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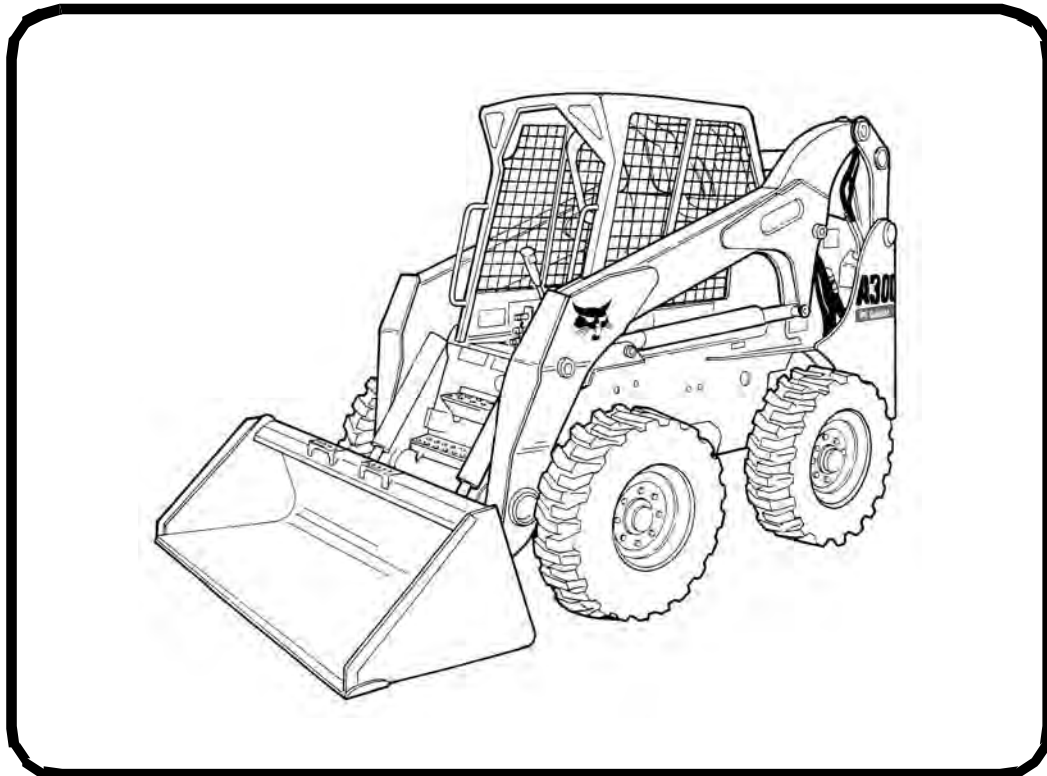
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## Operation & Maintenance Manual

### A300 All Wheel Steer

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EQUIPPED WITH  
BOBCAT INTERLOCK  
CONTROL SYSTEM (BICS)





# OPERATOR SAFETY WARNINGS



## WARNING

Operator must have instructions before running the machine. Untrained operators can cause injury or death.

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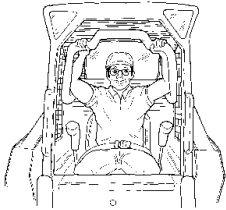


**Safety Alert Symbol:** This symbol with a warning statement, means: "Warning, be alert! Your safety is involved!" Carefully read the message that follows.



Never use the loader without instructions. See machine signs (decals), Operation & Maintenance Manual, and Operator's Handbook.

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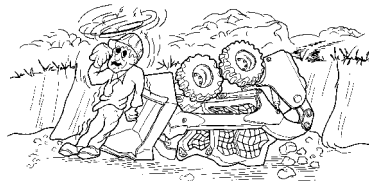


Always use the seat bar and fasten seat belt snugly.



Always keep feet on the pedals or foot rest when operating loader.

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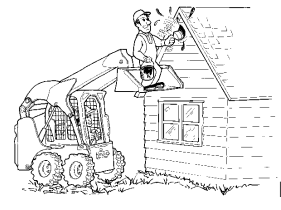


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Never use loader without operator cab with ROPS and FOPS approval. Fasten your seat belt.

## WRONG



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Never use loader as man lift or elevating device for personnel.

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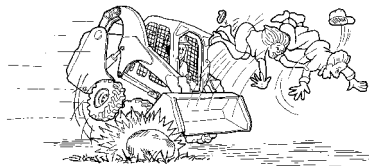


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Do not use loader in atmosphere with explosive dust, explosive gas, or where exhaust can contact flammable material.

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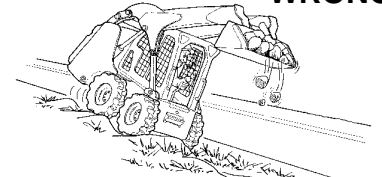


Never carry riders.



Keep bystanders away from work area.

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Always carry bucket or attachments as low as possible.

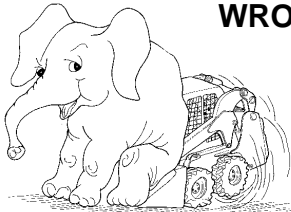


Do not travel or turn with lift arms up.



Load, unload, and turn on flat level ground.

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Never exceed Rated Operating Capacity.

## WRONG



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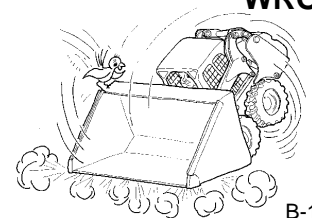


Never leave loader with engine running or with lift arms up.



To park, engage parking brake and put attachment flat on the ground.

## WRONG



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Never modify equipment.



Use only attachments approved by Bobcat Company for this model loader.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The Bobcat Loader must be equipped with safety items necessary for each job. Ask your dealer about attachments and accessories.

1. SEAT BELT: Check belt fasteners and check for damaged webbing or buckle.
2. SEAT BAR: When up, it must deactivate travel and hydraulic functions.
3. OPERATOR CAB (ROPS and FOPS): It must be on the loader with all fasteners tight.
4. HANDBOOK: Must be in the cab.
5. SAFETY SIGNS (DECALS): Replace if damaged.
6. SAFETY TREADS: Replace if damaged.
7. GRAB HANDLES: Replace if damaged.
8. LIFT ARM SUPPORT DEVICE: Replace if damaged.
9. PARKING BRAKE
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## REFERENCE INFORMATION

Write the correct information for YOUR Bobcat Loader in the spaces below. Always use these numbers when referring to your Bobcat Loader.

Loader Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Engine Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

YOUR BOBCAT DEALER:

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOREWORD**

**SAFETY & TRAINING RESOURCES**

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This Operation & Maintenance Manual was written to give the owner/operator instructions on the safe operation and maintenance of the Bobcat Loader. READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS OPERATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING YOUR Bobcat Loader. If you have any questions, see your Bobcat dealer. This manual may illustrate options and accessories not installed on your loader.

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**ISO 9001:2000** is an international standard that controls the processes and procedures which we use to design, develop, manufacture and distribute Bobcat products.












British Standards Institute (**BSI**) is the Certified Registrar Bobcat Company chose to assess the Company's compliance with the ISO 9001:2000 standard. The BSI registration certifies that Bobcat's manufacturing facilities in Gwinner and Bismarck, North Dakota (North America), Pontchateau (France), Dobris (Czech Republic) and the Bobcat corporate offices (Gwinner, Bismarck & West Fargo) in North Dakota are in compliance with ISO 9001:2000. Only certified assessors, like BSI, can grant registrations.

ISO 9001:2000 means that as a company we say what we do and do what we say. In other words, we have established procedures and policies, and we provide evidence that the procedures and policies are followed.

**CALIFORNIA  
PROPOSITION 65 WARNING**

Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

**REGULAR MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

	<b>ENGINE OIL FILTER (6 Pack)</b> 6678233		<b>HYDROSTATIC CASE DRAIN FILTER</b> 6661022
	<b>FUEL FILTER</b> 6667352		<b>BATTERY</b> 6665427
	<b>AIR FILTER, Outer</b> 6681474		<b>FLUID, Hydraulic/Hydrostatic</b>  6903117 - (2.5 Gal.) 6903118 - (5 Gal.) 6903119 - (55 Gal.)
	<b>AIR FILTER, Inner</b> 6681475		
	<b>HYDRAULIC CHARGE FILTER</b> 6686926 (Earlier Models) 6692337 (Later Models)		<b>HYDRAULIC FILL / BREATHER CAP</b> 6727475
	<b>HYDROSTATIC FILTER</b>  6661248 (6 inch) - for Standard Flow 6668819 (9.5 inch) - for High-Flow		<b>ANTI-FREEZE, Propylene Glycol</b>  6724094 - Premixed 6724354 - Concentrate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOTOR OIL</b></li> <li>6903105 SAE 15W40 CE/SG (12 qt.)</li> <li>6903107 SAE 10W30 CE/SG (12 qt.)</li> <li>6903109 SAE 30W CE/SG (12 qt.)</li>   <li>6903113 SAE 15W40 CE/SG (2.5 Gal.)</li> <li>6903112 SAE 10W30 CE/SG (2.5 Gal.)</li> <li>6903111 SAE 30W CE/SG (2.5 Gal.)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6903106 SAE 15W40 CE/SG (1 Gal.)</li> <li>6903108 SAE 10W30 CE/SG (1 Gal.)</li> <li>6903110 SAE 30W CE/SG (1 Gal.)</li> </ul>	

**NOTE: Always verify Part Numbers with your Bobcat dealer.**

## SERIAL NUMBER LOCATIONS

Always use the serial number of the loader when requesting service information or when ordering parts. Early or later models (identification made by serial number) may use different parts, or it may be necessary to use a different procedure in doing a specific service operation.

**Figure 1**

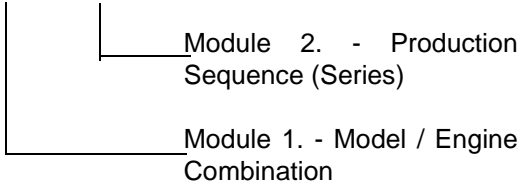


### Loader Serial Number

The loader serial number plate is located on the outside of the loader frame [Figure 1].

Explanation of loader Serial Number:

XXXX XXXXX

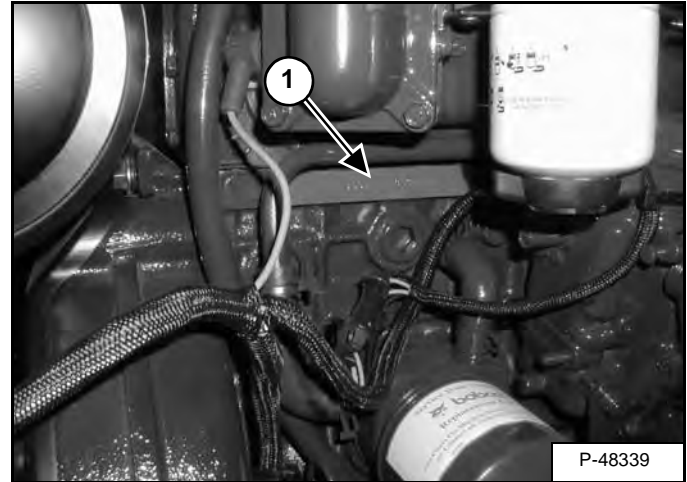


1. The four digit Model/Engine Combination Module number identifies the model number and engine combination.

2. The five digit Production Sequence Number identifies the order which the loader is produced.

## Engine Serial Number

**Figure 2**



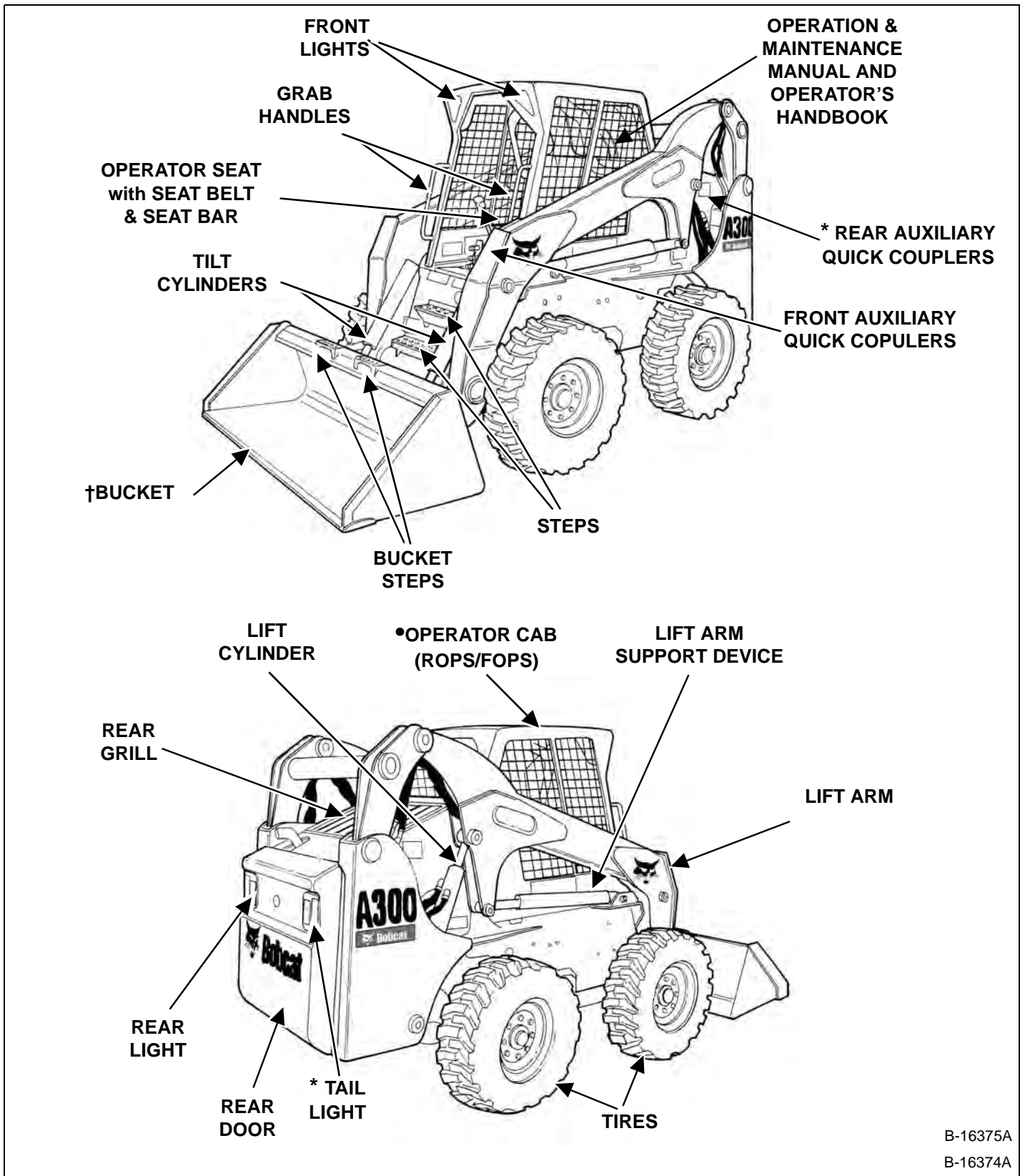
The engine serial number is located on the side of the engine (Item 1) [Figure 2] above the oil filter.

## DELIVERY REPORT

**Figure 3**

The delivery report must be filled out by the dealer and signed by the owner or operator when the Bobcat Loader is delivered. An explanation of the form must be given to the owner. Make sure it is filled out completely [Figure 3].

# LOADER IDENTIFICATION



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B-16374A

• ROPS, FOPS (Roll Over Protective Structure, per ISO 3471, and Falling Object Protective Structure per SAE J1043 and ISO 3449, Level I. Level II is available.

† Many different buckets and other attachments are available.

\* Option or Accessory, not standard equipment.

## FEATURES, ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

### Standard Items

Model A300 Bobcat Loaders are equipped with the following standard items:

- Adjustable Suspension Seat
- Automatically Activated Air Intake Heater
- Auxiliary Hydraulics: Variable Flow / Maximum Flow
- Bobcat Interlock Control System (BICS™)
- Bob-Tach
- Deluxe Cab (includes: interior insulation, top and rear windows, accessory harness, dome light and 12 volt power port (ROPS & FOPS Approved))
- Dual Path Cooling System
- Engine/Hydraulic Systems Shutdown
- Instrumentation: Hourmeter, Engine Temperature and Fuel Gauges and Warning Lights
- Lift Arm Support Device
- Lights, Front & Rear
- Parking Brake
- Seat Bar
- Seat Belt with 3-Point Restraint
- Spark Arrestor Exhaust System
- Tires (12-16.5, Bobcat Heavy Duty, 10 ply Rating)
- Turbo-Charger
- Two-Speed Travel

### Options and Accessories

Below is a list of some equipment available from your Bobcat Loader dealer as Dealer and / or Factory Installed Accessories and Factory Installed Options. See your Bobcat dealer for other available options, accessories and attachments.

- Access Cover Kit (Foot Pedal Area)
- Accessories Electrical Harness
- Attachment Control Device (ACD)
- Back-up Alarm
- Cab Door
- Cab Enclosure
- Cab Enclosure (Vinyl)
- Cab Heater
- Cab Heater and Air Conditioning
- Catalytic Exhaust Purifier
- Debris Shield
- Engine Heater
- Extended Pedals
- Fire Extinguisher
- FOPS Kit (Level II)
- GPS System (GlobalTRACS®)
- High-Flow Auxiliary Hydraulics
- Horn
- Hose Guide

### Options and Accessories (Cont'd)

- Hydraulic Bucket Positioning (Includes On/Off Selection)
- Keyless Instrument Panel
- Lift Kit (4-Point, Single Point)
- Locking Fuel Cap
- MSHA Approval Kit
- Power Bob-Tach
- Radiator Screen Kit
- Radio Remote Control
- Rear Auxiliary Hydraulics
- Rear Window Wiper
- Ride Control
- Seat Belt - 3 Inch Wide
- Seat Belt - Retractable
- Secondary Front Auxiliary Hydraulics
- Sound Cab (Reduces noise at operator ear)
- Sound Insulation (Reduces noise to bystanders)
- Special Applications Kit
- Taillights
- Tailgate Lock
- Tires:
  - Bobcat Heavy Duty 12 - 16.5, 12 Ply Rating
  - Bobcat Severe Duty 12 - 16.5 12 Ply Rating
  - Bobcat Super Float 33 x 15.5 - 16.5
- Tool Container
- Warning Lights: Four-Way Flasher (Includes Direction Signals), Rotating Beacon, Strobe Light
- Weighlog Kit
- Windows
  - Top and Rear Windows
  - Side Windows
  - Polycarbonate Rear Window
  - Polycarbonate Top Window
  - Externally Removable Rear Window

***Specifications subject to change without notice.***

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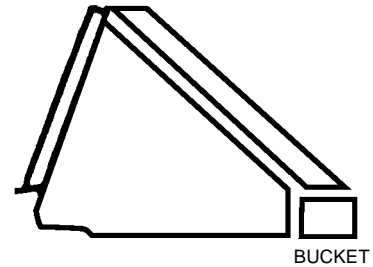
These and other attachments are approved for use on this model loader. Do not use unapproved attachments. Attachments not manufactured by Bobcat may not be approved.

The versatile Bobcat Loader quickly turns into a multi-job machine with a tight-fit attachment hook-up . . . from bucket to grapple to pallet fork to backhoe and a variety of other attachments.

See your Bobcat dealer for more details on these and other attachments and field accessories.

Increase the versatility of your Bobcat Loader with a variety of bucket styles and sizes.

## Buckets Available



Many bucket styles, widths and different capacities are available for a variety of different applications. They include Construction & Industrial, Low profile, Fertilizer and Snow, to name a few. See your Bobcat dealer for the correct bucket for your Bobcat Loader and application.

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## Attachments

- 3-Point Hitch
- Angle Broom
- Auger
- Backhoe
- Blades
  - Box Blade
  - Dozer
  - Snow Blade
  - V-Blade
- Bob-Tach Backhoe
- Breaker
- Brush Saw
- Bucket Adapter
- Buckets
- Chipper
- Combination Bucket
- Concrete Mixer
- Concrete Pump
- Cutter Crusher
- Drop Hammer
- Dumping Hopper
- Finish Mower
- Grader
- Industrial Bucket Grapple
- Industrial Fork Grapple
- Landplane
- Landscape Rake
- Packer Wheel
- Pallet Fork
- Planer
- Rear Stabilizers
- Root Grapple
- Rotary Cutter
- Scraper
- Seeder
- Silt Fence Installer
- Snow Blower
- Snow Pusher
- Sod Layer
- Soil Conditioner
- Stump Grinder
- Tiller
- Tree Spade
- Trencher
- Trench Compactor
- Utility Fork
- Utility Frame
- Utility Grapple
- Vibratory Roller
- Water Kit
- Whisker Broom
- X-Change Frame

**See your Bobcat dealer for these and other attachments available for your loader.**

## 40 GPM Attachments

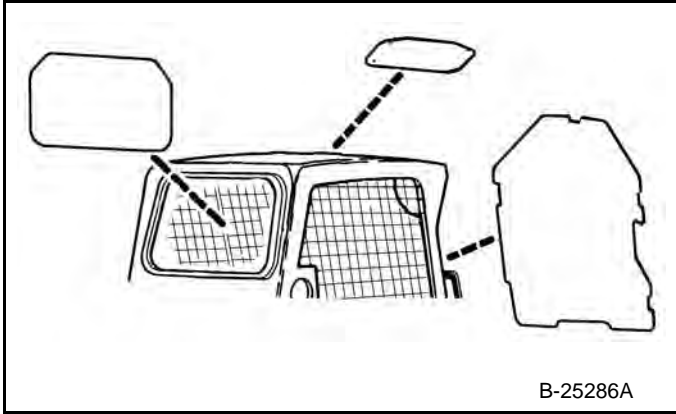
**The following attachments are approved for use on High-Flow machines. See your Bobcat dealer for an updated list of approved attachments.**

- Auger
- Chipper
- Concrete Pump
- Forestry Cutter
- Planer
- Rotary Cutter
- Soil Conditioner
- Stump Grinder
- Tiller
- Trencher
- Wheel Saw

**NOTE: Not all Bobcat High-Flow Attachment models are approved for use with 40 GPM flow. Damage to attachment or machine may result when using unapproved attachments.**

## FEATURES, ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS (CONT'D)

### Special Applications Kit



Available for special applications to restrict material from entering cab openings. Kit includes 1/2 inch polycarbonate front door, top and rear windows.

See your Bobcat dealer for availability.

### Special Applications Kit Inspection And Maintenance

- Inspect for cracks or damage. Replace if required.
- Pre-rinse with water to remove gritty materials.
- Wash with a mild household detergent and warm water.
- Use a sponge or soft cloth. Rinse well with water and dry with a clean soft cloth or rubber squeegee.
- Do not use abrasive or highly alkaline cleaners.
- Do not operate windshield wipers on a dry surface.
- Do not clean with metal blades or scrapers.

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## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### Before Operation

Carefully follow the operating and maintenance instructions in this manual.

The Bobcat loader is highly maneuverable and compact. It is rugged and useful under a wide variety of conditions. This presents an operator with hazards associated with off highway, rough terrain applications, common with Bobcat loader usage.

The Bobcat loader has an internal combustion engine with resultant heat and exhaust. All exhaust gasses can kill or cause illness so use the Loader with adequate ventilation.

The dealer explains the capabilities and restrictions of the Bobcat loader and attachment for each application. The dealer demonstrates the safe operation according to Bobcat instructional materials, which are also available to operators. The dealer can also identify unsafe modifications or use of unapproved attachments. The attachments and buckets are designed for a Rated Operating Capacity (some have restricted lift heights). They are designed for secure fastening to the Bobcat loader. The user must check with the dealer, or Bobcat literature, to determine safe loads of materials of specified densities for the machine - attachment combination.

The following publications and training materials provide information on the safe use and maintenance of the Bobcat machine and attachments:

- The Delivery Report is used to assure that complete instructions have been given to the new owner and that the machine and attachment is in safe operating condition.
- The Operation & Maintenance Manual delivered with the machine or attachment gives operating information as well as routine maintenance and service procedures. It is a part of the machine and can be stored in a container provided on the machine. Replacement Operation & Maintenance Manuals can be ordered from your Bobcat dealer.
- Machine signs (decals) instruct on the safe operation and care of your Bobcat machine or attachment. The signs and their locations are shown in the Operation & Maintenance Manual. Replacement signs are available from your Bobcat dealer.

- An Operator's Handbook is fastened to the operator cab of the loader. It's brief instructions are convenient to the operator. The Handbook is available from your dealer in an English edition or one of many other languages. See your Bobcat dealer for more information on translated versions.
- The AEM Safety Manual delivered with the machine gives general safety information.
- The Skid-Steer Loader Operating Training Course is available through your Bobcat dealer. This course is intended to provide rules and practices of correct operation of the Bobcat loader. The course is available in English and Spanish versions.
- Service Safety Training Courses are available from your Bobcat dealer. They provide information for safe and correct service procedures.
- See the PUBLICATIONS AND TRAINING RESOURCES Page in this manual or your Bobcat dealer for Service and Parts Manuals, printed materials, videos, or training courses available. Also check the Bobcat web sites [www.training.bobcat.com](http://www.training.bobcat.com) or [www.bobcat.com](http://www.bobcat.com)

The dealer and owner / operator review the recommended uses of the product when delivered. If the owner / operator will be using the machine for a different application(s) he or she must ask the dealer for recommendations on the new use.



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## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D)

### Safe Operation Is The Operator's Responsibility



Operator must have instructions before running the machine. Untrained operators can cause injury or death.

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This notice identifies procedures which must be followed to avoid damage to the machine.

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Warnings on the machine and in the manuals are for your safety. Failure to obey warnings can cause injury or death.

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The Bobcat loader and attachment must be in good operating condition before use.

Check all of the items on the Bobcat Service Schedule Decal under the 8-10 hour column or as shown in the Operation & Maintenance Manual.

### Safe Operation Needs A Qualified Operator

For an operator to be qualified, he or she must not use drugs or alcoholic drinks which impair alertness or coordination while working. An operator who is taking prescription drugs must get medical advice to determine if he or she can safely operate a machine.

*A Qualified Operator Must Do The Following:*

*Understand the Written Instructions, Rules and Regulations*

- The written instructions from Bobcat Company include the Delivery Report, Operation & Maintenance Manual, Operator's Handbook, Safety Manual and machine signs (decals).
- Check the rules and regulations at your location. The rules may include an employer's work safety requirements. Regulations may apply to local driving requirements or use of a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem. Regulations may identify a hazard such as a utility line.

*Have Training with Actual Operation*

- Operator training must consist of a demonstration and verbal instruction. This training is given by your Bobcat dealer before the product is delivered.
- The new operator must start in an area without bystanders and use all the controls until he or she can operate the machine and attachment safely under all conditions of the work area. Always fasten seat belt before operating.
- Operator Training Courses are available from your Bobcat dealer in English and Spanish. They provide information for safe and efficient equipment operation. Safety videos are also available.
- Service Safety Training Courses are available from your Bobcat dealer. They provide information for safe and correct service procedures.

*Know the Work Conditions*

- Know the weight of the materials being handled. Avoid exceeding the Rated Operating Capacity (ROC) of the machine. Material which is very dense will be heavier than the same volume of less dense material. Reduce the size of the load if handling dense material.
- The operator must know any prohibited uses or work areas, for example, he or she needs to know about excessive slopes.
- Know the location of any underground lines. Call local utilities or the TOLL FREE phone number found in the *Before Operation* Section of this manual.
- Wear tight fitting clothing. Always wear safety glasses when doing maintenance or service. Safety glasses, respiratory equipment, hearing protection or Special Applications Kits are required for some work. See your Bobcat dealer about Bobcat Safety Equipment for your model.

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## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D)

### Avoid Silica Dust



Cutting or drilling concrete containing sand or rock containing quartz may result in exposure to silica dust. Do not exceed Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) to silica dust as determined by OSHA or other job site Rules and Regulations. Use a respirator, water spray or other means to control dust. Silica dust can cause lung disease and is known to the state of California to cause cancer.

## FIRE PREVENTION



### Maintenance

The machine and some attachments have components that are at high temperatures under normal operating conditions. The primary source of high temperatures is the engine and exhaust system. The electrical system, if damaged or incorrectly maintained, can be a source of arcs or sparks.

Flammable debris (leaves, straw, etc.) must be removed regularly. If flammable debris is allowed to accumulate, it can cause a fire hazard. Clean often to avoid this accumulation. Flammable debris in the engine compartment is a potential fire hazard.

The operator's area, engine compartment and engine cooling system must be inspected every day and cleaned if necessary to prevent fire hazards and overheating.

All fuels, most lubricants and some coolants mixtures are flammable. Flammable fluids that are leaking or spilled onto hot surfaces or onto electrical components can cause a fire.

### Operation

Do not use the machine where exhaust, arcs, sparks or hot components can contact flammable material, explosive dust or gases.

### Electrical



Check all electrical wiring and connections for damage. Keep the battery terminals clean and tight. Repair or replace any damaged part or wires that are loose or frayed.

Battery gas can explode and cause serious injury. Use the procedure in the Operation & Maintenance Manual for connecting the battery and for jump starting. Do not jump start or charge a frozen or damaged battery. Keep any open flames or sparks away from batteries. Do not smoke in battery charging area.

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## FIRE PREVENTION (CONT'D)

### Hydraulic System

Check hydraulic tubes, hoses and fittings for damage and leakage. Never use open flame or bare skin to check for leaks. Hydraulic tubes and hoses must be properly routed and have adequate support and secure clamps. Tighten or replace any parts that show leakage.

Always clean fluid spills. Do not use gasoline or diesel fuel for cleaning parts. Use commercial nonflammable solvents.

### Fueling



Stop the engine and let it cool before adding fuel. No smoking! Do not refuel a machine near open flames or sparks. Fill the fuel tank outdoors.

### Starting

Do not use ether or starting fluids on any engine that has glow plugs. These starting aids can cause explosion and injure you or bystanders.

Use the procedure in the Operation & Maintenance Manual for connecting the battery and for jump starting.

### Spark Arrestor Exhaust System

The spark arrestor exhaust system is designed to control the emission of hot particles from the engine and exhaust system, but the muffler and the exhaust gases are still hot.

Check the spark arrestor exhaust system regularly to make sure it is maintained and working properly. Use the procedure in the Operation & Maintenance Manual for cleaning the spark arrestor muffler (if equipped).

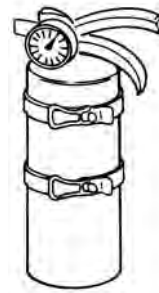
### Welding And Grinding

Always clean the machine and attachment, disconnect the battery, and disconnect the wiring from the Bobcat controllers before welding. Cover rubber hoses, battery and all other flammable parts. Keep a fire extinguisher near the machine when welding.

Have good ventilation when grinding or welding painted parts. Wear dust mask when grinding painted parts. Toxic dust or gas can be produced.

Dust generated from repairing nonmetallic parts such as hoods, fenders or covers can be flammable or explosive. Repair such components in a well ventilated area away from open flames or sparks.

### Fire Extinguishers



Know where fire extinguishers and first aid kits are located and how to use them. Inspect the fire extinguisher and service the fire extinguisher regularly. Obey the recommendations on the instructions plate.

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