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**GatorPal**  
**GP-2700GH, GP-2700GS, GP-3000GH,**  
**GP-3000GS**  
**OMM159425 H9**  
**OPERATOR'S MANUAL**



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# PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

## Product Identification

### Record Identification Numbers

#### GatorPal

GP-2700GH SN (000001-)

GP-2700GS SN (000001-)

GP-3000GH SN (000001-)

GP-3000GS SN (000001-)

If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and serial number.

You will need to locate the model and serial number for the machine and for the engine of your machine and record the information in the spaces provided below.

DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

DEALER PHONE:

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER:

## Safety Labels



### Understanding The Machine Safety Labels

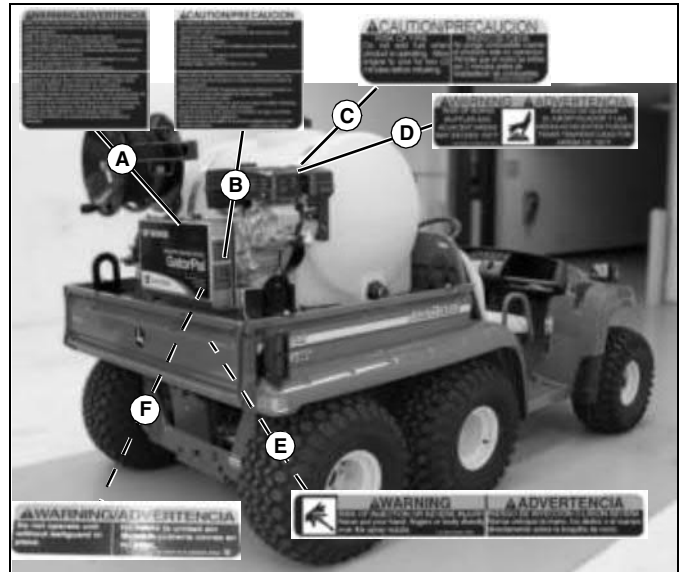
The machine safety labels shown in this section are placed in important areas on your machine to draw attention to potential safety hazards.

On your machine safety labels, the words DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are used with this safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

The operator's manual also explains any potential safety hazards whenever necessary in special safety messages that are identified with the word, CAUTION, and the safety-alert symbol.

There can be additional safety information contained on parts and components sourced from suppliers that is not reproduced in this operator's manual.

## Safety Labels



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### Warning (A)

**RISK OF INJECTION OR SEVERE INJURY:** Keep clear of nozzle. Do not direct spray toward any person or self. This machine is to be used only by qualified operators.

**RISK OF ASPHYXIATION:** Outdoor use only required.

**RISK OF FIRE:** Do not smoke while refueling. Allow to cool two to three minutes before refueling. Do not operate while refueling.

**RISK OF ELECTROCUTION:** Do not direct spray toward any electrical connections, outlets or power lines.

**RISK OF EXPLOSION:** Do not spray flammable liquids or in an area containing combustible dust, liquids or vapors.

**RISK OF INJURY:** Use only properly rated equipment.

### Caution (B)

**TO REDUCE RISK OF INJURY:** Read and understand the operation manual and all instructions before using.

**STAY ALERT:** Hold onto gun/wand firmly with both hands to avoid dangerous kickbacks.

Always wear eye protection.

Do not overreach or stand on unstable support. Keep good footing and balance at all times.

Always turn on water supply to pump before starting.

Protect pump from freezing.

Engage trigger safety lock-off when not in use.

### Caution (C)

**RISK OF FIRE:** Do not add fuel when product is operating. Allow engine to cool for two (2) minutes before refueling.

### Warning (D)

**RISK OF BURNS:** Muffler and adjacent areas may exceed 150° F.

### Warning (E)

**RISK OF INJECTION OR SEVERE INJURY:** Never put your hand, fingers or body directly over the spray nozzle.

### Warning (F)

Do not operate unit without belt guard in place.

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# SAFETY

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## Safety

### Read Safety in Machine Operator's Manual

Read the general safety operating precautions in your machine operator's manual for additional safety information.

### Operate Safely

- Read the machine and attachment operator's manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Know how to stop the machine and disengage the controls quickly.
- Do not let children or an untrained person operate machine.
- Make any necessary adjustments before you operate. Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine is running, unless if recommended in adjustment procedure.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the machine unattended. Shut off the engine before making any repairs, adjustments, or inspections. Lower the attachment, lock the parking brake, stop the engine, and remove the key.
- Look behind machine before you back up. Back up carefully.
- Do not let anyone, especially children, ride on machine or attachment. Riders are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects and being thrown off. Riders may also obstruct the operator's view, resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of this product.
- If the machine vibrates abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Always refer to the Storage section of the operator's manual for important details if storing this product for a long period of time.
- Keep people and pets out of the work area. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- If you hit an object, stop the machine and inspect it. Make repairs before you operate. Keep machine properly maintained and in good working order. Keep all shields and guards in place.
- Always inspect the sprayer completely before and after each use. Before pressurizing the system, check to be sure all fittings and hoses are tightly installed. Be sure guards and shields are in good condition and fastened in place. Make any necessary adjustments before you operate.
- Never use the sprayer during windy conditions.
- Always release pressure in the system before filling, cleaning or servicing the sprayer.
- Do not put nozzle tip or other sprayer parts to your lips to blow out dirt. Use compressed air.
- If the sprayer is mounted to the bed of a utility vehicle, never raise the bed with the sprayer installed. Empty the sprayer and remove it from the bed if you need to raise the bed for any reason.

### Parking Safely

1. Stop vehicle on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Lock park brake.
3. Stop engine.
4. Remove key.
5. Before you leave the operator's seat, wait for engine and all moving parts to stop.

6. Disconnect the negative battery cable or remove the spark plug wire (for gasoline engines) before servicing the machine.

### Mix and Handle Chemicals Safely

- It is best to wear full cover clothing and always wear protective goggles and rubber gloves to protect yourself while handling chemicals.
- Follow instructions on chemical container labels.
- Open all chemical containers carefully, using proper tools.
- Open, pour, weigh and mix chemicals in a well-ventilated area.
- Reserve all equipment used for the application of chemicals exclusively for that purpose.
- Prohibit all smoking, drinking and eating food in chemical-handling area.
- It is a good practice to take a soapy shower immediately after the using the sprayer to apply chemicals.
- Wash all clothing worn when using chemicals separately in the laundry after spraying is completed.

### Read Chemical Container Label

- Chemicals can be dangerous. Improper selection or use can injure persons, animals, plants, soils or other property. Select the right chemical for the job and handle and apply with care.
- Read the instructions, precautions, and warnings on the container label before opening. Use the product strictly according to label directions for specific applications, in the amounts specified, at the times specified and only when needed.
- Keep the container closed tightly except when preparing the mix.
- Do not remove labels from chemical containers. Store all chemicals in their original containers.
- Do not mix chemicals unless stated on the container label.
- Store chemicals when not in use according to the container label.

### Handle Chemical Products Safely

- Direct exposure to hazardous chemicals can cause serious injury. Potentially hazardous chemicals used with John Deere equipment include pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.
- A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides specific details on chemical products: physical and health hazards, safety procedures, and emergency response techniques.
- The MSDS should be obtained from the chemical dealer at the time of the chemical purchase.
- Check the MSDS before beginning any job using a hazardous chemical. Know exactly what the risks are and how to do the job safely. Always wear recommended personal protection equipment.

### Practice Safe Maintenance

- Only qualified, trained adults should service this machine.
- Understand service procedure before doing work. Keep area clean and dry.
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Never lubricate, service or adjust the machine or attachment while it is moving. Keep safety devices in place and in working condition. Keep hardware tight.
- Keep hands, feet, clothing, jewelry, and long hair away from any moving parts, to prevent them from getting caught.

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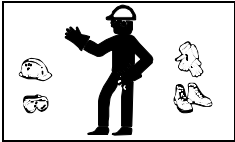
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# INSTALLING

- Lower any attachment completely to the ground or to an existing attachment mechanical stop before servicing the attachment. Disengage all power and stop the engine. Lock park brake and remove the key. Let machine cool.
- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug wire (for gasoline engines) before making any repairs.
- Before servicing machine or attachment, carefully release pressure from any components with stored energy, such as hydraulic components and springs.
- Release hydraulic pressure by lowering attachment or cutting units to the ground or to a mechanical stop and move hydraulic control levers.
- Securely support any machine or attachment elements that must be raised for service work. Use jack stands or lock service latches to support components when needed.
- Never run engine unless park brake is locked.
- Keep all parts in good condition and properly installed. Fix damage immediately. Replace worn or broken parts. Replace all worn or damaged safety and instruction decals.
- Check all hardware at frequent intervals to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Do not modify machine or safety devices. Unauthorized modifications to the machine or attachment may impair its function and safety.



## Wear Appropriate Clothing

- Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate for the job.
- Certain operating conditions may dictate that the operator and any passenger wear

appropriate safety equipment while operating the vehicle. Be prepared for any existing and potential conditions before operating machine.

- Local safety or insurance regulations may require additional safety equipment such as eye protection or a hard hat.
- Always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Wear proper clothing and safety equipment while handling chemicals or using the sprayer. Refer to the MSDS for the chemicals being used to be sure the proper personal protection equipment is being used.



## Avoid High Pressure Fluids

- Hydraulic hoses and lines can fail due to physical damage, kinks, age, and exposure. Check hoses and lines regularly. Replace damaged hoses and lines.

- Hydraulic fluid connections can loosen due to physical damage and vibration. Check connections regularly. Tighten loose connections.
- Escaping fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Avoid the hazard by relieving pressure before disconnecting hydraulic or other lines. Tighten all connections before applying pressure.
- Search for leaks with a piece of cardboard. Protect hands and body from high pressure fluids.
- If an accident occurs, see a doctor immediately. Any fluid injected into the skin must be surgically removed within a few hours or gangrene may result. Doctors unfamiliar with this type of injury should reference a knowledgeable medical source. Such information is available from Deere & Company Medical Department in Moline, Illinois, U.S.A. Information may be obtained in the United States and Canada only by calling 1-800-822-8262.

## Dispose of Chemicals Properly

- Proper disposal of excess spray material is very important. If you have excess tank solution, it is best to dilute it with water and apply it to the area you previously treated.
- Never dump solution into a drain or near a lake or stream.
- Chemicals containers should be triple-rinsed, with the rinse water added to the sprayer tank. Do not burn empty chemical containers. Dispose of containers at recycling centers.

## Handling Waste Product and Chemicals

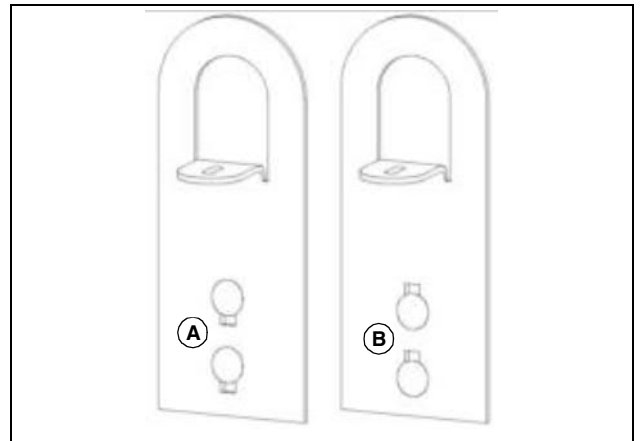
Waste products, such as, used oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, and batteries, can harm the environment and people:

- Do not use beverage containers for waste fluids - someone may drink from them.
- See your local Recycling Center or authorized dealer to learn how to recycle or get rid of waste products.
- A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides specific details on chemical products: physical and health hazards, safety procedures, and emergency response techniques. The seller of the chemical products used with your machine is responsible for providing the MSDS for that product.

## Installing

### Installing on Machines with Metal Cargo Boxes

1. Park the vehicle safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety Section.)
2. Empty the water tank before installation.
3. Before installation, the brackets must be adjusted for the use of a bedliner:



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- If a bedliner is used, bolts on the pallet need to be at the top (A) of the bracket slots.
- If a bedliner is not used, bolts on the pallet need to be at the bottom (B) of the bracket slots.



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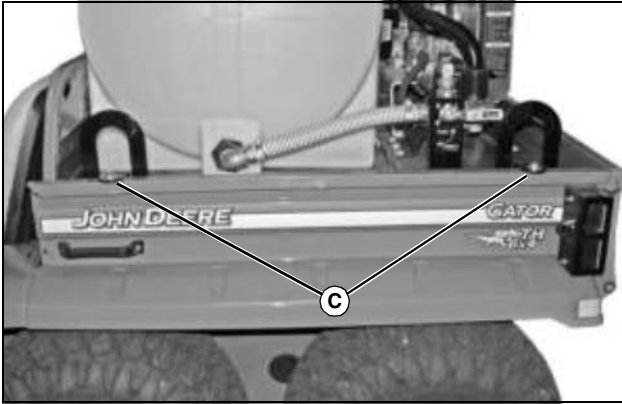
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# REMOVING AND STORING

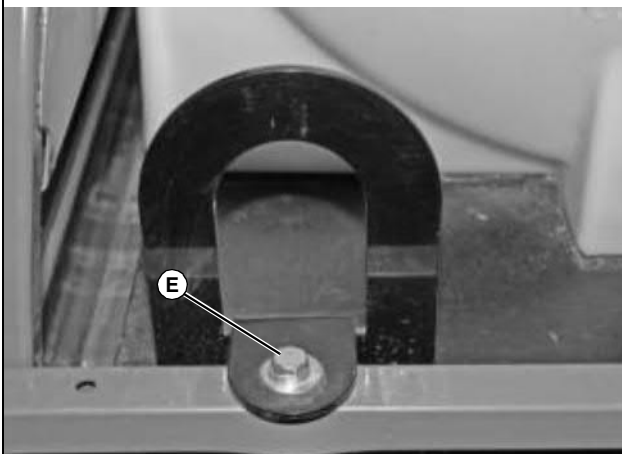
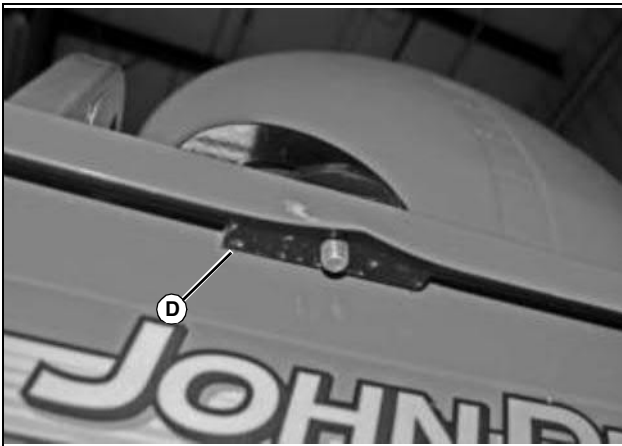
**CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Machine component or attachment is heavy. A forklift or hoist is required for lifting this attachment.



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4. Place the GatorPal into the center of the cargo box and line up the hole placements (C).

- When lifting with a fork lift, use the forklift holes in the pallet of the GatorPal.
- When using a hoist, make sure to securely fasten the straps to the unit before lifting.



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**CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Fingers and hands can be pinched or crushed. Be aware of potential pinch points and keep hands away.

5. Using the anchors (D), bolts (E), and washers supplied with the GatorPal, attach the GatorPal to the cargo box. Tighten all bolts.

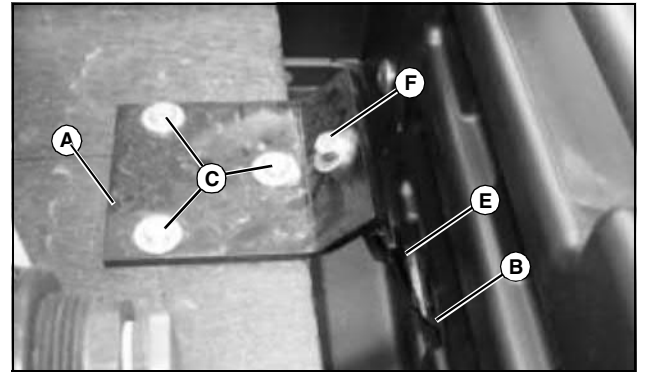
## Installing on Machines with Composite (Plastic) Cargo Boxes

1. Park the vehicle safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety Section.)

**CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Machine component or attachment is heavy. A forklift or hoist is required for lifting this attachment.

2. Position the GatorPal in the center of the cargo box.

- When lifting with a fork lift, use the forklift holes in the pallet of the GatorPal.
- When using a hoist, make sure to securely fasten the straps to the unit before lifting.



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3. Position pallet bracket (A) to attach to cargo box tie down (B).

4. Drill holes in pallet and install pallet bracket with bolts (C), washers and nuts as shown.

5. Attach pallet bracket to cargo box tie down with bracket (E), bolt (F), washer and nut.

6. Repeat installation for three other pallet brackets to secure GatorPal to cargo box.

## Removing and Storing

### Storing the Unit

For storage and transportation purposes in subfreezing ambient temperatures, it will be necessary to winterize this unit. This unit must be protected to the lowest incurred temperature for the following reasons:

If any part of the pumping system becomes frozen, excessive pressure may build up in the unit, which could cause the unit to burst resulting in possible serious injury to the operator or bystanders.

The pumping system in this unit may be permanently damaged if frozen. **FREEZE DAMAGE IS NOT COVERED BY WARRANTY.**

If you must store your unit in an area where the temperature may fall below 0°C (32°F), you can protect your unit by following the procedure outlined below: