the black cap. Refer to Filter Assembly in the parts section. Change the oil every 500 hours or 12 months as described in the above procedure. Use Chevron 1000 THF or an equivalent oil.

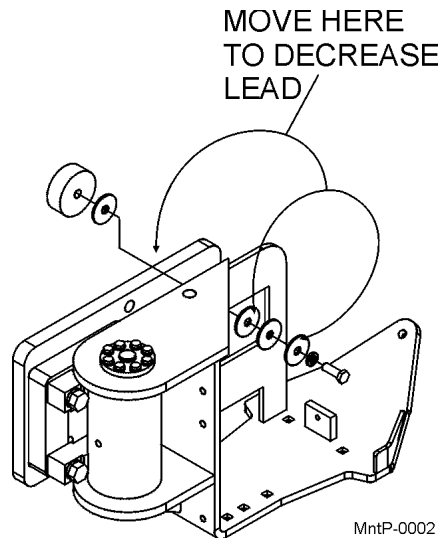
NOTE: Your ambient temperature and operating conditions may require a different viscosity oil. Please contact the oil manufacturer for proper specifications.

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CUTTERBAR ADJUSTMENTS

Lead: The lead angle of the cutter bar is preset at the factory at 3/16" per foot. The lead may be changed, if desired. To reduce the lead, move the washers from the outside of the cutter bar support plate in between the rubber strike pad and plate. See **Image MntP-0002**



Pitch: The pitch of the cutter bar can be infinitely adjusted $\pm 15^\circ$ by loosening the three carriage plate attachment bolts and moving the two bottom bolts in the curved slots.

CUTTERBAR ALIGNMENT

All cutting is done by the knife section passing over the ledger plate in the guard. It is vital that these sections are parallel with ledger plates and in contact with them. See **Image MntP-0003**

The knife should move smoothly in the cutter bar guides and every knife section should rest on the ledger plate to make a shear cut. This means the guards, ledger plates, wear plates, clip and knife head caps must be in good condition and correctly set. If these parts become loose or worn, the knife will flop around in the cutter bar, chewing and tearing instead of cutting.

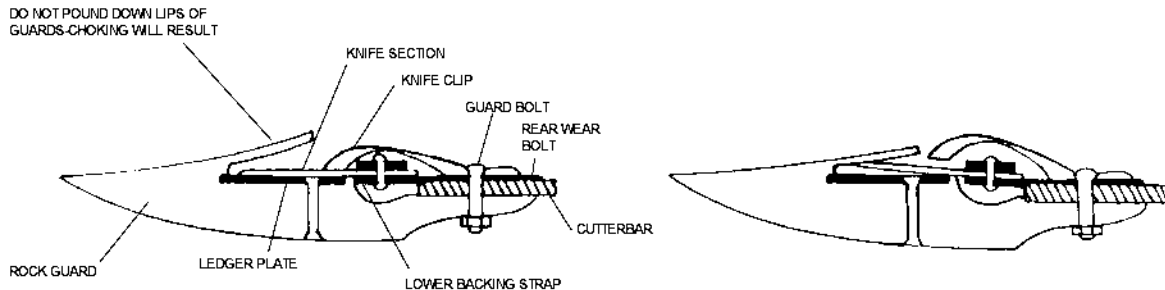
GUARD ADJUSTMENT

1. To align the guards, the only method provided to accomplish this very important adjustment is to bend the guards into alignment with a hammer. No easier method has been found to adjust heavy duty guards which will stand up in rocky conditions.

NOTE: Guards are cast from alloy steel. If they are worked too much, they will work harden and cannot be bent. In this case remove the guard from the bar and remove the ledger plate. Heat the guard to a cherry red and cool. This process will anneal the guard enough that it can be bent.

2. Raise the bar to about 45 degrees. Make sure the knife is at the full retracted position of the stroke so the flywheel doesn't suddenly turn and catch your fingers in the knife. Shut off the engine and set parking brake.

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3. Sight down the bar and look for a knife section in close contact with a guard ledger. If the section to the right and left are both $\frac{1}{8}$ " off the ledger, DO NOT bend the two side ones up until they contact the knife. This is WRONG! The high guard should be knocked down until all three contact. The higher up a guard gets bent, the more the knife section will tend to contact only the tip.
4. Bolt the guards tight and strike them at the thick part, just in front of the ledger plates. Do not pound down the guards lips as the knife might bind. Retighten the bolts as each guard is aligned. Disregard the position of the guard points. It is the ledger plate which must be kept in line. Blunt points should be filed sharp.
5. Start from the inner shoe, adjust each guard so that the knife section and ledger are parallel and reasonably close to each other. Find the high guard and knock them down. Usually, the only time it is necessary to knock a guard up is when new guards are first installed on the bar.
6. Make certain that the first knife section is contacting the inner shoe ledger plate. If it doesn't contact, check the first or second guard which may be holding the knife up or the inner shoe ledger plate may be worn out.
7. Finally, align the industrial outer shoe in the same way as guards.

WEAR PLATE

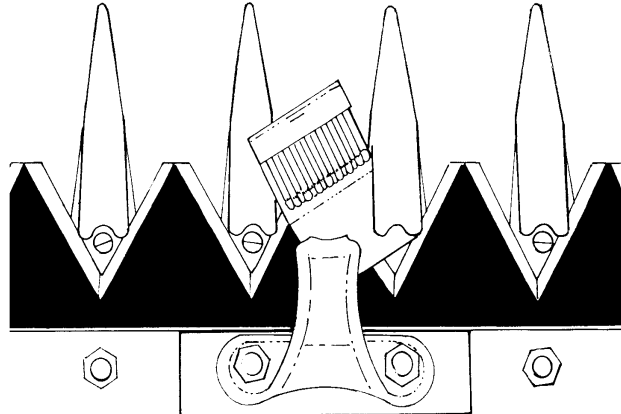
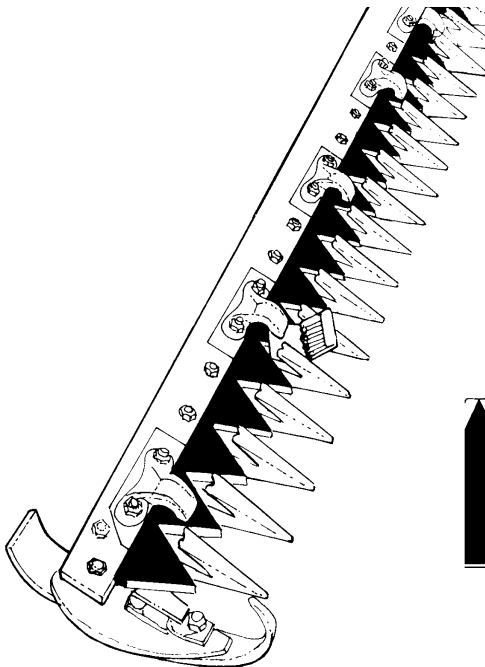
The wear plates must line up with each other to give the knife back straight bearing along its entire length. Wear plates should project approximately $\frac{1}{16}$ " in front of the leading edge of the cutter bar after adjustment. Triumph wear plates are hardened on both edges. After the first edge has worn back, simply turn over the plate to obtain a new wearing surface.

CLIPS

After all guards are adjusted, it is necessary to see that the knife clips are bent down to within $\frac{1}{64}$ " of the section. The easiest way to check this is to hold the knife down on the ledger plate and use a feeler gauge or the cover of a matchbook to measure the clearance. Do not attempt to hold the knife tightly against the ledger plate with the clips. Knock the clips down with a hammer. A light blow is all that is required. If the clips drag on the knife, pry them up. Drag will bind the knife and wear out the clip very rapidly. See **Image MntP-0004**

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STANDARD HEX HEAD CAP SCREW S.A.E. GRADE #5

BOLT SIZE	LOAD*	TORQUE
1/4-20	2,000 lbs.	8 ft. lbs.
1/4-28	2,300 lbs.	10 ft. lbs.
5/16-18	3,350 lbs.	17 ft. lbs.
5/16-24	3,700 lbs.	19 ft. lbs.
3/8-16	4,950 lbs.	30 ft. lbs.
3/8-24	5,600 lbs.	35 ft. lbs.
7/16-14	6,800 lbs.	50 ft. lbs.
7/16-20	7,550 lbs.	55 ft. lbs.
1/2-13	9,050 lbs.	75 ft. lbs.
1/2-20	10,200 lbs.	85 ft. lbs.
9/16-12	11,600 lbs.	110 ft. lbs.
9/16-18	13,000 lbs.	120 ft. lbs.
5/8-11	14,500 lbs.	150 ft. lbs.
5/8-18	16,300 lbs.	170 ft. lbs.
3/4-10	21,300 lbs.	270 ft. lbs.
3/4-16	23,800 lbs.	300 ft. lbs.
7/8-9	29,500 lbs.	430 ft. lbs.
7/8-14	32,400 lbs.	475 ft. lbs.
1"-8	38,700 lbs.	645 ft. lbs.
1"-12	42,300 lbs.	705 ft. lbs.
1"-14	43,300 lbs.	720 ft. lbs.

*Clamp Load lbs. equal to 75% of Bolt Proof Load

METRIC CAP SCREW GRADE 8.8 = U.S. GRADE #5 (APPROX.)

BOLT SIZE	LOAD*	TORQUE
6 mm R.P.	2,000 lbs.	8 ft. lbs.
6 mm F.P.	2,300 lbs.	10 ft. lbs.
8 mm R.P.	3,350 lbs.	17 ft. lbs.
8 mm F.P.	3,700 lbs.	19 ft. lbs.
10 mm R.P.	4,950 lbs.	30 ft. lbs.
10 mm F.P.	5,600 lbs.	35 ft. lbs.
12 mm R.P.	6,800 lbs.	50 ft. lbs.
12 mm F.P.	7,550 lbs.	55 ft. lbs.
14 mm R.P.	9,050 lbs.	75 ft. lbs.
14 mm F.P.	10,200 lbs.	85 ft. lbs.
16 mm R.P.	11,600 lbs.	110 ft. lbs.
16 mm F.P.	13,000 lbs.	120 ft. lbs.
18 mm R.P.	14,500 lbs.	150 ft. lbs.
18 mm F.P.	16,300 lbs.	170 ft. lbs.
20 mm R.P.	21,300 lbs.	270 ft. lbs.
20 mm F.P.	23,800 lbs.	300 ft. lbs.

R.P. Regular Pitch
F.P. Fine Pitch

*Clamp Load lbs. equal to 75% of Bolt Proof Load

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HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

PUMP & MOTOR

The pump and motor is the heart of the hydraulic circuit and is vital to the performance of all Triumph mowers. Worn pumps and motors should be replaced or repaired. It is recommended that most customers replace when this occurs however, spare parts and seal repair kits are available for field repair if desired. **ALWAYS DRAIN, CLEAN AND REFILL THE TANK WITH CLEAN OIL** when pump repairs are made.

NOTICE: To avoid possible damage to a new or rebuilt pump, run the tractor engine at very low RPM for about 5 minutes with all control levers in neutral position prior to placing in service.

VALVES

The major cause of valve malfunction is dirty oil or foreign material causing the valve spools to be scored or seals to fail. If repairs are required remove the valve from the system and thoroughly clean all parts before reassembly. Replacement parts and service kits are available. The valve body and spools are match fitted and are not interchangeable or adjustable. Check the valve lever linkage for free movement to allow the detents to locate without binding.

KNIFE REPAIR

ALWAYS USE A SHARP KNIFE. A dull knife cuts poorly, may plug, and doesn't do a clean job. Keep the knife straight with the sections firmly riveted to the knife back. When sharpening the knife, be careful to restore the original shear angle and bevel of 23 degrees. Properly and improperly ground knife sections are shown in the Fig. MntP-0005. A knife section that has been ground several times may have the proper angle and bevel and still be unserviceable because the hard cutting edge has been ground away and the section is too short to cut everything encountered.

KNIFE

Replace worn or broken knife sections. Triumph knife sections are heavy duty sections made of special steel and will stay sharp for many more hours than conventional sections.



New Sections - proper bevel and angle for good work.

Improperly ground sections-narrow bevel and wrong angle which changes the angle of 'shear'.

Sections properly ground even after repeated grinding, proper bevel and angle are retained.

Sections ground off center, destroying the register of blade in guard.

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LEDGER PLATES

Triumph rock guards use bolt-on ledger plates. It is not necessary to remove the guards from the cutter bar. Follow this simple procedure to remove the ledgers. (Remove the knife from the mower first.)

1. Raise the cutter bar off the ground and block up.
2. Using a punch, drive the bolt from the head end thru the guard. The head will shear off. It is not necessary to remove the nut.
3. Scrape all dirt from the mating face of the guard.
4. Snap in the new ledger and tighten the new bolt and nut. Make sure the ledger is down TIGHT in contact on its bottom face.
5. Stake over or flatten the bolt on the nut side to make sure it does not become loose.
6. Check and tighten the guard-cutter bar attaching bolt.

Inner and outer shoe ledger plates are attached with rivets. These ledgers can also be replaced without removing the shoe.

1. Shear off the old rivets by a sharp blow with a hammer at the edge of the plate.
2. Scrape dirt off the shoe mating face.
3. Install new ledger plate and rivets. Make sure they are TIGHT.

ATTENTION: Loose ledger plates can cause poor cutting and destroy otherwise usable knives, guards, and shoes. **KEEP LEDGERS TIGHT.**

Cylinder Rod Maintenance

It is important to visually inspect the hydraulic cylinder rods daily before use. It is highly recommended that while the machine is stored or getting very little use that a protectant is applied to the hydraulic cylinder rods to prevent degradation. If the machine receives more frequent use, be sure to fully cycle each cylinder function so that the cylinder rod is coated by the systems hydraulic fluid. Depending on your operating environment it may be necessary, under normal operating conditions, to apply a protective lubricant to the cylinder rods for protection against rust and pitting. Hydraulic fluid may provide a suitable amount of protection, but remember any protectant can attract dust and debris so attention must be given to the cylinder rods daily. Also remember that any other protectant must be compatible with hydraulic fluid. Alamo Industrial is not responsible for rust or pitting of the cylinder rod due to weather exposure or impacts from normal operation or mounting. If hydraulic cylinders and or the cylinder rods are damaged as a result of the rods rusting or pitting, the hydraulic cylinders and rods will not be covered under warranty by Alamo Industrial.

ALAMO-INDUSTRIAL

LIMITED WARRANTY

1. LIMITED WARRANTIES

- 1.01. Alamo Industrial warrants for one year from the purchase date to the original non-commercial, governmental, or municipal purchaser ("Purchaser") and warrants for six months to the original commercial or industrial purchaser
- 1.02. Manufacturer will replace for the Purchaser any part or parts found, upon examination at one of its factories, to be defective under normal use and service due to defects in material or workmanship.
- 1.03. This limited warranty does not apply to any part of the goods which has been subjected to improper or abnormal use, negligence, alteration, modification, or accident, damaged due to lack of maintenance or use of wrong fuel, oil, or lubricants, or which has served its normal life. This limited warranty does not apply to any part of any internal combustion engine, or expendable items such as blades, shields, guards, or pneumatic tires except as specifically found
- 1.04. Except as provided herein, no employee, agent, Dealer, or other person is authorized to give any warranties of any nature on behalf of Manufacturer.

2. REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES.

- 2.01. This limited warranty is not effective unless the Purchaser returns the Registration and Warranty Form to Manufacturer within 30 days of purchase.
- 2.02. Purchaser claims must be made in writing to the Authorized Dealer ("Dealer") from whom Purchaser purchased the goods or an approved Authorized Dealer ("Dealer") within 30 days after Purchaser learns of the facts on which the claim is based.
- 2.03. Purchaser is responsible for returning the goods in question to the Dealer.
- 2.04. If after examining the goods and/or parts in question, Manufacturer finds them to be defective under normal use and service due to defects in material or workmanship, Manufacturer will:
 - (a) Repair or replace the defective goods or part(s) or
 - (b) Reimburse Purchaser for the cost of the part(s) and reasonable labor charges (as determined by Manufacturer) if Purchaser paid for the repair and/or replacement prior to the final determination of applicability of the warranty by Manufacturer.

The choice of remedy shall belong to Manufacturer.

- 2.05. Purchaser is responsible for any labor charges exceeding a reasonable amount as determined by Manufacturer and for returning the goods to the Dealer, whether or not the claim is approved. Purchaser is responsible for the transportation cost for the goods or part(s) from the Dealer to the designated factory.

3. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

- 3.01. MANUFACTURER DISCLAIMS ANY EXPRESS (EXCEPT AS SET FORTH HEREIN) AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE GOODS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
- 3.02. MANUFACTURER MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO THE DESIGN, CAPABILITY, CAPACITY, OR SUITABILITY FOR USE OF THE GOODS.
- 3.03. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, MANUFACTURER SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY TO PURCHASER OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LIABILITY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE GOODS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE USE OR OPERATION OF THE GOODS OR ANY BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS AND WARRANTIES, MANUFACTURER'S LIABILITY HEREUNDER FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY PURCHASER OR OTHERS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE PRICE OF THE GOODS.
- 3.04. NO ACTION ARISING OUT OF ANY CLAIMED BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY OR TRANSACTIONS UNDER THIS WARRANTY MAY BE BROUGHT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION HAS OCCURRED.

4. MISCELLANEOUS.

- 4.01. Proper Venue for any lawsuits arising from or related to this limited warranty shall be only in Guadalupe County, Texas.
- 4.02. Manufacturer may waive compliance with any of the terms of this limited warranty, but no waiver of any terms shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other term.
- 4.03. If any provision of this limited warranty shall violate any applicable law and is held to be unenforceable, then the invalidity of such provision shall not invalidate any other provisions herein.
- 4.04. Applicable law may provide rights and benefits to purchaser in addition to those provided herein.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

ATTENTION: Purchaser should fill in the blanks below for his reference when buying repair parts and/or for proper machine identification when applying for warranty.

Servis-Rhino Implement Model _____

Serial Number _____

Date Purchased _____

Dealer _____

ATTENTION: _____

READ YOUR OPERATOR'S MANUAL

ALAMO INDUSTRIAL
An Alamo Group Company
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Seguin, Texas 78156
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TO THE OWNER/OPERATOR/DEALER

To keep your implement running efficiently and safely, read your manual thoroughly and follow these directions and the Safety Messages in this Manual. The Table of Contents clearly identifies each section where you can easily find the information you need.

The OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (1928.51 Subpart C) makes these minimum safety requirements of tractor operators:

REQUIRED OF THE OWNER:

1. Provide a Roll-Over-Protective Structure that meets the requirements of this Standard; and
2. Provide Seat belts that meet the requirements of this paragraph of this Standard and SAE J4C; and
3. Ensure that each employee uses such Seat belt while the tractor is moving; and
4. Ensure that each employee tightens the Seat belt sufficiently to confine the employee to the protected area provided by the ROPS.

REQUIRED OF THE OPERATOR

1. Securely fasten seat belt if the tractor has a ROPS.
 2. Where possible, avoid operating the tractor near ditches, embankments, and holes.
 3. Reduce speed when turning, crossing slopes, and on rough, slick, or muddy surfaces.
 4. Stay off slopes too steep for safe operation.
 5. Watch where you are going - especially at row ends, on roads, and around trees.
 6. Do not permit others to ride.
 7. Operate the tractor smoothly - no jerky turns, starts, or stops.
 8. Hitch only to the drawbar and hitch points recommended by the tractor manufacturer.
 9. When the tractor is stopped, set brakes securely and use park lock, if available.
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Keep children away from danger all day, every day...



Equip tractors with rollover protection (ROPS) and keep all machinery guards in place...



Please work, drive, play and live each day with care and concern for your safety and that of your family and fellow citizens.



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