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Introduction

READ THIS MANUAL carefully to learn how to operate and service your machine correctly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage. This manual and safety signs on your machine may also be available in other languages. (See your John Deere dealer to order.)

THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

MEASUREMENTS in this manual are given in both metric and customary U.S. unit equivalents. Use only correct replacement parts and fasteners. Metric and inch fasteners may require a specific metric or inch wrench.

RIGHT-HAND AND LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction of forward travel.

WRITE PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (P.I.N.) in the Machine Numbers section. Accurately

record all the numbers to help in tracing the machine should it be stolen. Your dealer also needs these numbers when you order parts. File the identification numbers in a secure place off the machine.

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This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.

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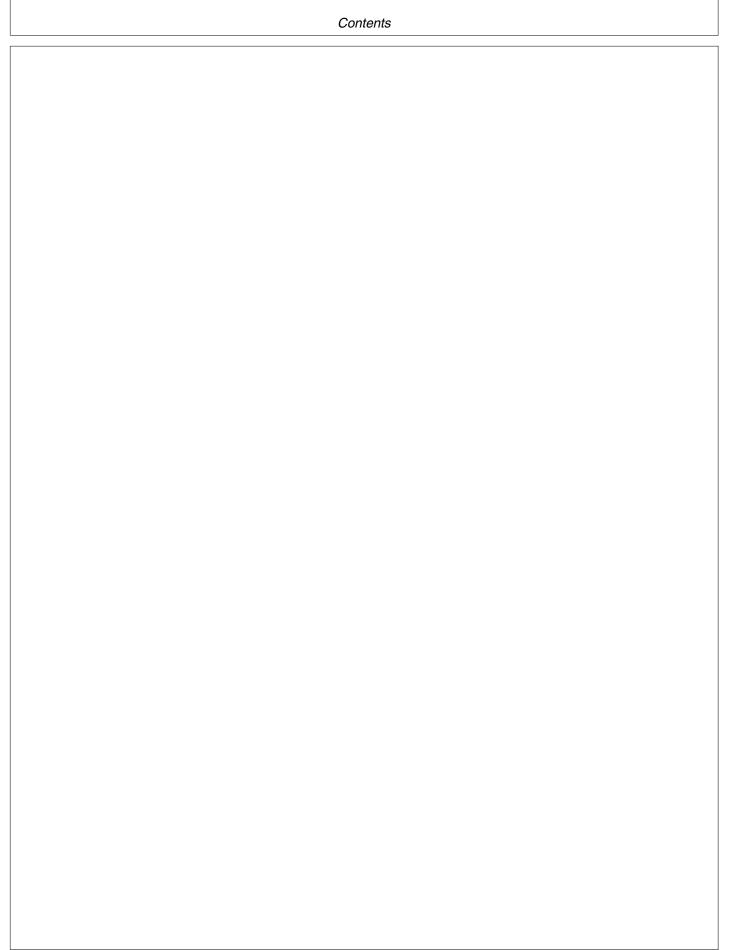
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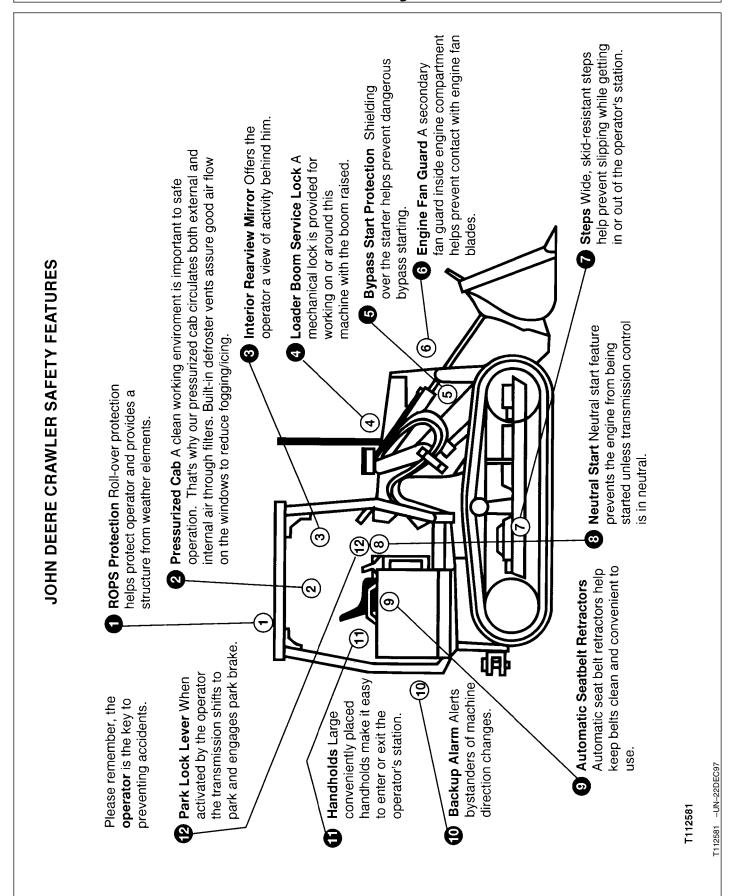
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Safety



RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.



UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS

A signal word—DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION—is used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

DANGER or WARNING safety signs are located near specific hazards. General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs. CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.

A DANGER

A WARNING

A CAUTION

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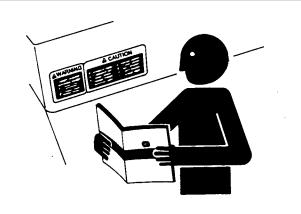
FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Carefully read all safety messages in this manual and on your machine safety signs. Keep safety signs in good condition. Replace missing or damaged safety signs. Be sure new equipment components and repair parts include the current safety signs. Replacement safety signs are available from your John Deere dealer.

Learn how to operate the machine and how to use controls properly. Do not let anyone operate without instruction.

Keep your machine in proper working condition. Unauthorized modifications to the machine may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.

If you do not understand any part of this manual and need assistance, contact your John Deere dealer.



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AVOID INJURY FROM ROLLOVER ACCIDENTS

WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO JUMP CLEAR OF TIPPING MACHINE--SERIOUS OR FATAL CRUSHING INJURIES WILL RESULT

MACHINE WILL TIP OVER FASTER THAN YOU CAN JUMP FREE

To avoid rollovers:

Be careful when operating on a slope.

Avoid sharp turns.

Balance loads so weight is evenly distributed and load is stable.

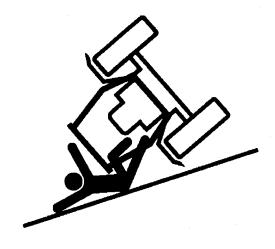
Carry tools and loads close to the ground to aid visibility and lower center of gravity.

Reduce speed before turning or swinging load.

Know capacity of machine. Do not overload.

Be careful when operating at the edge of an excavation, trench, or drop-off, and loading or unloading from a trailer.

Read and understand the operating instructions in the operator's manual.





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AVOID INJURY FROM BACKOVER ACCIDENTS

BEFORE MOVING MACHINE, BE SURE ALL PERSONS ARE CLEAR OF AREA

ALWAYS BE ALERT FOR BYSTANDERS MOVING INTO THE WORK AREA. USE HORN OR OTHER SIGNAL TO WARN BYSTANDERS BEFORE MOVING MACHINE

WHEN USING A SIGNAL PERSON, KEEP PERSON IN VIEW AT ALL TIMES, BE SURE SIGNAL PERSON IS CLEAR BEFORE BACKING UP

To avoid backover accidents:

Always look around before you back up. Be sure that everyone is in the clear.

Keep bystanders away from pivot area of an articulated machine.

Keep reverse warning alarm in working condition

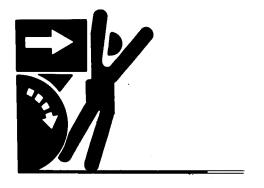
Use a signal person when backing up if view is obstructed. Always keep signal person in view.

Learn the meaning of all flags, signs, and markings used on the job and who has the responsibility for signaling.

Keep windows, mirrors, and lights clean and in good condition.

Dust, heavy rain, fog, etc., can reduce visibility. As visibility decreases, reduce speed and use proper lighting.

Read and understand the operating instructions in this operator's manual.



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AVOID INJURY FROM ROLLAWAY ACCIDENTS

TO PREVENT ROLLAWAY, ALWAYS MAKE SURE MACHINE IS PROPERLY SECURED BEFORE LEAVING OPERATOR'S SEAT

DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT IF YOU ATTEMPT TO MOUNT OR STOP A MOVING MACHINE

To avoid rollaways:

Select level ground when possible to park machine.

Place transmission controls in park.

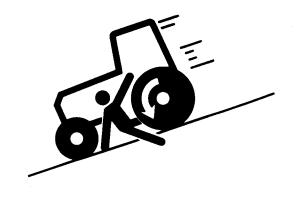
Lower all equipment to ground.

Stop the engine.

Block tracks if you must park on a grade, position machine to prevent rolling.

Park a reasonable distance from other machines.

Read and understand the operating instructions in this operator's manual.



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INSPECT MACHINE

Inspect your machine carefully each day by walking around it before you start it. (See Pre-Start Inspection Chapter.)



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MAINTAIN SEAT BELT

It is important to use the seat belt on ROPS equipped machines to minimize the chance of injury from an accident such as an overturn. Keep the seat belt in good condition.

The complete seat belt assembly should be replaced after three years of usage, regardless of appearance.

Between replacement intervals:

Carefully examine buckle, webbing, and attaching hardware.

Be sure that the retractor, if equipped, locks to prevent belt extension after latching buckle.

Be sure that attaching hardware is in place. Tighten, if necessary.

Replace the seat belt if it does not operate properly, or if it is damaged, worn, or deteriorated.



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USE HANDHOLDS AND STEPS

Falling is one of the major causes of personal injury.

When you get on and off the machine, always maintain a three point contact with the steps and handrails and face the machine. Do not use any controls as handholds.

Never jump either on or off the machine. Never mount or dismount a moving machine.

Be careful of slippery conditions on platforms, steps, and handrails when leaving the machine.



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PREVENT MACHINE RUNAWAY

Avoid possible injury or death from machine runaway.

Do not start engine by shorting across starter terminals. Machine will start in gear if normal circuitry is bypassed.

NEVER start engine while standing on ground. Start engine only from operator's seat, with transmission in park.



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USE SEAT BELT PROPERLY

Use a seat belt when you operate with a roll-over protective structure (ROPS) or cab to minimize chance of injury from an accident such as an overturn.

Do not use a seat belt if operating without a ROPS or cab.



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OPERATING ON SLOPES

Avoid side slope travel whenever possible. The danger of tipping is always present.

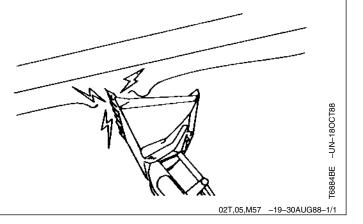
In steep slope operation, do not allow engine to overspeed. Select proper gear speed before starting down slope.

The grade of the slope you should attempt will be limited by such factors as ground condition, and load being handled.

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AVOID POWER LINES

Keep away from power lines. Serious injury or death may result. Never move any part of the machine or load closer to power line than 10 ft (3 m) plus twice the line insulator length.



PARK MACHINE SAFELY

Before working on the machine:

- Park machine on a level surface.
- Lower equipment to the ground.
- Move transmission shift lever to neutral.
- · Move park and brake lock lever to lock position.
- Run engine at 1/2 speed no load for 2 minutes.
- Move speed control lever to slow idle position.
- Turn key switch to OFF to stop engine. (If maintenance must be performed with engine running, do not leave machine unattended.)
- Remove key from switch.
- Release hydraulic pressure by moving control lever until equipment does not move.
- Attach a "Do Not Operate" tag on the metal loop at the top of the instrument panel.
- Turn battery disconnect switch off.
- Allow engine to cool.

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KEEP RIDERS OFF MACHINE

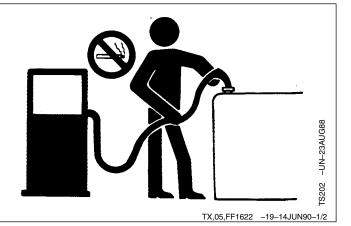
Only allow the operator on the machine. Keep riders off.

Riders on machine are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects and being thrown off of the machine. Riders also obstruct the operator's view resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.

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HANDLE FLUIDS SAFELY—AVOID FIRES

Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable. Do not refuel the machine while smoking or when near open flame or sparks. Always stop engine before refueling machine. Fill fuel tank outdoors.



Store flammable fluids away from fire hazards. Do not incinerate or puncture pressurized containers.

Make sure machine is clean of trash, grease, and debris.

Do not store oily rags; they can ignite and burn spontaneously.



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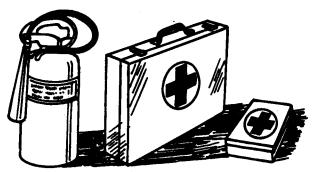
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PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

Be prepared if a fire starts.

Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher handy.

Keep emergency numbers for doctors, ambulance service, hospital, and fire department near your telephone.



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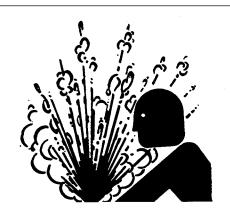
HANDLE STARTING FLUID SAFELY

Starting fluid is highly flammable.

Keep all sparks and flame away when using it. Keep starting fluid away from batteries and cables.

To prevent accidental discharge when storing the pressurized can, keep the cap on the container, and store in a cool, protected location.

Do not incinerate or puncture a starting fluid container.



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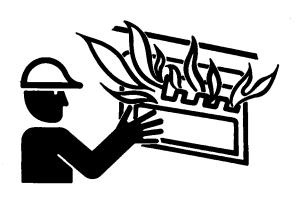
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CLEAN TRASH FROM MACHINE

Keep engine compartment, radiator, batteries, hydraulic lines, fuel tank, and operator's station clean.

Temperature in engine compartment may go up immediately after engine is stopped. BE ON GUARD FOR FIRES DURING THIS PERIOD.

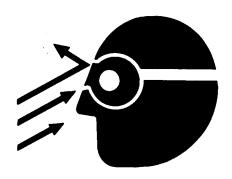
Open access door(s) to cool the engine faster, and clean engine compartment.



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PROTECT AGAINST FLYING DEBRIS

When you drive connecting pins in or out, guard against injury from flying pieces of metal or debris; wear goggles or safety glasses.

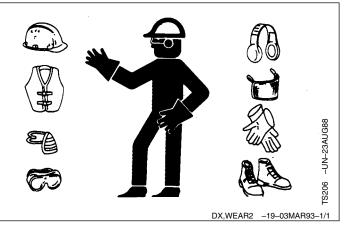


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WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate to the job.

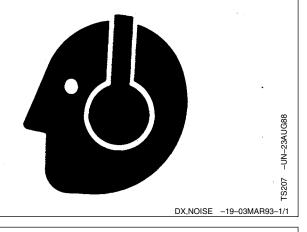
Operating equipment safely requires the full attention of the operator. Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating machine.



PROTECT AGAINST NOISE

Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.

Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortable loud noises.



WARN OTHERS OF SERVICE WORK

Unexpected machine movement can cause serious injury.

Before performing any work on the machine, attach a "DO NOT OPERATE" tag to the vandal cover latch.



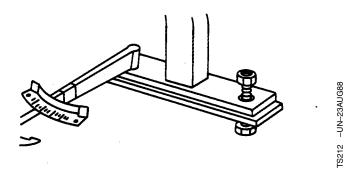
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KEEP ROPS INSTALLED PROPERLY

Make certain all parts are reinstalled correctly if the roll-over protective structure (ROPS) is loosened or removed for any reason. Tighten mounting bolts to proper torque.

The protection offered by ROPS will be impaired if ROPS is subjected to structural damage, is involved in an overturn incident, or is in any way altered by welding, bending, drilling, or cutting. A damaged ROPS should be replaced, not reused.



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SUPPORT RAISED EQUIPMENT

Put a support (A) under all raised equipment. Never work under raised equipment without a support.

If a support is not available, lower equipment to ground.



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PRACTICE SAFE MAINTENANCE

Understand service procedure before doing work. Keep area clean and dry.

Never lubricate or service machine while it is moving. Keep hands, feet and clothing from power-driven parts.

Before servicing machine:

- Park machine on a level surface.
- Lower equipment to the ground.
- Move transmission shift lever to neutral.
- Move park and brake lock lever to lock position.
- Run engine at 1/2 speed no load for 2 minutes.
- Move speed control lever to slow idle position.
- Turn key switch to OFF to stop engine. (If maintenance must be performed with engine running, do not leave machine unattended.)
- Remove key from switch.
- Release hydraulic pressure by moving control lever until equipment does not move.
- Attach a "Do Not Operate" tag on the metal loop at the top of the instrument panel.
- Turn battery disconnect switch off.
- Allow engine to cool.

If maintenance procedure must be performed with engine running, do not leave machine unattended.

Support any machine element that must be raised for service work. Never work under a machine supported by a jack.

Keep all parts in good condition and properly installed. Fix damage immediately. Replace worn or broken parts. Remove any buildup of grease, oil, or debris.



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STAY CLEAR OF MOVING PARTS

Entanglements in moving parts can cause serious injury.

To prevent accidents, use care when working around rotating parts.



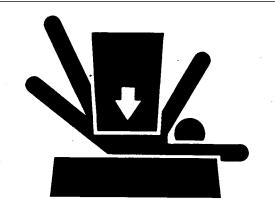
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SUPPORT MACHINE PROPERLY

Always lower the attachment or implement to the ground before you work on the machine. If you must work on a lifted machine or attachment, securely support the machine or attachment.

Do not support the machine on cinder blocks, hollow tiles, or props that may crumble under continuous load. Do not work under a machine that is supported solely by a jack. Follow recommended procedures in this manual.



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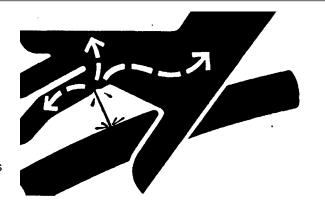
AVOID HIGH-PRESSURE FLUIDS

Escaping fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury.

Avoid the hazard by relieving pressure before disconnecting hydraulic or other lines. Tighten all connections before applying pressure.

Search for leaks with a piece of cardboard. Protect hands and body from high pressure fluids.

If an accident occurs, see a doctor immediately. Any fluid injected into the skin must be surgically removed within a few hours or gangrene may result. Doctors unfamiliar with this type of injury should reference a knowledgeable medical source. Such information is available from Deere & Company Medical Department in Moline, Illinois, U.S.A.



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DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

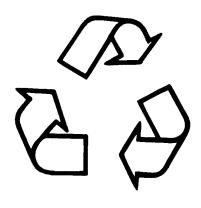
Improperly disposing of waste can threaten the environment and ecology. Potentially harmful waste used with John Deere equipment include such items as oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, filters, and batteries.

Use leakproof containers when draining fluids. Do not use food or beverage containers that may mislead someone into drinking from them.

Do not pour waste onto the ground, down a drain, or into any water source.

Air conditioning refrigerants escaping into the air can damage the Earth's atmosphere. Government regulations may require a certified air conditioning service center to recover and recycle used air conditioning refrigerants.

Inquire on the proper way to recycle or dispose of waste from your local environmental or recycling center, or from your John Deere dealer.



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REMOVE PAINT BEFORE WELDING OR HEATING

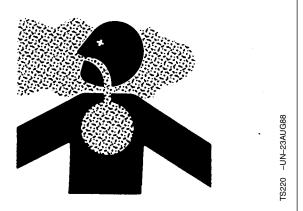
Avoid potentially toxic fumes and dust.

Hazardous fumes can be generated when paint is heated by welding, soldering, or using a torch.

Do all work outside or in a well ventilated area. Dispose of paint and solvent properly.

Remove paint before welding or heating:

- If you sand or grind paint, avoid breathing the dust.
 Wear an approved respirator.
- If you use solvent or paint stripper, remove stripper with soap and water before welding. Remove solvent or paint stripper containers and other flammable material from area. Allow fumes to disperse at least 15 minutes before welding or heating.



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AVOID HEATING NEAR PRESSURIZED FLUID LINES

Flammable spray can be generated by heating near pressurized fluid lines, resulting in severe burns to yourself and bystanders. Do not heat by welding, soldering, or using a torch near pressurized fluid lines or other flammable materials. Pressurized lines can be accidentally cut when heat goes beyond the immediate flame area.



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PREVENT BATTERY EXPLOSIONS

Keep sparks, lighted matches, and open flame away from the top of battery. Battery gas can explode.

Never check battery charge by placing a metal object across the posts. Use a volt-meter or hydrometer.

Do not charge a frozen battery; it may explode. Warm battery to 16°C (60°F).

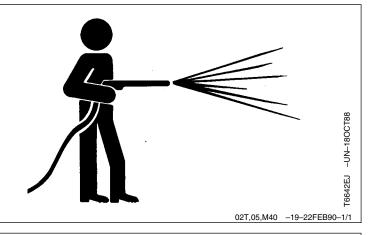


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CLEAN THE MACHINE REGULARLY

Remove any grease, oil or debris build-up to avoid possible injury or machine damage.



STORE ATTACHMENTS SAFELY

Stored attachments such as buckets, hydraulic hammers, and blades can fall and cause serious injury or death.

Securely store attachments and implements to prevent falling. Keep playing children and bystanders away from storage area.



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SERVICE COOLING SYSTEM SAFELY

Explosive release of fluids from pressurized cooling system can cause serious burns.

Shut off engine. Only remove filler cap when cool enough to touch with bare hands. Slowly loosen cap to first stop to relieve pressure before removing completely.



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TRAVEL SAFELY

Know the location of bystanders before moving the machine.

Always keep the reverse warning alarm in working condition. It warns people when the machine starts to move in reverse.

Use a signal person when moving the machine in congested areas. Coordinate hand signals before starting the machine.



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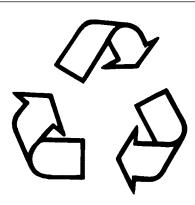
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