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### Foreword

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This guide contains operation instructions and lubrication and maintenance information.

The operation section is a reference for the new operator and a refresher for the experienced one. Ready - study - and keep it handy.

Photographs or illustrations guide the operator through correct procedures of checking, starting, operating and stopping the machine.

Operating techniques outlined in this publication are basic. Skill and techniques develop as the operator gains knowledge of the machine and its capabilities.

The maintenance section is a guide to equipment care. The illustrated, step-by-step instructions are grouped by servicing intervals. Items without specific intervals are listed under "When Required." Items in the "Lubrication and Maintenance Interval Chart" are referenced to detailed instructions that follow.



Use the service hour meter to determine servicing intervals. Calendar intervals shown (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.) may be used instead of service hour meter intervals if they provide more convenient servicing schedules and approximate the indicated service hour meter reading. Recommended service should always be performed at the interval that occurs first.

Under extremely severe, dusty or wet operating conditions, more frequent lubrication than is specified in the "Lubrication and Maintenance Interval Chart" may be necessary.

Perform service on items at multiples of the original requirement. For example, at Every 500 Service Hours or 3 Months, also service those items listed under Every 250 Service Hours or Monthly, Every 50 Service Hours or Weekly and Every 10 Service Hours or Daily.

Some photographs or illustrations in this publication show details or attachments that may be different from your machine. Also, guards and covers may have been removed for illustrative purposes.

Continuing improvement and advancement of product design may have caused changes to your machine which are not included in this publication.

Whenever a question arises regarding your machine, or this publication, please consult your Caterpillar dealer for the latest available information.

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## Safety

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### Warning Signs and Labels

There are several specific safety signs on your machine. Their exact location and description of the hazard are reviewed in this section. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these safety signs.

Make sure that you can read all safety signs. Clean or replace these if you cannot read the words or see the pictures. When cleaning the labels use a cloth, water and soap. Do not use solvent, gasoline, etc.

You must replace a label if it is damaged, missing or cannot be read. If a label is on a part that is replaced, make sure a new label is installed on the replaced part. See your Caterpillar dealer for new labels.



**Do not operate or work on this machine unless you have read and understand the instructions and warnings in the Operation and Maintenance guide. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death. Contact any Caterpillar dealer for replacement guides. Proper care is your responsibility.**

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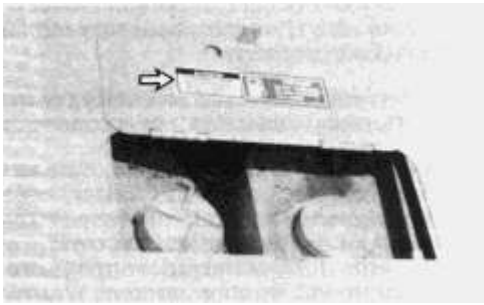
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Located in the operator's compartment.

 **WARNING**

**HYDRAULIC TANK** Relieve tank pressure by removing cap slowly to prevent hot oil from scalding person.

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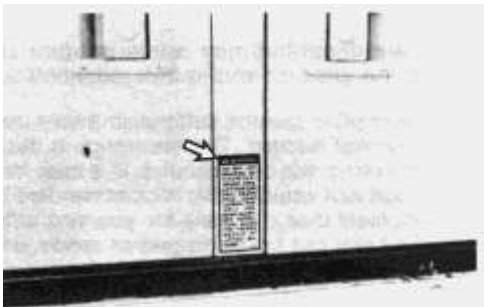


Located on inside of access cover to fuel and hydraulic tanks.

 **WARNING**

**Do not lift machine by counterweight eyes. Lift eyes can fail under this load causing possible personal injury. See "Operation" Guide for proper method of lifting machine.**

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Located on center post of rear hood support.

 **WARNING**

**Always block both tracks when final drive is disconnected. With final drive disconnected machine has no brakes and will roll free on a slope or while towing.**

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Located on inside of cab door.

## **WARNING**

**Know the maximum height and reach of your machine. Serious injury or death by electrocution can occur if machine or attachments are not kept a safe distance from electrical power lines. Keep distance at least 3 m (10 feet) plus additional 10 mm (0.4 inch) for each 1,000 volts over 50,000 volts.**

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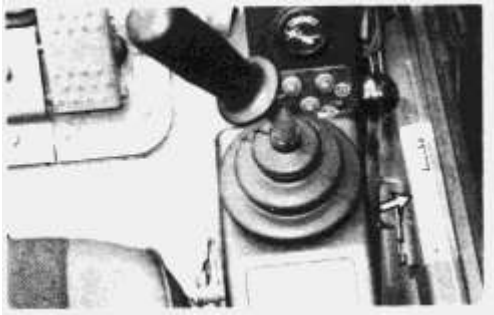


Located in the cab.

## **WARNING**

**Swing lock must be engaged before shipping machine. If lock is not engaged, upper structure can swing, resulting in possible personal injury.**

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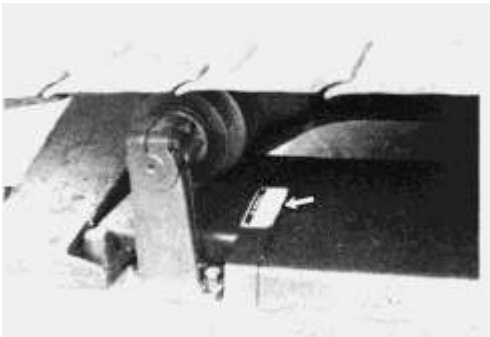
Located in the cab.

## **WARNING**

### **HIGH PRESSURE CYLINDER**

**Do not remove any parts until all pressure has been relieved to avoid possible personal injury. Relieve pressure by opening relief valve 1 turn maximum. See "Maintenance" Guide for track adjustment procedure.**

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Located on both track roller frames.

## **WARNING**

**Improper jumper cable connections can cause an explosion resulting in personal injury. Batteries in series may be located in separate compartments. When using jumper cables always connect positive (+) cable to positive (+) terminal of battery connected to starter solenoid and negative (-) cable from external source to starter negative (-) terminal. (If not equipped with starter negative terminal, connect to engine block.)**

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Located in the battery compartment.

## **General**



Attach a "DO NOT OPERATE" or similar warning tag to start switch or controls before servicing or repairing the machine. These tags, Form SEHS7332, are available from your Caterpillar dealer.

Caution should be used to avoid breathing dust that may be generated when handling components containing asbestos fibers. If this dust is inhaled, it can be hazardous to your health. Components in Caterpillar products that may contain asbestos fibers are brake pads, brake band and lining assemblies, clutch plates and some gaskets. The asbestos used in these components is usually bound in a resin or sealed in some way. Normal handling is not hazardous as long as airborne dust which contains asbestos is not generated.

If dust which may contain asbestos is present, there are several common sense guidelines that should be followed.

1. Never use compressed air for cleaning.
2. Use vacuum or wet methods for cleanup.
3. Use exhaust ventilation on permanent machining jobs.
4. Wear an approved respirator if there is no other way to control the dust.
5. Follow environmental rules and regulations for disposal of asbestos.
6. Avoid areas where asbestos particles may be in the air.

Perform all maintenance unless otherwise specified as follows:

Park the machine on level ground.

The swing lock pin locked.

The travel pedals released.

The hydraulic and directional lock lever engaged.

The engine stopped.

The start switch key off and the key removed.

The disconnect switch off and the key removed.

Wear a hard hat, protective glasses and other protective equipment as required by job conditions.

Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry that can catch on controls or other parts of the machine.

Make certain all protective guards and covers are secured in place on the machine.

Keep the machine, especially the deck, walkways and steps, free of foreign material, such as debris, oil, tools and other items which are not part of the machine.

Secure all loose items such as lunch boxes, tools and other items which are not part of the machine.

Know the hand signals and who gives them. Accept signals from one person only.

Never put maintenance fluids into glass containers.

Report all needed repairs.

Do not allow unauthorized personnel on the machine.

Pressure air can cause personal injury. When using pressure air for cleaning, wear a protective face shield and protective clothing.

### **Crushing or Cutting Prevention**

Never attempt adjustments while the machine is moving or the engine is running unless otherwise specified.

Support equipment and implements properly when working beneath them. Do not depend on hydraulic cylinders to hold it up. Any implement can fall if a control is moved, or if a hydraulic line breaks.

Where there are implement linkages, the clearance in the linkage area will increase or decrease with movement of the implement.

Stay clear of all rotating and moving parts.

Keep objects away from moving fan blades. They will throw or cut any object or tool that falls or is pushed into them.

Do not use a kinked or frayed wire rope cable. Wear gloves when handling the wire rope cable.

Retainer pins, when struck with force, can fly out and injure nearby persons.

Wear protective glasses when striking a retainer pin to avoid injury to your eyes.

Chips or other debris can fly off objects when struck. Make sure no one can be injured by flying debris before striking any object.

Track adjusting grease and oil is under high pressure. Grease or oil coming out of the relief valve under pressure can penetrate the body causing injury or death.

Do not watch the relief valve to see if grease is escaping. Watch the track or track adjustment cylinder to see if the track is being loosened. Loosen the relief valve one turn only.

## **Burn Prevention**

At operating temperature, the engine coolant is hot and under pressure. The radiator and all lines to heaters or the engine contain hot water or steam. Any contact can cause severe burns.



Check the coolant level only after the engine has been stopped and the filler cap is cool enough to remove with your bare hand.

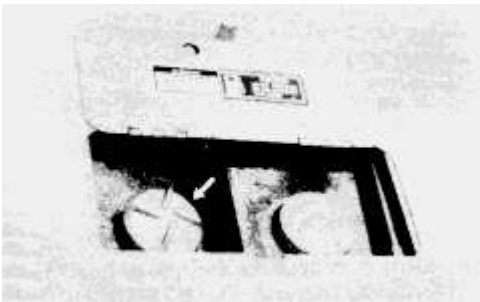
Remove the cooling system filler cap slowly to relieve pressure.

Cooling system conditioner contains alkali that can cause personal injury. Avoid contact with the skin and eyes and do not drink.

Allow cooling system components to cool before draining.

Hot oil and components can cause personal injury. Do not allow hot oil or components to contact the skin.

At operating temperature, the hydraulic tank is hot and can be under pressure.



Remove the hydraulic tank filler cap only after the engine has been stopped and the filler cap is cool enough to remove with your bare hand.

Remove the hydraulic tank filler cap slowly to relieve pressure.

Relieve all pressure in air, oil, fuel or cooling systems before any lines, fittings or related items are disconnected or removed.



Battery electrolyte contains acid that can cause injury. Avoid contact with the skin and eyes.

### **Fire or Explosion Prevention**

All fuels, most lubricants and some coolant mixtures are flammable.

Do not smoke while refueling or in a refueling area.

Do not smoke in areas where batteries are charged, or where flammable materials are stored.

Batteries in series may be located in separate compartments. When using jumper cables always connect positive (+) cable to positive (+) terminal of battery connected to starter solenoid and negative (-) cable from external source to starter negative (-) terminal. (If not equipped with starter negative terminal, connect to engine block.)

See the "Operation Section" of this guide for specific instructions.

Clean and tighten all electrical connections. Check daily for loose or frayed electrical wires. Have all loose or frayed electrical wires tightened, repaired or replaced before operating the machine.

Keep all fuels and lubricants stored in properly marked containers and away from all unauthorized persons.

Store all oily rags or other flammable material in a protective container, in a safe place.

Do not weld or flame cut on pipes or tubes that contain flammable fluids. Clean them thoroughly with nonflammable solvent before welding or flame cutting on them.

Remove all flammable materials such as fuel, oil and other debris before they accumulate on the machine.

Do not expose the machine to flames, burning brush, etc., if at all possible.

Shields, which protect hot exhaust components from oil or fuel spray in the event of a line, tube or seal failure, must be installed correctly.

Ether is flammable. Do not smoke while changing ether cylinders.

Use ether only in well ventilated areas.

Keep ether cylinders out of the reach of unauthorized persons.

Do not store replacement ether cylinders in living areas or in the operator's compartment.

Do not store ether cylinders in direct sunlight. Discard cylinders in a safe place. Do not puncture or burn cylinders.

### **Lines, Tubes and Hoses**

Do not bend or strike high pressure lines. Do not install bent or damaged lines, tubes or hoses.

Repair any loose or damaged fuel and oil lines, tubes and hoses. Leaks can cause fires.

Inspect all lines, tubes and hoses carefully. Do not use your bare hand to check for leaks. Tighten all connections to the recommended torque.

1. End fittings damaged or leaking.
2. Outer covering chafed or cut and wire reinforcing exposed.
3. Outer covering ballooning locally.
4. Evidence of kinking or crushing of the flexible part of hose.
5. Armouring embedded in the outer cover.
6. End fittings displaced.

Make sure that all clamps, guards and heat shields are installed correctly to prevent vibration, rubbing against other parts, and excessive heat during operation.

### **Mounting and Dismounting**

Mount and dismount the machine only where steps and/or handholds are provided.

Use both hands and face the machine, when mounting and dismounting.

Never get on or off a moving machine. Never jump off the machine.

Do not try to climb on or off the machine when carrying tools or supplies. Use a hand line to pull equipment up onto the platform.

### **Preparing to Start the Engine**

Inspect the condition of the seat belt and mounting hardware. Replace any damaged or worn parts. Replace the seat belt regardless of appearance, after three years of use.

Adjust the seat so that full pedal travel can be obtained with the operator's back against the seat back.

Make sure the machine is equipped with a lighting system as required by conditions.

Make sure all lights are working properly.

Make sure no one is working on, underneath or close to the machine before starting the engine or beginning to move the machine. Make sure the area is free of personnel.

Start the engine only from the operator's station. Never short across the starter terminals or across the batteries, as this could bypass the engine neutral-start system as well as damage the electrical system.

## **Starting the Engine**

Do not start the engine or move any of the controls if there is a "DO NOT OPERATE" or similar warning tag attached to the start switch or controls.

Move all implement controls to the HOLD position before starting the engine.

Engage the hydraulic and directional lock lever.

Engage the swing brake control.

Engage the parking brake.

Start and operate the engine in a well ventilated area only. In an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.

## **Preparing to Operate the Machine**

Clean all personnel from the machine and the area.

Clear all obstacles from the path of the machine. Beware of hazards such as wires, ditches, etc.

Be sure all windows are clean. Secure the doors and windows in either the open or shut position.

For best vision, especially close to the machine, adjust the rear view mirrors if fitted.

Make sure the machine horn, the backup alarm, if equipped, and all other warning devices are working properly.

Fasten the seat belt securely.

Check for proper operation of all controls and protective devices while moving slowly in an open area.

## **Operating the Machine**

Operate the machine only while seated.

Operate the controls only with the engine running.

The operator must satisfy himself that no one will be endangered before moving the machine.

Do not allow riders on the machine unless additional seat, seat belt and Falling Object Protective Structure (FOPS) are provided.

Report any needed repairs noted during operation.

Carry implements close to the ground, approximately 40 cm (15 in) above ground level.

Stay a safe distance from the edge of cliffs, overhangs and slide areas.

If the machine begins to sideslip on a grade, immediately dispose of the load and turn the machine downhill.

Be careful to avoid the condition which could lead to tipping when working on hills, banks or slopes, and when crossing ditches, ridges or other obstructions.

Work up and down slopes, rather than sideways, whenever possible.

Keep the machine under control and do not work it over its capacity.

Be sure hitch points and the towing device are adequate.

Connect trailing equipment to a drawbar or hitch only.

Never straddle a wire rope cable or similar device, nor allow others to do so.

No personnel should be between the machine and trailing equipment when maneuvering to connect them. Block the tongue or hitch of trailing equipment to align it with the drawbar or hitch.

### **Parking the Machine**

Park on a level surface. If necessary to park on a grade, block the machine.

Release the directional pedals to stop the machine.

Engage the hydraulic and directional lock lever.

Engage the swing brake control.

Lower all implements to the ground and apply slight down pressure.

Stop the engine.

Turn the start switch key to the OFF position.

Remove the start switch key and the disconnect switch key.

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### Towing

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**WARNING**

**Personal injury or death could result when towing a disabled machine incorrectly.**

**Always block both tracks before disengaging the final drives. When the final drives are disengaged, the brakes are also disengaged. The machine can move.**

**Follow the recommendations below, to properly perform the towing procedure.**

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#### NOTICE

**To tow the machine, both final drives must be disengaged.**

**Do not operate the track motors with the final drives disengaged. Damage could result.**

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This machine is equipped with spring applied, hydraulic pressure released brakes. If the engine or power train hydraulics are inoperable, the brakes are applied and the machine can not be moved.

These towing instructions are for moving a disabled machine a short distance, only a few feet at low speed, no faster than 2 km/h (1.2 mph), to a convenient location for repair. These instructions are for emergencies only. Always haul the machine if long distance moving is required.

Shielding must be provided on the towing machine, to protect the operator if the tow line or bar should break.

Do not allow operator on the machine being towed, unless the operator can control the steering and/or braking.

Before towing, make sure the tow line or bar is in good condition and has enough strength for the towing situation involved. Use a towing line or bar with a strength of at least 1.5 times the gross weight of the towing machine, for a disabled machine stuck in mud or when towing on a grade.

Attach the tow line only to the tow hooks on the frame.

Do not use a chain for pulling. A chain link may break causing possible personal injury. Use a wire rope cable with loop or ring ends. Use an observer in a safe position to stop the pulling procedure if cable starts to break or unravel. Stop pulling whenever the pulling machine moves without moving the towed machine.

Keep the tow line angle to a minimum. Do not exceed a 30° angle from the straight ahead position.

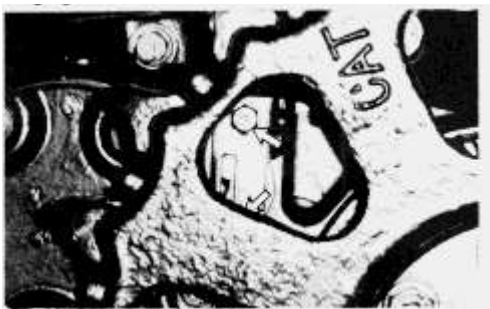
Quick machine movement could overload the tow line or bar and cause it to break. Gradual and smooth machine movement will work better.

Normally, the towing machine should be as large as the disabled machine. Satisfy yourself that the towing machine has enough brake capacity, weight and power, to control both machines for the grade and distance involved.

To provide sufficient control and braking when moving a disabled machine downhill, a larger towing machine or additional machines connected to the rear could be required. This will prevent it from rolling uncontrolled.

The different situation requirements cannot be given, as minimal towing machine capacity is required on smooth level surfaces to maximum on inclines or poor surface conditions.

## **225B Final Drive Disengagement and Engagement**



1. A disconnect pinion is located at the top of each final drive housing, behind the sprocket.
2. Remove two bolts and the bracket on top of the pinion retainer.
3. To disengage the pinion, use a 1/2 inch square drive to turn the retainer counterclockwise. Turn the retainer until the bracket can be turned 90° and installed under the retainer, with the slot in the bracket locking the retainer.
4. To prevent the retainer from moving while towing, bolt the bracket to the final drive housing. Use the two bolts through the slotted holes in the bracket.

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