



# FN20/FN14 NITRO

**FLEX-WING MECHANICAL LEVEL  
LIFT ROTARY MOWER**

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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!



## 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.

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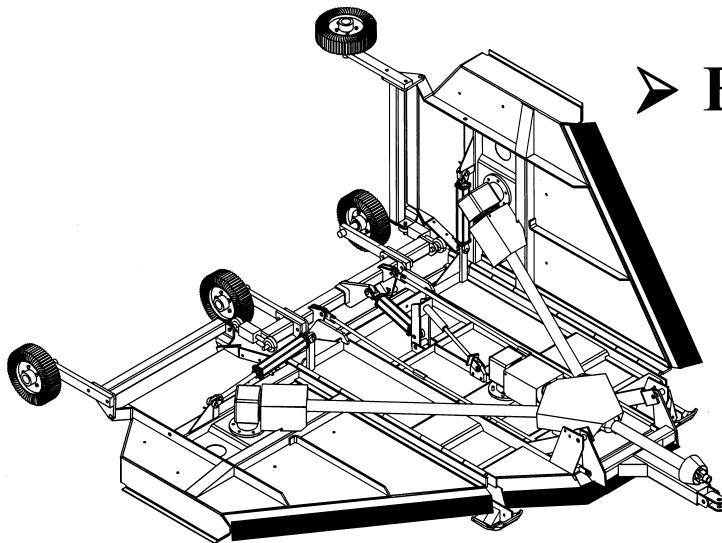
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➤ BE SAFE!



➤ BE ALERT!

➤ BE ALIVE!

➤ BE TRAINED  
before operating  
the Mower!



## *Safety Training Makes the Difference*

In order to reduce accidents and enhance the safe operation of mowers, *Alamo Group Ag Division*, 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 *RhinoDealer* 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 Group Ag*.

If you would like a VHS video tape of the video, please email [AEMVideo@alamo-group.com](mailto: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 Group Ag. 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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 Mower Operator's Manual  
 AEM Mower Operator's Safety Manual

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# **SAFETY SECTION**

Safety Section 1-1

# SAFETY

## 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.



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 inglés, pida ayuda a alguien que si lo lea para que le traduzca las medidas de seguridad. (SG-3)

**SAFETY  
INSTRUCTIONS**



**I LEA EL  
INSTRUCTIVO!**



# SAFETY

## 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)

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## Operator Safety Instructions and Practices

## WARNING

The rotating parts of this machine continue to rotate even after the PTO has been turned off. The operator should remain in his seat for 60 seconds after the brake has been set, the PTO disengaged, the tractor turned off, and all evidence of rotation has ceased. (S3PT-10)

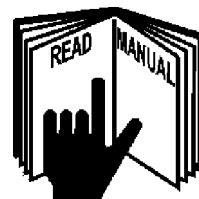
**“Wait a minute...Save a life!”**

## DANGER

Never crawl under a raised Implement supported solely by the Tractor 3-Point hitch. Release of the control lever or mechanical failure will result in the Implement falling and possible injury or death. Always securely block up the Implement before crawling underneath to perform repairs and service. (S3PT-19)

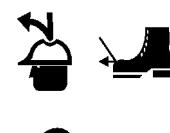
## DANGER

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 or Implement without supervision. Make sure the operator has fully read and understood the manuals prior to operation. (SG-4)



## 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)



## 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)



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### 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

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)

### 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)



### 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)

### 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. (SG-36)

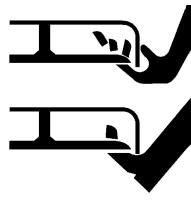
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## WARNING

Avoid contact with hot surfaces of the engine or muffler. 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-38)

## WARNING

Do not put hands or feet under mower decks. Blade Contact can result in serious injury or even death. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the decks are securely blocked up. (SGM-09)



## DANGER

Always keep a careful lookout and use extreme care when working around utility and municipal obstructions. Never allow the Mower to contact any utility, municipal, or other type structure. Clearly mark all mowing obstructions and consult local utility providers for a safe code of operation. (SPU-5)

## 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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## Equipment Operation Safety Instructions and Practices

## WARNING

Never leave the Tractor and Implement unattended while the Implement is in the lifted position. Accidental operation of lifting lever or a hydraulic failure may cause sudden drop of unit with injury or death by crushing. To properly park the implement when disconnecting it from the tractor, lower the stand and put the retaining pin securely in place, or put a secure support under the A-Frame. Lower the implement carefully to the ground. Do not put hands or feet under lifted components. (S3PT-1)

## WARNING

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)

## DANGER

This Implement may be 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)

## DANGER

Be sure you have adequate knowledge of the property you will be working on. Take time to make yourself aware of any area underground lines or cables. Contact with buried lines or cable could result in **serious injury** or **death**. If in doubt about buried utility lines call 811 before digging or 1-800-258-0808. (SBH-6)

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### WARNING

Do not operate Mower if excessive vibration exists. Shut down PTO and the Tractor engine. Inspect the Mower to determine the source of the vibration. If Mower blades are missing or damaged replace them immediately. Do not operate the mower until the blades have been replaced and the Mower operates smoothly. Operating the Mower with excessive vibration can result in component failure and 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 Mower to be operated with blades missing. (SFL-4)

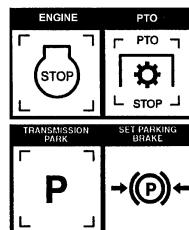
### WARNING

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)



### DANGER

BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always set the parking 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)



### 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)



### 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)



# SAFETY

## 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)



## 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)

## WARNING

Do not exceed the rated PTO speed for the Implement. Excessive PTO speeds can cause Implement driveline or blade failures resulting in serious injury or death. (SG-26)

## 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

In case of mechanical difficulty during operation, place the transmission in the park position, set the parking brake, shut down all power, including the PTO and the engine and remove the key. Wait until all rotating motion has stopped before dismounting. (SG-39)

## WARNING

Do Not operate this equipment in areas where insects such as bees may attack you and/or cause you to lose control of the equipment. If you must enter in such areas, use a tractor with an enclosed Cab and close the windows to prevent insects from entering. If a tractor cab is not available, wear suitable clothing including head, face, and hand protection to shield you from the insects. Attacking insects can cause you to lose control of the tractor, which can result in serious injury or death to you or bystanders. Never dismount a moving tractor. (SG-40)

## 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 300 feet (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)

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### **DANGER**

There are obvious and hidden potential hazards in the operation of this Mower. REMEMBER! This machine is often operated in heavy brush and in heavy weeds. The Blades of this Mower can throw objects if shields are not properly installed and maintained. Serious injury or even death may occur unless care is taken to insure the safety of the operator, bystanders, or passersby in the area. Do not operate this machine with anyone in the immediate area. Stop mowing if anyone is within 300 feet of mower. (SGM-02)



### **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**

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**

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**

Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible. Check to make sure there are no persons behind the mower and use extreme care when mowing in reverse. Mow only at a slow ground speed where you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. Never mow an area that you have not inspected and removed debris or foreign material. (SGM-08)

### **WARNING**

Do not mow with two machines in the same area except with Cab tractors with the windows closed. (SGM-11)

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## **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)



## **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**

Do not operate or pull the mower into standing water. When uplift or fan type mower blades contact water they can be severely deflected downward causing possible failure of blade resulting in serious bodily injury to the operator or bystanders. (SGM-15)

## **DANGER**

Use extreme caution when raising the Mower above ground level. Stop the Blades from turning when the Mower is raised and passersby are within 100 yards. Raising the Mower exposes the Cutting Blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and can cause serious injury by objects thrown from the Blades or by contact with the Blades. (SPU-1)

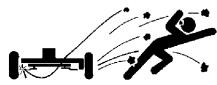
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### **DANGER**

Rotary Mowers are capable under adverse conditions of throwing objects for great distances (300 feet or more) and causing serious injury or death. Follow safety messages carefully.



### **STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 100 YARDS UNLESS:**

- Front and Rear Deflectors, Chain Guards, or Bands are installed and in good, workable condition;
- Mower sections or Wings are running close to and parallel to the ground without exposed Blades;
- Passersby are outside the existing thrown-object zone;
- All areas have been thoroughly inspected and all foreign material such as rocks, cans, glass, and general debris has been removed.

**NOTE:** Where there are grass and weeds high enough to hide debris that could be struck by the blades, the area should be: inspected and large debris removed, mowed at an intermediate height, inspected, closely with any remaining debris being removed, and mowed again at desired final height. (This will also reduce power required to mow, reduce wear and tear on the Mower drivetrain, spread cut material better, reduce streaking, and make the final cut more uniform). (SRM-01)

### **DANGER**

Do Not attempt to raise or lower the implement wing unless the Implement tongue is securely attached to the Tractor drawbar. The Implement could tip over and cause equipment damage and possible serious injury or death. Raise or Lower the mower wing only while seated in the Tractor operator's seat with the seat belt securely fastened. (SRM-2)

### **DANGER**

Do not turn so sharp or lift mower so high to produce a severe "knocking" of the Driveline which will cause accelerated wear and breakage of drive train components and could result in possible injury from the separated Driveline sections. (SRM-04)

### **WARNING**

Do not let the Blades turn when the Mower Deck is raised for any reason, including clearance or for turning. Raising the Mower deck exposes the Cutting Blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and could cause serious injury or even death from objects thrown from the Blades. (SRM-07)



### **DANGER**

**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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## Connecting or Disconnecting Implement Safety Instructions and Practices

### **DANGER**

**DO NOT** use a PTO adapter to attach a non-matching Implement driveline to a Tractor PTO. Use of an adapter can double the operating speed of the Implement resulting in excessive vibration, thrown objects, and blade and implement failure. Adapter use will also change the working length of the driveline exposing unshielded driveline areas. Serious bodily injury and/or equipment failure can result from using a PTO adapter. Consult an authorized dealer for assistance if the Implement driveline does not match the Tractor PTO. (S3PT-14)

### **DANGER**

Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches. (S3PT-15)

### **WARNING**

When attaching the Implement input driveline to the Tractor PTO, it is important that the connecting yoke spring activated locking collar slides freely and the locking balls are seated securely in the groove on the Tractor PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure it is securely attached. A driveline not attached correctly to the Tractor PTO shaft could come loose and result in personal injury and damage to the Implement. (S3PT-17)

### **WARNING**

Before operating the Implement, check to make sure the Implement input driveline will not bottom out or become disengaged. Bottoming out occurs when the inner shaft penetrates the outer housing until the assembly becomes solid-it can shorten no more. Bottoming out can cause serious damage to the Tractor PTO by pushing the PTO into the Tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off. A broken driveline can cause personal injury. (S3PT-18)

### **WARNING**

Never unhitch without using the Tongue Jack. The Tongue is very heavy. Attempting to lift the Tongue without using the Tongue Jack could cause strains or other injury. Allowing the tongue to fall suddenly and unexpectedly could result in crushing injury. Use the Tongue Jack for lifting the Implement only. Overloading the Tongue Jack can cause failure with possible serious bodily injury or even death. (STI-04)

### **CAUTION**

On a fully-assembled unit, do not remove the Wing Retaining Strap until hoses are attached to the tractor and the Wing Cylinders are filled with oil. Lower the Wings slowly and carefully. Keep bystanders away during operations. (STI-05)

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### Transporting Safety Instructions and Practices

#### **WARNING**

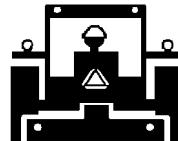
Be particularly careful when transporting the Implement with the Tractor. Turn curves or go up hills only at a low speed and using a gradual steering angle. Rear mounted implements move the center of gravity to the rear and remove weight from the front wheels. Make certain, by adding front ballast, that at least 20% of the tractor's weight is on the front wheels to prevent rearing up, loss of steering control or Tractor tip-over. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces to prevent loss of steering control which could result in property damage or possible injury. Do not transport unless 3-Point lift lever is fully raised and in the latched transport position. Dropping implement in transport can cause serious damage to the tractor and/or Implement and possibly cause the operator or others to be injured or killed. (S3PT-02)

#### **WARNING**

Allow sufficient clearance for the Implement to swing outward while turning. Implements carried behind the Tractor will swing outside the tire path when making turns. Contacting a solid object while turning will cause equipment damage and possible injury. (S3PT-20)

#### **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)



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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)

## DANGER

Be particularly careful when transporting the Implement using the tractor. Turn curves or go up or down hills only at a low speed and at a gradual steering angle. Make certain that at least 20% of the tractor's weight is on the front wheels to maintain safe steering. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces. (STI-01)

## DANGER

When the Wings are folded for transport, the center of gravity is raised and the possibility of overturn is increased. Drive slowly and use extreme caution when turning on hillsides. Overturning the Implement could cause the Implement to overturn the Tractor and vice versa resulting in serious injury or even death. Never fold wings on a hillside...the Implement may overturn. (STI-02)

## WARNING

Only tow the Implement behind a properly sized and equipped Tractor which exceeds the weight of the Implement by at least 20%. DO NOT tow the Implement behind a truck or other type of vehicle. Never tow the Implement and another Implement connected in tandem. Never tow the Implement at speeds over 20 MPH. (STI-06)



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### **WARNING**

Secure the Implement for transport before traveling on public roads. For pull-type Implements, secure the center axle using cylinder stops or transport pin and properly attach a safety chain between the Implement and Tractor. Secure wings in upright position on folding Implements using wing transport locks. (STI-7)

### **WARNING**

Always keep a careful lookout and use extreme care when working around overhead obstructions and electrical power lines. The Implement wing can be over 10 feet high. Never allow the Implement wing to come within 10 feet of any power line. (STI-8)



### **WARNING**

Your driving vision may be reduced or impaired by the tractor, cab, or implement. Before driving on public roadways identify any limited vision areas, and make adjustments to your operating position, mirrors, and the implement transport position so that you can clearly see the area where you will be traveling, and any traffic that may approach you. Failure to maintain adequate vision of the public roadway and traffic can result in serious injury or even death. (STI-10)

## **Maintenance and Service Safety Instructions and Practices**

### **DANGER**

Make sure the PTO shield, integral driveline shields, and input shields are installed when using PTO-driven equipment. Always replace any shield if it is damaged or missing. (S3PT-8)



### **WARNING**

Relieve hydraulic pressure prior to doing any maintenance or repair work on the Implement. Place the Implement on the ground or securely blocked up, disengage the PTO, and turn off the tractor engine. Push and pull the Remote Cylinder lever in and out several times prior to starting any maintenance or repair work. (S3PT-09)



### **DANGER**

Always disconnect the main PTO Driveline from the Tractor before performing service on the Implement. Never work on the Implement with the tractor PTO driveline connected and running. Rotating Parts, Blades or Drivelines could turn without warning and cause immediate entanglement, injury or death. (S3PT-11)

### **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)

### **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**

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)

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## 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)

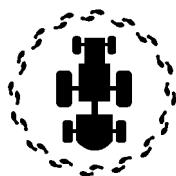


## WARNING

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

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)

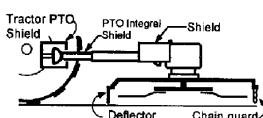


## WARNING

Use caution and wear protective gloves when handling sharp objects such as blades, knives, and other cutting edges. Be alert to worn component surfaces which have sharp edges. Sharp surfaces can inflict severe laceration injuries if proper hand protection is not worn. (SG-37)

## 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)



## DANGER

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 POSSIBLY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES. (SGM-10)

## 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)

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## PARTS INFORMATION

Rhino 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 Rhino specifications. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce mower performance, void warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine Rhino mower parts for economy and safety. (SPRM-1)

### SEE YOUR RHINO DEALER



Be sure you have adequate knowledge of the property you will be working on. Take time to make yourself aware of any area underground lines or cables. Contact with buried lines or cable could result in **serious injury or death.** (STL-1)



In wet conditions where there is a likelihood of material collecting on the Implement, make certain that this material is removed before traveling on public roadways. (STL-7)

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## Storage and Parking Safety Instructions and Practices



To prevent tipping of Implement when stored in folded position, use carrying wheels or adequate stands on center frame. (S3PT-6)

## Concluding Safety Instructions and Practices

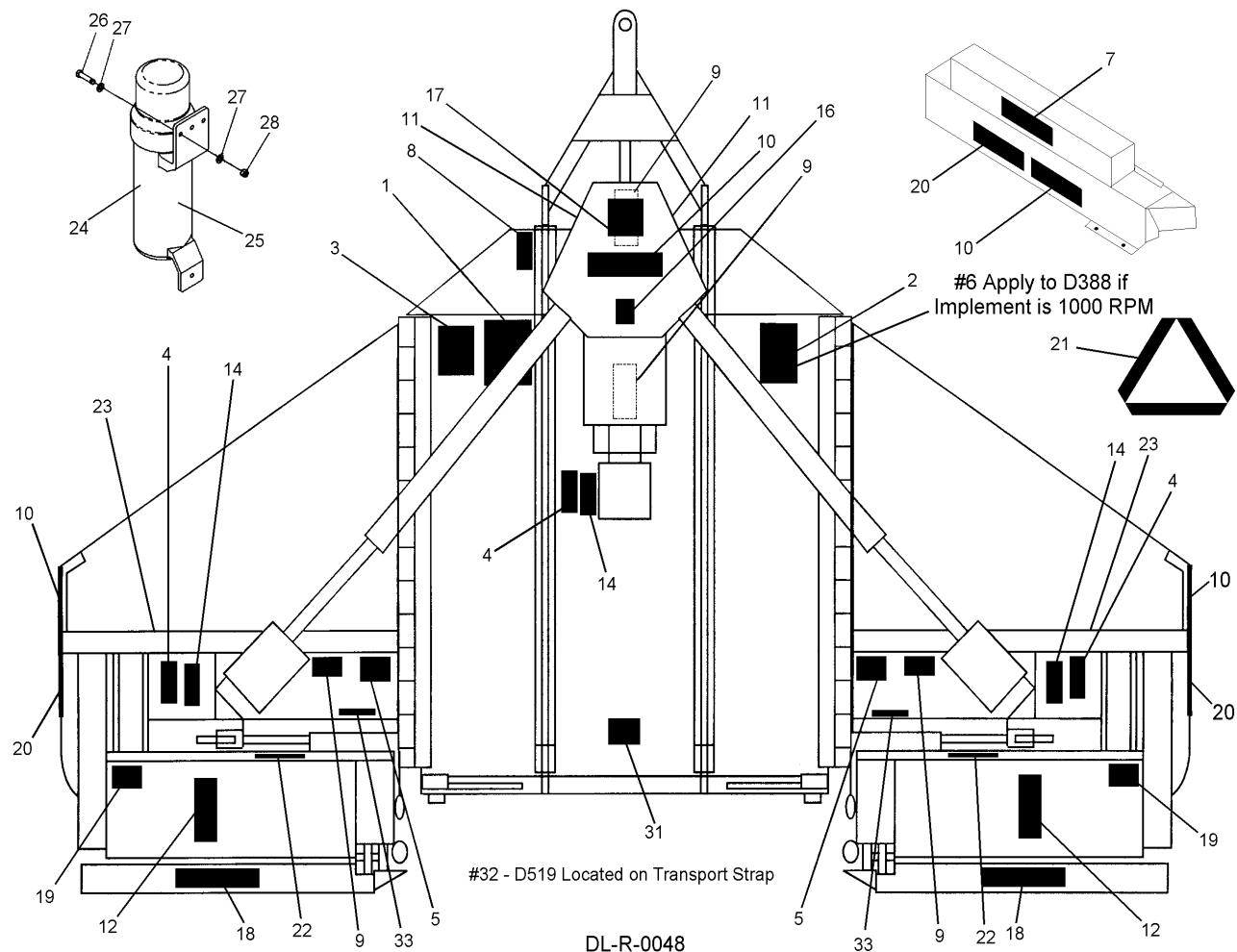
In addition to the design and configuration of this Implement, including Safety Signs and Safety Equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the 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)

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## Decal Location

NOTE: Rhino supplies safety decals on this product to promote safe operation. Damage to the decals may occur while in shipping, use, or reconditioning. Rhino 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 Rhino dealer to order replacement decals

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ITEM	PART NO.	QTY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1.	D389	1	DECAL	Lift Unit Decal Sheet
2.	D388	1	DECAL	Driveline Hazards
3.	D390	1	DECAL	Pull Type Units
4.	D417	3(2)	IMPORTANT	Replace Blades in Pairs
5.	00753840	3(1)	DANGER	Folding Wing Thrown Objects
6.	D401	1	INSTRUCT	1000 RPM (Not Shown)
7.	999403	0(1)	DANGER	Overturn of Two Section Flex
8.	00760657	1	IMPORTANT	Genuine Parts
9.	00756004	4(3)	DANGER	Shield Missing
10.		[2]	MODEL NAME	Flex 20 NITRO (Large)
		[2]	MODEL NAME	Flex 14 NITRO (Large)
10A.		[1]	MODEL NAME	Flex 20 NITRO (Small)
		[1]	MODEL NAME	Flex 14 NITRO (Small)
11.	D558	2	LOGO NAME	NITRO (Small)
12.	D557	2	LOGO NAME	NITRO (Large)
13.	nfs	1	SER PLATE	Serial Number Plate
14.	D137	2	INSTRUCT	CCW Blade Rotation
15.	D138	1(0)	INSTRUCT	CW Blade Rotation
16.	00771283	1	INSTRUCT	5 Yr. Gearbox Warranty
17.	00771284	1	INSTRUCT	2 Yr. Driveline Warranty
18.	99102	2(1)	NAME	Rhino 2.8" x 10"
19.	D302	2	LOGO	Rhino 4.2" x 6.6"
20.	D303	2	LOGO NAME	Rhino Type 4.3" x 20"
21.	03200347	1	REFLECT	SMV
22.	1458392	2	REFLECT	Red Reflector
23.	1458393	1	REFLECT	Amber Reflector
24.	00776031	1		Canister, Operator's Manual
25.	00778645C	1		Operator's Manual
26.	10058000	3		Bolt
27.	00024100	6		Flatwasher
28.	02959924	3		Locknut
29.	1006348	6**	WARNING	Explosion Hazard
30.	D482	1	WARNING	Jack Positioning
31.	D520	1	IMPORTANT	Transport Latch
32.	D519	2	DANGER	Crushing Hazard - Falling
33.	D539	(2) 1	DANGER	Crushing Hazard - Lock

### Decal Sheets

**Flex Wing D420**

**Single Wing D422**

**Logo D407**

\*\* Provided by Wheel Assembly Supplier

( ) For Two-Section Unit Only

[ ] Use one or the other

# SAFETY

## Decal Description

### Multi Hazard Decal Sheet

P/N D389

Decal D389 consists of the following multi-hazards.



### **DANGER**

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

1.  2.  3.  4. 

1. Study and understand operator's manual, safety signs, and instructional decals for tractor and implement to prevent misuse, abuse, and accidents.  
• Learn how to stop engine suddenly in an emergency. Be alert for passerby and especially children.  
2. Allow no children on or near Implement or tractor. Allow no riders on tractor and implement. Falling off may cause serious injury or death from being run over by tractor or cutter or contact with rotating blades.  
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.  
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.  
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.  
• Attach Safety Chaff to cutter and towing unit securely. See Operator's Manual.  
6. Make certain that the SMV sign, Warning Lights, and Reflectors are clearly visible. Follow local traffic codes.  
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 Blower, Under Guard or Cutter Structure.  
8. Before dismounting, secure implement in transport position or lower to ground.  
• Put tractor in park or set the 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.

5.  6.  7.  8. 

### **DANGER**

**KEEP AWAY - THROWN OBJECTS**

• Inspect the area before mowing for potential mower hazards. Remove or avoid all foreign objects such as wire, cable, metal objects, and all other foreign material.  
• Foreign material can be thrown from the mower and cause serious bodily injury to the operator and passersby.

• Do Not let rotating blades contact solid objects like rocks, posts, curbs or guard rails.  
• Operate only if all Guards-Deflectors are in place and in good condition.

• Do Not operate with Mower or Wing raised off the ground.  
• Stop mowing if Passersby enter the area of thrown objects. (See Operator's Manual)

• Stay away from rotating blades. Keep hands and feet away from rotating blades.  
• Do Not approach mower until all motion has stopped.

### **WARNING**

**FAILURE TO USE AND MAINTAIN SHIELDS AND DEFLECTORS IN GOOD CONDITION MAY LEAD TO INJURY OR DEATH FROM ENTANGLEMENT WITH ROTATING PARTS, BEING HIT BY OBJECTS THROWN WITH GREAT FORCE BY BLADES, OR BY BLADE CONTACT.**

Always replace Guards which have been removed for maintenance. Never operate with Guards missing or broken.

Chain Guards, Gearbox & Driveline Shields, Rubber-Fabric Deflectors, and Solid Band Enclosures are subject to wear and lost or broken parts and must be repaired or replaced as soon as damage is found.

Safety Shielding must be installed and in good condition to reduce the possibility of thrown objects anytime this machine is operated in any area where thrown objects could cause property damage or bodily injury.

### **WARNING**

**BE AWARE  
BE ALERT  
BE ALIVE**

To prevent serious injury to yourself and/or bystanders, be trained in Safe Mowing Practices.

Alamo Group Companies, Al, M&W, Rhino, Schulte, and Tiger provide training material that is critical for your Safety and the Safety of others when operating this equipment. Make these Safety Procedures an important part of every workday.

Read and understand the Operator's Manual

Do not let untrained individuals operate this equipment.

Contact your Dealer, AEM ([www.aem.org](http://www.aem.org)) or Alamo Group ([www.Alamo-Group.com](http://www.Alamo-Group.com)) for information on training material or courses that provide training in Safer Operating Practices for Cutters.

### **PELIGRO**

**LEA EL INSTRUCTIVO**



Si No lee Ingles, Pida Ayuda a Alguien Que Se Lo Lea Para Que Le Traduzca las Medidas de Seguridad.

### **IMPORTANT**

An **OPERATOR'S MANUAL** (with Repair Parts Listing) and a **WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD** were attached to this implement during final inspection at the factory. If they were not attached at the time of purchase, please contact your selling dealer at once.

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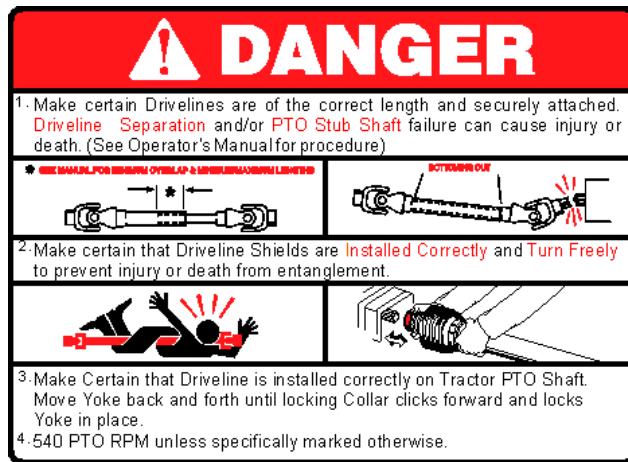
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### Driveline Hazards

P/N D388



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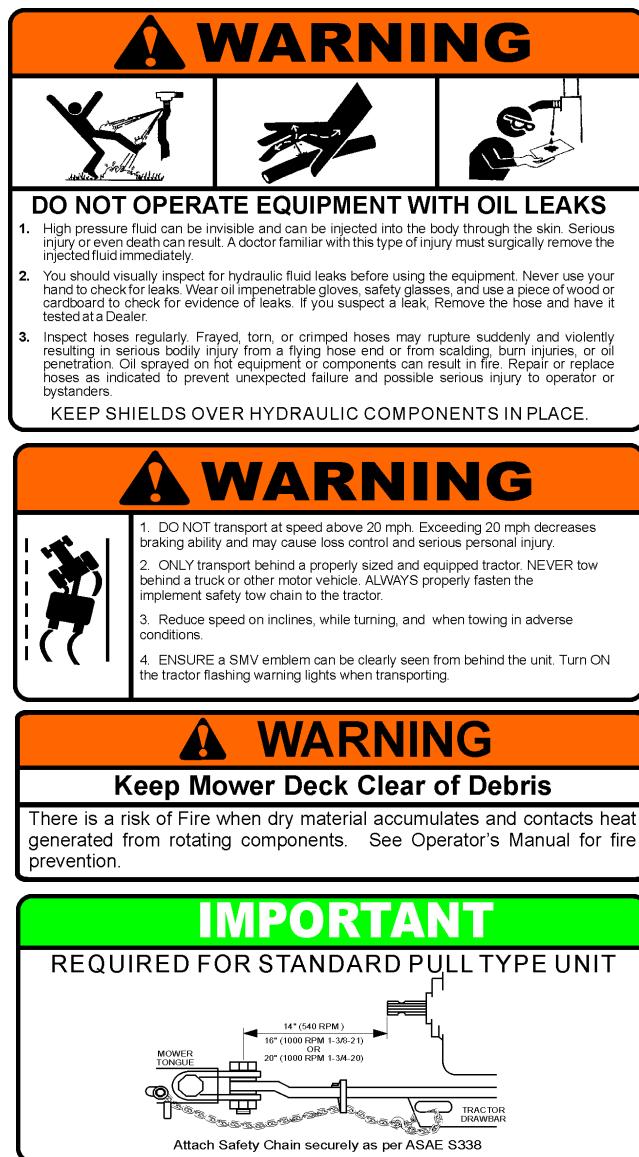
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## Multi Hazard Decal Sheet

P/N D390

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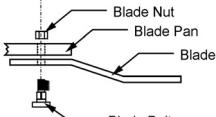


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IMPORTANT! Always replace blades in pairs.

### IMPORTANT



Always Replace Blades in Pairs.

Torque Blade Bolt to 300 ft/lbs.

NOTE: Blade Bolt has Left Hand Threads. Counter Clockwise to tighten, Clockwise to remove. D417

P/N D417

DANGER! Stay clear when lowering or raising wings.

### DANGER



Stay Clear when removing transport and lowering or raising wing.

Components failure or accidental operation of controls may allow wing to fall suddenly and cause bodily injury or death.

Cylinders with Restrictions installed must be filled with oil for wings to lower slowly and safely.

Lock wings up securely for transporting.

Do not operate mower with wings raised when passerby are in the area.

Contact with exposed rotating Blades and/or being hit by thrown objects may cause injury or death.

00753840

P/N 00753840

1000 RPM

### WARNING

OPERATE THIS MACHINE AT

**1000 RPM**

TRACTOR PTO SPEED ONLY  
Overspeeding PTO may cause component failure with resulting injury.

D401

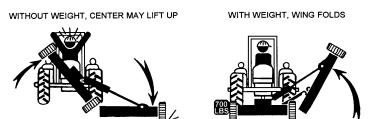
P/N D401

DANGER! Keep everyone clear when lifting, folding, and working under raised components. Block securely before working under mower. Install Weight Box and Weight (Min. of 700lbs) before operating to prevent turning over the center section which can cause SERIOUS BODILY INJURY or DEATH. Without weight, Do not fold wing. Attach transport strap securely to prevent inadvertent dropping from the transport position and possible CRUSHING INJURY OR DEATH.

P/N 999403

### DANGER

WITHOUT WEIGHT, CENTER MAY LIFT UP  
WITH WEIGHT, WING FOLDS



1. Keep everyone clear when lifting, folding, and working under raised components. Block securely before working under mower.
2. Install Weight Box and Weight (Minimum of 700# Total) before operating to prevent turning over the center section which can cause SERIOUS BODILY INJURY or DEATH. Without weight, Do not fold wing.
3. Attach transport strap securely to prevent inadvertent dropping from the transport position and possible CRUSHING INJURY OR DEATH.

999403

# SAFETY

For safety and to guarantee optimum product reliability always use genuine RHINO replacement parts.

P/N 00760657

DANGER! Guard Missing, Do Not Operate. If you see this decal, Do Not Operate the mower until the shield has been replaced.

P/N 00756004

NAME LOGO: NITRO

P/N D558

NAME LOGO: NITRO

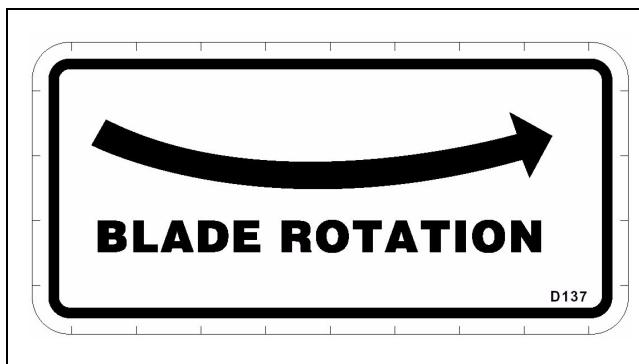
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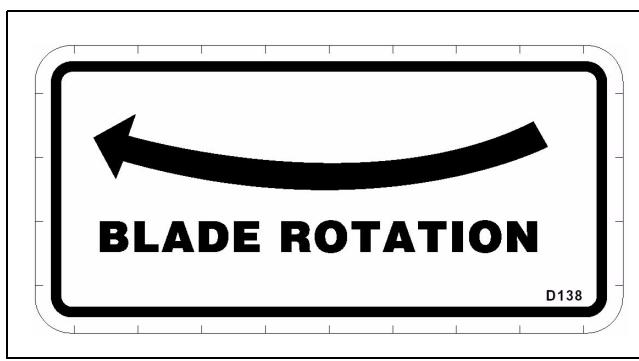
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Blade Rotation Counter Clockwise.



P/N D137

Blade Rotation Clockwise.



P/N D138

INFORMATION - 5 Year Gearbox Warranty



P/N 00771283

INFORMATION - 2 Year Driveline Warranty



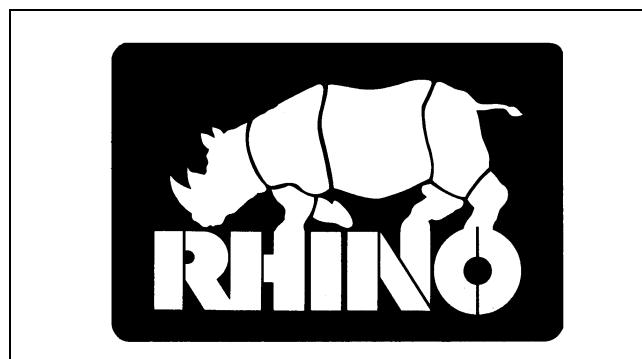
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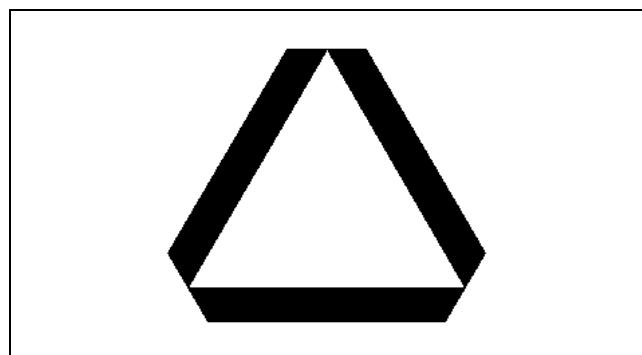
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Logo Product Name: Rhino



P/N D303

Slow Moving Vehicle Decal. Keep SMV reflector clean and visible. DO NOT transport or operate without the SMV.



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Red Reflector. Keep reflectors clean and visible.



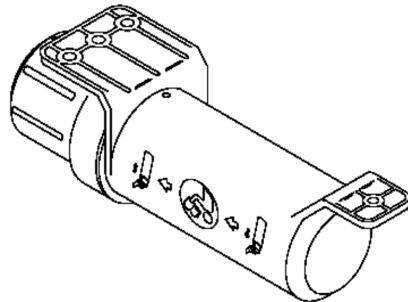
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Amber Reflector. Keep reflectors clean and visible.



P/N 1458393

Read Operator's Manual! The operator's manual is located inside this canister. If the manual is missing order one from your dealer.



P/N 00776031

WARNING! Explosion Hazard - Release all air pressure in tire before loosening bolts.



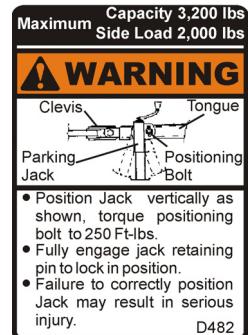
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## SAFETY

WARNING! Jack - Maximum Capacity 3,200 lbs.  
Side Load 2,000 lbs.

P/N D482



IMPORTANT! Transport Latch - Lower and lock before transporting mower roadway.

P/N D520

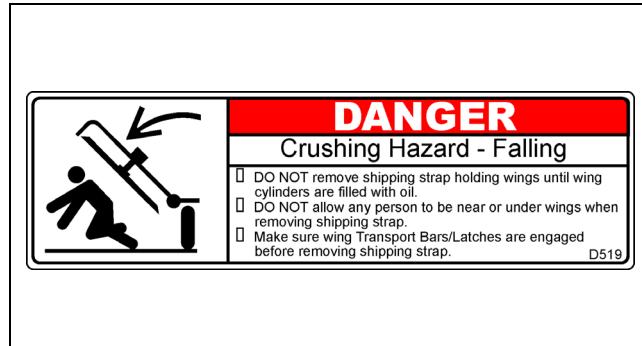
## IMPORTANT

Transport Latch  
Lower and lock  
before transporting  
mower on  
roadway.

D520

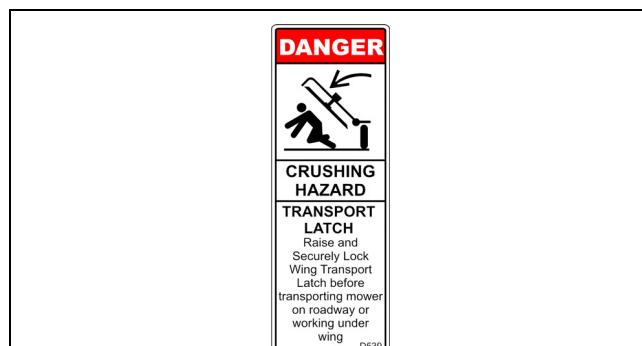
DANGER! Crushing Hazard - Falling Wings

P/N D519



DANGER! Crushing Hazard - Transport Latch

P/N D539



# SAFETY

## 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**

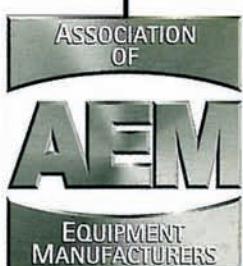
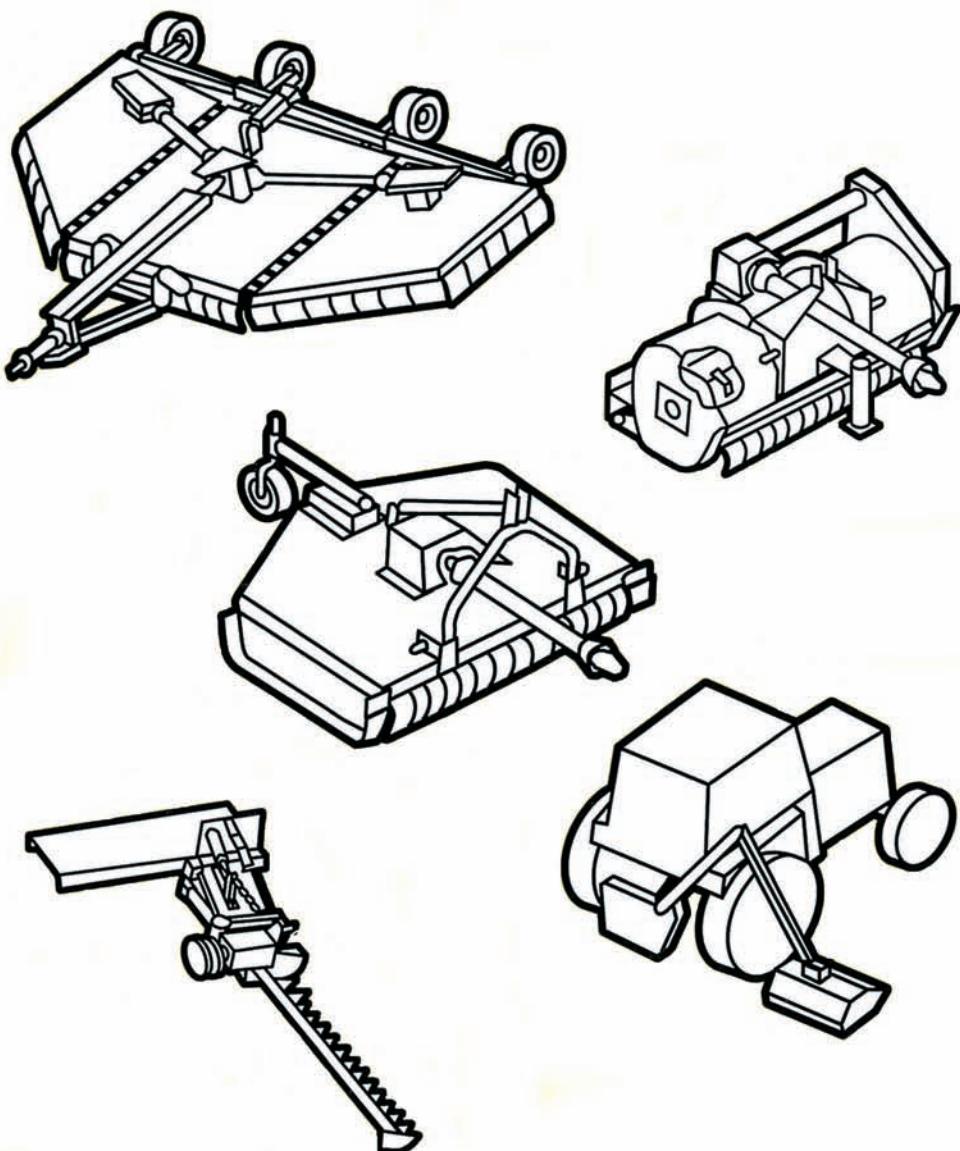
Some regulations specify that no one under the age of 16 may operate power machinery. It is your responsibility to know what these regulations are in your own area or situation. (Refer to U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment Standard Administration, Wage & Home Division, Child Labor Bulletin #102.)



# Industrial/ Agricultural Mower

## Safety Manual

*For Operators  
and Mechanics*



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## Forward



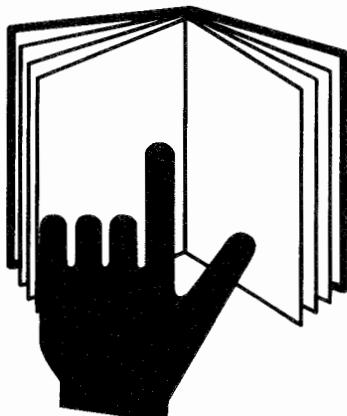
This Safety Manual is intended to point out some of the basic safety situations which may be encountered during the normal operation and maintenance of your machine and to suggest possible ways of dealing with these conditions. This manual is NOT a substitute for the manufacturer's manual(s).

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.

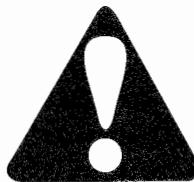
Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all – remember safety is up to **YOU**. Only **YOU** can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.

# 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.



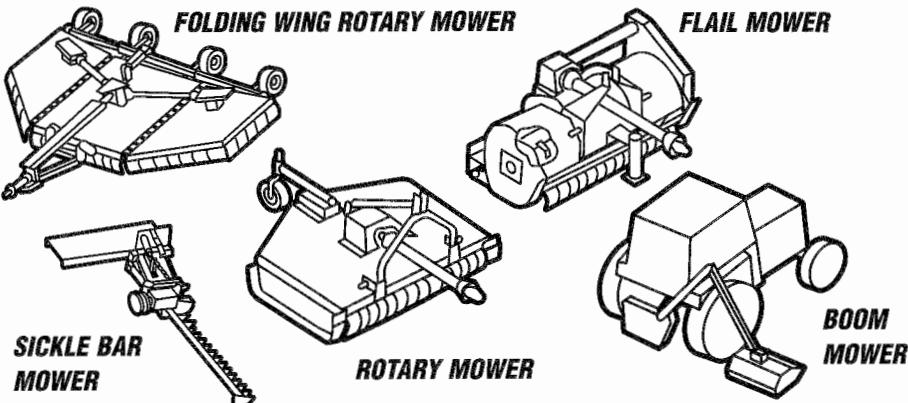
This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation exists which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

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

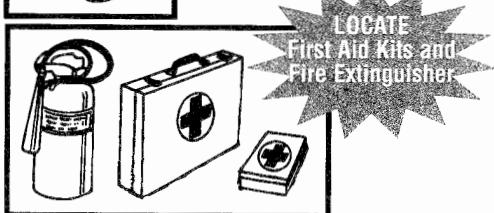
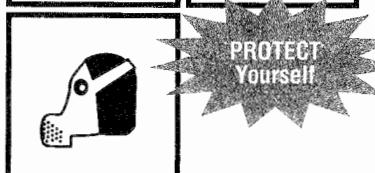
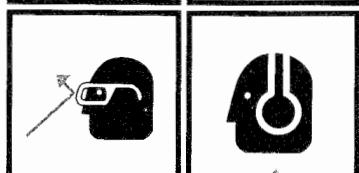
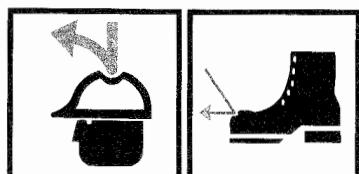
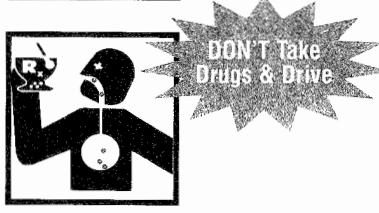
## Industrial/Agricultural Mowers

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 can 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:**

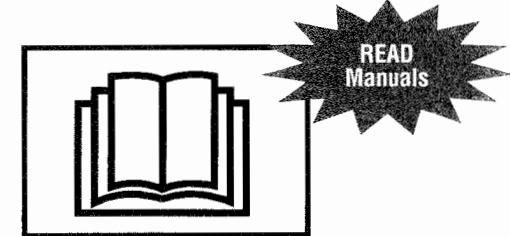
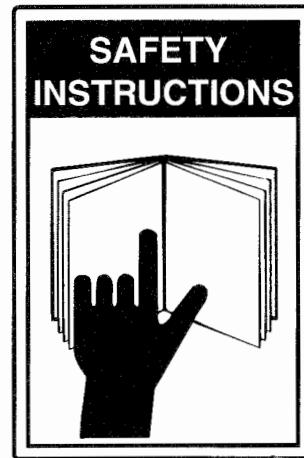
### **BYSTANDERS SAFETY**

- 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.





## 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.

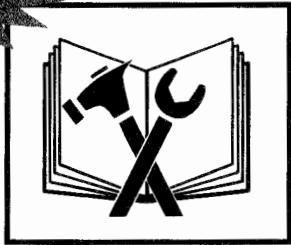
## OTHER SAFETY PRACTICES:

- 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.

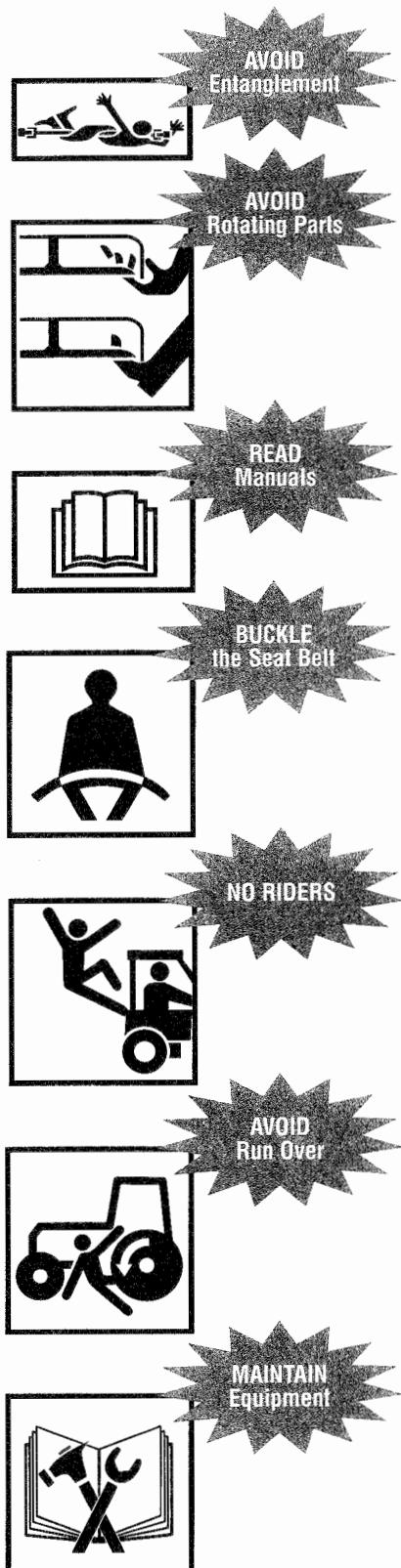
#### **RECOMMENDED GUARDS, DRIVELINE GUARDS AND SHIELDING SAFETY PRACTICES**

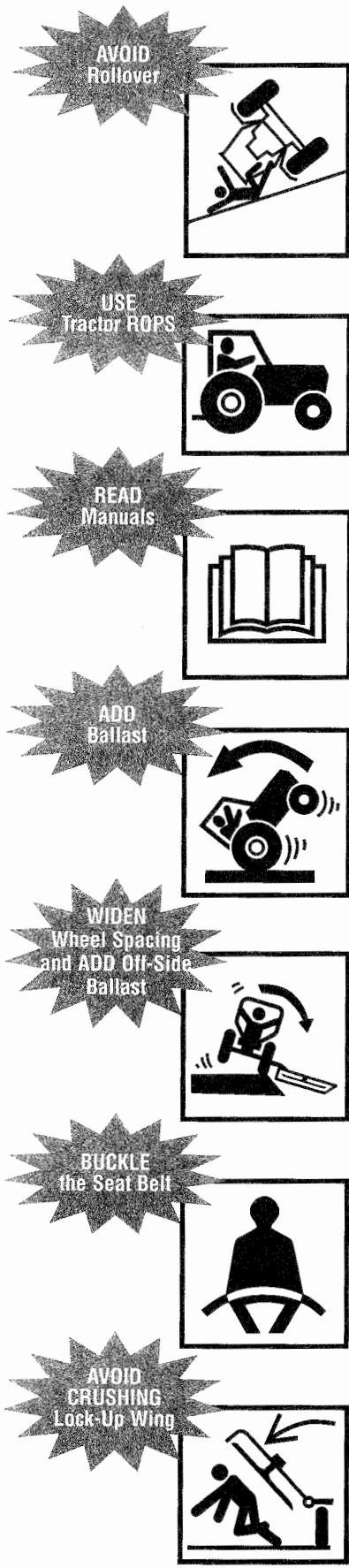
- Keep guards, driveline and other shielding in place and in good repair.
- Do not operate mower with missing or damaged guards, driveline guards or other shielding.

#### **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.





## ***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 others from falling 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.

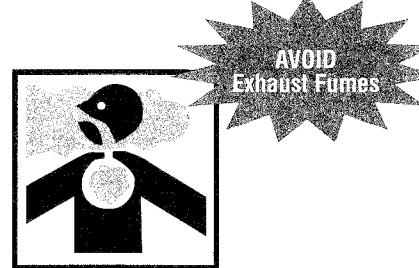
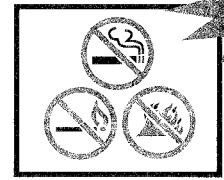
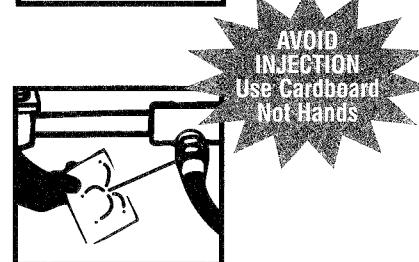
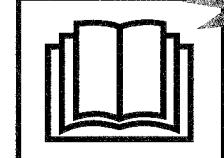
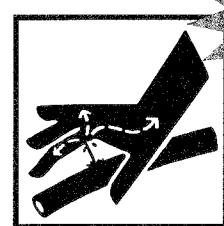
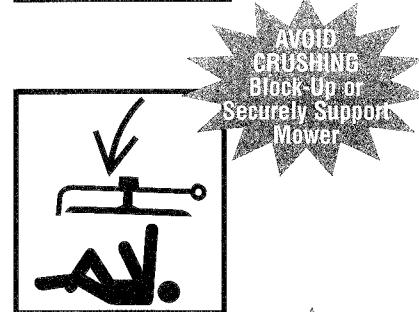
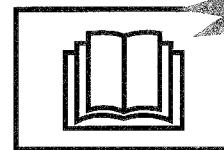
## **Tractor Refueling Hazards and Risks**

**To avoid serious injury or death from fire during refueling:**

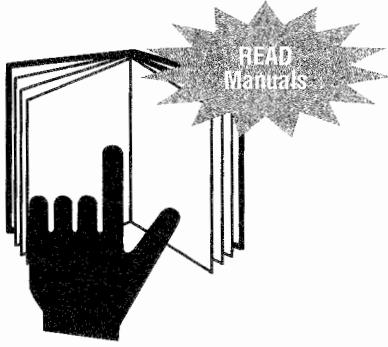
- Shut off engine and ignition.
- Never fill fuel tank near open flames.
- Never smoke while refueling.
- Avoid static electricity sparks by grounding fuel nozzle against tank filler neck.
- Avoid overfilling tank or spilling fuel.
- Clean up any spilled fuel immediately.
- Always replace fuel cap.

**To avoid serious injury or death from engine exhaust fumes:**

- Adequately ventilate enclosed spaces before starting the engine.



# 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:**

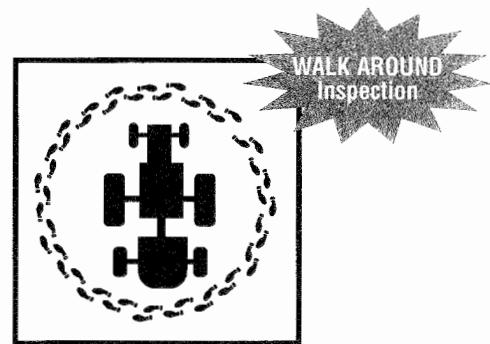
- Make certain manufacturer's recommended guards, shields and safety signs are installed on equipment and in good condition.
- Keep all protective devices in place and securely fastened.
- **NEVER** operate your equipment with missing, disconnected or damaged safety devices.
- Use ballast and weight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



## **Check The Mower And Tractor Equipment**

**Before beginning your work day:**

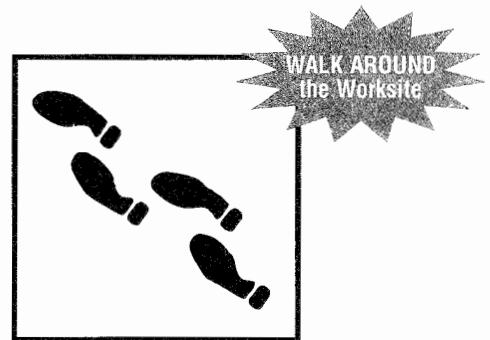
- Check for loose, broken, missing or damaged tractor and mower parts.
- Repair or replace these parts when needed.
- Check for proper tractor and mower attachments.
- Check for proper tractor and mower PTO rpm rating match.
- Check mower blades condition. Sharpen or replace per manufacturer's recommendation. 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.



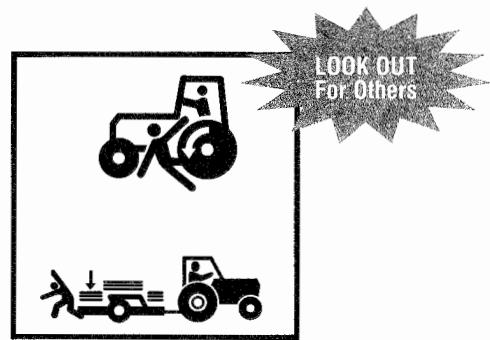
**Analyze mowing area to determine:**

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

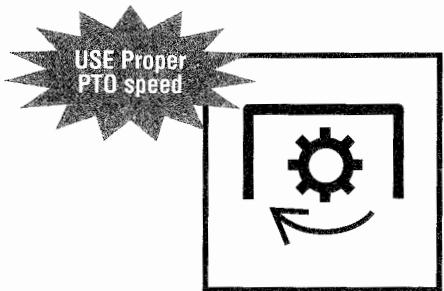
## **Look Out For The Safety of Others**

**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



## 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:

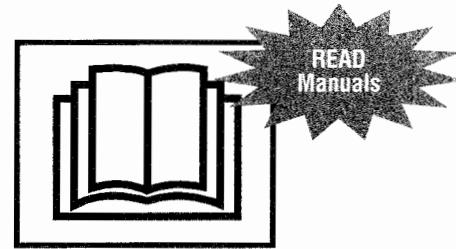
- Install an over-running clutch.
- Give yourself sufficient maneuvering room and time by anticipating turns, stops and speed reductions.

# Safety – During Operation

## Hitching Mower To Tractor Safety

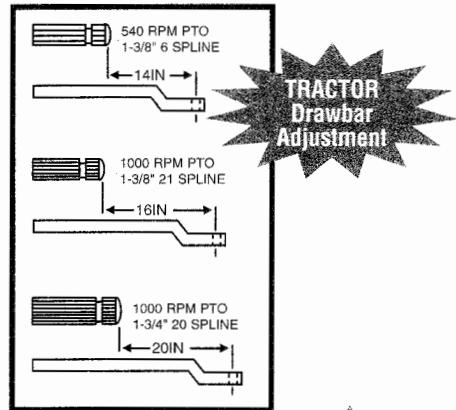
### Three-point hitch-mounted mower safety:

- 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.

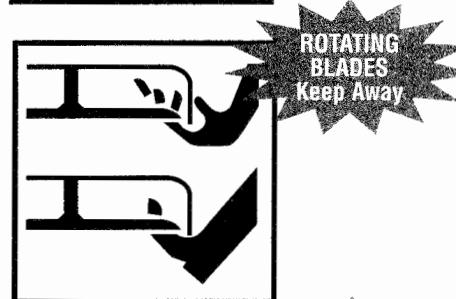


## Make The Right Start In Mower Safety

Mow only in daylight or good artificial light conditions.

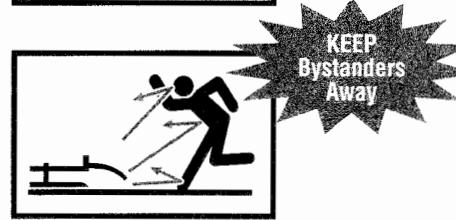
### To avoid serious injury or death from mower thrown objects or blade contact:

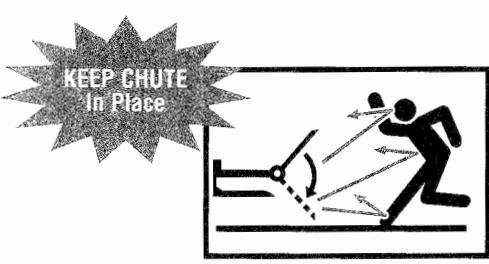
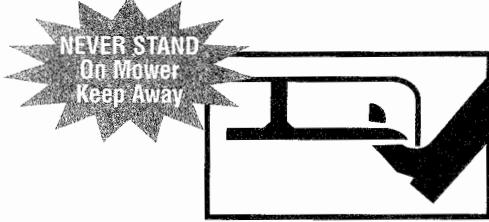
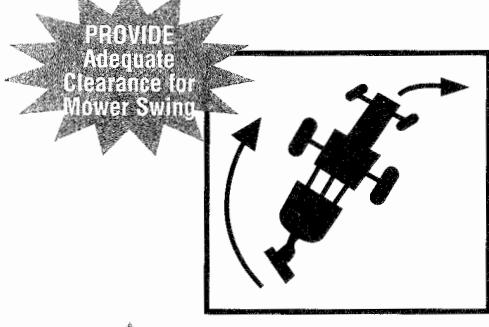
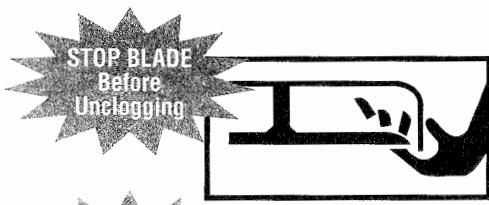
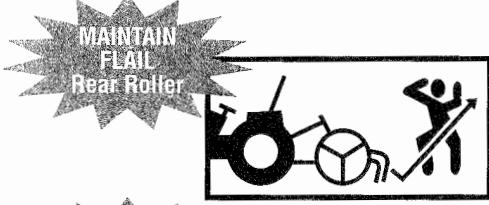
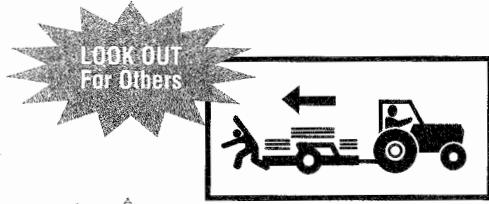
- Keep chain shields, flexible or solid deflector shields or discharge chutes in place and in good repair.
- Keep everyone several hundred (300) feet from mowing operation.
- Never direct mower discharge toward anyone.
- Keep hands, feet and other body parts away from rotating parts, blades and discharge 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.





## ***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 lowing 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.

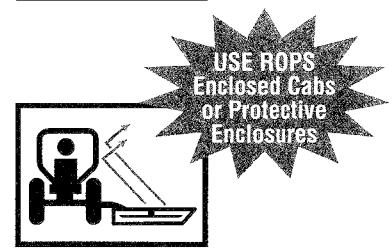
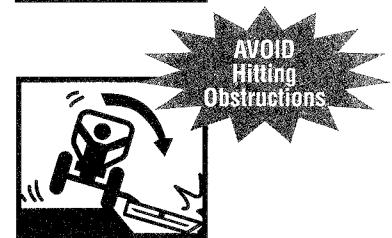
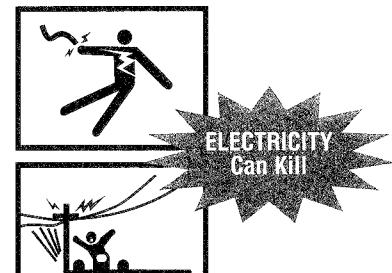
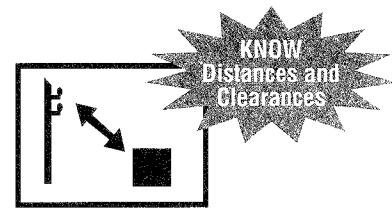
## **Ditch Bank Mowing Safety**

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:

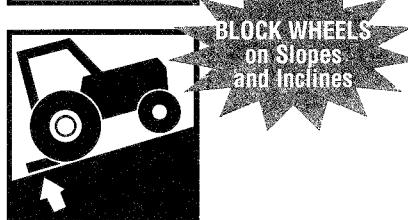
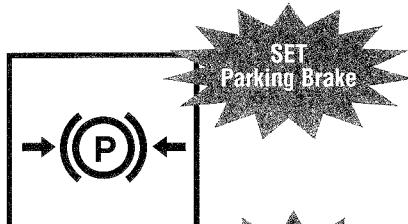
- Designated or out-of-traffic areas.
- Preferably level ground locations.

### 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.



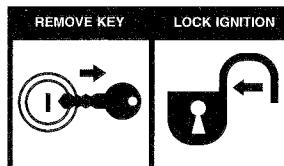
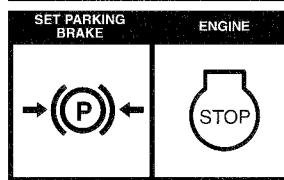
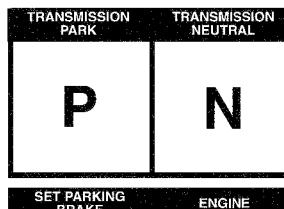
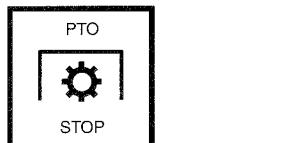
## Safety – During Shutdown //////////////////////////////////////////////////

### 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.



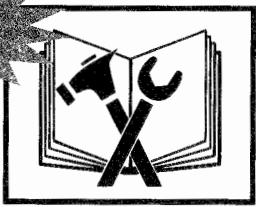
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## Dismounting Tractor Safety

### 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.

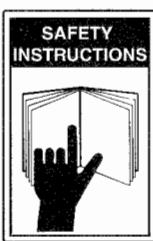
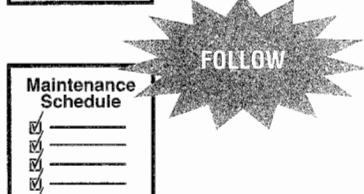
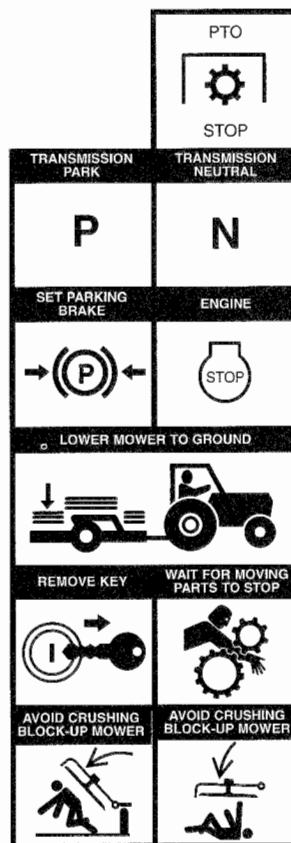
Critical safety-related parts (Self-locking blade bolts, blades, pins, shields or other special items) have specific strength, design and fit requirements for the make and model mower you are using.

**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:**

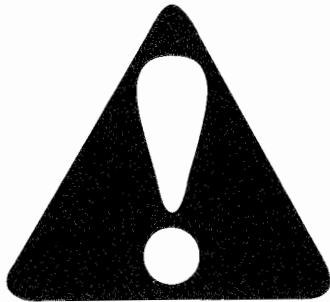
- Do not substitute common hardware for self-locking blade bolts or other special part items.
- Do not substitute blades, pins, shields or other critical safety-related parts.
- Do not use grade 5 or 8 bolts to replace grade 2 shear bolts.

**FOLLOW THE SAFETY PRACTICE OF  
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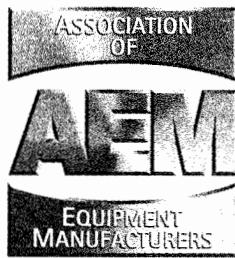


## ***One Final Word***

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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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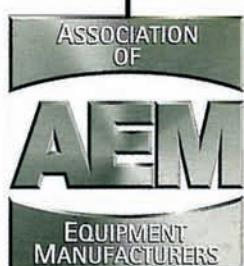
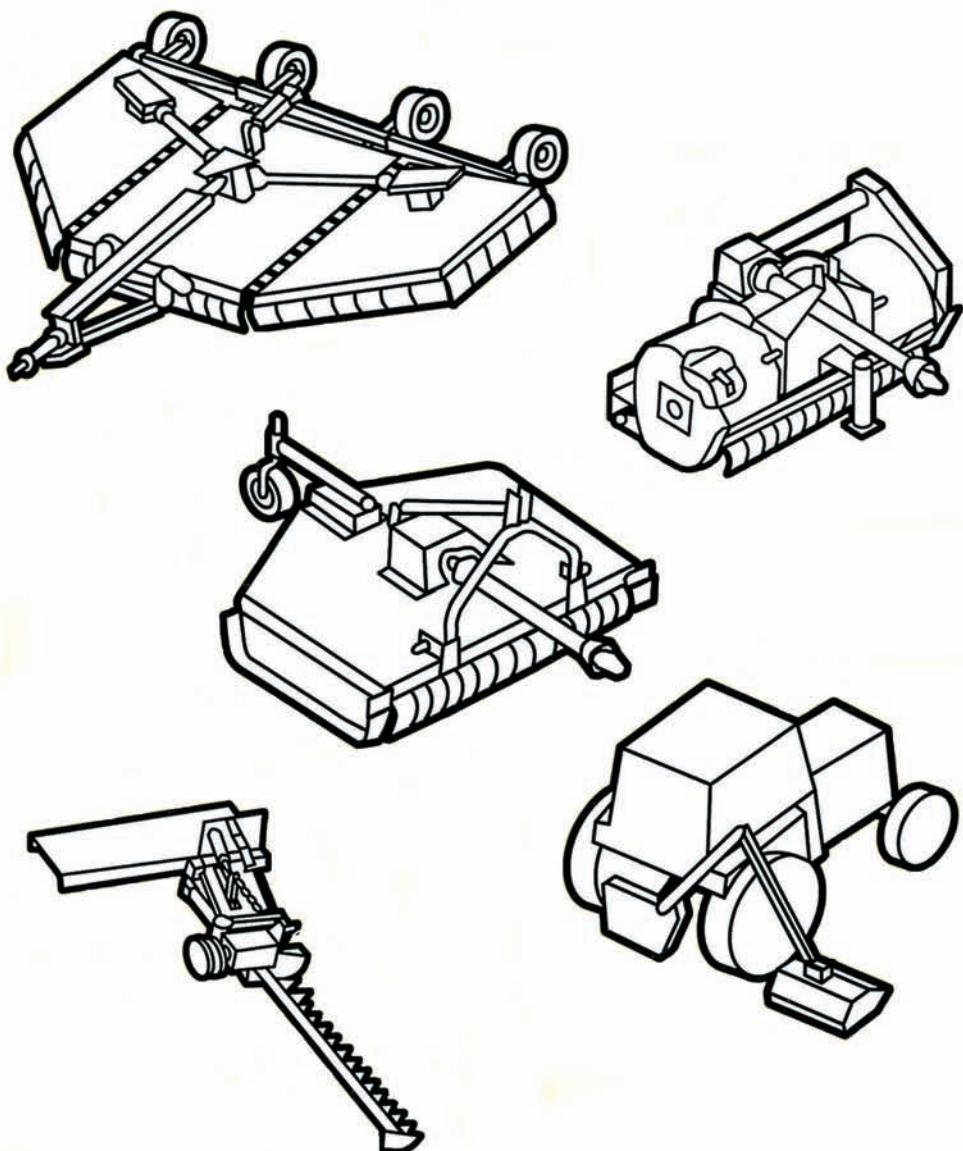
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# Introducción

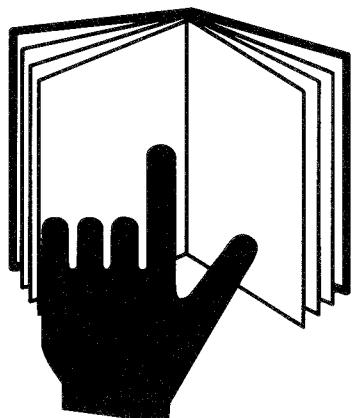
El propósito de este manual de seguridad es señalar algunas de las situaciones básicas de seguridad que pueden ocurrir durante la operación y mantenimiento de su máquina y sugerir los métodos posibles para tratar estas situaciones. Este manual NO es un sustituto de el (los) manual(es) del fabricante.

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. Hágalo una parte integral de su programa de seguridad. Recuerde que este manual de seguridad está escrito únicamente para segadoras industriales y agrícolas.

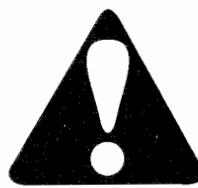
**Practique todas las precauciones de seguridad usuales y acostumbradas en el trabajo y más que todo – recuerde que la seguridad depende de USTED. Solamente USTED puede evitar las lesiones graves o la muerte debidas a prácticas inseguras.**

# 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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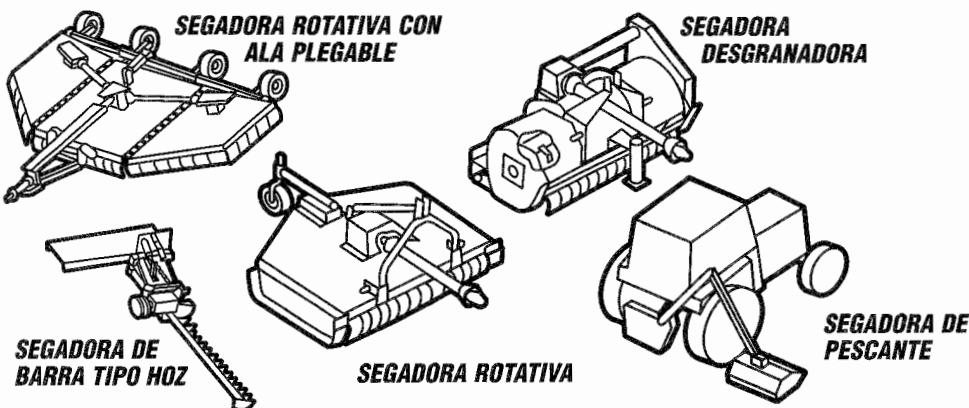
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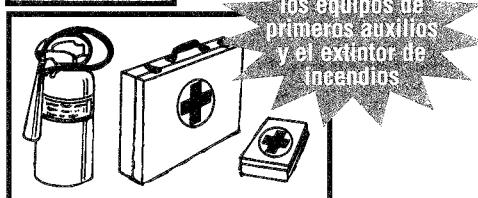
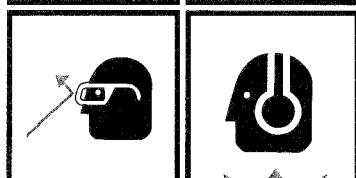
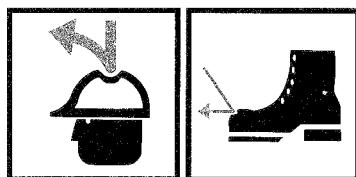
## Segadoras industriales y agrícolas

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

### TIPOS DE SEGADORAS INDUSTRIALES Y AGRÍCOLAS:



# 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 //

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.

**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 despedidos**

EXISTE LA POSIBILIDAD DEL RIESGO DE LESIONES A LOS OPERADORES Y TRANSEÚNTES CAUSADAS POR OBJETOS DESPEDIDOS 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.) DESPEDIDOS 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 despedidos 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 despedidos 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.

### OTRAS PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD:

- 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.

# **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.
- Mantengase 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**

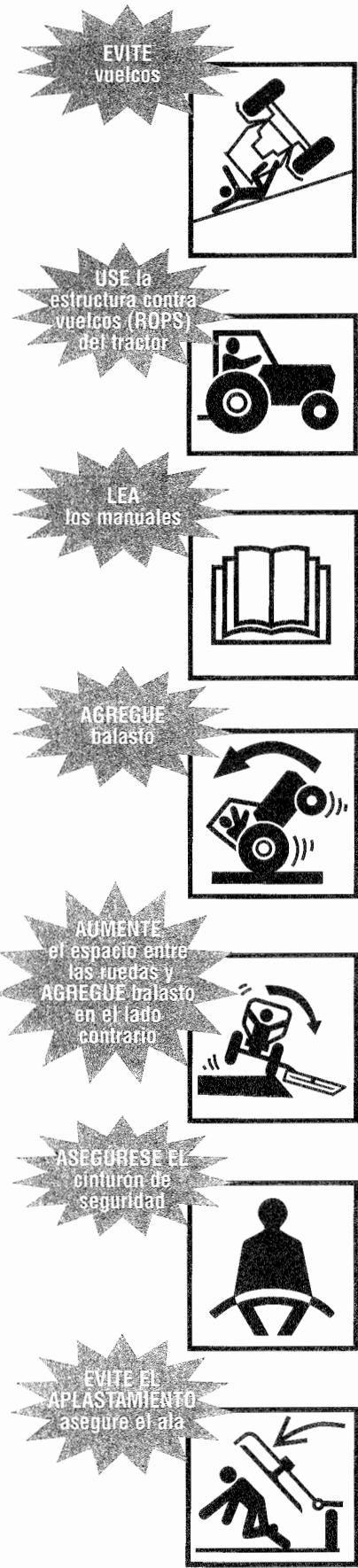
- Mantenga las líneas de transmisión y otros blindajes colocados y en buen estado.
- No debe operar la segadora cuando las defensas, defensas de la línea de transmisión u otros blindajes hagan falta o estén dañados.

#### **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.





## **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 márquelos 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 VUELLOS (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 pesos 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 opere 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.

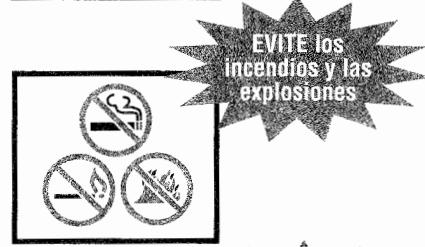
## **Peligros y riesgos durante el llenado de combustible del tractor**

**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.



# 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:

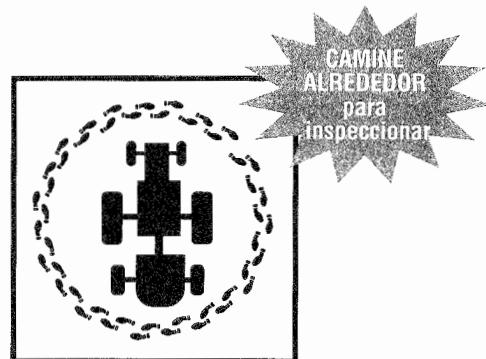
- Asegúrese de que las defensas, blindajes y avisos de seguridad recomendados por el fabricante están instalados en el equipo y en buen estado.
- Mantenga todos los dispositivos protectores en su lugar y abrochados firmemente.
- **NUNCA** debe operar su equipo con los dispositivos de seguridad sin colocar, 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 //



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



## Seguridad durante la subida al tractor

### Antes de subir:

- Límpiese 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.
- Permitase 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

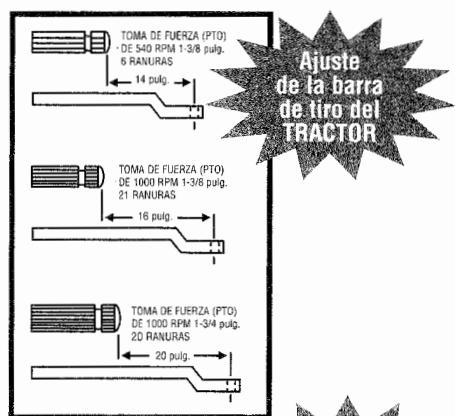
### Seguridad en el montaje de la segadora con un enganche de tres puntos:

- 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:

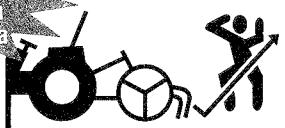
- Suba la segadora a la altura máxima de corte.
- Enganche la toma de fuerza (PTO) con rpm bajas del motor.
- Aumente las rpm del motor a la velocidad de régimen de las rpm de la toma de fuerza (PTO).
- Baje la segadora a la altura de corte deseado.
- Deténgase y pare inmediatamente si la segadora golpea 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.



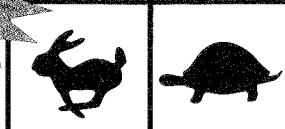
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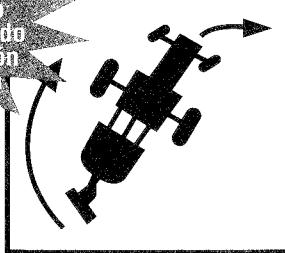
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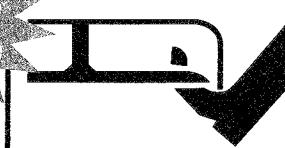
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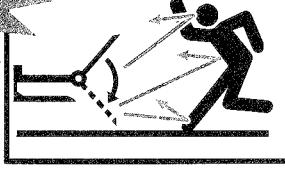
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PERMANEZCA  
DE PIE sobre  
la defensa de  
la segadora



**MANTENGA**  
EL CONDUCTO  
colocado en  
su lugar



## **Seguridad durante el segado en marcha atrás**

**Evite segar en marcha atrás siempre que sea posible.**

**Haga lo siguiente cuando segue 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 segue pasto alto y denso.
- La velocidad absoluta puede ser mayor cuando segue pasto de altura mediana, delgado y cuando las condiciones del terreno sean uniformes.
- Use una velocidad absoluta menor cuando segue 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 segue 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.
- Despues 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 segue 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.

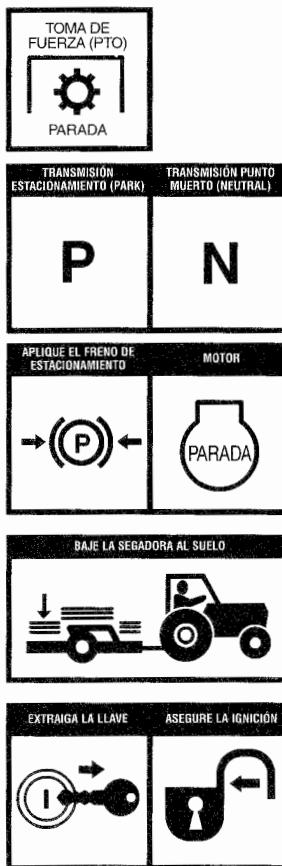
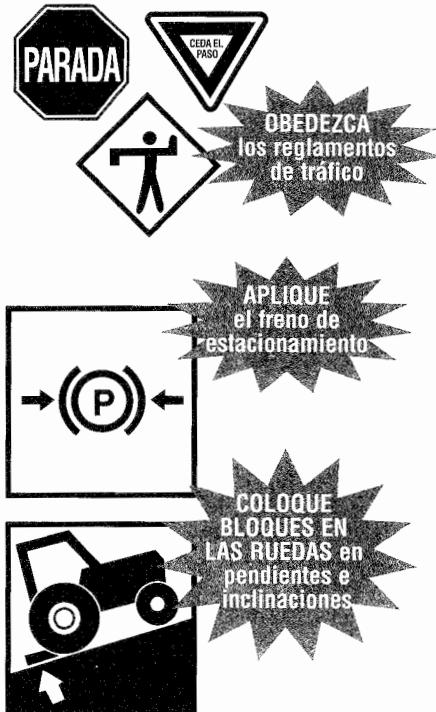
## Seguridad durante la parada

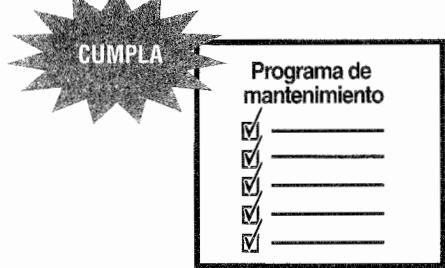
### Para su seguridad use las prácticas apropiadas para la parada del equipo

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 móviles 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.





## 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 móviles 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.

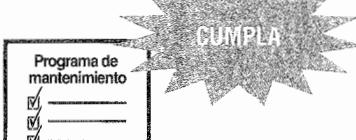
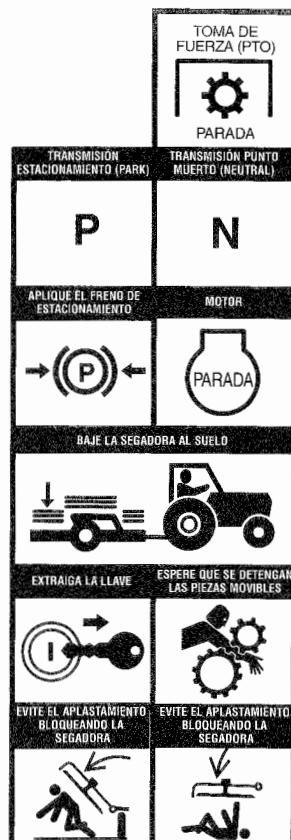
Seguridad crítica – piezas relacionadas (pernos de la hoja autoasegurados, hojas, pasadores, blindajes u otros artículos especiales) tienen requerimientos de fuerza, diseño y encaje específicos para el estilo y modelo de la segadora que usted utiliza.

**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.**

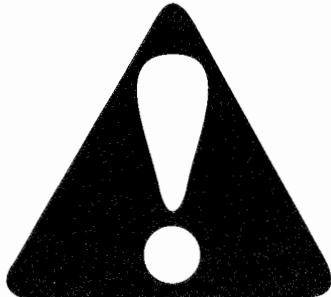
***PARA EVITAR LAS LESIONES SERIAS O LA MUERTE  
CAUSADAS POR PIEZAS O MODIFICACIONES NO APROBADAS:***

- 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.

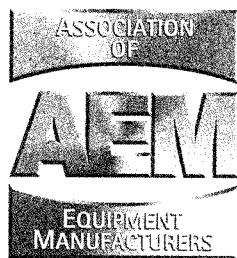
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## ***Palabra final***



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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# **INTRODUCTION SECTION**

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# INTRODUCTION

This Rotary Mower 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 Section 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 save 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 blade 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.

Rhino typically offers three types of shielding to protect the operator, passerby, livestock, and property from thrown objects... deflectors, single chain guards, and double chainguard. Shielding should be selected based on the intended use of the mower. Double chainguards or deflectors should be used for highway, right-of-way, parks or greenbelt mowing or all other mowing where human dwellings, vehicles, or livestock could be within 300 feet of the mower. Chainguards are more durable, provide a longer service life and require less maintenance and replacement than deflectors. Single chainguards may be sufficient for agriculture and other mower use only where passersby or property are not within 300 feet of the mower during operation.

No shielding is 100% effective in preventing thrown objects. The possibility of injury and property damage from this hazard can be substantially reduce by selecting proper shielding, maintaining the mower and shielding in good operational condition, inspecting the area for foreign debris before mowing, operating the mower at a minimum cutting height of 4", and keeping persons at a minimum distance of 300 feet from the mower at all times during operation.



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.

# INTRODUCTION



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Your FN20 NITRO is a super-duty Cutter/Shredder designed primarily for weed and grass control, brush up to 4-1/2" diameter, and shredding row crops such as cotton and corn stalks. With proper maintenance as described in this manual, your Cutter will provide you with years of dependable service with a minimum of repairs.

It is recommended that all operators of this implement read this manual or be instructed of its contents as to safety, proper operation, and maintenance before beginning operation.

Your FN20 NITRO has been assembled for operation with a specific tractor PTO input speed, either 540 or 1000 RPM. Should you desire to change PTO input speed, contact your local Rhino dealer who will assist you in performing the necessary modifications. A different Driveline and gearboxes or reverse gear positions are required. This machine is designed for use with tractors rated 80 HP (60kW) to 170 HP (127kW).

When ordering parts for the Gearboxes and the Drivelines, be sure to specify the PTO speed (540 or 1000 RPM) and the serial number. The serial number is located outside of the right Tongue attaching Plate on the center Mainframe section.

Chain Guards are extra equipment. Deflectors, Driveline Integral Shields, and Gearbox Shields are standard equipment and to be used at all times.

To place the warranty into effect, fill out the warranty card in full, giving all the requested information, and mail promptly. Be sure to give the serial number of this Cutter.

## INTRODUCTION

### 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 Unit 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 RHINO replacement parts. The use of inferior "will-fit" parts will void Warranty of your RHINO 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 Rhino, 1020 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, Illinois 60936 A Member of Alamo Group



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## DEALER SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

The mower as received from the factory is virtually completely assembled and requires minimum time to complete assembly ready for sale.

### **WARNING**

On a fully assembled unit, do not release the Wing Retaining Strap until the hoses are attached to the tractor and the Wing Cylinders are filled with oil. Always keep bystanders away while raising and lowering the wings

To lower the wings, hook the hydraulic hoses to the tractor. From the Operators Seat use the tractor hydraulic control levers to fill wing cylinders with oil. Keep coworkers and bystanders away from the implement while filling. For implements with the wings in the raised or transport position, filling the cylinders should raise the wings slightly and loosen the wing retaining lock. DO NOT release the wing Transport Bar/Latch if there is a force on the lock. Use tractor hydraulic control levers to lower the wing(s). Continue to hold the control lever until both wings are down and the wing cylinders are fully retracted or extended. Continue to cycle the cylinders several times by raising and lowering the wings fully to remove any trapped air. If there is sponginess during the raising cycle, this may indicate that air is entrapped in the hydraulic circuit. Continue to cycle the cylinders until all sponginess is removed.

The implement wings should lower slowly when they are allowed to float down and are not powered down. This is a safety feature built into the system. If the wings fall rapidly, have the cylinders repaired before operating the implement.  
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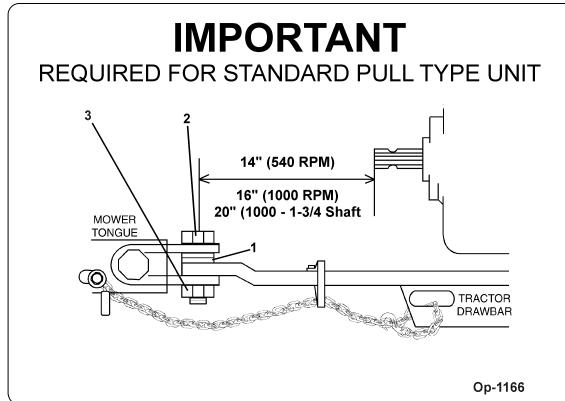
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Select a suitable work area large enough to allow for lowering of the wings. Use extreme caution when connecting the mower to the tractor. The mower should be securely resting at ground level or setting on blocks. Keep hands and feet from under the mower deck and clear of pinch points between the tractor hitch arms and mower pins.

1. Use the implement jack to raise the implement tongue until it is even with the tractor drawbar. Insert the jack into the jack adapter in the implement tongue and swivel it so that it is vertical. Follow the instructions on the jack. Install the jack retaining pin. Measure the height of the tractor drawbar and raise the implement tongue to the same height.

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2. Make sure the tractor PTO is the correct speed and shaft size for the implement. Ensure the drawbar is extended the proper distance from the Tractor PTO shaft for desired PTO speed; 540 PTO is 14" and for 1000 PTO speed the distance is 16"



3. Carefully back tractor to mower. Do not allow coworkers or bystanders between the tractor and the implement while backing. When dismounting the tractor **ALWAYS** shut down the tractor, disengage the PTO, and set the parking brake before dismounting.
4. Install the retaining bolt through tongue clevis and tractor drawbar. The implement tongue is very heavy. Make any height adjustments using the implement jack. Place two 1" flatwashers (1) positioned under top lip of tongue clevis and to the top of drawbar. Insert a 1" diameter grade 5 or 8 bolt (2) through clevis and drawbar and retain in position with a 1" locknut (3). Tighten the locknut securely but do not overtighten, which could spring or break the clevis. **NOTE:** *NEVER attach mower to the tractor with a pin not having a nut.*
5. Install the implement tow chain to a secure location on the tractor.
6. Attach proper hydraulic couplers to implement hose ends. Insert the wing hose quick disconnect couplers into tractor hydraulic remotes.
7. Mount tractor, fasten your seatbelt and start engine. From the operators seat use the tractor hydraulic control levers to fill wing cylinders with oil. Filling the cylinders should retract the wings slightly to their minimum closed width. Continue to apply pressure to cylinders for at least 10 seconds to assure they have filled with fluid.

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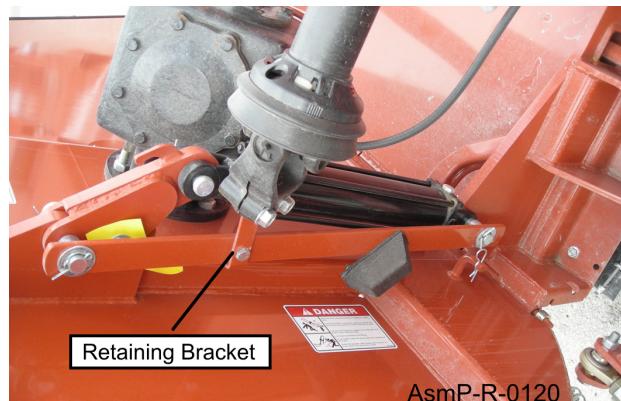
Keep coworkers and bystanders away from the implement while filling.

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8. Remove retaining bracket from end yoke of main driveline. Remove main driveline from mower and place on ground or hard surface.

**Figure AsmP-R-0120**



9. Make sure the wing Transport Bars/Latches are locked in the position to hold the wings vertical before removing shipping strap. **Figure AsmP-R-0118**



10. Stand between the wings of the implement and remove nuts holding the shipping strap in place and remove strap.



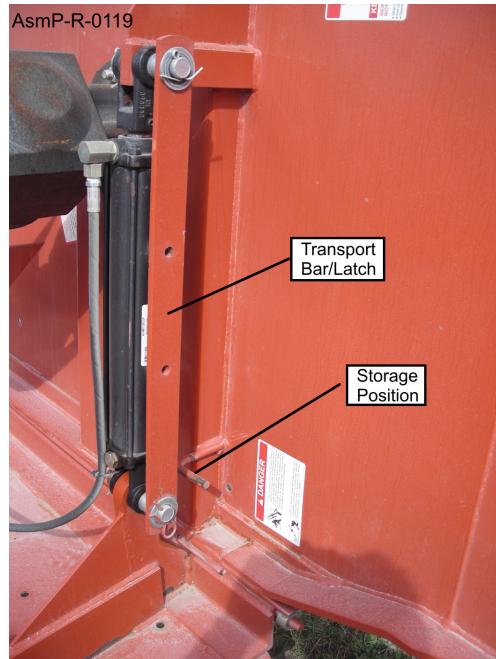
Do not stand outside of the wing to remove the shipping strap, if the wing fell it could kill you. Make sure no bystanders are under the wing or in the area where the wing could fall.

Reinstall nut and flatwasher to retain side skirt.

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11. Filling the cylinders with oil should raise the wings slightly and loosen the wing Transport Bars/Latches retaining pin. **NOTE: DO NOT release the wing Transport Bar/Latch if there is a force on the pin.** If there is a force holding the Transport Bar/Latch in place, use the tractor hydraulic control levers while in the tractor seat to raise the wings until the force is relieved. Release the Transport Bar/Latch and secure in the storage location. **Figure AsmP-R-0119**



12. From the tractor seat use the tractor hydraulic control levers to lower the wing(s).



Keep coworkers and bystanders away from the implement while filling.

13. Continue to hold the control lever until both wings are down and the wing cylinders are fully extended. Continue to cycle the cylinders several times by raising and lowering the wings fully to remove any trapped air. If there is sponginess during the raising cycle, this may indicate that air is trapped in the hydraulic circuit. Continue to cycle the cylinders until all sponginess is removed.
14. Test to make sure the wings lower slowly when they are allowed to float down and are not powered down. This is a safety feature built into the system. If the wings fall rapidly, have the hydraulic system or cylinders repaired before operating the implement.

## CONNECTING DRIVELINE



**DO NOT** use a PTO adapter to attach a non-matching Implement driveline to a Tractor PTO. Use of an adapter can double the operating speed of the Implement resulting in excessive vibration, thrown objects, and blade and implement failure. Adapter use will also change the working length of the driveline exposing unshielded driveline areas. Serious bodily injury and/or equipment failure can result from using a PTO adapter. Consult an authorized dealer for assistance if the Implement driveline does not match the Tractor PTO.

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## WARNING

When attaching the Implement input driveline to the Tractor PTO, it is important that the connecting yoke spring activated locking collar slides freely and the locking balls are seated securely in the groove on the Tractor PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure it is securely attached. A driveline not attached correctly to the Tractor PTO shaft could come loose and result in personal injury and damage to the Implement. (S3PT-17)

## DRIVELINE ATTACHMENT

The driveline yoke and tractor PTO shaft must be dirt free and greased for attachment.

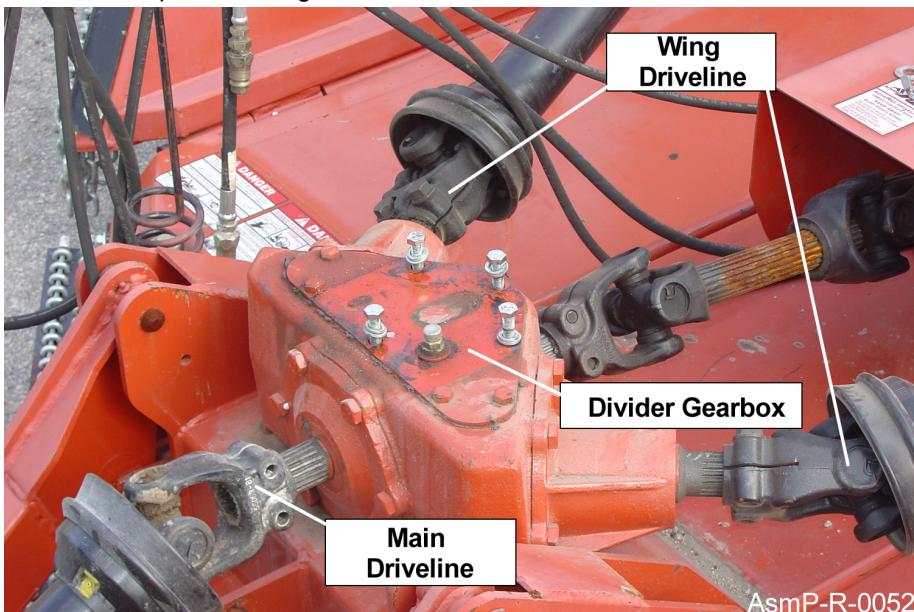
To connect the mower driveline to the tractor PTO output shaft, pull the driveline yoke collar back and align the grooves and splines of the yoke with those of the PTO shaft. Push the driveline yoke onto the PTO shaft, release the locking collar, and position the yoke until the locking collar balls are seated onto the PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure a secure attachment. OPS-R-0003\_I



## CAUTION

Many of the equipment components are **HEAVY** (60 lbs. or greater) and Special Lifting Procedures are recommended. Use lifting assistance such as mechanical assistance, two people, and proper lifting techniques when connecting or installing the driveshaft to reduce the possibility of back injuries.

1. Remove double clamp bolts from main driveline implement connection yoke and insert onto power divider gearbox shaft. Insert clamp bolt and tighten to 170 ft. lbs.



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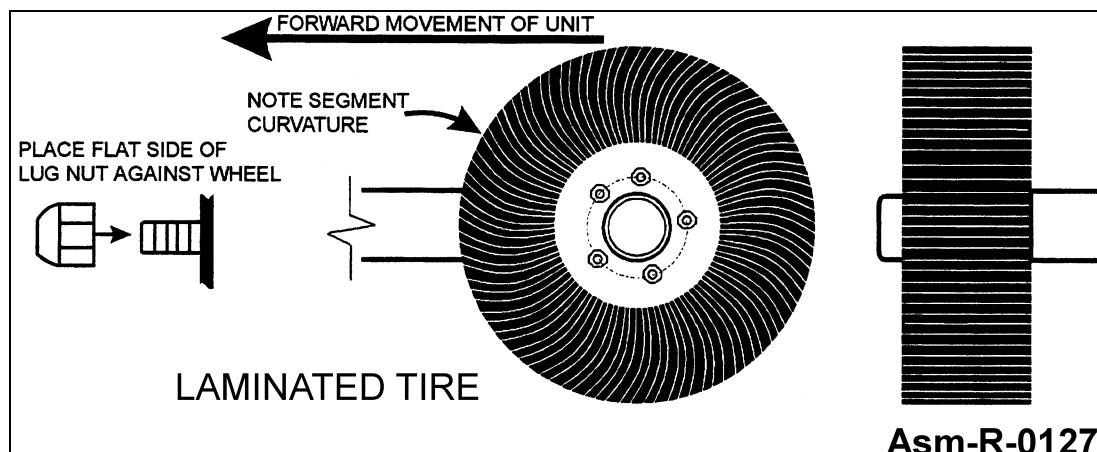
2. Inner center axle dual tire assemblies are shipped bolted on wing mount tubes. Remove transport bars from wings and lower each wing so that inner tire and hub assembly can be removed and installed on center axle. **NOTE: It will be necessary to raise each side of center axle slightly so inner dual tires can be installed.**
3. Install gearbox vents or vent dipsticks if not installed. Check all gearbox lube levels.

## TIRES AND WHEELS

Before installing any tires and wheels make certain the Cutter is jacked up high enough and is securely supported. When installing laminated or airplane tires, be sure the flat side of the lug nut is against the wheel. There are only three types of tires that can be used on this cutter DO NOT USE ANY OTHER TYPE OF TIRE OR WHEEL, such as automotive tires and rims. DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM SPEED FOR EACH TYPE OF TIRE. As excessive speed can cause damage to the machine, tire, and wheel.

When installing Laminated Tires and Wheels note the direction of travel and the curvature of rubber segments in the tire and install as shown in **Figure Asm-R-0127**. Do not exceed 20 M.P.H. on Laminated Tires. When removing Airplane Tires, let all of the air out of the tire before removing lug nuts or wheel bolts or nuts. Remove valve core to make certain that there is no air pressure left in tube before separating wheel halves to dismount tires. DO NOT LOOSEN WHEEL CLAMP BOLTS BEFORE PRESSURE IS REMOVED FROM TUBE AND TIRE TO PREVENT EXPLOSIVE SEPARATION OF WHEEL HALVES WITH POSSIBLE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY. Do not exceed 20 M.P.H. on Airplane or Rib Implement Tires.

Maximum airplane tire inflation pressure is 50 PSI, minimum inflation pressure is 20 PSI. Inflate ribbed implement tires to manufacturer rated PSI as shown on the tire sidewall.



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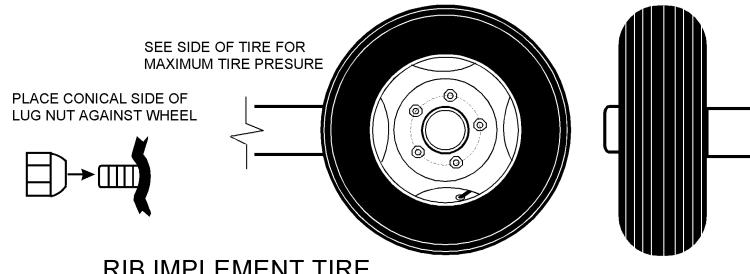
## EXPLOSION HAZARD

**RELEASE ALL AIR PRESSURE BEFORE LOOSENING BOLTS.  
FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**

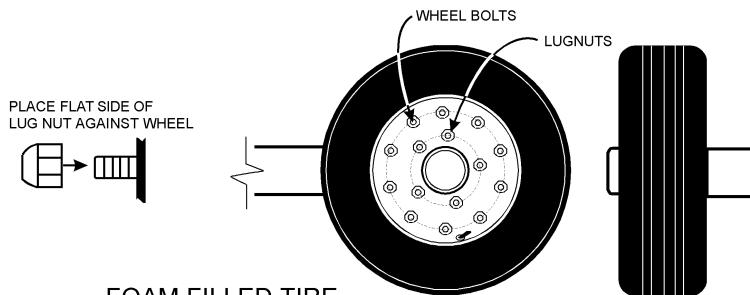
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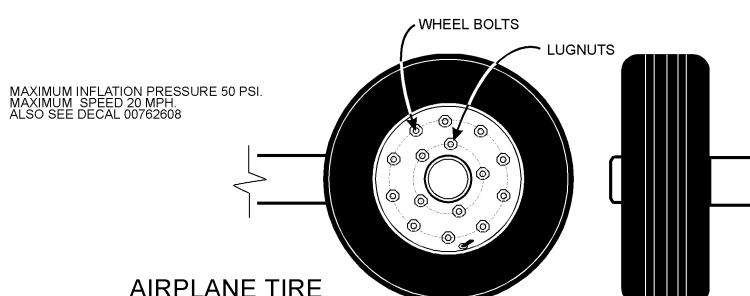
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RIB IMPLEMENT TIRE



FOAM FILLED TIRE



AIRPLANE TIRE

Lubricate the PTO drivelines and wheel hubs according to the lubrication information found in the Maintenance Section.

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## RHINO FN14/FN20 NITRO ROTARY MOWER OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

Rhino FN14/FN20 NITRO rotary mowers are manufactured with quality material by skilled workers. These mowers are designed to cut grass, weeds, small brush and other vegetative material up to 4-1/2" diameter in areas such as pastures and along highway right-of-ways. The mower is equipped with protective deflectors and/or chain guards to prevent objects being thrown from the mower by the blades, however, no shielding is 100% effective. All shields, guards, deflectors, and chains equipped on the unit must be maintained on the mower in good operational condition.

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 mower, tractor, or a thrown object. Do not operate the mower if passersby, pets, livestock, or property are within 300 feet of the unit.

This section of the Operator's Manual is designed to familiarize, instruct, and educate safe and proper mower use to the operator. Pictures contained in this section are intended to be used as a visual aid to assist in explaining the operation of a rotary mower and are not necessarily of a FN14/FN20 NITRO cutter. Some pictures may show shields removed for purposes of clarity. NEVER OPERATE this implement without all shields in place and in good operational condition. The operator must be familiar with the mower and tractor operation and all associated safety practices before operating the mower and tractor. Proper operation of the mower, as detailed in this manual, will help ensure years of safe and satisfactory use of the mower.

**IMPORTANT:** To avoid mower damage, retorque all bolts after the first 10 hours of operation. Refer to the Torque Chart at the end of the Maintenance Section to ensure bolts are properly tightened.

**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 inglés, pida ayuda a alguien que si lo lea para que le traduzca las medidas de seguridad. (SG-3)

**SAFETY  
INSTRUCTIONS**



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## 1. Standard Equipment and Specifications

	<b>FN20 NITRO</b>	<b>FN14 NITRO</b>
Cutting Width	240"	162"
Transport Width	115"	106"
Overall Width	248"	170"
Overall Length	216"	216"
Cutting Height	1/2"***-14-3/4"	1/2"***-14-3/4"
Hitch	Pull	Pull
Blade Overlap	6"	6"
Blade Carrier	Reinforced Pan or Bar	
HP Required (Min.)	80 HP	80 HP
Gearbox Rating		<b>EXTRA EQUIPMENT</b>
Power Divider	325 HP	Open or Closed Center Three-Spool Valve
Center Wing	285 HP	Valve Mounting Kit
Gearbox Limited Warranty	5 year	Ball Hitch
Output Shaft Diameter	2-9/16"	Pintle Hitch (Requires Drawbar Modification)
Blade Tip Speed:		Baffle Kit Assembly
Center 540 RPM	16,328 FPM	Auxiliary Wheels Spindle Kit (For Dual Wheels on Wings)
1000 RPM	15,994 FPM	Shredding Kit (Bar Carrier Units Only)
Wings 540 RPM	16,328 FPM	
1000 RPM	15,994 FPM	
Cutting Capacity (Max.)	4-1/2"	<b>OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT</b>
Driveline Size		Single or Double Front & Rear Chain Guards
Main	CAT 6 HD	540 or 1000 RPM
Wings	CAT 6 HD	Constant Velocity or Non C/V Main Driveline
Driveline Limited Warranty	2 Year	Pan or Bar Blade Carriers
Driveline Protection	Slip Clutch	Laminated, Foam-Filled Used Airplane, Used Plane, Implement, or Recapped Used Airplane Tire or Wheel
Deck Thickness	10 Ga.	
Side Skirts: Replaceable	1/4"x10-1/2"	
Replaceable Skid Shoes	Std. Center and Wings	
Wing Flex	90 Degrees up, 22 Degrees Down	
Deck Rings	Standard	Standard
Safety Deflectors	Standard	Standard
Tractor Static Vertical		
Drawbar Load Rating (Min.)	3100 lbs. *	2900 lbs. *
Weight (Approx.)	7745 lbs. *	7600 lbs. *

\* With front and rear double chain guards, 6 foam-filled used airplane tires, main driveline and dishpan blade carriers.

\*\*Safety Deflectors are standard equipment. Single and double chain guards are available as extra equipment at extra cost. Rhino recommends mowers be equipped with deflectors or double chain guards for all mowing purposes. Single chain guards may be used for agriculture purposes only and are specifically not recommended for highway, right-of-way, parks or greenbelt mowing.

\*\*Ratings based on actual field performance.

\*\*\* Lowest cutting height obtained by raising side skirt and center skid shoes as described in Section 7.3.

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## 2. OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

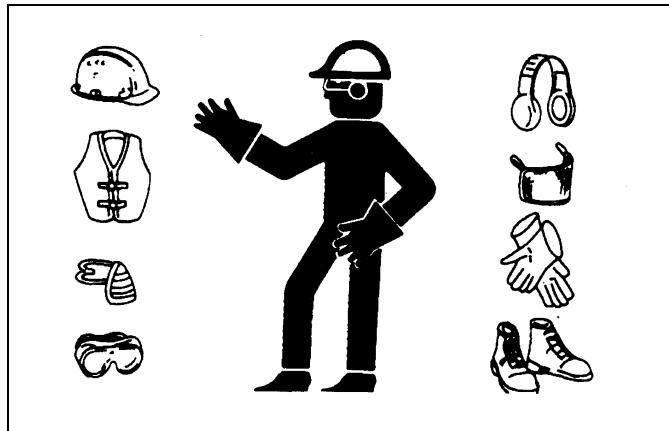
Safe operation of the unit is the responsibility of a qualified operator. A qualified operator has read and understands the implement and tractor Operator's Manuals and is experienced in implement and tractor operation and all associated safety practices. In addition to the safety messages contained 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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## **3. 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**

- ASABE approved Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) or ROPS cab and seat belt.
- Tractor Safety Devices ..... Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem, lighting, PTO master shield
- Tractor Horsepower -Minimum ..... NITRO FL20 80HP; NITRO FL14 80HP
- Drawbar ..... 14" length for 540 RPM unit; 16" or 20" length for 1000 RPM unit, mower equipped with Pintle Hook (Optional Equipment) drawbar length must be modified (see 3.4 Drawbar), rated to carry weight of mower, safety chain attachment point (See Chart Below)
- Tongue Weight ..... 3100 lbs.
- Hydraulics ..... Minimum of 1 hydraulic port (extra 3-spool valve required). Minimum 2 ports, 3 ports recommended if additional,3-spool control valve is not used.
- Front End Weights ..... As needed to maintain 20% weight on front axle

Power Take Off 540 RPM 6-spline or 1000 RPM 21-spline, 1-3/8" diameter output shaft depending on mower operating speed.

Drawbar Category	Min. Tractor HP
II	80
III	90

For other PTO & Drawbar Category Combinations see your Tractor specifications.

### **3.1 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)



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## **3.2 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

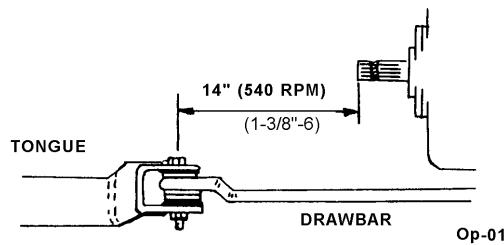
## **3.3 Tractor Horsepower**

The horsepower required to operate the mower depends on several operating factors including the vegetation to be cut, terrain condition, operator experience, condition of the mower and tractor, and others. For most mowing conditions, the FL14 NITRO and FL20 NITRO mower requires a tractor with a minimum of 80 HP. Operating the mower with a tractor that does not have adequate power may damage the tractor engine.

The tractor drawbar must be positioned at a certain length based on the operating speed of the mower for proper driveline operation. If the mower is a 540 RPM unit, position the drawbar length from shaft end to hitch hole at 14". For 1000 RPM mowers, set the drawbar length at 16" for 21 spline 1-3/8" mowers and at 20" for 1-3/4" 20 spline mowers.

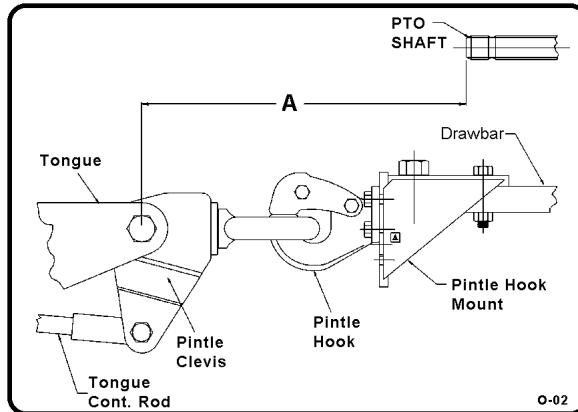
**Ensure that the drawbar is rated to carry the tongue weight of the mower.**

### **Tractor Drawbar Length (Based on Mower Operating Speed)**



### **Pintle Hook Hitch-Optional Equipment**

Drawbar length must be modified to obtain dimension "A" (CV Driveline = 17" ± 2")



## **3.4 Tractor Hydraulics**

The mower center section and each wing are positioned with hydraulic cylinders that are operated by the tractor hydraulic pump. The tractor must have a minimum of 2 hydraulic control valves devoted to the mower unless the tractor is fitted with a 3-spool control valve (extra equipment).

A 3-spool control valve is required if the tractor is equipped with a single valve and is recommended for those with two valves so that the center section and each wing can be controlled independent of one another. Refer

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to the Assembly Section of this manual for properly equipping the tractor with a 3-spool control valve. Tractors equipped with three hydraulic ports can position the center section and each wing independently with no extra equipment. If the tractor is equipped with only two hydraulic ports and a 3-spool control valve is not used, the wings cannot be operated independently and will raise and lower at different speeds.

### **3.5 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

### **3.6 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 20 or 21-spline shaft. ***Note: 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\_A



**DO NOT** use a PTO adapter to attach a non-matching Implement driveline to a Tractor PTO. Use of an adapter can double the operating speed of the Implement resulting in excessive vibration, thrown objects, and blade and implement failure. Adapter use will also change the working length of the driveline exposing unshielded driveline areas. Serious bodily injury and/or equipment failure can result from using a PTO adapter. Consult an authorized dealer for assistance if the Implement driveline does not match the Tractor PTO. (S3PT-14)



Never operate the Tractor and Mower if the Implement input driveline is directly connected to the Tractor transmission. Tractor braking distances can be substantially increased by the momentum of the rotating Mower blades driving the Tractor transmission even though the Tractor clutch has been disengaged. Install an over running clutch between the Tractor PTO and the Mower driveline to prevent this potentially dangerous situation. (S3PT-16)

### **4. 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)



## 4.1 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)



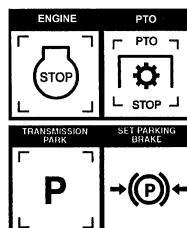
## 4.2 Dismounting the Tractor

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*

**DANGER**

BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always set the parking 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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## **5. 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)



## **6. CONNECTING THE MOWER TO THE TRACTOR**

Use extreme caution when connecting the mower to the tractor. The mower should be securely resting at ground level or setting on blocks. Keep hands and feet from under the mower deck and clear of pinch points between the tractor hitch arms and mower pins. OPS-R-0001



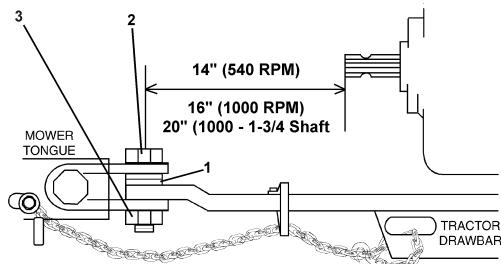
Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches. (S3PT-15)

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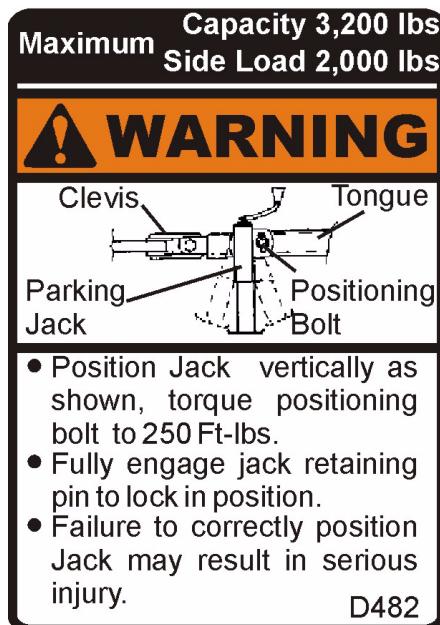
## 6.1 Connecting the Mower Tongue to the Tractor

1. Ensure the tractor is equipped with the correct PTO shaft and the drawbar is set at the correct length.
2. Using the parking jack, position the tongue clevis to the height of the tractor drawbar. Adjust the mower tongue clevis to be level and parallel with the tractor drawbar using the control rod connecting the mower tongue clevis to the deck.
3. Board the tractor and start the engine. Back the tractor to the mower aligning the drawbar hitch hole with the mower tongue clevis. Turn off the tractor engine, place the tractor in park, and set the parking brake before dismounting.
4. To attach the mower, place two 1" flatwashers (1) positioned under top lip of tongue clevis and to the top of drawbar. Insert a 1" diameter grade 5 or 8 bolt (2) through clevis and drawbar and retain in position with a 1" locknut (3). Tighten the locknut securely but do not overtighten which could spring or break the clevis. **NOTE: NEVER attach mower to the tractor with a pin not having a nut.**
5. Securely attach the mower safety chain to the tractor drawbar or drawbar support frame.
6. Lower the jack until the tongue is completely supported by the drawbar. Remove jack from the tongue and place on storage bracket of mower.

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### Safety Tow Chain

If the mower is towed on a public roadway, a safety chain with tensile strength equal to or greater than the gross weight of the mower must be connected between the tractor and mower. This will help control the implement in the event the tongue becomes disconnected from the drawbar. Make sure the chain is attached to a secure location on the tractor and not to an intermediate support. After connecting both ends of the safety chain, drive the tractor to the right and left to check for proper chain length. Adjust length as necessary and allow only enough slack in the chain to make a maximum turn in both directions. When not in use, store the safety chain to protect it from mud or standing water by wrapping the chain around the tongue. Replace the safety chain if one or more links or end fittings are broken, stretched or otherwise damaged or deformed.

### **6.2 Connecting Mower Hydraulic Lines to the Tractor**

With the tractor shut down and secured in position, relieve hydraulic pressure from the tractor by moving the control levers back and forth several times or placing the levers in the float position.

When connecting the mower hydraulic lines, keep hoses, quick couplers, and swivels free of contamination. Never leave a disconnected hose end open and cap the tractor hydraulic outlet ports when not in use. If the tractor ports or mower hydraulic hose ends become contaminated, wipe clean with a rag before connecting.

#### **Operating Mower Hydraulics with Three Tractor Hydraulic Ports**

Connect one hose into each hydraulic port. Connect lines to correspond with position of hydraulic control levers.

#### **Operating Mower Hydraulics with Two Tractor Hydraulic Ports**

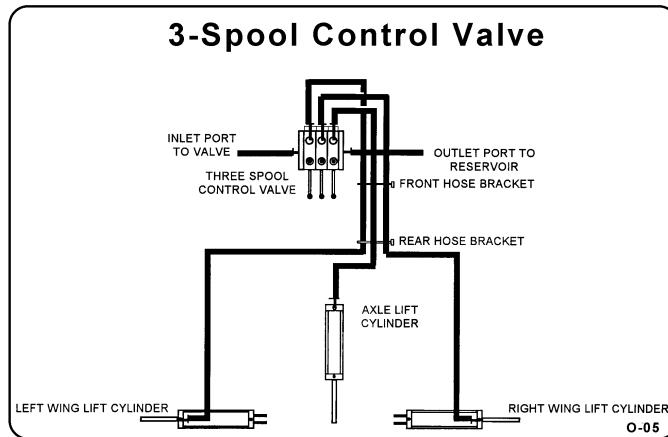
The lines that operate the wings must be plumbed together and will be controlled using one hydraulic control valve and the center section with the remaining control valve. Ensure that the operator is aware that each wing cannot be controlled independently nor will they raise and lower simultaneously.

#### **Operating the Mower Hydraulics with a 3-Spool Hydraulic Control Valve (Extra Equipment)**

Ensure the valve matches the hydraulic operating system of the tractor (open or closed center). Refer to the Assembly Section for additional information on equipping the tractor with a 3-spool control valve.

Mount the valve bank to a tractor fender or other accessible location. Connect valve bank inlet and outlet lines to outlets of the same tractor hydraulic port. Connect the mower hydraulics to the control valve bank with the center section line to the right port. Connect the wing cylinder lines to the control valve positioned to correspond with the left and right wing.

To activate the 3-spool hydraulic control valve, tie the tractor's hydraulic control lever back to keep hydraulic oil continuously fed to the valve bank.



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## Hydraulic Line Support

After connecting the mower hydraulic lines to the tractor, support the hoses with the equipped brackets. Ensure that hoses do not contact the driveline, do not bind while turning, and do not become pinched or kinked.

## Hydraulic Cylinder Priming

Hydraulic Cylinders must be filled with hydraulic oil before removing the wing transport braces to lower the mower wings. Hydraulic cylinders and lines are filled by holding the valve control levers in the raised position until the cylinders fully retract (wing cylinders) and extend (center cylinder). Place control levers in the float position and repeat process a second time. Ensure wings are entirely supported by the cylinders before removing the transport braces. NEVER drive out bar pins and NEVER remove braces that have tension on them.

## 7. SETTING THE MOWER

Properly setting the cutting height is essential for efficient and safe operation. A properly set mower will make a more uniform cut, distribute clippings more evenly, require minimal tractor work, and follow the contour of uneven terrain. **NOTE:** *Avoid very low cutting heights, striking the ground with the blades gives the most damaging shock loads and will cause damage to the mower and drive. Blades contacting the ground may cause objects to be thrown out from under the mower deck. Always avoid operating the mower at a height which causes the blades to contact the ground.* OPS-U-0010



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)



### 7.1 Setting Deck Height

#### LEVELING DECK CENTER SECTION

1. Place the tractor and mower on a level surface and lower both wings.
2. Use the center section hydraulic cylinder to set the mower at approximately 3/4" above the desired cutting height. The additional height is necessary so that after the mower has been leveled, the deck pitch can be set such that the front of the mower is slightly lower than the rear.
3. Shut down the tractor, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before dismounting.



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4. Level the mower deck front to rear by adjusting the leveling rods linking the tongue to the rear axle. DO NOT allow feet or other body part underneath the mower when making adjustments. To adjust rod length, loosen jamnut and screw turnbuckles. To lower the front, lengthen the rods and to raise the front, shorten the rods. DO NOT unscrew turnbuckles to the point that either rod threaded ends becomes disconnected which will cause the mower to fall. Re-tighten jammuts when deck is leveled.
5. **IMPORTANT:** Alternate adjustments between rods and adjust at equal lengths to maintain equal tension. Improper adjustments may cause rods to snap or bend.
6. Place split collar assemblies on the center axle hydraulic cylinder rod to maintain a set cutting height each time the mower is raised and lowered.

## LEVELING WING SECTIONS WITH CENTER

To level the wing sections with the deck center, adjust the leveling screw between the wing axle and the center axle. To lower the wing, loosen the jamnut and shorten the screw assembly, lengthen the screw assembly to raise the wing. After wings are leveled, retighten jammuts to maintain settings.

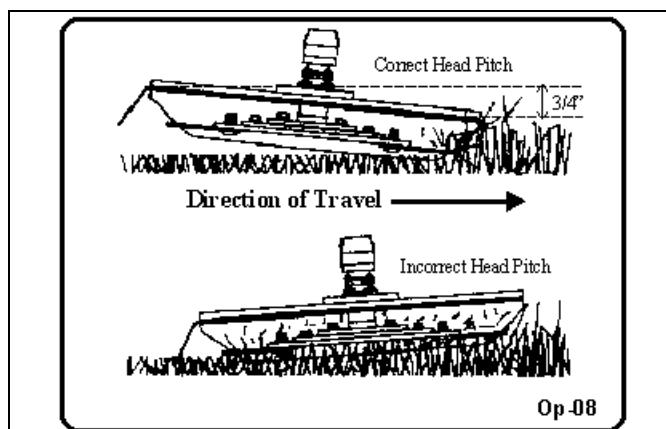


## 7.2 Setting Deck Pitch

To facilitate safe and efficient operation, the mower should be operated with the deck approximately **3/4" LOWER IN THE FRONT THAN THE REAR**.

Operating the mower at this pitch will allow the mower to cut the grass only once and requires less work from the tractor. In addition, a more even distribution of the clippings from the rear of the mower will be achieved with this deck pitch.

Adjust the leveling rods linking the tongue to the rear axle until the front of the mower is at least **3/4"** lower in the front than the rear. To lower the front, lengthen the leveling rods and to raise the front shorten the leveling rods. **IMPORTANT:** *Adjust the leveling rods the same amount and maintain equal tension in the rods. Improper adjustment may cause rods to snap or bend. Retighten the jammuts after the deck pitch has been set. OPS-R-0002*

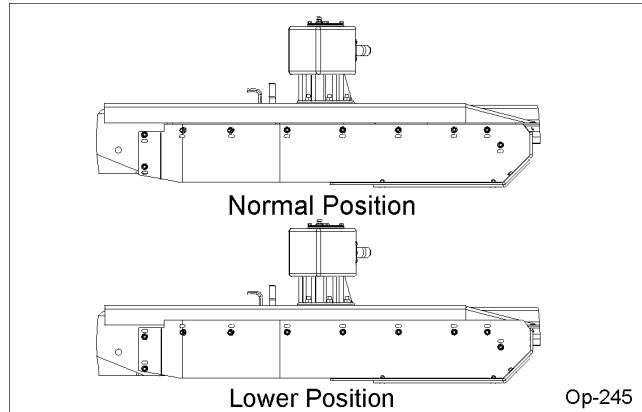


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## 7.3 Lowest Cutting Height

**NOTE:** Only operate in the lower position when you are mowing in an agricultural application, be sure there are no bystanders, passerby or livestock within 300 feet.

To achieve the lowest possible cutting height, raise the side skirt from the upper set of holes to the lower set of holes shown in **Figure Op-245**

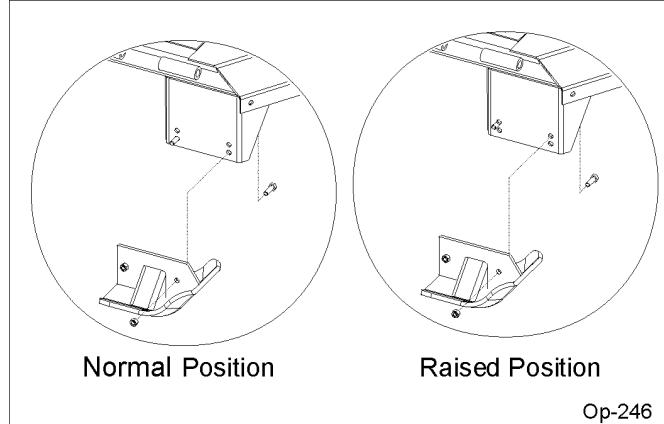


### **DANGER**

Never crawl under a raised Implement supported solely by the Tractor 3-Point hitch. Release of the control lever or mechanical failure will result in the Implement falling and possible injury or death. Always securely block up the Implement before crawling underneath to perform repairs and service. (S3PT-19)

Also raise both skid shoes from the lower holes to the upper holes as shown in **Figure Op-246**.

**NOTE:** Change height back to normal position before operating or mowing on roadside, ditches or greenbelts



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## DANGER

Rotary Mowers are capable under adverse conditions of throwing objects for great distances (300 feet or more) and causing serious injury or death. Follow safety messages carefully.



### STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 100 YARDS UNLESS:

- Front and Rear Deflectors, Chain Guards, or Bands are installed and in good, workable condition;
- Mower sections or Wings are running close to and parallel to the ground without exposed Blades;
- Passersby are outside the existing thrown-object zone;
- All areas have been thoroughly inspected and all foreign material such as rocks, cans, glass, and general debris has been removed.

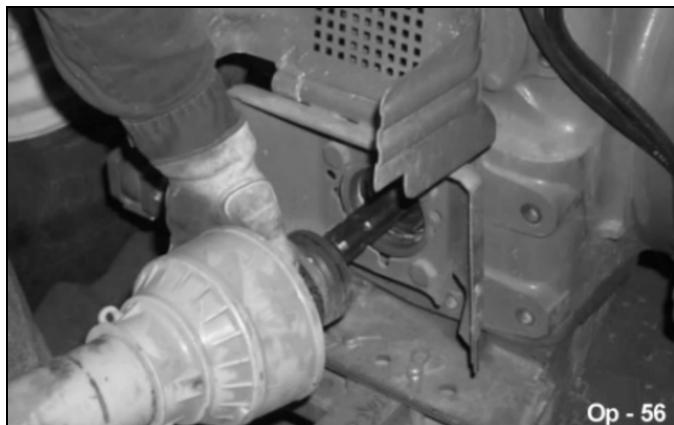
**NOTE:** Where there are grass and weeds high enough to hide debris that could be struck by the blades, the area should be: inspected and large debris removed, mowed at an intermediate height, inspected, closely with any remaining debris being removed, and mowed again at desired final height. (This will also reduce power required to mow, reduce wear and tear on the Mower drivetrain, spread cut material better, reduce streaking, and make the final cut more uniform). (SRM-01)

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## 8. DRIVELINE ATTACHMENT

The driveline yoke and tractor PTO shaft must be dirt free and greased for attachment.

To connect the mower driveline to the tractor PTO output shaft, pull the driveline yoke collar back and align the grooves and splines of the yoke with those of the PTO shaft. Push the driveline yoke onto the PTO shaft, release the locking collar, and position the yoke until the locking collar balls are seated onto the PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure a secure attachment. OPS-R-0003\_A



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## WARNING

When attaching the Implement input driveline to the Tractor PTO, it is important that the connecting yoke spring activated locking collar slides freely and the locking balls are seated securely in the groove on the Tractor PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure it is securely attached. A driveline not attached correctly to the Tractor PTO shaft could come loose and result in personal injury and damage to the Implement. (S3PT-17)

### Driveline Length Check

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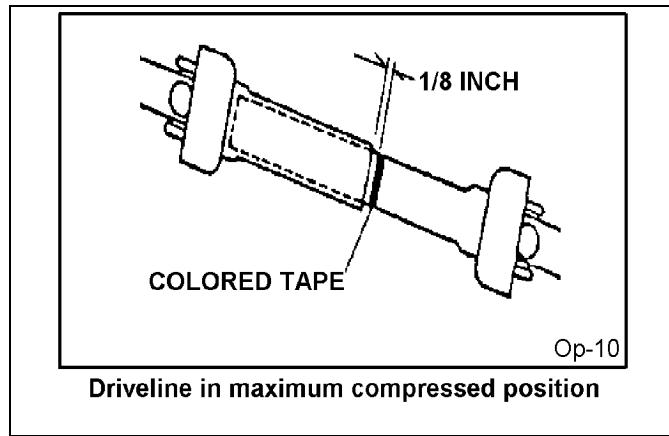
## WARNING

Before operating the Implement, check to make sure the Implement input driveline will not bottom out or become disengaged. Bottoming out occurs when the inner shaft penetrates the outer housing until the assembly becomes solid-it can shorten no more. Bottoming out can cause serious damage to the Tractor PTO by pushing the PTO into the Tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off. A broken driveline can cause personal injury. (S3PT-18)

When fitting the mower to the tractor, the telescoping driveline must be inspected to ensure that at its most compressed position, the shafts do not "bottom out", and when at its farthest extended position, there is sufficient engagement between the profiles to operate safely. At its shortest length, there must be at least at 1" clearance between each profile end and opposite profile universal joint. At its farthest operating extension, a minimum profile engagement of 6" must be maintained.

### “Bottoming Out” Check Procedure

- Disconnect driveline from the tractor and slide the profiles together until fully compressed.
- Place a mark on the inner shield 1/8" from the end of the outer shield.
- Reattach the driveline to the PTO Shaft.
- **Lift Type** - With the PTO NOT TURNING, raise and lower the mower and watch shaft movement.
- **Pull Type** - With the PTO NOT TURNING, drive the tractor and mower through the sharpest turn possible and watch shaft movement. With the PTO NOT TURNING, drive the tractor and mower through the most severe terrain conditions expected and watch shaft movement.
- Raise the mower and watch the driveline as it approaches the mark. If the distance between the mark and the end of the outer shield tube becomes less than 2" at any point, contact your local dealer or tech service for proper directions. *OPS-R-0004\_B*



### Engagement Check Procedure

- With the driveline attached, position the mower to the point where the telescoping driveline is at its maximum extension. Completely shut down the tractor and secure in position.
- Mark the inner driveline shield 1/8" from the end of the outer shield.
- Disconnect the driveline from the tractor and separate the two driveline halves.
- Measure the distance from the mark to the end of the inner profile. This length is the amount the driveline profiles were engaged.
- If the engaged length is less than 6", the shaft is considered too short and should be replaced with a longer shaft. Consult an authorized dealer to purchase the required driveline length.

**NOTE:** If the driveline cannot be shortened and still maintain the required profile engagement, the operator must be made aware of terrain conditions and avoid situations which pose a potential problem to avoid damaging the driveline or move drawbar to 16" or 20" position for required clearance. *OPS-R-0005\_O*

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## 8.1 Constant Velocity (CV) Driveline

For mowers equipped with a Constant Velocity (CV) driveline, the maximum turning angle between the tractor and mower must be determined to ensure the joint angle does not over-extend which can cause CV joint damage. Constant Velocity joints enable the driveline to operate smoothly with no vibrations and clattering at angles up to 70°. Angles greater than 80° can result in mechanical damage to the CV joint and mower driveline.

The Constant Velocity joint must be lubricated every 8 hours of operation as specified in the Maintenance Section. Failure to properly lubricate the joint will result in accelerated wear and joint component failure.

### CV Driveline Maximum Angle Check Procedure

With the **mower attached** to the tractor and the **driveline disconnected** from the tractor PTO stub make a hard left turn until there is approximately a 1" clearance between the left rear tractor tire and mower frame or tongue.

Stop and completely shut down the tractor. Place the tractor in Park and apply the Parking Brake before dismounting.

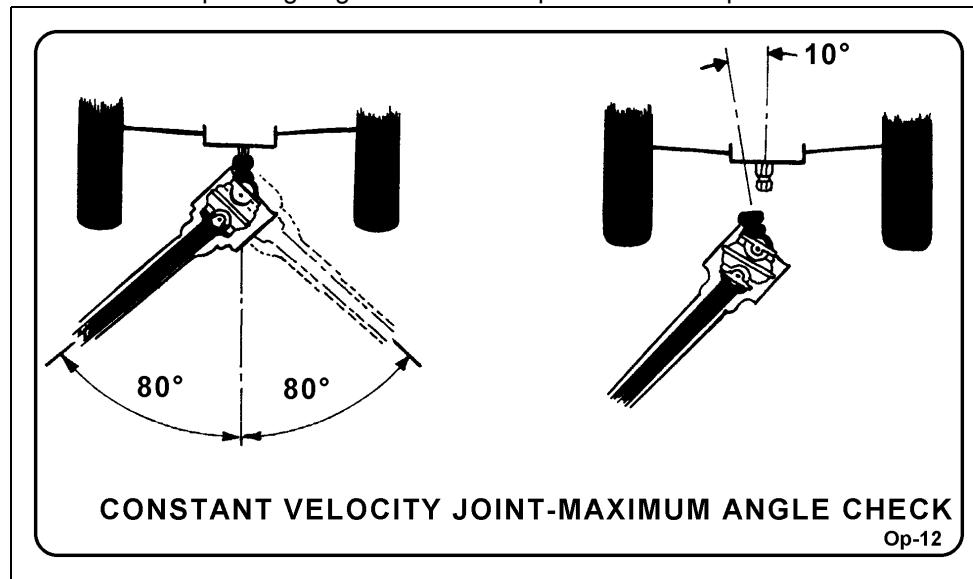
Check the CV joint at this maximum turning radius by holding the driveline yoke above the PTO shaft and then angle the CV joint to its maximum angle. A minimum difference of 10 degrees between the center line of the yoke and the PTO shaft must be maintained to ensure the joint will not be over angled. If the joint cannot be angled at least 10°, there is a potential problem of over-angling the joint while making sharp turns.

Solutions: To ensure the joint is not damaged, check the following:

Check the drawbar length to ensure that it is at the proper length for the RPM speed of the mower.

Move the tractor rear tires wider apart to limit the tractor turning radius.

Position the mower at multiple angles and perform the above procedure. Determine the sharpest turning radius that maintains a safe operating angle and note this position to the operator. OPS-R-0006



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**CAUTION**

The Constant Velocity PTO driveline is HEAVY (70 lbs or greater) and Special Lifting Procedures are recommended. Use lifting assistance such as mechanical assistance, two people, and proper lifting techniques when connecting or installing the driveshaft to reduce the possibility of back injuries.

**DANGER**

Do not turn so sharp or lift mower so high to produce a severe "knocking" of the Driveline which will cause accelerated wear and breakage of drive train components and could result in possible injury from the separated Driveline sections. (SRM-04)

## 9. 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

**DANGER**

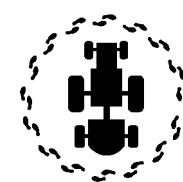
Always disconnect the main PTO Driveline from the Tractor before performing service on the Implement. Never work on the Implement with the tractor PTO driveline connected and running. Rotating Parts, Blades or Drivelines could turn without warning and cause immediate entanglement, injury or death. (S3PT-11)

**DANGER**

**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)

**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)



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## **9.1 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*

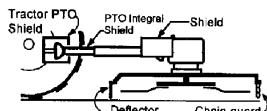


## **9.2 Mower Pre-Operation Inspection/Service**

Before each mower use, a complete inspection and service is required to ensure the mower is in a good and safe working condition. Damaged and/or broken parts should be repaired and/or replaced immediately. To ensure the mower is ready for operation, conduct the following. *OPS-R-0007*

### **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)



### **DANGER**

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 POSSIBLY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES. (SGM-10)

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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*



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- Ensure the mower hitch is securely attached to the tractor drawbar with a proper size bolt and secured nut.
- Ensure that a properly rated safety tow chain is equipped securing the mower to the tractor.
- Check that the main driveline is securely attached to the tractor and the clamping cone is seated in the groove of the PTO shaft.
- Ensure the divider drivelines are secure at both ends. *OPS-R-0008*



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- Ensure chain guards and/or rubber deflectors are in position and not damaged. Replace worn, broken, and missing sections immediately.
- Ensure the driveline integral shields are in good condition and rotate freely.
- Inspect that all bolts and screws are in position and are properly torqued. *OPS-R-0009*



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- Ensure the tractor PTO master shield is in place, lowered and in good condition.
- Ensure each mower slip clutch shield is secured in place and in good condition.
- Ensure the driveline slip clutches are properly adjusted and the friction plates are not frozen together. Reference the Maintenance Section for proper slip clutch maintenance. *OPS-R-0010*



- Perform scheduled lubrication as specified in the maintenance section.
- Inspect each gearbox oil level and replenish if needed. A low oil level is a warning sign that the gearbox may be cracked or its seal is damaged and needs to be replaced.
- Ensure all gearbox vents are in place and free from clogs. *OPS-R-0011\_A*

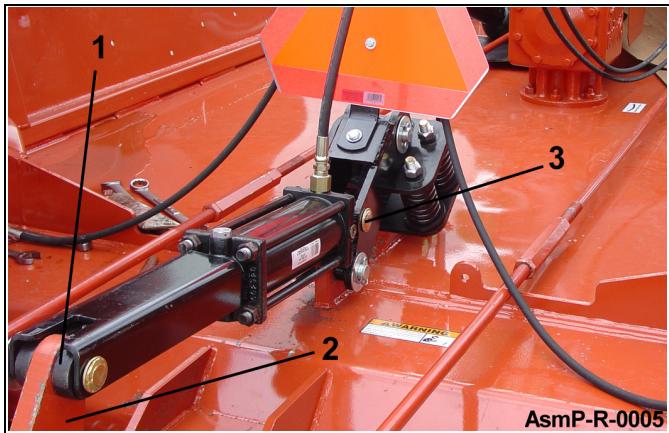


- Inspect blades and blade bolts for looseness and excessive wear. Make sure the mower is securely blocked up before crawling beneath. Replace damaged, worn, and missing blades as complete sets to maintain rotary balance.
- Ensure carrier hub nuts are tightened with the cotter pin inserted and spread.
- Inspect the condition of the deck skid shoes and the skid shoe attaching hardware. *OPS-R-0012*



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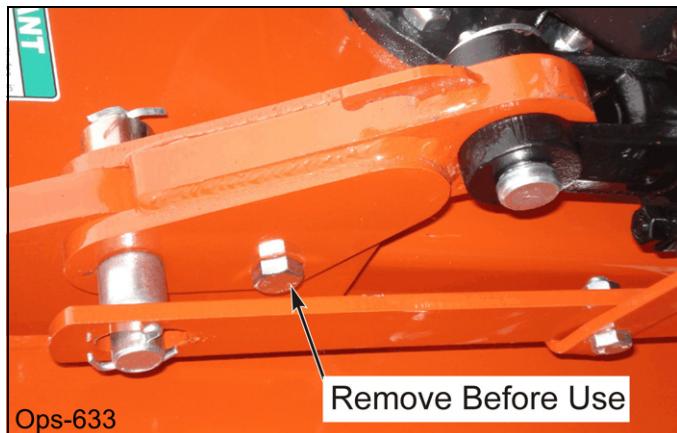
- Ensure each hydraulic cylinder is installed and retained correctly. Ensure the proper size pins are used to retain the cylinders in place and are secured with pins.
- Check for hydraulic oil leaks on the cylinders, along the hydraulic lines, and at tractor hydraulic ports. **IMPORTANT:** DO NOT use your hands to check for oil leaks. Use a piece of heavy paper or cardboard to check for hydraulic oil leaks. *OPS-R-0013\_A*



- Ensure that the mower is equipped and secured with wing transport locks.
- Check the condition of the wing hinge pins.
- Check the condition of the mower axle suspension spring.
- Inspect mower tire condition, wheel bearings, and lug nut torque. *OPS-R-0014\_A*



- Before mower operation ensure that the bolt is removed from both floating links on the unit. These bolts are for shipping purposes only. *OPS-R-0086*



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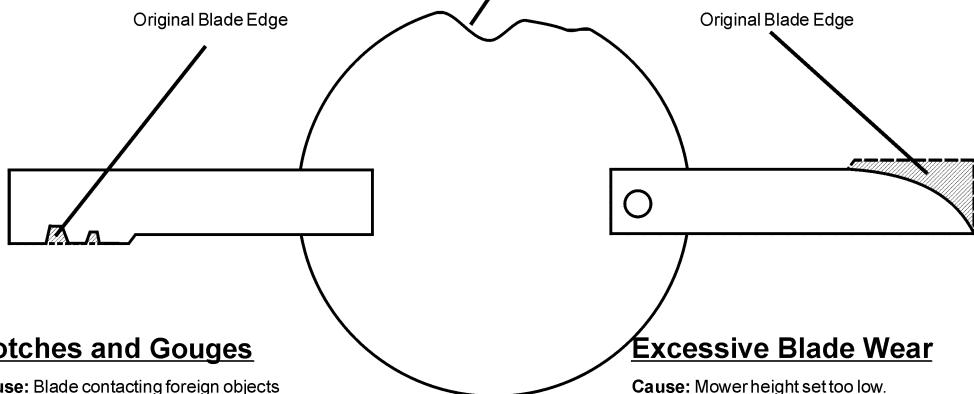
### **9.3 Cutting Component Inspection**

Inspect blade pan and blade assembly for the following:

#### **Damaged Pan**

**Cause:** Blade Pan contacts an immovable object while mower was in motion.

**Remedy:** Inspect the area before mowing to determine where the immovable objects are located and place visible hazard markers to identify the areas. Avoid mowing in the area where immovable foreign objects exist.



#### **Notches and Gouges**

**Cause:** Blade contacting foreign objects

**Remedy:** Inspect the area to be mowed and remove foreign objects that could cause damage to the blades

#### **Excessive Blade Wear**

**Cause:** Mower height set too low. Blade used past intended life.

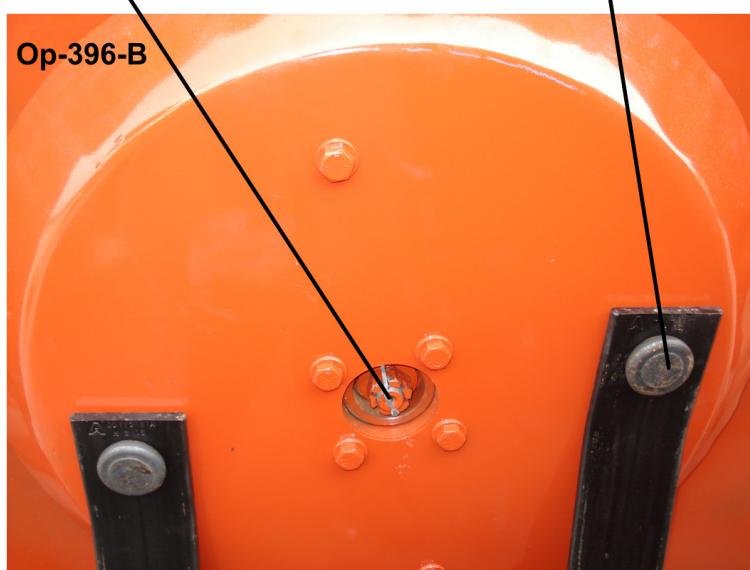
**Remedy:** Replace blades more often. Adjust mower height for mowing conditions to eliminate blade-to-ground contact

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**Check Output Shaft Nut Torque.**  
Maintain 600-ft-lbs.

**Check Blade Bolt Torque.**  
Torque to 600 ft-lbs.



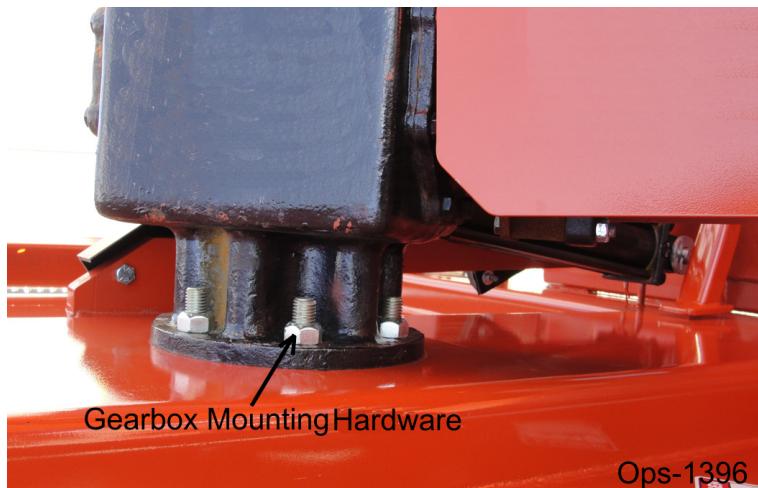
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**WARNING**

Operating the mower with loose blade hardware will damage the blade holder or blades and can result in blade breakage or blade fastener failure. Broken blades or bolts can be thrown out from under the mower for distances up to 300 feet. When the blades are replaced, the fastening hardware must be replaced. Check and retighten the blade hardware after the first eight hours of operation. In severe cutting conditions, recheck the blade carrier and blade bolt torque every 50 hours.

**Important**

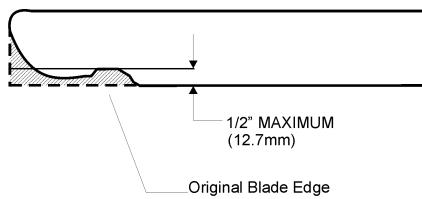
To help prevent structural damage caused by loose hardware, tighten gearbox mounting hardware as specified. Check the fastener torque after first 8 hours of use and every 50 hours thereafter.

**DANGER**

Inspect the Blades daily for abnormal wear. REPLACE BOTH BLADES on that carrier IMMEDIATELY if either blade has:

- Become bent or deformed from it's original shape or
- Any cracks are visible, or
- Deep gouges in the blade's surface are present, or
- Gouges or chipped areas in the cutting edge are larger than 1/2"(12.7mm), or
- The material on the leading edge has been worn away by more than 1/2(12.7mm)"

Failure to replace abnormally worn blades may lead to catastrophic failure of the blades and ejection of the broken part with tremendous force which may cause serious bodily injury or death. OPS-U-0032



**NOTE:**  
Replace Blades in pairs after no more than 1/2" (12.7mm) wear

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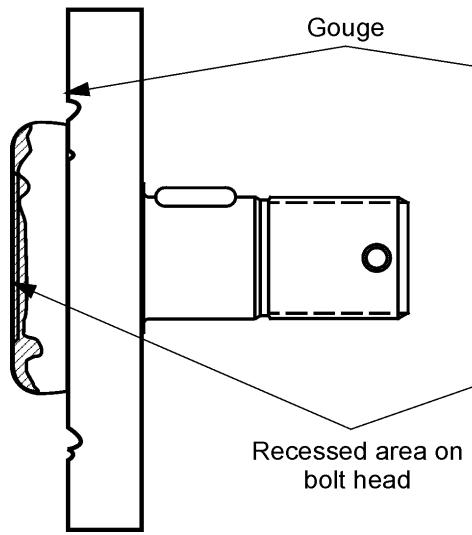
## 9.4 Blade Bolt Inspection

Inspect Blade Bolt Head daily for wear as followed:

### Excessive Blade Bolt Wear

**Cause:** Blade Bolt contacts a foreign or solid object while Blade is in motion.

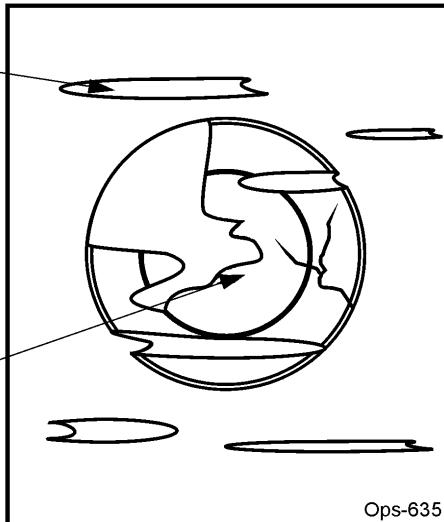
**Remedy:** Inspect the area before mowing to determine where the foreign objects are located and place visible hazard markers to identify the areas where immovable foreign objects exist, and avoid hitting the objects.



### Notches and Gouges

**Cause:** Blade Bolt contacting foreign objects.

**Remedy:** Inspect area to be mowed and remove foreign objects that could cause damage to the blade bolt.



Inspect the Blade Bolt Heads daily for abnormal wear. REPLACE BOTH BLADE BOLTS on the Blades IMMEDIATELY if either blade bolts has:

- Visible cracks or
- If the recessed area on blade bolt is worn off or
- If Blade Bolt has gouges or chipped areas.

Failure to replace abnormally worn blade bolts may lead to catastrophic failure of the blades and ejection of the broken part which may cause serious bodily injury or death.

**Always replace Blade Bolts with new bolts whenever replacing the Blades. OPS-U-0037**

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## Rotary Mower PRE-OPERATION Inspection

Mower ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Shift \_\_\_\_\_

### **WARNING**

Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Make sure the mower is resting on the ground or securely blocked up and all hydraulic pressure has been relieved.

Item	Condition at Start of Shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
The Operator's Manual is in the canister on the mower		
All safety decals are in place and legible		
The tongue/hitch connection bolts & pins are tight		
There are no cracks in tongue or hitch		
The tow chain is secured to the tractor & mower		
The hydraulic cylinders pins are tight		
There are no leaking or damaged hoses		
The mower deck is clear of cut grass and debris		
Chain guards/deflectors are in place & in good condition		
Driveline/gearbox shields are in good condition		
Driveline clutches are in good condition; not frozen		
Driveline telescoping members & U-joints are lubricated		
Driveline yokes are securely attached to PTO & mower		
Gearbox mounting bolts are tight		
Gearbox oil is at the proper level		
Blade carrier retaining nut is tight		
Blades are not chipped, cracked or bent		
Blade bolts are tight		
Wheel lug nuts are tight		
Transport locks are in good condition		

Operator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or MOWER**

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### Tractor PRE-OPERATION Inspection



Tractor ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Shift \_\_\_\_\_

#### **WARNING**

Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Make sure the mower is resting on the ground or securely blocked up and all hydraulic pressure has been relieved.

Item	Condition at Start of Shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
The flashing lights function properly		
The SMV Sign is clean and visible		
The tires are in good condition with proper pressure		
The wheel lug bolts are tight		
The tractor brakes are in good condition		
The steering linkage is in good condition		
There are no visible oil leaks		
The hydraulic controls function properly		
The ROPS or ROBS Cab is in good condition		
The seatbelt is in place and in good condition		
The 3-point hitch is in good condition		
The drawbar pins are securely in place		
The PTO master shield is in place		
The engine oil level is full		
The brake fluid level is full		
The power steering fluid level is full		
The fuel level is adequate		
The engine coolant fluid level is full		
The radiator is free of debris		
The air filter is in good condition		

Operator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or MOWER**

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## **10. 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**

This Implement may be 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)

### **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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### **10.1 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



### **10.2 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.



### **10.3 Operating the Mower Wings**

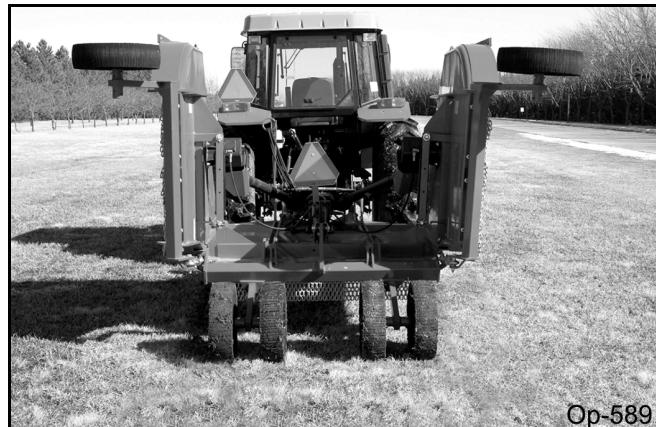
Wings are positioned with hydraulic cylinders. It is recommended that the tractor be equipped with three hydraulic ports or a 3-spool control valve be used so that each section can be controlled independently. Ensure the hydraulic cylinders and lines are filled with oil by holding the valve control levers in the raised position until the cylinders fully retract (wings) and extend (center). Only operate the mower with both wings fully lowered, NEVER operate the mower with a raised wing. Wait until the blades are at a complete stop before raising wings. OPS-R-0015

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## 10.4 Transport Position

To raise mower wings, drive the unit to a level area and retract the wing hydraulic cylinders. DO NOT raise wings with the mower positioned on an embankment or other inclined position to prevent overturning the mower. After the wings are fully raised, install transport lock braces to prevent wings from inadvertently falling. **NOTE:** *If the transport lock braces can not be easily installed, lower the mower wings and remove rod end of cylinder and adjust the rod clevis in or out to match the transport brace length.*

The center of gravity is raised and the mower more prone to tipping when the wings are in the raised position. When transporting, only raise the center section high enough to clear ground obstacles. *OPS-R-0016*



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**DANGER**

When the Wings are folded for transport, the center of gravity is raised and the possibility of overturn is increased. Drive slowly and use extreme caution when turning on hillsides. Overturning the Implement could cause the Implement to overturn the Tractor and vice versa resulting in serious injury or even death. Never fold wings on a hillside...the Implement may overturn. *(STI-02)*

## 10.5 Operating Position

To lower the wings, remove the transport lock braces and secure braces on storage bracket. DO NOT drive out transport brace pins. The wing cylinder may need to be retracted to remove tension for brace removal. After removing brace bars, extend wing hydraulic cylinders and fully lower wings.

The valves operating wing cylinders should be placed in the float position while mowing to allow the mower to follow the contour of uneven terrain and to prevent the wings from creeping up. When extending a wing over a ditch for mowing, place the control valve lever detents in the center position. This will give the mower more stability and prevent the opposite wing from raising. DO NOT operate the mower with the valves in the detent position for extended periods of time to prevent deck frame damage. *OPS-R-0017*



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**WARNING**

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)*

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## **10.6 Driving the Tractor and Cutter**

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.

Drive the tractor with the 3-Point lift arms in the raised position and lock the control lever in the transport detent position to prevent damage to the mower driveline and tongue when turning.

Perform turns with the tractor and mower 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 a towed implement, the overall working length of the unit is increased. Allow additional clearance for the mower when turning..



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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.

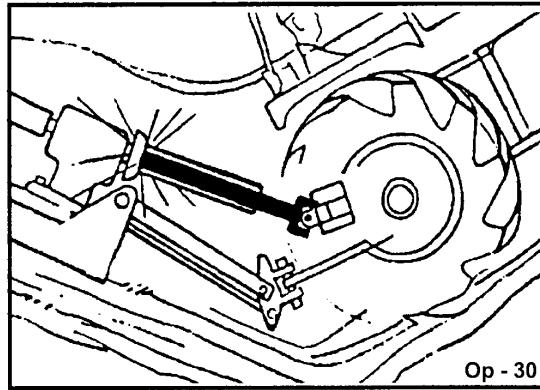
Use extreme caution when operating on steep slopes. Keep the tractor in a low gear when going downhill. DO NOT coast or free-wheel downhill.

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**10.7 Crossing Ditches and Steep Inclines**

When crossing ditches with steep banks or going up sharp inclines, it is possible that the main driveline inner profile will penetrate into the outer housing to its maximum depth until the assembly becomes solid (driveline is at its extreme shortest length). This type of abusive operation can cause serious damage to the tractor and mower drive by pushing the PTO into the tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off.

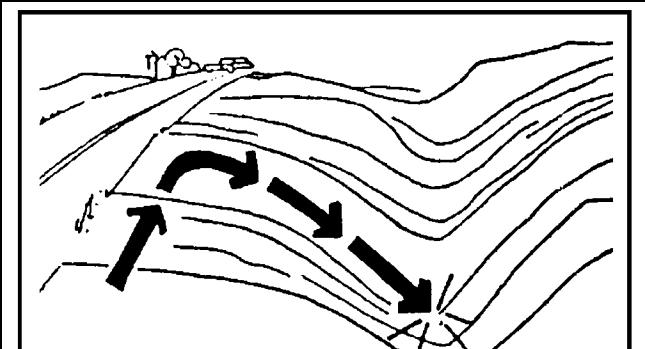
**WARNING**

Damage resulting from over-collapse of the driveline's inner profile and its outer housing may allow the driveline to come loose from the Tractor which could cause bodily injury to the operator or bystanders and/or extensive damage to the Tractor or Implement. OPS-R-0020

**NOTE:** See Section 7.1 Driveline Length Check and "Bottoming Out" Check Procedure.

When confronted with an incline or ditch, do not approach from an angle which is perpendicular or straight on as damage to over collapse of the driveline may occur.

When crossing such terrain, the implement should be fully lowered for a lower center of gravity and added stability. OPS-R-0021

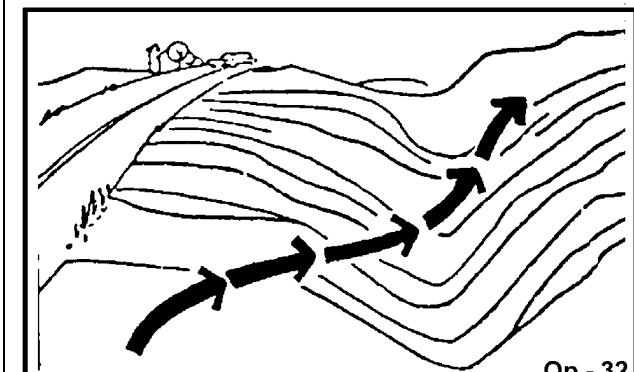


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Inclines and ditches should be approached along a line which is at an angle as shown. This type of path will reduce the possibility of over-collapse of the driveline and resulting damage. If the gradient is so steep that such an approach increases the possibility of a tractor roll-over, select an alternate crossing path.

When operating the tractor and mower across slopes and inclines, through ditches, and other uneven terrain conditions, it is important to maintain sufficient deck to ground clearance. Blade contact with the ground may cause soil, rocks and other debris to be thrown out from under the mower resulting in possible injury and/or property damage. Ground contact also produces a severe shock load on the mower drive and to the mower blades resulting in possible damage and premature wear.

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**CORRECT: Approach ditch at an angle**

## 11. 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.

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### **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)



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**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)

## **11.1 Foreign Debris Hazards**

Before mowing, inspect the area to make sure there are no foreign objects that the mower blades could hit or become entangled with. Remove all foreign objects and debris. If objects are too big to remove, mark them clearly and be sure to prevent the mower blades from contacting them.

If you hit a solid object or foreign debris, stop the mower and tractor at once. Immediately idle the engine speed and disengage the PTO. Wait for all mower rotating motion to stop, then raise the mower and move the tractor and implement off the object. Inspect the area and remove, or mark the location of the debris. Inspect the condition of the mower and make any needed repairs immediately. Make sure the blades are not damaged and the carrier is balanced before resuming operation.



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Always wear your seat belt securely fastened and only operate the tractor and mower with the ROPS in the raised position. If the tractor or mower hits a tree stump, rock, or bump, a sudden movement could throw you off of the seat and under the tractor and/or mower. The seat belt is your best protection from falling off the tractor and the ROPS provides protection from being crushed during a tractor roll-over. OPS-R-0023



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## **11.2 Bystanders/Passersby Precautions**

If a bystander comes within 300 feet of the tractor while the mower is being operated, stop the tractor at once, idle the engine and disengage the PTO. Do not engage the PTO again until all bystanders are well past the 300 foot distance. OPS-R-0024

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### DANGER

Rotary Mowers are capable under adverse conditions of throwing objects for great distances (300 feet or more) and causing serious injury or death. Follow safety messages carefully.



### STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 100 YARDS UNLESS:

- Front and Rear Deflectors, Chain Guards, or Bands are installed and in good, workable condition;
- Mower sections or Wings are running close to and parallel to the ground without exposed Blades;
- Passersby are outside the existing thrown-object zone;
- All areas have been thoroughly inspected and all foreign material such as rocks, cans, glass, and general debris has been removed.

**NOTE:** Where there are grass and weeds high enough to hide debris that could be struck by the blades, the area should be: inspected and large debris removed, mowed at an intermediate height, inspected, closely with any remaining debris being removed, and mowed again at desired final height. (This will also reduce power required to mow, reduce wear and tear on the Mower drivetrain, spread cut material better, reduce streaking, and make the final cut more uniform). (SRM-01)

### 11.3 Engaging the Power Take Off (PTO)

Before engaging the PTO, make certain that the area is clear of bystanders and passersby. The implement must be completely lowered and the deck positioned at a safe operating height. NEVER engage the PTO with the implement in the raised position.

Set the tractor engine speed at approximately 1,000 RPM before engaging the PTO. Shift the PTO control to the on position, and slowly increase the engine speed until the PTO is operating at the rated speed. If you hear unusual noises or see or feel abnormal vibrations, disengage the PTO immediately. Inspect the implement to determine the cause of the noise or vibration and repair the abnormality. OPS-U- 0027

### WARNING

Do not let the Blades turn when the Mower Deck is raised for any reason, including clearance or for turning. Raising the Mower deck exposes the Cutting Blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and could cause serious injury or even death from objects thrown from the Blades. (SRM-07)



### WARNING

Do not put hands or feet under mower decks. Blade Contact can result in serious injury or even death. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the decks are securely blocked up. (SGM-09)



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## **11.4 PTO RPM and Ground Speed**

Ground speed for mowing will depend upon the height, type, and density of vegetation to be cut. Recommended speed for efficient mower performance is between 2 and 5 mph(3-8 kph). Operate the mower at its full rated PTO speed to maintain blade speed for a clean cut. Refer to the tractor operator's manual or the tractor instrument panel for the engine speed and gear to provide the required PTO and desired ground speed. Make sure that the mower is operating at its full rated speed before entering the vegetation to be cut. If it becomes necessary to temporarily regulate engine speed, increase or decrease the throttle gradually. Ground speed is achieved by transmission gear selection and not by the engine operating speed. The operator may be required to experiment with several gear range combinations to determine the best gear and range which provides the most ideal performance from the mower and most efficient tractor operation. As the severity of cutting conditions increase, the ground speed should be decreased by selecting a lower gear to maintain the proper operating PTO speed. *OPS-R-0025*

** **WARNING****

Do not exceed the rated PTO speed for the Implement. Excessive PTO speeds can cause Implement driveline or blade failures resulting in serious injury or death. (SG-26)

** **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)

## **11.5 Operating the Mower**

Only operate the mower from the tractor operator's seat with the seatbelt securely fastened. The tractor must be equipped with a ROPS in the raised position or a ROPS cab.

The mower is designed to cut vegetation up to 4-1/2" in diameter. 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 the PTO operating speed to prevent overloading the mower and tractor. Choose a driving pattern that provides the maximum pass length and minimizes turning.

Under certain conditions, tractor tires may roll some grasses down preventing them from being cut at the same height as the surrounding area. When this occurs, reduce the tractor ground speed while maintaining the operating speed of the mower. A slower ground speed will permit grasses to at least partially rebound and be cut. Taking a partial cut and/or reversing the direction of travel may also help produce a cleaner cut.

Avoid mowing in the reverse direction when possible. In situations where the mower must be backed to access areas to be cut, make sure there are no persons or other foreign debris behind the mower before mowing in reverse. When mowing in reverse, operate the tractor and mower at a reduced ground speed to ensure tractor and mower control is maintained. *OPS-R-0026\_C*

** **WARNING****

Do not mow with two machines in the same area except with Cab tractors with the windows closed. (SGM-11)

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## 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 300 feet (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

Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible. Check to make sure there are no persons behind the mower and use extreme care when mowing in reverse. Mow only at a slow ground speed where you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. Never mow an area that you have not inspected and removed debris or foreign material. (SGM-08)

## 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)



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When you get to the end of a pass, slightly raise the mower (2-4") before turning. Never raise the mower entirely while the blades are turning. If the mower must be raised higher than 12" from ground level, disengage the tractor PTO and wait for all mower rotation to come to a complete stop before proceeding to raise the mower. NEVER raise the mower wings while the blades are turning.

When turning, the angle between the tractor and mower should not be so great that a clattering of the U-joints occurs. Sharp turns can cause premature failure of the joints and place pressure on the tractor PTO shaft and could cause extensive mechanical damage to the mower and tractor.

If the mower is operated in conditions that require frequent sharp turning, the mower should be equipped with a Constant Velocity driveline. CV joints enable the tractor PTO shaft and mower driveline to be angled safely up to 80 degrees with no damage to the mower or driveline. *OPS-R-0027*



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**WARNING**

Do not let the Blades turn when the Mower Deck is raised for any reason, including clearance or for turning. Raising the Mower deck exposes the Cutting Blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and could cause serious injury or even death from objects thrown from the Blades. (SRM-07)



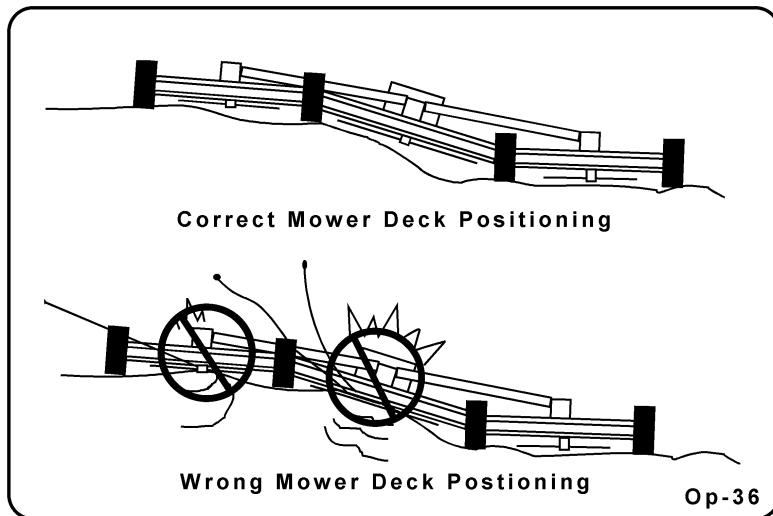
Stay alert and watch for trees, low hanging limbs, power lines, and other overhead obstacles and solid ground objects while you are operating. Use care to avoid hitting these items. *OPS-R-0028*



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When mowing across uneven areas such as road shoulders, ditch edges, and other uneven terrain, position mower so that one support wheel is near the highest point to prevent blades from cutting into gravel or dirt which can cause rapid blade wear and extremely severe shock loads on the drivetrain resulting in rapid wear or damage to these components. Blades contacting the ground may cause objects to be thrown out from under the mower deck. Always avoid operating the mower at a height or position which may cause the blades to contact the ground. Cutting into the berm or edge of the ditch will cause abnormal and accelerated blade wear and possible blade component failure. OPS-R-0029



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## **11.6 Shutting Down the Implement**

To shut down attached mower head, first bring the tractor to a complete stop. Decrease engine RPM to idle then disengage cutterhead. The mower head will come to a complete stop within a suitable amount of time. Do not engage or disengage the cutterheads 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, lower the attached implement to the ground, shut down the engine, remove the key, and wait for all motion to come to a complete stop before exiting the tractor. *OPS-U- 0016*



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## **12. DISCONNECTING THE MOWER FROM THE TRACTOR**

Before disconnecting the mower, the PTO must be disengaged and blade rotation at a complete stop. Move the mower to a level storage location and lower the center section and both wings to the ground. If the mower will be stored with the wings in the raised position, install both wing transport lock braces. If the mower is not resting securely on the ground, block the mower up securely before attempting to disconnect it from the tractor.

Use extreme care to keep feet and hands from under the mower and clear of any pinch points. *OPS-R-0030*



**DANGER** Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches. (S3PT-15)



**WARNING** Never unhitch without using the Tongue Jack. The Tongue is very heavy. Attempting to lift the Tongue without using the Tongue Jack could cause strains or other injury. Allowing the tongue to fall suddenly and unexpectedly could result in crushing injury. Use the Tongue Jack for lifting the Implement only. Overloading the Tongue Jack can cause failure with possible serious bodily injury or even death. (STI-04)

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When disconnecting the mower the tractor should be completely shut down and secured in position. Relieve hydraulic pressure by moving the control levers back and forth several times. Lower the parking jack and raise the mower until the tongue clevis is no longer resting on the tractor drawbar and is supported solely by the jack. The jack should be in a near vertical position with the ground and can be adjusted by loosening the positioning nut and moving the jack up to 15 degrees in each direction. Also make sure that the jack foot is securely resting at ground level or securely supported by a block before raising the mower. Once the mower tongue is being supported entirely by the jack, remove the hitch bolt, locknut, and washers. Remove the hydraulic hoses from the tractor and secure to the mower to prevent contact with dirt.

After disconnecting the mower hitch, remove the mower driveline from the tractor PTO shaft. Place the driveline in its storage bracket to prevent it from contacting mud or dirt which can contaminate the universal joint bearings and shorten the life of the driveline.

After the driveline has been removed from the tractor, place the PTO master shield back in the operating position. *OPS-R-0031*



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## **13. MOWER STORAGE**

It is recommended that the mower be stored with the center section and both wings fully lowered to ground level. If the mower is stored with the wings in the raised position, select a level area and install wing transport braces to prevent the wings from falling BEFORE disconnecting the mower hitch from the tractor.

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

- Thoroughly clean all debris off the mower to prevent damage from rotting grass and standing water.
- Lubricate all mower grease points and fill gearbox oil levels as detailed in the maintenance section.
- Tighten all bolts and pins to the recommended torque.
- Check the mower for worn and damaged parts. Perform repairs and make replacements immediately so that the mower will be ready for use at the start of the next season.
- Store the mower in a clean, dry place with the mower housing resting securely on blocks or at ground level.
- Keep the driveline yoke from sitting in water, dirt and other contaminants.
- Use spray touch-up enamel where necessary to prevent rust and maintain the appearance of the mower.

It is critical that driveline clutches slip when an obstacle or heavy load is encountered to avoid mower and/or tractor damage. If the mower sits outside for an extended period of time or is exposed to rain and/or humid air, the clutch lining plates must be inspected to ensure they are not frozen together from rust or corrosion. If the mower has been exposed to such conditions, at the start of each mowing season, and any time it is suspected that the slip clutch plates may be frozen together, readjust the slip clutch as detailed in Seasonal Clutch Maintenance of the maintenance section in this manual. OPS-R-0032



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**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)

## **14. 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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## 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)



Before transporting the tractor and mower, idle the tractor engine, disengage the PTO and wait for all mower moving parts to come to a complete stop. Once all mower parts are completely stopped, raise the mower to transport height. **NOTE:** When raising the mower, maintain at least 1" clearance between the driveline and mower deck. If additional mower deck height is needed for safe transport, disconnect the driveline from the tractor and secure its end to the mower deck. The mower can then be raised to the maximum lift height.. OPS-R-0033



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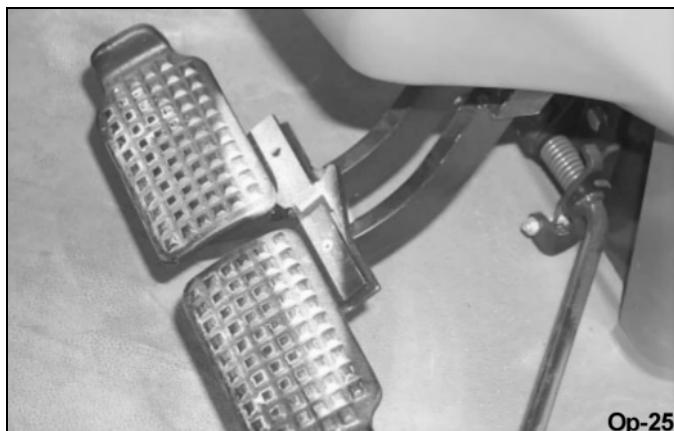
If the tractor's hydraulic pump is not independent of the tractor PTO, or if the tractor PTO has to be run to have hydraulic power, disconnect the mower driveline from the tractor PTO output shaft. Secure the driveline to the mower deck to prevent driveline damage or loss during transport. OPS-R-0034



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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

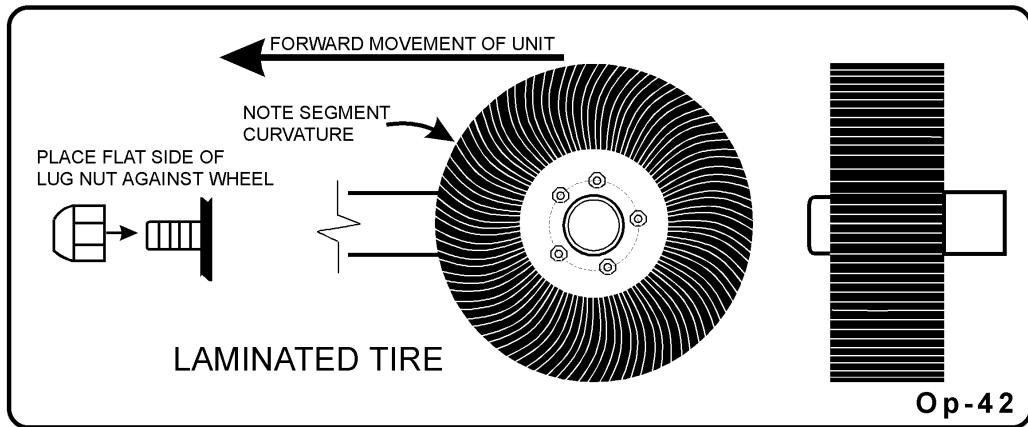


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## 14.1 Tire and Wheels

**Laminated Sectional Tires** are designed for conditions where puncture proof performance is required and the mower will not be transported for long distances on roadways. Transport speed for laminated tires should not exceed 20 MPH. Excessive speed can cause damage to the machine and tire sections. Laminated tires must be installed such that the rubber segments lay with the ground.



**Foam Filled used Airplane Tires** are ideal for conditions where a puncture proof tire is needed and the mower is frequently transported between locations.

**Pneumatic Tires** Implement tires are ideal for frequent long distance towing, however, they are not puncture proof and are not recommended for mowing brushy areas or other conditions that could damage the tires. Check side wall of tire for proper inflation pressure. DO NOT over-inflate. OPS-R-0035

### Tire Size and Matching requirements - Center Axle

Tire assemblies when mounted on center axle duals should always be within limits listed.

Laminated Tires - Maximum difference between tire diameters on a center axle should be 1/2 inch or less.

Foam Filled Airplane Tires - Maximum difference between tire diameters on a center axle should be 1 inch or less.

When replacing a tire assembly on center axle always check diameters to make sure tires fall within allowed range for maximum tire and wheel life. It may be necessary to move one or more tires from wing axles to remain within size limit.

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## 14.2 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.

Make sure that a proper size safety tow chain is secured between the tractor, flex arm and mower before entering a public road. Secure the center section at a safe transport height by placing additional stroke control spacers on the center axle cylinder and then lower the mower. Secure the mower wings in the raised position with the transport lock braces. *OPS-R-0036*

### **WARNING**

Only tow the Implement behind a properly sized and equipped Tractor which exceeds the weight of the Implement by at least 20%. DO NOT tow the Implement behind a truck or other type of vehicle. Never tow the Implement and another Implement connected in tandem. Never tow the Implement at speeds over 20 MPH. (STI-06)



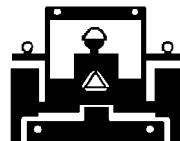
### **DANGER**

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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)



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*



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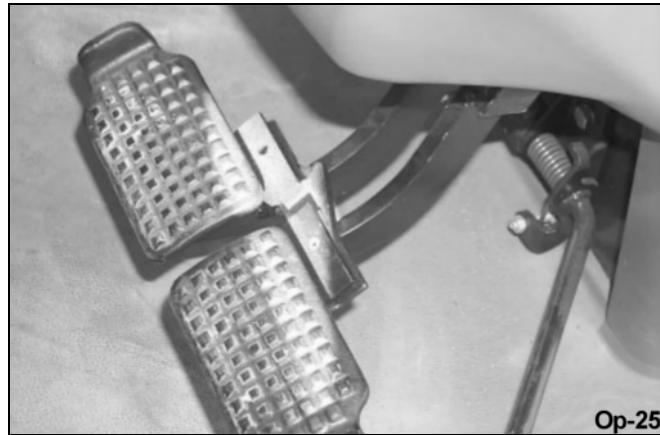
Make sure that all tractor flashing warning lights, headlights, and brake/tail lights are functioning properly before proceeding onto public roads. While newer model tractors have plenty of lighting to provide warning signals and operating lighting, most older models are only equipped with operating lights. Consult an authorized tractor dealer for lighting kits and modifications available to upgrade the lighting on older tractor models. OPS-U- 0021



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 implement on public roads. Use caution and reduce speed if other vehicles or pedestrians are in the area. OPS-U- 0022



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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## **14.3 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*



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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*



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Arrange the chains so that when tightened, the chains are pulling downward and against themselves. Carefully tighten the securing chains or other fasteners using boomer 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*



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### **15. TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE**

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
Excessive Vibrations	Check Gear box bolts.	Tighten if loose.
	Check For loose nuts on bladeholder and blades	Tighten If loose
	Check for bent output shaft. If shaft is bent oil will normally leak from the bottom seal.	Replace shaft if bent.
	Check to see if blades are free swinging.	Free blades so they swing
	Check for even wear on each blade tip. Were both blades changed at the same time.	Weigh blades. Weight should be within 1 oz. Always replace both blades
	Blade Broken.	Replace blades, in sets.
	Blade carrier bent.	Replace carrier.
	Blade hub not properly seated on shaft	Remove hub, check tapered spline shaft, clean and replace.
	New Blade or bolts matched	Replace blades or bolts in sets
	Drivelines not phased	Replace Drivelines.
Gearbox Overheating	Low on lubricant.	Fill to level plug.
	Improper type lubricant.	Replace with proper lubricant.
	Excessive trash build-up around gear box	Remove trash.
	Bearing or gears set up improperly	Consult your dealer.
Gearbox Noisy	Rough gears.	Run in or change gears.
	Worn bearing.	Replace bearing
Gear Box Leaking	Damaged oil seal	Replace Seal.
	Bent shaft.	Replace oil seal and shaft.
	Shaft rough in oil seal area.	Replace or repair shaft.
	Oil seal installed wrong.	Replace seal.
	Oil seal not sealing in the housing.	Replace seal or use a sealant on OD of seal.
	Oil level too high.	Drain oil to proper level.
	Sand hole in casting.	Replace castings or gear box.
	Gasket damaged.	Replace gasket.
	Bolts loose.	Tighten bolts.
	Clutch linings badly worn or plates warped.	Repair clutch per maintenance section of manuals.
Clutch Slips Excessively	Too much power for clutch.	Reduce speed and material intake.

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Blade Wears Too Fast	Oil on facings. Friction facings glazed. Cutting in sandy conditions. Cutting in rocky conditions. Soft "will fit" blades.	Replace facings. Clean with emery cloth. Increase cutting height. Increase cutting height. Use genuine Rhino HT blades.
Hydraulic Cylinder Will Not Op.	Not enough pressure. Valve not connected properly. Quick coupler not completely connected.	Check pressure. Re-plumb valve. Complete connection.
Oil Squirting from Breather Vent hole	Oil leaking by piston ring. (A small amount of leakage is normal) Piston "O" ring worn Cylinder wall scored or pitted. Wrong piston ring on piston.	Do not carry cutter on cylinder. (Use stroke collars) Replace piston "O" ring. Replace cylinder. Use correct piston rings.
Not Cutting Clean	Blades dull. Blade rotation incorrect. Carrier RPM too low. Cutter not level. Tires mashing down grass.	Sharpen or replace blades. Use correct blade for carrier rotation. Use correct PTO speed and check for correct gear box ratio. Adjust machine. Move tires out of cutter overlap area. Minimum 60" inside tires.
Streaking Conditions In Swath	Ground speed too fast. Blades locked back. Blades riding up due to blade bolt wear. Conditions too wet for cutting. Blades unable to cut that part of grass pressed down by path of tractor tires. Dull Blades. Height of cutter lower at rear or front.	Reduce ground speed. Free blades. Replace blade bolts. Allow grass to dry before cutting. Slow ground speed of tractor but keep engine running at full PTO rpm. Move rear tires as wide as possible so wing blades will pick up grass. Sharpen or replace blades. See Cutting Height Instructions.



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Before operating your Rotary Cutter, make sure it is properly lubricated and thoroughly inspected. Only a minimum of time and effort is required to regularly lubricate and maintain this machine to provide long life and trouble free operation.



Always disengage the PTO before raising the Rotary Cutter for transporting or making adjustments.

### Lubrication

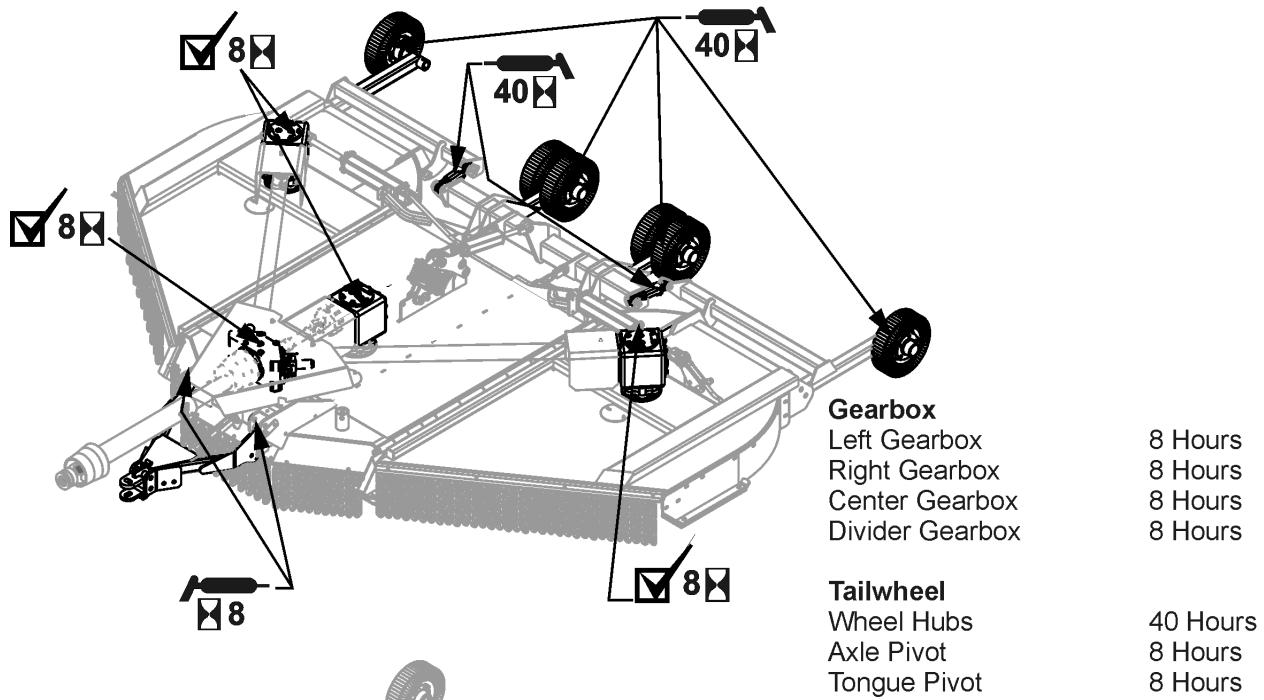
Do not let excess grease collect on or around parts, particularly when operating in sandy areas. The illustrations below shows lubrication points. The chart gives the frequency of lubrication in hours, based on normal operating conditions. Severe or unusual conditions may require more frequent lubrication (**Figure Mnt-R-0380**).

Use Multi-Purpose Gear Oil P/N 00786250 when required in Gearbox. Use N.L.G.I #2 grease for all locations designated with grease gun. Be sure to clean the fitting thoroughly before using grease gun. Failure to maintain proper lubrication will result in damage to U-joints, gearbox, and/or driveshaft.

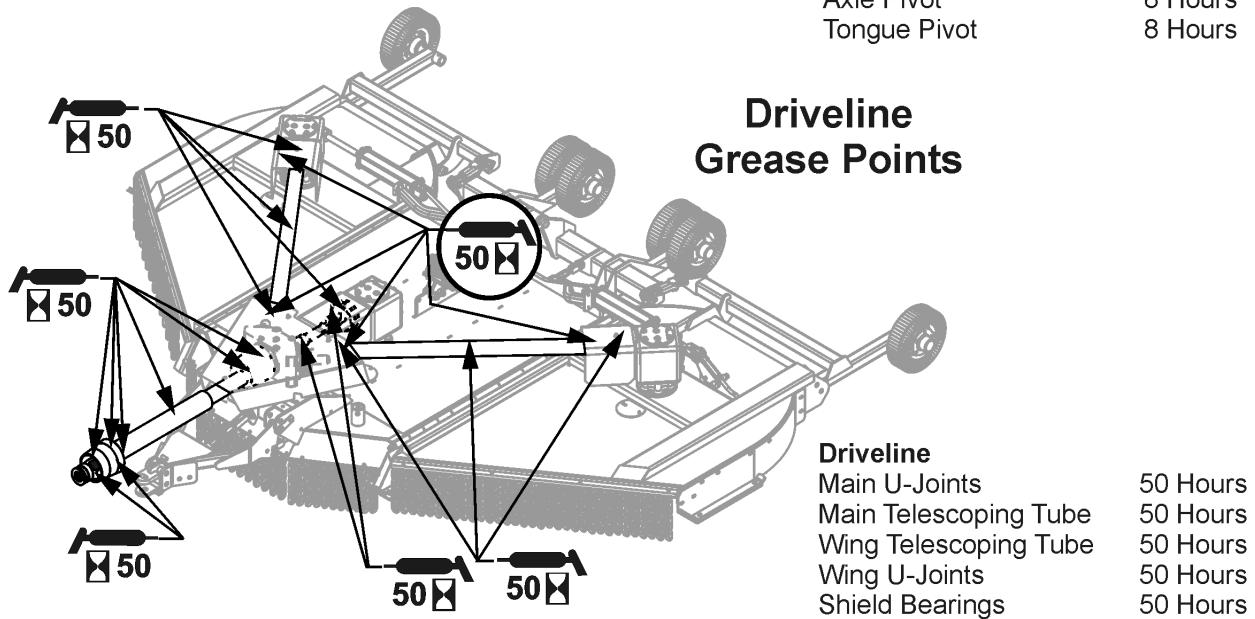
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### Mower & Gearbox Grease Points



### Driveline Grease Points



Check Gear Oil- Use Multi-Purpose Gear Oil P/N 00786250  
 Use N.L.G.I. #2 Grease

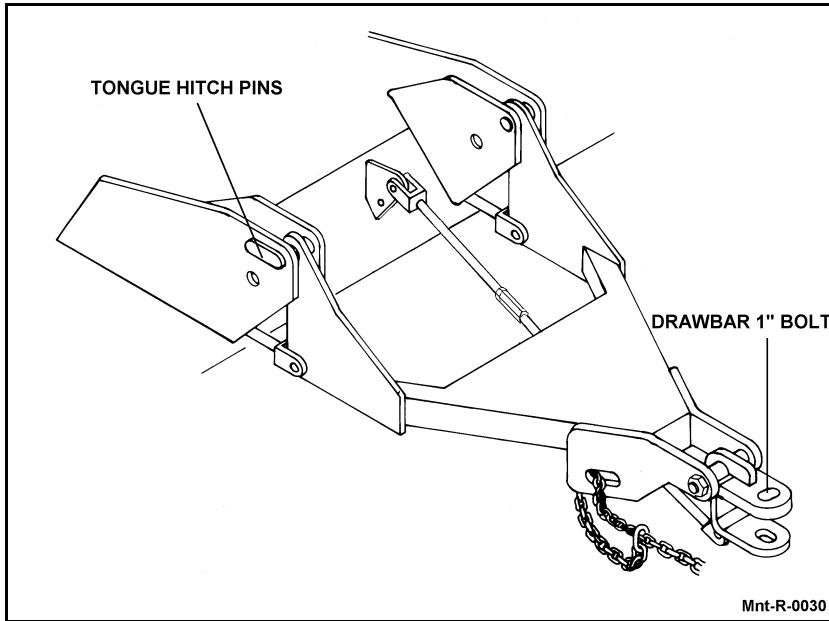
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### Tongue

The Tongue Hitch Pins attach the Tongue to the Center Section and should be checked for signs of wear or cracking. Replace as needed. The Drawbar 1" bolt fastens the cutter to the tractor Drawbar. When the cutter is unhitched and this 1" bolt is removed, examine for signs of cracking wear. Replace the Drawbar 1" bolt at first signs of either problem. Attach Safety Chain securely to cutter and tractor.



### CENTER & WING GEARBOXES

The Gearboxes have been filled with lubricant to the proper level prior to shipment. However, you should check the oil level using dipstick before operating, and frequently thereafter.

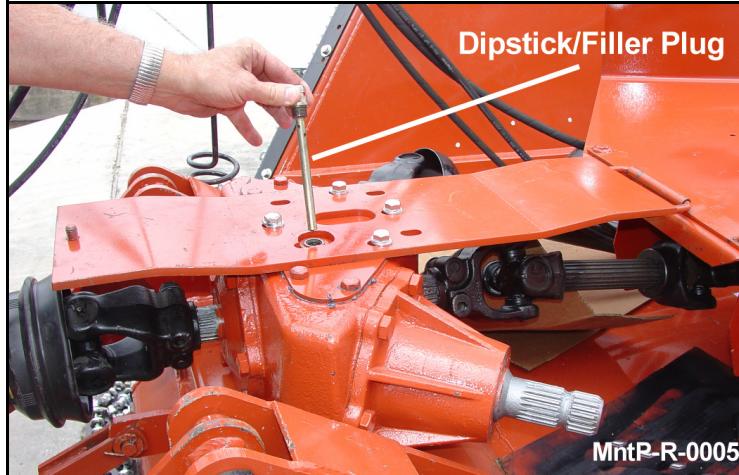
The gearbox should not require additional lubricant unless the box is cracked or a seal is leaking. It is recommended that the dipstick plug be checked after every 8 to 10 hours of operation and oil added until it reaches proper level. Dipstick Filler Plugs are located on top of all Gearboxes. **Mnt-R-0004**.



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## DIVIDER GEARBOX

The filler pressure relief Dipstick Plug is on top of the Gearbox. **Mnt-R-0005**.



**CAUTION** Do not over-fill. If Gearboxes are filled above proper, pressure under working conditions may cause the Grease Seals to leak.

Recommended lubricant for all gearboxes is Multi-Purpose Gear Oil P/N 00786250.

**CAUTION** Many of the equipment components are **HEAVY** (70 lbs or greater) and Special Lifting Procedures are recommended. Use lifting assistance such as mechanical assistance, two people, and proper lifting techniques when connecting or installing the driveshaft to reduce the possibility of back injuries.

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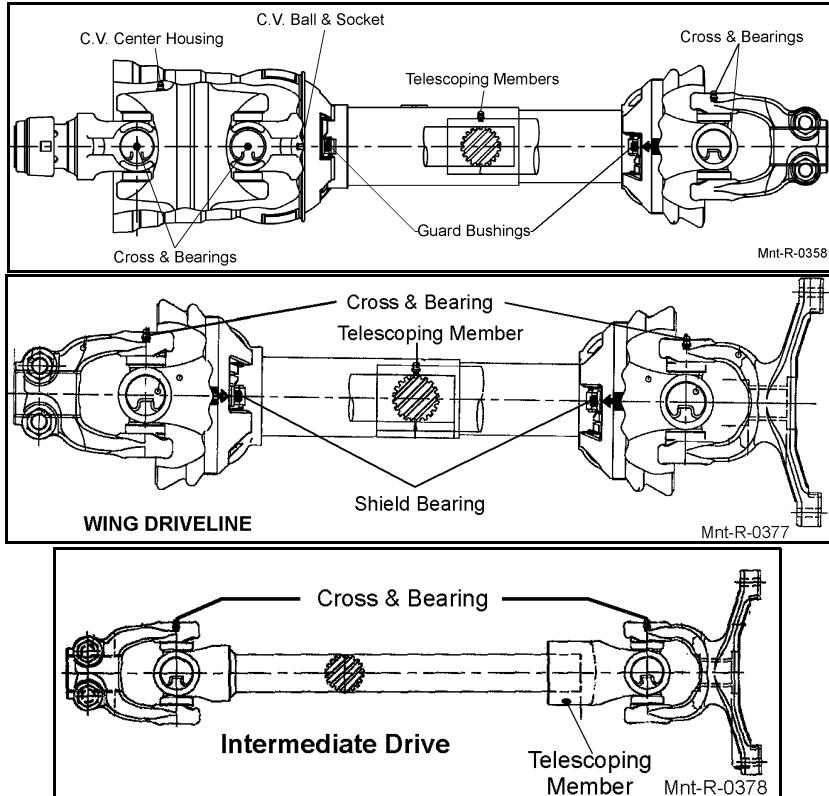
## DRIVELINES

The Drivelines and U-Joints should be inspected each morning before the mower is started.

### CAUTION

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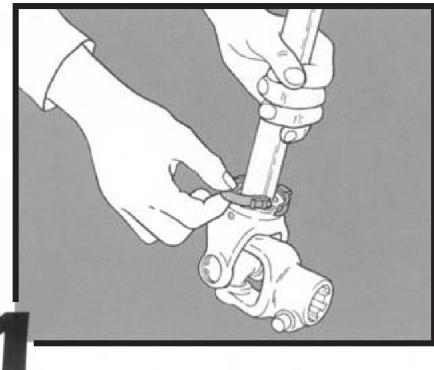
The U-Joint and CV Joint on the Driveline undergo extreme forces when the unit is turning or when the Wings are being raised. It is important that the CV Joint be greased before the unit is started. The U-Joints are located at each end of the Center and Wing Drivelines. The CV Joint is located at the end of the Main Driveline. The U-Joint and CV Joint assemblies are accessible by rotating the Driveline Safety Shield until the hole in the Shield matches up with the Grease Fitting. Use #2 Bearing Grease for lubrication. Inspect the U-Joint for wear by holding the shaft on one side of the U-Joint while trying to rotate the shaft on the other side of the U-Joint. If there is noticeable movement in the Driveline replace the U-joint before it causes severe damage to the Driveline,



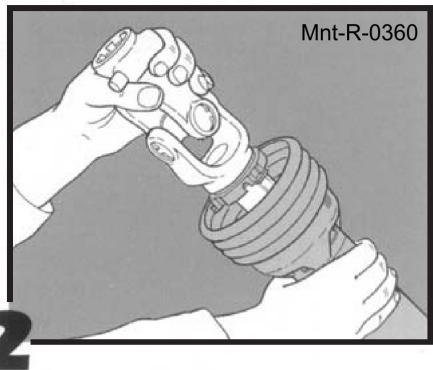
LOCATION	EXTENDED LUBE INTERVAL	LEVER ACTION PUMPS
Cross & Bearings	50 Hours	2 - 3
Telescoping Tube	50 Hours	8 - 10
CV Ball & Socket	50 Hours	4 - 6
CV Center Housing	50 Hours	12 - 15
CE & Non-Rotating Guard Bushings (1000 RPM Max)	50 Hours	2

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## MAIN CV DRIVELINE SHIELD SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

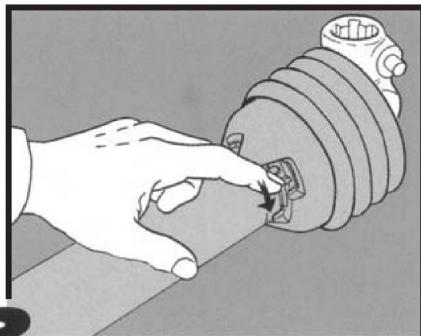


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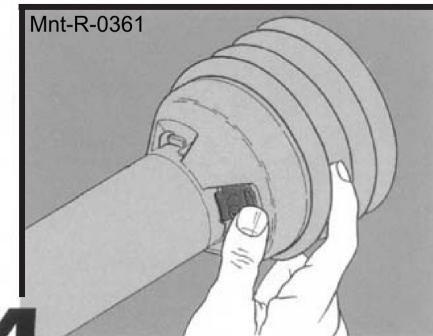


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1. Clean and grease bushing groove before the bushing is placed in the groove. Grease any remaining bushings in guard.
2. Slide guard half over driveline and insert bushing tabs into the openings in the guard.
3. Turn the bushing until it engages into the guard.
4. Push *Easy Lock* clip into position. The bushing and guard are now secure.

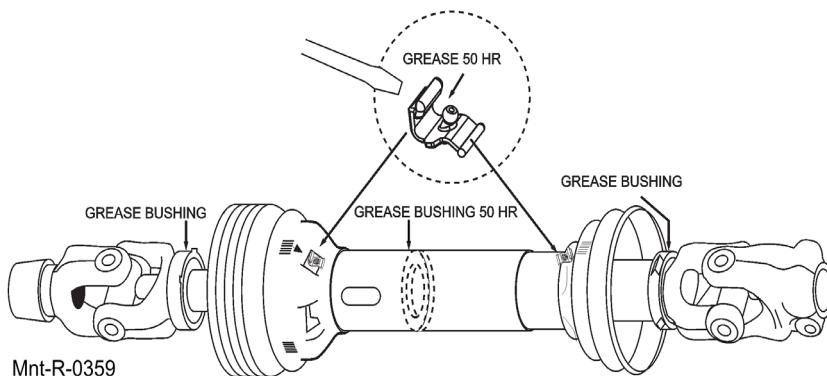


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5. TO REMOVE GUARD - Use screwdriver to release *Easy Lock* clip. Turn the bushing to disengage from the guard and remove guard. **Figure Mnt-R-0359**



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**IMPORTANT!** Check that Guard Missing decal on steel tube under inner guard and Rotating Driveline Decal are firmly affixed, undamaged and readable. If not, replace.

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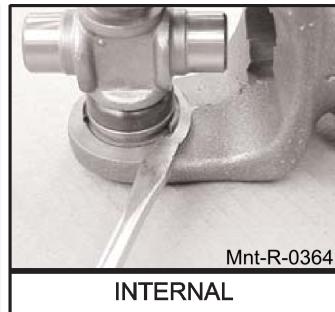
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## TO DISASSEMBLE UNIVERSAL JOINT

1. Remove all snap rings.



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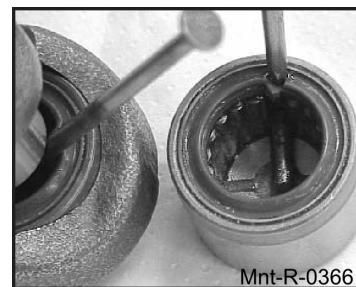
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2. Position joint in loose vice, strike top arm of unsupported yoke to drive the top cup up. Repeat on opposite side.



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3. If you cannot grip the loosened cap per Step 4, use a pointed tool to tip a needle them repeat Step 2.



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4. Grip loosened cup in vise, strike yoke arm to drive yoke off cup. Repeat on opposite cup.



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5. Support cross in loose vise and strike yoke arm. Repeat Step 4 to remove remaining two cups.



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## TO REASSEMBLE UNIVERSAL JOINT

1. Smear grease into bearings and check for dirt.

**CAUTION!** Make sure all needle bearings are seated properly.



2. Insert cup and cross. Drive in with spacer.



3. Insert snap ring



4. Insert second cup and hold cross into cup. Drive cup flush with arm.



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5. Drive cup down with spacer and insert snap ring



6. To loosen cross, strike yoke arm and check cross for free rotation



7. Position second yoke on cross. Repeat Steps 2 to 6.



Grease Kit after assembly is completed.

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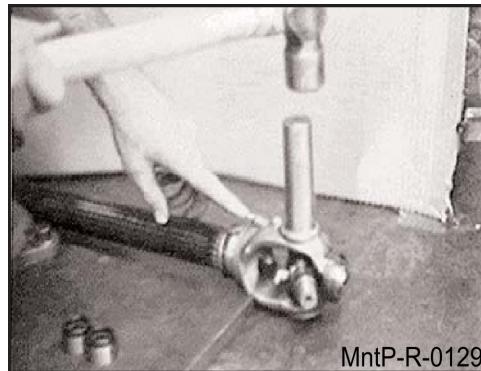
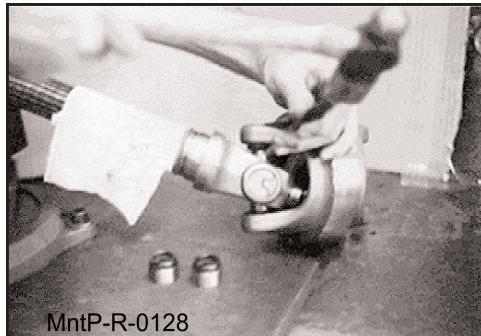
## DISASSEMBLY - CROSS AND BEARING KIT

1. The implement driveline has been removed from the machine, the two halves separated, and the guards removed. Start the procedure by removing the yoke that does not have a shaft attached.
2. The bearing cups are held in the center housing by snap rings. The snap rings are on either the inner edge of the bearing cup (internal), or on the cup end (external).

For internal snap rings, put a shop cloth under the snap ring to catch the snap ring. Use a screwdriver and a hammer to drive the snap ring off the bearing cup. **Figure MntP-R-0128**

For external snap rings, the snap rings are against the outer end of the bearing cup. Use a hammer and a driver (that is slightly smaller than the bore) to lightly hit the snap ring. **Figure MntP-R-0129 and MntP-R-0130** This will drive the bearing cup away from the snap ring and loosen the snap ring. Remove the snap ring.

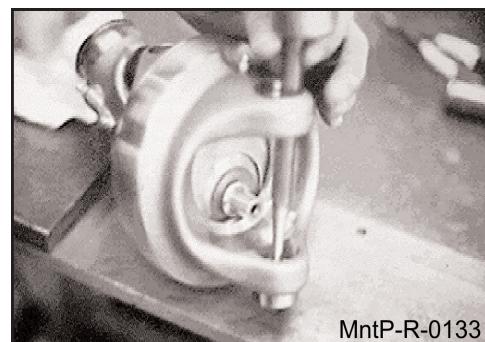
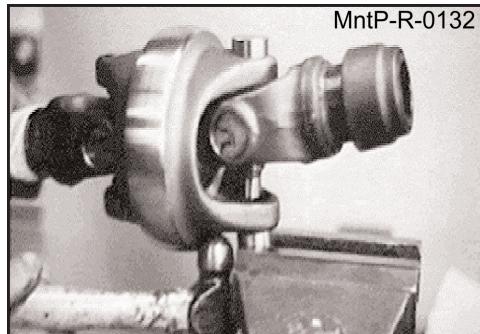
3. Set the end yoke on the vise so the ears are supported by the jaws of the vise. Hit the center housing to force the bearing cup out of the center housing. **Figure MntP-R-0131** The bearing cup will only be forced part way out of the center housing. **Note:** When hitting the center housing **NEVER** hit the machined surface of the center housing. If the machined area is damaged, the guard will not rotate freely. **NEVER** hit the area around the hole for the bearing cup. Distortion of the hole will make removal of the bearing cup difficult.
4. Repeat the procedure to push the other bearing cup part way out of the center housing.
5. Fasten one of the bearing cups in the vise. Make sure the jaws of the vise are as close to the center housing as possible. hit the center housing to drive the center housing up off the bearing cup. Be careful not to hit the machined surface of the center housing. **Figure MntP-R-0132** Do not remove the other bearing cup from the center housing at this time.



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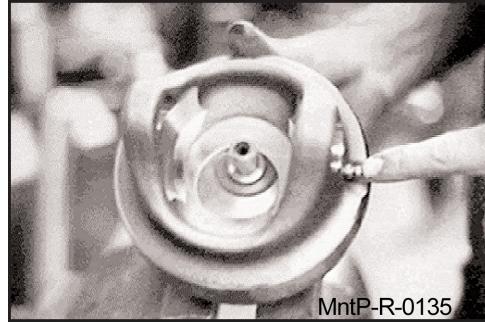
6. Note the orientation of all grease fittings before removing any yokes or crosses. Remove the end yoke from the center housing.
7. Repeat steps 2 - 6 to remove the shaft yoke and cross from the center housing.
8. Use the hammer and the driver to remove the two bearing cups from the center housing. **Figure MntP-R-0133**
9. Remove the snap rings from the end yoke and the shaft yoke. (Refer to Step2)
10. Set the end yoke on the vise so the trunnions of the cross are supported by the jaws of the vise. Hit the end yoke to force the bearing cup out of the end yoke. The bearing cup will only be forced part way out of the end yoke. **Note: When hitting the end yoke NEVER hit the area around the hole in ear. Distortion of the hole will make removal of the bearing cup difficult. Figure MntP-R-0134**
11. Repeat step 10 to push the other bearing cup part way out of the end yoke.
12. Fasten one of the bearing cups in the vise. Make sure the jaws of the vise are as close to the end yoke as possible. Hit the end yoke to drive the yoke up off the bearing cup, similar to Step 5.
13. Repeat Step 12 to remove the other bearing cup from the end yoke.
14. The opening between the ears on the end yoke is wider on one side. Remove the cross from the side that has the wider opening.
15. Repeat Steps 10 - 14 to remove the cross from the shaft yoke. Be careful not to hit the grease fitting in the shaft yoke.



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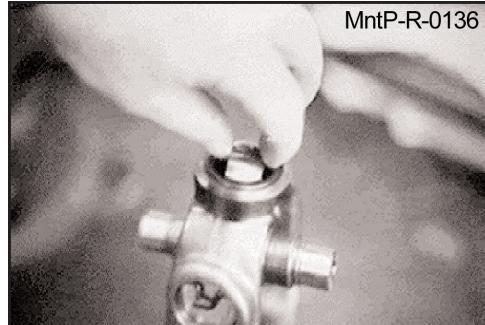
## INSPECTION

1. Discard the two crosses, all of the bearing cups, and all of the snap rings.
2. Clean the bores in the center housing and the yokes. Inspect the bores for damage. Replace any parts that are damaged.
3. Clean the snap ring grooves in the bores that have them. Inspect the snap ring grooves for damage. Replace any parts that are damaged.
4. Clean the trunnions of the center plate in the center housing. Make sure that none of the needles from the bearings have fallen into the center plate area of the center housing. Make sure center plate moves freely by hand.
5. Make sure the grease fitting in the center housing is clean, unobstructed, and undamaged. Replace this if necessary. **Figure MntP-R-0135**



6. Inspect the ball in the end yoke and the ball in the shaft yoke for scoring and damage. Check the end play of the balls. The end play must not be more than 0.025 in (0.635mm). If the ball is worn, replace the yoke. **Figure MntP-R-0136**
7. Use your finger to check for grease in the ball in the end yoke and the ball in the shaft yoke. If there is no grease in the ball, the ball has not been receiving grease. Also check the ball color. If it is blue, the ball has not been receiving grease. Check the grease fitting and the grease passages in the shaft yoke. **Figure MntP-R-0137** If they cannot be cleared, replace the yoke and shaft.

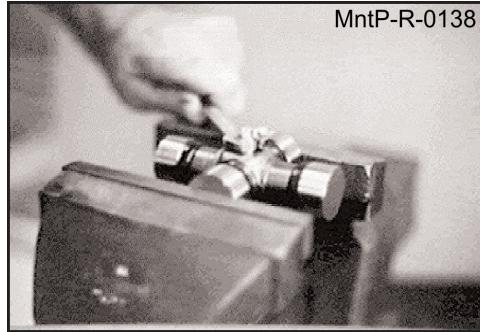
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## ASSEMBLY

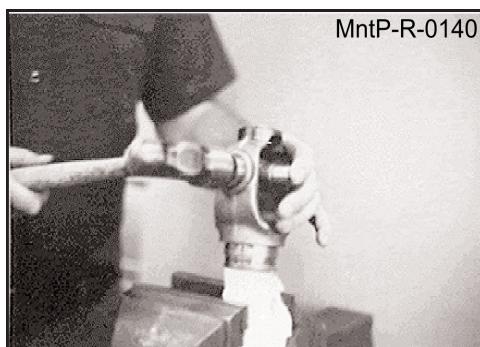
1. Apply grease to the bearing cup bores in the end yoke, the shaft yoke, and the center housing. The grease will make the bearing cups much easier to install.
2. Install the grease fittings in the crosses. Align the grease fitting with the correct trunnions. Look at the old crosses. **Figure MntP-R-0138**
3. Remove the bearing cups from the new crosses and apply grease to the needle rollers in the bearing cups. The grease is used to hold the needle rollers in the bearing cups during installation. Use your finger to push the grease into the needle rollers and to push the needles out against the bearing cup. **Figure MntP-R-0139**
4. Wrap the shaft in a shop cloth to protect the splines, and mount it in the vise with the yoke up. Make sure the trunnions of the new cross are clean. Install the correct trunnions of the cross through the side of the shaft yoke that has the widest opening. The grease fitting in the cross must be away from the ball in the shaft yoke. **Figure MntP-R-0140**
5. Push the cross to one side of the yoke. Use the trunnion as a pilot and push the new bearing cup onto the cross and into the opening in the rear.
6. Push the cross into the bearing cup to keep the needles in the bearing cup while driving the bearing cup. Keep the trunnions of the cross parallel with the openings for the bearing cups. Hit the bearing cup lightly with a hammer. Using the vise, drive the bearing cup into the yoke until the bearing cup is flush with the yoke.
7. Make sure the bearing cup is flat against the bench. Keep the cross in the bearing cup and start the other bearing cup into the yoke. Use a hammer to lightly drive the bearing cup into the yoke just far enough to make sure the bearing cup is straight. If the grease fitting in the yoke is down, support the yoke on a block to prevent damage to the grease fitting.



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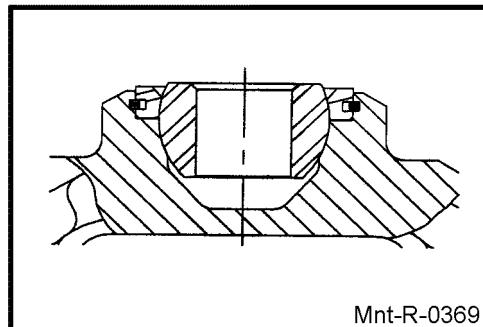
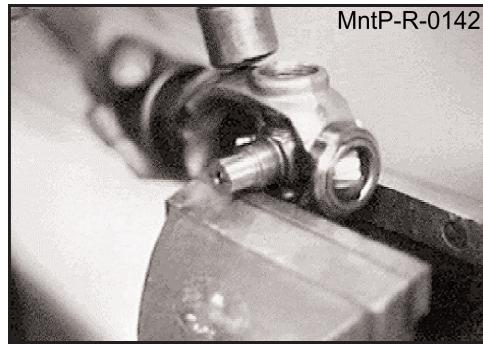
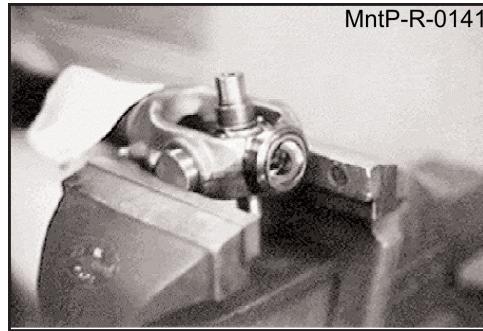
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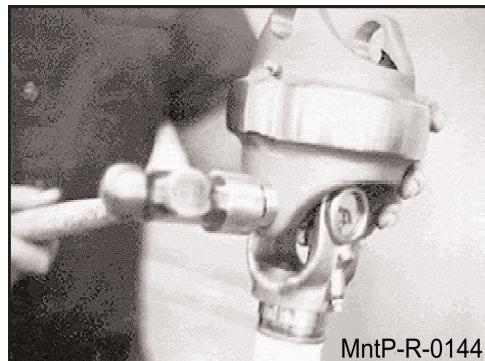
8. Put the shaft yoke into the vise so the bearing cups are square with the jaws of the vise. Make sure the trunnion is aligned with the bearing cups. Tighten the vise until both bearing cups are flush with the yoke. **Figure MntP-R-0141**
9. Using the large driver used in disassembly, drive one of the bearing cups into the yoke until the groove for the snap ring can be seen. Make sure the ear of the yoke is flat against the bench. If the grease fitting in the yoke is down, support the yoke on a block to prevent damage to the grease fitting.
10. Make sure the groove for the snap ring is clean. Install the snap ring. Use a screwdriver to push the snap ring into the groove all the way around.
11. Set the shaft yoke on the vise so the shoulders of the cross are supported by the jaws of the vise. **DO NOT** allow the machined surfaces to contact the vis. Hit the yoke with the hammer to seat the bearing cup against the snap ring. **DO NOT** hit the yoke near the opening for the bearing cup. **Figure MntP-R-0142**
12. Repeat Step 9 - 11 for the other snap ring.
13. Repeat Steps 1 - 12 for the end yoke.
14. Wrap a shop cloth around the shaft to protect the splines. Clamp the shaft in the vise so the shaft yoke is up. The ball in the shaft yoke has a flat area around each end of the hole. The flat area is wider on one side of the ball. **Figure Mnt-R-0369** Rotate the ball so the wider flat area is up.
15. Rotate the center housing so the grease fitting is away from the shaft yoke. This will align the grease fitting the center housing with the hole in the guards. The grease fittings in the center housing and the cross must be toward the same side of the assembly. Make sure the pin of the center plate in the center housing is clean. Install the pin in the ball and cross in the ears of the center housing. **Figure MntP-R-0143**
16. Make sure there is grease in the holes for the bearing cups in the center housing. Push the cross to one side of the yoke.



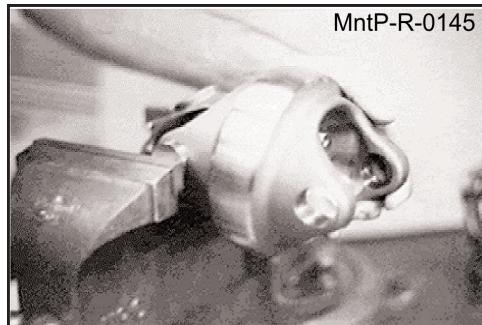
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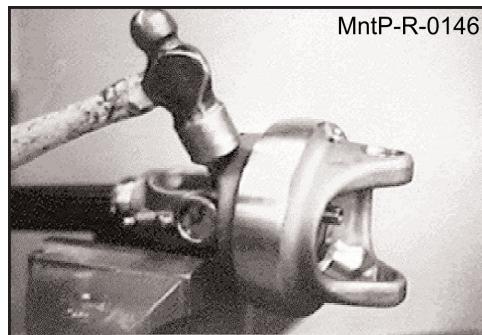
17. Use the cross trunnion as a pilot. Start the new bearing cup on the cross and into the opening in the center housing. Push the cross into the bearing cup while driving the trunnions of the cross parallel with the openings for the bearing cups. Hit the bearing cup lightly with a hammer. Using the vise, drive the bearing cup into the yoke until the bearing cup is flush with the yoke ear. **Figure MntP-R-0144**
18. Keep the cross in the bearing cup and start the other bearing cup into the center housing. Use a hammer to drive the bearing cup into the yoke just far enough to make sure the bearing cup is straight.
19. Put the center housing into vise so the bearing cups are square with the jaws of the vise. Make sure the trunnions are aligned with the bearing cups. Tighten the vise until both bearing cups are flush with the ears. Make sure the needle rollers do not fall out of the bearing cups. **Figure MntP-R-0145**
20. Using the driver and hammer, drive one of the bearing cups into the center housing until the groove for the snap ring can be seen on the bearing cup.
21. Install the snap ring. Make sure the snap ring is seated in the groove all the way around.
22. Repeat Steps 20-21 for the other snap ring.
23. Set the shaft yoke on the vise so the ears of the shaft yoke are supported by the jaws of the vise. Carefully hit the center housing with the hammer to seat the bearing cup against the snap ring. **DO NOT** hit the center housing on the machined surface or near the opening for the bearing cup. **Figure MntP-R-0146**
24. Turn the shaft yoke over in the vise. Carefully hit the center housing with the hammer to seat the other bearing cup against the snap ring.
25. Repeat Steps 14-24 for the end yoke. **Figure MntP-R-0147**
26. Apply grease to the fittings in the crosses until grease comes from the seals. Apply ten pumps to the fitting on the shaft yoke supplying the ball sockets. Apply ten pumps to the fitting on the center housing, supplying the center plates.
27. Clean the shaft and sleeve splines and grease them.



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## BLADE SERVICING

Inspect blades before each use to determine that they are properly installed and in good condition. Replace any blade that is bent, excessively nicked, worn, or has any other damage. Small nicks can be ground out when sharpening.

### **WARNING**

Use only original equipment blades on this cutter. They are made of special heat-treated alloy steel. Substitute blades may not meet specifications and may fail in a hazardous manner that could cause injury.

### **DANGER**

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

- Manually wiggle the glade carriers to check for any looseness.
- Retighten any loose parts.
- Recheck torque every 50 hours.

### **Important**

Operating with loose blade hardware will damage the blade holder and blades. Whenever the blades have been removed or replaced, the hardware must be retightened after the first eight hours of operation. On new units check blade hardware and the blade nut torque after first 8 hours.

### **Important**

Operating with loose blade holder will damage the blade holder and output shaft, two initial tightenings are required. Retighten after one hour and again after the day of operation. In severe cutting conditions or commercial use, a daily inspection is required.

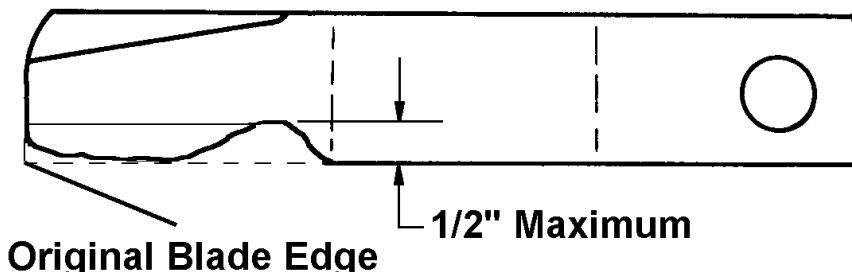
### **Important**

To help prevent structural damage caused by loose hardware, tighten gear case hardware as specified. Check torque after first 8 hours of use and every 50 hours thereafter.

### **DANGER**

Inspect Blades daily for abnormal wear. If Blades have a notch worn into the leading edge at the lower bend more than a **1/2" DEEP** (due to running in gravel and/or the ground), **REPLACE BOTH BLADES ON THAT CARRIER IMMEDIATELY**. Failure to replace such abnormally worn blades may lead to catastrophic failure of the blade and ejection of the broken part with tremendous force which may cause bodily injury or death.

**NOTE:** Replace Blades in pairs after no more than 1/2" notch wear!



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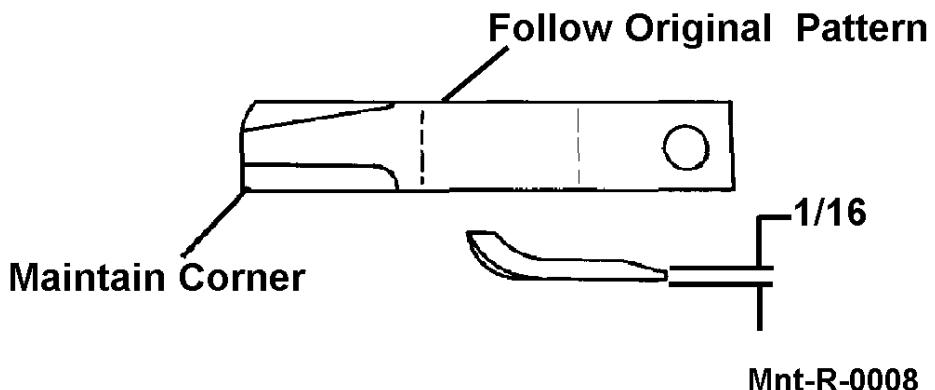
### BLADE SHARPENING

Always sharpen both blades at same time to maintain balance. Follow original sharpening pattern as shown in **FIGURE Mnt-R-0008**. Always sharpen blades by grinding. DO NOT heat and pound out edge. Do not sharpen blade to a razor edge, but leave a  $1/16$ " blunt edge. Do not sharpen back side of blade.

**IMPORTANT:** When sharpening blades, grind each blade the same amount to maintain balance. The difference in blade weights should not exceed 1 ounce. Unbalanced blades will cause excessive vibration which can damage gear box bearings. Vibration may also cause structural cracks in cutter housing.



Never work under equipment supported by a hydraulic device because it may drop if the control is actuated (even with the engine stopped) or in the event of hose failure, etc. Always use a secure support for equipment which must be serviced while in the raised position.

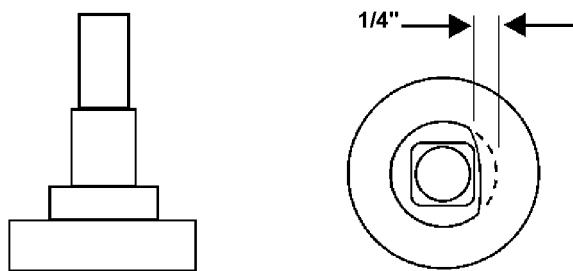


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**NOTE:** Replace Blades in pairs after no more than  $1/2$ " notch wear!

### BLADE REMOVAL

To remove blades for sharpening or replacement, remove the cover plate on deck of cutter near gear box. Remove lock nut from blade bolt (left hand threaded bolt). **NOTE:** Inspect lock nut after removal and replace if threads are damaged. Always replace nut when replacing blade bolt. When installing blades be sure and check blade bolt pivot diameter for wear. Replace bolt if worn more than  $1/4$  inch at any point. See **Figure Mnt-R-0014**. Install blade bolts with partially worn side of bolt either toward or away from center. Tighten lock nut to 300 ft. lbs.



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Avoid personal injury. Blade and/or blade carrier removal should be done only with the tractor engine shut off, key removed, in neutral, parking brake on, PTO disengaged, and the cutter blocked in the raised position.

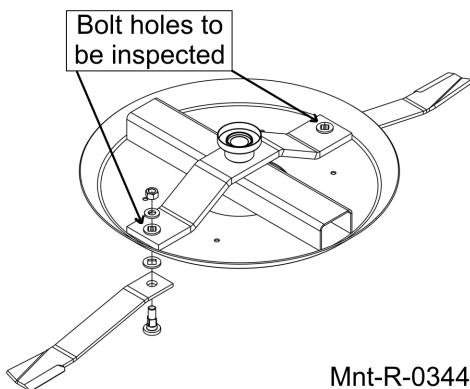
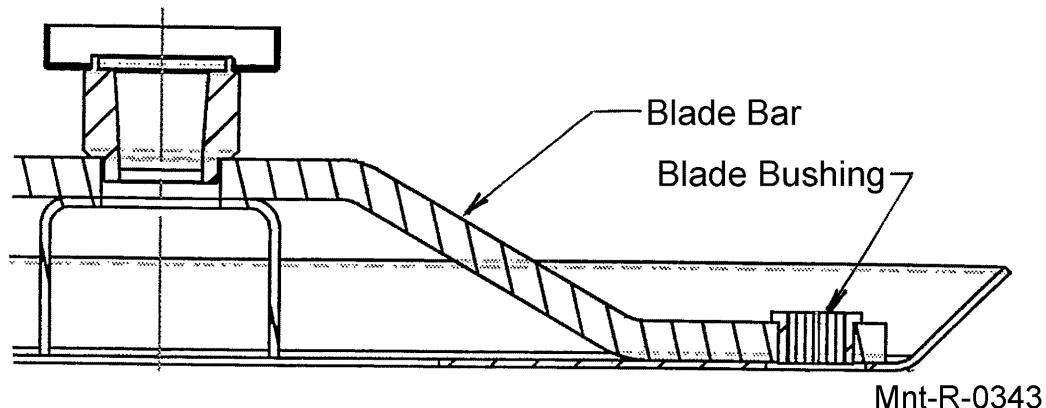
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## BLADE CARRIER INSPECTION

Blade bolt fit into carrier bushings should be checked every time blades are changed. The blade bolt should fit into carrier bushings as a snug slip fit. If the blade bolt fit appears to be loose or sloppy, measure the square hole in bushing. If the bottom of the square hole is 1/16" or greater than the square shoulder of the new blade bolt the bushings should be replaced. Bushings can be removed by cutting bushing head where it is welded to carrier bar. Once head is removed bushing can be pressed out of bar. Clean and grind top of blade bar so new bushing can be installed and welded. Bushing should be pressed into bar as far as possible. Use low hydrogen rod to weld bushing in place.

### **WARNING**

Failure to replace a worn blade carrier bushing as described above may lead to catastrophic failure of the blade, blade bolt, and/or blade bolt nut resulting in the ejection of the broken parts out from under the mower at tremendous speed and force which could result in serious bodily injury or death.



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## BLADE CARRIER INSTALLATION

Clean the taper and keyway on both the blade carrier and output shaft. Position carrier on the gear box output shaft and install flat washer and 1" hex nut. Tighten the nut holding the blade carrier to minimum 600 ft. pounds. Strike the carrier on the hub several times with a heavy hammer to seat the hub. Use a suitable spacer over the nut to prevent damage to the nut and threads. Retighten the nut to 600 ft. pounds. Install and spread cotter pin.

**Important**

Operating the mower with a loose blade pan or holder can damage the taper connection on the gearbox output shaft. To ensure proper seating between the blade holder and output shaft check and tighten the retaining nut after the first day of operation. Recheck the blade carrier attachment each morning before operating. Grasp the carrier firmly with both hands and try to push and pull the carrier with one hand while pulling and pushing with the other hand to try to rock or oscillate the blade carrier. If the carrier is loose retighten the retaining nut before operating the mower.

**NOTE:** After a few hours of operation always recheck blade carrier retaining nut torque.

**WARNING**

Avoid personal injury. Do not work under cutter without support blocks to keep frame from falling.

## TORQUE LIMITER

Avoid overheating of the Torque Limiter by too long or too frequent slipping since this can damage the friction plates and limiter parts. When checking the Torque Limiter for overheating, DO NOT touch with hand. It could be extremely hot and cause severe burn.

If an adjustment is required, this may be done in the field by following the procedure outlined below. Following these instructions will give maximum rated torque and long life.

- (a) With the three Capscrews (#8) backed out until the points are below the surface of the circular Adjusting Nut (#7), run Adjusting Nut up finger-tight.
- (b) Alternately tighten the hardened, cup point Capscrews (#8) no more than one-half turn at a time until the Capscrew heads "Bottom Out". Do not over tighten the Capscrews nor completely flatten the Spring Washers (#5).

If the Hub is removed from the Shaft for any reason, the Shaft and Hub should be coated with a heavy grease before reassembly to prevent Hub from freezing to Shaft.

## SEASONAL TORQUE LIMITER MAINTENANCE

It is important that the Torque Limiter slips when an obstacle or load heavier than the setting is encountered. Before using the Torque Limiter each season, use the following procedure to make sure it will slip and give the overload protection required.

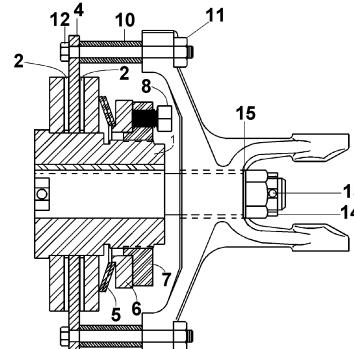
Loosen Bolts (#8) until gap between adjusting nut (#7) and guide ring is approximately 1/16".

Attach machine to tractor, set engine at approximately half throttle and quickly engage PTO. This procedure will break clutch facings loose and allow the proper torque to be maintained.

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Return the bolts to their original position as described in (b) above.

**NOTE:** If machine sits outside longer than 30 days and is exposed to rain and humid air, the Torque Limiter should be removed from machine and stored in a dry area. Torque Limiter facings will soak up moisture and cause the metal plates to rust badly. When this occurs, the break-away torque increases greatly and damage to gearbox, driveline, or tractor PTO can occur.



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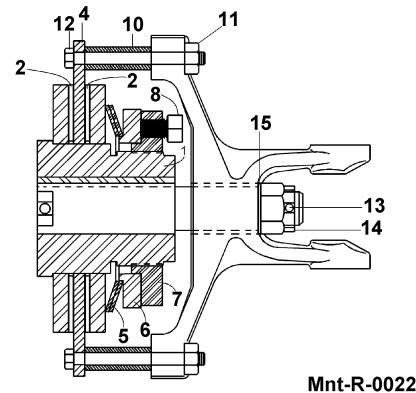
### TORQUE LIMITER REPAIR PROCEDURE

6. Remove two bolts from top cover plate which holds shield bracket to gear box.
7. Remove locknuts #11 from bolts #12.
8. Remove cotter pin #13, castle nut #14, and washer #15. NOTE: It may be necessary to rotate yoke to remove cotter pin. Remove driveline yoke from shaft.
9. Loosen three bolts #8 until large nut #7 maybe removed from hub #1.
10. Remove all parts from hub #1.
11. Clean or sand outer plates #2 and center plate #4 to remove rust or burned lining material from plates.
12. Reassemble clutch as shown in **Mnt-R-0022** replacing parts as necessary.
13. Install driveline yoke onto shaft and install four bolts through yoke spacers #10 and center plate #4. Install locknuts and tighten.
14. Rotate yoke and center plate so that cotter pin #13 can be installed.
15. Tighten large nut #7 as much as possible by hand. **NOTE:** Make sure all springs #5 are centered on guide ring #6.

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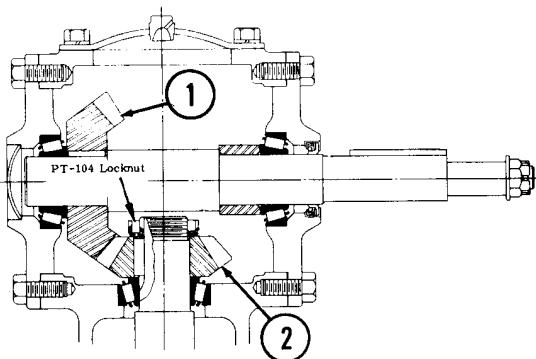
16. Reinstall washer #15 and castle nut #14.  
**CAUTION:** Do not tighten nut #14. Tighten only enough to remove play between the yoke, washer #15, and nut #14. Install cotter pin.



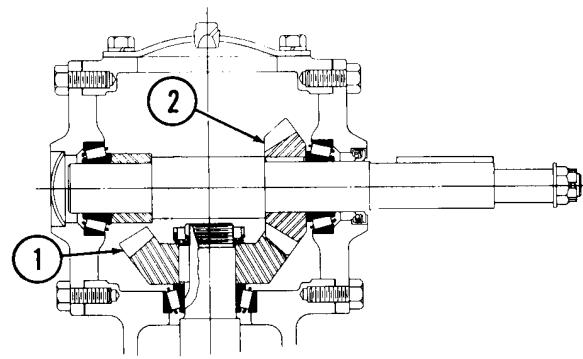
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## GEARBOX ARRANGEMENTS (Secondary Gearboxes)

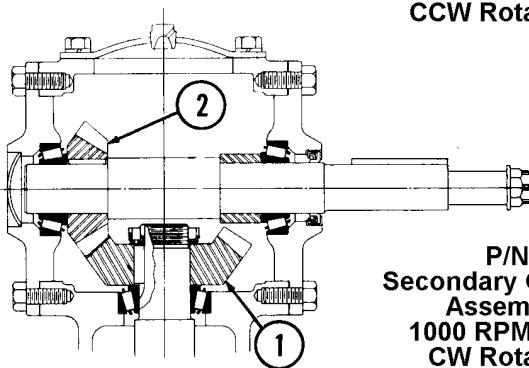
All Three secondary Gearboxes have the same identical parts in them for 540 or 1000 RPM and for the left, center, or right sections. To change Gearbox from 540 to 1000 RPM, the Gear (#1) and Pinion (#2) must be reversed. Remove the Gear from the Cross Shaft and the Pinion from the vertical Output Shaft. Install the Gear on the vertical output shaft and the pinion on the Cross Shaft. Reassemble the Gearbox allowing .008 to .012 backlash. Repeat this procedure on all three Gearboxes. When removing the Bearings and Gears, do not mar the Grease Seal Race. Be extremely careful when installing the Grease Seals so they will not be damaged.



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Secondary Gearbox  
Assembly  
540 RPM Input  
CCW Rotation



P/N  
Secondary Gearbox  
Assembly  
1000 RPM Input  
CCW Rotation



P/N  
Secondary Gearbox  
Assembly  
1000 RPM Input  
CW Rotation

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### HYDRAULIC HOSES

Replace pinched and broken Hydraulic Hoses at once. Tighten any Hydraulic Fitting with fluid leaking from it. If fluid still leaks, loosen the fitting, apply a pipe thread compound to the threads and tighten. Care must be exercised when tightening Hydraulic Fittings. Too much tightening can cause the fittings to crack and require replacement fittings.

Although a small amount of oil will be present from bleeding at all Hydraulic Fittings, significant amounts of oil leaking around the Breather Plug on the Cylinder indicates that the seal in the Cylinder is worn out. Replace the seals in the Cylinder immediately before the Cylinder is damaged or too much hydraulic fluid is lost.

### SKID SHOES

Skid shoes are made of carbon steel to reduce wear and increase service life. Premature wear can be caused by the cutter Wing sections being set too low which allows the Wing Skid Shoes to drag on the ground. Dragging the Skid Shoes on the ground or running the Skid Shoes into solid objects can contribute to early frame failure on the cutter. Replace worn Skid Shoes as required.

### HARDWARE

Check nuts, bolts, and other miscellaneous hardware regularly. Loose hardware is easily lost, causes increased wear on parts, and increases the chance of breakdown. Loose hardware creates potential hazards which could result in personal injury to the operator, support personnel, and bystanders. Use the "Torque Chart" below when tightening bolted connections.

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## PROPER TORQUE FOR FASTENERS

The chart lists the correct tightening torque for fasteners. When bolts are to be tightened or replaced, refer to this chart to determine the grade of bolts and the proper torque except when specific torque values are assigned in manual text.

RECOMMENDED TORQUE IN FOOT POUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THE MANUAL\*

**NOTE:** These values apply to fasteners as received from supplier, dry or when lubricated with normal engine oil. They do not apply if special graphited or molydisulphide greases or other extreme pressure lubricants are used. This applies to both UNF fine and UNC coarse threads.

Proper Torque Values for Standard Bolts			Proper Torque Values for Metric Bolts			
Bolt Diameter	Head Marking Three Lines Grade Five	Head Marking Six Lines Grade Eight	Bolt Diameter	Head Marking 4.6	Head Marking 8.8	Head Marking 10.9
	Pound - Foot Value Dry	Pound - Foot Value Dry		Head Marking 4.6	Head Marking 8.8 or 9.8	Head Marking 10.9
1/4"	7	10	6mm	3	7	9
5/16"	15	22	8mm	6.2	16	23
3/8"	26	39	10mm	12	32	45
7/16"	42	60	12mm	21	55	79
1/2"	64	88	14mm	34	88	126
9/16"	100	134	16mm	53	137	196
5/8"	128	180	18mm	73	189	270
3/4"	227	320	20mm	104	267	382
7/8"	365	515	22mm	141	364	520
1"	547	772	24mm	179	461	660
To get Newton-Meters multiply pound-foot of torque by 1.356						
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# **RHINO**

## **LIMITED WARRANTY**

### **1. LIMITED WARRANTIES**

- 1.01. Servis-Rhino 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 ("Purchaser") that the goods purchased are free from defects in material or workmanship.
- 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 in your Operator's Manual.
- 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

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# TO THE OWNER/OPERATOR/DEALER

In addition to the standard Limited Warranty shown on the facing page, Rhino also provides:

1. A FIVE-YEAR (60 months) LIMITED WARRANTY\* on **GEARBOX components** provided they have been properly maintained† and have not been subjected to abuse or mis-use except as limited below.

## \* WARRANTY LIMITATIONS - GEARBOX

- A. Warranty is ONE-YEAR (12 MONTHS) for Seals (After one year, seals are considered to be WEARING PARTS and replacement is the users' responsibility.)
- B. Users' Gearboxes may be rebuilt by Rhino or replaced by new or rebuilt Gearboxes at the option of Rhino.

2. TWO-YEAR (24 months) LIMITED WARRANTY\*\* on the **DRIVELINE components** provided they have been properly maintained† and have not been subjected to abuse or mis-use.

## \* \*WARRANTY LIMITATIONS - DRIVELINE

- A. Warranty is ONE-YEAR (12 MONTHS) for DRIVELINE SHIELDS except that evidence of wear from contact with other parts on the shield voids this warranty.
- B. Shield Bearings are wearing parts and are not warrantable.
- C. Slip-Clutch Disks are wearing parts and are not warrantable. Evidence of "burning up" Slip Clutch Plates due to improper adjustment will void warranty on Slip Clutch Parts.

## † NOTE - "properly maintained" specifically includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Running Gearboxes with the proper amount of the correct lubricant.
- B. Adjusting Slip Clutches correctly to provide proper protection for Driveline and Gearbox Components.
- C. Properly lubricate all driveline components as specified.
- D. Maintaining proper bearing preload on all gearbox shafts.

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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