

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT









SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users.

Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the job. Do this by:

- Thinking about and observing your surroundings
- Running through the steps of the job in your mind
- Identifying the hazards, how you can get hurt and how you'll prevent it
- Knowing what plant and equipment you need
- Only starting when you can do the job safely
- Ensuring you are trained or experienced for the task
- Communicating with everyone involved

Points to consider when planning a task. Can you:

- Come into contact with an energy source (e.g. heat, electricity, substance under pressure) or hazardous materials
- Be struck-by or against anything?
- Be caught-in, on or between anything?
- Slip, trip or fall on the same or too a lower level
- Strain or sprain a muscle?
- Cause damage to plant equipment or property?
 Spill or pollute something?

Tracked Skid Steer Loader



Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Ensure fuel tank is full (Diesel)
- Check correct engine and hydraulic oil levels
- Check correct radiator and reserve tank water levels
- Ensure grease points lubricated
- Check for hydraulic and engine oil leaks
- Check tracks for tension and condition
- Check the work area for underground services and overhead obstructions
- Always keep machine level (i.e. side to side) and on firm non-slippery undulating surfaces
- Do not allow inexperienced person to operate unit
- Do not leave machine running and unattended
- Always place bucket on ground when unattended
- Keep people well away from the work area
- Keep all body parts within cab area while operating
- Keep seatbelt fastened at all times
- Do not use in confined areas
- Do not allow people to ride on machine
- Refer to the Operators Manual for further information

Starting Procedure

- 1. Fasten seat belt snugly
- 2. Lower the seat safety bar
- 3. Ensure park brake is on
- 4. Make sure the controls are in the neutral (centre) position
- 5. Place throttle at approx. half position
- 6. Turn ignition to "On" (check warning lights are on)
- 7. Turn key to preheat for approx. 10-20 seconds (cold start)
- 8. Turn ignition key to start
- When engine is running check warning lights are off
- Move throttle lever to idle position and allow machine to warm up for five minutes

When Operating

- Move throttle lever to increase engine RPM to a speed that feels comfortable to you
- Switch off park brake and switch on hydraulic enable function
- Familiarise yourself with the operation of the levers
- Do not travel with the bucket raised
- Take extreme caution when turning on slopes
- Do not over load machine
- Always travel at a safe speed for the job

Stopping and After Use

- Park the machine in a safe place and on level ground
- Lower the lift arms and put the bucket on the ground
- Decrease engine speed and allow engine to idle for three minutes to cool engine and hydraulics
- Engage the park brake
- Switch off ignition
- Raise the seat safety bar
- Unfasten seat belt and remove

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