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1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Safety alert symbol

The safety alert symbol means Attention! Become Alert! Your Safety Is Involved!

Look for the safety alert symbol both in this manual and on safety signs on this machine. The safety alert symbol will direct your attention to information that involves your safety and the safety of others.



Fig. 1

1.1.2 Safety messages

The words DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION are used with the safety alert symbol. Learn to recognize these safety alerts and follow the recommended precautions and safety practices.



DANGER:
Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result DEATH OR VERY SERIOUS INJURY.



WARNING:
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



CAUTION:
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in MINOR INJURY.



Fig. 2

1.1.3 Informational messages

The words important and note are not related to personal safety, but are used to give additional information and tips for operating or servicing this equipment.

IMPORTANT: *Identifies special instructions or procedures which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to or destruction of the machine, process, or its surroundings*

NOTE: *Identifies points of particular interest for more efficient and convenient repair or operation.*

1.1.4 Safety signs

**WARNING:**

Do not remove or obscure Danger, Warning or Caution signs. Replace any Danger, Warning or Caution signs that are not readable or are missing. Replacement signs are available from your dealer in the event of loss or damage. The actual location of the safety signs is illustrated at the end of this section.

Keep signs clean by wiping off regularly. Use a cleaning solution if necessary.

If parts have been replaced or a used machine has been purchased, make sure all safety signs are in the correct location and can be read. Illustrations of safety sign locations are located at the rear of this section.

Replace any safety signs that can not be read or are missing. Clean the machine surface thoroughly with a cleaning solution before replacing signs. Replacement safety signs are available from your dealer.

1.1.5 A word to the operator

It is your responsibility to read and understand the safety section in this manual and the manual for all attachments before operating this machine. Remember you are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you, but also the people around you.

Study the features in this manual and make them a working part of your safety program. Keep in mind that this safety section is written only for this type of machine. Practice all other usual and customary safe working precautions, and above all remember - safety is your responsibility. You can prevent serious injury or death.

This safety section is intended to point out some of the basic safety situations that may be encountered during the normal operation and maintenance of your machine. This section also suggests possible ways of dealing with these situations. This section is not a replacement for other safety practices featured in other sections of this manual.

Personal injury or death may result if these precautions are not followed.

Learn how to operate the machine and how to use the controls properly.

Do not let anyone operate the machine without instruction and training.

For your personal safety and the personal safety of others, follow all safety precautions and instructions found in the manuals and on safety signs affixed to the machine and all attachments.

Use only approved attachments and equipment.

Make sure your machine has the correct equipment needed by the local regulations.

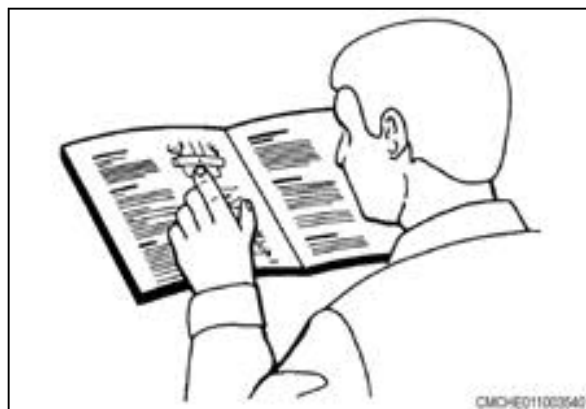


Fig. 3



WARNING:
An operator should not use alcohol or drugs which can affect their alertness or coordination. An operator on prescription or 'over the counter' drugs needs medical advice on whether or not they can properly operate machines.



CAUTION:
If any attachments used on this equipment have a separate Operator Manual, see that manual for other important safety information.

1.1.6 This manual

This manual covers general safety practices for this machine. The operator manual must always be kept with the machine.

Right-hand and left-hand, as used in this manual, are determined by facing the direction the machine will travel when in use.

The photos, illustrations, and data used in this manual were current at the time of printing, but due to possible in-line production changes, your machine can vary slightly in detail. The manufacturer reserves the right to redesign and change the machine as necessary without notification.



WARNING:
In some of the illustrations and photos used in this manual, shields or guards may have been removed for clarity. Never operate the machine with any shields or guards removed. If the removal of shields or guards is necessary to make a repair, they must be replaced before operation.

1.2 Operation

1.2.1 Prepare for operation

Read and understand all operating instructions and precautions in this manual before operating or servicing the machine.

Make sure you know and understand the positions and operations of all controls. Make certain all controls are in neutral and the parking brake is applied before starting the machine.

Make certain all people are well away from your area of work before starting and operating the machine. Check and learn all controls in an area clear of people and obstacles before starting your work. Be aware of the machine size and have enough space available to allow for operation. Never operate the machine at high speeds in crowded places.

Emphasize the importance of using correct procedures when working around and operating the machine. Do not let children or unqualified persons operate the machine. Keep others, especially children, away from your area of work. Do not permit others to ride on the machine.

Make sure the machine is in the proper operating condition as stated in the Operator Manual. Make sure the machine has the correct equipment required by local regulations.

1.2.2 Roll over protective structure

The roll over protective structure (ROPS) is effective in reducing injuries during overturns. Overturning a tractor without ROPS or with the ROPS folded down can result in serious injury or death. Operate with ROPS folded down only when conditions make this necessary. Return ROPS to upright, locked position as soon as conditions permit.

Do not weld, drill, or alter the ROPS.

If the tractor has been rolled over or the ROPS frame has been damaged in any manner, the ROPS must be replaced. Do not attempt to repair a damaged ROPS. If damage does occur, consult your dealer and replace all damaged parts.

Before using the tractor make sure the ROPS frame is not damaged and it is securely fastened to the tractor .

Do not attach chains, ropes, or cables to the ROPS for pulling purposes - damage to the ROPS and/or overturn of the tractor may result. Always pull from the tractor drawbar.

Observe all recommendations and instructions regarding the installation of covers or roofs which are used as sunshields only, and do not afford the operator protection from falling objects.

1.2.3 General information

When parking, park the machine on a solid level surface and lower any implements to the ground. Put all controls in neutral and apply the parking brake. Stop the engine and take the key with you.



WARNING:
Do not leave the machine unattended with any implement or attachment in the raised position. Lower the implement or attachment fully before leaving the machine. A sudden loss of hydraulic pressure can cause the implement or attachment to drop without warning.

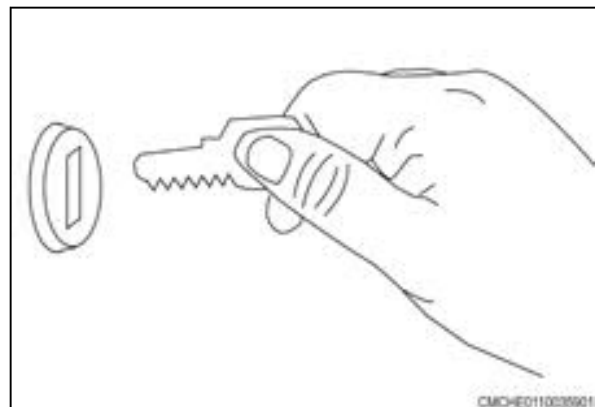


Fig. 4

Make sure the machine is in the proper operating condition according to the Operator Manual.

Do not dismount from moving machinery.

Stay off slopes too steep for operation.

Be aware of the size of the machine and have enough space available to allow for operation.

Do not operate near the edge of banks. Setback distance from the bank must equal or exceed, the overall height of the bank.

Whenever possible, travel directly up or down slopes, keeping the heavy end of the tractor on the uphill side. If necessary to cross a steep slope, avoid turning uphill. Slow down and make a wide turn.

Do not operate on steep slopes as overturn may result.

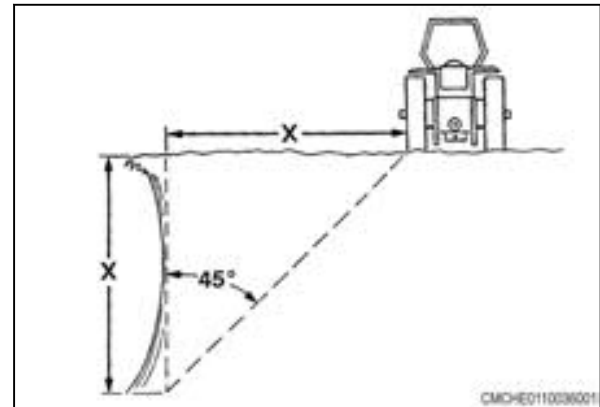


Fig. 5

On models with independent brake pedals, keep the brake pedals latched together at all times unless independent braking is required. Never use independent braking during transport.

Always drive at a proper speed relative to local conditions and ensure your speed is low enough for an emergency stop.

Reduce speed prior to turns to avoid the risk of overturning.

Keep speed to a minimum.

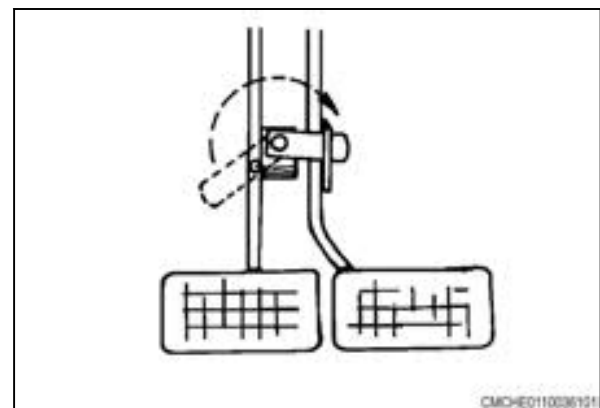


Fig. 6

Always keep the tractor in gear to provide engine braking when going downhill. Do not coast.

Avoid sudden or heavy brake applications when operating in wet, muddy, or icy ground conditions, or on loose surfaces, such as sand or gravel.

Sudden or heavy braking during turns increases the tendency to over steer. This effect is more pronounced with trailed equipment.

Keep a firm grip on the steering wheel at all times, with the thumbs clear of the spokes when driving the tractor.

Remain seated in operator's seat.



Fig. 7

In the event of an overturn, hold the steering wheel firmly and keep your seat belt fastened. Do not attempt to leave the seat until the tractor has come to rest.

Watch for holes, rocks, or other hidden hazards. Always inspect area prior to operation.

Be observant of the operating area and terrain.

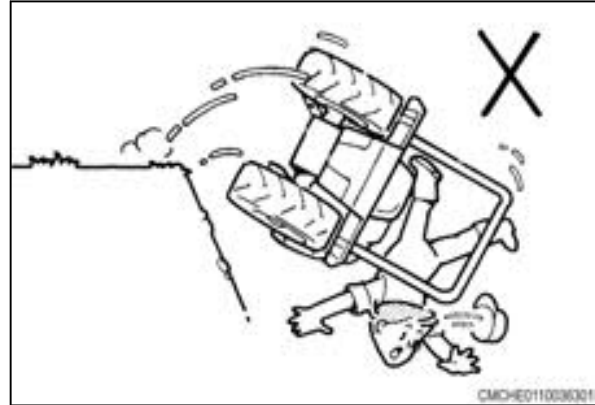


Fig. 8

Avoid contact with electrical power lines. Contact with electrical power lines can cause electrical shock, resulting in very serious injury or death.

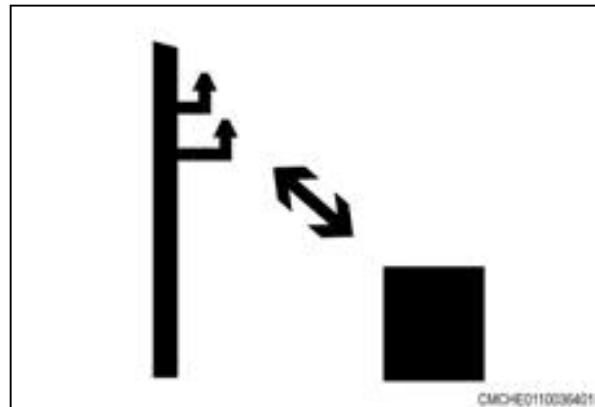


Fig. 9

Never allow anyone on any part of the tractor or attachments except in the operator's seat when the engine is running.

Do not get on or off the tractor or attachments while the tractor is moving.

Do not carry passengers.



Fig. 10



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Always shut off the engine, shift the transmission to neutral, set parking brake and remove the start key before leaving the operator's seat or before permitting anyone to inspect, clean, lubricate, adjust or repair any part of the tractor or attachments. Never leave the tractor unattended while the engine is operating.

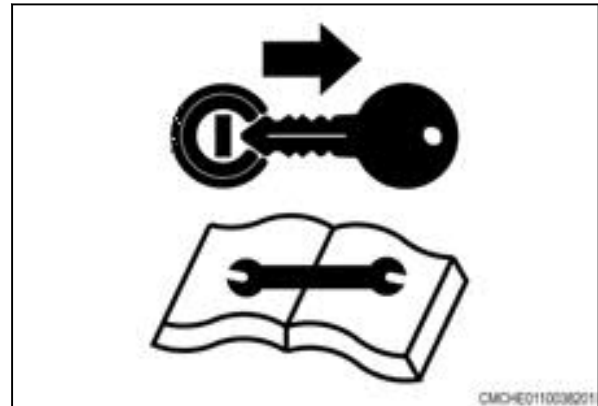


Fig. 11

Pull only from the approved drawbar.

Towing or attaching to other locations may cause the tractor to overturn.

Use a safety transport chain with towed implements. A safety transport chain connecting the tractor to the implement will help control pull-type equipment should it accidentally separate from the drawbar.

Always attach the safety transport chain to the tractor drawbar support.

Provide only enough slack in the safety transport chain to permit turning. See your dealer for a chain with strength rating equal to or greater than the gross weight of the towed machine.

For towed equipment without brakes, Do not tow equipment at speeds over 32 km/h (20 mph). Do not tow equipment that, when fully loaded, weighs more 1.5 times the weight of the towing unit.

For towed equipment with brakes, Do not tow equipment at speeds over 40 km/h (25 mph). Do not tow equipment that, when fully loaded, weighs more than 4.5 times the weight of the towing unit.

Stopping distance increases with speed and weight of towed loads, and on hills and slopes. Towed loads with or without brakes, that are too heavy for the tractor or are towed too fast, can cause loss of control. Consider the total weight of the equipment and load.

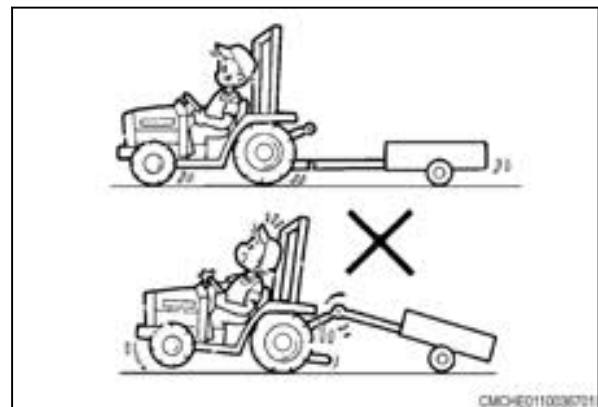


Fig. 12

When using a loader attachment, to avoid serious injury or death due to falling loads resulting from inadvertent raising or roll-back of the loader, do not connect loader hydraulics to any tractor auxiliary valve that has detents which cannot be locked out or removed, except for the float function in the loader lower circuit. If the tractor is equipped with such a valve, a dedicated, properly configured loader valve must be installed.

Make sure the proper attachment is on the loader so the load is restrained and cannot roll down the loader arms onto the operator.

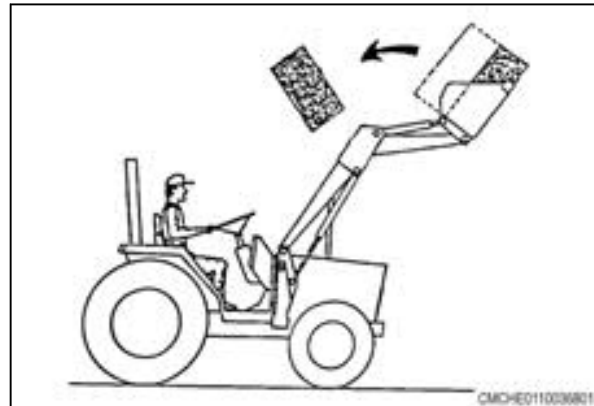


Fig. 13

1.2.4 Personal protective equipment

Wear all personal protective equipment (PPE) and protective clothing issued to you or called for by job conditions and country/local regulations. PPE includes, but is not limited to, equipment to protect eyes, lungs, ears, head, hands and feet when operating, servicing, or repairing equipment.

Always keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from moving parts. Do not wear loose clothing, jewelry, watches, or other items that could entangle in moving parts. Tie up long hair that can also entangle in moving parts.

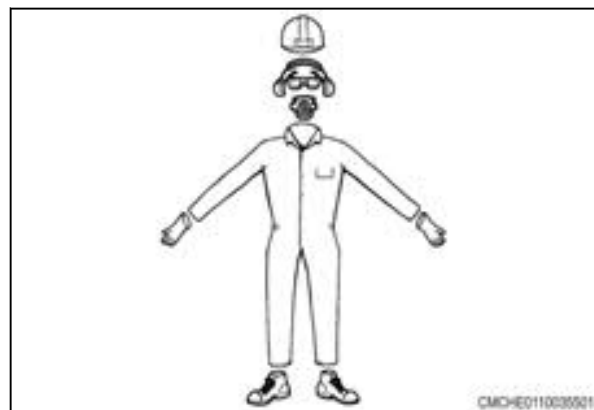


Fig. 14

1.2.5 Seat instruction

Securely fasten the seat belt before operating the machine. Always remain seated and have the seat belt fastened while operating the machine when the roll over protective structure (ROPS) is in the upright position. Replace the seat belts when they become worn or broken.

Never wear a seat belt loosely or with slack in the belt system. Never wear the seat belt in a twisted condition or pinched between the seat structural members.

Do not wear the seat belt when the ROPS is folded down.

Do not adjust the steering column or seat while driving.

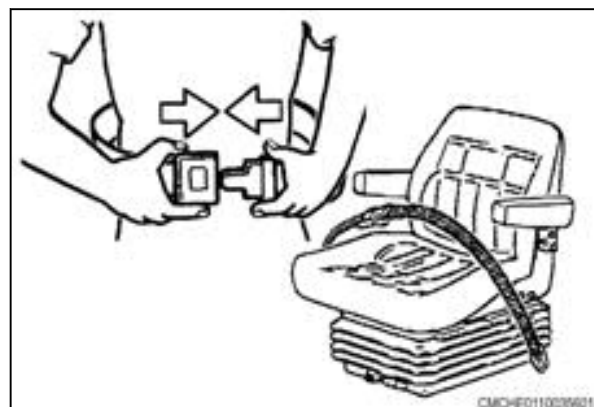


Fig. 15

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