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Introduction

Read this manual carefully to learn how to operate and service your machine correctly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.

This manual should be considered a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

Measurements in this manual are U.S. customary units and their metric equivalents.

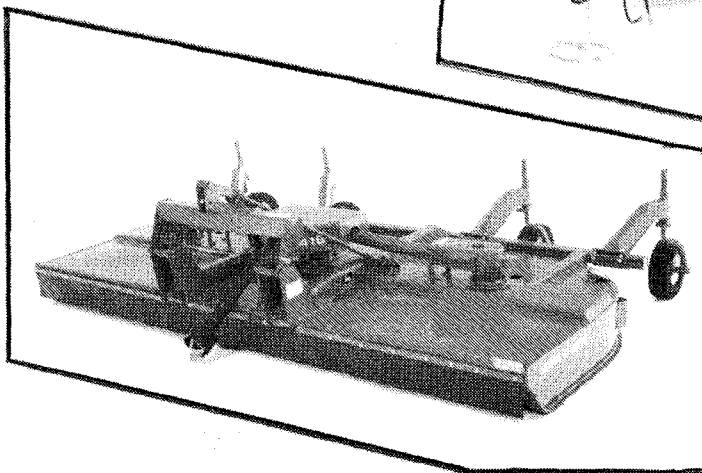
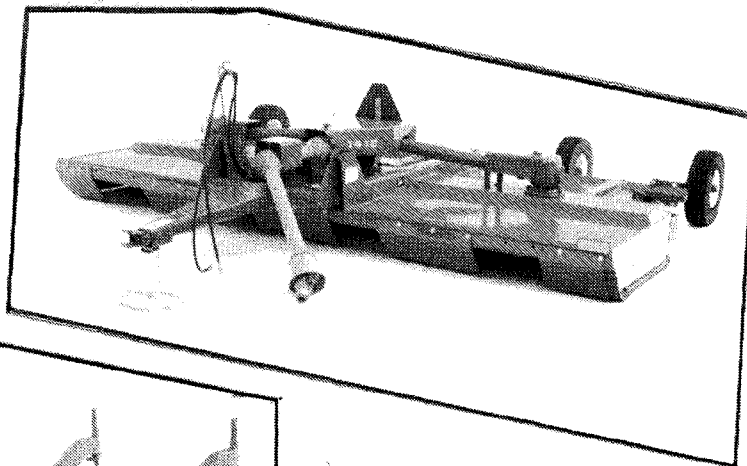
Right-hand and left-hand sides are determined by facing in the direction the implement will travel when going forward.

Write product identification numbers in the Specifications section. Accurately record all the numbers to help in tracing the machine should it be stolen. Your dealer also needs these numbers when you order parts. If this manual is kept on the machine, also file the identification numbers in a secure place off the machine.

Warranty is provided as part of John Deere's support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. The warranty is explained on the warranty certificate which you should have received from your dealer.

This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.

The tire manufacturer's warranty supplied with your machine may not apply outside the U.S.



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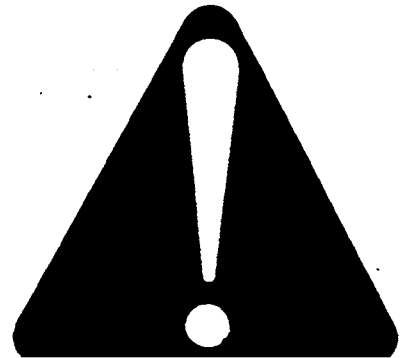
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Safety

RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.



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UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS

A signal word—DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION—is used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

Safety signs with signal word DANGER or WARNING are typically near specific hazards.

General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs. CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.

 **DANGER**

 **WARNING**

 **CAUTION**

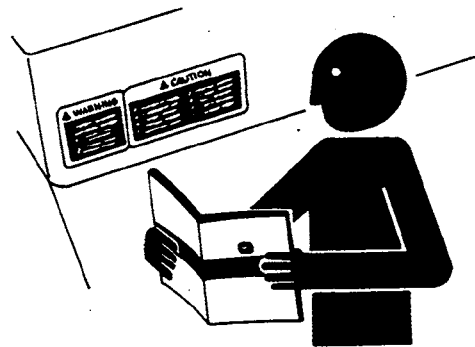
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FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Carefully read all safety messages in this manual and on your machine safety signs. Keep safety signs in good condition. Replace missing or damaged safety signs.

Learn how to operate the machine and how to use controls properly. Do not let anyone operate without instruction.

Keep your machine in proper working condition. Unauthorized modifications to the machine may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.



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STAY CLEAR OF ROTATING DRIVELINE

Entanglement in rotating driveline can cause serious injury or death. Disengage PTO, engage parking brake or place transmission in "PARK", shut off tractor engine, and remove key before:

- Working around hitch
- Attaching or detaching driveline
- Making adjustments or servicing the machine
- Cleaning machine



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CHECK BEFORE OPERATING

Check condition of hydraulic hoses and connections.

Become familiar with all controls.

Check hardware and machine condition.

Remove foreign objects from machine.

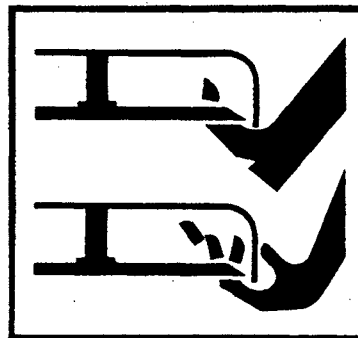
Be sure no one is near machine or tractor.

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STAY CLEAR OF ROTATING BLADES

Rotating blades can cut or dismember, causing personal injury or death. Keep hands and feet from under cutter deck.

Disconnect PTO driveline and hydraulic hoses from tractor before performing adjustments or service work.

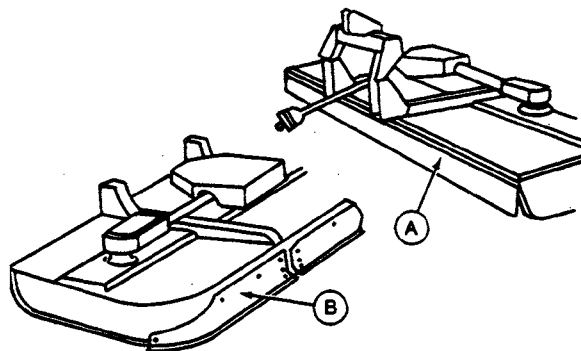


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USE FRONT AND REAR SAFETY SHIELDS

Use both front and rear safety shields to reduce the possibility of objects being thrown by the blades.

Adjustable rear shields should be kept in lowest possible position.



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PROTECT BYSTANDERS

Never operate the cutter near people. Do not stand near the cutter while blades are in motion. Debris can be thrown hundreds of feet.

DO NOT allow children to operate tractor or cutter.

Operate the cutter from tractor seat only.



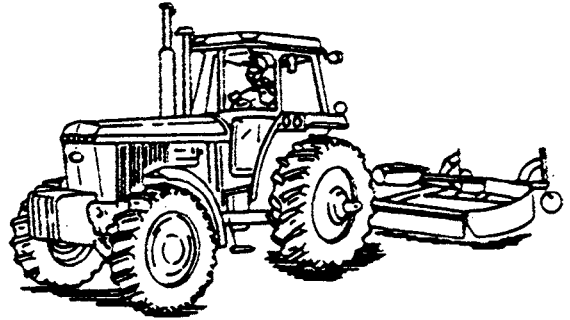
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OPERATE TRACTOR AND CUTTER SAFELY

All rotary cutters are potentially dangerous machines. This rotary cutter has been designed to minimize the chance of accidents but there is no substitute for a careful operator.

Flywheel effect of blade holder will drive tractors with transmission driven PTO's forward, even when tractor clutch is disengaged. Travel slowly near ditches, trees, or large objects. To stop, slow engine speed and apply brakes before disengaging clutch.

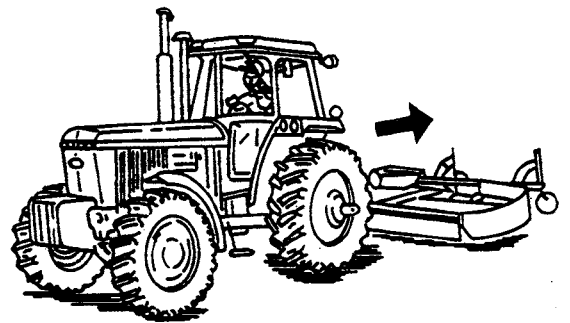


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BACK UP SAFELY

Do not operate the cutter in reverse unless necessary. First, look carefully behind the cutter.

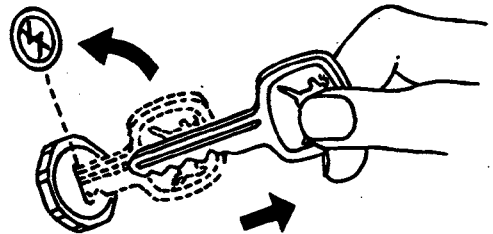
Be very careful when you back the tractor with the PTO engaged. Material can be discharged from the front of the cutter. This increases risk of injury to the operator from thrown objects.



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LEAVING CUTTER UNATTENDED

Lower the cutter to the ground, disengage PTO, engage parking brake or place transmission in "PARK", shut off tractor, and remove key.



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KEEP RIDERS OFF MACHINE

Only allow the operator on the machine. Keep riders off.

Riders on machine are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects and being thrown off of the machine. Riders also obstruct the operator's view resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.



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