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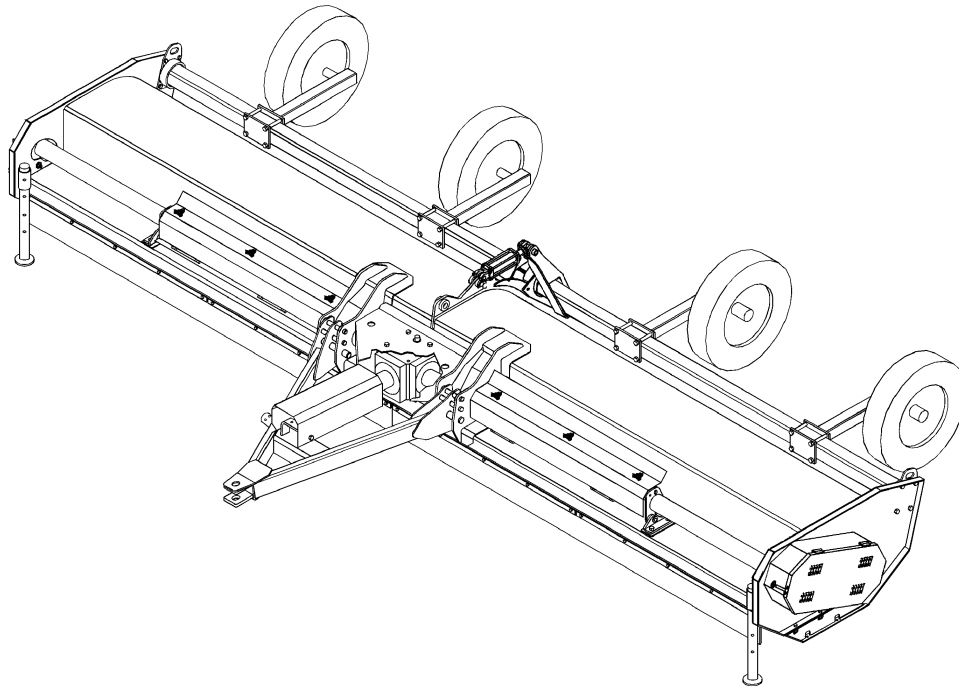
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Safety Video

Important Operating and Safety Instructions are found in the Mower Safety Video that can be instantly accessed on the internet at: www.algqr.com/rve



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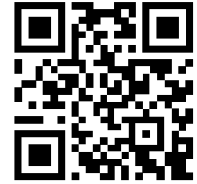
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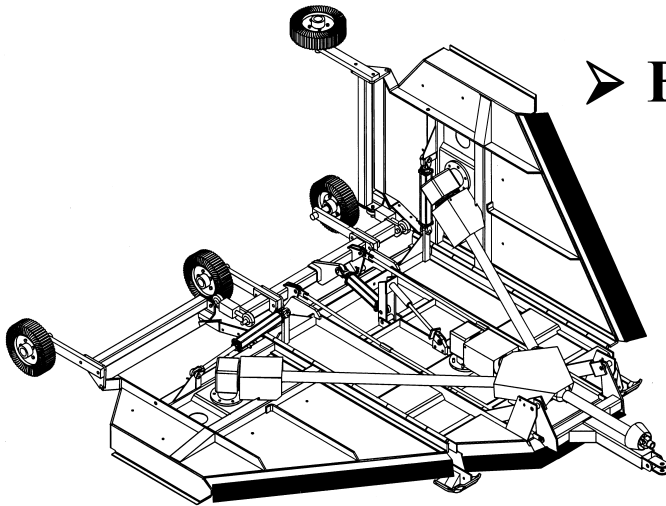


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➤ **BE ALERT!**

➤ **BE ALIVE!**

➤ **BE TRAINED
before operating
the Mower!**



Safety Training Makes the Difference

In order to reduce accidents and enhance the safe operation of mowers, *Alamo Group Ag Division*, in cooperation with other industry manufacturers has developed the AEM/FEMA Industrial and Agricultural Mower Safety Practices video and guide book.

The video will familiarize and instruct mower-tractor operators in safe practices when using industrial and agricultural mowing equipment. It is important that Every Mower Operator be educated in the operation of their mowing equipment and be able to recognize the potential hazards that can occur while operating a mower. This video, along with the mower operator's manual and the warning messages on the mower, will significantly assist in this important education.

Your Authorized *Rhino* Dealer may have shown this video and presented you a DVD Video when you purchased your mower. If you or any mower operator have not seen this video, **Watch the Video, Read this Operator's Manual, and Complete the Video Guidebook** before operating your new mower. If you do not understand any of the instructions included in the video or operator's manual or if you have any questions concerning safety of operation, contact your supervisor, dealer or *Alamo Group Ag*.

If you would like a VHS video tape of the video, please email AEMVideo@alamo-group.com or Fax AEM VHS Video at (830) 372-9529 or mail in a completed copy of the form on the back of this page to AEM VHS Video 1502 E Walnut Street, Seguin, TX 78155. and request the VHS video version. Please include your name, mailing address, mower model and serial number.

Every operator should be trained for each piece of equipment (Tractor and Mower), understand the intended use and the potential hazards before operating the equipment.

The information and material listed above along with this Operator's Manual can assist you in meeting the OSHA requirement for Operator annual training.

OSHA TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The following training requirements have been taken from Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations Part 1928.57 (a)(6). www.osha.gov

Operator Instructions. At the time of initial assignment and at least annually thereafter, the employer shall instruct every employee who operates an agricultural tractor or implement in the safe operating practices and servicing of equipment with which they are or will be involved, and of any other practices dictated by the work environment.

**Alamo Group Ag. Division will provide
one (1) AEM Mower Safety Practices Video**

- Please Send Me: VHS Format – AEM/FEMA Mower Operator Safety Video
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To the Owner/Operator/Dealer

This Operator's Manual is an integral part of the safe operation of this machine and must be maintained with the implement at all times. A Manual canister is provided on the implement where this manual can be properly stored. If you lose or damage this manual a free replacement manual can be obtained from an authorized *Rhino* dealer or by downloading the manual from the *Rhino* website www.servis-rhino.com

BEFORE YOU START! READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the information provided in this manual, the AEM Mower Safety manual and the tractor operator's manual carefully to learn how to operate and service your machine properly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury to you and bystanders. All implements with moving parts are potentially hazardous. Every effort has been made to ensure that this machine is safe, but operators must avoid engaging in unsafe practices and follow the written instructions provided. The manufacturer has designed this implement to be used with all its safety equipment properly attached to minimize the chance of accidents.

SAFETY FIRST. Completely read and understand the safety section of this manual before operating this equipment. Do not allow anyone to operate this equipment who has not fully read and understood this manual. Contact your Dealer to explain any instructions that you do not fully understand.

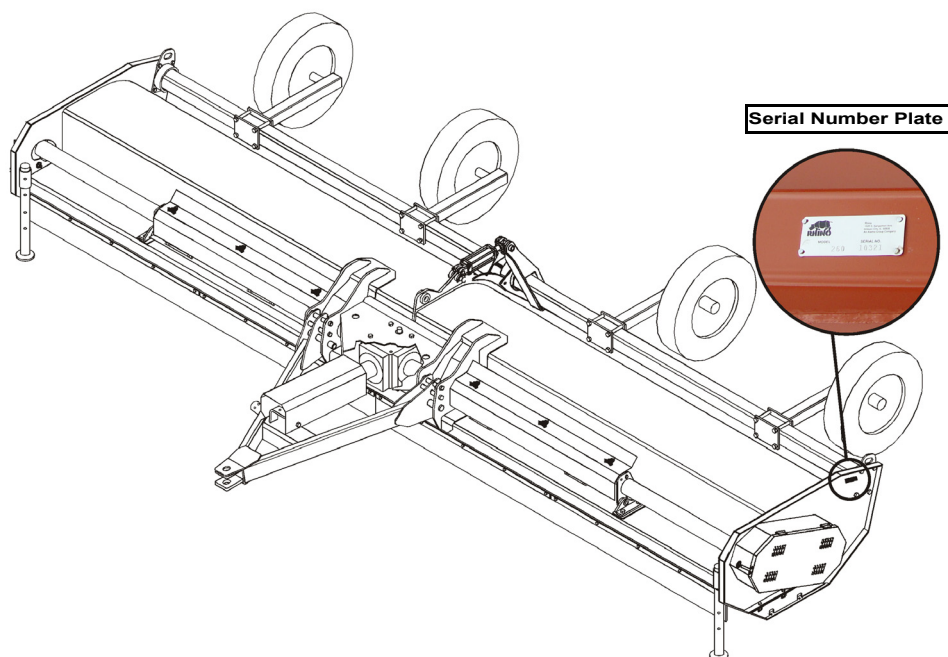
The care you give your *Rhino* Implement will greatly determine your satisfaction with its performance and its service life. Carefully read and follow the instructions in this manual to provide you with a thorough understanding of your new implement and its intended use and service requirements.

All references made in this manual to right, left, front, rear, top or bottom are as viewed facing the direction of forward travel with the implement properly attached to the tractor.

Replacement Parts information is located in a separate Parts Manual. *Rhino* mowers use balanced and matched system components for blade carriers, blades, cuttershafts, knives, knife hangers, rollers, drivetrain components, and bearings. These parts are made and tested to *Rhino* specifications. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce mower performance, void warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine *Rhino* mower parts for economy and safety.

For future reference, record your *Rhino* product model number and serial number.

Dealer		Telephone		Model Number	
Owner		Purchase Date		Serial Number	



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DEALER to CUSTOMER Pre-Delivery / Operation Instructions

Dealer should inform the Purchaser of this product of Warranty terms, provisions, and procedures that are applicable. Dealer should also inform the Purchaser to review the contents of the Operator's Manual including safety equipment, safe operation and maintenance, to review the Safety Signs on the implement (and tractor if possible) and of Purchaser's responsibility to train his/her operators in safe operation procedures.

- **IMPLEMENTS:** I have explained that Deflectors, Chain Guards, or Solid Skirts must be installed and maintained in good repair.
- **DRIVELINES:** I have made certain that all driveline, gearbox, and other shields are in good repair and fastened securely in place to prevent injuries from entanglement or thrown objects.
- **HYDRAULIC MACHINES:** I have explained the necessity of using clean hydraulic oil, changing filters as instructed, stopping leaks, damage caused by operating with over-heated oil, caring for hoses, using hoses of proper rating, maintaining the specified operating pressure and the potential hazard of oil's penetrating the skin.
- **FOLDING-TYPE IMPLEMENTS:** I have explained that it is not possible to guard against thrown objects when the head is lifted off ground and that operator is responsible to watch out for persons in the area. I have explained that the lifted mower head or boom can contact overhead obstructions with damage to cables and telephone lines and possible injury. I have explained that the extended head or boom or retracted boom can contact power lines with resulting electrocution, injury or death and that operator is responsible for keeping clear of such hazards.

PRE-DELIVERY SERVICE

CHECK AND ADJUST OR LUBRICATE AS REQUIRED

See Operator's Manual for Details

Inspection Performed - Warranty and Safety Procedures Explained - Installation Complete

LUBRICATION & HYDRAULICS

- Gearbox (Oil Levels)
- Hydraulic Oil Level (External Tank)
- Tractor Hydraulic Oil Level
- Hydraulic Hoses (Not Kinked Tighten Connections)
- Front Pump Drive (Assembly Is Tight And Shaft Properly Aligned)

MOWER

- Spindle And Motor Bolts Properly Torqued
- Spindle Oil Level
- Blade Carrier Bolts Properly Torqued/Retaining Pin In Place
- Mower Cutting Height And Level Adjusted
- Cutting Shaft Bearings Lubricated
- All Hardware Properly Torqued
- Tire and Air Pressure/Lug Nuts (Correct Torque)
- Wheel Bearings (Check, Grease, and Preload)

ATTACHMENTS & INSTALLATION

- Deflectors Front And Rear
- Shredding Attachments
- Correct Blade Rotation Direction
- Axle Arms And Beams
- Tongue And Control Rods (Installed And Adjusted)
- All Bolts - Pins And Nuts (Proper Torque)

MOWER TO TRACTOR CONNECTIONS

- Draw Bar Length (Check And Set)
- A-Frame Pivot & Links
- Control Rods (Adjusted Equal)
- Axle Height (Adjusted)
- Cutting Height (Adjust)
- Mount Kit-Pre-Operation Check Complete
- Mower Wing (Adjust Level With The Center)
- Mower Wing (Check For Proper Raising Operation)
- C.V. Drivelines (Check Max Turn Radius)
- Pull Type Hitch (Height Adjustment)
- Mounting Hardware Properly Torqued

SAFETY ITEMS

- Protective Shields (Operation And Installation)
- Driveline Clutch (Torque Limiter) (Adjust And Run In)
- Safety Decals (Installed)
- Operator's Manual (Supplied)
- Tractor PTO Shield (Installed)
- S.M.V. Emblem (Installed If Needed)
- Tongue Jack (Installation and Operation)
- Safety Tow Chain (Installed)
- ADMA Driveline Safety Manual Supplied
- AEM Mower Safety Manual (Supplied in Canister)
- AEM Mower Safety Video has been shown to Purchaser

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SAFETY SECTION

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SAFETY

GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND PRACTICES

A careful operator is the best operator. Safety is of primary importance to the manufacturer and should be to the owner/operator. Most accidents can be avoided by being aware of your equipment, your surroundings, and observing certain precautions. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Read and understand these Safety Messages before assembling, operating or servicing this Implement. This equipment should only be operated by those persons who have read the manual, who are responsible and trained, and who know how to do so responsibly.



The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is used throughout this manual and on decals which are attached to the equipment. The Safety Alert Symbol means: "ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!" The Symbol and Signal Word are intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this equipment.

Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all--- remember safety is up to YOU. Only YOU can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, WILL result in DEATH OR VERY SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, COULD result in DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, MAY result in MINOR INJURY.

Important

Identifies special instructions or procedures that, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of the machine, attachments or the environment.

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

READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following Safety Messages. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in this Manual and in the Safety Messages on the implement. Always follow the instruction in this manual and use good common sense to avoid hazards.



NOTE: *If you want a translation of this safety section in one of the following Languages, please contact: Translations at 1502 E. Walnut Street Seguin, TX 78155; Fax: (830) 372-9529; Safety Section Translations are available in Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Russian. PN GS01*

SAFETY

OPERATOR SAFETY

				
Read and understand Operator's Manual	Always wear Safety Glasses	Wear Hard Hat Safety Shoes	Never use Drugs or Alcohol when operating equipment	Wear Safety Vest when operating on or near roads

⚠ WARNING TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH DO THE FOLLOWING:

- **READ, UNDERSTAND** and **FOLLOW** Operator's Manual instructions, Warnings and Safety Messages.
- **WEAR SAFETY GLASSES**, safety shoes, hard hat, hearing protection and gloves when operating or repairing equipment
- **WEAR** appropriate breathing respirator when operating in dusty conditions to avoid respiratory diseases.
- **DO NOT WEAR** loose clothing or jewelry to avoid rotating parts entanglement injury.
- **DO NOT USE DRUGS** or **ALCOHOL** before or while operating equipment.
- **DO NOT ALLOW** anyone to operate equipment under the influence of drug or alcohol.
- **CONSULT** medical professional for medication impairment side effects.
- **STAY ALERT**, prolonged operation can cause fatigue, **STOP** and **REST**.

GENERAL OPERATING SAFETY

VISIBILITY CONDITIONS WHEN MOWING:

- **OPERATE IN DAYLIGHT** or with lights that gives at least 100 yards clear visibility.
- **BE ABLE TO SEE** and identify passersby, steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, debris and foreign objects.

GROUND SPEED WHEN MOWING:

- **NORMAL SPEED** range is between 2 to 5mph.
- **ADJUST MOWING SPEED** for terrain conditions and grass type, density and cut height.
- **REDUCE MOWING SPEED** when near steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines and to avoid debris and foreign objects.

INSECT INFESTATION

- Do Not operate in areas where bees or insects may attack unless you **WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING** or use enclosed tractor cab.

PTO SPEED:

- **DO NOT EXCEED IMPLEMENT RATED PTO SPEED**
- **AVOID** exceeding rated PTO speeds that may result in broken drivelines or blade failures.

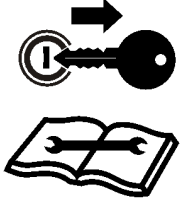
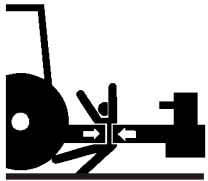
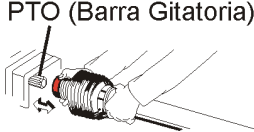
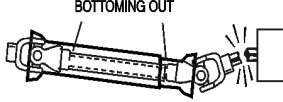
SAFETY SIGNS:

- **REPLACE** missing, damaged or unreadable safety signs immediately. *PN OS01*

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CONNECTION OR DISCONNECTING IMPLEMENT SAFETY

			
<p>Stop Tractor Remove Key Read Manual</p>	<p>Crushing injury between tractor and implement</p>	<p>Make sure PTO shaft is securely attached to tractor</p>	<p>Make sure PTO shaft are proper length</p>



TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM BEING CRUSHED BY TRACTOR OR IMPLEMENT:

WHEN BACKING tractor to implement hitch:

- **DO NOT ALLOW BYSTANDERS** between tractor and implement

BEFORE connecting and disconnecting implement hitch:

- **STOP TRACTOR ENGINE**, place transmission into park, engage parking brake and remove key.

WHEN connecting and disconnecting implement hitch:

- **DO NOT** crawl or walk under raised mower

WHEN CONNECTING IMPLEMENT DRIVELINE:

TO AVOID implement driveline coming loose during operation:

- **LUBRICATE** yoke spring locking collar to ensure it freely slides on PTO shaft
- **SECURELY** seat yoke locking balls in PTO shaft groove.
- **PUSH** and **PULL DRIVELINE** on both the tractor and implement **PTO SHAFTS** to ensure it is **SECURELY ATTACHED**

TO AVOID broken driveline during operations:

- **CHECK** driveline for proper length between PTO shaft and implement gearbox shaft.
- Drivelines too short can pull apart or disengage.
- Drivelines too long can bottom out.
- Bottoming driveline telescoping assembly will stop sliding and become solid.
- Driveline bottoming can push through support bearings and break off PTO shaft.

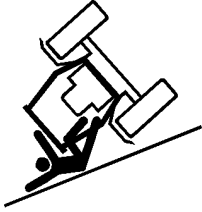
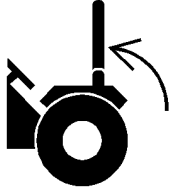

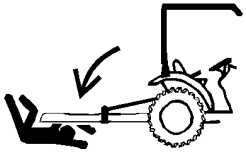
CONTACT DEALER if implement driveline does not match Tractor PTO shaft:

- **DO NOT USE PTO ADAPTER.**
Using a PTO adapter can cause:
 - Excessive vibration, thrown objects, blade and implement failures by doubling operating speed.
 - Increased working length exposing unshielded driveline areas and entanglement hazards.

DO NOT connect the Mower to a tractor with the PTO directly connected to the Tractor transmission. PN CDFM-01

SAFETY

CRUSHING HAZARDS

			
<p>Crushing injury from roll over</p>	<p>Lock ROPS in up position</p>	<p>Always wear seatbelt</p>	<p>Crushing injury implement falling</p>



TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM FALLING OFF TRACTOR, EQUIPMENT RUN OVER, ROLLOVER AND CRUSHING BY FALLING WING OR IMPLEMENT:

- **USE ROPS** and **SEAT BELT** equipped tractors for mowing operations.
- **KEEP ROPS** lock in up position.
- **ALWAYS BUCKLE UP** seat belt when operating tractor and equipment.
- **ONLY OPERATE** tractor and equipment while seated in tractor seat.

WHEN RAISING OR LOWERING IMPLEMENT:

- Raise or lower **ONLY WHILE SEATED** in tractor seat with seat belt buckled.
- Raise or lower **ONLY** when implement tongue is securely attached to tractor drawbar **TO AVOID** implement tip over.
- **KEEP BYSTANDERS CLEAR** of area **TO AVOID** crushing.

LIFTED Equipment can fall from mechanical or hydraulic failure or inadvertent Control Lever movement.



TO AVOID EQUIPMENT FALLING while working near or under lifted wings, components and implements raised by 3-Pointed tractor hitch:

- **SECURELY SUPPORT** or block up raised equipment and components.
- **BLOCK UP** and securely support equipment before putting hands, feet or body under raised equipment or lifted components.

WHEN PARKING Implement and Tractor:

- **LOWER** implement, **LOCK** or **BLOCK** lifted parts before leaving equipment.
- **NEVER** leave implement unattended in a raised position.



TO AVOID CHILDREN FALLING OFF OR BEING CRUSHED BY EQUIPMENT:




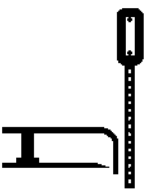
- **NEVER ALLOW** children to play on or around Tractor or Implement.

WHEN UNHITCHING IMPLEMENT:

- **LOWER** implement, **LOCK** or **BLOCK** lifted parts before leaving equipment. *PN CHFM-01*

SAFETY

THROWN OBJECT HAZARDS

			
Mower Thrown Objects Hazard	Raised Mower Thrown Objects	Inspect Area remove foreign objects	Do not let blades contact solid objects



ROTARY MOWERS CAN THROW OBJECTS 300 FEET OR MORE UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS.

TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO OPERATOR OR BYSTANDERS FROM THROWN OBJECTS:

- KEEP bystanders 300 feet away

STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 300 FEET UNLESS:

- **All THROWN OBJECT SHIELDING** including, Front and Rear Deflectors, Steel Guards, Bands, Side Skirts and Skid Shoes in place and in good condition when mowing.
- Mower sections or wing are adjusted to be close and parallel to ground without exposing blades.
- **MOWING AREA** has been inspected and foreign materials and debris have been removed.
- **PASSERSBY** are inside enclosed vehicle.

INSPECT AREA FOR POTENTIAL THROWN OBJECTS BEFORE MOWING:

- **REMOVE** debris, rocks, wire, cable, metal objects and other foreign material from area. Wire, cable, rope, chains and metal objects can be thrown or swing outside deck with great velocity:
 1. **MARK** objects that cannot removed.
 2. **AVOID** these objects when mowing.

HIGH GRASS and WEED AREA INSPECTION:

- **INSPECT** for and **REMOVE** any hidden large debris.
- **MOW** at Intermediate height
- **INSPECT** and remove remaining debris
- **MOW** at final height.

MOWER THROWN OBJECT SHIELDING:




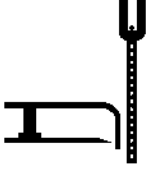
- **KEEP** all thrown object shielding including, Front and Rear Deflectors, Steel Guards, Bands, Side Skirts and Skid Shoes in place and in good condition when mowing.
- **DO NOT OPERATE** with any thrown object shielding missing, damaged or removed.

RIGHT OF WAY (Highway) MOWING

- No shielding is 100% effective in preventing thrown objects. To Reduce Possibility of Injury:
 1. **MAINTAIN MOWER SHIELDING**, side skirts, skid shoes, and blades in good operational condition,
 2. **RAISE CUTTING HEIGHT** to **6 INCHES** minimum,
 3. **INSPECT AREA** thoroughly before mowing to **REMOVE** potential **THROWN OBJECT HAZARDS**,
 4. **NEVER ALLOW BLADES TO CONTACT SOLID OBJECTS** like wire, rocks, post, curbs, guardrails, or ground while mowing. *PN TOFM-01*

SAFETY

THROWN OBJECTS HAZARDS (CONTINUED)

			
<p>Mower Thrown Objects Hazard</p>	<p>Raised Mower Thrown Objects</p>	<p>Inspect Area remove foreign objects</p>	<p>Do not let blades contact solid objects</p>



MOWER OPERATION:

- **DO NOT** exceed mower's rated Cutting Capacity or cut non-vegetative material.
- **USE ENCLOSED TRACTOR CABS** when two or more mowers are operating in mowing area.
- **ADJUST** mower sections or wing close and parallel to ground without exposing blades
- **ADJUST** cutting **HEIGHT** to **AVOID BLADE CONTACT** with solid objects like wire, rocks, posts, curbs, guard rails and fixed obstructions.
- **DO NOT** operate mower when mower is raised or in transport position
- **STOP MOWING** immediately if blades strike heavy objects, fixed structures, metal guard rails and concrete structures:
 1. **BLADES CAN FAIL** from impact and objects can be thrown with great velocity.
 2. **INSPECT** and **REPLACE** any damaged blades.
 3. **CHECK** blade carrier balance and **REPLACE** if damaged.
- **DO NOT** mow in standing water **TO AVOID** possible **BLADE FAILURE**.
- **AVOID MOWING** in reverse:
 1. **STOP PTO** and back up mower.
 2. **LOWER** mower, engage **PTO** and mow forward.
- **STOP PTO** and **BLADES** when raising the mower to transport position.
- **DO NOT ENGAGE PTO** with mower in transport position.
- **STOP** mowing when **EXCESSIVE VIBRATION** occurs:
 1. **STOP PTO** and tractor **ENGINE**.
 2. **INSPECT** mower for vibration source
 3. **REPLACE** any damage parts and bent or damaged **BLADES**. *PN TOFM-02*

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RUN OVER HAZARDS

		
Operator run over hazard	Rider fall off run over hazard	Rider fall off run over hazard



TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM FALLING OFF TRACTOR OR EQUIPMENT RUN OVER:

- **USE ROPS** and **SEAT BELT** equipped tractors for mowing operations.
- **KEEP ROPS** locked in **UP** position.
- **ONLY** start tractor while seated in tractor seat.
- **ALWAYS BUCKLE UP** seat belt when operating tractor and equipment.
- **ONLY OPERATE** tractor and equipment while seated in tractor seat.
- **NEVER ALLOW RIDERS** on tractor or implement.


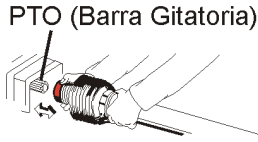
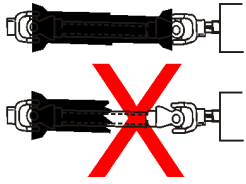
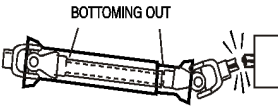
WHEN MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING TRACTOR:

- **ONLY** mount or dismount when tractor and moving parts are stopped.
- **STOP ENGINE AND PTO**, engage parking brake, lower implement, allow all moving parts to stop and remove key before dismounting from tractor. *PN R001*

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PTO ENTANGLEMENT HAZARDS

	 <p>PTO (Barra Gitoria)</p>		 <p>BOTTOMING OUT</p>
<p>Entanglement hazard Do Not approach or touch a rotating PTO driveshaft</p>	<p>Make sure PTO shaft is securely attached Do Not Use PTO Adapter</p>	<p>DO NOT Operate if PTO shields are damaged or missing</p>	<p>Make sure PTO shafts are proper length</p>



KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING DRIVELINES AND ELEMENTS TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:

STAY AWAY and **KEEP hands, feet and body AWAY** from rotating blades, drivelines and parts until all moving elements have stopped.

- **STOP, LOOK and LISTEN** before approaching the mower to make sure all rotating motion has stopped.
- **ROTATING COMPONENTS CONTINUE to ROTATE** after the PTO is shut off.

PTO SHIELDING:

TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM ENTANGLEMENT WHEN OPERATING IMPLEMENT:

- **KEEP PTO** shields, integral driveline shields and input shields installed
- **DO NOT OPERATE** mower without shields and guards in place or missing
- **REPAIR OR REPLACE** if damage, broken or missing
- **ALWAYS REPLACE GUARDS** that have been removed for service or maintenance.
- Do Not use PTO or PTO guard as a step.

TO AVOID broken driveline during operations:

- **CHECK** driveline for proper length between PTO shaft and implement gearbox shaft. *(Refer to Instructions in Operation Section)*
- Drivelines too short can pull apart or disengage.
- Drivelines too long can bottom out.
Bottoming driveline telescoping assembly will stop sliding and become solid.
- Driveline bottoming can push through support bearings and break off PTO shaft
- **AVOID** sharp turns or lift mower to heights to cause driveline "knocking".
- Lubricate driveshaft-telescoping components weekly.

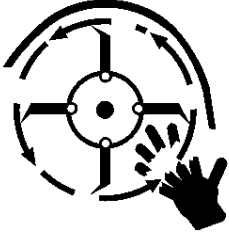
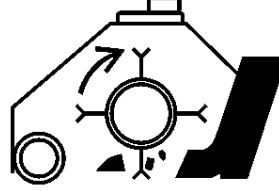
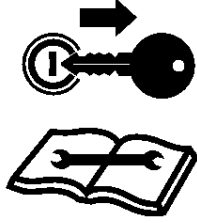
CONTACT DEALER if implement driveline does not match Tractor PTO shaft:

- **DO NOT USE PTO ADAPTER.**
Using a PTO adapter can cause excessive vibration, thrown objects, blade and implement failures by doubling operating speed. Increased working length exposing unshielded driveline areas. *PN PE01*

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MOWER BLADE CONTACT HAZARDS

		
Do not put fingers underneath mower	Do not put foot underneath mower	Stop Tractor Remove Key Read Manual

⚠ DANGER KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING BLADES TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM BLADE CONTACT:

- **STAY AWAY** and **KEEP HANDS, FEET** and **BODY AWAY** from rotating blades, drivelines and parts until all moving elements have stopped.
- **DO NOT** put hands or feet under mower decks
- **STOP** rotating **BLADES** disengage PTO and wait for blade to stop rotating before raising mower deck or wings
- **STOP LOOK** and **LISTEN** before approaching the mower to make sure all rotating motion has stopped. *PN MBFM-01*

HIGH PRESSURE OILLEAK HAZARDS

		
High pressure oil penetrating skin	High pressure oil eroding skin	Using cardboard to check for oil leaks

⚠ DANGER TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM HIGH PRESSURE HYDRAULIC OIL LEAKS PENERATING SKIN:

- **DO NOT OPERATE** equipment with oil or fuel leaks.
- **KEEP** all hydraulic hoses, lines and connections in **GOOD CONDITION** and **TIGHT** before applying system pressure.
- **RELIEVE HYDRAULIC PRESSURE** before disconnecting lines or working on the system.
- **REMOVE** and replace hose if you suspect it leaks. Have dealer test it for leaks.

HIGH PRESSURE FLUID LEAKS CAN BE INVISIBLE.

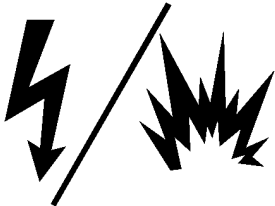

WHEN CHECKING FOR HYDRAULIC LEAKS AND WORKING AROUND HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS:

- **ALWAYS WEAR** safety glasses and impenetrable gloves.
- **USE** paper or cardboard to search for leaks.
- **DO NOT USE** hands or body parts to search for leak.
- **KEEP** hands and body **AWAY** from pin holes and nozzles ejecting hydraulic fluid.
- Hydraulic fluid may cause gangrene if not surgically removed immediately by a doctor familiar with this form of injury.

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ELECTRICAL & FIRE HAZARDS

	
Strike and explosion Hazard Blades Contacting Utility or Gas Lines	Do not operate near fires. Keep mower deck clear of debris

⚠ DANGER

TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM ELECTRICAL CONTACT WHEN WORKING AROUND ELECTRICAL POWER LINES, GAS LINES AND UTILITY LINES:

- **INSPECT** mowing area for overhead or underground electrical power lines, obstructions, gas lines, cables and Utility, Municipal, or other type structure.
- **DO NOT** allow mower to contact with any Utility, Municipal, or type of structures and obstructions.
- **CALL 811** and 1-800-258-0808 for identify buried utility lines.

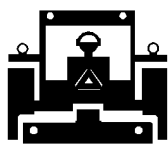


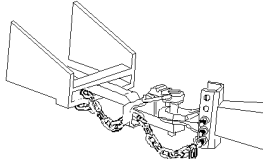

FIRE PREVENTION GUIDELINES while Operating, Servicing, and Repairing Mower and Tractor to reduce equipment and grass fire Risk:

- **EQUIP** Tractor with a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**
- **DO NOT OPERATE** mower on a tractor equipped with under frame exhaust
- **DO NOT SMOKE** or have open flame near Mower or Tractor
- **DO NOT DRIVE** into burning debris or freshly burnt area
- **AVOID FIRE IGNITION** by not allowing mower blade to contact solid objects like metal or rock.
- **ADJUST SLIP CLUTCHES** to avoid excessive slippage and clutch plate heating.
- **CLEAR** any grass clippings or debris buildup around mower drivelines, slip clutches, and gearboxes.
- **SHUT OFF ENGINE** while refueling. *PN EF02*

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TRANSPORTING HAZARDS

				
Use SMV signs and Flashing Lights	Loss of Control Stopping Hazard	Loss of Control Speeding Hazard	Use Safety Tow Chain - Tractor to Implement	Engage Transport Locks

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TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH WHEN TOWING OR TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT:

- **KEEP** transport speed **BELOW** 20 mph to maintain control of equipment.
- **REDUCE SPEED** on inclines, on turns and in poor towing conditions.
- **DO NOT TOW** with trucks or other vehicles
- **USE** only properly sized and equipped tractor for towing equipment.
- **FOLLOW** all local traffic regulations.

TRACTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR TOWING OR TRANSPORTING IMPLEMENTS:

- **ONLY TRANSPORT** with tractor with **ROPS** in the raised position.
- **USE** properly sized and equipped tractor that exceeds implement weight by at least 20%
- **KEEP** 20% of tractor weight on front wheels to maintain safe steering.

BEFORE TRANSPORTING OR TOWING IMPLEMENT:

TRACTOR INSPECTION:

- **CHECK** steering and braking for proper operation and in good condition.
- **CHECK SMV** sign, reflectors and warning lights for proper operation and visibility behind unit.
- **CHECK** that your driving vision is not impaired by tractor, cab, or implement while seated in tractor seat.
- **ADJUST** your operating position, mirrors, and implement transport for clear vision for traveling and traffic conditions.

PREPARE IMPLEMENT FOR TRANSPORTING OR TOWING:

- **DISENGAGE PTO**
- **RAISE MOWER**
- **REMOVE** any cut material collected on mower deck.

TOWED MOWERS - ENGAGE TRANSPORT LOCKS AND SAFETY CHAINS:

- **INSTALL** center axle cylinder transport stops or pins
- **ATTACH** implement SAFETY CHAIN to tractor

DETERMINE STOPPING CHARACTERISTICS OF TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT FOR TRANSPORTING OR TOWING:

BRAKING TESTS:

- **APPLY** brakes at increasing speeds
- Observe **STOPPING** distances increases with increased speeds.
- **DETERMINE** the maximum safe transport speed that does not exceed 20 mph

DETERMINE MAXIMUM TURNING SPEED BEFORE OPERATING ON ROADS OR UNEVEN GROUND:

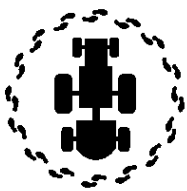
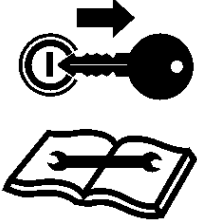
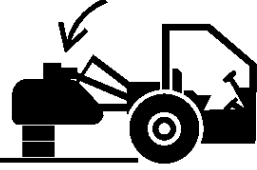
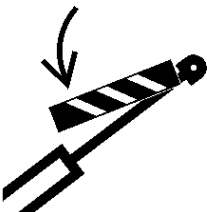

- **TEST** equipment in slowly increasing speed in turns to determine it can be operated at higher speeds.
- **USE REDUCED** turning speeds in sharp turns to avoid equipment turning over.

WHEN TOWING OR TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT:

- Always **WEAR SEAT BELT** when operating or transporting mower.
- **USE** low speeds to avoid overturn with raised wings.
- **USE** low speeds and gradual steering on curves, hills, rough or uneven surfaces and on wet roads
- **TURN ON** tractor **FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS**.
- **ALLOW** clearance for implement swing while turning. *PN TH02*

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HAZARDS WITH MAINTENANCE OF IMPLEMENT

				
Periodically inspect all moving parts, lubricate drivelines, and tighten all fasteners	Stop engine remove key before conducting maintenance	Block up implement before servicing Use large blocks on soft or wet soil	Engage cylinder transport locks	Inspect Blades for damage or cracks

⚠ WARNING AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM COMPONENT FAILURE BY KEEPING IMPLEMENT IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION IN PERFORMING PROPER SERVICE, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

BEFORE PERFORMING SERVICE, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ON THE IMPLEMENT:

- **STOP ENGINE AND PTO**, engage parking brake, lower implement, allow all moving parts to stop and remove key before dismounting from tractor.
- **PLACE** implement on ground or securely block up raised equipment. Use large blocks on soft or wet soil.
- **PUSH** and **PULL** Remote Hydraulic Cylinder lever to relieve hydraulic pressure.
- **DISCONNECT IMPLEMENT** driveline from tractor **PTO SHAFT**.

WEAR SAFETY GLASSES, PROTECTIVE GLOVES and follow **SAFETY PROCEDURES** when performing service, repairs and maintenance on the implement:

- Always **WEAR** protective **GLOVES** when handling blades, knives, cutting edges or worn component with sharp edges.
- Always **WEAR GLOVES** and **SAFETY GLASSES** when servicing hot components
- **AVOID CONTACT** with hot hydraulic oil tanks, pumps, motors, valves and hose connection surfaces.
- **SECURELY** support or **BLOCK UP** raised implement, framework and lifted components before working underneath equipment.
- **STOP** any implement movements and **SHUT-OFF TRACTOR** engine before doing any work procedures.
- **USE** ladder or raised stands to reach high equipment areas inaccessible from ground.
- **ENSURE** good footing by standing on solid flat surfaces when getting on implement to perform work.
- **FOLLOW** manufacturer's instructions in handling oils, solvents, cleansers, and other chemical agents.
- **DO NOT** change any factory-set hydraulic calibrations to avoid component or equipment failures.
- **DO NOT** modify or alter implement, functions or components.
- **DO NOT WELD** or repair rotating mower components. These may cause vibrations and component failures being thrown from mower.

PERFORM SERVICE, REPAIRS, LUBRICATION AND MAINTENANCE OUTLINED IN IMPLEMENT MAINTENANCE SECTION:

- **INSPECT** for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, leaky or loose fittings, missing or broken cotter keys and washers on pins, and all moving parts for wear.
- **REPLACE** any worn or broken parts with authorized service parts.
- **LUBRICATE** unit as specified by lubrication schedule
- **NEVER** lubricate, adjust or remove material while it is running or in motion.
- **TORQUE** all bolts and nuts as specified.

BLADE INSPECTION:

- **REPLACE** bent, damage, cracked or broken blades immediately with new blades.
- **AVOID** blade failures and thrown broken blades. **DO NOT** straighten, weld, or weld hard-facing blades.

SAFETY SHIELDS, GUARDS AND SAFETY DEVICES INSPECTION:

- **KEEP** all Deflectors, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, and PTO integral shields, Bands, Side Skirts and Skid Shoes in place and in good condition.
- **REPLACE** any missing, broken or worn safety shields, guards and safety devices.
- Engine Exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. *PN HMFM-01*

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PARTS INFORMATION

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Rhino mowers use balanced and matched system components for blade carriers, blades, cuttershafts, knives, knife hangers, rollers, drivetrain components, and bearings. These parts are made and tested to Rhino specifications. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce mower performance, void warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine Rhino mower parts for economy and safety. (SPRM-1)

SEE YOUR RHINO DEALER

Operator's & Parts Manuals



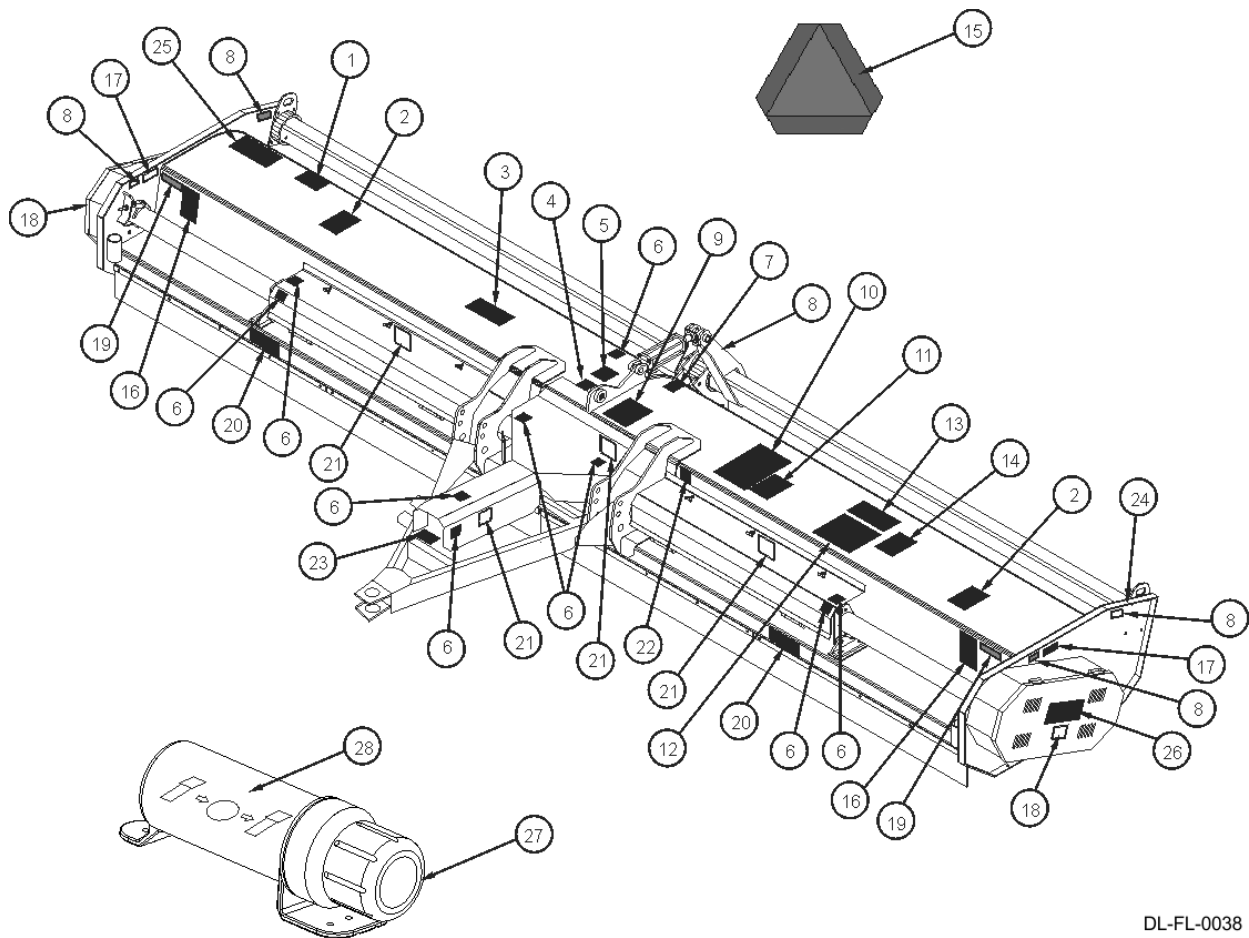
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Decal Location

NOTE: Rhino supplies safety decals on this product to promote safe operation. Damage to the decals may occur while in shipping, use, or reconditioning. Rhino cares about the safety of its customers, operators, and bystanders, and will replace the safety decals on this product in the field, free of charge (Some shipping and handling charges may apply). Contact your Rhino dealer to order replacement decals.



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1.	00725747	1	INSTRUCT	Flail Operating Instructions
2.	00725715	2	INSTRUCT	Lift Unit
3.	00760657	1	WARNING	Genuine Parts
4.	00725738	1	IMPORTANT	Gearbox Instructions
5.	00771283	1	INSTRUCT	5 Year Gearbox Warranty
6.	000678	9	INSTRUCT	Grease Fitting Inside
7.	D623	1	WARNING	Pinch Points
8.	1438333	5	INSTRUCT	Grease Every 10 Hours
9.	D114	1	DANGER	1000 RPM
10.	D390	1	WARNING	Pull Type Unit Hazards
11.	999001	1	WARNING	Maintain Weight for Steerage
12.	D696	1	DANGER	Multi Hazard
13.	D830	1	DANGER	Multi-Language General Safety
14.	00725713	1	INSTRUCT	Lubrication Chart
15.	03200347	1	REFLECT	SMV Reflector
16.	00725720	1	INSTRUCT	Belt Tension
17.	00758194	2	WARNING	Pinch Point
18.	00775933	2	WARNING	Guard Missing
19.	1458393	2	REFLECT	Amber Reflector
20.	D626	2	DANGER	Thrown Object Hazard
21.	00756004	4	DANGER	Driveline Shield Missing
22.	00725745	1	INFORMATION	Quick Coupler Hitch Missing
23.	D525	1	WARNING	Jack Positioning
24.	nfs	1	SER PLT	Serial Number Plate
25.	00727050	2	NAME	RC115
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⚠ WARNING

**Non-genuine parts can fail catastrophically.
TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:**

- ONLY use genuine RHINO replacement parts.
- Non-genuine parts can fail creating hazardous conditions for operator and bystanders.

Contact local dealer or RHINO about repair parts at:

1020 S. Sangamon Ave.,
Gibson City, IL 60936
Customer Service: 800-446-5158.
Email: parts@servis-rhino.com




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IMPORTANT

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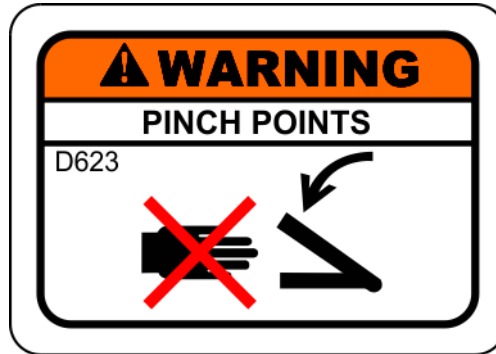
To prevent serious injury to yourself and/or bystanders, be trained in Safe Mowing Practices. Alamo Group Companies as well as AEM and FEMA provide training material that is critical for your Safety and the Safety of others when operating this equipment. Make these Safety Procedures an important part of every workday. Read and understand the Operator's Manual. Do not let untrained individuals operate this equipment. Contact your Dealer, AEM (www.aem.org), FEMA (314-878-2304, www.FarmEquip.org), or Alamo Group (www.Alamo-Group.com) for information on training material or courses that provide training in Safer Operating Practices for Mowers.



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⚠ WARNING



TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM HIGH PRESSURE HYDRAULIC OIL LEAKS PENETRATING SKIN:

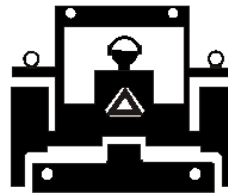
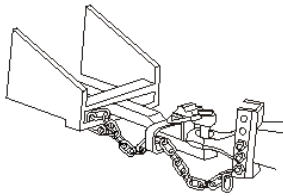
- DO NOT OPERATE equipment with oil or fuel leaks.
- KEEP all hydraulic hoses, lines and connections in good condition and tight before applying system pressure.
- Relieve hydraulic pressure before disconnecting lines or working on the system.
- REMOVE and replace hose if you suspect it leaks. Have dealer test it for leaks.

HIGH PRESSURE FLUID LEAKS CAN BE INVISIBLE. WHEN CHECKING FOR HYDRAULIC LEAKS AND WORKING AROUND HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS:

- DO NOT use hands to check for leaks.
- ALWAYS WEAR safety glasses and impenetrable gloves.
- USE paper or cardboard to search for leaks.
- KEEP hands and body AWAY from pin holes and nozzles ejecting hydraulic fluid.
- Hydraulic fluid may cause gangrene if not surgically removed immediately by a doctor familiar with this form of injury.

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⚠ WARNING



TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH WHEN TOWING EQUIPMENT:

- DO NOT TOW with trucks or other vehicles.
- ONLY transport with properly sized and equipped tractor. (see Operator's Manual)
- ATTACH implement SAFETY CHAIN to tractor.
- CHECK SMV sign, reflectors and warning lights for visibility behind unit.
- TURN ON tractor flashing warning lights.

TO AVOID LOSS OF TOWING CONTROL:




- DO NOT tow at speeds over 20 mph.
- REDUCE SPEED on inclines, in turns and in poor towing conditions.

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⚠ DANGER



THROWN OBJECTS HAZARD

Mower can throw objects up to 300 feet. TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH to operator or bystanders:

- STOP mowing if bystanders or traffic come within 300 feet.
- DO NOT OPERATE with thrown object shielding removed.
- KEEP thrown object shielding in place and in good condition during operation. Thrown Objects shielding is subject to wear.
- REPAIR OR REPLACE shielding if damaged, broken or missing. See Operator's Manual for all Shields and Guards.
- INSPECT area for potential mower thrown object hazards before mowing.
- Remove and AVOID objects such as wire, cable, metal objects and all other foreign material.
- DO NOT ALLOW blades to contact solid objects like wire, rocks, posts, curbs or guard rails.
- DO NOT OPERATE in transport position or with wings off ground.

⚠ DANGER



Run Over Hazard - Injury or Death


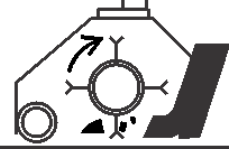
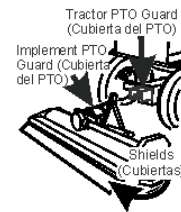
TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:

- ALWAYS BUCKLE UP seat belt.
- ONLY START Tractor while seated in the operator's seat.
- STOP ENGINE and PTO, engage parking brake, lower implement, allow all moving parts to stop and remove key before dismounting from tractor.
- KNOW HOW to stop tractor and equipment quickly for an emergency.
- DO NOT MOUNT or DISMOUNT Tractor in motion.
- NEVER ALLOW riders on tractor or implement.
- NEVER ALLOW children to operate or ride on tractor or implement.
- KEEP BYSTANDERS CLEAR of area before moving tractor or implement.
- KEEP ALERT and AVOID hitting stumps, holes, ruts, and uneven terrain.
- AVOID tree limbs, brush and other overhanging objects that can strike and throw the operator from seat.

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⚠ DANGER	
ENTANGLEMENT HAZARD	
<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT operate without guards in place and in good condition. PTO and gearbox guarding are SUBJECT TO WEAR. • STAY AWAY and KEEP hands, feet and body AWAY from rotating blades, drivelines and parts that continue to move after power shut-off. WAIT until all moving elements have stopped. • ALWAYS REPLACE GUARDS that have been removed for service or maintenance. • STOP, LOOK and LISTEN for rotating motion before approaching implement. • DO NOT STEP ON drivelines or guards. 	  <p style="font-size: small;">Tractor PTO Guard (Cubierta del PTO) Implement PTO Guard (Cubierta del PTO) Shields (Cubiertas)</p> 




⚠ DANGER	
Crushing Hazard - Injury or Death	
<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USE tractor equipped with <u>R</u>ollover <u>P</u>rotective <u>S</u>tructure ("ROPS") including roll bar and seat belt. Keep roll bar in raised position. • STAND CLEAR when removing transport latch, lowering or raising wings. • CLEAR AREA of bystanders before lowering implement wings. • IMPLEMENT CAN FALL from hydraulic failure or accidental operation of controls. • BLOCK UP and securely support equipment before putting hands, feet or body under raised equipment or lifted components. 	  

⚠ DANGER			
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<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • READ AND UNDERSTAND the provided Operator's Manuals, safety signs and information decals for tractor and implement before operating equipment. • CONTACT DEALER immediately if you do not have manuals. • CONTACT DEALER to explain any instructions not fully understood. • ALWAYS WEAR safety glasses. • WEAR hard hat, safety shoes and gloves for protection when operating equipment. 			


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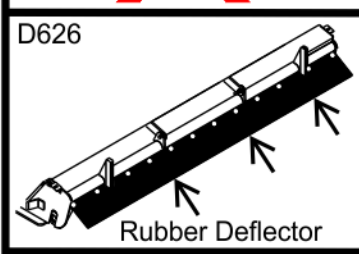
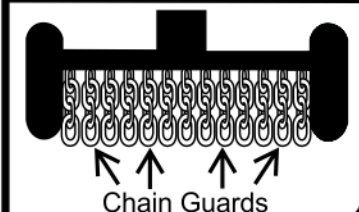
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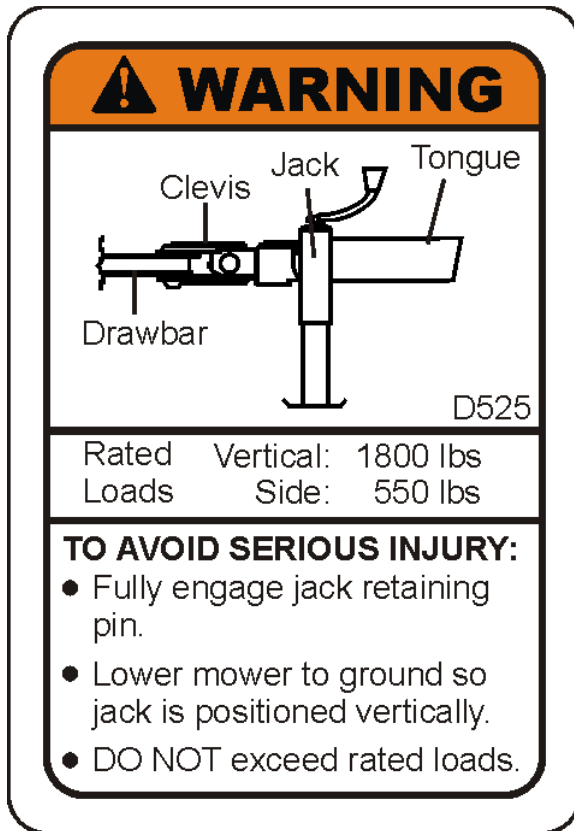
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⚠ WARNING	
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MAINTAIN Thrown Object Shielding HERE	Chain Guards

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Federal Laws and Regulations

This section is intended to explain in broad terms the concept and effect of federal laws and regulations concerning employer and employee equipment operators. This section is not intended as a legal interpretation of the law and should not be considered as such.

Employer-Employee Operator Regulations

U.S. Public Law 91-596 (The Williams-Steiger Occupational and Health Act of 1970) OSHA

This Act Seeks:

“...to assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources...”

DUTIES

Sec. 5 (a) Each employer-

- (1) shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees;
- (2) shall comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under this Act.
- (b) Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant to this Act which are applicable to his own actions and conduct.

OSHA Training Requirements

Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations Part 1928.57(a)(6). www.osha.gov

Operator instructions. At the time of initial assignment and at least annually thereafter, the employer shall instruct every employee who operates an agricultural tractor and implements in the safe operating practices and servicing of equipment with which they are or will be involved, and of any other practices dictated by the work environment.

Keep all guards in place when the machine is in operation;

Permit no riders on equipment

Stop engine, disconnect the power source, and wait for all machine movement to stop before servicing, adjusting, cleaning or unclogging the equipment, except where the machine must be running to be properly serviced or maintained, in which case the employer shall instruct employees as to all steps and procedures which are necessary to safely service or maintain the equipment.

Make sure everyone is clear of machinery before starting the engine, engaging power, or operating the machine.

Employer Responsibilities:

To ensure employee safety during Tractor and Implement operation, it is the employer's responsibility to:

1. Train the employee in the proper and safe operation of the Tractor and Implement.
2. Require that the employee read and fully understand the Tractor and Implement Operator's manual.
3. Permit only qualified and properly trained employees to operate the Tractor and Implement.
4. Maintain the Tractor and Implement in a safe operational condition and maintain all shields and guards on the equipment.
5. Ensure the Tractor is equipped with a functional ROPS and seat belt and require that the employee operator securely fasten the safety belt and operate with the ROPS in the raised position at all times.
6. Forbid the employee operator to carry additional riders on the Tractor or Implement.
7. Provide the required tools to maintain the Tractor and Implement in a good safe working condition and provide the necessary support devices to secure the equipment safely while performing repairs and service.
8. Require that the employee operator stop operation if bystanders or passersby come within 300 feet.

Child Labor Under 16 Years of Age

Some regulations specify that no one under the age of 16 may operate power machinery. It is your responsibility to know what these regulations are in your own area or situation. (Refer to U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment Standard Administration, Wage & Home Division, Child Labor Bulletin #102.)

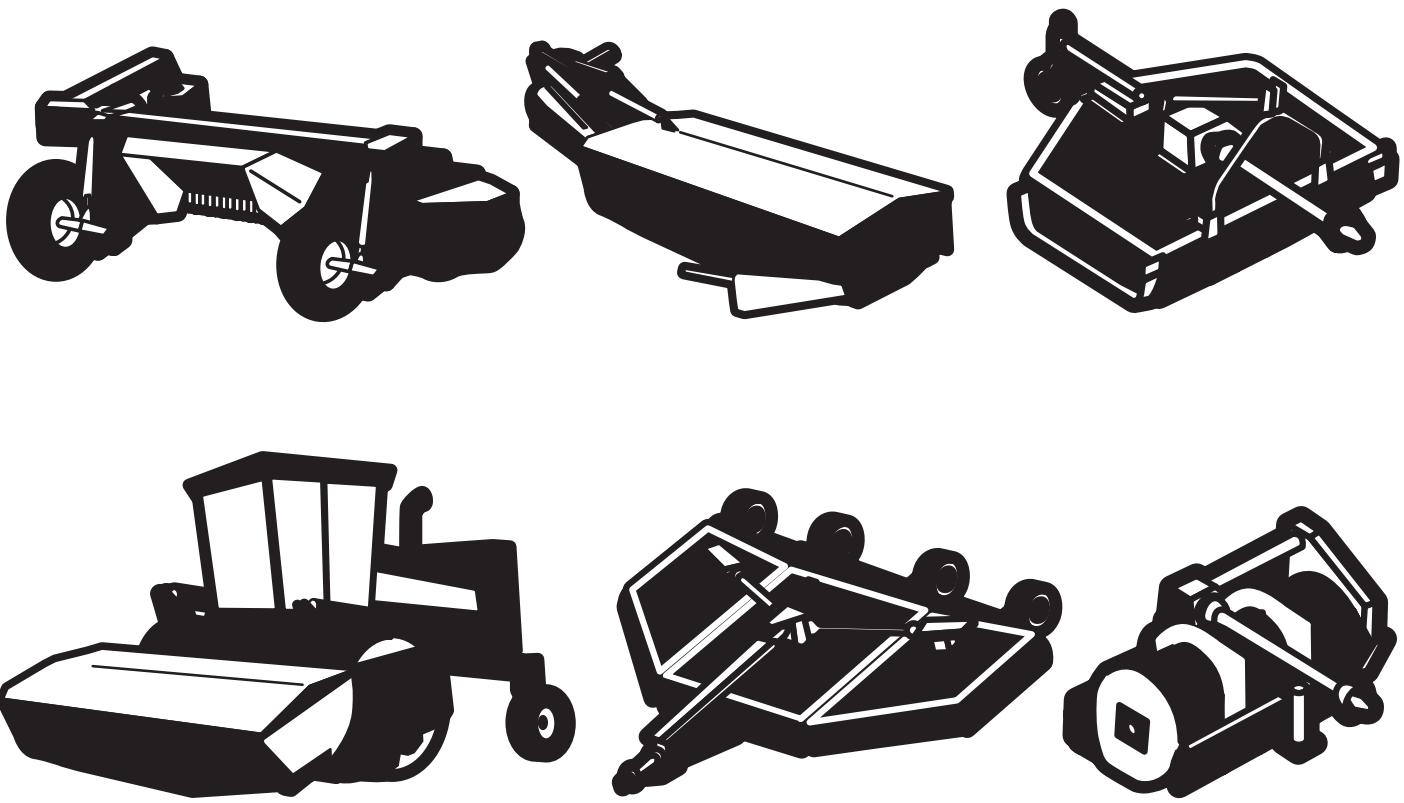
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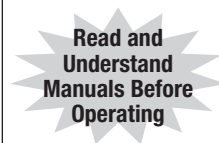
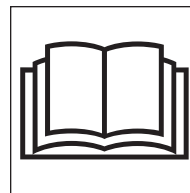
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Foreword

This safety manual is intended to point out some of the basic safety situations that may be encountered during the normal operation and maintenance of your machine and to instruct you in safety practices for dealing with these conditions. This manual is **NOT** a substitute for the mower manufacturer's operator's manual(s).

Additional precautions may be necessary, or some instructions may not apply, depending on equipment, attachments and conditions at the worksite or in the service area. The manufacturer has no direct control over equipment application, operation, inspection or maintenance. Therefore, it is **YOUR** responsibility to use good safety practices in these areas.

The information provided in this manual supplements the specific information about your machine that is contained in the manufacturer's operator's manual(s). Other information that may affect the safe operation of your machine may be contained on safety signs or in insurance requirements, employer's safety and training programs, safety codes, local, state/provincial and federal laws, rules and regulations.



IMPORTANT! Before you operate the mower, make sure you have the manufacturer's operator's manual(s) for this machine and all attachments. If the manufacturer's manuals are missing, obtain replacement manuals from your employer, equipment dealer or directly from the manufacturer. Keep this safety manual and the manufacturer's manuals with the machine at all times. Read and understand all manuals.

The AEM Mower Safety Practices video is available to train and reinforce good safety practices. Operators are encouraged to periodically view the safety video.

Safety Alerts

Symbol

This Safety Alert Symbol means: **“ATTENTION! STAY ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!”**

The Safety Alert Symbol identifies important safety messages on equipment, safety signs, in manuals or elsewhere. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of death or personal injury. Follow instructions in the safety message.







Reasons Safety is Important:

- Accidents disable and kill.
- Accidents cost.
- Accidents can be avoided.

Signal Words

Signal words are distinctive words that will typically be found on safety signs on the mower and other worksite equipment. These words may also be found in this manual and the manufacturer's manuals. These words are intended to alert the operator to a hazard and the degree of severity of the hazard.

-  **DANGER** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
-  **WARNING** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
-  **CAUTION** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
-  **NOTICE** indicates a property damage message.

A Word To The User/Operator

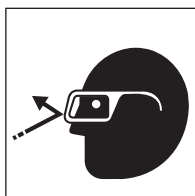
It is **YOUR** responsibility to read and understand the safety manual and the manufacturer's manuals before operating this machine. This safety manual takes you step by step through your working day.

Hazard Recognition and Accident Prevention depend upon you being alert, careful and properly trained in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of this equipment.

Graphics have been provided to help you understand the text.

Remember that **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also protect the people around you. Study and understand this manual and the manufacturer's manuals for your specific machine. Make them a working part of your safety program. Keep in mind that this safety manual is written for industrial/agricultural mowers.

Contact the manufacturer of your equipment to answer any questions about safe operation that remain after studying the manufacturer's operator's manual(s) and this safety manual.

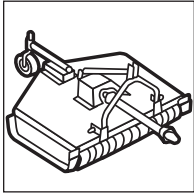


Practice all other usual and customary safe working precautions and above all:
REMEMBER — SAFETY IS UP TO YOU!
YOU CAN PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY UNSAFE WORK PRACTICES!

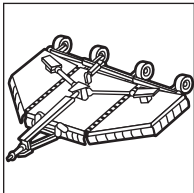
The Industrial/Agricultural Mower

Industrial/Agricultural Mower Types

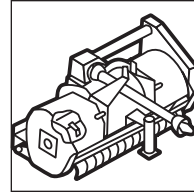
Mowers are used for pasture clipping, crop residue shredding, heavy brush cutting, waterways, right-of-ways, roadside or highway mowing. Also, these mowers are used for cutting grass and other growth in public areas such as parks and cemeteries.



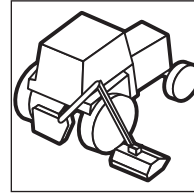
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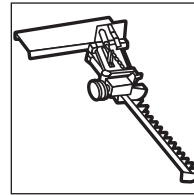
Folding Wing Rotary



Flail



Boom



Sickle Bar

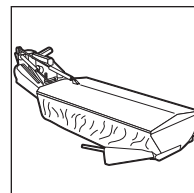
The Industrial/Agricultural Mower

Agricultural Disc Mower Types

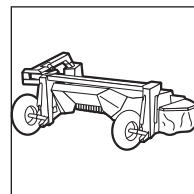
Disc mowers are designed and equipped to cut hay crops at higher field speed.

Disc mower/conditioners mow and condition crops.

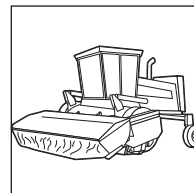
Self-propelled windrowers mow and form conditioned hay into windrows.



Disc Mower



Disc Mower Conditioner



Self-propelled Windrower

Follow A Safety Program

Protect Yourself

Wear personal protective clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) issued to you or called for by job conditions. You must **ALWAYS** wear safety glasses with side shields.

You may also need:

- Hard hat
- Safety shoes
- Safety goggles or face shield
- Heavy gloves
- Hearing protection
- Reflective clothing
- Wet weather gear
- Respirator or filter mask

Wear whatever is needed—don't take chances.

WARNING! Prevent death or serious injury from entanglement. **Do not wear loose clothing or accessories. Tie up long hair. Stay away from all rotating components when the engine is running.** Contact, wrapping or entanglement with rotating or moving parts could result in death or serious injury.

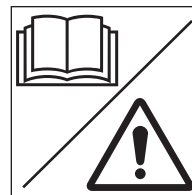


Avoid Entanglement

Follow A Safety Program

- Read, understand and follow the manufacturer's written instructions found in the operator's manual(s) and safety signs on mower and tractor.
- Have operational training with mower and tractor.
- Take advantage of training programs offered in your area.
- Ask your equipment dealer or supervisor to explain things you do not understand.
- Explain the written instructions in the operator's manual(s) and safety signs to those users or operators who cannot read.
- Inspect the mower and tractor daily before operating. Ensure all guards are in place and the equipment is operating properly.
- Never smoke while operating. Never fill the fuel tank with the engine running or near an open flame.
- Make sure you have adequate visibility and sufficient lighting.
- Know the pinch points and rotating parts. Awareness on your part can prevent accidents.
- Never attempt to operate the controls except from the operator's seat. Improperly controlled functions could produce unexpected machine movement and result in serious injury or death.

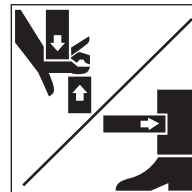
- Shut down the mower and tractor before dismounting. (See page 18, **Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices.**)



Read, Understand and Follow Manuals and Safety Signs



Avoid Rotating Parts



Know and Avoid Pinch Points

Follow A Safety Program

Avoid Injury From Raised Equipment

Avoid possible crushing injury from falling mower or other raised equipment.



**Avoid Crushing –
Block Up or
Securely Support
Mower**

Before working near or under raised mower or equipment parts:

- Securely support or block up raised mower or equipment parts according to the operator's manual.
- Securely support, block up or lock up wings with approved locking devices or lower mower or equipment parts to the ground.
- Use transport locks when transporting mower on public roads.

Avoid Injury From High Pressure Fluid

Avoid fluid injection injury due to high pressure fluid leaks.



**High Pressure
Fluid Can Inject
into the Body**

If any fluid is injected into the skin, it must be removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this type of injury.

Fluid leaks under pressure may not be visible. When checking for leaks or working around pressurized systems:

- Read manufacturer's operator's manual(s) for recommended safety practices.
- Wear a face shield or safety goggles for eye protection.
- Use a piece of cardboard or wood to check for leaks; **DO NOT use your hands.**
- Relieve system pressure before disconnecting lines.
- Check for and repair damaged or leaking lines, pipes and hoses.
- Check for and tighten loose connections.
- Purge air from system before operating.

Follow A Safety Program

Avoid Injury From Fire And Explosion

Set the parking brake, shut the mower and tractor engine down and remove the key while filling the fuel tank. Use extra caution when fueling a hot engine. Never smoke while fueling. Avoid sparks by grounding the fuel nozzle against the filler neck.

The fumes in an empty fuel tank are explosive. Never weld or cut on fuel lines, tanks or containers.

Remove all trash or mowing debris from the machine daily or as needed. Keep debris away from engine, exhaust, slip clutches and other heat sources. Use spark arrestors, as appropriate, on the engine exhaust system. Make sure oily rags or other flammable material are not stored on the machine.

Check for fuel, oil or hydraulic fluid leaks. Repair the leaks and clean the machine before you operate it.

Ether/cold start fluid is flammable. Do not smoke when using ether/cold start fluid. Always follow the instructions on the can and in the manufacturer's operator's manual(s) for your mower. Do not use ether/cold start fluid if the engine is equipped with a glow plug or other type of preheater.

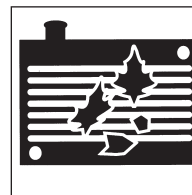
Always use a nonflammable solvent when you clean parts. Do not use gasoline, diesel fuel or other flammable fluids.

Store all flammable fluids and materials away from your machine and work area.

Know where fire extinguishers are kept—how they operate—and what type of fire they are for. Check readiness of fire extinguishers according to manufacturer's instructions. Make sure each tractor is equipped with a fire extinguisher.



**No Smoking
and No Open
Flames**



**Remove
Debris Daily or
As Needed**

Follow A Safety Program

Be Alert!

Know where to get assistance. Know how to use a first aid kit and fire extinguisher/fire suppression system.

Be Aware!

Take advantage of training programs offered.

Be Careful!

Human error is caused by many factors: carelessness, fatigue, overload, preoccupation, unfamiliarity of operator with the machine, drugs, and alcohol to name a few. Damage to the tractor or mower can be fixed in a short period of time, but injury, or death, has a lasting effect.

For your safety and the safety of others, encourage your fellow workers to act safely.



For Safe Operation

You must be a qualified and authorized operator for proper operation of your machine. You must clearly understand the written instructions supplied by the manufacturer, be trained—including actual operation of the mower—and know the safety rules and regulations for the worksite. It is a good safety practice to point out and explain safety signs and practices and ensure others understand the importance of following these instructions.

WARNING! Drugs and alcohol affect an operator's alertness and coordination and the operator's ability to safely operate the equipment. **Never use drugs or alcohol while operating the mowing equipment. Never knowingly allow anyone to operate this machine when their alertness or coordination is impaired.** An operator taking prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to safely operate this equipment.

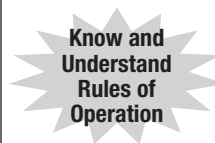
Follow A Safety Program

Know The Rules

Most employers have rules governing operation and maintenance of equipment. Before you start work at a new location, check with your supervisor or the safety coordinator. Ask about the rules you will be expected to obey.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) enforces federal laws within the United States that apply to safe operation, application and maintenance of equipment on a worksite. It is the employer's responsibility to comply with these laws. An OSHA representative may periodically inspect a worksite to see that these laws are being followed.

There may also be local or state/provincial laws or international regulations that apply to this equipment and its use, along with specific worksite or employer rules. It is important that you know and comply with all applicable laws and rules, including those requiring operator training and certification.



These are some of the rules you must work by:

- A ROPS and seat belt-equipped tractor is a federal government (OSHA) requirement for operator protection during mowing operations. An enclosed cab provides additional operator protection from thrown objects. Check your mower operator's manual to see if a tractor cab is also required.
- Wear and check that others are wearing proper clothing and personal protective equipment.
- Inspect your machine and attachments before each use as specified by the manufacturer and your employer.
- Know the limitations and operating characteristics of your mowing equipment. Do not misuse it.
- Have all provided shields and guards properly installed before operating the machine.
- Never modify or remove any part of the machine (except for service—then make sure it is replaced).

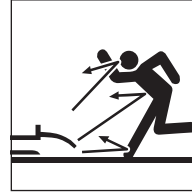
Follow A Safety Program

Some Rules You Must Work By (continued)

- Only qualified and authorized individuals may operate this equipment.
- **Never allow children to play on, ride on or operate** the equipment. Children **are not** qualified to operate this equipment.
- **Do not allow any riders.**
- Use three-point contact (handholds and steps) and face the equipment when mounting or dismounting.
- Keep bystanders 300 ft (92 m) from the mowing operation.
- Know the worksite before you use the mower. Be aware of possible terrain hazards that you may encounter. Remove or mark obstacles and debris that could damage or be thrown by the mower.
- Only use attachments and parts that are approved by the mower manufacturer.
- Make sure all attachments are lowered, set the parking brake, shut off the engine and cycle the control levers. Remove the key before leaving the tractor. (See page 18, **Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices.**)
- When transporting the mower on a trailer, follow the manufacturer's detailed instructions for loading, tying down and unloading the mower.



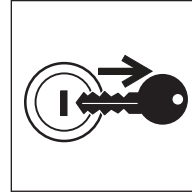
Keep Children Away from Equipment



Keep Bystanders Away



No Riders



Shut Down Unattended Equipment

Follow A Safety Program

Know The Equipment

Read and understand the DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION and NOTICE safety signs and other informational signs on the tractor and mower and in the manufacturer's operator's manual. Ask your supervisor or mower dealer to explain any information you do not understand. Failure to obey safety instructions could result in death or serious injury.

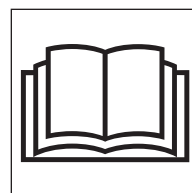


Read and Understand All Safety Signs

Make sure all the manufacturer's protective structures, guards, shields, screens and panels are in good repair, in place and securely fastened. Damaged, missing or weakened safety components can create a hazardous situation for you as the operator. **Never** remove or modify any safety components including thrown object shielding on a mower.

Know the following about your tractor and mower:

- Function, purpose and use of all controls.
- Correct operation speeds.
- Slope and uneven terrain capabilities and proper operation.
- Braking and steering characteristics.
- Turning radius and clearances.
- How to quickly stop equipment in an emergency.



Read and Understand Manuals Before Operating

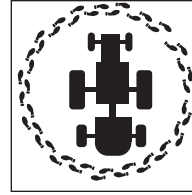
Prepare For Safe Operation

Check The Mower And Tractor Equipment

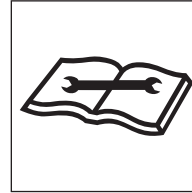
Before beginning your work day inspect the machine and have all systems in good operational condition.

WARNING! Prevent possible crushing injury from falling equipment. Hydraulic system or part failure could cause unsupported equipment to fall. **Do not go under raised equipment unless it is properly supported according to the operator's manual.**

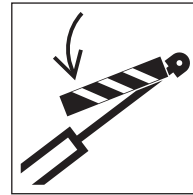
- Perform daily and periodic service procedures as instructed by the equipment manufacturer.
- Check for loose, broken, missing or damaged tractor and mower parts. Repair or replace these parts.
- Check for proper tractor and mower attachments.
- Check for proper tractor and mower PTO rpm rating match.
- Check mower blade(s) condition. Replace severely worn, bent, gouged or nicked blades including the blade bolts and fasteners. Never straighten or weld on blades.
- Ensure thrown object shielding is properly installed and in good condition. Repair or replace if damaged or missing.



Walk-Around
Inspection



Maintain
Machine



Read Manual –
Block Up or
Securely Support
Mower

Prepare For Safe Operation

- Check that all guards and shields are in place and that all equipment is in good operating condition. This includes PTO driveline, gearbox and implement guards and shields that are used for operator protection.
- Check for properly latched driveline yoke-end locking devices.
- Check for damaged or leaky tractor and mower hydraulic systems. Repair or adjust as needed.

WARNING! Hydraulic fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin or eyes and cause serious injury, blindness or death. Fluid leaks under pressure may not be visible.

Use a piece of cardboard or wood to find leaks, not your hand. Wear eye protection. If fluid is injected into the skin, it must be removed within a few hours by medical personnel familiar with this type of injury.

- Keep the operator platform surface clean and free of grease, oil, dirt, snow or ice. Steps and handholds must be clean and functional.
- Ensure work lights are kept clean (if equipped). Check that all lights work properly.
- Ensure the slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign, reflectors and warning lights are in good condition and can be clearly seen.

- Ensure all tools or loose objects are removed or securely fastened while operating the machine.
- Check all safety signs for clarity. Replace damaged signs.



Check for Missing/
Damaged Guards
and Shields



Check for
Leaks and Inspect
Hoses

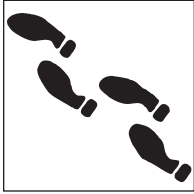


Put Away
Tools

Prepare For Safe Operation

Know The Work Area

Before you operate the mower thoroughly inspect the work area. Walk around the area and inspect the surfaces you will travel on when using the mower.



Walk
Around the
Worksite

Locate and avoid:

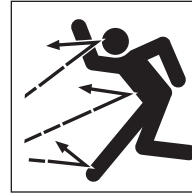
- Holes
- Drop-offs
- Obstacles (stumps)
- Excavations
- Standing water
- Deep mud
- Wet spots
- Soft soil
- Rough spots
- Power lines and apparatus
- Other utilities
- Any conditions which could cause collision, loss of control or tipover
- Steep slopes

Look for debris and obstacles by walking the area before you mow. Objects like wire, cable, rocks, tires, and metal objects that could damage or be thrown by the mower must be removed or marked clearly and avoided.

Correct unsafe conditions. Do not operate in problem areas where debris and obstacles cannot be removed or marked.

Analyze mowing area to determine:

- The most efficient mowing procedure.
- The height of the material to be mowed.
- Operating terrain conditions.
- How to best use forward mowing pattern.
- The potential for bystanders or passers-by to be exposed to thrown objects.



Remove or
Mark Debris and
Obstacles

Look Out For Others

Before starting equipment:

- Walk around the equipment.
- Check for anyone under, on or near the equipment.
- Clear everyone from these areas.
- Sound a warning.

Prepare For Safe Operation

Mount And Dismount Tractor Properly

Always use three-point contact when mounting or dismounting the tractor or mower. Face the machine when you enter or leave the machine. Three-point contact means that three out of four arms and legs are in contact with the machine at all times during mount and dismount.

Before mounting:

- Clean shoes and wipe hands. Clean steps and handholds of snow, ice, mud or oil.

During mounting and dismounting:

- Use handholds and step plates.
- Never grab steering wheels or controls for handholds.
- Never mount or dismount from a moving tractor.
- Never mount or dismount while carrying tools or objects that prevent three-point contact. Put parts or tools down. Maintaining proper contact, climb and then pick up the object.



Use
Three-Point
Contact



Clean Up
Slippery Areas

Prepare For Safe Operation

Tractor And Mower Controls Safety Test

Start the tractor following the specific procedures in the manufacturer's operator's manual. These procedures normally include:

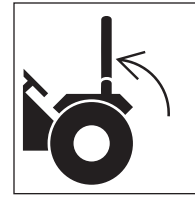
- Fasten and adjust seat belt on your ROPS-equipped tractor.
- Check parking brake for engagement.
- Check PTO disengagement.
- Check all controls for Park position.
- Warn others in area before starting tractor.
- Start tractor following tractor manufacturer's recommended starting procedures.

WARNING! Avoid serious injury or death from unexpected machine movement. **Start the engine only from the operator's position. Never attempt to start the engine by shorting across starter terminals or reaching the key from the ground or outside the cab.**

After starting:

- Check all instruments, gauges and indicator lights for normal operation.
- Check all tractor controls, steering and brakes for proper function.

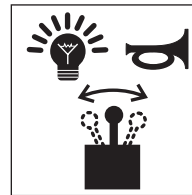
- Raise and lower mower to check for driveline bottoming out or engagement problems.
- Check the equipment for excessive vibration and unusual noises.



Use ROPS and Seat Belt



Start Only from Operator's Seat



Check Instruments and Controls

Prepare For Safe Operation

- Use proper equipment shut down practices before inspecting equipment. Wait until all equipment motion has stopped before dismounting the tractor or mower.
- Do not operate mower unless tractor and mower are running properly. Place a "Do Not Operate" tag on the machine, remove the key and do not operate the mower until the problem is corrected.

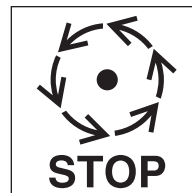
Power Takeoff System

Be sure to operate the tractor at the mower's rated PTO rpm speed.

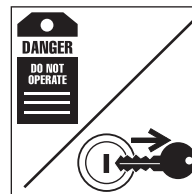
When operating tractors with transmission-driven PTO systems, a rotary mower will have a significant flywheel effect. The mower may continue to propel a tractor with a transmission-driven PTO system.

The tractor should be equipped and operated as follows:

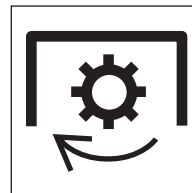
- Install a driveline equipped with an over-running clutch.
- Give yourself sufficient maneuvering room and time by anticipating turns, stops and speed reductions.



Do Not Dismount Until Equipment Motion Has Stopped



Use a "Do Not Operate" Tag



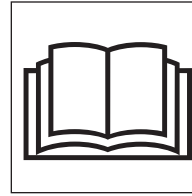
Use Proper PTO Speed

Prepare For Safe Operation

Hitching Mower To Tractor

Three-point hitch-mounted mowers:

- Refer to mower and tractor manufacturers' manuals.
- Place tractor's hydraulic power lift (rockshaft) selector lever in down position to avoid unexpected movement.
- Explain the hitching procedures to those operators who cannot read.
- Front-end weights may be needed to maintain steering control and front-end stability. Refer to the manufacturers' operator's manual(s).
- When backing the tractor up to the mower, NEVER allow anyone between the tractor and the mower.
- Attach the mower to the tractor three-point links and securely pin in position.
- Securely attach the driveline to the tractor PTO. Lower the master shield into place if it is movable. Push and pull on the driveline to ensure it is locked onto the PTO shaft.



Read and Understand Manuals Before Operating



Maintain Proper Weight Distribution



No One Allowed Between Tractor and Mower

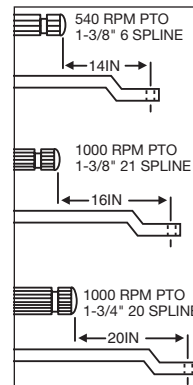


Avoid Entanglement, Use Guards and Shields

Prepare For Safe Operation

Pull-type hitch-mounted mowers:

- Refer to mower and tractor manufacturers' manuals.
- Remove three-point hitch quick coupler if equipped.
- Attach only to drawbar hitch.
- Adjust tractor drawbar length for 540 or 1000 rpm PTO operation.
- When backing the tractor up to the mower, NEVER allow anyone between the tractor and the mower.
- Properly attach the mower safety tow chain to the tractor.
- Securely attach the driveline to the tractor PTO. Push and pull on the driveline to ensure it is locked onto the PTO. Lower the master shield into place.
- Hook up the mower hydraulic hoses to the tractor.
- Make sure the wings, or raised mower decks, are supported by the cylinders before removing the transport locks. Never use force to release the transport or wing locks. The wings or deck could fall and crush you.



Tractor Drawbar Adjustment



Confirm Wings Are Supported Before Releasing Locks



Avoid Entanglement, Use Guards and Shields

Start Safely

Make The Right Start

Mow only in daylight or good artificial light conditions.

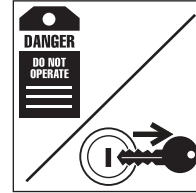
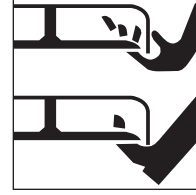
Avoid serious injury or death from mower-thrown objects or blade contact:

- Keep chain shields, flexible or solid deflector shields or discharge chutes in place and in good repair.
- Keep bystanders at least 300 ft (92 m) from mowing operation.
- Never direct mower discharge toward anyone.
- Keep hands, feet and other body parts away from rotating parts, blades and discharge openings.
- Do not operate mower in transport position.

Do not approach a mower until all motion has stopped.

Mower PTO drive engagement:

- Raise mower to maximum cutting height.
- Engage PTO at low engine rpm.
- Increase engine rpm to mower's rated rpm PTO speed.
- Lower mower to desired cutting height.
- Stop and shut down immediately if the mower strikes an obstruction.
- Inspect and repair any mower damage before resuming mowing.
- Do not operate mower with severe vibrations or with unusual noise.



Mower-Thrown Objects

Depending on the designed purpose, mowers are designed to cut grass, weeds, brush and crops. The mower blades have been designed and tested for rugged use. The mower blades, however, are not intended to contact solid objects like rocks, concrete or metal. Such impact can cause broken objects to be thrown up to 300 ft (92 m). Bystanders should never be within 300 ft (92 m) of an operating rotary mower or within 100 ft (30 M) of a properly equipped disc mower.

Operate Safely

Mower shielding is designed to reduce the risk of thrown objects and must be properly maintained and in place during mowing operations.

The risk of serious injury or death from thrown objects can be significantly reduced by following three rules.

If all of these safety rules are not followed, the mowing operation must be stopped if anyone comes within the safety limit for the mower type.

First — Inspect the area prior to mowing and remove stones, branches, wire, cable, metal, glass and other solid objects before operating. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator.

In non-crop areas with grass and weeds high enough to hide objects that could be struck by the blades, inspect the area and remove or mark large debris or obstacles.

Mow the area at an intermediate height. Inspect the area closely and remove or mark any remaining debris or obstacles. Mow again at desired final height.



Follow All Mower Safety Rules

Second — Mower-thrown object shielding must be used when operating near roads, parks, populated areas or other areas where thrown objects could injure bystanders or damage property. Follow the manufacturer's operator's manual.

Third — Cross diagonally when mowing through ditches, sharp dips, and drops. Raise the mower to prevent the mower blades from hitting the ground.

Operate Safely

Mower-Thrown Objects (continued)

Disc Mowers — When using a disc mower it is important to know the area to be mowed. If the operator has mowed the field before and is familiar with all obstacles that may be present, it is sufficient to watch ahead of the mower path for any additional objects that may have entered the field. Be ready to stop or avoid any objects that could be hazardous if thrown by the mower. If you plan to mow an unfamiliar field and it is next to a traveled road or people may be within 100 ft (30 m) of the mower you must inspect, and clean or mark the field.

Mowing In Reverse

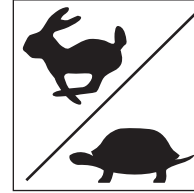
Do not mow while traveling in reverse. Objects are more likely to be thrown and can travel further.

Shut off the PTO, wait for the blades to stop turning, raise the mower, and then back up.

Mow traveling in the forward direction.



**Do Not Mow
in Reverse**



**Use Proper
Ground Speed**

Mowing Ground Speed

Proper ground speed depends on terrain conditions and grass type, density and height to be cut:

- Normal ground speed range is 2 to 5 mph.
- Use slower ground speed for mowing tall, dense grass.
- Use faster ground speed for mowing medium height, thin grass and under smooth terrain conditions.
- Use slower ground speed for mowing in rough, sloping or unfamiliar terrain.

Disc mowers are designed to use faster ground speeds for operating in fields clear of debris and surface hazards.

Operate Safely

Extremely Tall Grass Mowing

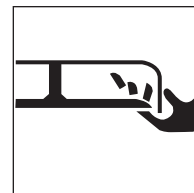
You may need to mow extremely tall, non-crop grass twice. (See page 13, **Mower-Thrown Objects**.)

First mowing pass:

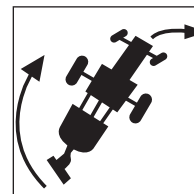
- Shut the mower and tractor down using proper equipment shut down practice before dismounting tractor. (See page 18, **Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices**.)
- Inspect the area and remove or mark debris and obstacles.
- Cut grass higher (10-15 inches) to avoid hidden objects.

Second mowing pass:

- Shut the mower and tractor down using proper equipment shut down practice before dismounting tractor.
- Inspect the area and remove or mark debris and obstacles.
- Cut grass at desired height and, when possible, 90 degrees to the first mowing pass.



**Stop Blade
Before
Unclogging**



**Provide Adequate
Clearance for
Mower Swing**

Watch Equipment Clearances

Three-point hitch and side-mounted mowers have a larger turning arc than pull-type mowers. Allow sufficient clearance for mower swing while turning.

Do not allow bystanders near the tractor and mower when moving or transporting the tractor and mower.

Operate Safely

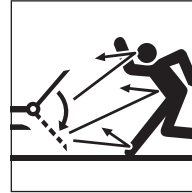
Under Mount Mower Safety Practices

When mowing with an under mount mower:

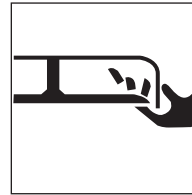
- Keep removable discharge chute in place and over discharge opening.
- Never stand on a mower housing when the tractor engine is operating.
- Distribute grass clippings with discharge chute facing mowed area.
- Before clearing a clogged mower or discharge chute, shut down your machine using proper equipment shut down practice. (See page 18, **Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices.**)



**Never Stand
on Mower –
Keep Away**



**Keep Chute
in Place**



**Stop Blade
Before
Unclogging**

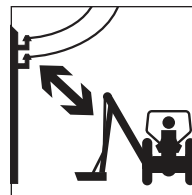
Operate Safely

Wing Or Boom Mower Overhead Obstruction Hazards And Risks

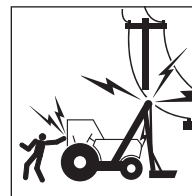
Check for overhead obstructions with raised wing or boom mowers to avoid serious injury or death by contact with:

- Electrical power lines and apparatus.
- Low tree limbs.
- Other overhead obstructions.
- Maintain specified distance from power lines and apparatus. Never approach energized power lines or apparatus with any part of your machine unless all local, state/provincial and federal (OSHA) required safety precautions have been taken. Use extreme caution.

DANGER! Avoid electrocution or serious injury from contact with or inadequate clearance to energized power lines or apparatus. **Do not allow the machine or attachment to approach or contact any power line. Do not approach or touch any machine in contact with a power line.**



**Do Not
Approach Energized
Power Lines**



**Stay Clear
of Energized
Equipment**

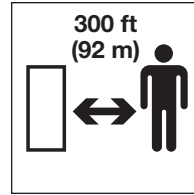
Operate Safely

Wing And Side Mount Mowers Safety Practices

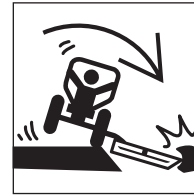
Raised wing positions reduce shielding protection and increases the thrown object and blade contact hazard risks.

Avoid possible serious injury or death by thrown objects or blade contact from raising and lowering wings during mowing operations:

- Do not mow with bystanders within 300 ft (92 m) of the mower.
- Be sure no one is near mower while raising or lowering wings.
- Shut off the PTO and wait for all rotating elements to stop before raising the mower deck or wing section.
- Only raise wing to clear objects in the mowing path or to match ground slope.
- Lower raised wing to ground after clearing object or ground slope conditions.
- Stop mowing if anyone approaches within 300 ft (92 m) of mowing area.



Keep Bystanders
Away from
Mowing Area



Avoid Hitting
Obstructions

Ditch Bank Mowing Safety Practices

Use extreme care when mowing ditch banks. Watch for washouts, eroded areas and mowing obstructions along the ditch banks. Hitting obstructions with side-mount or boom mowers may swerve the tractor's front end toward the ditch.

Operate Safely

Raised wing and boom mower ditch bank operations may reduce the mower's thrown object shielding effectiveness for the mower operator's protection.

- Use enclosed ROPS cabs, special protective enclosures and other operator shielding available from the manufacturer when performing these operations.
- Inspect mowing area and remove or mark all foreign objects and debris to be avoided by mower.

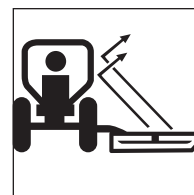
Uneven Terrain Mowing Safety Practices

Tractor and mower stability is reduced on slopes and uneven terrain.

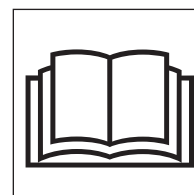
As in all conditions when mowing, use tractors equipped with ROPS and seat belt. **Make sure the ROPS are raised and locked in place and always wear your seat belt.**

Prevent tractor and mower overturns and maintain equipment stability control:

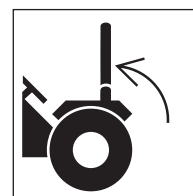
- Review tractor and mower operator's manuals for operating safety practices on slopes and uneven terrain conditions. Explain the practices to those users and operators who cannot read.
- Avoid extremely steep slope operations.



Use
Enclosed ROPS
Cabs or Protective
Enclosures



Read and
Understand
Manuals Before
Operating



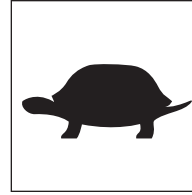
Use ROPS
and Seat Belt

Operate Safely

Uneven Terrain Mowing Safety Practices (continued)

- Use extreme care to maintain control over the equipment when operating in these conditions.
- Increase tractor stability by adding wheel weights, ballast and increasing wheel spacing to maximum. Refer to operator's manual for recommendations.
- Maintain minimum ground speed.
- Make wide and gradual turns.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops, and turns when operating up, down, or across slopes.
- **Do not** raise rear-mount or side-mount mowers or mower wings from the ground during these operations.
- Keep alert for holes, bumps, ruts, rocks, stumps or other obstructions that could overturn the machine.
- Avoid slippery ground conditions that could cause loss of control and overturn of tractor and mower.
- Avoid bottoming and striking the ground by diagonal crossing of sharp dips and drops.

Use extreme care in maintaining equipment stability during all uneven terrain and slope mowing operations. You are the final judge as to any slope that can be safely negotiated.



Maintain Control, Use Low Speeds



Add Ballast, Widen Wheel Spacing



Avoid Ruts, Bumps, Holes

Operate Safely

Road Transport Safety Practices

Before operating on public roads:

- Refer to tractor and mower manufacturers' operator's manuals for instructions.
- Explain the instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.
- Check local regulations for required equipment markings, lights, flashers, etc., while traveling on public roads. Lights are required on mowers that obscure tractor taillights and/or warning lights.
- When transporting the mower on a trailer, follow the manufacturer's detailed instructions for loading, tying down and unloading the mower.

Before transporting on public roads:

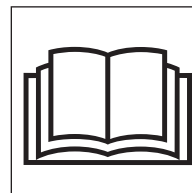
- Disengage PTO power to mower.
- Raise mower into transport position and engage transport lock.
- Lock mower wings in the transport position with approved locking devices.
- Attach towing safety chain between pull-type mower and tractor.
- Make sure lights, warning lights and reflectors are in place and visible.

- Check SMV (Slow-Moving Vehicle) emblem for visibility to any rear-approaching vehicle.

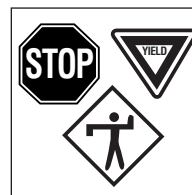
While transporting on public roads:

- Obey all local traffic regulations.
- Approach intersections with caution.
- Observe speed and traffic control signs.
- Avoid panic stops and sharp turns.

Be a courteous operator and pull over periodically and allow traffic to pass.



Read and Understand Manuals Before Operating



Obey Traffic Regulations

Park Safely

Parking Safety Practices

- Use designated or out-of-traffic areas.
- Use firm level ground locations.
- Set parking brake.
- Lower raised equipment to ground.

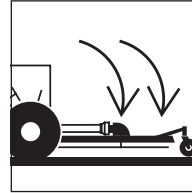
Shut down the mower and tractor using proper equipment shut down practice before dismounting tractor. (See page 18, **Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices.**)

Sloping ground parking locations:

- Position equipment across slope.
- Set parking brakes.
- Lower raised equipment to ground.
- Block tractor wheels.

Before temporarily parking and leaving disabled equipment near traffic areas:

- Remove equipment from public roads.
- Set out warning flags.
- Use tractor flashing warning lights.



Shut Down Safely

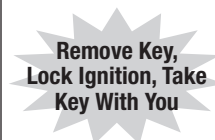
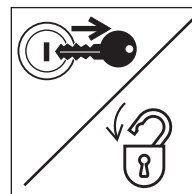
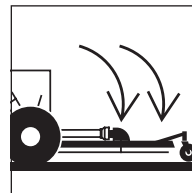
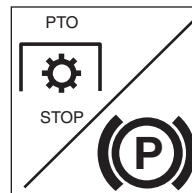
Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices

Make proper equipment shut down an important habit.

Properly shutting down a tractor and mower can prevent accidents from occurring when the mower is left unattended. Shut down the mower following the specific procedures in the manufacturer's operator's manual.

These procedures will normally include:

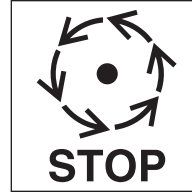
- Reduce engine speed.
- Disengage PTO clutch and transmission drive.
- Idle engine for gradual cooling.
- Place all controls in PARK position.
- Set the parking brake.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Lower wings of wing mowers to ground.
- Shut off engine, lock ignition and remove key from the machine and take it with you.
- Wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- Relieve hydraulic pressure by moving hydraulic controls several times in all directions.
- Lock anti-vandalism covers and closures, if equipped, when equipment is unattended.
- Dismount carefully maintaining three-point contact.



Shut Down Safely

Dismounting Properly

- Never dismount from moving equipment.
- Never jump from any machines.
- Dismount carefully.
- Check for slippery steps.
- Keep feet and hands away from controls.
- Use handholds and steps during dismount.
- Face machine and use three-point contact (2 hands and 1 foot or 2 feet and 1 hand).



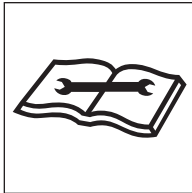
Wait for
Moving Parts
to Stop



Use Three-Point
Contact,
Face Machine

Perform Maintenance Safely

Maintain Your Equipment



Maintain
Equipment

Be sure to maintain the equipment according to manufacturer's instructions. Regularly check the operation of the protective and safety devices.

Do not perform any work on a tractor or mower unless you are authorized and qualified to do so.

If you have been authorized to do maintenance, **read the operator's and service manuals.** Study the instructions; check the lubrication charts; examine all the instruction messages on the machine. Maintenance can be hazardous unless performed properly. Be sure you have the necessary skill, information, correct tools and equipment to do the job.

WARNING! Do not modify equipment or add components not approved by the manufacturer. Use parts, lubricants and service techniques recommended by the manufacturer.

Mower Parts And Your Safety

Mower manufacturers use specific fasteners and specially designed parts to meet mowing operations requirements. Critical parts (self-locking blade bolts, blades, pins, shields and other special items) have specific strength, design and fit requirements for the make and model mower you are using.

Avoid possible death or serious injury from unapproved parts or modifications:

- Do not substitute common hardware for original manufacturer's blade bolts or other special part items.
- Do not substitute for blades, pins, shields or other critical parts.
- Do not use higher strength bolts to replace original manufacturer's shear bolts.

Perform Maintenance Safely

Prepare Yourself

Wear personal protective clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) issued to you or called for by job conditions. You must **ALWAYS** wear safety glasses with side shields.

You may also need:

- Hard hat
- Safety shoes
- Safety glasses, goggles or face shield
- Apron and gloves
- Hearing protection
- Welding helmet or goggles
- Respirator or filter mask

Wear whatever is needed—don't take chances.

Keep hands—and clothing—away from all moving parts. Don't wear dangling ties, loose sleeves, rings, watches, or long hair.

WARNING! Prevent death or serious injury from entanglement. **Do not wear loose clothing or accessories. Stay away from all rotating components when the engine is running.** Contact, wrapping or entanglement with rotating or moving parts could result in death or serious injury.



Avoid Rotating Parts



Avoid Pinch Points

Perform Maintenance Safely

Wear a rubber apron and rubber gloves when working with corrosives. Wear gloves and safety shoes when handling wooden blocks or sharp-edged metal.

Always use safety glasses, goggles or a face shield. They provide eye protection from fluids under pressure, during grinding and while servicing batteries. Protection is also needed from flying debris, liquids and loose material produced by equipment, tools and pressurized air/water.

Wear a face shield and follow manufacturer's instructions when you disassemble spring-loaded components or work with battery acids. Wear a welding helmet or goggles with a shaded filter when you weld or cut with a torch.

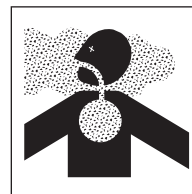
Do not sand, grind, flame-cut, braze or weld without a NIOSH-approved respirator or appropriate ventilation. If welding is required on this machine, refer to the manufacturer's operator's or service manuals or consult your equipment dealer for proper procedures.

Keep pockets free of all objects that could fall out—and drop into machinery.

Handle tools and heavy parts sensibly—with regard for yourself and other persons. Lower items—don't drop them.



Clean Slippery Surfaces



Ventilate Work Area

Prepare The Work Area

- Position the mower in a level area out of the way of other working equipment.
- Make sure there is adequate light, ventilation and clearance.
- Remove oil, grease or water to eliminate any slippery surfaces.
- Clean around the area to be serviced to minimize contamination.

Perform Maintenance Safely

Prepare The Machine

Stored energy sources (electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, etc.) must be controlled or reduced to a practical minimum before performing any maintenance, repair or service procedures.

Safety practices to prevent potential injuries from energy-releasing sources:

- Disengage PTO before shutting off engine.
- Place controls in PARK or NEUTRAL before shutting off engine.
- Set parking brake or block wheels.
- Allow all moving parts to stop.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Lower wings to ground on wing mowers.
- Shut off tractor engine.
- Relieve hydraulic system pressure by moving controls several times in all directions.
- Lock ignition, remove key and take it with you.
- Look and listen for evidence of moving parts before dismounting.
- Securely support or block up mower before working underneath mower or other lifted components.

- Securely support, block up, or lock up mower wings with approved locking devices before working near or underneath a wing mower.
- Relieve pressure before disconnecting or disassembling any pressurized system.
- Block or relieve spring pressure before disassembling any spring-loaded mechanism.
- Securely support or block up any raised machine component before working on it.
- Avoid flames, sparks, or smoking near any fuel, hydraulic fluid or other flammable material such as mowing debris.



Prepare
Machine Systems
for Service

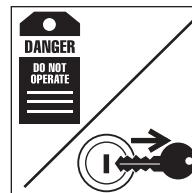
Perform Maintenance Safely

Attach a “DO NOT OPERATE” warning tag to the control levers and remove the ignition key if the mower should not be operated. Take the key with you.

Install approved support device(s) when working under or near raised equipment.

WARNING! Unsupported raised mowers or other equipment may drop unexpectedly. **Never go under equipment when raised unless supported by an approved support device(s).** Death or serious crushing injury could result from falling equipment.

Remove only guards or covers that provide access to the area being serviced. Replace all guards and covers when work is complete.



Use a
“Do Not Operate”
Tag



Use
Approved
Support Device



Replace
All Guards

Perform Maintenance Safely

Use Proper Ventilation

If it is necessary to run an engine in an enclosed area, remove the exhaust fumes from the area with an exhaust pipe extension. If you do not have an exhaust pipe extension, make sure you open the doors and get outside air into the area.

WARNING! Prevent possible injury. **Never work on machinery with the engine running unless instructed by the manufacturer's manuals for specific service.**

WARNING! Never operate any type of engine without proper ventilation—EXHAUST FUMES CAN KILL.

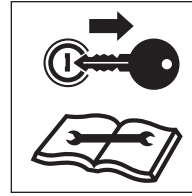
Use Jacks And Hoists Carefully

Safety stands or blocks must be located on a rigid part of the mower. Do not position stands under axles or wheel supports that may rotate.

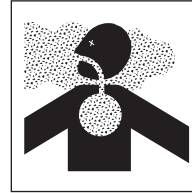
If you must work beneath raised equipment, always use wood—**not concrete**—blocks, jack-stands or other rigid and stable supports. When using jacks or hoists always be sure they are adequately supported.

WARNING! Prevent possible crushing injury. **Never use concrete blocks for supports.** They can collapse under even light loads.

Make sure the hoists or jacks you use are in good repair. Never use jacks with cracked, bent, or twisted parts. Never use frayed, twisted or pinched cables. Never use bent or distorted hooks.



Remove Key and Read Maintenance Manual



Ventilate Work Area



Use Proper Support for Raised Equipment

Perform Maintenance Safely

Common Maintenance Safety Practices

Fuel Hazards

WARNING! Always use approved fuel containers and/or dispensing equipment.

Fuels are flammable, so observe these practices to reduce the possibility of a serious accident.

- Shut off engine and ignition during refueling.
- Always ground the fuel nozzle against the filler neck to avoid sparks.
- Keep sparks and open flames away from fuel.
- Do not smoke while refueling or when handling fuel containers.
- Do not cut or weld on or near fuel lines, tanks or containers.
- Do not overfill the tank or spill fuel. Clean up spilled fuel immediately.

Engine Coolant Hazards

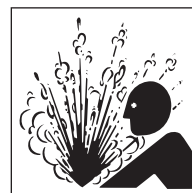
Liquid cooling systems build up pressure as the engine gets hot, so **use extreme caution before** removing the radiator cap.

Be sure to:

- Stop the engine and wait for the system to cool.
- Wear protective clothing and safety glasses.
- Turn the radiator cap slowly to the first stop to allow the pressure to escape before removing the cap completely.



No Smoking and No Open Flames



Remove Radiator Cap Slowly

Perform Maintenance Safely

Hydraulic System Hazards

The hydraulic system is under pressure whenever the engine is operating and may hold pressure even after the engine is shut off. Cycle all hydraulic controls including the auxiliary hydraulic control after the engine is shut down. Relieve trapped pressure in the lines after the attachments are shut down and resting on the ground.

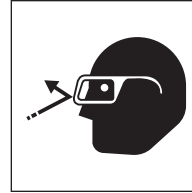
During inspection of the hydraulic system:

- Wait for fluid to cool before disconnecting the lines. Hot hydraulic fluid can cause SEVERE BURNS.
- **Do not** use your hand to check for leaks. Instead, use a piece of cardboard or paper to search for leaks.
- Wear appropriate eye protection. Hydraulic fluid can cause permanent eye injury.

WARNING! Hydraulic fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin or eyes and cause serious injury, blindness or death. Fluid leaks under pressure may not be visible. **Use a piece of cardboard or wood to find leaks, not your hand. Wear a face shield or safety goggles for eye protection.** If fluid is injected into the skin, it must be removed within a few hours by medical personnel familiar with this type of injury.

When venting or filling the hydraulic system, loosen the filler cap slowly and remove it gradually.

Never reset any relief valve in the hydraulic system to a pressure higher than recommended by the manufacturer.



Wear
Eye Protection



High Pressure
Fluid Can Inject
Into the Body

Perform Maintenance Safely

Electrical System Hazards

Before working on the electrical system, disconnect the battery cable(s).

- Remove the battery negative (-) cable(s) first.
- When reconnecting the battery, connect the battery negative (-) cable(s) last.

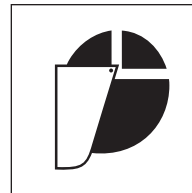
The liquid in batteries contains acid, which is a POISON and can cause SEVERE CHEMICAL BURNS.

Avoid Injury

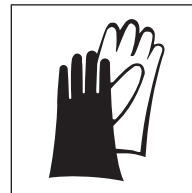
- Wear a face shield to prevent contact with your eyes.
- Wear chemical-resistant gloves and clothing to keep electrolyte off your skin and regular clothing.

WARNING! Electrolyte will damage eyes or skin on contact. **Always wear a face shield to avoid electrolyte in eyes.** If electrolyte contacts eyes, flush immediately with clean water and get medical attention. **Wear chemical-resistant gloves and protective clothing to keep electrolyte off skin.** If electrolyte contacts exposed skin or clothing, wash off immediately

with clean water. **If electrolyte is ingested**, seek medical attention immediately. NEVER give fluids that would induce vomiting.



Wear
Face Protection



Wear
Protective
Clothing

Perform Maintenance Safely

Avoid Explosion

WARNING! Avoid possible serious injury from explosion. Lead-acid batteries produce extremely explosive gases especially when being charged. **Keep arcs, sparks, flames and lighted tobacco away.**

- Do not smoke near batteries.
- Keep arcs, sparks and open flames away from batteries.
- Provide adequate ventilation.

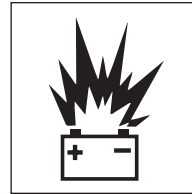
Never check the battery by placing a metal object across the battery posts — the resulting spark could cause an explosion.

WARNING! Avoid possible serious injury from battery explosion. **Do not charge a battery or boost start the engine if the battery is frozen.** Warm to 60°F (15.5°C) or the battery may explode and could cause serious injury.

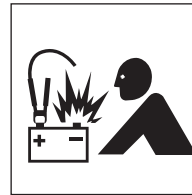
Safety rules during battery boost starting:

- Follow the instructions for proper “battery boost starting” as specified in the manufacturer’s manual.
- Be sure the machines are not touching.

- Observe the polarity of the batteries and connections.
- Make the final cable connection to the engine or the furthest ground point away from the battery. Never make the final connection at the starter or dead battery—sparks may ignite the explosive gases present at the battery.
- When disconnecting cables after jump starting, remove the cables in reverse order of connection (e.g., final connection first).



Avoid Sparks and Open Flames Near Batteries



For Boost Starting Observe Polarity and Make Final Connection at Ground Point

Perform Maintenance Safely

Tire And Wheel Maintenance

Check your tires and wheels daily because the stability of the tractor and mower can be dramatically affected by tire pressure or damage to tires or wheels.

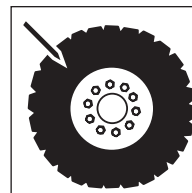
Check tires for:

- Correct pressure.
- Cuts and bulges.
- Nails or other punctures.
- Uneven or excessive wear.
- Condition of valve stems and caps.

Check wheels for:

- Damage to the rims.
- Missing or loose lug nuts or bolts.
- Misalignment.

All tire service should be performed by a qualified tire service center or by an authorized service person who has been properly trained in the procedures and use of safety equipment designed for tire servicing.



Check Tires and Wheels for Damage



Maintain Proper Tire Pressure

Perform Maintenance Safely

Tire And Wheel Maintenance (continued)

WARNING! The types of wheels and tires usually found on this equipment require special care when servicing to prevent death or serious injury.

Do not inflate the tires above the recommended pressure. Be sure to replace tire ballast if equipped. See manufacturer's specifications for ballast requirements.

Keep wheel lug nuts tightened to manufacturer's recommendations.

A rise in tire pressure during operation is normal, and should NOT be reduced.

Never reinflate a tire that has been run flat or seriously underinflated without removing the tire from the wheel. Have the tire and wheel closely inspected for damage before remounting.

When adding air to a tire, do so from a distance. Use a long hose with self-attaching chuck. Always stand behind tread when adjusting tire pressure.

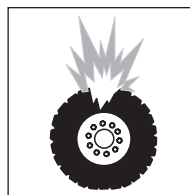
Do not inflate tires with flammable gases or from systems using an alcohol injector.

Never cut or weld on a wheel with an inflated tire mounted on it. This could cause explosive decompression.

Check that the tire size and wheel are correctly matched.

When replacing the tires, ensure the tires are of the appropriate rating specified by the manufacturer.

Tires should not be operated at speeds higher than their rated speed. Most agricultural tires are rated for 20mph maximum speed.



Perform Maintenance Safely

Complete Service And Repairs Before Machine Is Released

Tighten all bolts, fittings, and connections to torques specified by the manufacturer.

Install all guards, covers, and shields after servicing. Replace or repair any damaged parts. Refill and recharge pressure systems only with manufacturer approved or recommended fluids.

Start the engine and check for leaks. (See page 23, **Hydraulic System Hazards**.) Operate all controls to make sure the tractor and mower are functioning properly. Test the machine if necessary. After testing, shut down and check the work you performed. Are there any missing cotter pins, washers, locknuts, etc.? Recheck all fluid levels before releasing the equipment for operation.

All parts should be inspected during repair and replaced if worn, cracked or damaged. Excessively worn or damaged parts can fail and cause injury or death.

Replace any damaged or illegible safety signs.



Mower Blade Maintenance

Do not take chances using damaged or bent blades. The mower manufacturers from the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) and the Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association (FEMA) advocate that you DO NOT reuse, straighten, hard face or weld mower blades. Death or serious injury could result if a broken blade is thrown from a mower.

Perform Maintenance Safely

Mower Blade Maintenance (continued)

– How are mower blades made?

Mower blades are made of high strength alloy spring steel. They are hot-forged and shaped to meet the manufacturer's individual specifications, then heat treated and tempered to a high strength, ductile state to reduce the possibility of breaking while mowing. Blades are tested to ensure they meet strength, hardness, and ductility standards. If a blade fails to meet any of these specifications, it will not be used on the mower.

– What happens when a mower blade bends?

It takes a great amount of impact force to bend the blade. This impact force often results in the blades being gouged or chipped. After a blade is damaged by a gouge or chip a blade failure is much more likely to occur. When a blade is severely bent, a microscopic crack may be created in the blade. Straightening the blade does not remove or repair this crack, but may cause additional cracks. Additional stresses during mowing operations can result in an unexpected blade failure.

- **Avoid bending blades.** Help prevent mower blades from bending or cracking by avoiding contact with solid objects. Mower blades are intended to cut grass, shrubs, woody vegetation, and small trees and limbs. They are not intended to contact solid objects such as rocks, concrete, or steel posts. Inspect the area prior to mowing. Remove or clearly mark any solid objects and mow around them.
- **Replace damaged blades!** Inspect the mower blade(s) daily or after hitting any solid object. If a mower blade becomes damaged (bent, gouged, cracked) or worn more than 25 percent of the original size, it should be removed and replaced with a new blade. Always use the original manufacturer's blades. Aftermarket brand blades may not meet the mower manufacturer's strength, hardness and ductility requirements.
- **Do not take chances mowing with damaged or bent blades.** Using a damaged or straightened mower blade can result in the blade breaking and being thrown into the operator or a bystander causing death or serious injury. The price of a new blade is small compared to the potential for the serious injury that could result from a bent or broken blade being thrown from the mower.

Final Word To The User

You have just finished reading the AEM Industrial and Agricultural Mower Manual. It is impossible for this manual to cover every safety situation that you may encounter on a daily basis. Your knowledge of these safety precautions and your application to the

basic rules of safety will help to build good judgment in all situations. Our objective is to help you develop, establish and maintain good safety habits to make operating an Industrial and Agricultural Mower easier and safer for you.

This manual is another in a series on the safe operation of machinery published by AEM. Many pictorials in this safety manual can be found and downloaded at <http://pictorials.aem.org>. For additional publications visit our website at www.safetymaterials.org.



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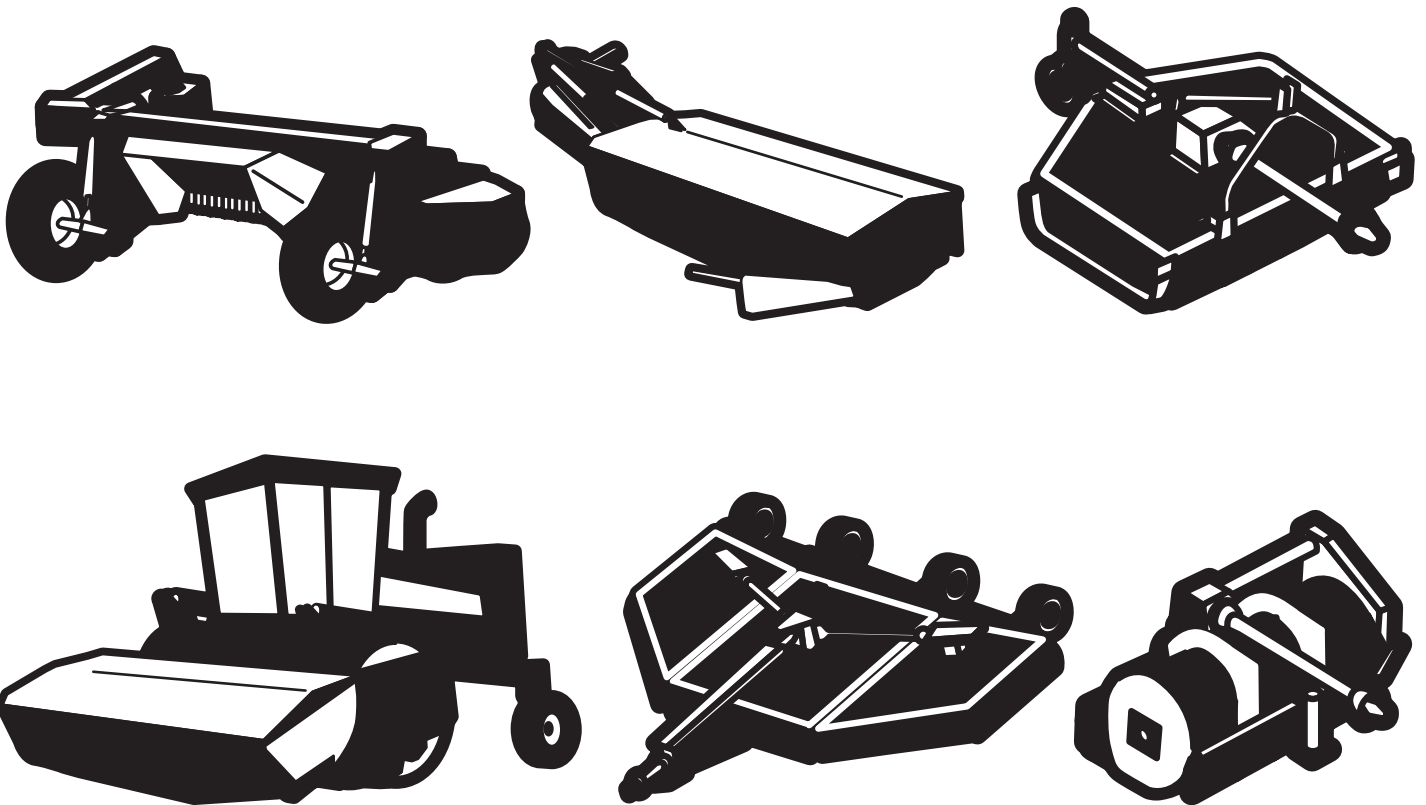
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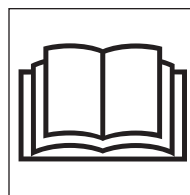
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Introducción

Este manual de seguridad está destinado a señalar algunas de las situaciones de seguridad básicas que pueden surgir durante la operación y el mantenimiento normales de la máquina y a instruirlo en prácticas de seguridad para manejar estas condiciones. Este manual **NO** sustituye los manuales del operador del fabricante de la cortadora de césped.

Puede ser necesario tomar precauciones adicionales o algunas de las instrucciones pueden no ser pertinentes, dependiendo del equipo, los accesorios y las condiciones del sitio de trabajo o del área de servicio. El fabricante no tiene control directo sobre la aplicación, la operación, la inspección o el mantenimiento del equipo. Por lo tanto, es **SU** responsabilidad utilizar prácticas de seguridad correctas en estas áreas.

La información que se proporciona en este manual complementa la información específica sobre la máquina que contienen los manuales del operador del fabricante. Puede haber otra información que afecte la operación segura de la máquina en los letreros de seguridad o en los requisitos del seguro, programas de seguridad y capacitación del empleador, códigos de seguridad, leyes federales, locales, estatales o provinciales, reglas y ordenanzas.



Lea y asegúrese
de comprender los
manuales antes
de comenzar la
operación



¡IMPORTANTE! Antes de hacer funcionar la cortadora de césped, asegúrese de contar con los manuales del operador del fabricante para esta máquina y todos los accesorios. Si faltan los manuales del fabricante, solicite manuales de repuesto a su empleador, al concesionario de los equipos o directamente al fabricante. Guarde este manual de seguridad y los manuales del fabricante con la máquina en todo momento. Lea y asegúrese de comprender todos los manuales.

Se encuentra disponible el video AEM Mower Safety Practices (Prácticas de seguridad para la cortadora de césped de AEM) para capacitar y reforzar prácticas de seguridad correctas. Se alienta a los operadores a ver periódicamente el video de seguridad.

Alertas de seguridad

Símbolo

Este símbolo de alerta de seguridad significa: **“¡ATENCIÓN! ¡MANTÉNGASE ALERTA! ¡SU SEGURIDAD ESTÁ EN RIESGO!”**

El símbolo de alerta de seguridad identifica mensajes de seguridad importantes sobre el equipo, sobre letreros de seguridad, en manuales u otros lugares. Cuando vea este símbolo, manténgase alerta ante la posibilidad de muerte o lesiones personales. Siga las instrucciones del mensaje de seguridad.



- Motivos por los cuales la seguridad es importante:
- Los accidentes provocan discapacidad y muerte.
 - Los accidentes cuestan.
 - Los accidentes pueden evitarse.

Palabras indicativas

Las palabras indicativas son palabras distintivas que típicamente se encontrarán en letreros de seguridad de la cortadora de césped y otros equipos del sitio de trabajo. Estas palabras también se pueden encontrar en este manual y en los manuales del fabricante. Están destinadas a alertar al operador sobre un riesgo y el grado de gravedad del riesgo.



DANGER (PELIGRO) indica una situación riesgosa que, si no se evita, resultará en una lesión grave o la muerte.



WARNING (ADVERTENCIA) indica una situación riesgosa que, si no se evita, podría resultar en una lesión grave o la muerte.



CAUTION (PRECAUCIÓN) indica una situación que, si no se evita, podría resultar en lesiones leves o moderadas.



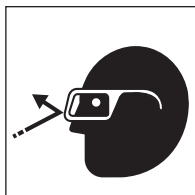
NOTICE (AVISO) indica un mensaje de daños a la propiedad.

Palabras para el usuario/operador

Es **SU** responsabilidad leer y asegurarse de comprender el manual de seguridad y los manuales del fabricante antes de hacer funcionar esta máquina. Este manual de seguridad lo lleva paso a paso a través de su día de trabajo.

El reconocimiento de los riesgos y la prevención de accidentes dependen de que usted esté alerta, sea cuidadoso y se capacite correctamente para la operación, el transporte, el mantenimiento y el almacenamiento de este equipo.

Se han suministrado gráficos útiles para comprender el texto.



Lea y asegúrese de comprender todos los letreros de seguridad

Recuerde que **USTED** es la clave de la seguridad. Las prácticas de seguridad correctas lo protegen no sólo a usted sino también a las personas que lo rodean. Estudie este manual y los manuales del fabricante para su máquina en particular. Transfórmelos en una parte activa de su programa de seguridad. Tenga presente que este manual de seguridad está escrito para cortadoras de césped industriales/para agricultura.

Contáctese con el fabricante del equipo si le queda alguna pregunta sobre la operación segura después de estudiar los manuales del operador del fabricante y este manual de seguridad.

Tome todas las demás precauciones habituales y acostumbradas para un trabajo seguro y, sobre todo:

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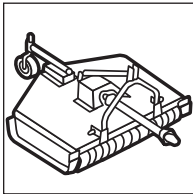
¡LA SEGURIDAD DEPENDE DE USTED!

¡PUEDE EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O MUERTE CAUSADAS POR PRÁCTICAS LABORALES NO SEGURAS!

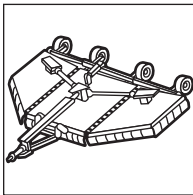
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Tipos de cortadora de césped industrial/para agricultura

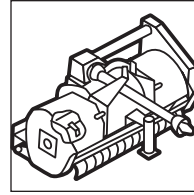
Las cortadoras de césped se usan para recortar pasturas, desmenuzar residuos de cultivos, cortar arbustos, realizar desbroce pesado, cortar la hierba en vías de agua, derechos de paso, costados de caminos o autopistas. Además, estas cortadoras se usan para cortar la hierba y otras plantas en zonas públicas como parques y cementerios.



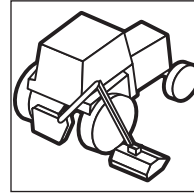
Giratorio



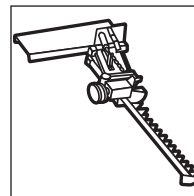
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Triturador



Aguilón



Barra en forma de hoz

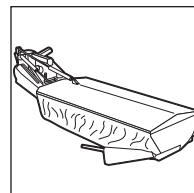
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Tipos de cortadora de césped de disco para agricultura

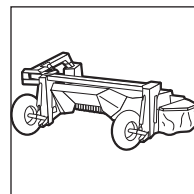
Las cortadoras de césped de disco están diseñadas y equipadas para cortar cultivos de heno a mayor velocidad de desplazamiento.

Las cortadoras/acondicionadoras de disco cortan y acondicionan los cultivos.

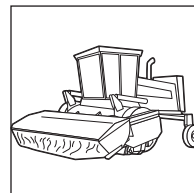
Las formadoras de hileras autopropulsadas cortan el heno y lo acondicionan en hileras.



Cortadora de césped de disco



Cortadora/acondicionadora de disco



Formadora de hileras autopropulsada

Cumplimiento del programa de seguridad

Protéjase a sí mismo

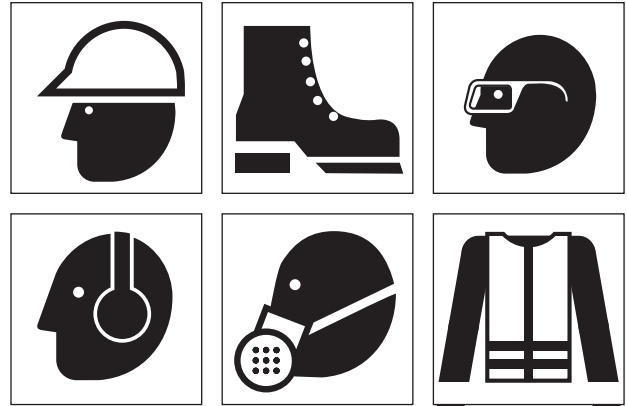
Use la ropa de protección personal y los equipos de protección personal (PPE) que se le proporcionen o que requieran las condiciones del trabajo. **SIEMPRE** debe usar gafas de seguridad con escudos laterales.

Puede necesitar también:

- Casco
- Calzado de seguridad
- Antiparras de seguridad o protección facial
- Guantes gruesos
- Protección para oídos
- Indumentaria reflectiva
- Indumentaria impermeable
- Respirador o máscara con filtro

Use la ropa necesaria; no corra ningún riesgo.

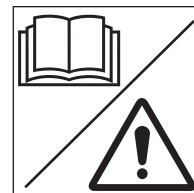
¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite lesiones graves o muerte por enredos. **No use ropa floja ni accesorios. Ate el cabello largo. Manténgase alejado de todos los componentes giratorios cuando el motor está en funcionamiento.** El contacto, el enrollado o el enredo con piezas giratorias o móviles podrían resultar en lesiones graves o la muerte.



Evite quedar enredado

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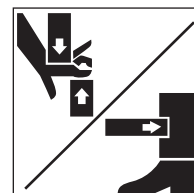
- Lea, asegúrese de comprender y siga las instrucciones escritas del fabricante que se encuentran en el manual del operador y en los letreros de seguridad sobre la cortadora y el tractor.
- Obtenga capacitación para la operación de la cortadora y el tractor.
- Aproveche los programas de capacitación que se ofrecen en su zona.
- Solicítele al distribuidor de equipos o al supervisor que le explique cualquier información que no comprenda.
- Explique las instrucciones escritas de los manuales del operador y los letreros de seguridad a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leerlas.
- Inspeccione la cortadora y el tractor diariamente antes de hacerlos funcionar. Asegúrese de que todas las guardas se encuentren en su lugar y de que el equipo funcione correctamente.
- Nunca fume mientras lo está manejando. Nunca llene el depósito de combustible con el motor en funcionamiento o cerca de una llama abierta.
- Asegúrese de tener visibilidad adecuada e iluminación suficiente.
- Sepa cuáles son los puntos donde puede quedar atrapado y las partes giratorias. Su conocimiento puede evitar accidentes.
- Nunca intente hacer funcionar los controles, excepto desde el asiento del operador. Las funciones controladas de manera incorrecta pueden producir el movimiento imprevisto de la máquina y resultar en lesiones graves o muerte.
- Apague la cortadora y el tractor antes de descender. (Consulte la página 18, **Prácticas correctas de apagado de los equipos.**)



Lea, asegúrese de comprender y siga las indicaciones de los manuales y los letreros de seguridad



Evite las partes giratorias



Sepa cuáles son y evite los puntos donde pueda quedar atrapado

Cumplimiento del programa de seguridad

Evite las lesiones provocadas por equipos elevados

Evite posibles lesiones de aplastamiento por caídas de la cortadora u otros equipos elevados.



**Evite ser aplastado –
Bloquee o apoye
con seguridad la
cortadora**

Antes de trabajar cerca o debajo de partes levadas de la cortadora o de los equipos:

- Apoye o bloquee con seguridad las partes elevadas de la cortadora o los equipos de acuerdo con el manual del operador.
- Apoye, bloquee o trabe con seguridad los laterales con dispositivos de bloqueo aprobados o descienda las partes de la cortadora o de los equipos hasta el suelo.
- Use trabas de transporte cuando transporte la cortadora por la vía pública.

Evite lesiones producidas por líquidos a alta presión

Evite las lesiones por inyección de fluidos debidas a fugas de líquidos a alta presión.



**El fluido a alta
presión puede
inyectarse en el
cuerpo**

Cumplimiento del programa de seguridad

Evite lesiones por incendios y explosiones

Aplique el freno de estacionamiento, apague el motor de la cortadora y del tractor y retire la llave mientras llena el depósito de combustible. Tenga precaución adicional cuando carga combustible en un motor caliente. Nunca fume mientras carga combustible. Evite las chispas conectando a tierra la boquilla de combustible contra el cuello de llenado del depósito.

Los vapores de un depósito de combustible vacío son explosivos. Nunca suelde o realice cortes en líneas, depósitos o contenedores de combustible.

Retire toda la basura o los residuos de corte de la máquina todos los días o según sea necesario. Mantenga los residuos alejados del motor, el escape, los embragues y otras fuentes de calor. Use supresores de chispas, según corresponda, en el sistema de escape del motor. Asegúrese de que no haya trapos con aceite u otro material inflamable almacenado en la máquina.

Revise en busca de fugas de combustible, aceite o fluido hidráulico. Repare las fugas y limpie la máquina antes de hacerla funcionar.

El éter/fluido para arranque en frío es inflamable. No fume cuando usa éter/fluido para arranque en frío. Siempre siga las instrucciones del recipiente y de los manuales del

Si un fluido se inyecta en la piel, debe ser extraído dentro de pocas horas por personal médico familiarizado con este tipo de lesión.

Las fugas de fluido bajo presión pueden no ser visibles. Al verificar en busca de fugas o cuando trabaja cerca de sistemas presurizados:

- Lea las prácticas de seguridad recomendadas en los manuales del operador del fabricante.
- Use una protección facial o antiparras de seguridad para proteger los ojos.
- Use un cartón o una madera para buscar fugas; **NO use las manos.**
- Alivie la presión del sistema antes de desconectar líneas.
- Busque y repare las líneas, los tubos y las mangueras dañados o con fugas.
- Busque y apriete las conexiones flojas.
- Purgue el aire del sistema antes de hacerlo funcionar.

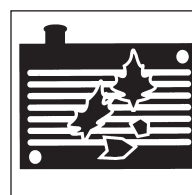
operador del fabricante correspondientes a la cortadora de césped. No use éter/fluido para arranque en frío si el motor está equipado con bujías de precalentamiento u otro dispositivo de precalentamiento.

Siempre use solvente no inflamable para limpiar las partes. No use gasolina, combustible diesel u otros fluidos inflamables. Almacene todos los fluidos y materiales inflamables lejos de la máquina y de la zona de trabajo.

Sepa dónde se guardan los extintores de incendios, cómo funcionan y para qué tipo de incendio están destinados. Verifique la disponibilidad de los extintores de incendios de acuerdo con las instrucciones del fabricante. Asegúrese de que cada tractor esté equipado con un extintor de incendios.



**No fumar;
evitar las llamas
abiertas**



**Retire los
residuos a diario
o según sea
necesario**

Cumplimiento del programa de seguridad

¡Manténgase alerta!

Sepa dónde obtener asistencia. Sepa cómo usar un equipo de primeros auxilios y un extintor de incendios/ sistema de supresión de fuego.

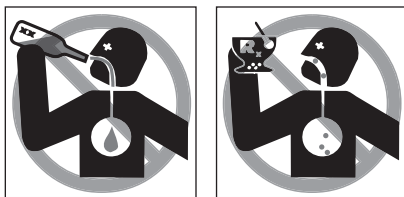
¡Manténgase informado!

Aproveche los programas de capacitación que se ofrecen.

¡Tenga cuidado!

El error humano es causado por muchos factores: descuido, fatiga, sobrecarga, preocupación, desconocimiento de la máquina por parte del operador, fármacos y alcohol, entre muchos otros. Los daños al tractor o la cortadora de césped se pueden arreglar en un tiempo breve, pero las lesiones o la muerte tienen un efecto perdurable.

Por su seguridad y la de los demás, aliente a sus compañeros de trabajo a actuar con seguridad.



Nunca use fármacos o alcohol mientras está operando la máquina

Para una operación segura

Usted debe ser un operador cualificado y autorizado para operar la máquina correctamente. Debe comprender claramente las instrucciones por escrito que proporciona el fabricante, recibir capacitación (que incluya la operación real de la cortadora de césped) y conocer las reglas y ordenanzas de seguridad correspondientes al sitio de trabajo. Una buena práctica de seguridad consiste en señalar y explicar los letreros y las prácticas de seguridad y asegurarse de que otras personas comprendan la importancia de seguir estas instrucciones.

¡ADVERTENCIA! Los fármacos y el alcohol afectan la capacidad de alerta y de coordinación del operador, así como su capacidad para operar los equipos con seguridad. **Nunca use fármacos o alcohol mientras opera el equipo de la cortadora. Nunca permita a sabiendas que otra persona opere esta máquina con la capacidad de alerta o coordinación deteriorada.**

Un operador que toma un medicamento recetado o de venta libre debe consultar a un profesional médico con respecto a los efectos colaterales del medicamento que podrían reducir su capacidad de operar este equipo con seguridad.

Cumplimiento del programa de seguridad

Conozca las reglas

La mayoría de los empleadores tienen reglas que rigen la operación y el mantenimiento de los equipos. Antes de comenzar a trabajar en una ubicación nueva, verifique con el supervisor o con el coordinador de seguridad. Averigüe sobre las reglas que tendrá que obedecer.

La Administración de Seguridad y Salud Ocupacional (Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA) hace cumplir leyes federales dentro de los EE.UU. que se aplican a la operación, la aplicación y el mantenimiento seguros de equipos en un sitio de trabajo. Es responsabilidad del empleador cumplir estas leyes. Un representante de OSHA puede visitar periódicamente un sitio de trabajo para ver si estas leyes se cumplen.

También puede haber leyes estatales/provinciales o locales u ordenanzas internacionales que se apliquen a este equipo y a su uso, junto con reglas específicas del sitio de trabajo o del empleador. Es importante que conozca y cumpla todas las leyes y reglas aplicables, incluso las que requieren capacitación y certificación del operador.

Las siguientes son algunas de las reglas que debe cumplir al trabajar:

- Un ROPS (sistema de protección antivuelco) y un tractor equipado con cinturón de seguridad es exigencia del

gobierno federal (OSHA) para la protección de los operadores durante el funcionamiento de la cortadora. Una cabina cerrada proporciona protección adicional para el operador con respecto a objetos arrojados. Verifique el manual del operador de la cortadora de césped para ver si también se requiere una cabina de tractor.

- Use y verifique que otras personas usen la indumentaria y los equipos de protección personal correctos.
- Inspeccione la máquina y los accesorios antes de cada uso según lo especificado por el fabricante y por su empleador.
- Conozca las limitaciones y las características operativas del equipo de corte de césped. No haga un uso indebido.
- Verifique que todos los escudos y las guardas estén correctamente instalados antes de hacer funcionar la máquina.
- Nunca modifique o retire partes de la máquina (excepto para realizar servicios; después, asegúrese de que se vuelvan a colocar en su lugar).



Sepa cuáles son y asegúrese de comprender las reglas de funcionamiento

Cumplimiento del programa de seguridad

Algunas reglas que debe cumplir al trabajar (continuación)

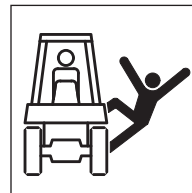
- Únicamente personas cualificadas y autorizadas pueden manejar estos equipos.
- **Nunca permita que los niños jueguen** en los equipos, **viajen** en ellos o los hagan **funcionar**. Los niños **no están** cualificados para manejar estos equipos.
- **No** transporte pasajeros.
- Use contacto en tres puntos (asideros y peldaños) y enfrente el equipo al ascender o descender de él.
- Mantenga a las personas ajenas a 300 pies (92 m) de la operación de corte.
- Familiarícese con el sitio de trabajo antes de usar la cortadora de césped. Tenga en cuenta posibles riesgos que puede encontrar en el terreno. Retire o marque los obstáculos y residuos que podrían dañar la cortadora o ser arrojados por ella.
- Utilice sólo accesorios y partes aprobados por el fabricante de la cortadora de césped.
- Asegúrese de que todos accesorios estén descendidos, aplique el freno de estacionamiento, apague el motor y haga funcionar todas las palancas de control. Retire la llave antes de salir del tractor. (Consulte la página 18, **Prácticas correctas de apagado de los equipos.**)
- Cuando transporte la cortadora de césped en un remolque, siga las instrucciones detalladas del fabricante para la carga, el amarre y la descarga de la cortadora.



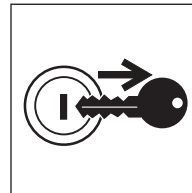
Mantenga a los niños alejados de los equipos



Mantenga a las personas ajenas alejadas



No lleve pasajeros

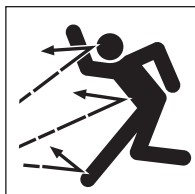


Apague los equipos cuando están sin vigilancia

Cumplimiento del programa de seguridad

Conozca los equipos

Lea y asegúrese de comprender los letreros de seguridad que indican PELIGRO, ADVERTENCIA, PRECAUCIÓN y AVISO y otros letreros informativos que hay sobre el tractor y la cortadora de césped y en el manual del operador del fabricante. Solicítele al supervisor o al distribuidor de la cortadora que le explique cualquier información que no comprenda. El incumplimiento de las instrucciones de seguridad podría resultar en lesiones graves o muerte.

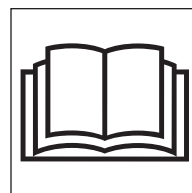


Lea y asegúrese de comprender todos los letreros de seguridad

Asegúrese de que todas las estructuras de protección, guardas, escudos, pantallas y paneles del fabricante están bien reparados, en su lugar y bien ajustados. Los componentes de seguridad dañados, faltantes o debilitados pueden crear una situación de riesgo para usted como operador. **Nunca** retire o modifique ningún componente de seguridad (incluso escudos para objetos arrojados) que haya en la cortadora.

Conozca lo siguiente sobre el tractor y la cortadora de césped:

- Funcionamiento, propósito y uso de todos los controles.
- Velocidades de funcionamiento correctas.
- Capacidades y funcionamiento correcto en pendientes y terrenos desparejos.
- Características del frenado y la dirección.
- Radio de giro y separaciones.
- Cómo detener los equipos rápidamente en una emergencia.



Lea y asegúrese de comprender los manuales antes de comenzar la operación

Preparación para una operación segura

Revise los equipos de la cortadora de césped y el tractor

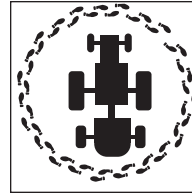
Antes de comenzar la jornada de trabajo, inspeccione la máquina y asegúrese de que todos los sistemas estén en buenas condiciones operacionales.

¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite posibles lesiones por aplastamiento producidas por equipos que caen. La falla del sistema hidráulico o de una parte podría causar la caída de equipos que no están apoyados. **No permanezca debajo de equipos elevados excepto que estén correctamente apoyados de acuerdo con el manual del operador.**

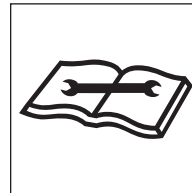
- Realice procedimientos de servicio diarios y periódicos según lo indicado por el fabricante del equipo.
- Verifique para detectar piezas faltantes, dañadas, rotas o flojas en el tractor y en la cortadora de césped. Repare o sustituya esas piezas.
- Verifique que los accesorios del tractor y la cortadora sean los correctos.
- Verifique que la clasificación nominal de velocidad de TDF del tractor y la cortadora sea la correcta.
- Verifique el estado de las hojas de la cortadora de césped. Sustituya las hojas que se encuentren gravemente gastadas, dobladas, agujereadas o

marcadas; incluya los pernos y sujetadores de las hojas. Nunca enderece o suelde en las hojas.

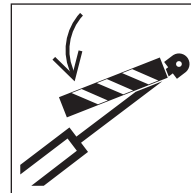
- Asegúrese de que el escudo para objetos que son arrojados se encuentre correctamente instalado y en buen estado. Repárelo o sustitúyalo si está dañado o falta.



Recorrida de inspección



Realice el mantenimiento de la máquina



Lea el manual – Bloquee o apoye con seguridad la cortadora

Preparación para una operación segura

- Verifique que todos los escudos y guardas estén en su lugar y que todos los equipos se encuentren en buenas condiciones de funcionamiento. Esto incluye la línea motriz de la TDF, la caja de engranajes y las guardas y escudos de los implementos que se usan para proteger al operador.
- Verifique que los dispositivos de bloqueo del extremo en horquilla de la línea motriz estén correctamente enclavados.
- Verifique en busca de sistemas hidráulicos dañados o con fugas en el tractor o la cortadora. Repare o ajuste según sea necesario.

¡ADVERTENCIA! El fluido hidráulico bajo presión puede penetrar la piel o los ojos y causar lesiones graves, ceguera o la muerte. Las fugas de fluido bajo presión pueden no ser visibles. **Utilice un cartón o una madera para buscar fugas, no la mano. Use protección ocular.** Si el fluido se inyecta en la piel, debe ser extraído dentro de las próximas pocas horas por personal médico familiarizado con este tipo de lesión.

- Mantenga la superficie de la plataforma del operador limpia y libre de grasa, aceite, suciedad, nieve o hielo. Los peldaños y asideros deben estar limpios y funcionar correctamente.
- Asegúrese de que las luces de trabajo se mantengan limpias (si están instaladas). Verifique que todas las luces funcionen correctamente.

- Asegúrese de que el letrero de vehículo de movimiento lento, los y las luces de advertencia estén en buenas condiciones y puedan verse claramente.
- Asegúrese de que todas las herramientas y objetos sueltos se retiren o se sujeten con seguridad mientras se opera la máquina.
- Verifique que todos los letreros de seguridad se vean con claridad. Sustituya los letreros dañados.



Revise para detectar/guardas y escudos dañados



Verifique en busca de fugas e inspeccione las mangueras

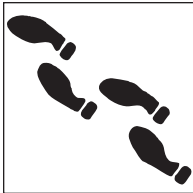


Aparte las reflectores herramientas

Preparación para una operación segura

Familiarícese con la zona de trabajo

Antes de hacer funcionar la cortadora de césped, inspeccione cuidadosamente la zona de trabajo. Recorra a pie alrededor de la zona e inspeccione las superficies sobre las cuales se desplazará cuando utilice la cortadora.



Recorra a pie alrededor del lugar de trabajo

Localice y evite:

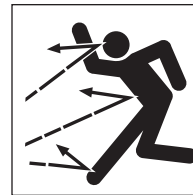
- Agujeros
- Desmoronamientos
- Obstáculos (tocones)
- Excavaciones
- Agua estancada
- Lodo profundo
- Puntos mojados
- Suelo blando
- Puntos irregulares
- Líneas y aparatos eléctricos
- Otros servicios públicos
- Cualquier condición que podría causar una colisión, pérdida de control o vuelco
- Pendientes empinadas

Busque residuos y obstáculos recorriendo a pie la zona antes de cortar. Los objetos como alambre, cable, rocas, neumáticos y metales que podrían dañar o ser arrojados por la cortadora de césped deben retirarse o marcarse claramente y evitarse.

Corrija las condiciones no seguras. No opere en áreas con problemas donde no se puedan retirar o marcar los residuos y los obstáculos.

Analice la zona de corte para determinar:

- El procedimiento de corte más eficiente.
- La altura del material que debe cortarse.
- Las condiciones operativas del terreno.
- Cómo usar mejor el patrón de corte en sentido de avance.
- Las posibilidades de que personas ajenas o que pasan circunstancialmente queden expuestas a objetos que se arrojan.



Retire o marque los residuos y obstáculos

Tenga cuidado con otras personas

Antes de poner en marcha los equipos:

- Recorra a pie alrededor de los equipos.
- Verifique en busca de personas debajo o cerca de los equipos.
- Retire a todas las personas de esas zonas.
- Haga sonar una advertencia.

Preparación para una operación segura

Ascienda y descienda del tractor correctamente

Siempre use contacto de tres puntos al ascender o descender del tractor o de la cortadora de césped. Enfrente la máquina al ingresar o salir de ella. Un contacto de tres puntos significa que tres de los cuatro miembros (brazos y piernas) están en contacto con la máquina en todo momento durante el ascenso y descenso.

Antes de ascender:

- Límpiense el calzado y las manos. Limpie la nieve, el hielo, el lodo o el aceite de los peldaños y asideros.

Durante el ascenso y el descenso:

- Use los asideros y los estribos.
- Nunca se aferre al volante o a los controles como asideros.
- Nunca ascienda o descienda de un tractor en movimiento.
- Nunca ascienda o descienda transportando herramientas u objetos que impidan el contacto de tres puntos. Deje en el piso las piezas o las herramientas. Manteniendo el contacto correcto, suba y, después, recoja el objeto.



Utilice contacto de tres puntos



Limpie las superficies resbaladizas

Preparación para una operación segura

Prueba de seguridad de los controles del tractor y de la cortadora de césped

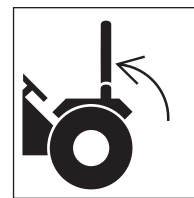
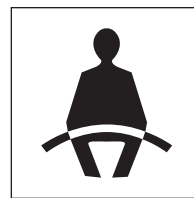
Arranque el tractor siguiendo los procedimientos específicos del manual del operador del fabricante. Estos procedimientos normalmente incluyen:

- Colóquese y ajústese el cinturón de seguridad en el tractor equipado con ROPS.
- Verifique que el freno de estacionamiento esté aplicado.
- Verifique que la TDF esté desenganchada.
- Verifique que todos los controles estén en la posición de estacionamiento.
- Advierta a otras personas en la zona antes de arrancar el tractor.
- Arranque el tractor siguiendo los procedimientos de arranque que recomienda el fabricante del tractor.

¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite lesiones graves o muertes producidas por el movimiento inesperado de la máquina. **Arranque el motor únicamente desde el puesto del operador. Nunca intente arrancar el motor haciendo un corto entre los bornes del arranque o tomando la llave desde el suelo o desde afuera de la cabina.**

Después del arranque:

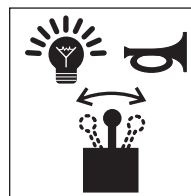
- Verifique que todos los instrumentos, indicadores y luces indicadoras funcionen normalmente.
- Verifique que todos los controles, la dirección y los frenos del tractor funcionen correctamente.



Use el ROPS y el cinturón de seguridad



Arranque únicamente desde el asiento del operador



Revise los instrumentos y controles

- Eleve y descienda la cortadora de césped en busca de problemas en el descenso total o el enganche de la línea motriz.
- Verifique los equipos en busca de vibraciones excesivas y ruidos anormales.

Preparación para una operación segura

- Use las prácticas correctas de apagado de los equipos antes de inspeccionar equipos. Espere hasta que todo movimiento de los equipos se haya detenido antes de descender del tractor o la cortadora de césped.
- No haga funcionar la cortadora si el tractor y la cortadora de césped no funcionan correctamente. Coloque una etiqueta que indique “No poner en funcionamiento” en la máquina, retire la llave y no haga funcionar la cortadora hasta que el problema se haya corregido.

Sistema de toma de fuerza (TDF)

Asegúrese de hacer funcionar el tractor a la velocidad de TDF indicada para la cortadora.

Al hacer funcionar tractores con sistemas de TDF impulsados por transmisión, una cortadora giratoria tiene un significativo efecto de rueda volante. La cortadora puede seguir propulsando un tractor con un sistema de TDF impulsado por transmisión.

El tractor debe estar equipado y funcionar como sigue:

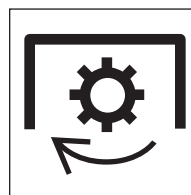
- Instale una línea motriz equipada con un embrague de sobrecarga.
- Prevea suficiente espacio y tiempo para maniobrar anticipando los giros, las paradas y las reducciones de velocidad.



No descienda hasta que el movimiento de los equipos se haya detenido



Use una etiqueta que indique “No poner en funcionamiento”



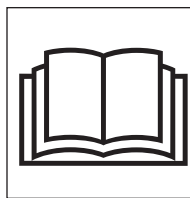
Use la velocidad de la TDF

Preparación para una operación segura

Enganche de la cortadora de césped al tractor

Cortadoras montadas en enganche de tres puntos:

- Consulte los manuales de los fabricantes de la cortadora y del tractor.
- Coloque la palanca selectora de elevación de potencia hidráulica del tractor en la posición descendida para evitar movimientos imprevistos.
- Explique los procedimientos de enganche a los operadores que no puedan leerlos.
- Pueden requerirse pesos en el extremo delantero para mantener el control de la dirección y la estabilidad del extremo delantero. Consulte los manuales del operador de los fabricantes.
- Al hacer retroceder el tractor hasta la cortadora de césped, NUNCA permita que haya personas entre tractor y la cortadora.
- Instale la cortadora en los eslabones de tres puntos del tractor y asegúrela en su lugar con pasadores.
- Instale con seguridad la línea motriz a la TDF del tractor. Descienda el escudo principal hasta su lugar si es móvil. Empuje y tire de la línea motriz para asegurarse de que esté trabada en el vástago de la TDF.



Lea y asegúrese de comprender los manuales antes de comenzar la operación



Mantenga una distribución correcta del peso



No permita que haya nadie entre el tractor y la cortadora de césped

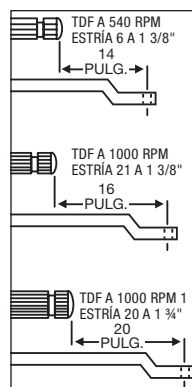


Evite quedar enredado, use guardas y escudos

Preparación para una operación segura

Cortadoras montadas en enganche tipo de tiro:

- Consulte los manuales de los fabricantes de la cortadora y del tractor.
- Retire el acople rápido del enganche de tres puntos si está instalado.
- Instálelo únicamente al enganche de la barra de tiro.
- Ajuste la longitud de la barra de tiro del tractor para el funcionamiento de la TDF a 540 ó 1000 rpm.
- Al hacer retroceder el tractor hasta la cortadora de césped, NUNCA permita que haya personas entre tractor y la cortadora.
- Instale correctamente la cadena de remolque de seguridad de la cortadora en el tractor.
- Instale con seguridad la línea motriz a la TDF del tractor. Empuje y tire de la línea motriz para asegurarse de que esté trabada en la TDF. Descienda el escudo principal a su lugar.
- Conecte las mangueras hidráulicas de la cortadora de césped en el tractor.
- Asegúrese de que los laterales o las plataformas elevadas de la cortadora estén sostenidas por los cilindros antes de retirar las trabas de transporte. Nunca haga fuerza para soltar las trabas de transporte o de los laterales. Los laterales o la plataforma podrían caerse y aplastarlo.



Ajuste de la barra de tiro del tractor



Confirme que los laterales estén apoyados antes de soltar las trabas



Evite quedar enredado, use guardas y escudos

Arranque con seguridad

Cómo realizar un arranque correcto

Corte la hierba únicamente con luz diurna o en condiciones de buena luz artificial.

Evite lesiones graves o muerte producidas por objetos arrojados por la cortadora o por el contacto con las hojas:

- Mantenga los escudos de las cadenas, los escudos deflectores flexibles o sólidos y las rampas de descarga en su lugar y en buen estado de reparación.
- Mantenga a las personas ajenas a 300 pies (92 m) de la operación de corte.
- Nunca dirija la descarga de la cortadora hacia una persona.
- Mantenga las manos, los pies y otras partes del cuerpo alejadas de las piezas giratorias, las hojas y las aberturas de descarga.
- No haga funcionar la cortadora de césped en la posición de transporte.

No se acerque a una cortadora hasta que todo movimiento se haya detenido.

Enganche de la transmisión de RDF de la cortadora de césped:

- Eleve la cortadora hasta la altura de corte máxima.
- Enganche la TDF a baja velocidad del motor.
- Aumente la velocidad del motor hasta llegar a la velocidad nominal de la TDF.
- Descienda la cortadora hasta la altura de corte deseada.
- Detenga y apague de inmediato si la cortadora golpea contra una obstrucción.
- Inspeccione y repare cualquier daño de la cortadora antes de reanudar el corte.
- No haga funcionar una cortadora que vibra en exceso o produce ruidos anormales.

Operación con seguridad

Los escudos de la cortadora están diseñados para reducir el riesgo de objetos arrojados y se deben mantener correctamente y en su lugar durante las operaciones de corte.

El riesgo de lesiones graves o muerte puede reducirse significativamente si se siguen estas reglas. **Si no se siguen todas estas reglas de seguridad, la operación de corte debe detenerse en caso de que alguna persona ingrese dentro del límite de seguridad correspondiente a cada tipo de cortadora.**

Primero — Inspeccione la zona antes de cortar y retire las piedras, ramas, alambres, cables, metales, vidrios y otros objetos sólidos antes de hacer funcionar la máquina. Los objetos que no puedan retirarse deben marcarse con claridad y ser evitados con cuidado por el operador.

En áreas sin cultivos con hierba y maleza de altura suficiente como para ocultar objetos que podrían ser golpeados por las hojas, inspeccione la zona y retire o marque los residuos u obstáculos grandes.



Hojas giratorias – Manténgase



No ponga en funcionamiento una cortadora de césped dañada

Objetos arrojados por la cortadora de césped

Dependiendo del propósito previsto, las cortadoras están diseñadas para cortar hierba, maleza, broza y cultivos. Las hojas de la cortadora están diseñadas y probadas para uso intensivo. Las hojas de la cortadora, sin embargo, no están diseñadas para entrar en contacto con objetos sólidos como rocas, cemento o metales. Un impacto de este tipo puede arrojar objetos rotos hasta 300 pies (92 m) de distancia. Nunca debe haber personas ajenas a menos de 300 pies (92 m) de una cortadora giratoria en funcionamiento o a menos de 100 pies (30 m) de una cortadora de disco correctamente equipada.



Siga todas las reglas de seguridad

Realice el corte de la zona a una altura intermedia. Inspeccione la zona atentamente y retire o marque cualquier residuo u obstáculo restante. Corte nuevamente a la altura final deseada.

Segundo — Los escudos para objetos arrojados por la cortadora deben usarse cuando se opera cerca de caminos, parques, zonas pobladas u otras zonas donde objetos arrojados podrían lesionar a personas ajenas o dañar la propiedad. Siga el manual del operador del fabricante.

Tercero — Cruce en sentido diagonal cuando realiza el corte a través de zanjas, depresiones marcadas y hundimientos. Eleve la cortadora para evitar que las hojas de la cortadora golpeen el suelo.

Operación con seguridad

Objetos arrojados por la cortadora de césped (continuación)

Cortadoras de disco — Cuando se usa una cortadora de disco, es importante conocer la zona donde se va a cortar. Si el operador ha realizado cortes en el terreno antes y está familiarizado con todos los obstáculos que puede haber, es suficiente observar delante de la trayectoria de la cortadora para detectar cualquier objeto adicional que pueda haber ingresado en el terreno. Está preparado para detenerse o evitar objetos que podrían ser peligrosos si son arrojados por la cortadora. Si piensa cortar en un terreno que no conoce bien y se encuentra junto a un camino transitado o puede haber personas a menos de 100 pies (30 m) de la cortadora de césped, debe inspeccionar y limpiar o marcar el terreno.

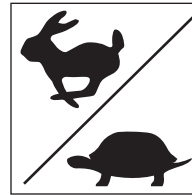
Cómo cortar en retroceso

No corte mientras se desplaza en retroceso. Es más probable que se arrojen objetos y que éstos puedan llegar más lejos.



Apague la TDF, espere que las hojas dejen de girar, eleve la cortadora y, después, retroceda.

Corte desplazándose en sentido de avance.



Velocidad de desplazamiento durante el corte

La velocidad de desplazamiento correcta depende de las condiciones del terreno y del tipo de hierba, la densidad y la altura que debe cortarse:

- El rango normal de velocidad de desplazamiento es de 2 a 5 mph (3.2 a 8 km/h).
- Use una velocidad de desplazamiento menor para cortar hierbas altas y densas.
- Use una velocidad de desplazamiento mayor para cortar hierba delgada a altura media y con condiciones de terreno sin dificultades.
- Use una velocidad de desplazamiento menor para acortar en terreno irregular, con pendientes o no muy conocido.

Las cortadoras de disco están diseñadas para usar velocidades de desplazamiento mayores cuando funcionan en terrenos despejados de residuos y peligros superficiales.

Operación con seguridad

Corte de hierba extremadamente alta

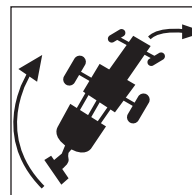
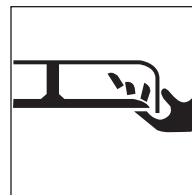
Puede ser necesario cortar dos veces la hierba extremadamente alta que no sea cultivo. (Consulte la página 13, **Objetos arrojados por la cortadora de césped.**)

Primera pasada de corte:

- Apague la cortadora y el tractor usando la práctica correcta de apagado de equipos antes de descender del tractor. (Consulte la página 18, **Prácticas correctas de apagado de los equipos.**)
- Inspeccione la zona y retire o marque cualquier residuo u obstáculo.
- Corte la hierba a mayor altura (10 a 15 pulg. [25 a 38 cm]) para evitar los objetos ocultos.

Segunda pasada de corte:

- Apague la cortadora y el tractor usando la práctica correcta de apagado de equipos antes de descender del tractor.
- Inspeccione la zona y retire o marque cualquier residuo u obstáculo.
- Corte la hierba a la altura deseada y, de ser posible, a 90 grados con respecto a la primera pasada de corte.



Preste atención a los espacios libres de los equipos

Las cortadoras con enganche de tres puntos y montaje lateral tienen un arco de giro mayor que las tipo de tiro. Deje el espacio libre suficiente para la oscilación de la cortadora cuando gira.

No permita que haya personas ajenas cerca del tractor y la cortadora de césped cuando mueve o transporta el tractor y la cortadora.

Operación con seguridad

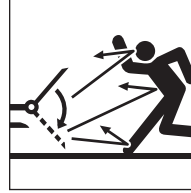
Prácticas de seguridad para la cortadora de césped de montaje inferior

Cuando se traslada con una cortadora de césped de montaje inferior:

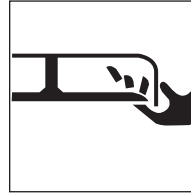
- Mantenga la rampa de descarga extraíble en su lugar y por encima de la abertura de descarga.
- Nunca se pare sobre la carcasa de una cortadora de césped cuando el motor del tractor está en funcionamiento.
- Distribuya los recortes de hierba con la rampa de descarga orientada hacia la zona donde se cortó.
- Antes de limpiar una cortadora o una rampa de descarga atascada, apague la máquina usando la práctica correcta para apagado del equipo. (Consulte la página 18, **Prácticas correctas de apagado de los equipos.**)



Nunca se pare sobre la cortadora de césped – Manténgase alejado



Mantenga la rampa en su lugar



Detenga la hoja antes de desatascar

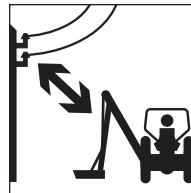
Operación con seguridad

Cortadora de césped con lateral o aguilón Peligros y riesgos de obstrucciones elevadas

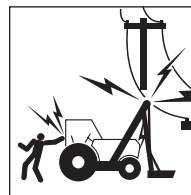
Verifique en busca de obstrucciones elevadas con las cortadoras que tienen el lateral o el aguilón elevado, para evitar lesiones graves o la muerte por contacto con:

- Líneas y aparatos eléctricos.
- Ramas bajas de los árboles.
- Otras obstrucciones elevadas.
- Mantenga las distancias especificadas con respecto a los cables y los aparatos eléctricos. Nunca se acerque a cables o aparatos eléctricos energizados con ninguna parte de la máquina, salvo que se hayan tomado todas las precauciones de seguridad locales, estatales/provinciales y federales (OSHA) necesarias. Use extrema precaución.

¡PELIGRO! Evite la electrocución o lesiones graves por contacto o un espacio libre inadecuado con respecto a líneas o aparatos eléctricos energizados. **No permita que la máquina o el accesorio se acerque o entre en contacto con una línea de electricidad. No se acerque ni toque una máquina que esté en contacto con una línea de electricidad.**



No se acerque a líneas de electricidad energizadas



Manténgase alejado de los equipos energizados

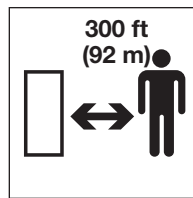
Operación con seguridad

Prácticas de seguridad para cortadoras de césped con laterales y montaje lateral

Las posiciones elevadas de los laterales reducen la protección de los escudos y aumentan los riesgos de objetos arrojados y contacto con las hojas.

Evite la posibilidad de lesiones graves o muerte por objetos arrojados o contacto con las hojas causados por la elevación y el descenso de los laterales durante las operaciones de corte:

- No realice cortes con personas ajenas presentes a menos de 300 pies (92 m) de la cortadora de césped.
- Asegúrese de que no haya personas cerca de la cortadora mientras se elevan o descienden los laterales.
- Apague la TDF y espere hasta que todos los elementos giratorios se hayan detenido antes de elevar la plataforma o la sección lateral de la cortadora.
- Únicamente eleve el lateral para quitar objetos de la trayectoria de corte o para acompañar una pendiente del terreno.
- Descienda hasta el suelo el lateral elevado una vez que se eliminó el objeto o se superó la pendiente.
- Detenga el trabajo de corte si alguna persona se acerca a menos de 300 pies (92 m) de la zona de corte.



Mantenga a las personas ajenas alejadas de la zona de corte



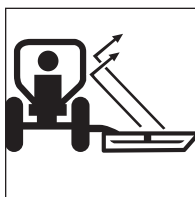
Evite golpear obstrucciones

Prácticas de seguridad para trabajos de corte en orillas de zanjas

Use extremo cuidado al realizar cortes en orillas de zanjas. Preste atención a escurrimientos, zonas erosionadas y obstrucciones para el corte a lo largo de las orillas de zanjas. Si se golpean obstrucciones con cortadoras de montaje lateral o con aguilón, el extremo delantero del tractor puede desviarse hacia la zanja.

Operación con seguridad

Los trabajos en orillas de zanjas con aguilón y lateral elevado pueden reducir la eficacia de la protección del operador de la cortadora que proporcionan los escudos para objetos arrojados.



Utilice cabinas cerradas con ROPS o cerramientos de protección

- Cuando realice estas operaciones, use cabinas cerradas con ROPS, cerramientos protectores especiales y otros escudos para el operador que ofrece el fabricante.
- Inspeccione la zona de corte y retire o marque todos los objetos extraños y los residuos que deberá esquivar la cortadora.

Prácticas de seguridad para trabajos de corte en terrenos desparejos

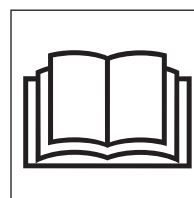
Las pendientes y los terrenos desparejos reducen la estabilidad del tractor y de la cortadora.

Como en todas las condiciones de corte, use tractores equipados con ROPS y cinturón de seguridad. **Asegúrese**

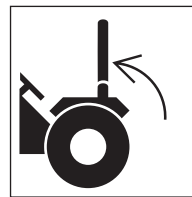
de que el ROPS está elevado y trabado en su lugar y use siempre el cinturón de seguridad.

Prevenga los vuelcos del tractor y de la cortadora de césped y mantenga controlada la estabilidad de los equipos:

- Repase los manuales del operador del tractor y de la cortadora para ver las prácticas de seguridad para operaciones en pendientes y terrenos desparejos. Explique las prácticas a los operadores que no puedan leerlas.
- Evite trabajar en pendientes extremadamente empinadas.



Lea y asegúrese de comprender los manuales antes de comenzar la operación

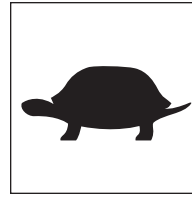


Use el ROPS y el cinturón de seguridad

Operación con seguridad

Prácticas de seguridad para trabajos de corte en terrenos desparejos (continuación)

- Use extremo cuidado para mantener el control de los equipos cuando trabaja en estas condiciones.
- Aumente la estabilidad del tractor agregando pesos o lastre en las ruedas y aumentando al máximo la separación entre las ruedas. Consulte las recomendaciones en el manual del operador.
- Mantenga la velocidad de desplazamiento en el mínimo.
- Realice giros amplios y graduales.
- Evite los arranques, las paradas y los giros bruscos cuando trabaje en subidas o bajadas de pendientes o sobre ellas.
- **No** levante del suelo las cortadoras de montaje trasero o de montaje lateral ni los laterales de la cortadora durante estas operaciones.
- Manténganse alerta en busca de agujeros, baches, pozos, tocones u otras obstrucciones que podrían hacer volcar la máquina.
- Evite las condiciones de suelo resbaladizo que podrían causar la pérdida de control y el vuelco del tractor y la cortadora.
- Evite bajar completamente y golpear el suelo cuando cruza en sentido diagonal depresiones marcadas y hundimientos.



Mantenga el control, desplácese



Agregue lastre, ensanche la separación entre las ruedas



Evite los pozos, baches y agujeros

Use extremo cuidado al mantener la estabilidad de los equipos durante todos los trabajos de corte en terrenos desparejos y pendientes. Usted es quien juzga en última instancia si en cualquier pendiente se puede trabajar con seguridad.

Operación con seguridad

Prácticas de seguridad para el transporte en caminos

Antes de operar en la vía pública:

- Consulte los manuales del operador de los fabricantes de la cortadora y del tractor para ver instrucciones.
- Explique las instrucciones a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leerlas.
- Verifique las ordenanzas locales sobre marcas, luces, balizas, etc. requeridas en los equipos durante el desplazamiento por la vía pública. Se requieren luces en las cortadoras que obstaculizan la visibilidad de las luces traseras y/o las luces de advertencia del tractor.
- Cuando transporte la cortadora de césped en un remolque, siga las instrucciones detalladas del fabricante para la carga, el amarre y la descarga de la cortadora.

Antes de transportar en la vía pública:

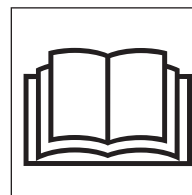
- Desconecte la alimentación de la TDF a la cortadora.
- Eleve la cortadora a la posición de transporte y aplique la traba para transporte.
- Trabe los laterales de la cortadora de césped en la posición de transporte con dispositivos de bloqueo aprobados.
- Instale una cadena de seguridad para remolque entre la cortadora tipo de tiro y el tractor.
- Asegúrese de que las luces, las luces de advertencia y los reflectores están en su lugar y son visibles.

- Verifique que el emblema de vehículo de movimiento le resulte visible a cualquier vehículo que se aproxime por atrás.

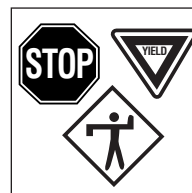
Durante el transporte en la vía pública:

- Obedezca todas las ordenanzas de tránsito locales.
- Acérquese a las intersecciones con precaución.
- Observe los letreros de velocidad y control del tránsito.
- Evite las paradas de emergencia y los giros cerrados.

Sea un operador amable y apártese periódicamente para dejar pasar el tránsito.



Lea y asegúrese de comprender los manuales antes de comenzar la operación



Obedezca las ordenanzas de tránsito

Estacionamiento seguro

Prácticas de seguridad para el estacionamiento

- Use las zonas designadas o alejadas del tránsito.
- Use lugares con suelo firme y nivelado.
- Aplique el freno de estacionamiento.
- Descienda el equipo de la cortadora de césped hasta el suelo.

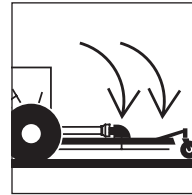
Apague la cortadora y el tractor usando la práctica correcta de apagado de equipos antes de descender del tractor. (Consulte la página 18, **Prácticas correctas de apagado de los equipos.**)

Lugares de estacionamiento con suelo en pendiente:

- Ubique los equipos transversalmente con respecto a la pendiente.
- Aplique los frenos de estacionamiento.
- Descienda el equipo de la cortadora de césped hasta el suelo.
- Bloquee las ruedas del tractor.



Aplique el freno de estacionamiento



Descienda los equipos elevados hasta el suelo

Antes de estacionar temporalmente y dejar equipos deshabilitados cerca de zonas con tránsito:

- Retire los equipos de la vía pública.
- Instale banderas de advertencia.
- Use las balizas de advertencia del tractor.

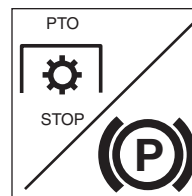
Apagado con seguridad

Prácticas correctas de apagado de los equipos

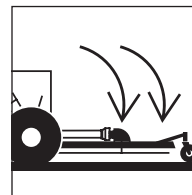
Transforme el apagado correcto de los equipos en un hábito.

El apagado correcto de un tractor y una cortadora de césped puede ayudar a evitar accidentes cuando la cortadora está sin vigilancia. Apague la cortadora siguiendo los procedimientos específicos del manual del operador del fabricante. Estos procedimientos normalmente incluirán:

- Reduzca la velocidad del motor.
- Desenganche el embrague de la TDF y la transmisión.
- Haga funcionar el motor en ralentí para que se enfríe gradualmente.
- Coloque todos los controles en la posición de estacionamiento.
- Aplique el freno de estacionamiento.
- Descienda la cortadora de césped hasta el suelo.
- Descienda los laterales de las cortadoras con laterales hasta el suelo.
- Apague el motor, trabe la ignición y retire la llave de la máquina; llévela con usted.
- Espere hasta que todas las piezas móviles se hayan detenido antes de descender.
- Libere la presión hidráulica moviendo los controles hidráulicos varias veces en todas las direcciones.
- Trabe las cubiertas y los cerramientos antivandalismo, si están instalados, cuando los equipos están sin vigilancia.
- Descienda con cuidado manteniendo contacto de tres puntos.



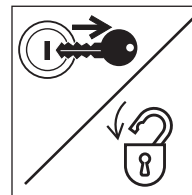
Desenganche la TDF, aplique el freno



Descienda los equipos elevados hasta el suelo



Espere hasta que las piezas giratorias se detengan



Retire la llave, trabe la ignición, llévese la llave

Apagado con seguridad

Descenso correcto

- Nunca descienda de equipos en movimiento.
- Nunca baje de una máquina saltando.
- Descienda con cuidado.
- Verifique que no haya peldaños resbaladizos.
- Mantenga los pies y las manos lejos de los controles.
- Use los asideros y los peldaños durante el descenso.
- Enfrente la máquina y use contacto de tres puntos (2 manos y 1 pie o 2 pies y 1 mano).



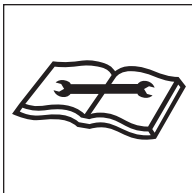
Espere hasta que las piezas móviles se detengan



Use contacto de tres puntos; enfrente a la máquina

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Mantenimiento de los equipos



Realice el mantenimiento de los equipos

Asegúrese de mantener los equipos de acuerdo con las instrucciones del fabricante. Verifique con regularidad el funcionamiento de los dispositivos de protección y de seguridad.

No realice ningún trabajo en un tractor o en una cortadora de césped si no está autorizado y cualificado para hacerlo.

Si ha sido autorizado para realizar mantenimiento, **lea los manuales del operador y de servicios**. Estudie las instrucciones; verifique las tablas de lubricación; examine todos los mensajes de instrucciones que haya sobre la máquina. El mantenimiento puede ser peligroso si no se realiza correctamente. Asegúrese de tener las habilidades necesarias, la información y las herramientas y equipos correctos para realizar el trabajo.

¡ADVERTENCIA! No modifique equipos ni agregue componentes no aprobados por el fabricante. Use piezas, lubricantes y técnicas de servicio recomendadas por el fabricante.

Piezas de la cortadora de césped y seguridad personal

Los fabricantes de cortadoras de césped usan sujetadores y específicos y piezas especialmente diseñadas para cumplir con los requisitos de las operaciones de las cortadoras. Las piezas críticas (pernos autobloqueantes de las hojas, hojas, pasadores, escudos y otros componentes especiales) tienen requisitos específicos de resistencia, diseño y ajuste para la marca y el modelo de cortadora que usted está usando.

Evite posibles lesiones graves o la muerte por el uso de piezas o modificaciones no aprobadas:

- No sustituya con tornillería común los pernos de las hojas u otros componentes de piezas especiales originales del fabricante.
- No sustituya hojas, pasadores, escudos u otras piezas críticas.
- No use pernos de mayor resistencia para reemplazar los pernos de seguridad originales del fabricante.

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Preparación personal

Use la ropa de protección personal y los equipos de protección personal (PPE) que se le proporcionen o que requieran las condiciones del trabajo. **SIEMPRE** debe usar gafas de seguridad con escudos laterales.

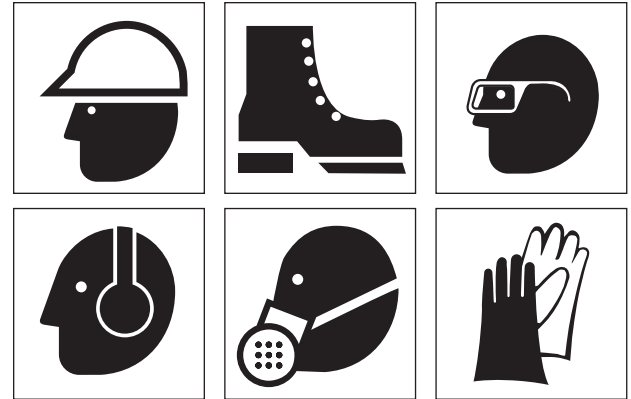
Puede necesitar también:

- Casco
- Calzado de seguridad
- Anteojos de seguridad, antiparras o protección facial
- Delantal y guantes
- Protección para oídos
- Casco o antiparras para soldar
- Respirador o máscara con filtro

Use la ropa necesaria; no corra ningún riesgo.

Mantenga las manos (y la ropa) alejadas de todas las piezas móviles. No use cordones sueltos, mangas flojas, anillos, relojes o cabello largo.

¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite lesiones graves o muerte por enredos. **No use ropa floja ni accesorios. Manténgase alejado de todos los componentes giratorios cuando el motor está en funcionamiento.** El contacto, el enrollado o el enredo con piezas giratorias o móviles podrían resultar en lesiones graves o la muerte.



Evite las piezas giratorias



Evite puntos donde pueda quedar atrapado

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Use un delantal de caucho y guantes de caucho cuando trabaja con sustancias corrosivas. Use guantes y calzado de seguridad cuando manipula bloques de madera o metales con bordes agudos.

Use siempre anteojos de seguridad, antiparras o protección facial. Proporcionan protección ocular para fluidos bajo presión, mientras se esmerila y se realizan servicios a las baterías. También es necesaria protección contra residuos, líquidos y material suelto producido por el equipo, las herramientas y el aire/agua presurizada.

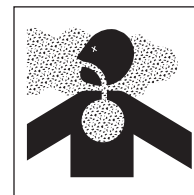
Use protección facial y siga las instrucciones del fabricante cuando desarma componentes cargados a resorte o cuando trabaja con ácidos de batería. Use un casco o antiparras para soldar con filtro esfumado cuando suelda o corta con soplete.

No arene, esmerile, corte con soplete o suelde sin un respirador aprobado por NIOSH o una ventilación adecuada. Si se requiere soldar en esta máquina, consulte los manuales del operador o de servicios del fabricante o consulte al concesionario de los equipos para obtener los procedimientos correctos.

Mantenga los bolsillos sin objetos que podrían salirse y caer dentro de la maquinaria.



Limpie las superficies resbaladizas



Ventile la zona de trabajo

Maneje las herramientas y las piezas pesadas con sensatez con respecto a usted mismo y a otras personas. Deposite los elementos, no los deje caer.

Preparación de la zona de trabajo

- Ubique la cortadora de césped en una zona nivelada fuera del paso de otros equipos en funcionamiento.
- Asegúrese de que haya luz, ventilación y espacio libre adecuados.
- Quite el aceite, la grasa o el agua para eliminar toda superficie resbaladiza.
- Limpie alrededor de la zona donde se realizarán servicios para minimizar la contaminación.

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Preparación de la máquina

Deben controlarse o reducirse las fuentes de energía almacenada (eléctricas, mecánicas, hidráulicas, neumáticas, químicas, térmicas, etc.) al mínimo practicable antes de realizar cualquier procedimiento de mantenimiento, reparación o servicio.

Prácticas de seguridad para prevenir posibles lesiones por fuentes que liberan energía:

- Desenganche la TDF antes de apagar el motor.
- Coloque los controles en la posición de estacionamiento o punto muerto antes de apagar el motor.
- Aplique el freno de estacionamiento o bloquee las ruedas.
- Espere hasta que todas las piezas móviles se detengan.
- Descienda la cortadora de césped hasta el suelo.
- Descienda los laterales de las cortadoras con laterales hasta el suelo.
- Apague el motor del tractor.
- Libere la presión del sistema hidráulico moviendo los controles varias veces en todas las direcciones.
- Trabe la ignición, retire la llave y llévesela.



Prepare los sistemas de la máquina para realizarles servicios

- Escuche y observe en busca de evidencias que indiquen piezas en movimiento antes de descender.
- Apoye o bloquee con seguridad la cortadora de césped antes de trabajar debajo de ella o de otros componentes elevados.
- Apoye, bloquee o trabe con seguridad los laterales de la cortadora con dispositivos de traba aprobados antes de trabajar cerca o debajo de una cortadora con laterales.
- Alivie la presión antes de desconectar o desarmar un sistema presurizado.
- Bloquee o alivie la presión de los resortes antes de desarmar un mecanismo cargado a resorte.
- Apoye o bloquee con seguridad cualquier componente elevado de la máquina antes de trabajar en él.
- Evite las llamas, las chispas y no fume cerca de combustibles, fluido hidráulico u otro material inflamable como los residuos de los cortes.

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Fije una etiqueta con la advertencia “NO PONER EN FUNCIONAMIENTO” en todas las palancas de control y retire la llave de contacto si la cortadora de césped no debe ser utilizada. Llévese la llave.

Instale dispositivos de apoyo aprobados cuando trabaja debajo o cerca de equipos elevados.

¡ADVERTENCIA! Las cortadoras de césped u otros equipos elevados no apoyados pueden caerse de manera imprevista. **Nunca se introduzca debajo de equipos elevados si no están apoyados en dispositivos de apoyo aprobados.** La caída de equipos podría resultar en una lesión grave o la muerte por aplastamiento.

Retire sólo las guardas o cubiertas que permiten acceder a la zona donde se realizarán servicios. Vuelva a colocar todas las guardas y cubiertas cuando el trabajo esté terminado.



Use una “etiqueta que indique No poner en funcionamiento”



Utilice dispositivos de apoyo aprobados



Vuelva a colocar todas las guardas

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Use ventilación adecuada

Si es necesario hacer funcionar un motor en una zona cerrada, elimine del área las emanaciones de escape con una extensión del caño de escape. Si no tiene esa extensión, asegúrese de abrir las puertas y dejar entrar aire del exterior.

¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite posibles lesiones. **Nunca trabaje en la maquinaria con el motor en funcionamiento salvo que así lo indiquen los manuales del fabricante para un servicio en particular.**

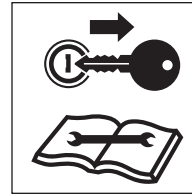
¡ADVERTENCIA! **Nunca haga funcionar ningún tipo de motor sin la ventilación adecuada: LAS EMANACIONES DEL ESCAPE PUEDEN SER MORTALES.**

Use gatos y malacates con cuidado

Los soportes o bloques de seguridad deben ubicarse en una parte rígida de la cortadora. No ubique soportes debajo de ejes o apoyos de ruedas que puedan girar.

Si debe trabajar debajo de equipos elevados, siempre use bloques de madera (**no de concreto**), soportes de gato u otros soportes rígidos y estables. Cuando use gatos o malacates, siempre asegúrese de que están correctamente apoyados.

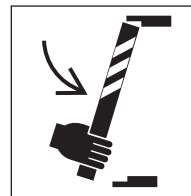
¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite posibles lesiones por aplastamiento. **Nunca use bloques de concreto para apoyo.** Pueden colapsar bajo cargas incluso livianas.



Retire la llave y lea el manual de mantenimiento



Ventile la zona de trabajo



Use un apoyo adecuado para los equipos elevados

Asegúrese de que los malacates o gatos que usa estén en buenas condiciones. Nunca use gatos con piezas rajadas, dobladas o retorcidas. Nunca use cables pelados, retorcidos o pellizcados. Nunca use ganchos doblados o deformados.

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Prácticas de seguridad para tareas de mantenimiento comunes

Riesgos del combustible

¡ADVERTENCIA! Siempre use recipientes y/o equipos de distribución de combustible aprobados.

Los combustibles son inflamables; por eso, debe cumplir estas prácticas con el fin de reducir la posibilidad de un accidente grave.

- Apague el motor y la ignición mientras carga combustible.
- Siempre conecte a tierra la boquilla de combustible contra el cuello de llenado del depósito para evitar chispas.
- Mantenga las chispas y llamas abiertas alejadas del combustible.
- No fume mientras carga combustible o manipula recipientes con combustible.
- No corte ni suelde en líneas, tanques o recipientes de combustible ni cerca de ellos.
- No llene el depósito en exceso o derrame combustible. Limpie el combustible derramado de inmediato.

Riesgos del refrigerante de motor

Los sistemas de refrigeración con líquidos acumulan presión a medida que el motor se calienta; **tenga suma precaución antes de retirar la tapa del radiador.**

Asegúrese de:

- Detener el motor y esperar que el sistema se enfríe.
- Usar ropa de protección y anteojos de seguridad.
- Girar la tapa del radiador lentamente hasta el primer tope para permitir que la presión escape antes de retirar la tapa por completo.



No fumar; evitar las llamas abiertas



Retire la tapa del radiador lentamente

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Riesgos del sistema hidráulico

El sistema hidráulico se encuentra bajo presión siempre que el motor está funcionando; puede conservar presión incluso después de apagar el motor. Haga funcionar todos los controles hidráulicos incluyendo el control hidráulico auxiliar después de que el motor esté apagado. Alivie la presión atrapada en las líneas después de que los accesorios están apagados y apoyados en el suelo.

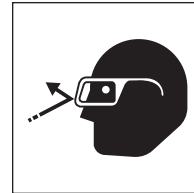
Durante la inspección del sistema hidráulico:

- Espere que el fluido se enfríe antes de desconectar las líneas. El fluido hidráulico caliente puede causar QUEMADURAS GRAVES.
- **No** use las manos para verificar la presencia de fugas. En cambio, use un cartón o papel para buscar fugas.
- Use protección ocular adecuada. El fluido hidráulico puede causar lesiones oculares permanentes.

¡ADVERTENCIA! El fluido hidráulico bajo presión pueden penetrar la piel o los ojos y causar lesiones graves, ceguera o la muerte. Las fugas de fluido bajo presión pueden no ser visibles. **Utilice un cartón o una madera para buscar fugas, no la mano. Use una protección facial o antiparras de seguridad para proteger los ojos.** Si el fluido se inyecta en la piel, debe ser extraído dentro de las próximas pocas horas por personal médico familiarizado con este tipo de lesión.

Cuando ventila o llena el sistema hidráulico, afloje la tapa de llenado con lentitud y retírela gradualmente.

Nunca restablezca una válvula de alivio del sistema hidráulico a una presión mayor que la recomendada por el fabricante.



Use protección ocular



El fluido a alta presión puede inyectarse en el cuerpo

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Riesgos del sistema eléctrico

Antes de trabajar en el sistema eléctrico, desconecte los cables de la batería.

- Retire primero los cables negativos (-) de la batería.
- Al reconectar la batería, conecte los cables negativos (-) de la batería al final.

El líquido del interior de las baterías contiene ácido, que es un VENENO y puede causar QUEMADURAS QUÍMICAS GRAVES.

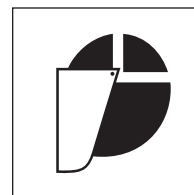
Evite lesiones

- Use una protección facial para evitar el contacto con los ojos.
- Use guantes y ropa resistentes a los productos químicos para mantener al electrolito alejado de la piel y la ropa común.

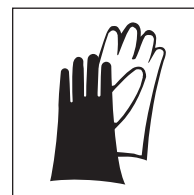
¡ADVERTENCIA! El contacto con el electrolito daña los ojos y la piel. **Siempre use una protección facial para evitar que el electrolito penetre en los ojos.** Si el electrolito entra en contacto con los ojos, enjuague de inmediato con agua limpia y busque atención médica.

Use guantes de caucho y ropa de protección para mantener el electrolito lejos de la piel. Si el electrolito entra en contacto con la piel o la ropa, lave de inmediato con agua limpia.

Si se ingiere, busque atención médica de inmediato. **NUNCA** proporcione líquidos que induzcan el vómito.



Use protección facial



Use indumentaria de protección

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Evite explosiones

¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite posibles lesiones graves por explosiones. Las baterías de plomo-ácido producen gases sumamente explosivos, especialmente durante la carga. **Mantenga alejados los arcos, las chispas, las llamas y el tabaco encendido.**

- No fume cerca de las baterías.
- Mantenga los arcos, las chispas y llamas abiertas alejadas de las baterías.
- Proporcione ventilación adecuada.

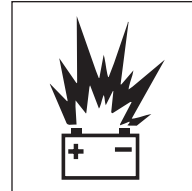
Nunca revise la batería colocando un objeto metálico entre los bornes: la chispa resultante podría causar una explosión.

¡ADVERTENCIA! Evite posibles lesiones graves por explosiones de baterías. **No cargue baterías ni arranque con refuerzo el motor si la batería está congelada.** Caliente a 60 °F (15,5 °C) o la batería puede explotar y causar lesiones graves.

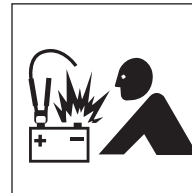
Reglas de seguridad durante el arranque con refuerzo de batería:

- Siga las instrucciones para el “arranque con refuerzo de batería” correcto como se especifica en el manual del fabricante.

- Asegúrese de que las máquinas no se estén tocando.
- Observe la polaridad de las baterías y conexiones.
- Realice la conexión final de cable al motor o al punto de tierra más alejado de la batería. Nunca realice la conexión final en el arrancador o la batería muerta: las chispas pueden encender gases explosivos presentes en la batería.
- Cuando desconecta cables después de un arranque con puente, retire los cables en el orden inverso al de la conexión (es decir, la conexión final primero).



Evite las chispas y las llamas abiertas cerca de las baterías



Para el arranque con refuerzo, observe la polaridad y realice la conexión final en el punto de descarga a tierra

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Mantenimiento de neumáticos y ruedas

Revise los neumáticos y las ruedas a diario porque la estabilidad del tractor y la cortadora de césped puede verse significativamente afectada por la presión de los neumáticos o daños en los neumáticos o en las ruedas.

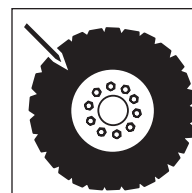
Revise los neumáticos para verificar:

- La presión correcta.
- Cortes y protuberancias.
- Clavos u otras pinchaduras.
- Desgaste desparejo o excesivo.
- Estado de los vástagos y tapas de las válvulas.

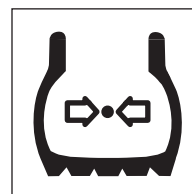
Revise las ruedas para verificar:

- Daños en las llantas.
- Tuercas o pernos faltantes o flojos.
- Desalineación.

Todos los servicios de neumáticos deben ser realizados por un centro de servicios para neumáticos cualificado o por una persona de servicio autorizada debidamente capacitada en los procedimientos y el uso del equipo de seguridad destinado a los servicios de neumáticos.



Revise los neumáticos y las ruedas en busca de daños



Mantenga la presión correcta en los neumáticos

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Mantenimiento de neumáticos y ruedas (continuación)

¡ADVERTENCIA! Los tipos de ruedas y neumáticos que generalmente se encuentran en estos equipos requieren cuidados especiales al realizar servicios para evitar lesiones graves o la muerte.

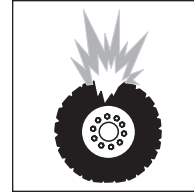
No infle los neumáticos por encima de la presión recomendada. Asegúrese de volver a colocar el lastre de los neumáticos si está instalado. Consulte las especificaciones del fabricante para ver los requisitos de lastre.

Mantenga las tuercas de las ruedas apretadas según las recomendaciones del fabricante.

Es normal que la presión de los neumáticos aumente durante el funcionamiento; NO se debe reducir.

Nunca vuelva a inflar un neumático que se ha desinflado mucho o por completo sin retirar el neumático de la rueda. Haga inspeccionar atentamente el neumático y la rueda para detectar daños antes de volverlos a armar.

Al agregar aire a un neumático, hágalo desde cierta distancia. Use una manguera larga con mandril de autofijación. Siempre párese detrás de la trocha cuando ajusta la presión de un neumático.



Evite la explosión de los neumáticos

No infle neumáticos con gases inflamables o con sistemas que usan un inyector de alcohol.

Nunca corte o suelde una rueda con un neumático inflado instalado en ella. Esto podría causar descompresión explosiva.

Verifique que el tamaño del neumático y la rueda coincidan correctamente.

Cuando reemplaza neumáticos, asegúrese de que sean de la clasificación adecuada especificada por el fabricante.

Los neumáticos no deben funcionar a velocidades más altas que las nominales. La mayoría de los neumáticos para agricultura están clasificados para una velocidad máxima de 20 mph (32 km/h).

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Servicio y reparaciones completas antes de liberar la máquina

Apriete todos los pernos, accesorios y conexiones con las torsiones especificadas por el fabricante.

Instale todas las guardas, cubiertas y escudos después de realizar los servicios. Reemplace o repare los que estén dañados. Llene y recargue los sistemas a presión sólo con los fluidos aprobados o recomendados por el fabricante.

Arranque el motor y revise para detectar fugas. (Consulte la página 23, **Riesgos del sistema hidráulico.**) Haga funcionar todos los controles para asegurarse de que el tractor y la cortadora de césped funcionan correctamente. Pruebe la máquina si es necesario. Después de las pruebas, apague y verifique el trabajo realizado. ¿Falta algún pasador, arandela, tuerca de seguridad, etc.? Vuelva a revisar todos los niveles de fluidos antes de liberar la máquina para el funcionamiento.

Todas las piezas deben ser inspeccionadas durante la reparación y deben reemplazarse si están gastadas, rajadas o dañadas. Las piezas excesivamente gastadas o dañadas pueden fallar y causar lesiones o la muerte.

Reemplace cualquier letrero dañado o ilegible.



Verifique el trabajo de servicio cuando está completo

Mantenimiento de las hojas de la cortadora

No corra riesgos usando hojas dañadas o dobladas. Los fabricantes de cortadoras de césped de la Asociación de Fabricantes de Equipos (Association of Equipment Manufacturers, AEM) y la Asociación de Fabricantes de Equipos para Agricultura (Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association, FEMA) piden que las hojas de cortadoras NO se reutilicen, enderecen, refuercen en su superficie o suelden. Si una hoja rota es arrojada por una cortadora, podrían producirse lesiones graves o la muerte.

Realización de mantenimiento con seguridad

Mantenimiento de las hojas de la cortadora (continuación)

- **¿Cómo están hechas las hojas de la cortadora de césped?** Están hechas acero para resortes de aleación de alta resistencia. Se forjan en caliente y se les da forma para cumplir con las especificaciones individuales del fabricante; luego, se tratan y templean a un estado dúctil, de alta resistencia para reducir la posibilidad de rupturas durante el corte. Las hojas se prueban para garantizar que cumplan con las normas de resistencia, dureza y ductilidad. Si una hoja no cumple con alguna de estas especificaciones, no se utilizará en la cortadora de césped.
- **¿Qué sucede cuando se dobla una hoja de la cortadora?** Se necesita una gran fuerza de impacto para doblar la hoja. Esta fuerza de impacto a menudo resulta en que las hojas se agujerean o marcan. Una vez que una hoja está dañada por un agujero o una marca, es mucho más probable que ocurra una falla de la hoja. Cuando una hoja está gravemente doblada, puede crearse una rajadura microscópica en ella. Enderezar la hoja no quita o repara esta rajadura, sino que puede causar rajaduras adicionales. Tensiones adicionales durante los trabajos de corte pueden resultar en una falla imprevista de la hoja.
- **Evite doblar las hojas.** Contribuya a prevenir que las hojas de la cortadora se doblen o rajen evitando el contacto con objetos sólidos. Las hojas de la cortadora de césped están destinadas a cortar hierba, arbustos, vegetación leñosa y árboles y ramas pequeños. No están diseñadas para entrar en contacto con objetos sólidos como roca, cemento o postes de acero. Inspeccione la zona antes de usar la cortadora. Retire o marque claramente los objetos sólidos y corte alrededor de ellos.
- **Sustituya las hojas dañadas!** Inspeccione las hojas de la cortadora diariamente o después de golpear algún objeto sólido. Si una hoja de la cortadora de césped se daña (está doblada, agujereada, rajada) o desgasta más del 25 por ciento del tamaño original, debe retirarse y sustituirse con una nueva. Siempre use las hojas originales del fabricante. Las hojas de marcas no originales pueden no cumplir con los requisitos de resistencia, dureza y ductilidad del fabricante de la cortadora.
- **No corra riesgos usando hojas dañadas o dobladas.** El uso de una hoja de cortadora dañada o enderezada puede resultar en la ruptura de la hoja y que la hoja sea arrojada hacia el operador o una persona ajena causando una lesión grave o la muerte. El precio de una nueva hoja es bajo en comparación con la posibilidad de una lesión grave que podría resultar de una hoja doblada o rota arrojada por la cortadora

Palabras finales para el usuario

Acaba de terminar de leer el Manual de la cortadora de césped industrial y para agricultura AEM. Es imposible que este manual abarque todas las situaciones de seguridad que se podría encontrar a diario. Su conocimiento de estas precauciones de seguridad y de su cumplimiento de las reglas básicas de seguridad

contribuirán a formar un buen juicio en todas las situaciones. Nuestro objetivo es ayudarlo a desarrollar, establecer y mantener buenos hábitos de seguridad para que la operación de una cortadora de césped industrial y para agricultura le resulte más fácil y más segura.

Éste es otro manual de una serie publicada por AEM sobre la operación de maquinaria en condiciones de seguridad. Muchas de las ilustraciones de este manual de seguridad se pueden encontrar y descargar en <http://pictorials.aem.org>. Para obtener publicaciones adicionales, visite nuestro sitio web en www.safetymaterials.org.



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INTRODUCTION SECTION

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We are pleased to have you as a Rhino customer. Your Flail shredder has been carefully designed with care and built with quality materials by skilled workers to give maximum service with minimum down time. This manual is provided to give you the necessary operating and maintenance instructions for keeping your flail shredder in top operation condition. Careful use and timely service saves extensive repairs and costly downtime losses. Please read this manual thoroughly. Understand what each control is for and how to use it.

Rhino offers shielding to protect the operator, passerby, livestock, and property from thrown objects such as deflectors. No shielding is 100% effective in preventing thrown objects. The possibility of injury and property damage from this hazard can be substantially reduced by selecting proper shielding, maintaining the shredder and shielding in good operational condition, inspecting the area for foreign debris before mowing, operating the shredder at a minimum cutting height of 2", and keeping unprotected persons at a minimum distance of 300 feet from the shredder at all times during operation.

Safety is of primary importance to the owner/operator and to the manufacturer. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages, that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Many of the Safety Messages will be repeated throughout the manual. The owner/operator/dealer should know these Safety Messages before assembly and be aware of the hazards of operating this mower during assembly, use, and maintenance. The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this machine.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, WILL result in DEATH OR VERY SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, COULD result in DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.

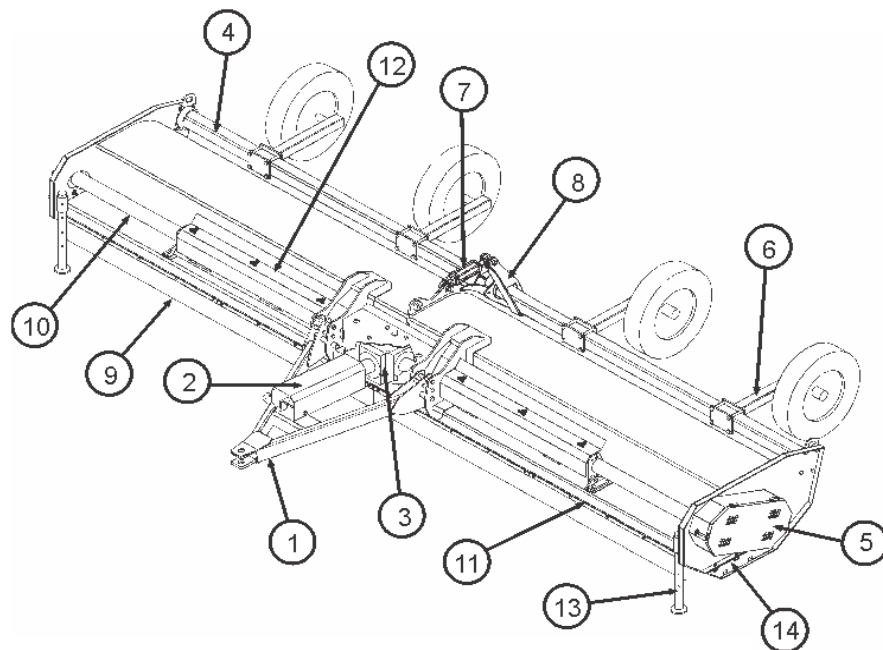


Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, MAY result in MINOR INJURY.

Important

Identifies special instructions or procedures that, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of the machine, attachments or the environment.

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The Rhino flail shredders are designed to provide maximum shredding of crop material including corn, cotton, milo, rice, wheat, and vegetables while leaving the residue evenly distributed across the width of the machine. The RC flail Shredders are available with a Three-point lift, semi-mount or pull-type hitch in shredding widths of 12', 15', 18', 20', and 25' (25' pull or semi-mount).

The shredder housing is a formed 3/16" thick hood with internal 3/16" stiffeners at critical wear areas that add structural strength to the mainframe and extend the life of the shredder.

Warranty: One year parts and labor. Non-governmental users subject to a modified policy. Only genuine Rhino OEM parts may be used for warranty replacement.

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Attention Owner/Operator

BEFORE OPERATING THIS MACHINE:

1. Carefully read the Operator's Manual, completely understand the Safety Messages and instructions, and know how to operate correctly both the tractor and implement.
2. Fill out the Warranty Card in full. Be sure to answer all questions, including the Serial Number of the implement. Mail within 30 days of delivery date of this implement.

NOTE: Warranties are honored only if completed "Owner Registration and Warranty" forms are received by Rhino within thirty days of delivery of the implement.

3. Record the Model and Serial Numbers on the Warranty page at the front of the Operator's Manual. Keep this as part of the permanent maintenance file for the implement.

⚠ WARNING

**Non-genuine parts can fail catastrophically.
TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:**

- ONLY use genuine RHINO replacement parts.
- Non-genuine parts can fail creating hazardous conditions for operator and bystanders.


Contact local dealer or RHINO about repair parts at:
1020 S. Sangamon Ave.,
Gibson City, IL 60936
Customer Service: 800-446-5158.
Email: parts@servis-rhino.com


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IMPORTANT

BE AWARE BE ALERT BE ALIVE	BE TRAINED Before Operating this Mower
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To prevent serious injury to yourself and/or bystanders, be trained in Safe Mowing Practices. Alamo Group Companies as well as AEM and FEMA provide training material that is critical for your Safety and the Safety of others when operating this equipment. Make these Safety Procedures an important part of every workday. Read and understand the Operator's Manual. Do not let untrained individuals operate this equipment. Contact your Dealer, AEM (www.aem.org), FEMA (314-878-2304, www.FarmEquip.org), or Alamo Group (www.Alamo-Group.com) for information on training material or courses that provide training in Safer Operating Practices for Mowers.


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KEY OPERATION POINTS

- Cutting performance and distribution are best when cutter is level from side to side. Mower front to rear pitch should be 1" or less.
- In extra heavy material, rear chains will allow better discharge and better distribution than solid rear deflectors or bands.
- Never operate the Flexwing below full PTO speed of 540 or 1000 rpm.
- For good distribution, the distribution baffles must be used.
- Make sure PTO driveline slip clutches are not frozen and are properly adjusted.
- To reduce uneven grass cutting and streaking.
 - make sure tractor rear tire spacing is a minimum of 60" between the inside of the tires.
 - make sure blades are not bent and are in good condition.
 - reduce ground speed to allow more cutting time.
- Corn should be cut at 5 to 6 mph. If full PTO rpm cannot be maintained, use one lower gear.
- Corn yield of 180 bu. per acre will require a minimum of 105 PTO horsepower to shred at 5 to 6 mph. To maintain the suggested 5 to 6 mph ground speed when cutter is equipped with deck rings, a minimum PTO horsepower of 115 is recommended.
- If Tractor engine is lugging down, shift tractor to a lower gear
- OPERATE WITH THE WING HYDRAULIC CYLINDER CONTROL VALVES IN A FLOAT POSITION.
- For maximum performance and service life, Always use Genuine Rhino replacement parts.

Operating Noise Level/Sound Pressure

The sound levels at the operator's ear from the attached machine (rotary cutter) are at least 10 dB(A) below the levels from typical Agricultural tractors used to power and transport this machine. Therefore, the Noise emission values given by the OEM of the Agricultural tractor used to power and transport this machine would be valid when this machine is attached to and operated by that Agricultural tractor in all OEM recommended applications.

Rhino Warranty Information

In addition to the standard Limited Warranty shown on the facing page, RC, Rhino also provides:

1. A FIVE-YEAR (60 months) LIMITED WARRANTY* for the RC115, RC118, RC120 and RC125.

* WARRANTY LIMITATIONS - GEARBOX

- A. Users' Gearboxes may be rebuilt by Rhino or replaced by new or rebuilt Gearboxes at the option of Rhino.

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RHINO LIMITED WARRANTY

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1. LIMITED WARRANTIES

- 1.01. Rhino warrants for one year from the purchase date to the original non-commercial, governmental, or municipal purchaser ("Purchaser") and warrants for six months to the original commercial or industrial purchaser ("Purchaser") that the goods purchased are free from defects in material or workmanship.
- 1.02. Manufacturer will replace for the Purchaser any part or parts found, upon examination at one of its factories, to be defective under normal use and service due to defects in material or workmanship.
- 1.03. This limited warranty does not apply to any part of the goods which has been subjected to improper or abnormal use, negligence, alteration, modification, or accident, damaged due to lack of maintenance or use of wrong fuel, oil, or lubricants, or which has served its normal life. This limited warranty does not apply to any part of any internal combustion engine, or expendable items such as blades, shields, guards, or pneumatic tires except as specifically found in your Operator's Manual.
- 1.04. Except as provided herein, no employee, agent, Dealer, or other person is authorized to give any warranties of any nature on behalf of Manufacturer.

2. REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES.

- 2.01. This limited warranty is not effective unless the Purchaser returns the Registration and Warranty Form to Manufacturer within 30 days of purchase.
- 2.02. Purchaser claims must be made in writing to the Authorized Dealer ("Dealer") from whom Purchaser purchased the goods or an approved Authorized Dealer ("Dealer") within 30 days after Purchaser learns of the facts on which the claim is based.
- 2.03. Purchaser is responsible for returning the goods in question to the Dealer.
- 2.04. If after examining the goods and/or parts in question, Manufacturer finds them to be defective under normal use and service due to defects in material or workmanship, Manufacturer will:
 - (a) Repair or replace the defective goods or part(s) or
 - (b) Reimburse Purchaser for the cost of the part(s) and reasonable labor charges (as determined by Manufacturer) if Purchaser paid for the repair and/or replacement prior to the final determination of applicability of the warranty by Manufacturer.

The choice of remedy shall belong to Manufacturer.

- 2.05. Purchaser is responsible for any labor charges exceeding a reasonable amount as determined by Manufacturer and for returning the goods to the Dealer, whether or not the claim is approved. Purchaser is responsible for the transportation cost for the goods or part(s) from the Dealer to the designated factory.

3. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

- 3.01. MANUFACTURER DISCLAIMS ANY EXPRESS (EXCEPT AS SET FORTH HEREIN) AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE GOODS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
- 3.02. MANUFACTURER MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO THE DESIGN, CAPABILITY, CAPACITY, OR SUITABILITY FOR USE OF THE GOODS.
- 3.03. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, MANUFACTURER SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY TO PURCHASER OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LIABILITY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE GOODS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE USE OR OPERATION OF THE GOODS OR ANY BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS AND WARRANTIES, MANUFACTURER'S LIABILITY HEREUNDER FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY PURCHASER OR OTHERS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE PRICE OF THE GOODS.
- 3.04. NO ACTION ARISING OUT OF ANY CLAIMED BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY OR TRANSACTIONS UNDER THIS WARRANTY MAY BE BROUGHT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION HAS OCCURRED.

4. MISCELLANEOUS.

- 4.01. Proper Venue for any lawsuits arising from or related to this limited warranty shall be only in Guadalupe County, Texas.
- 4.02. Manufacturer may waive compliance with any of the terms of this limited warranty, but no waiver of any terms shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other term.
- 4.03. If any provision of this limited warranty shall violate any applicable law and is held to be unenforceable, then the invalidity of such provision shall not invalidate any other provisions herein.
- 4.04. Applicable law may provide rights and benefits to purchaser in addition to those provided herein.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

ATTENTION: Purchaser should fill in the blanks below for his reference when buying repair parts and/or for proper machine identification when applying for warranty.

Rhino Implement Model _____ Serial Number _____

Date Purchased _____ Dealer _____

ATTENTION:

READ YOUR OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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ASSEMBLY SECTION

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ASSEMBLY

The RC Flail Shredders are supplied with a Cat III 3-Point Hitch on semi-mount models or a tongue hitch assembly on pull-type models.

SHIPPING STAND REMOVAL

1. Use overhead hoist to lower machine from shipping position.



Use a 6000 pound capacity hoist.

2. Support shredder with hoist at lifting points. Remove outer shipping stands at both ends of machine.
3. Lower machine and rest on end-plate extension skids.
4. Remove center shipping bracket. Use hoist to lift. Pins are required to attach tongue or 3-point hitch.

CHECK OIL LEVEL

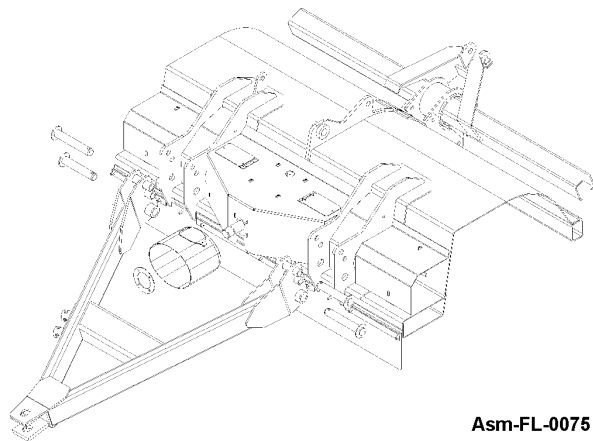
Remove plug from top of gear box and check oil level on dipstick (a mark in the dipstick indicated correct oil level).

NOTE: Use only Multi-Purpose Gear Oil (Rhino P/N 00786250) or equivalent.

TONGUE ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

(Pull Type Models Only)

1. Tongue attaches with four pins between hitch ears on front of shredder. Use pins which attach center shipping bracket.
2. Use hoist to raise hitch into position. Attach lower pivot point first with 1-7/16" pins. Raise front of hitch with hoist to attach 1" top pins. Fasten in place with snapper pins. The tongue assembly has two height positions, for normal operation pin tongue in top hole, for additional crop clearance pin tongue in second hole set. Clean and apply anti-seize compound to gear-box input shaft.
3. Attach driveline shield to front flange of gear-box using bolts and support washer. (Bolts located on front flange) **Asm-FL-0075**



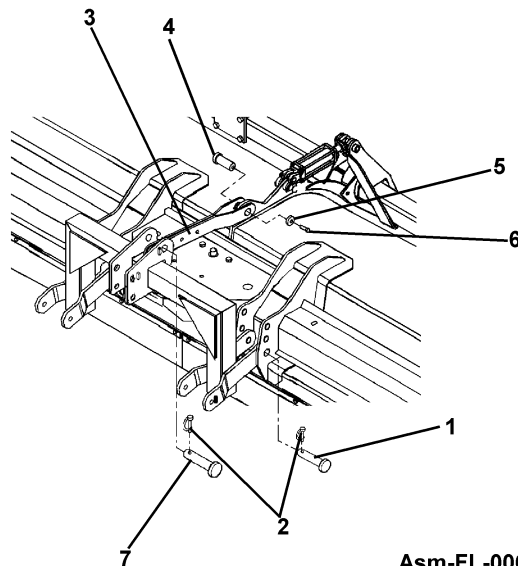
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3-POINT HITCH ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

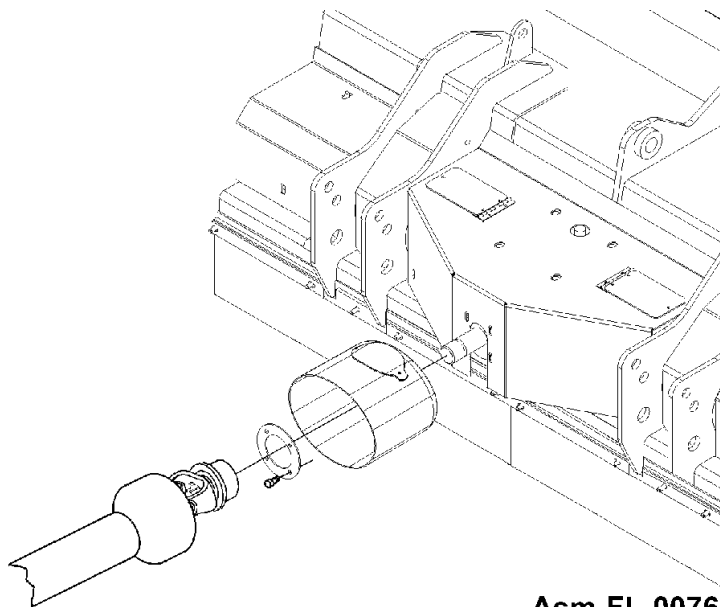
(Lift Models Only)

1. Raise hitch into position with hoist. Place narrow section of lower hitch between mounting plates on front of shredder. Fasten with 1-7/16" pins (**item 1**) to lower holes and lock with snapper pin (**item 2**). **Asm-FL-0068**.
2. Attach clevis portion of link bar assembly (**item 3**) to mounting point on top front of center plate. Attach spacer (**item 5**) to end of pin (**item 4**) and fasten with 1/2" bolt (**item 6**) and lock washer. **Asm-FL-0068**.
3. Raise hitch with hoist and insert pin (**item 7**) through slotted end of link bar and top rear hole on hitch assembly. Fasten with snapper pin (**item 2**). **Asm-FL-0068**.



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4. Install driveline shield on gearbox (see **Asm-FL-0076**) using bolts installed on front flange of gearbox.
5. Slide PTO shaft on to gearbox input shaft. Ensure driveline is locked on shaft groove and quick disconnect collar is locked in place.



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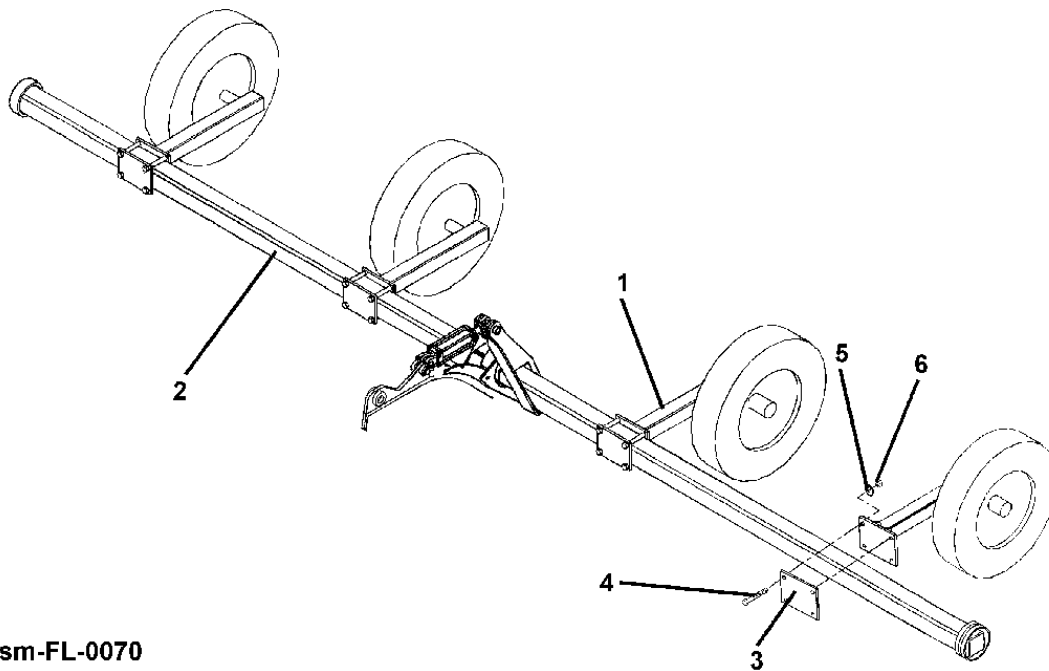
IMPORTANT: Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to link to the ADMA Driveline Safety Manual for more information on the safe use of a driveline during normal operation and maintenance. Or type in your internet browser the following web address: www.algqr.com/dme Ops-0009-MISC



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ATTACHING AXLE ASSEMBLIES TO MAIN WHEEL BAR TUBE

Mark desired row spacing with chalk on wheel bar. Keep outer axle assemblies as close to each end of the shredder to balance load and prevent scalping. Fasten axle assemblies (**Item 1**) to wheel bar (**Item 2**) with clamp plate (**Item 3**) and four 3/4" bolts (**Item 4**), lockwashers and nuts (**Items 5,6**). Tighten bolts evenly and progressively torque to 200 ft. lbs. Attach ratchet screw jack, (p/n 00554600P) between cylinder bracket mount and ear on rear of center plate. A cylinder is shown in place of ratchet screw jack in **Asm-FL-0070**.



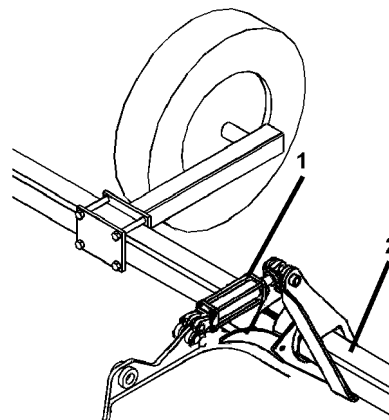
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ASSEMBLY

ATTACHING OPTIONAL HYDRAULIC CYLINDER

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Attach clevis end of hydraulic cylinder (**Item 1**) to mount bracket (**Item 2**) and attach barrel end to rear mount on center plate.

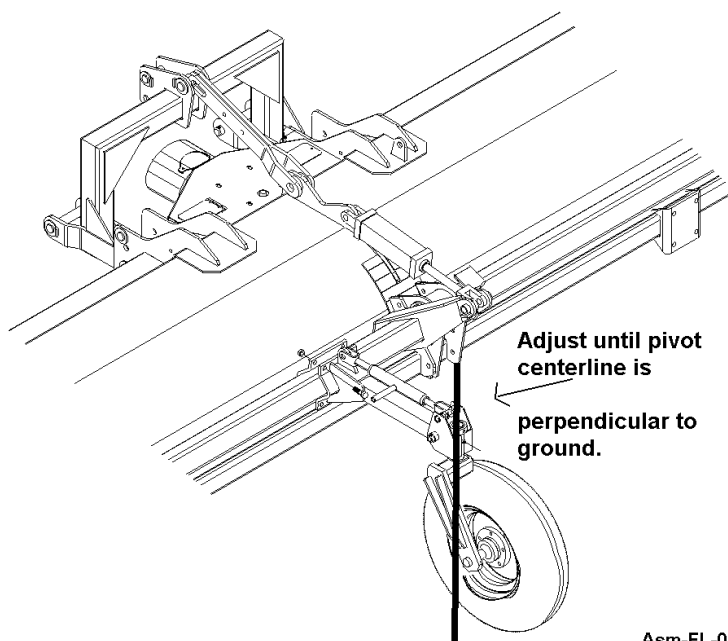


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ATTACHING SEMI-MOUNT AXLES

1. Mark desired row spacing with chalk. Keep outer caster wheels as close to the outside as possible. Fasten each caster wheel assembly with clamp plate and 4 bolts and locknuts.
2. Attach cylinder as shown in **Asm-FL-0077**.
3. Adjust ratchet jack on each caster wheel assembly until pivot pin is vertical.



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OPERATION SECTION

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RHINO RC115/118/120/125 FLAIL SHREDDER OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

Rhino RC shredders are manufactured with quality material by skilled workers. These shredders are primarily designed to shred crop residue such as cotton stalks, corn, rice straw, milo, rye grass and similar crops. Shredder should be operated at 1000 PTO RPM only, at a ground speed of 2 to 5 m.p.h. Only trained personnel who are familiar with the safety and operating procedures should operate this equipment.

Refer to tractor operating instructions for correct engine RPM and gear selection. Always wear a seatbelt on tractors equipped with roll over protection. Exercise extra caution when operating on uneven ground. Never leave tractor seat while shredder or tractor are operating. Always slow tractor to an idle, disengage PTO and wait for all rotation to cease. Apply parking brake and shut off engine before dismounting.

It is the operator's responsibility to be knowledgeable of all potential operating hazards and to take every reasonable precaution to ensure oneself, others, animals, and property are not injured or damaged by the shredder, tractor, or a thrown object. Do not operate the shredder if passersby, pets, livestock, or property are within 300 feet of the unit unless:

- **All THROWN OBJECT SHIELDING** including, Front and Rear Deflectors, Side Skirts and Skid Shoes in place and in good condition when shredding.
- Shredder section adjusted to be close and parallel to ground without exposing blades.
- **Shredding AREA** has been inspected and foreign materials and debris have been removed.
- **PASSERSBY** are inside enclosed vehicle.

This section of the Operator's Manual is designed to familiarize, instruct, and educate safe and proper shredder use to the operator. Pictures contained in this section are intended to be used as a visual aid to assist in explaining the operation of a SHD flail shredder and are not specific to any model. Some pictures may show shields removed for picture clarity. NEVER operate implement without all shields in place and in good operational condition. The operator must be familiar with the shredder and tractor and all associated safety practices before operating the shredder and tractor. Proper operation of the shredder, as detailed in this manual, will help ensure years of safe and satisfactory use of the shredder.

IMPORTANT: To avoid shredder damage, retorque all bolts after the first 10 hours of operation. Refer to the Torque Chart at the end of the Maintenance Section to ensure bolts are properly tightened.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY SECTION OF THIS MANUAL AND THE TRACTOR MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO USE THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT. If you do not understand any of the instructions, contact your nearest authorized dealer for a full explanation. Pay close attention to all safety signs and safety messages contained in this manual and those affixed to the implement and tractor. *OPS-U- 0001*

READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following Safety Messages. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in the Safety Messages. Always use good common sense to avoid hazards. (SG-2)



Si no lee ingles, pida ayuda a alguien que si lo lea para que le traduzca las medidas de seguridad. (SG-3)

¡ LEA EL INSTRUCTIVO!



OPERATION

1. Standard Equipment and Specifications

	<u>RC115</u>	<u>RC118</u>	<u>RC120</u>	<u>RC125</u>
Cutting Width	180	216	240	300
Overall Width	204	240	264"	324"
Cutting Height Range	1-18"	1-18"	1-18"	1-18"
Cuttershaft Diameter	10-3/4"	10-3/4"	10-3/4"	10-3/4"
Lift Type Hitch	CAT II-III Q.H.	CAT II-III Q.H.	CAT II-III Q.H.	CAT II-III Q.H.
Semi Mount Hitch	CAT II-III Q.H.	CAT II-III Q.H.	CAT II-III Q.H.	CAT II-III Q.H.
Pull Type Hitch	Clevis	Clevis	Clevis	Clevis
Min. HP Required (Lift type)*	120 HP	130 HP	130 HP	N/A
Min. HP Required (Semi Mount type)*	100 HP	110 HP	120 HP	150 HP
Min. HP Required (Pull type)	100 HP	110 HP	120 HP	140 HP
Gearbox Rating**	207 HP	207 HP	207 HP	207 HP
Blade Tip Speed	12,620 FPM	12,620 FPM	12,620 FPM	12,000 FPM
Rotor Speed	1900 RPM	1900 RPM	1900 RPM	1900 RPM
Number of Knives	168	200	216	272
Driveline Size	CAT 5 or 6	CAT 5 or 6	CAT 5 or 6	CAT 5 or 6
Hood Thickness	3/16"	3/16"	3/16"	3/16"
End Plate Thickness	1/4 "	1/4 "	1/4 "	1/4"
Drive Belt	5 x 5V, Banded	5 x 5V, Banded	5 x 5V, Banded	5 x 5V, Banded
Front Safety Deflectors	Std.	Std.	Std.	Std.
Weight (Approx.)	4600 lbs.	4960 lbs.	5150 lbs.	6300 lbs.



The Mower is designed for certain mowing applications and is rated to cut up to a specific size vegetation (see Mower Standard Equipment and Specifications). DO NOT use this mower to cut vegetation above the Mower's rated capacity or to cut any type of non-vegetative material. Only operate this Mower on a properly sized and equipped Tractor. Operating this Mower in an application for which it is not designed and/or operating the Mower with the wrong size Tractor can cause Mower component damage and equipment failure resulting in possible serious injury or death. (SGM-14)

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2. OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

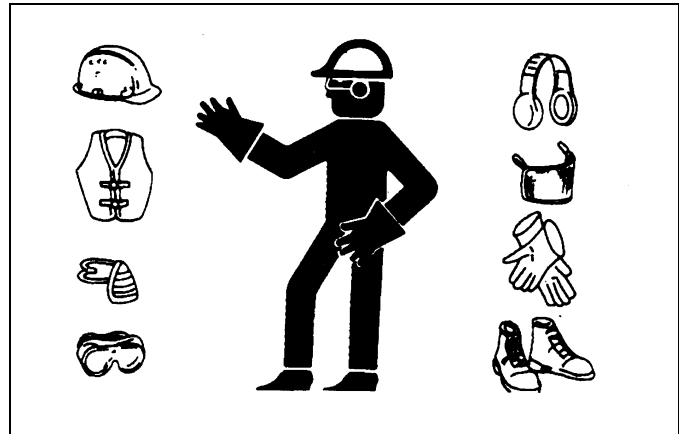
Safe operation of the unit is the responsibility of a qualified operator. A qualified operator has read and understands the implement and tractor Operator's Manuals and is experienced in implement and tractor operation and all associated safety practices. In addition to the safety messages contained in this manual, safety signs are affixed to the implement and tractor. If any part of the operation and safe use of this equipment is not completely understood, consult an authorized dealer for a complete explanation.

If the operator cannot read the manuals for themselves or does not completely understand the operation of the equipment, it is the responsibility of the supervisor to read and explain the manuals, safety practices, and operating instructions to the operator.

Safe operation of equipment requires that the operator wear approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the job conditions when attaching, operating, servicing, and repairing the equipment. PPE is designed to provide operator protection and includes the following safety wear:

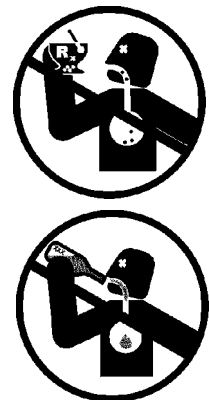
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Always Wear Safety Glasses
- Hard Hat
- Steel Toe Safety Footwear
- Gloves
- Hearing Protection
- Close Fitting Clothing
- Respirator or Filter Mask (depends on operating conditions) *OPS-U- 0002*



⚠ DANGER

DO NOT use drugs or alcohol immediately before or while operating the Tractor and Implement. Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. Before operating the Tractor or Implement, an operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to operate the Equipment safely. NEVER knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness or coordination is impaired. Serious injury or death to the operator or others could result if the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. (SG-27)



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3. TRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

The tractor used to operate the shredder must have the power, capacity and required equipment to safely operate the shredder at a ground speed between 2 and 5 MPH. Operating the shredder with a tractor that does not meet the following requirements may cause tractor or shredder damage and could be a potential danger to the operator and passersby.

Tractor Requirements and Capabilities

- Certified Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) or ROPS cab and seat belt.
- Tractor Safety Devices Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem, lighting, PTO master shield
- Tractor Horsepower:

-Minimum	Lift Type	Semi-Mount Type	Pull Type
RC115	120 HP	100 HP	100 HP
RC118	130 HP	110 HP	110 HP
RC120	130 HP	120 HP	120 HP
RC125	N/A	150 HP	140 HP
- Hitch -Lift Type Shredder:
 - Lifting Capacity
 - RC115 4600 lbs
 - RC118 4960 lbs
 - RC120 5150 lbs
 - RC125 6300 lbs
 - 3-Point Hitch CAT II-III Q.H.
- Pull Type Shredder
 - Drawbar Extended 16" from PTO shaft end with safety chain attachment point
..... for 21-Spline Output Shaft
 - Drawbar Extended 20" from PTO shaft end with safety chain attachment point
..... for 20-Spline Output Shaft
- Front End Weight As needed to maintain 20% weight on front axle
- Power Take Off 1000 RPM 21-spline, 1-3/8" diameter output shaft
..... 1000 RPM 20-spline, 1-3/4" diameter output shaft

3.1 ROPS and Seat Belt

The tractor must be equipped with a Roll-Over-Protective-Structure (ROPS) (tractor cab or roll-bar) and seat belt to protect the operator from falling off the tractor, especially during a roll over where the driver could be crushed and killed. Only operate the tractor with the ROPS in the raised position and seat belt fastened. Tractor models not equipped with a ROPS and seat belt should have these life saving features installed by an authorized dealer. OPS-U- 0003



Operate this Equipment only with a Tractor equipped with an approved roll-over-protective system (ROPS). Always wear seat belts. Serious injury or even death could result from falling off the tractor--particularly during a turnover when the operator could be pinned under the ROPS. (SG-7)



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3.2 Tractor Safety Devices

If transporting or operating the tractor and implement near a public roadway, the tractor must be equipped with proper warning lighting and a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem which are clearly visible from the rear of the unit. Lights and a SMV emblem must be equipped directly on implements if the visibility of the tractor warning signals are obscured.

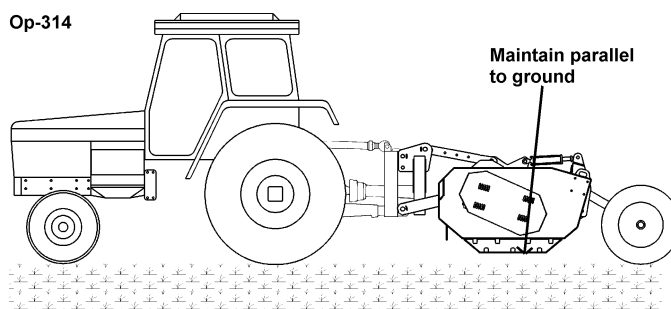
Maintain all manufacturer equipped safety shields and guards. Always replace shields and guards that were removed for access to connect, service, or repair the tractor or implement. Never operate the tractor PTO with the PTO master shield missing or in the raised position. OPS-U- 0004

3.3 Tractor Horsepower

The horsepower required to operate the shredder depends on many factors including the vegetation to be cut, terrain condition, operator experience, and condition of the shredder and tractor. For most shredding conditions, the RC115/118/120/125 all require a tractor with at least 100-140 HP (**see Tractor Requirements and Capabilities for specifications**). Operating the shredder with a tractor that does not have adequate power may damage the tractor engine.

3.4 3-Point Hitch

Lift Type RC Flails should be coupled with a quick hitch only. Direct coupling to tractor 3 point will result in driveline failure. Sufficient weights should be added to front of tractor to maintain steerage weight on front tires when flail is raised (20% of tractor weight should be on front tires). Never stand between flail and tractor when coupling with quick hitch. Remove or adjust drawbar to provide clearance for driveline on lift type units. Adjust top link so machine does not tilt back when raised, increasing angles of u-joints which may cause premature failure.



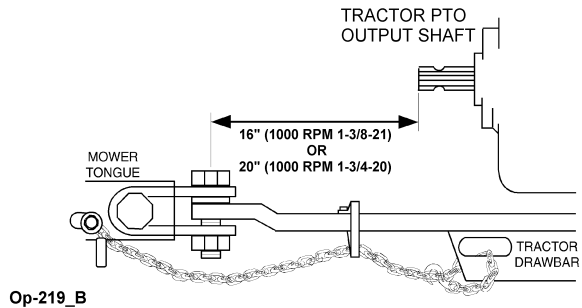
IMPORTANT: Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to link to the PAMI Safe Implement Hitching Manual for more information on correctly connecting agricultural tractors to implements. Or type in your internet browser the following web address: www.algqr.com/hme Ops-0008-MISC



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3.5 Drawbar-Pull Type Mower

For equipment operating at 1000 RPM, the tractor drawbar must be positioned at a 16" distance from the PTO shaft end for proper operation and minimal wear to the driveline. *OPS-R- 0061_E*



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3.6 Front End Weight

Maintain a minimum of 20% total tractor weight on the tractor front end at all times. Front end weight is critical to maintain steering ability and to prevent the front end from rearing up. Consult your authorized tractor dealer for front weights and carriers.

3.7 Power Take Off (PTO)

Only operate the shredder on a tractor equipped to operate at 1000 rpm PTO speed. Tractors operating at 1000 rpm will have a 1-3/8" diameter 21-spline or 1-3/4" diameter 20-spline PTO shaft stub. Refer to the tractor operator's manual for operating the PTO at the proper speed.

⚠ DANGER

DO NOT use a PTO adapter to attach a non-matching Implement driveline to a Tractor PTO. Use of an adapter can double the operating speed of the Implement resulting in excessive vibration, thrown objects, and blade and implement failure. Adapter use will also change the working length of the driveline exposing unshielded driveline areas. Serious bodily injury and/or equipment failure can result from using a PTO adapter. Consult an authorized dealer for assistance if the Implement driveline does not match the Tractor PTO.

(S3PT-14)

4. GETTING ON AND OFF THE TRACTOR

Before getting onto the tractor, the operator must read and completely understand the implement and tractor operator manuals. If any part of either manual is not completely understood, consult an authorized dealer for a complete explanation. *OPS-U- 0007*

⚠ WARNING

Do not mount or dismount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped. (SG-12)



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4.1 Boarding the Tractor

Use both hands and equipped handrails and steps for support when boarding the tractor. Never use control levers for support when mounting the tractor. Seat yourself in the operator's seat and secure the seat belt around you.

Never allow passengers to ride on the tractor or attached equipment. Riders can easily fall off and be seriously injured or killed from falling off and being ran over. It is the operator's responsibility to forbid all extra riders at all times. OPS-U- 0008



Never allow children to operate, ride on, or come close to the Tractor or Implement. Usually, 16-17 year-old children who are mature and responsible can operate the implement with adult supervision, if they have read and understand the Operator's Manuals, been trained in proper operation of the tractor and Implement, and are physically large enough to reach and operate the controls easily. (SG-11)



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



Do not mount or dismount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped. (SG-12)



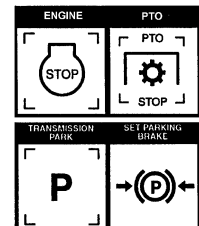
4.2 Dismounting the Tractor

Before dismounting, park the tractor and implement on a reasonably level surface, apply the parking brake, idle the engine down, disengage the PTO, and lower the implement to the ground. Shut down the tractor engine according to the operator's manual, remove the key, and wait for all motion to completely stop. Never leave the seat until the tractor, its engine and all moving parts have come to a complete stop.

Use hand rails and steps when exiting the tractor. Be careful of your step and use extra caution when mud, ice, snow or other matter has accumulated on the steps or hand rails. Use all handrails and steps for support and never rush or jump off the tractor. OPS-U- 0009



BEFORE leaving the tractor seat lower the implement, set the parking brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



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5. STARTING THE TRACTOR

The operator must have a complete understanding of the placement, function, and operational use of all tractor controls before starting the tractor. Review the tractor operator's manual and consult an authorized dealer for tractor operation instructions if needed.

Essential Tractor Controls:

- Locate the light control switch.
- Locate the engine shut off control.
- Locate the brake pedals and the clutch.
- Locate the PTO control.
- Locate the 3-point hitch control lever.
- Locate the hydraulic remote control levers.

Before starting the tractor ensure the following:

- Conduct all pre-start operation inspection and service according to the tractor operator's manual.
- Make sure all guards, shields, and other safety devices are securely in place.
- The parking brake is on.
- The PTO control lever is disengaged.
- The 3-point hitch control lever is in the lowered position.
- The hydraulic remote control levers are in the neutral position.
- The tractor transmission levers are in park or neutral.

Refer to the tractor owner's manual for tractor starting procedures. Only start the tractor while seated and belted in the tractor operator's seat. Never bypass the ignition switch by short circuiting the starter solenoid.

After the tractor engine is running, avoid accidental contact with the tractor transmission to prevent sudden and unexpected tractor movement. *OPS-U-0028*



Never run the Tractor engine in a closed building or without adequate ventilation. The exhaust fumes can be hazardous to your health. (SG-23)



Start tractor only when properly seated in the Tractor seat. Starting a tractor in gear can result in injury or death. Read the Tractor operators manual for proper starting instructions. (SG-13)



6. CONNECTING THE SHREDDER TO THE TRACTOR

Use extreme caution when connecting the shredder to the tractor. The shredder should be securely resting on front stands or tongue jack stand and rear gauge wheels. Keep hands and feet from under the shredder ends and clear of pinch points between the tractor hitch arms and shredder pins.



Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches. (S3PT-15)

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7. SETTING THE MOWER

Properly setting the cutting height is essential for efficient and safe operation. A properly set mower will make a more uniform cut, distribute clippings more evenly, require minimal tractor work, and follow the contour of uneven terrain. **NOTE:** *Avoid very low cutting heights, striking the ground with the blades gives the most damaging shock loads and will cause damage to the mower and drive. Blades contacting the ground may cause objects to be thrown out from under the mower deck. Always avoid operating the mower at a height which causes the blades to contact the ground. OPS-U- 0010*

7.1 Pull Type Models

Cutting height is set by adjusting ratchet jack which rotates rear wheel bar. On units fitted with hydraulic cylinder, height is set by adding split collar spacers around cylinder rod. Avoid any scalping or ground contact which may result in knife breakage. Cutting height should be set to avoid any ground contact. For optimum knife wear, raise knife tips above dust cloud (approximately 3-4 inches above row). On larger units, the overall level of rows should be considered to avoid ground contact over width of machine. Side plate should be parallel to ground. Tongue assembly has two height positions. Pin in top holes for standard shredding of crops. In tall crops such as cotton, pin in low holes for additional crop clearance.

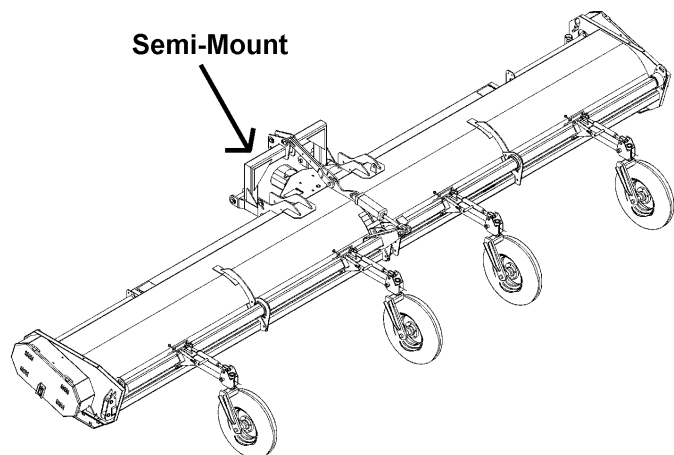
7.2 Lift Type Models

Adjustment of the wheel bar combined with the tractor lift arms maintain cutting height. The 3-point hitch is fitted with a floating link to reduce any load transferred to top link. The tractor lift should be set to correct level to maintain the correct height at front of machine.

Machine should be held level by tractor lift while shredding. Link float may be locked out by reversing center lock plate in link assembly. This lock plate should only be used in level conditions and on tractors which are unable to maintain lift level.

7.3 Semi-Mount Models

The cutting height is maintained with a combination of tractor 3-point lift adjustment and wheel bar adjustment. Individual caster adjustment is to level caster pivot pin angle perpendicular with the ground, for proper operation. Tractor should be attached to 3-point hitch only. Ensure that lock plate 00725613 on the hitch to shredder link is rotated to open slot position, allowing shredder to float. Always use a quick hitch to attach to shredder otherwise driveline failure may result.



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8. DRIVELINE ATTACHMENT

The driveline yoke and tractor PTO shaft must be dirt free and greased for attachment.

To connect the mower driveline to the tractor PTO output shaft, pull the driveline yoke collar back and align the grooves and splines of the yoke with those of the PTO shaft. Push the driveline yoke onto the PTO shaft, release the locking collar, and position the yoke until the locking collar balls are seated onto the PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure a secure attachment.

After the driveline is securely attached, place the tractor PTO master shield back in the operating position. OPS-R-0003



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▲WARNING

Before operating the Implement, check to make sure the Implement input driveline will not bottom out or become disengaged. Bottoming out occurs when the inner shaft penetrates the outer housing until the assembly becomes solid-it can shorten no more. Bottoming out can cause serious damage to the Tractor PTO by pushing the PTO into the Tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off. A broken driveline can cause personal injury. (S3PT-18)

▲WARNING

When attaching the Implement input driveline to the Tractor PTO, it is important that the connecting yoke spring activated locking collar slides freely and the locking balls are seated securely in the groove on the Tractor PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure it is securely attached. A driveline not attached correctly to the Tractor PTO shaft could come loose and result in personal injury and damage to the Implement. (S3PT-17)

Driveline Length Check

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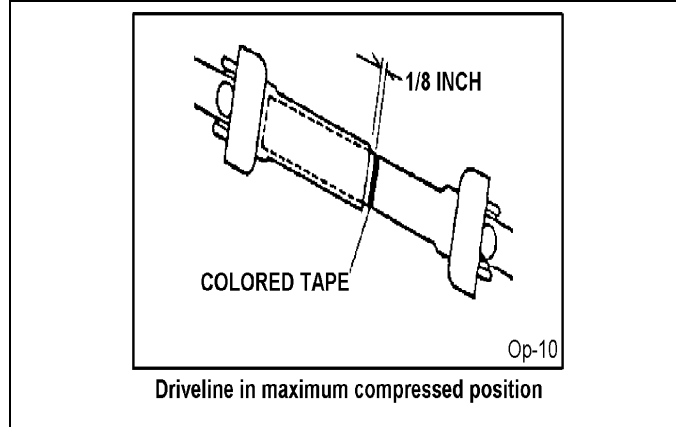
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Driveline Clearance.

Pull Type Units - After adjusting drawbar to correct length and attaching mower, check driveline for telescoping clearance. Before engaging PTO ensure driveline does not bottom out during sharp turns. Check vertical clearance between driveline and hitch pin. Driveline should have a minimum overlap of 5" at all times.

- Disengage the driveline from the tractor PTO shaft.
- Slide the driveline together until it "bottoms out" solidly.
- Apply colored tape to the inner shield 1/8" from the end of the outer shield.
- Reattach the driveline to the PTO shaft. OPS-F-0001_A



Driveline may bottom out or come in contact with hitch while traveling over uneven terrain.



A loose driveline could slip off and result in personal injury or damage to shredder. When attaching driveline yoke to tractor PTO shaft, it is important that spring-activated locking collar be seated in groove on PTO shaft.

9. PRE-OPERATION INSPECTION AND SERVICE

Before each use, a pre-operation inspection and service of the implement and tractor must be performed. This includes routine maintenance and scheduled lubrication, inspecting that all safety devices are equipped and functional, and performing needed repairs. DO NOT operate the unit if the pre-operation inspection reveals any condition affecting safe operation. Perform repairs and replacement of damaged and missing parts as soon as noticed. By performing a thorough pre-operation inspection and service, valuable down time and repair cost can be avoided. OPS-U-0029



Always disconnect the main PTO Driveline from the Tractor before performing service on the Implement. Never work on the Implement with the tractor PTO driveline connected and running. Rotating Parts, Blades or Drivelines could turn without warning and cause immediate entanglement, injury or death. (S3PT-11)



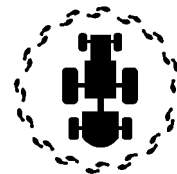
Never work under the Implement, the framework, or any lifted component unless the Implement is securely supported or blocked up to prevent sudden or inadvertent falling which could cause serious injury or even death. (SG-14)



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WARNING

Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order. (SG-21)



9.1 Tractor Pre-Operation Inspection/Service

Refer to the tractor operator's manual to ensure a complete pre-operation inspection and scheduled service is performed according to the manufacturers recommendations. The following are some of the items that require daily service and inspection:



- Tire condition/air pressure
- Wheel lug bolts
- Steering linkage
- PTO shield
- SMV sign is clean and visible
- Tractor's lights are clean and functional
- Tractor Seat belt is in good condition
- Tractor ROPS is in good condition
- ROPS is in the raised position
- No tractor oil leaks
- Radiator free of debris
- Engine oil level and condition
- Engine coolant level and condition
- Power brake fluid level
- Power steering fluid level
- Fuel condition and level
- Sufficient lubrication at all lube points
- Air filter condition *OPS-U-0030*

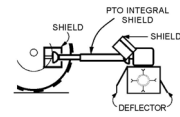
9.2 Mower Pre-Operation Inspection/Service

Before each mower use, a complete inspection and service is required to ensure the mower is in a good and safe working condition. Damaged and/or broken parts should be repaired and/or replaced immediately. To ensure the mower is ready for operation, conduct the following. *OPS-R-0007*

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DANGER

All Safety Shields, Guards and Safety devices including (but not limited to) - the Deflectors, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, PTO integral shields, and Retractable Door Shields should be used and maintained in good working condition. All safety devices should be inspected carefully at least daily for missing or broken components. Missing, broken, or worn items must be replaced at once to reduce the possibility of injury or death from thrown objects, entanglement, or blade contact. (SFL-5)



DANGER

Replace bent or broken blades with new blades. NEVER ATTEMPT TO STRAIGHTEN, WELD, OR WELD HARDFACING ON BLADES SINCE THIS WILL LIKELY CRACK OR OTHERWISE DAMAGE THE BLADE WITH SUBSEQUENT FAILURE AND POSSIBLY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES. (SGM-10)

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The operator's manual and safety signs affixed on the unit contain important instructions on the safe and proper use of the equipment. Maintain these important safety features on the implement in good condition to ensure the information is available to the operator at all times.

- Ensure the manual canister is secured to the equipment with the operator's manual inside.
- Ensure all safety signs are in place and legible. Replace missing, damaged, and illegible decals. OPS-U-0011



- Check that the main driveline is securely attached to the tractor and the locking collar is seated in the groove of the PTO Shaft.
- Inspect that the 3-point hitch pins are the proper size, correctly installed and secured to the tractor lift arms with retaining pins inserted.
- Ensure that a properly rated safety tow chain is equipped securing the mower to the tractor. OPS-F-0015



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- Ensure rubber deflectors are in position and not damaged. Replace worn, broken, and missing sections immediately.
- Ensure the driveline integral shield is in good condition and rotate freely.
- Inspect that all bolts and screws are in position and are properly torqued. OPS-F- 0004_A



- Inspect the condition of the drive belts.
- Ensure the drive belts shields are in place and in good repair.
- Ensure the tractor PTO master shield is in place, lowered and in good condition. OPS-F- 0016_A

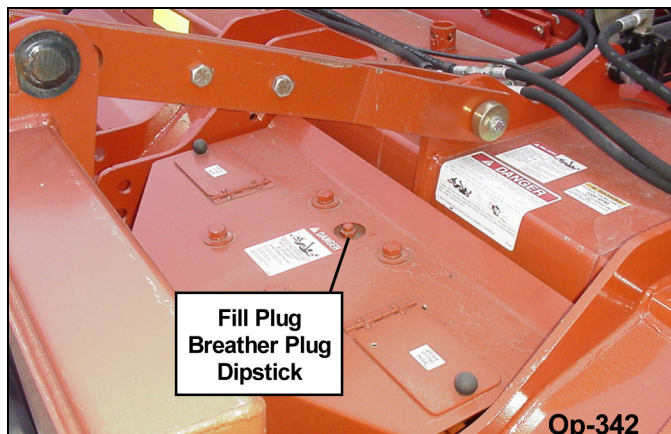


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- .Inspect oil level in gearbox and replenish if needed. A low oil level is a warning sign that the gearbox may be cracked or its seal is damaged and needs to be replaced.
- Perform scheduled lubrication as specified in the maintenance section. *OPS-F- 0017_A*



- Inspect cutter knives and knife pins for looseness and excessive wear. Make sure the mower is securely blocked up before crawling beneath. Replace damaged, worn, and missing knives as complete sets to maintain cuttershaft balance.
- Remove any grass or other debris which may be wrapped around the cuttershafts.
- Inspect the condition of deck skid shoes and hardware. *OPS-F- 0007_A*



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Tractor PRE-OPERATION Inspection



Tractor ID# _____ Make _____

Date: _____ Shift _____



Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Make sure the mower is resting on the ground or securely blocked up and all hydraulic pressure has been relieved.

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Item	Condition at Start of Shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
The flashing lights function properly		
The SMV Sign is clean and visible		
The tires are in good condition with proper pressure		
The wheel lug bolts are tight		
The tractor brakes are in good condition		
The steering linkage is in good condition		
There are no visible oil leaks		
The hydraulic controls function properly		
The ROPS or ROPS Cab is in good condition		
The seatbelt is in place and in good condition		
The 3-point hitch is in good condition		
The drawbar pins are securely in place		
The PTO master shield is in place		
The engine oil level is full		
The brake fluid level is full		
The power steering fluid level is full		
The fuel level is adequate		
The engine coolant fluid level is full		
The radiator is free of debris		
The air filter is in good condition		

Operator's Signature: _____

DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or MOWER

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Flail Mower PRE-OPERATION Inspection



Mower ID# _____

Make: _____

Date: _____

Shift: _____

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Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Make sure the mower is resting on the ground or securely blocked up and all hydraulic pressure has been relieved.

Item	Condition at Start of Shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
FLAIL MOWER		
The Operator's Manual is in the canister on the mower		
All safety decals are in place and legible		
The hitch connection bolts & pins are tight		
There are no cracks in hitch		
Their mower deck is clear of cut grass and debris		
The thrown object guard/deflectors are in place		
Their guards/deflectors are in good condition		
The driveline/gearbox shields are in good condition		
The driveline clutch is in good condition, not frozen		
The driveline tubes & u-joints have been lubricated		
The driveline yoke is securely attached to the PTO		
The gearbox oil level is full		
Blades are not broken, chipped, cracked or bent		
Blade shackles are in good condition with no cracks		
The blade pins are properly retained		
The skid shoes are in good condition & tight		
The rear roller is in good condition and turns freely		

Operator's Signature: _____

DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or MOWER

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10. DRIVING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

Safe tractor transport requires the operator possess a thorough knowledge of the model being operated and precautions to take while driving with an attached implement. Ensure the tractor has the capacity to handle the weight of the implement and the tractor operating controls are set for safe transport. To ensure safety while driving the tractor with an attached implement, review the following. *OPS-U- 0012*



This Implement may be wider than the Tractor. Be careful when operating or transporting this equipment to prevent the Implement from running into or striking sign posts, guard rails, concrete abutments or other solid objects. Such an impact could cause the Implement and Tractor to pivot violently resulting in loss of steering control, serious injury, or even death. Never allow the Implement to contact obstacles. (S3PT-12)



Transport only at speeds where you can maintain control of the equipment. Serious accidents and injuries can result from operating this equipment at high speeds. Understand the Tractor and Implement and how it handles before transporting on streets and highways. Make sure the Tractor steering and brakes are in good condition and operate properly.



Before transporting the Tractor and Implement, determine the proper transport speeds for you and the equipment. Make sure you abide by the following rules:

Test the tractor at a slow speed and increase the speed slowly. Apply the Brakes smoothly to determine the stopping characteristics of the Tractor and Implement. As you increase the speed of the Tractor the stopping distance increases. Determine the maximum transport speed not to exceed 20 mph (30 kph) for transporting this equipment.

Test the equipment at a slow speed in turns. Increase the speed through the turn only after you determine that the equipment can be operated at a higher speed. Use extreme care and reduce your speed when turning sharply to prevent the tractor and implement from turning over. Determine the maximum turning speed for you and this equipment before operating on roads or uneven ground.

Only transport the Tractor and Implement at the speeds which allow you to properly control the equipment.

Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes or worn tires. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases: use extreme care and reduce your speed. When operating in traffic always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy. (SG-19)



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10.1 Starting the Tractor

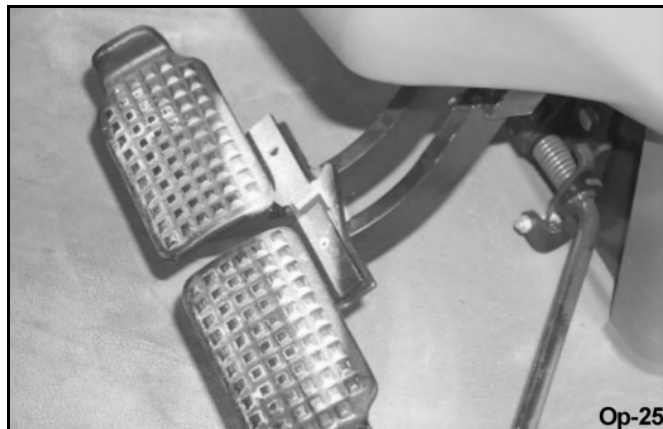
The procedure to start the tractor is model specific. Refer to the tractor operator's manual for starting procedures for your particular tractor. Consult an authorized dealer if the starting procedure is unclear. Ensure the 3-point control lever is in the lowered position and the PTO is disengaged before starting the tractor. OPS-U-0033



10.2 Brake and Differential Lock Setting

Make sure the tractor brakes are in good operating condition. Tractor brakes can be set to operate independently allowing single rear wheel braking action or locked together to provide simultaneous rear wheel braking. FOR MOST DRIVING AND OPERATING CONDITIONS, THE BRAKE PEDALS SHOULD BE LOCKED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFECTIVE BRAKING ACTION.

Always disengage the tractor differential lock when turning. When engaged the differential lock will prevent or limit the tractor from turning. During normal cutting conditions, locking the differential provides no benefit and should not be used. OPS-U-0013



WARNING

Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases; use extreme care and reduce your speed in these conditions. When operating in traffic, always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy.

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10.3 Raising the shredder

Using the tractor 3-point hitch control lever, raise the shredder off the ground about 6", or just high enough to clear any ground obstacles. When raising the shredder, make sure all connection points are securely attached and at least 1" clearance is maintained between the driveline and the deck. If necessary, place an upper lift strip on the 3-point hitch control lever to limit the height the shredder can be raised to avoid driveline damage.



10.4 Driving the Tractor and Mower

Start off driving at a slow speed and gradually increase your speed while maintaining control of the tractor and mower. Moving slowly at first will also prevent the tractor from rearing up and loss of steering control. The tractor should never be operated at speeds that cannot be safely handled or which will prevent the operator from stopping quickly during an emergency. If the power steering or engine ceases operating, stop the tractor immediately as the tractor will be difficult to control.

Drive the tractor with the 3-Point lift arms in the raised position and lock the control lever in the transport detent position (with Pull-Type Shredders be sure of clearance for 3-Point or Quick Hitch on Tractor) to prevent damage to the mower driveline and tongue when turning.

Perform turns with the tractor and mower at slow speeds to determine how the tractor with an attached mower handles a turn. Determine the safe speed to maintain proper control of the tractor when making turns. When turning with a towed implement, the overall working length of the unit is increased. Allow additional clearance for the mower when turning.

To avoid overturns, drive the tractor with care and at safe speeds, especially when operating over rough ground, crossing ditches or slopes, and turning corners.

Use extreme caution when operating on steep slopes. Keep the tractor in a low gear when going downhill. DO NOT coast or free-wheel downhill.

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WARNING Always disengage the tractor differential lock when turning. When engaged the differential lock will prevent or limit the tractor from turning. During normal cutting conditions, locking the differential provides no benefit and should not be used.

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10.5 Turning Procedure

Pull-type Units - Pull-type units are fitted with a constant velocity joint at the tractor hitch to allow operating during turns. Do not disengage PTO and end of row. Reduce speed and RPM slightly and proceed with turn. Make wide turns to reduce load on driveline caused by high joint angles.

Optimum speed should be maintained while shredding. Always operate at engine RPM which corresponds to 1000 PTO RPM. Increasing forward speed adversely effects the shredding quality and result in larger material being discharged. Always be on the watch for foreign objects which could damage cutting reel.

Stop machine if shredder begins to vibrate excessively. Reduce RPM to idle speed, disengage PTO and stop tractor. Wait for all rotation to cease before dismounting tractor. Check for missing or broken knives.

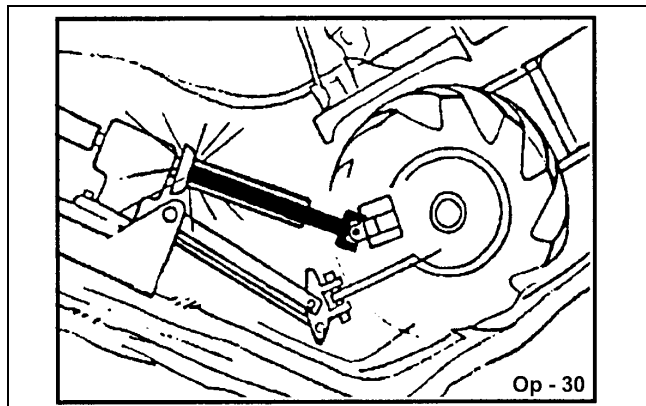


Never operate machine while knives are missing.

Semi-Mount Units - Do not disengage PTO at end of row. Reduce speed and lower RPM, proceed with turn without raising 3-point if there is sufficient distance at the end row. Raise 3-point if additional clearance is required, only raise the machine sufficiently to clear turn. High loads are placed on U-joints when shredder is raised at steep angles causing premature wear and driveline failure. Raising machine using rear cylinder may put excessive load on the caster pivot during turns.

10.6 Crossing Ditches and Steep Inclines

When crossing ditches with steep banks or going up sharp inclines, it is possible that the main driveline inner profile will penetrate into the outer housing to its maximum depth until the assembly becomes solid (driveline is at its extreme shortest length). This type of abusive operation can cause serious damage to the tractor and mower drive by pushing the PTO into the tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off.

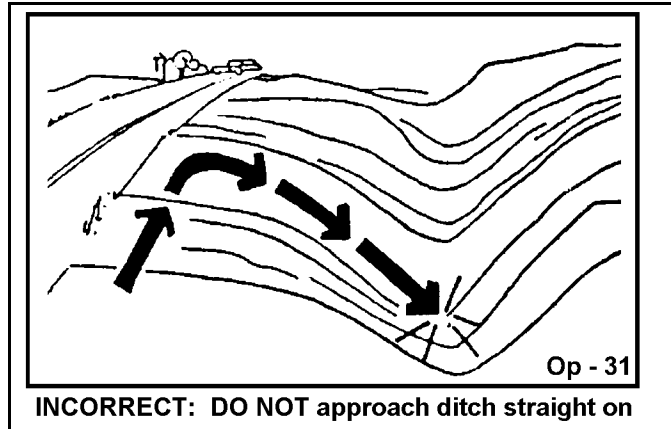


Damage resulting from over-collapse of the driveline's inner profile and its outer housing may allow the driveline to come loose from the Tractor which could cause bodily injury to the operator or bystanders and/or extensive damage to the Tractor or Implement. OPS-R-0020

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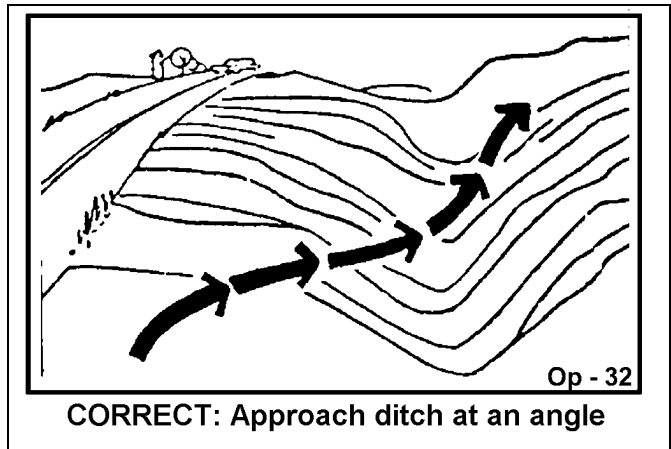
When confronted with an incline or ditch, do not approach from an angle which is perpendicular or straight on as damaged to over collapse of the driveline may occur.

When crossing such terrain, the implement should be fully lowered for a lower center of gravity and added stability. *OPS-R-0021*



Inclines and ditches should be approached along a line which is at an angle as shown. This type of path will reduce the possibility of over-collapse of the driveline and resulting damage. If the gradient is so steep that such an approach increases the possibility of a tractor roll-over, select an alternate crossing path.

When operating the tractor and mower across slopes and inclines, through ditches, and other uneven terrain conditions, it is important to maintain sufficient deck to ground clearance. Blade contact with the ground may cause soil, rocks and other debris to be thrown out from under the mower resulting in possible injury and/or property damage. Ground contact also produces a severe shock load on the mower drive and to the mower blades resulting in possible damage and premature wear. *OPS-R-0022*



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11. OPERATING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

THE OPERATOR MUST COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HOW TO OPERATE THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AND ALL CONTROLS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE. The operator must read and understand the Safety and Operation Sections of the implement and tractor operator's manuals. These manuals must be read and explained to any operator who cannot read. Never allow someone to operate the implement and tractor without complete operating instructions.

Before starting any operation, the operator must become familiar with the area to be worked in and any obstacles and hazards contained within to ensure safety to the operator, bystanders, and equipment. Special attention should be paid to foreign debris, rough terrain, steep slopes, and passersby and animals in the area.
OPS-U- 0015



Extreme care should be taken when operating near loose objects such as gravel, rocks, wire, and other debris. Inspect the area before mowing. Foreign objects should be removed from the site to prevent machine damage and/or bodily injury or even death. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator. Stop mowing immediately if blades strike a foreign object. Repair all damage and make certain rotor or blade carrier is balanced before resuming mowing. (SGM-05)



Many varied objects, such as wire, cable, rope, or chains, can become entangled in the operating parts of the mower head. These items could then swing outside the housing at greater velocities than the blades. Such a situation is extremely hazardous and could result in serious injury or even death. Inspect the cutting area for such objects before mowing. Remove any like object from the site. Never allow the cutting blades to contact such items.
(SGM-06)

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11.1 Foreign Debris Hazards

Before mowing, inspect the area to make sure there are no foreign objects that the mower blades could hit or become entangled with. Remove all foreign objects and debris. If objects are too big to remove, mark them clearly and be sure to prevent the mower blades from contacting them.

If you hit a solid object or foreign debris, stop the mower and tractor at once. Immediately idle the engine speed and disengage the PTO. Wait for all mower rotating motion to stop, then raise the mower and move the tractor and implement off the object. Inspect the area and remove, or mark the location of the debris. Inspect the condition of the mower and make any needed repairs immediately. Make sure the blades are not damaged and the carrier is balanced before resuming operation.

Always wear your seat belt securely fastened and only operate the tractor and mower with the ROPS in the raised position. If the tractor or mower hits a tree stump, rock, or bump, a sudden movement could throw you off of the seat and under the tractor and/or mower. The seat belt is your best protection from falling off the tractor and the ROPS provides protection from being crushed during a tractor roll-over. *OPS-F-0010_B*



11.2 Bystanders/Passersby Precautions

If a bystander comes within 300 feet of the tractor while the mower is being operated, stop the tractor at once, idle the engine and disengage the PTO. Do not engage the PTO again until all bystanders are well past the 300 foot distance. *OPS-R-0024*

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Flail Mowers are capable under adverse conditions of throwing objects for great distances (100 yards or more) and causing serious injury or death. Follow safety messages carefully.



STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 100 YARDS UNLESS:

- Front and Rear Deflectors, Chain Guards, or Bands are installed and in good, workable condition;
- Mower sections or Wings are running close to and parallel to the ground without exposed Blades;
- Passerby are outside the existing thrown-object zone;
- All areas have been thoroughly inspected and all foreign material such as rocks, cans, glass, and general debris has been removed. (SFL-7)

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11.3 Engaging the Power Take Off (PTO)

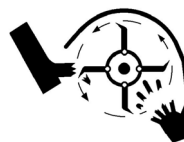
Before engaging the PTO, make certain that the area is clear of bystanders and passersby. The implement must be completely lowered and the deck positioned at a safe operating height. NEVER engage the PTO with the implement in the raised position.

Set the tractor engine speed at approximately 1,000 RPM before engaging the PTO. Shift the PTO control to the on position, and slowly increase the engine speed until the PTO is operating at the rated speed. If you hear unusual noises or see or feel abnormal vibrations, disengage the PTO immediately. Inspect the implement to determine the cause of the noise or vibration and repair the abnormality. OPS-U- 0027

NOTE: When turning, reduce engine speed and raise only enough to clear any objects on the ground. Raise the implement only a small amount. Raising the implement while the PTO is engaged can damage the PTO driveline



Do not put hands or feet under mower decks. Blade Contact can result in serious injury or even death. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the decks are securely blocked up. (SFL-2)



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11.4 PTO RPM and Ground Speed

Ground speed for mowing will depend upon the height, type, and density of vegetation to be cut. Recommended speed for efficient mower performance is between 2 and 5 mph(3-8 kph). Operate the mower at its full rated PTO speed to maintain blade speed for a clean cut. Refer to the tractor operator's manual or the tractor instrument panel for the engine speed and gear to provide the required PTO and desired ground speed. Make sure that the mower is operating at its full rated speed before entering the vegetation to be cut. If it becomes necessary to temporarily regulate engine speed, increase or decrease the throttle gradually.

Ground speed is achieved by transmission gear selection and not by the engine operating speed. The operator may be required to experiment with several gear range combinations to determine the best gear and range which provides the most ideal performance from the mower and most efficient tractor operation. As the severity of cutting conditions increase, the ground speed should be decreased by selecting a lower gear to maintain the proper operating PTO speed. OPS-R-0025



Do not exceed the rated PTO speed for the Implement. Excessive PTO speeds can cause Implement driveline or blade failures resulting in serious injury or death. (SG-26)



Do not mow with two machines in the same area except with Cab tractors with the windows closed. (SGM-11)



Mow only in conditions where you have clear visibility in daylight or with adequate artificial lighting. Never mow in darkness or foggy conditions where you cannot clearly see at least 300 feet (90 m) in front and to the sides of the tractor and mower. Make sure that you can clearly see and identify passersby, steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, debris and foreign objects. If you are unable to clearly see these type of items discontinue mowing. (SGM-1)



Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible. Check to make sure there are no persons behind the mower and use extreme care when maneuvering in reverse. Mow only at a slow ground speed where you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. Never mow an area that you have not inspected and removed debris or foreign material.

(SGM-08)

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Follow these guidelines to reduce the risk of equipment and grass fires while operating, servicing, and repairing the Mower and Tractor:



- Equip the Tractor with a fire extinguisher in an accessible location.
- Do Not operate the Mower on a Tractor with an underframe exhaust.
- Do Not smoke or have an open flame near the Mower and Tractor.
- Do Not drive into burning debris or freshly burnt areas.
- Ensure slip clutches are properly adjusted to prevent excessive slippage and plate heating.
- Never allow clippings or debris to collect near drivelines, slip clutches, and gearboxes. Periodically shut down the Tractor and Mower and clean clippings and collected debris from the mower deck. (SGM-12)

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11.5 Shutting Down the Implement

To shut down the implement, first bring the tractor to a complete stop. Then slow down the implement by reducing the engine speed before disengaging the PTO. Wait for all motion to stop before proceeding to drive or shut down the tractor.



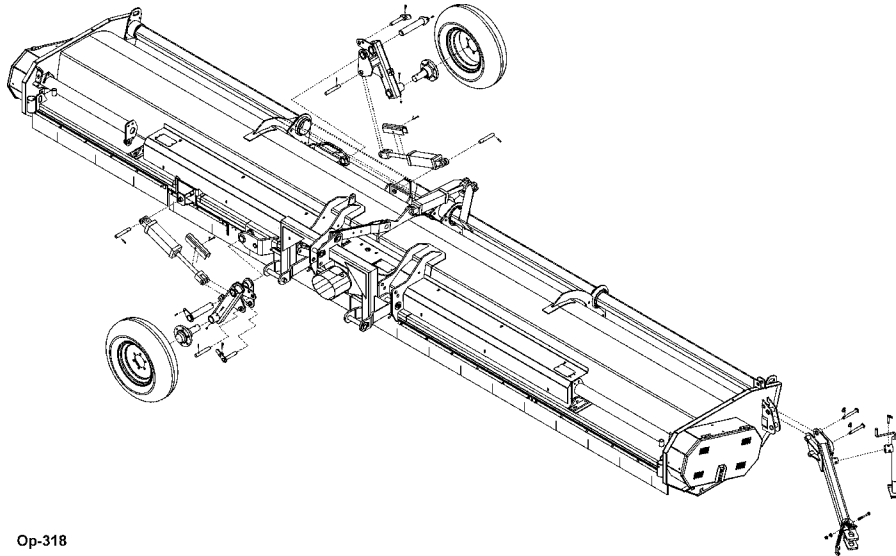
Park the tractor on a level surface, place the transmission in park or neutral and apply the parking brake, lower the attached implement to the ground, shut down the engine, remove the key, and wait for all motion to come to a complete stop before exiting the tractor. OPS-F- 0011_A



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12. END TOW OPERATION

Lift or Semi-Mount Configuration



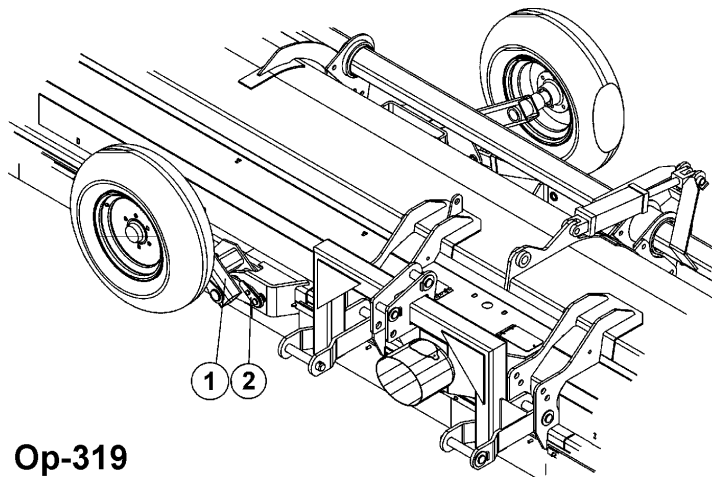
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To place the RC120 or RC125 in End Tow position, follow this procedure in sequence:



Place machine on a level surface on solid ground and shut off tractor engine and engage parking brake before unhitching from machine.

1. Lower the machine to the ground, shut off tractor engine and engage parking brake. Wait for all rotation to cease before dismounting the tractor.
2. Disconnect PTO shaft from tractor.
3. Connect end tow wheel hydraulic hoses to tractor hydraulic outlets.
4. Using tractor hydraulics, raise end tow wheels to remove pressure from locking pins.
5. Remove locking pins #2 from end tow axles, #1 - **OP-319**

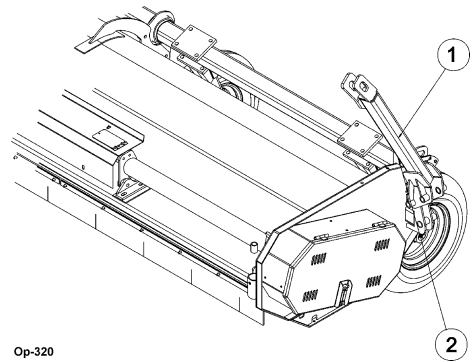
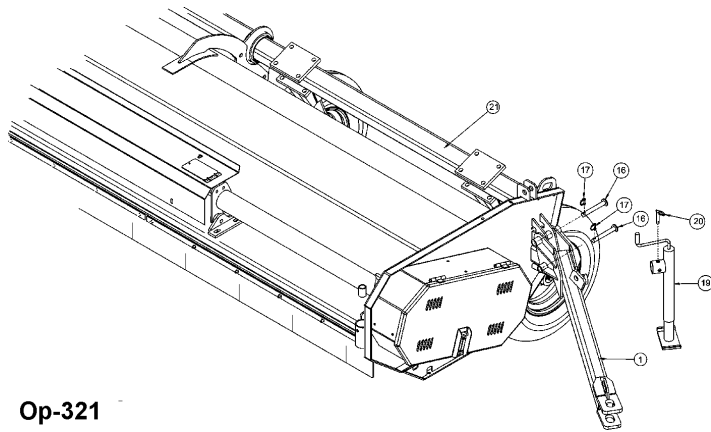


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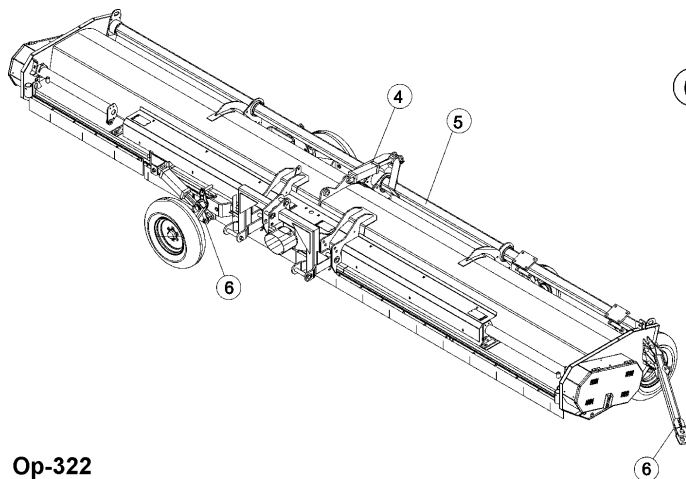
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- Unlatch end tow tongue #1 (Op-320) on left-hand end of machine by unlatching lynch pin. Hold tongue and remove latching pin #2 (Op-320). Pin tongue in lowered position and secure using lynch pin #16 (Op-321).

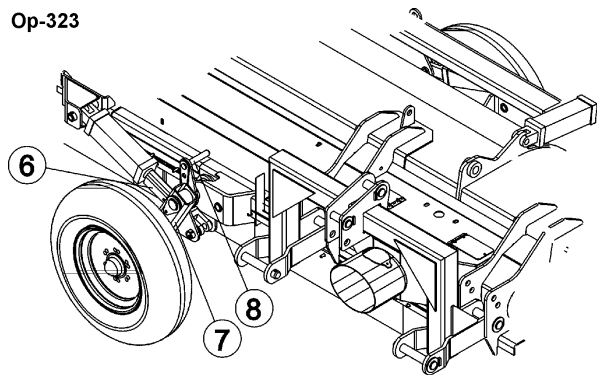


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- Raise machine using three-point lift of tractor.
- Lower parking jack #19 (Op-321) to approximate tractor drawbar height on end tow hitch.
- Using tractor hydraulics, lower end tow axles to raise machine into transport position. Raise rear wheel bar #21 (Op-321) to lift standard gauge wheels of the ground.
- Place transport locks #6 (Op-323) over rods on end tow wheel cylinders and secure in place using clevis pins. Lock valve #4 (Op-322) on rod end of wheel bar cylinders to prevent standard gauge wheels from leaking down.



Op-323



Op-322

- Disconnect hydraulic lines from tractor.
- Disconnect three-point from RC20. Level machine using end tow jack if necessary.
- Attach tractor to end tow hitch #1 (Op-321) and secure with hitch pin clip or hammer strap.
- Raise tongue jack #19 (Op-321). Connect 7 pin light connector to tractor. Store driveline securely.
- Before transporting machine on public highway, remove all debris from machine and check to ensure lights are in working order and SMV and reflectors are clean. Attach safety chain to tractor.

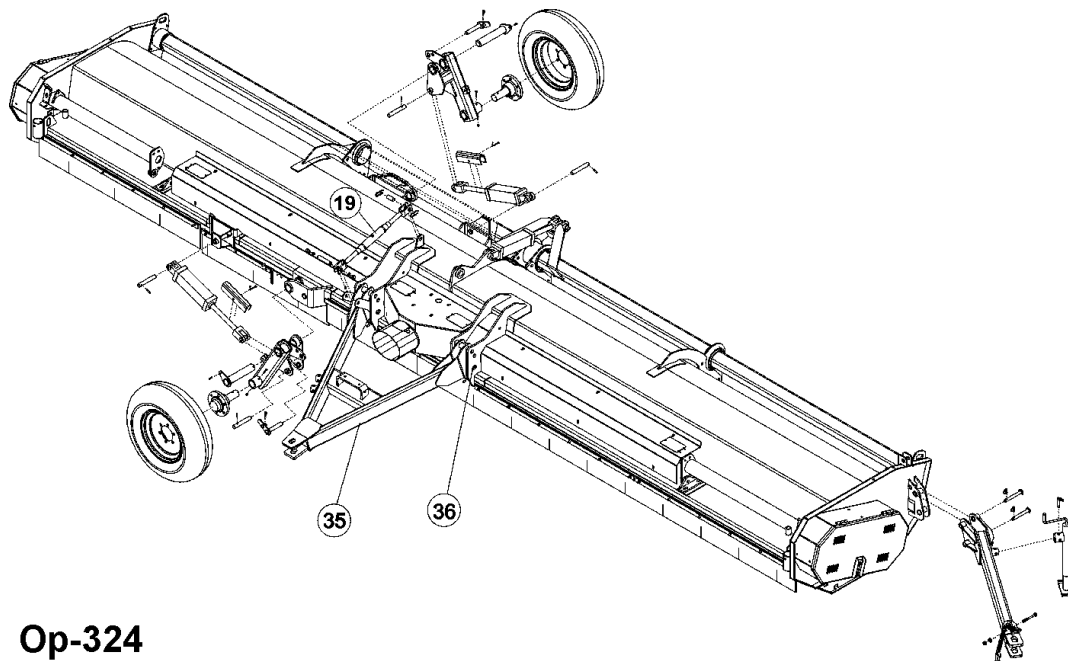
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13. CONVERTING MACHINE FROM TRANSPORT TO OPERATION

13.1 Lift or Semi-Mount Configuration

1. Chock both wheels of end transport. Lower end tow hitch parking jack #19 (Op-321), disconnect light harness and remove hitch pin to disconnect machine from tractor.
2. Use parking jack #19, (Op-321) to level machine if necessary. Couple tractor to machine using tractor quick hitch only. Ensure quick hitch is locked in place and all pins are secured with locking pins.
3. Attach end tow hydraulics to tractor and raise wheels to remove pressure from transport locks.
4. Remove end tow cylinder locks #6, (Op-323) and lock in storage point on topside of transport strut #7. Remove axle lock pins #8, (Op-323).
5. Raise machine using three-point. Raise end tow axles using hydraulics. Set parking brake. Do not work under machine. Pull lower three-point end tow hitch pin #16, (Op-321) and raise hitch and lock in place, (Op-320). Lock both end tow axles #1, (Op-319) in raised position using lock pins #2 (Op-319) and secure with hair-clip.
6. Lower machine to the ground, shut off tractor engine and engage parking brake.
7. Disconnect end tow hydraulics, and connect rear wheel bar #5, (Op-322) hydraulic hoses to tractor outlets. Set hydraulic lock valve #4 (Op-322) to open.
8. Connect PTO shaft to tractor. Ensure quick connect yokes lock in place.
9. Set cutting height using cylinder stops and tractor three-point.

13.2 End Tow Operation - Pull Type Model



Op-324



Place machine on a level surface on solid ground and shut off tractor engine and engage parking brake before unhitching from machine.

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1. Using rear gauge wheel #4, (Op-322) hydraulics, raise machine to maximum height.
2. Unlatch end tow tongue #1, (Op-320) on left-hand end of machine by unlatching lynch pin. Hold tongue and remove latching pin #2, (Op-320). Pin tongue in lowered position and secure using lynch pin #16, (Op-321). Lower parking jack #19, (Op-321) to approximate tractor drawbar height on end tow hitch.
3. Disconnect driveline and connect end tow axle hydraulics to tractor outlets.
4. Using tractor hydraulics, lower end tow axles to raise machine into transport position. Raise rear wheel bar #21 (Op-321) to lift standard gauge wheels off the ground.
5. Place transport locks #6 (Op-323) over rods on end tow wheel cylinders and secure in place using clevis pins. Lock valve #4, (Op-322) on rod end of wheel bar cylinders to prevent standard gauge wheels from leaking down.
6. Disconnect hydraulic lines from tractor.
7. Using parking jack on main tongue #35, (Op-324) to raise front of machine to remove tractor hitch pin.
8. Attach tractor to end tow hitch #1 (Op-321) and secure with hitch pin clip or hammer strap.
9. Raise tongue jack #19 (Op-321). Connect 7 pin light connector to tractor. Store main driveline securely.
10. Before transporting machine on public highway, remove all debris from machine and check to ensure lights are in working order and SMV and reflectors are clean. Attach safety chain to tractor.
11. Raise main tongue #35, (Op-324) by raising with ratchet jack #19, (Op-324) and removing both lower pins #36, (Op-324). Raise tongue fully and replace pins in original location for storage.

14. CONVERTING MACHINE FROM TRANSPORT TO OPERATION

14.1 Pull-Type Model



Place machine on a level surface on solid ground and shut off tractor engine and engage parking brake before unhitching from machine.

1. Chock both wheels of end transport. Lower end tow hitch parking jack #19 (Op-321), disconnect light harness and remove hitch pin to disconnect machine from tractor.
2. Lower main tongue. Remove lower stored pins #36, (Op-324) and use ratchet jack to lower tongue #35, (Op-324) align pins; install and secure with snapper pins.
3. Connect tractor to main tongue and couple with hitch pin and retaining clip. Lower parking jack on main tongue #35, (Op-324).
4. Connect rear gauge wheel bar hydraulics #4, (Op-322) to tractor and open hydraulic lock valve.
5. Attach end tow hydraulics to tractor and raise wheels to remove pressure from transport locks.
6. Remove end tow cylinder locks #6, (Op-323) and lock in storage point on topside of transport strut #7, (Op-323). Remove axle lock pins #8, (Op-323).
7. Using rear gauge wheel hydraulics #4, (Op-322), raise machine to maximum height. Raise end tow axles #6, (Op-322) using hydraulics.
8. Lower end tow hitch jack-stand #19, (Op-321) and pull lower pin on hitch and raise and lock in operating position (Op-320). Lock both end tow axles in raised position using lock pins #2, and secure with hair-clips.
9. Disconnect end tow hydraulics and store.
10. Connect PTO shaft to tractor. Ensure quick connect yokes lock in place.



Never work under the Implement, the framework, or any lifted component unless the Implement is securely supported or blocked up to prevent sudden or inadvertent falling which could cause serious injury or even death. (SG-14)



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Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches. (S3PT-15)



Never stand or allow another person to stand between a running Tractor and the shredder when disconnecting the Implement from the Tractor 3-point hitch. Always shut the Tractor off completely and set the parking brake before attempting to disconnect the shredder pins from the Tractor hitch.

MOWER STORAGE

Properly preparing and storing the mower at the end of the season is critical to maintaining its appearance and to help ensure years of dependable service. The following are suggested storage procedures:

- Thoroughly clean all debris off the mower to prevent damage from crop, mud, and standing water.
- Lubricate all mower grease points and fill gearbox oil level as detailed in the maintenance section.
- Tighten all bolts and pins to the recommended torque.
- Check the mower for worn and damaged parts. Perform repairs and make replacements immediately so that the mower will be ready for use at the start of the next season.
- Store the mower in a clean, dry place with the mower housing resting securely on blocks or at ground level.
- Keep the driveline yoke from sitting in water, dirt and other contaminants.
- Use spray touch-up enamel where necessary to prevent rust and maintain the appearance of the mower.

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Never allow children to play on or around Tractor or Implement. Children can slip or fall off the Equipment and be injured or killed. Inadvertent contact with controls can cause the Implement to shift or fall crushing themselves or others. (SG-25)

15. TRANSPORTING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

Inherent hazards of operating the tractor and implement and the possibility of accidents are not left behind when you finish working in an area. Therefore, the operator must employ good judgement and safe operation practices when transporting the tractor and implement between locations. By using good judgement and following safe transport procedures, the possibility of accidents while moving between locations can be substantially minimized. *OPS-U-0017*



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



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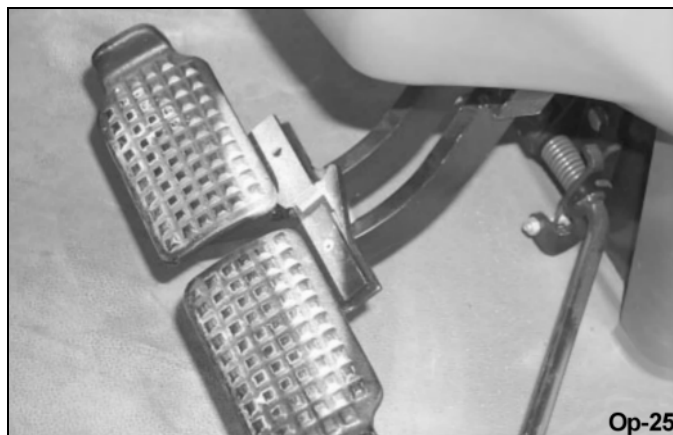
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Before transporting the tractor and mower, idle the tractor engine, disengage the PTO and wait for all mower moving parts to come to a complete stop. Raise the mower sections and ensure transport locks engage. *OPS-F- 0021_A*



Before transporting the tractor on a public roadway or boarding a trailer for transport, the tractor brake pedals should be locked together. Locking the pedals ensures that both wheels brake simultaneously while stopping, especially when making an emergency stop.

Use extreme caution and avoid hard applications of the tractor brakes when towing heavy loads at road speeds. Never tow the implement at speeds greater than 20 MPH (32 kph). *OPS-U- 0018*



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15.1 Transporting on Public Roadways

Extreme caution should be used when transporting the tractor and implement on public roadways. The tractor must be equipped with all required safety warning features including a SMV emblem and flashing warning lights to alert drivers of the tractor's presence. Remember that roadways are primarily designed for automotive drivers and most drivers will not be looking out for you, therefore, you must look out for them. Check your side view mirrors frequently and remember that vehicles will approach quickly because of the tractor's slower speed. Be extremely cautious when the piece of equipment that you are towing is wider than the tractor tire width and/or extends beyond your lane of the road.

Make sure that a proper size safety tow chain is secured between the tractor and implement before entering a public road. OPS-U- 0019



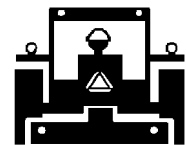
Only tow the Implement behind a properly sized and equipped Tractor which exceeds the weight of the Implement by at least 20%. DO NOT tow the Implement behind a truck or other type of vehicle. Never tow the Implement and another Implement connected in tandem. Never tow the Implement at speeds over 20 MPH. (STI-06)



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



Make certain that the "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the Equipment use the Tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations. (SG-6)



The SMV (Slow-Moving Vehicle) emblem is universal symbol used to alert drivers of the presence of equipment traveling on roadways at a slow speed. SMV signs are a triangular bright orange with reflective red trim for both easy day and night visibility. Make sure the SMV sign is clean and visible from the rear of the unit before transporting the tractor and implement on a public roadway. Replace the SMV emblem if faded, damaged, or no longer reflective. OPS-U- 0020



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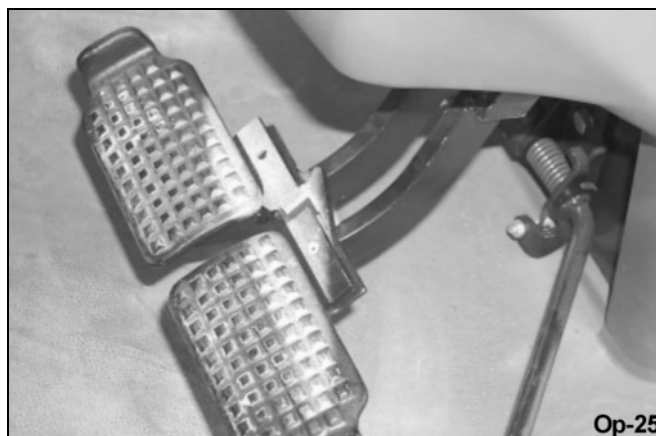
Make sure that all tractor flashing warning lights, headlights, and brake/tail lights are functioning properly before proceeding onto public roads. While newer model tractors have plenty of lighting to provide warning signals and operating lighting, most older models are only equipped with operating lights. Consult an authorized tractor dealer for lighting kits and modifications available to upgrade the lighting on older tractor models. *OPS-F- 0032*



When operating on public roads, have consideration for other road users. Pull to the side of the road occasionally to allow all following traffic to pass. Do not exceed the legal speed limit set in your country for agricultural tractors. Always stay alert when transporting the tractor and implement on public roads. Use caution and reduce speed if other vehicles or pedestrians are in the area. *OPS-U- 0022*



Reduce speed before turning or applying the brakes. Ensure that both brake pedals are locked together when operating on public roads. *OPS-U- 0023*



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15.2 Hauling the Tractor and Implement

Before transporting a loaded tractor and implement, measure the height and width dimensions and gross weight of the complete loaded unit. Ensure that the load will be in compliance with the legal limits set for the areas that will be traveled through. *OPS-U- 0024*



Use adequately sized and rated trailers and equipment to transport the tractor and implement. Consult an authorized dealer to determine the proper equipment required. Using adequately sized chains, heavy duty straps, cables and/or binders, securely tie down both the front and rear of the tractor utilizing the proper tie down locations as specified by the tractor manufacturer. *OPS-U- 0025*



Arrange the chains so that when tightened, the chains are pulling downward and against themselves. Carefully tighten the securing chains or other fasteners using boomers or binders to apply maximum tension. Use extreme care when attaching and removing the securing devices as the extreme tension involved when released has the potential to inflict serious injury.

While hauling the tractor and implement, make occasional stops to check that the tractor and implement have not moved or shifted and that the securing chains have maintained tension. If during transport a hard braking, sharp turning, or swerving action was performed, stop at the next safe location to inspect the security of the load. *OPS-U- 0026*



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16. TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy
Excessive Vibrations	Check gearbox bolts.	Tighten if loose
	Check for missing knives on cutter shaft.	Replace missing knives
	Check to see if knives are free swinging.	Free knives so they swing.
	Blade broken or bent.	Replace blades.
	Cuttershaft bent.	Replace cuttershaft.
Gearbox Overheating	Drivelines not phased correctly.	Replace driveline.
	Implement & Tractor yokes must be in line.	
	Cuttershaft bearing worn	Replace bearings
	Low on lubricant.	Fill to level mark on dip stick.
	Improper type lubricant.	Replace with proper lubricant.
Gearbox Noisy	Excessive trash build-up around gearbox.	Remove trash.
	Bearing or gears set up improperly.	Consult your Dealer.
Noise	Rough Gears.	Run in or change gears.
	Worn Bearing.	Replace bearing.
Gearbox Leaking	Damaged Belt Shield (Rubbing on pulleys or belt).	Straighten or replace Shields.
	Worn Bearing or Gear.	Replace Bearing or Gear.
Gearbox Leaking	Damaged oil seal	Replace seal.
	Bent shaft.	Replace oil seal and shaft.
	Shaft rough in oil seal area.	Replace or repair shaft.
	Oil seal installed wrong.	Replace seal.
	Oil seal not sealing in the housing.	Replace seal or use a sealant on OD of Seal.
	Oil level too high.	Drain oil to proper level.
	Sand hole in casting.	Replace castings or gearbox.
	Gasket damaged.	Replace gasket.
	Bolts loose.	Tighten bolts.

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Clutch Slips Excessively	Clutch linings badly worn or plates warped. Too much power for clutch. Oil on facings. Friction facings glazed.	Repair clutch per maintenance section of manuals. Reduce ground speed and material intake. Replace facings. Clean with emery cloth.
Knives Wear Too Fast	Cutting in sandy conditions. Cutting in rocky conditions. Soft "will fit" knives.	Increase cutting height. Increase cutting height. Use genuine Alamo Industrial knives.
Discharging Bunches or Clogging	Belt installed improperly. Blades dull. Grass too wet. Grass too long. Travel speed too fast. PTO RPM too low.	Check belt for correct set-up. Check blades for sharpness. Wait for grass to dry. Shred at 3-1/2" and recut lower. Use a lower tractor gear. Shred at engine RPM to match 540 PTO RPM.
Blades Scalping High Places	Shredding too low. Rough, uneven ground. Turning Tractor too fast.	Raise height of cut. Use a slower speed. Lower rollers. Slow down when turning.
Uneven Cut	Travel speed too fast. shredder deck not level. Blades dull or unbalanced. Deck underside plugged. Grass too high.	Use a slower speed. Level the shredding deck. Sharpen or balance blades. Clean underside of deck. Shred at 3-1/2" and recut lower.
Grass Clippings Windrow or clump	Grass too wet. Grass too high. Housing plugged.	Wait for grass to dry. Shred at 3-1/2" and recut lower. Clean underside of deck.
Grass Not being Cut Evenly	Belt worn or slipping. Spring broke & belt off idler. Housing plugged. Debris around pulleys. Grass too high.	Replace or adjust belt. Replace spring or adjust belt. Clean underside of housing. Remove deck belt shield and clean out debris. Shred at 3-1/2" and recut lower.

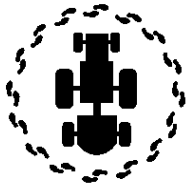
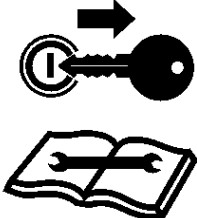
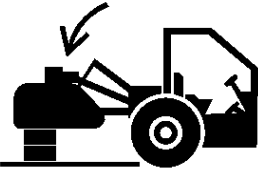


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HAZARDS WITH MAINTENANCE OF IMPLEMENT

				
Periodically inspect all moving parts, lubricate drivelines, and tighten all fasteners	Stop engine remove key before conducting maintenance	Block up implement before servicing Use large blocks on soft or wet soil	Engage cylinder transport locks	Inspect Blades for damage or cracks

WARNING

AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM COMPONENT FAILURE BY KEEPING IMPLEMENT IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION IN PERFORMING PROPER SERVICE, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

BEFORE PERFORMING SERVICE, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ON THE IMPLEMENT:

- **STOP ENGINE AND PTO**, engage parking brake, lower implement, allow all moving parts to stop and remove key before dismounting from tractor.
- **PLACE** implement on ground or securely block up raised equipment. Use large blocks on soft or wet soil.
- **PUSH** and **PULL** Remote Hydraulic Cylinder lever to relieve hydraulic pressure.
- **DISCONNECT IMPLEMENT** driveline from tractor **PTO SHAFT**.

WEAR SAFETY GLASSES, PROTECTIVE GLOVES and follow **SAFETY PROCEDURES** when performing service, repairs and maintenance on the implement:

- Always **WEAR** protective **GLOVES** when handling blades, knives, cutting edges or worn component with sharp edges.
- Always **WEAR GLOVES** and **SAFETY GLASSES** when servicing hot components
- **AVOID CONTACT** with hot hydraulic oil tanks, pumps, motors, valves and hose connection surfaces.
- **SECURELY** support or **BLOCK UP** raised implement, framework and lifted components before working underneath equipment.
- **STOP** any implement movements and **SHUT-OFF TRACTOR** engine before doing any work procedures.
- **USE** ladder or raised stands to reach high equipment areas inaccessible from ground.
- **ENSURE** good footing by standing on solid flat surfaces when getting on implement to perform work.
- **FOLLOW** manufacturer's instructions in handling oils, solvents, cleansers, and other chemical agents.
- **DO NOT** change any factory-set hydraulic calibrations to avoid component or equipment failures.
- **DO NOT** modify or alter implement, functions or components.
- **DO NOT WELD** or repair rotating mower components. These may cause vibrations and component failures being thrown from mower.

PERFORM SERVICE, REPAIRS, LUBRICATION AND MAINTENANCE OUTLINED IN IMPLEMENT MAINTENANCE SECTION:

- **INSPECT** for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, leaky or loose fittings, missing or broken cotter keys and washers on pins, and all moving parts for wear.
- **REPLACE** any worn or broken parts with authorized service parts.
- **LUBRICATE** unit as specified by lubrication schedule
- **NEVER** lubricate, adjust or remove material while it is running or in motion.
- **TORQUE** all bolts and nuts as specified.

BLADE INSPECTION:

- **REPLACE** bent, damage, cracked or broken blades immediately with new blades.
- **AVOID** blade failures and thrown broken blades. **DO NOT** straighten, weld, or weld hard-facing blades.

SAFETY SHIELDS, GUARDS AND SAFETY DEVICES INSPECTION:

- **KEEP** all Deflectors, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, and PTO integral shields, Bands, Side Skirts and Skid Shoes in place and in good condition.
- **REPLACE** any missing, broken or worn safety shields, guards and safety devices.
- Engine Exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. **PN HMFM-01**

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PARTS INFORMATION

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Rhino mowers use balanced and matched system components for blade carriers, blades, cuttershafts, knives, knife hangers, rollers, drivetrain components, and bearings. These parts are made and tested to Rhino specifications. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce mower performance, void warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine Rhino mower parts for economy and safety. (SPRM-1)

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LUBRICATION INFORMATION

Before operating your Implement, take the time to inspect and repair any damage to the machine or tractor. Only a minimum of time and effort is required to maintain this machine to provide long life and trouble free operation.

Lubricate the PTO shaft slides and all universal joints every 8 hours. Grease all bearings and grease points before operating shredder and after every 8 hours of operation.

The gearbox is shipped with the proper amount of Multi-Purpose Gear Oil P/N 00786250. Check the level of the gearbox. The oil level should reach the mark on the dip stick attached to the breather. Do not overfill, as this will damage the seals. The gearbox lubricant should be changed after 100 hours of operation and every 1000 hours of operation thereafter. The gearbox requires approximately 5 quarts of lubricant.

LUBRICATE SHREDDER BEFORE INITIAL USE. Lubricate all locations indicated every 8 hours with a clean, N.L.G.I #2 grease. Wipe off fittings and end of grease gun before attaching grease gun.

The wheel bearings should be inspected and re-packed yearly.

Before each day's use, follow this procedure:

1. Visually check the unit and make certain all items are properly tightened.
2. Check the rotor shaft to make certain it is fully knifed. Replace any missing knives, then run the unit at full speed to check for vibrations. Do not operate the unit in an out-of-balance condition.



Before doing maintenance, turn off power and securely block up shredder.

The RC flail is fitted with seven U-joints: two on the main driveline from the tractor, two on either side of the gear box, and one on each side by the adjustment tube.

On pull type models there are nine bearings which require regular maintenance: two center bearings between cutter-shafts, two at either end of the machine which are fitted with external grease lines, one on the jack-shaft support bearing, and one on each top drive which is accessed through the top drive shield.

Other grease points include: one on either end of the wheel bar support tube; one on the center wheel bar support; one on each wheel hub, and one on the ratchet screw jack

For the semi-mount units there are three additional grease points for each caster wheel assembly: one on the caster pivot and two on the adjusting ratchet jack.

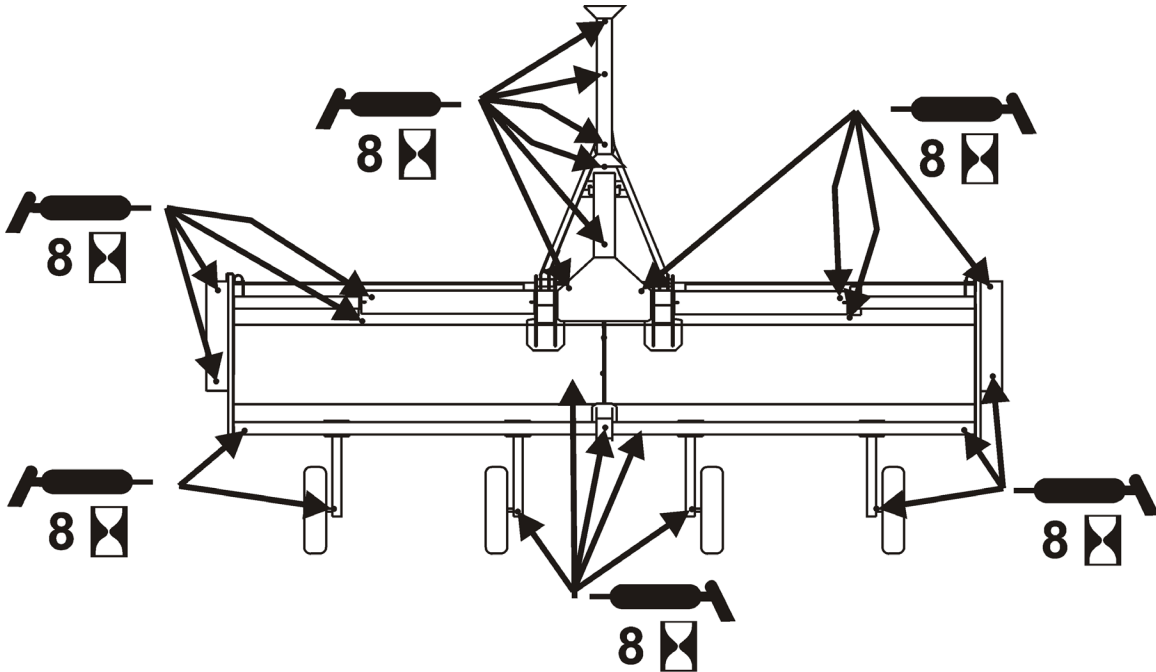
Each bearing assembly houses a double row spherical Roller bearing and requires regular lubrication, once every eight hours.

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Lubricate center bearing from rear only. Never raise machine on three point to service and always block machines before attempting any servicing or inspection underneath.

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Cuttershaft Bearings	8 Hours
Wheel Bearings	8 Hours
Pulleys	8 Hours
Ratchet Screw Jack	8 hours
Driveline	8 Hours
Telescoping Driveline	8 Hours
Driveline Yoke	8 Hours
Axle Bearings	8 Hours

Tractor Driveline Daily



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To lubricate telescoping section of driveline, disconnect yoke from tractor and compress driveline until both slots on shields are aligned and grease fitting is exposed. Lubricate both u-joints before re-attaching to tractor. Inspect shields to ensure they rotate freely, replace bearings or shield if damaged.

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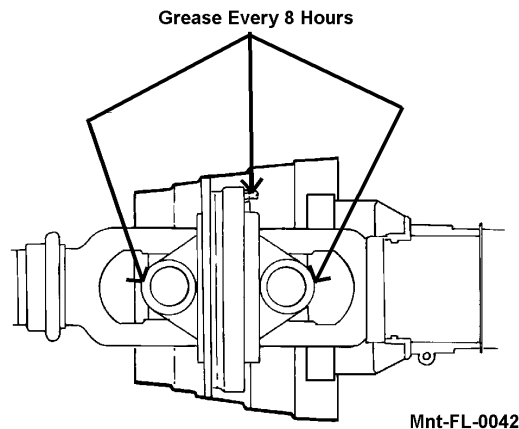
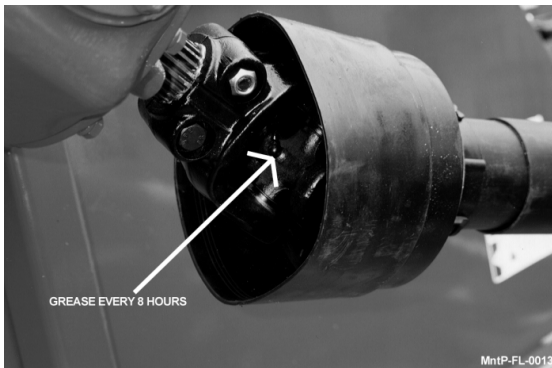
DRIVELINES

The Drivelines and U-Joints should be inspected each morning before the shredder is started.

See **MntP-FL-0013** & **Mnt-FL-0042**.

The U-Joint and CV Joint on the Driveline undergo extreme forces when the unit is turning. It is important that the U-Joints and CV Joint be greased each day before the unit is started. The U-Joints are located at each end of the top Drivelines. The CV Joint is located at the end of the Main Driveline. The U-Joint and CV Joint assemblies are accessible by rotating the Driveline Safety Shield until the hole in the Shield matches up with the Grease Fitting. Use #2 Bearing Grease for lubrication. Inspect the U-Joint for wear by holding the shaft on one side of the U-Joint while trying to rotate the shaft on the other side of the U-Joint. If there is noticeable movement in the Driveline replace the U-joint before it causes severe damage to the Driveline.

NOTE: Only Pull Type Machines are fitted with a CV Joint on the Main Driveline



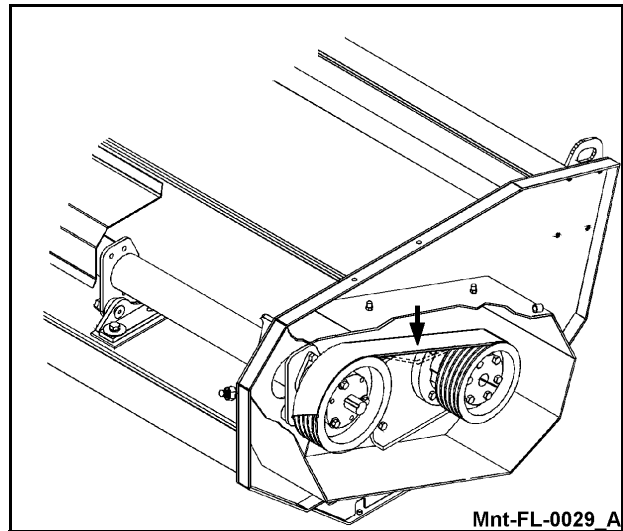
IMPORTANT: Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to link to the ADMA Driveline Safety Manual for more information on the safe use of a driveline during normal operation and maintenance. Or type in your internet browser the following web address: www.algqr.com/dme Ops-0009-MISC



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ROUTINE MAINTENANCE:

1. Inspect belt drive for correct tension and remove any debris from inside belt shields. Incorrect tension will result in premature belt failure. Check belt tension after first hour of operation. **Mnt-FL-0029_A.**
2. Inspect for and tighten any loose fasteners.
3. Routinely inspect cutter shaft for missing or worn knives. Replace knives as outlined in Blade Replacement Procedure. **Mnt-FL-0037.**
4. Clear any debris from gear box area, to prevent overheating. Clean area around breather plug regularly.
5. Always ensure all hitch pins and clips are locked in place before operation.
6. Inspect bearing assemblies to ensure locking collars are locked in place.
7. All shielding must be in place before operating shredder. Inspect front rubber shield for wear and replace if necessary.

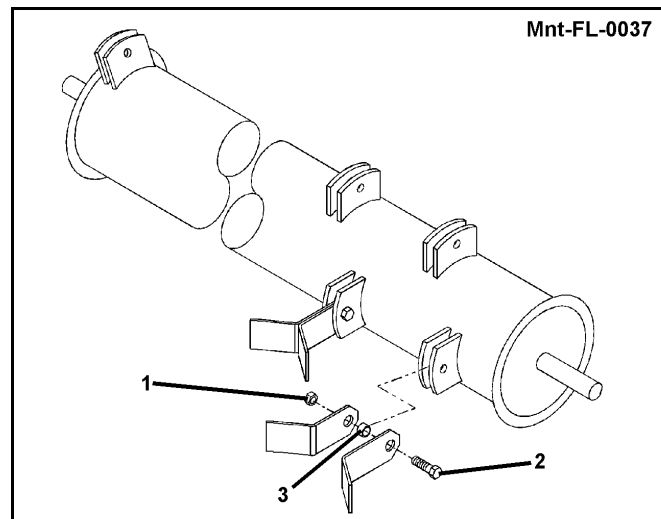


CUTTER SHAFT

Routinely inspect cutter shaft for and replace any worn or damaged blades. When replacing worn blades always replace blade set directly opposite, (180 degrees) otherwise cutter shaft will be out of balance. Inspect bushing and bolt for wear and replace if necessary. Remove any debris which may become entangled around cutter shaft or bearings. Stop machine at first sign of excessive vibration and inspect cutter shaft and bearings.

BLADE REPLACEMENT

1. Remove locknut (item 1), bolt (item 2), and inspect bushing (item 3) and bolt for wear. Replace if worn.
2. Place new knives on bushing and insert between reel clip. Tighten to 60 ft. lbs.

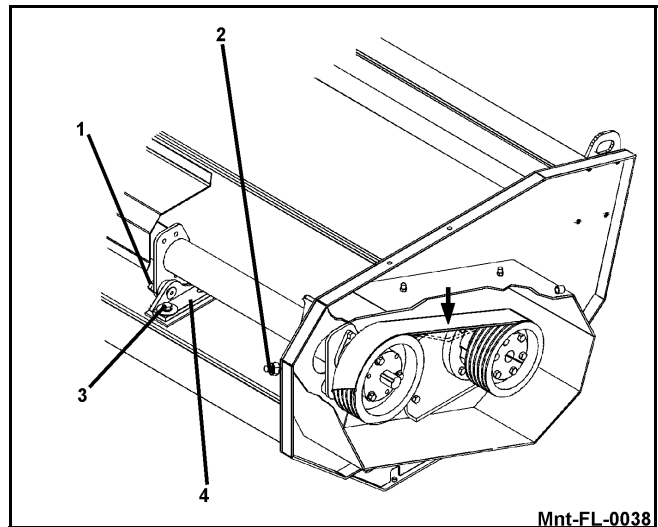


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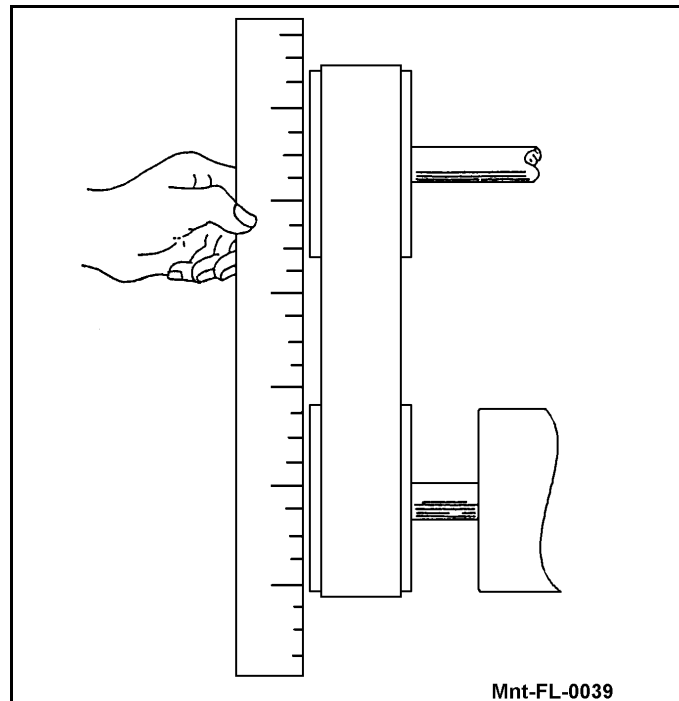
BELT ADJUSTMENT AND REPLACEMENT

1. To adjust belt, loosen both pivot bolts slightly (**Item 1**), and tighten nut on tension rod (**Item 2**), which pivots drive assembly forward to tension belt. Correctly tensioned belt should require a maximum of 85 lbs force across entire band to deflect belt $\frac{3}{8}$ " as illustrated. Do not over-tension belt as excessive loads will be placed on bearings. Tighten pivot bolts and lock in place with jam nuts.
2. To replace belt, loosen both pivot bolts (**Item 1**), undo nuts from tension rod (**Item 2**) and rotate drive tube assembly toward deck. Install new banded belt and rotate drive assembly forward by placing pry-bar in tube on front of assembly. Feed tension rod through slot as the tube is rotated forward and attach washer and adjustment nut. Before tensioning belt lightly tighten pivot bolts to remove play from pivot points. Tension belt as outlined above. Always check belt alignment after installing new belt.



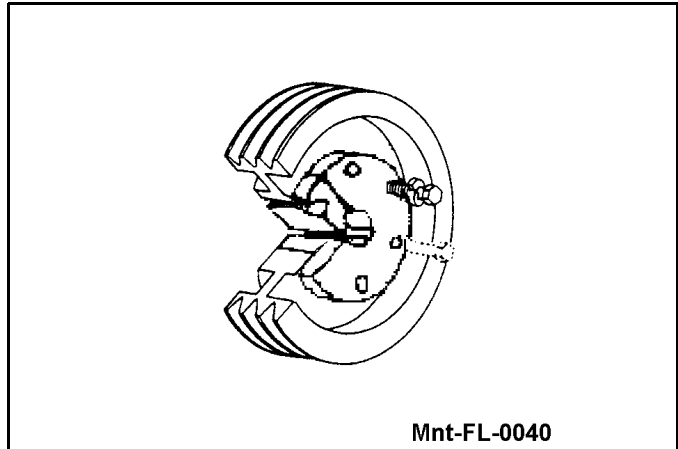
PULLEY ALIGNMENT AND REMOVAL

1. Pulleys will remain aligned during belt tension if inside pivot mount bolts (item 3) have not been loosened. Check alignment of pulleys by placing a straight edge along flat face of both pulleys. Check alignment at lower and upper end of pulley face when belt is tensioned.
2. If pulleys are not correctly aligned check tightness of pivot bolts (3). Drive tube inner mount (4) is slotted and may be moved toward front, rear or shimmed for height adjustment to correct pulley alignment. **Mnt-FL-0039**.



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3. To relocate pulleys on drive and cuttershaft, first loosen belt tension and check for shaft movement to ensure they are not loose or have moved. Mark present location of bushing on shaft for future reference. Pulleys are locked to shaft by a tapered hub bushing. Loosen socket head set screw located above key. Loosen and remove all mounting cap screws in bushing. Insert cap screws in all threaded jack screw holes on bushing. Start with the screw furthest from the bushing slot and tighten all screws alternately and progressively. Keep turning the screws in small equal amounts until the bushing and pulley start disengaging. **Mnt-FL-0040.**



Uneven pressure on the jack screws may break the bushing flange.

4. Once both pulley and hub start separating, attempt to move assembly on shaft.



Never hammer edge of pulley which may crack. To move assembly, a soft blow hammer may be used on bushing only.

5. If the pulley is free and the bushing is still tight on shaft, it may be necessary to wedge a screwdriver in saw slot of bushing to loosen and move hub.



Do not apply excessive force which may split bushing.



Never apply lubrication to threads or mating surfaces when assembling pulley and bushing.

6. After correctly locating hub and placing key in shaft keyway, move pulley into position over taper hub and align tapped holes with through holes in hub. Install all mounting cap screws. Carefully tighten the cap screws alternately and progressively until tapers are seated. Check alignment of pulley and proceed to carefully tighten to 40 ft. lbs torque. Maximum torque should be reached on each individual bolt only twice in the consecutive tightening.

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CUTTERSHAFT BEARING REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

Outer Cuttershaft Bearing Removal

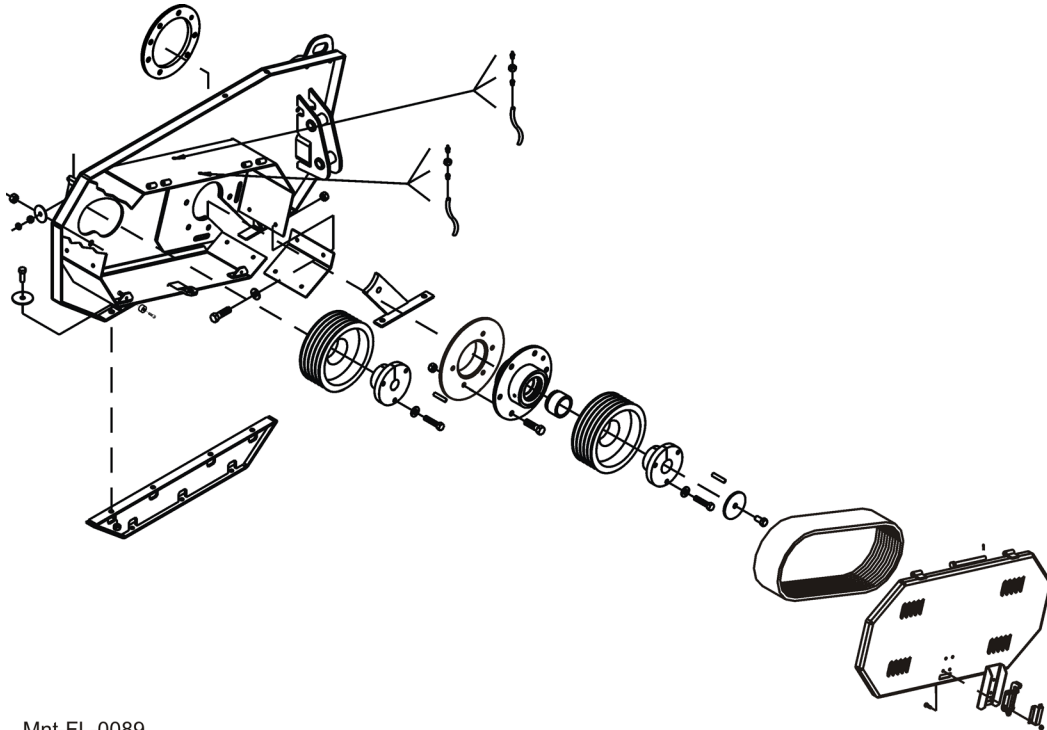
1. Remove belt; disconnect tension rod; loosen adjustment tube pivot points bolts; rotate assembly toward deck; remove belt.
2. Remove lower sheave
3. Disconnect grease line.
4. Remove both set screws from bearing lock collar. (Note: Set screws align with dimples in shaft) Set screws are lock tightened in place.
5. Place floor jack under cuttershaft inside end plate to support weight of shaft.
6. Remove dirt, debris and paint from shaft.
7. Unbolt bearing and mount plate assembly by removing four outer bolts (**See Figure Mnt-FI-0041, Item 11**)
8. Remove bearing from mount plate.

Installation

1. Clean all debris from shaft.
2. Attach bearing (1) to bearing plate (2) using four 5/8" bolts (3) and locknuts (4).
3. Slide assembly over shaft and align set screws with dimples in shaft.
4. Install lock collar and apply thread locking compound to set screws and tighten in place.
5. Attach bearing assembly and plate with outer four 5/8" bolts.
6. Install belt as outlined in Maintenance 5-6 and 5-7.

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Center Bearing and Cutter Shaft Removal

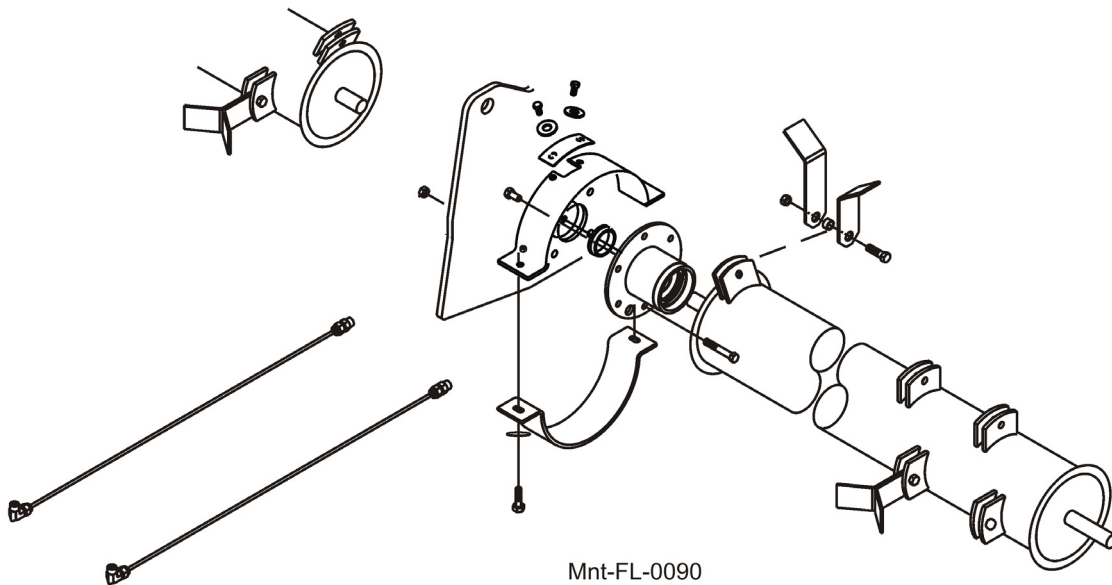
1. Support and block both cutter shafts at center bearings and support the shaft which is being removed under the drive side. Remove outer bearing as outlined in the Maintenance Section, page 5-8. Remove both bolts fastening center bearing shields and undo external grease line. Loosen all six capscrews fastening both center bearings and move screws out just far enough to clear the one bearing housing.

WARNING

Shaft housings may drop or slide toward center and cause injury. Add sufficient support under both cutter-shafts

2. Use floor jack to lower the center bearing side of the cutter shaft. Install all bearing mount cap screws through center bearing to secure other shaft. It is not necessary to remove shaft if only bearing is being serviced.
3. The center bearing is locked to the cutter shaft at two points. These set screws align with dimpled holes in the shaft and are held in place with a thread locking compound. Remove both set screws, apply a thread locking compound. Installation of shaft assembly is reverse of removal procedure. The bearing grease fitting should always face down ward of machine. Install external grease line and replace bearing shield.

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Top Drive Assembly Servicing

1. To replace outboard bearing, remove belt and top pulley assembly as outlined in Maintenance Section, page 5-6 - 5-8. Clean all burrs from shaft and remove bearing and lock collar as outlined in Maintenance Section, page 5-7. Inner bearing can be replaced either by following above procedure and sliding shaft outward or by unbolting entire drive assembly.
2. To replace inner bearing or top drive u-joints, first remove belt, pivot bolts and inboard mount weldment before sliding entire assembly toward pulley side. It may be necessary to remove set screws which lock top shaft to pulley shaft. There are no locking screws located on spline side by gear box.

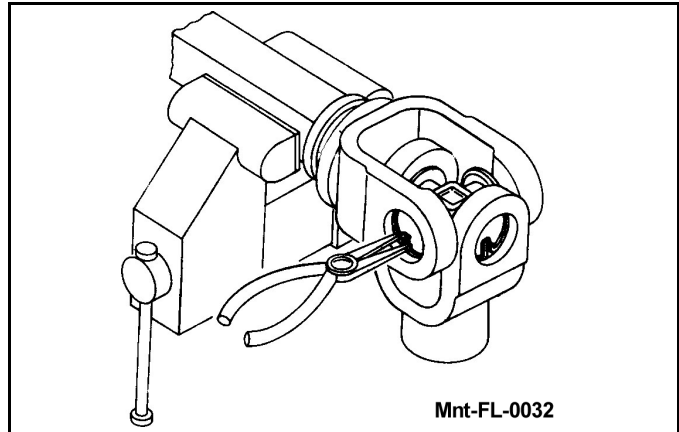
DRIVELINE REPAIR

Slide apart both halves of driveline and remove shield by unfastening nylon bearing retainer. Snap ring can be removed by inserting screwdriver under one end. Snap ring may also be accessed through slots on side of shield by bell-end. Always replace nylon bearing kit when installing a new shield. When assembling both portions of driveline, align phase key on end of spline half with double width groove in hub side.

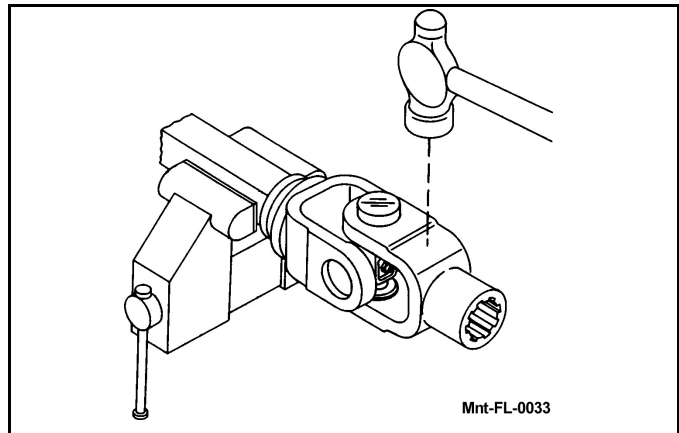
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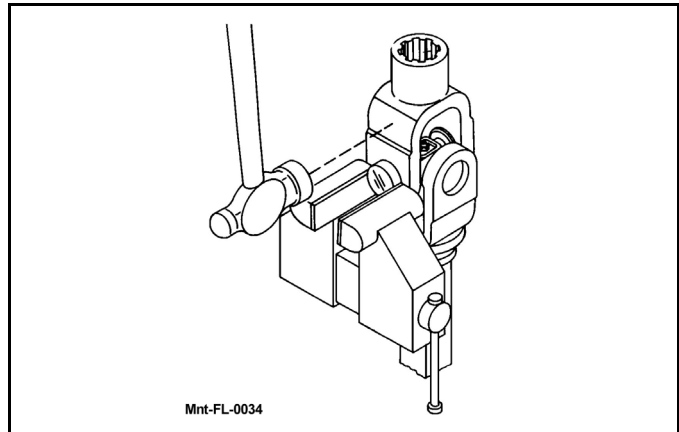
Step 1: To disassemble the universal joint, remove the four snap rings. **FIGURE Mnt-FL-0032.**



Step 2: With snap rings removed, support drive in vise, hold yoke in hand and tap on yoke to drive cup up out of yoke. **FIGURE Mnt-FL-0033.**



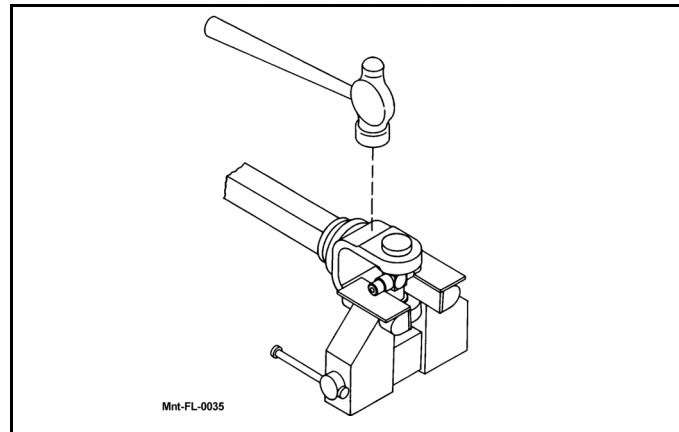
Step 3: Clamp vise as shown and tap on yoke to completely remove cup from yoke. Repeat step two and three for opposite cup **FIGURE Mnt-FL-0034.**



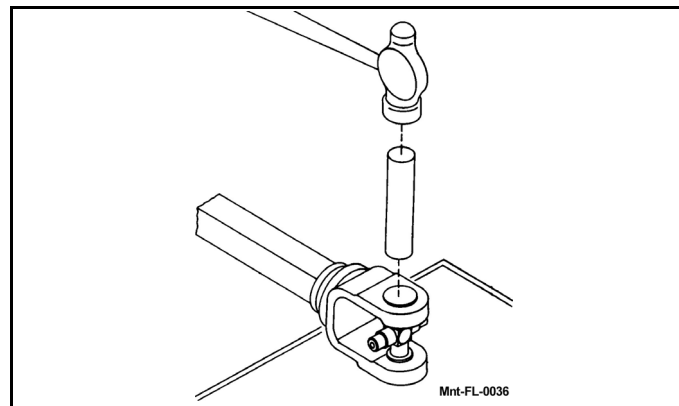
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Step 4: Place universal cross in vise as shown and tap on yoke to remove cup. Repeat step 3 for final removal. Drive remaining cup out with drift and hammer. **FIGURE Mnt-FL-0035.**



Step 5: To reassemble, place seals securely on bearing cups. Apply grease to needles to hold them in place. Insert cup into yoke from outside and press in with hand pressure as far as possible. Insert journal cross into bearing cup. Be careful not to disturb needle bearing. Insert another bearing directly across from bearing cup and press in as far as possible with hand pressure. Be sure journal cross is started into bearings and continue pressure with vice, squeezing in as far as possible. Tap yoke to aid in process.



Step 6: Seat cup by placing a drift or socket slightly smaller than the cup on the cup and squeeze in vise. Install snap ring and repeat on opposite cup. Repeat steps five and six to install remaining cups in remaining yoke.

FIGURE Mnt-FL-0036.

Move both yokes in all directions to check for free movement. Should movement be restricted, strike forged surfaces of yoke ears a sharp blow with a mallet to relieve any tension. Repeat until both yokes move in all directions without restriction.

Add universal lithium EP lubricating grease NLGI #2. Grease every 8 hours.

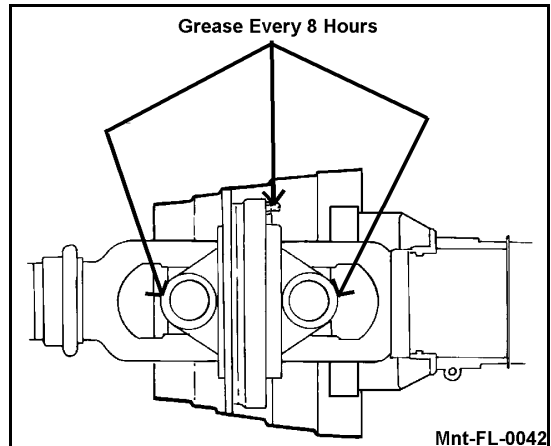
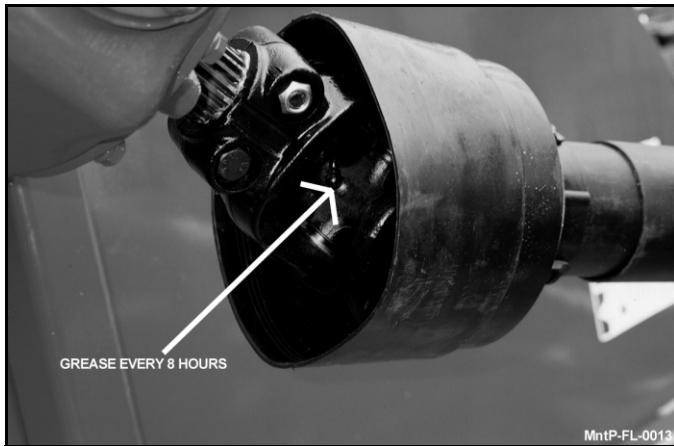
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CV DRIVELINES - Pull Type Only

The Drivelines and U-Joints should be inspected each morning before the shredder is started. **MntP-FL-0013** and **Mnt-FL-0042**.

The U-Joint and CV Joint on the Driveline undergo extreme forces when the unit is turning or when the Wings are being raised. It is important that the U-Joints and CV Joint be greased each day before the unit is started. The U-Joints are located at each end of the Center and Wing Drivelines. The CV Joint is located at the end of the Main Driveline. The U-Joint and CV Joint assemblies are accessible by rotating the Driveline Safety Shield until the hole in the Shield matches up with the Grease Fitting. Use #2 Bearing Grease for lubrication. Inspect the U-Joint for wear by holding the shaft on one side of the U-Joint while trying to rotate the shaft on the other side of the U-Joint. If there is noticeable movement in the Driveline replace the U-joint before it causes severe damage to the Driveline.



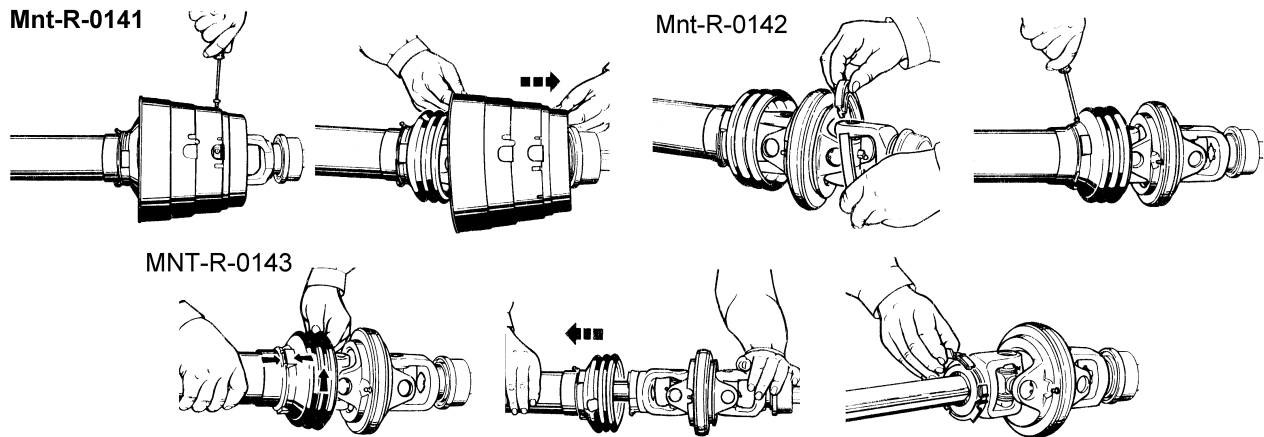
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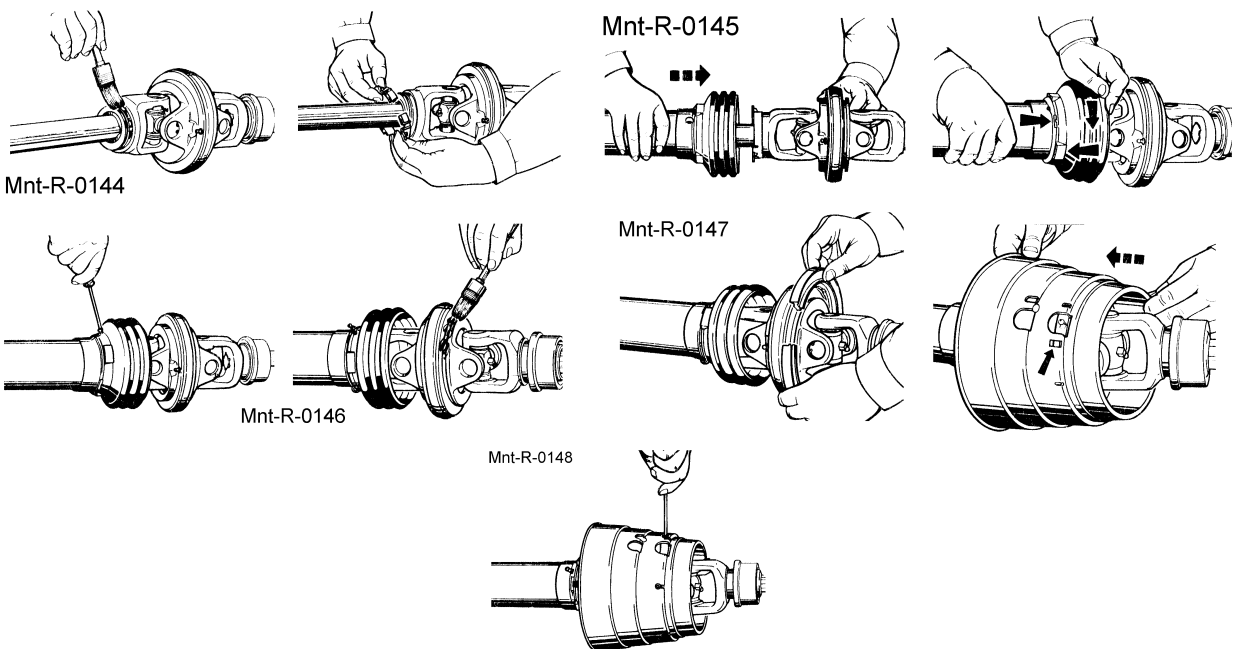
MAIN CV DRIVELINE SAFETY SHIELD - Pull Type Only

To remove the outer CV cone, remove the locking screws from shield cone. Remove cone over yoke. **Figure Mnt-R-0141.**

Remove bearing ring and remove the locking screws from inner shield cone. **Figure Mnt-R-0142.** Turn inner cone to assembly position and remove half shield. Remove bearing ring. **Figure Mnt-R-0143.**



To assemble outer CV driveline, grease yoke groove and inner profile tube. Attach bearing ring on groove with recesses facing profile tube. **Figure Mnt-R-0144.** Slide on half shield with cone. Turn cone until it engages correctly. **Figure Mnt-R-0145.** Tighten locking screws. Grease bearing groove in double yoke. **Figure Mnt-R-0146.** Insert bearing ring. Slide guard cone for double yoke over cam from the connecting end. Make sure holes for screws are visible. **Figure Mnt-R-0047.** Tighten locking screws. **Figure Mnt-R-0148.**

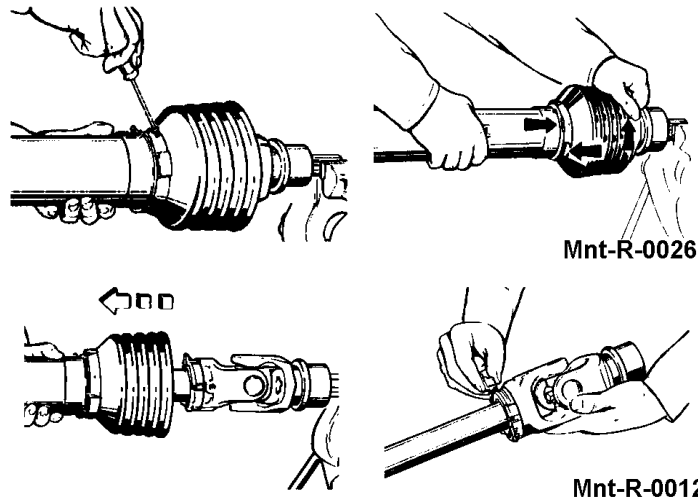


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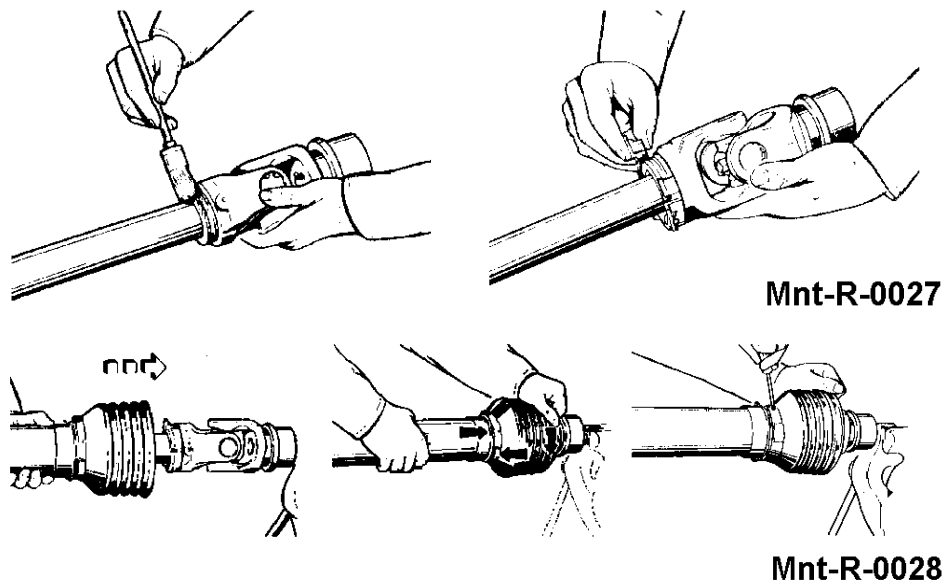
MAIN DRIVELINE & CAT 4 SAFETY SHIELD

To remove the main inner driveline shield, remove the locking screws. Align the bearing tabs with the cone pockets. **Figure Mnt-R-0026**. Remove the half-guard and remove the bearing ring. **Figure Mnt-R-0012**.



Inspect the driveline shield for worn areas or cracks. If the shield has any dents or cracks, replace the shield. While the shields are off, examine the driveline for signs of abnormal wear, bent or twisted shafts or cracks in the shaft or tubes. Check to see that the drivelines telescope easily. If the drivelines do not telescope properly or show signs of abnormal wear, the shaft should be repaired or replaced.

To assemble the main inner driveline shield, grease the yoke groove and inner profile tube. Attach the bearing ring in groove with recesses facing profile tube. **Figure Mnt-0027**. Slide on the half shield. Turn the cone until it engages correctly. Install locking screws. **Figure Mnt-0028**.



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Flail Blades Inspection

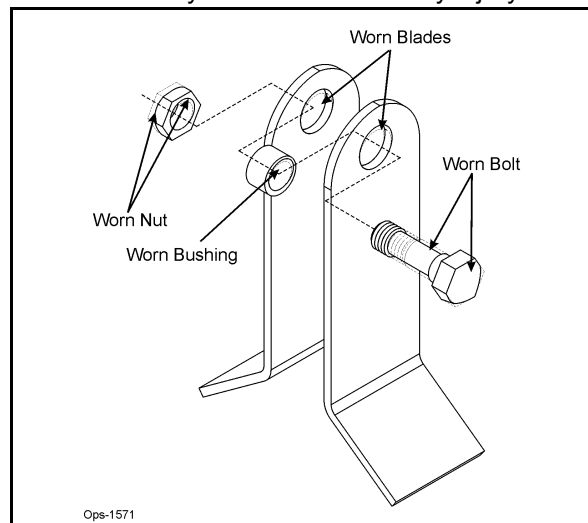


Inspect the Blades daily for abnormal wear. REPLACE ALL BLADES on the carrier IMMEDIATELY if any blades have:

- Become bent or deformed from its original shape, or
- Wear inside the blade bolt hole, or
- Any cracks are visible, or
- Deep gouges in the blade's surface are present, or
- Gouges or chipped areas in the cutting edge are larger than 1/4"(8mm), or
- The material on the leading edge has been worn away by more than 1/4"(8mm)

DO NOT straighten, sharpen, weld or hard-face blades

Failure to replace worn or damaged blades may lead to catastrophic failure of the blades and ejection of the broken part with tremendous force which may cause serious bodily injury or death.



Always replace blades in sets

- Blades that are damaged may indicate severe service or abuse. If one blade is worn or damaged other blades on the same shaft will have been subjected to the same severe service or abuse.
- The Flail rotor turns at speeds exceeding 2000 RPM and is dynamically balanced at the factory. Differences in blade weight between used blades with loss of material from gouges or wear as compared to new blades can cause severe vibration and damage to the Flail rotor. Always replace blades as complete sets.



Use only genuine Rhino replacement blades and fasteners. Other blades and fasteners may not meet the Rhino requirements and could fail during operation resulting in part being thrown out from under the mower.



Never attempt to sharpen blades. OPS-U-0046_A

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General Information on Flail Shredder Vibration

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Excessive Vibration

Vibration is a **MONSTER** and if allowed to continue unchecked, can cause the complete break-up of a machine in a very short time.

A properly operated Flail Shredder will produce very little vibration. If vibration does occur, the shredder should be stopped and the trouble corrected, **as warranty does not cover failures resulting from continued operation after something happens to cause the shredder to vibrate excessively.**

Vibration is caused by a rotating part which is out of balance. This could be the cutter shaft or, on those models having a universal slip joint assembly drive shaft, from the drive shaft.

If the two extreme ends of the drive shaft, (the splined yokes which fit on the tractor power take off shaft and on the shredder gear box driven shaft), are not parallel, vibration will be evident. This is because of the mechanics of a universal drive wherein the rotational speed through a universal joint is not uniform. If the ends of a universal drive shaft are parallel, the uneven rotation effect is cancelled out and the machine being driven will be driven at a uniform rate of speed. However, if the ends are not parallel, the uneven rotation effect may be multiplied, resulting in a speeding up and slowing down of the entire shredder system (gear box, extension shaft, pulleys, belt, and cutter shaft) each revolution. This effect can be readily noticed if the shredder, while running, is raised to an extreme height on the tractor lift.

For smoothest operation, the tilt of the shredder should be adjusted (on a 3-point hitch, by adjusting the length of the top link between the tractor and the shredder) so that the ends of the drive shaft are parallel when the shredder is down in operating position. Raising the shredder while running, to extreme heights on the lift should be avoided.

To check where the vibration is originating, first be sure the ends of the universal drive shaft are parallel. Then, if vibration is still present, remove the drive belt and run the shredder. If vibration is still present, it most likely is coming from and caused by a bent drive shaft. If so, the shaft should be replaced or straightened. If the vibration is gone - the drive portion of the shredder is running smoothly - then the vibration is probably coming from the cutter shaft (it could be a pulley out of balance or a faulty belt with a varying cross section, but this is not likely).

The cutter shaft will run out of balance if:

1. **Wire, rope, string, rags, etc., around the cutter shaft** are holding the knives in a folded back position. Remove such foreign objects and be sure all knives are free to swing to the extended position.
2. **Knives are missing or broken.** Replace missing or broken knives.
3. **Knife hanger lugs are broken off shaft.** This condition usually results from continued operation in contact with large hard objects where the knife hanger lugs themselves are hitting the hard objects. Lugs should be replaced using arc welding equipment so as not to direct too much heat in one area of the shaft.
4. **Cutter shaft ball bearings are worn** enough to have radial "play" in them. Replace ball bearing and other worn parts to eliminate "play".
5. **Shaft is bent.** The shafts are straight within a couple of thousandths of an inch when they are made. It is possible that they will become bent in use, such as if the shaft is hooked on a stump while the tractor is moving forward at good speed.
6. **Shafts are operated at improper speed.** Rotating shafts have what is known as a natural period of vibration. The same is true of the cutter shafts on the Flail Shredders.

The actual speed at which the harmonic will occur will vary with each shredder and each installation. To avoid this harmonic vibration when operating the shredder, it may be necessary to adjust the engine speed of the tractor up or down.

Some units have a harmonic which occurs below the nominal operating speed. On these units, it will be noticed that there is always a little vibration at a particular RPM as the shredder is being sped up to operating speed. This occurs as the shaft passes through its normal harmonic vibration point. As long as the shredder is opened at the proper speed, then harmonic vibration will not be an issue.

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STORING THE RC115/118/120/125

When storing the unit for an extended period of time, or at the end of a season, lubricate all bearings with enough grease to eliminate any cavities where water condensation may occur and cause damage. Refer to "Lubrication" for location of all grease fitting. Be sure the vent on top of the Gearbox is open.

NOTE: *IMPORTANT - Use a hand grease gun. Do not over-lubricate. Too much grease may damage the bearing seals.*

Relieve drive belt tension. See "Belt Adjustment".

NOTE: *Before next season's use be sure to adjust the drive belt tension.*

Coat all exposed surfaces inside the shredder with oil or grease to prevent rusting and pitting during storage.

Pre-season Check

1. Check the oil level in the Gearbox and lubricate all bearings. See "Lubrication".
2. Adjust drive belt tension. See "Belt Adjustment".
3. Inspect for missing and / or broken Blades / Knives. Replace as necessary. See "Knife Replacement".
4. Be sure that the Safety Guard is in place and secure.
5. Run the Shredder at a low RPM checking to make sure that all driveline parts are moving freely.

PROPER TORQUE FOR FASTENERS

The chart lists the correct tightening torque for fasteners. When bolts are to be tightened or replaced, refer to this chart to determine the grade of bolts and the proper torque except when specific torque values are assigned in manual text.

RECOMMENDED TORQUE IN FOOT POUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THE MANUAL*

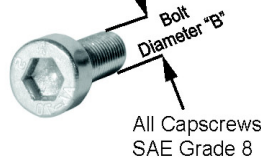
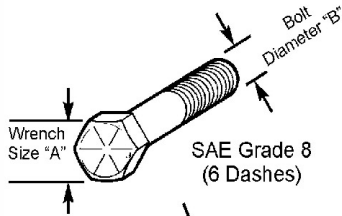
NOTE: *These values apply to fasteners as received from supplier, dry or when lubricated with normal engine oil. They do not apply if special graphited or molydisulphide greases or other extreme pressure lubricants are used. This applies to both UNF fine and UNC coarse threads.*

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TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

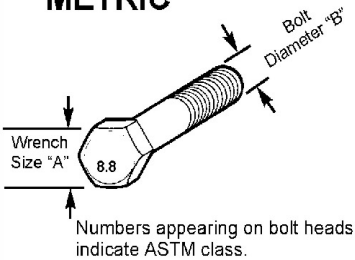
Proper torque for American fasteners.
Recommended Torque in Foot Pounds (Newton Meters).*

AMERICAN Bolt Head Markings



WRENCH SIZE (IN.) "A"	BOLT DIAMETER (IN.) "B" AND THREAD SIZE	SAE GRADE 2	SAE GRADE 5	SAE GRADE 8
7/16	1/4 - 20 UNC	6 (7)	8 (11)	12 (16)
7/16	1/4 - 28 UNF	6 (8)	10 (13)	14 (18)
1/2	5/16 - 18 UNC	11 (15)	17 (23)	25 (33)
1/2	5/16 - 24 UNF	13 (17)	19 (26)	27 (37)
9/16	3/8 - 16 UNC	20 (27)	31 (42)	44 (60)
9/16	3/8 - 24 UNF	23 (31)	35 (47)	49 (66)
5/8	7/16 - 14 UNC	32 (43)	49 (66)	70 (95)
5/8	7/16 - 20 UNF	36 (49)	55 (75)	78 (106)
3/4	1/2 - 13 UNC	49 (66)	76 (103)	106 (144)
3/4	1/2 - 20 UNF	55 (75)	85 (115)	120 (163)
7/8	9/16 - 12 UNC	70 (95)	109 (148)	153 (207)
7/8	9/16 - 18 UNF	79 (107)	122 (165)	172 (233)
15/16	5/8 - 11 UNC	97 (131)	150 (203)	212 (287)
15/16	5/8 - 18 UNF	110 (149)	170 (230)	240 (325)
1-1/8	3/4 - 10 UNC	144 (195)	266 (360)	376 (509)
1-1/8	3/4 - 16 UNF	192 (260)	297 (402)	420 (569)
1-5/16	7/8 - 9 UNC	166 (225)	430 (583)	606 (821)
1-5/16	7/8 - 14 UNF	184 (249)	474 (642)	668 (905)
1-1/2	1 - 8 UNC	250 (339)	644 (873)	909 (1232)
1-1/2	1 - 12 UNF	274 (371)	705 (955)	995 (1348)
1-1/2	1 - 14 UNF	280 (379)	721 (977)	1019 (1381)
1-11/16	1-1/8 - 7 UNC	354 (480)	795 (1077)	1288(1745)
1-11/16	1-1/8 - 12 UNF	397 (538)	890 (1206)	1444 (1957)
1-7/8	1-1/4 - 7 UNC	500 (678)	1120 (1518)	1817 (2462)
1-7/8	1-1/4 - 12 UNF	553 (749)	1241 (1682)	2013 (2728)
2-1/16	1-3/8 - 6 UNC	655 (887)	1470 (1992)	2382 (3228)
2-1/16	1-3/8 - 12 UNF	746 (1011)	1672 (2266)	2712 (3675)
2-1/4	1-1/2 - 6 UNC	870 (1179)	1950 (2642)	3161 (4283)
2-1/4	1-1/2 - 12 UNF	979 (1327)	2194 (2973)	3557 (4820)

METRIC



Proper torque for Metric fasteners.
Recommended torque in Foot Pounds (Newton Meters).*

WRENCH SIZE (mm) "A"	BOLT DIA. (mm) "B"	ASTM 4.6	ASTM 8.8	ASTM 9.8	ASTM 10.9
8	5	1.8 (2.4)		5.1 (6.9)	6.5 (8.8)
10	6	3 (4)		8.7 (12)	11.1 (15)
13	8	7.3 (10)		21.1 (29)	27 (37)
16	10	14.5 (20)		42 (57)	53 (72)
18	12	25 (34)	74 (100)	73 (99)	93 (126)
21	14	40 (54)	118 (160)	116 (157)	148 (201)
24	16	62 (84)	167 (226)	181 (245)	230 (312)
30	20	122 (165)	325 (440)		449 (608)
33	22		443 (600)		611 (828)
36	24	211 (286)	563 (763)		778 (1054)
41	27		821 (1112)		1138 (1542)
46	30	418 (566)	1119 (1516)		1547 (2096)

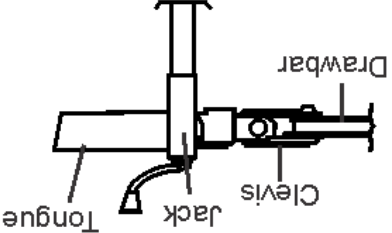
*Use 75% of the specified torque value for plated fasteners. Use 85% of the specified torque values for lubricated fasteners.

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WARNING



Rated Vertical: 1800 lbs
Loads Side: 550 lbs

TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY:

- Fully engage jack retaining pin.
- Lower mower to ground so jack is positioned vertically.
- DO NOT exceed rated loads.

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PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA:

- Aplique completamente el perno de retencion al gato.
- Baje la cortador al piso para que el gato este posicionado verticalmente.
- NO exceda las cargas calculadas.

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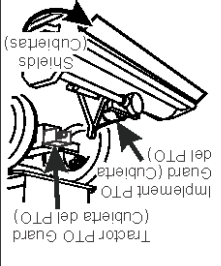
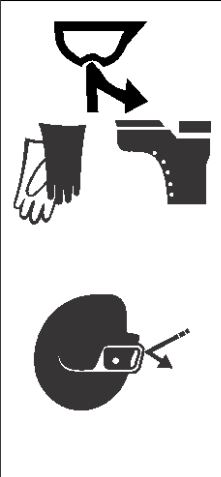
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  <p>Benutzerhandbuch www.algqr.com/rtg</p>	  <p>Manual do Operador www.algqr.com/rtp</p>
<p>Falls Sie Deutsch nicht lesen können: Lassen Sie sich, bevor Sie das Gerät in Betrieb nehmen, die Sicherheitshinweise von einer geeigneten Person in Ihre Sprache übersetzen. Oder suchen Sie auf unserer Website nach Übersetzungen von Schilderaufschriften und Sicherheitshinweisen.</p>	<p>Caso você não leia inglês: antes de operar o equipamento, peça para alguém traduzir as mensagens de segurança ou visite a web de segurança ou visite a web e obtenha tais mensagens ou os decaques traduzidos.</p>
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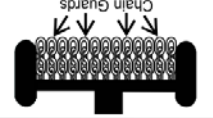
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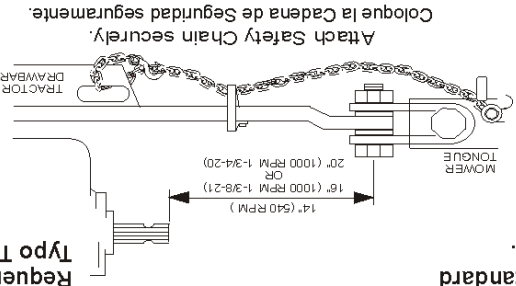
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<p>⚠ PELIGRO</p>		<p>⚠ DANGER</p>
<p>PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA O MUERTE POR ENREDAMIENTO Y OBJETOS LANZADOS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO OPERE la unidad sin cubiertas maya protectoras en su lugar y en buenas condiciones. • NO OPERE sin las cubiertas de objetos lanzados o si faltan las maya protectoras. • Cubierta de Objetos Lanzados, Toma De Fuerza (Barra Gíratória) y guardias de caja de engranaje son SUJETO AL DESGASTE. • REPARO O REEMPLACE cubiertas si son dañadas, quebradas, o si faltan. • SIEMPRE REEMPLACE CUBIERTAS que han sido quitadas para servicio o mantenimiento. • NO PISE EN las líneas de conducción o cubiertas. 		<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM ENTANGLEMENT AND THROWN OBJECTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT OPERATE mower without shields and guards in place and in good condition. • DO NOT OPERATE with thrown object shielding or guards missing. • Thrown objects shielding, PTO and gearbox guarding are SUBJECT TO WEAR. • REPAIR OR REPLACE shielding if damaged, broken or missing. See Operator's Manual for all Shields and Guards. • ALWAYS REPLACE GUARDS that have been removed for service or maintenance. • DO NOT STEP ON drivelines or guards.
<p>⚠ PELIGRO</p>		<p>⚠ DANGER</p>
<p>PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA O MUERTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEA Y ENTENDA el Manual de Operador proporcionado, signos de seguridad y calcomanías informativas para el tractor y implemento antes de operar el equipo. • CONTACTE AL DISTRIBUIDOR inmediatamente si no tiene los manuales. • CONTACTE AL DISTRIBUIDOR para que le explique cualquier instrucciones que no entienda completamente. • ENTENDA COMO parar el tractor y equipo rápidamente en caso de una emergencia. • SIEMPRE USE lentes de seguridad y guantes para su protección cuando esta operando el equipo. 		<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • READ AND UNDERSTAND the provided Operator's Manuals, safety signs and information decals for tractor and implement before operating equipment. • CONTACT DEALER immediately if you do not have manuals. • CONTACT DEALER to explain any instructions not fully understood. • KNOW HOW to stop tractor and equipment quickly for an emergency. • ALWAYS WEAR safety glasses. • WEAR hard hat, safety shoes and gloves for protection when operating equipment.

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⚠ PELIGRO		⚠ DANGER
		<p>THROWN OBJECT HAZARD</p> <p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Rubber Deflectors in good condition. • Inspect Rubber Deflectors frequently. <p>DO NOT OPERATE if Thrown Object Shielding is damaged or missing.</p>
<p>RIESGO DE OBJETOS LANZADOS</p>	<p>PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA O MUERTE:</p> <p>NO OPERE si la Cubierta de Objetos Lanzados esta dañada o falta.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mantenga Los Deflectores de Hule en buenas condiciones. • Inspeccione Los Deflectores de Hule con frecuencia. <p>D626 SP</p>	

⚠ ADVERTENCIA		⚠ WARNING
	<p>RIESGO DE PUNTOS DE PELIZCO</p> <p>PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO OPERE con la cubierta de correa ausente. <p>00758194 SP</p>	<p>PINCH POINT HAZARD</p> <p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT OPERATE with Belt Shield removed.

⚠ IMPORTANTE		⚠ IMPORTANT
		
<p>Requerido por Unidades de Tipo Tiron Estandar.</p> <p>14" (540 RPM) 16" (1000 RPM 1-3/8-21) OR 20" (1000 RPM 1-3/4-20)</p> <p>Attach Safety Chain securely. Coloque la Cadena de Seguridad seguramente.</p> <p>D390_4</p>		<p>Required for Standard Pull Type Units.</p>




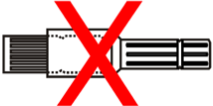
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	<p>PARA EVITAR INCENDIOS DE EQUIPO Y CÉSPED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QUITTE el césped o escombros de embrague deslizando, caja de engranajes, líneas de conducción y cubiertas. • NO PERMITA QUE LAS LAMINAS CONTACTEN piedras, metal o objetos solidos. <p>D390_3</p>	<p>TO AVOID EQUIPMENT AND GRASS FIRES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLEAR AWAY grass or debris from slip clutches, gearboxes, drivelines and decks. • DO NOT ALLOW BLADES TO CONTACT rocks, metal or solid objects. <p>TO AVOID FIRE IGNITION:</p>

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⚠️ ADVERTENCIA		<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM HIGH PRESSURE HYDRAULIC OIL LEAKS PENETRATING SKIN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DO NOT OPERATE equipment with oil or fuel leaks. ● KEEP all hydraulic hoses, lines and tight connections in good condition and tight before applying system pressure. ● Relieve hydraulic pressure before disconnecting lines or working on the system. ● REMOVE and replace hose if you suspect it leaks. Have dealer test it for leaks. <p>HIGH PRESSURE FLUID LEAKS CAN BE INVISIBLE WHEN CHECKING FOR HYDRAULIC LEAKS AND WORKING AROUND HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DO NOT use hands to check for leaks. ● ALWAYS WEAR safety glasses and impermeable gloves. ● USE paper or cardboard to search for leaks. ● KEEP hands and body AWAY from pin holes and nozzles ejecting hydraulic fluid. ● Hydraulic fluid may cause gangrene if not surgically removed immediately by a doctor familiar with this form of injury.
⚠️ ADVERTENCIA	<p>PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA O MUERTE POR LA PENETRACION A LA PIEL POR ALTA PRESION DE ACEITE HIDRAULICO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NO OPERE el equipo con fugas de aceite o combustible. ● MANTENGA todas las mangueras hidráulicas, líneas y conexiones en buenas condiciones y apretadas antes de aplicar presión al sistema. ● Relieve la presión hidráulica antes de desconectar las líneas o trabajar en le sistema. ● QUITE y reemplace la manguera si sospecha que hay fuga. <p>FUGAS DE ALTA PRESION PUEDEN SER INVISIBLE. AL VERIFICAR POR FUGAS HIDRAULICAS Y TRABAJANDO ALREDEDOR DE SISTEMAS HIDRAULICOS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NO use las manos para verificar si hay agujeros. ● SIEMPRE USE lentes de seguridad y guantes impermeables. ● USE papel o un cartón para buscar agujeros. ● NO USE las manos o partes del cuerpo para buscar agujeros. ● MANTENGA manos y cuerpo LEJOS de agujeros de alfiler y boquillas que expulsan el líquido hidráulicos. D390_1 	<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH WHEN TOWING EQUIPMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DO NOT TOW with trucks or other vehicles. ● ONLY transport with properly sized and equipped tractor. (see Operator's Manual) ● ATTACH implement SAFETY CHAIN to tractor. ● CHECK SMV sign, reflectors and warning lights for visibility behind unit. ● TURN ON tractor flashing warning lights. <p>TO AVOID LOSS OF TOWING CONTROL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DO NOT tow at speeds over 20 mph. ● REDUCE SPEED on inclines, in turns and in poor towing conditions.

⚠️ ADVERTENCIA		<p>PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA O MUERTE AL REMOLCAR EL EQUIPO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NO REMOLQUE con camion o cualquier otro vehículo. ● SOLO transporte con un tractor bien equipado y de tamaño adecuado (vea el Manual de Operador) ● APLIQUE LA CEDENA DE SEGURIDAD al tractor. ● VERIFIQUE EL SMV, reflectores, y luces intermitentes de advertencia pueden ser vistos claramente por detras de la unidad. ● PRIENDA las luces intermitentes de advertencia. <p>PARA EVITAR PERDIDA DE CONTROL DE REMOLQUE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NO remolque en velocidades arriba de 20 mph. ● REDUZCA LA VELOCIDAD en inclinas, en vueltas y en la pobres condiciones de remolque. D390_2
⚠️ ADVERTENCIA	<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH WHEN TOWING EQUIPMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DO NOT TOW with trucks or other vehicles. ● ONLY transport with properly sized and equipped tractor. (see Operator's Manual) ● ATTACH implement SAFETY CHAIN to tractor. ● CHECK SMV sign, reflectors and warning lights for visibility behind unit. ● TURN ON tractor flashing warning lights. <p>TO AVOID LOSS OF TOWING CONTROL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DO NOT tow at speeds over 20 mph. ● REDUCE SPEED on inclines, in turns and in poor towing conditions. 	<p>SECCIÓN DE SEGURIDAD 1-17</p> <p>RC115/118/120/125 03/13</p> <p>© 2013 Alamo Group Inc.</p>

<p>⚠ ADVERTENCIA</p>		<p>⚠ WARNING</p>	
<p>1000 RPM</p> <p>OPERE ESTA MÁQUINA A VELOCIDAD DE PTO (TOMA DE FUERZA O BARRA GITATORIA) DEL TRACTOR DE 540 RPM. El exceso de velocidad de PTO puede causar el fracaso de componente que resultara en lesión. ROTACION DE PTO DEL TRACTOR: EN SENTIDO HORARIO <small>D114</small></p>		 <p>OPERE THIS MACHINE AT 1000 RPM TRACTOR PTO SPEED ONLY. Overspeeding PTO may cause component failure resulting in bodily injury. TRACTOR PTO ROTATION: CLOCKWISE <small>D114.2</small></p>	
<p>⚠ PELIGRO</p>		<p>⚠ DANGER</p>	
<p>PARA EVITAR LESION SERIA O MUERTE POR CONTACTO A LA LINEA DE CONDUCCION, SEPARACION DE CONDUCCION, SEPARACION DE LINEA DE CONDUCCION O EL FRACASO DEL EJE DE PTO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARE, MIRE y ESCUCHE por el movimiento de rotación antes de acercarse al implemento. • MANTENGASE ALEJADO y MANTENGA manos, pies y cuerpo LEJOS de partes girando, hasta que todos los elementos de movimiento se han parado. • SIEMPRE apage la Toma De Fuerza (Barra Gitatoria) antes de desmontar. • NO opere si las cubiertas de Toma De Fuerza (Barra Gitatoria) están dañadas. • TRABE el YUGO de collar de fijación de la LINEA DE CONDUCCION al eje de PTO (Barra Gitatoria) del tractor. • EMPUJE Y JALE el yugo hasta que el collar de fijación hace clic y el yugo se traba en lugar. • USE la longitud de línea de conducción CORRECTA para el implemento. (Vea el Manual de Operador para el Procedimiento) • REVISE las guardas de línea de conducción por giracion libre y suficiente trasape para evitar areas sin cobertura. • NO UTILICE UN ADAPTOR PARA LA TOMA DE FUERZA (Barra Gitatoria). 		<p>TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM DRIVELINE CONTACT, DRIVELINE SEPARATION OR PTO SHAFT FAILURE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STOP, LOOK and LISTEN for rotating motion before approaching implement. • STAY AWAY and KEEP hands, feet and body AWAY from rotating parts until all moving elements have stopped. • ALWAYS shut off PTO before dismounting. • DO NOT operate if PTO shields are damaged or missing. • LOCK DRIVELINE locking collar YOKE to tractor PTO Shaft. • PUSH AND PULL on yoke until collar clicks and locks yoke in place. • USE CORRECT length drivelines for implement. (See Operator's Manuals for procedure) • CHECK driveline guards for free rotation and sufficient overlap to avoid unshielded areas. • DO NOT USE PTO ADAPTER <small>D114.1</small> 	
			
			

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ADVERTENCIA

PUNTO DE PELIZCO

WARNING

To avoid serious injury or machine damage:

- ALWAYS MAINTAIN 20% of tractor weight on front wheels. Add weight to front if needed.
- REDUCE SPEED on inclines, in turns and in poor weather conditions.
- DO NOT lift mower while on steep slopes.
- DO NOT start or accelerate suddenly.



ADVERTENCIA

To avoid serious injury or machine damage:






- MANTENGA SIEMPRE el 20% de peso del tractor en las ruedas delanteras. Agregue peso en lo frontal si es necesario.
- REDUZCA LA VELOCIDAD en inclinas, en vueltas y en pobres condiciones de remolque.
- NO levante el implemento al estar en pendientes pronunciados.
- NO comience ni acelere repentinamente.

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Descripción de Calcomanía

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<p>⚠️ ADVERTENCIA</p> <p>Partes que no son auténticas pueden fallar catastróficamente.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use SOLAMENTE las partes de reemplazo auténticas de RHINO. • Partes que no son auténticas pueden fallar y causar condiciones peligrosas para el operador y personas presentes. <p>Contacte a su distribuidor local www.aligqr.com/rpm o RHINO sobre partes de reparo a: 1020 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, IL 60936 Servicio al Cliente: 800-446-5158. Correo Electrónico: parts@servis-rhino.com</p> 	<p>⚠️ WARNING</p> <p>Non-genuine parts can fail catastrophically. TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONLY use genuine RHINO replacement parts. • Non-genuine parts can fail creating hazardous conditions for operator and bystanders. <p>Contact local dealer or RHINO www.aligqr.com/rpm about repair parts at: 1020 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, IL 60936 Customer Service: 800-446-5158. Email: parts@servis-rhino.com</p> 
<p>IMPORTANT</p> <p>BE AWARE BE ALERT BE ALIVE Before Operating this Mower</p> <p>ESTE CONSCIENTE SEA ENTRENADO ESTE ALERTO ESTE VIVO Cortacésped</p>	<p>BE AWARE BE ALERT BE ALIVE Before Operating this Mower</p> <p>To prevent serious injury to yourself and/or bystanders, be trained in Safe Mowing Practices. M&W, Rhino, Schulte, Tiger and Terrain King as well as Alamo Group Companies, Alamo Industrial, Bush Hog, M&W, Rhino, Schulte y Tiger así como AEM y FEMA proporcionan material para esta máquina. Lea y entienda el Manual de Operadores. No permita que personas sin entrenamiento funcionen este equipo. Contacte a su distribuidor, AEM (www.aem.org), FEMA (www.farmequipment.org) o Alamo Group (www.alamo-group.com) para la información sobre el material de entrenamiento o cursos que ofrecen el entrenamiento de Prácticas de Operación para Cortadoras. 00760657_2</p> 
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RIESGOS CON EL MANTENIMIENTO DEL IMPLEMENTO

INFORMACIÓN DE PARTES

Las cortadoras RHINO usan balancadas y componentes de sistema seleccionado para los portadores de cuchillas, cuchillas, eje de cortar, navaja, suspensiones de navajas, los rodillos, los componentes de línea motriz, y cojinetes. Estas partes son echas y probadas a la especificaciones de RHINO. Partes que no son auténticas no regularmente llegan con estas especificaciones. El uso de partes que no son auténticas puede reducir el funcionamiento de la cortadora, anular garantías, y presentar un peligro de seguridad. Use partes de cortadora auténticas de RHINO por economía y seguridad. (SPRM-1 SP)

CONTACTE A SU DISTRIBUIDOR RHINO

Manuales de Partes y Operador



www.algqr.com/rpm

NOTA: Si necesita un manual completamente en español por favor de ponerse en contacto a; *Translations, dirección 1502 E. Walnut Street Seguin, TX 78155; Fax: (830) 372-9529*

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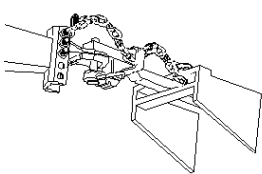
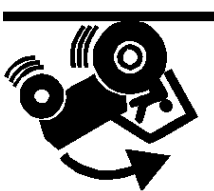

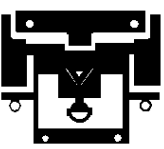
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RIESGOS EN TRANSPORTE

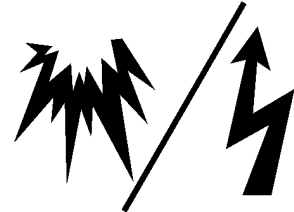
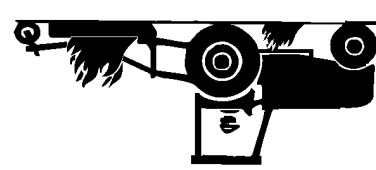
				
Coloque las trabas de transporte	Use la cadena de remolque de seguridad – Tractor a implemento	Peligro de velocidad excesiva por pérdida de control	Peligro de detención por pérdida de control	Use señales de SMV (vehículo de movimiento lento) y balizas

PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE AL REMOLCAR O TRANSPORTAR EQUIPOS: **ADVERTENCIA**

- **MANTENGA** la velocidad de transporte **POR DEBAJO DE 20** millas por hora para mantener el control del equipo.
- **REDUZCA LA VELOCIDAD** en terreno inclinado, en las curvas y en condiciones de remolque desfavorables.
- **NO REMOLQUE** camiones u otros vehículos
- **USE** un tractor de tamaño adecuado y equipado en función del equipo de remolque.
- **SIGA** todas las reglamentaciones de tránsito locales.
- **REQUISITOS DEL TRACTOR PARA REMOLCAR O TRANSPORTAR IMPLEMENTOS:**
 - **SOLO TRANSPORTE** en el tractor con el mecanismo **ROPS** (antivuelco) en posición elevada.
 - **USE** un tractor de tamaño adecuado y equipado, que supere el peso del implemento en al menos un 20%
 - **MANTENGA EL 20%** del peso del tractor en las ruedas frontales para mantener la dirección en forma segura.
- **ANTES DE TRANSPORTAR O REMOLCAR EL IMPLEMENTO:**
 - **INSPECCIÓN DEL TRACTOR:**
 - **VERIFIQUE** la dirección y los frenos para asegurarse el correcto funcionamiento y las condiciones adecuadas.
 - **VERIFIQUE LLEVAR EL AVISO DE SMV**, los reflectores y las luces de advertencia para la adecuada operación y visibilidad de la unidad.
 - **VERIFIQUE** que no haya impedimentos a la visión mientras conduce, en el tractor, la cabina o el implemento, sentado en el asiento del tractor.
 - **AJUSTE** su posición de conducción, los espejos y el transporte del implemento para tener una visión clara para condiciones de conducción y tránsito.
 - **PREPARE EL IMPLEMENTO PARA EL TRANSPORTE O EL REMOLQUE:**
 - **DESAPLIQUE EL PTO**
 - **ELEVE LA CORTADORA**
 - **QUITTE** todo material cortado que se acumule en la plataforma de la cortadora.
 - **CORTADORA AL REMOLQUE-INSTALE TRABAS DE TRANSPORTE Y CADENA DE SEGURIDAD:**
 - **INSTALE** los paradores o pernos de transporte en el cilindro de eje central.
 - **AJUSTE LA CADENA DE SEGURIDAD** del implemento al tractor.
 - **DETERMINAR LAS CARACTERÍSTICAS DE DETENCIÓN DEL TRACTOR Y EL IMPLEMENTO PARA EL TRANSPORTE O REMOLQUE:**
 - **PRUEBAS DE FRENADO:**
 - **FRENE** a velocidades en aumento.
 - **Observe** las distancias de **DETECCIÓN** con el aumento de velocidad.
 - **DETERMINE** la velocidad de transporte máxima segura que no supere las 20 millas por hora
 - **DETERMINE LA VELOCIDAD DE GIRO MÁXIMA ANTES DE OPERAR EN CARRETERAS O TERRENO IRREGULAR:**
 - **PONGA A PRUEBA** el equipo aumentando lentamente la velocidad en las curvas para determinar si se puede operar a mayor velocidad.
 - **USE MENORES** velocidades de giro en las curvas pronunciadas para evitar el vuelco.
 - **AL REMOLCAR O TRANSPORTAR EL EQUIPO:**
 - Siempre **USE EL CINTURÓN DE SEGURIDAD** al operar o transportar la cortadora.
 - **USE** bajas velocidades para evitar el vuelco con el implemento elevado.
 - **USE** bajas velocidades y dirección gradual en las curvas, colinas, o en superficies irregulares o poco uniformes, y en carreteras mojadas.
 - **ENCIENDA LAS BALIZAS DE ADVERTENCIA** del tractor.
 - **TENGA EN CUENTA** el espacio necesario para el vaivén del implemento en las curvas. *PN TH02 SP*

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RIESGOS ELÉCTRICOS Y DE FUEGO

	<p>Riesgo de choque y explosión Contacto de paletas con líneas de servicios o gas</p>
	<p>No opere cerca de fuego. Mantenga limpia la plataforma de la cortadora</p>

▲ PELIGRO PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE POR CONTACTO ELÉCTRICO AL TRABAJAR CERCA DE CABLES ELÉCTRICOS, LÍNEAS DE GAS Y DE SERVICIOS:

- **INSPECCIONE** el área de corte para que no interfiera con cables de alimentación eléctricos subterráneos, obstrucciones, líneas de gas, cables y servicios, estructuras municipales o de otro tipo.
- **MANTENGA** todas las alas elevadas a 3 metros (10 pies) o una mayor distancia de todos los cables de alimentación y obstrucciones elevadas.
- **NO** ponga en contacto la cortadora con ninguna estructura u obstrucción de servicios o municipales.
- **LLAME** AL 811 y al 1-800-258-0808 para identificar cables de servicios subterráneos.

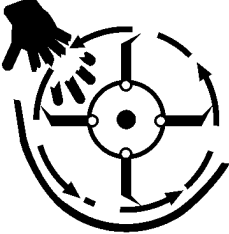
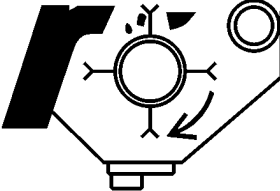
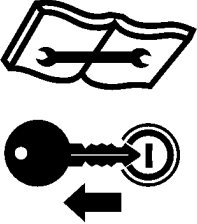
PAUTAS DE PREVENCIÓN DE INCENDIOS durante la operación, reparación y servicio de la cortadora y el tractor, a fin de reducir el riesgo de incendio del equipo y de la vegetación:

- El tractor debe estar **EQUIPADO CON MATAFUEGOS**
- **NO OPERE** la cortadora sobre un tractor equipado con escape debajo del bastidor
- **NO FUME** ni acerque fuego directo a la cortadora o el tractor
- **NO CONDUZCA** sobre residuos encendidos o en áreas recientemente quemadas
- **EVITE LA FORMACIÓN DE CHISPAS** al no permitir que la hoja de la cortadora entre en contacto con objetos sólidos como metal o roca.
- **AJUSTE LOS EMBRAGUES DESLIZANTES** para evitar el deslizamiento excesivo y el calentamiento de la placa del embrague.
- **LIMPIE** todo resto de hierba o residuo acumulado alrededor de las líneas de conducción de la cortadora, los embragues deslizantes y cajas de cambios.
- **APAGUE EL MOTOR** al cargar combustible. *PN EF02 SP*

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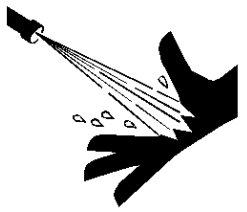
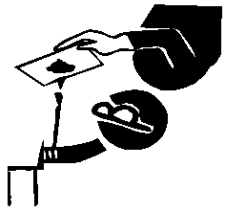
RIESGO DEL CONTACTO A LAS CUCHILLAS DE CORTADORA

		
No ponga los dedos debajo de la cortadora	No ponga el pie debajo de la cortadora	Detenga el tractor. Quite la llave. Lea el Manual

PELIGRO MANTÉNGASE LEJOS DE LAS CUCHILLAS GIRATORIAS PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE POR CONTACTO CON LA CUCHILLA:

- MANTÉNGASE LEJOS y NO ACERQUE LAS MANOS, LOS PIES y EL CUERPO a las cuchillas giratorias, líneas de conducción y partes hasta que todos los elementos móviles se hayan detenido.
- NO ponga las manos o los pies debajo de las plataformas de la cortadora
- DETENGA las CUCHILLAS giratorias antes de elevar la plataforma de la cortadora o las alas
- DETENGA la cortadora, EXAMÍNELA y PRESTE ATENCIÓN A LOS SONIDOS antes de acercarse a la cortadora para asegurarse de que se haya detenido todo el movimiento giratorio. *PN MBFM-01 SP*

RIESGO DE FILTRACION DE ACEITE HIDRÁULICO DE ALTA PRESIÓN

		
Penetración de aceite de alta presión en la piel	Erosión de la piel por el aceite de alta presión	Usar cartón para detectar filtraciones de aceite

PELIGRO PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE POR PENETRACIÓN DE FILTRACIONES DE ACEITE HIDRÁULICO DE ALTA PRESIÓN:

- **NO OPERE** el equipo con filtraciones de aceite o combustible.
- MANTENGA todas las mangueras hidráulicas, líneas y conexiones en **BUEN ESTADO** y AJUSTADAS antes de aplicar presión al sistema.
- LIBERE LA PRESIÓN HIDRÁULICA antes de desconectar las líneas o trabajar en el sistema.
- QUITE y reemplace la manguera si sospecha que tiene filtraciones. Solicite al distribuidor que verifique si hay filtraciones.



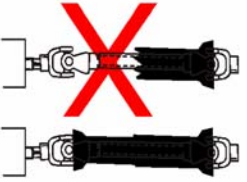
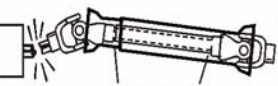
LAS FILTRACIONES DE LÍQUIDO DE ALTA PRESIÓN PUEDEN NO SER VISIBLES.

AL VERIFICAR FILTRACIONES HIDRÁULICAS Y TRABAJAR CERCA DE LOS SISTEMAS HIDRÁULICOS:

- **SIEMPRE USE** gafas de seguridad y guantes impenetrables.
- **USE** papel o cartón para verificar si hay filtraciones.
- **NO USE** las manos o partes del cuerpo para detectar filtraciones.
- MANTENGA las manos y el cuerpo **LEJOS** de los orificios de clavijas y boquillas de eyección de fluido hidráulico.
- El fluido hidráulico puede causar gangrena si no es extraído quirúrgicamente de inmediato por un médico especializado en este tipo de lesiones. *PN HP01 SP*

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RIESGO DE ENREDO POR EL PTO

<p>Peligro de enredo No se acerque o toque ningún eje de transmisión de PTO giratorio</p>	
<p>Asegúrese de que el eje de PTO esté firmemente sujetado. No use un adaptador de PTO</p>	
<p>No opere la máquina si las cubiertas de PTO están dañadas o faltantes</p>	
<p>Asegúrese de que los ejes de PTO sean del largo adecuado</p>	

MANTÉNGASE ALEJADO DE LAS LÍNEAS DE CONDUCCIÓN Y OTROS ELEMENTOS GIRATORIOS PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE:



MANTÉNGASE LEJOS Y NO ACERQUE las manos, los pies y el cuerpo a las cuchillas giratorias, líneas de conducción y partes hasta que todos los elementos móviles se hayan detenido.

- **DETENGA** la cortadora, **EXAMÍNELA Y PRESTE ATENCIÓN A LOS SONIDOS** antes de acercarse a la cortadora para asegurarse de que se haya detenido todo el movimiento giratorio.
- **LOS ELEMENTOS GIRATORIOS SIGUEN ROTANDO** una vez apagada la PTO.

PROTECCIÓN DE LA PTO:

PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE POR ENREDO AL OPERAR EL IMPLEMENTO:

- **MANTENGA** instalados los protectores, las cubiertas integrales de las líneas de conducción y las cubiertas de entrada
- **NO OPERE** la cortadora si los protectores o cubiertas no están bien colocados o faltan.
- **REEMPLACE O REPARÉLOS** si faltan, están dañados o rotos
- **SIEMPRE REEMPLACE LOS PROTECTORES** que se han quitado para tareas de reparación o mantenimiento.

PARA EVITAR que la línea de conducción se rompa durante las operaciones:

- **VERIFIQUE** que la línea de conducción tenga el largo adecuado entre el eje de PTO y el eje de la caja de cambios del implemento.
- Las líneas de conducción demasíado cortas se pueden soltar o romper.
- Las líneas de conducción demasíado largas pueden tocar el suelo.
- Un ensamblaje telescópico de la línea de conducción que toque el suelo no se deslizará y se solidificará.
- Si la línea de conducción toca el suelo, puede atravesar los cojinetes de soporte y romper el eje de PTO.
- **EVITE** hacer curvas pronunciadas o elevar la cortadora a alturas que puedan hacer caer la línea de conducción.
- Lubrique los componentes telescópicos del eje de transmisión en forma semanal.

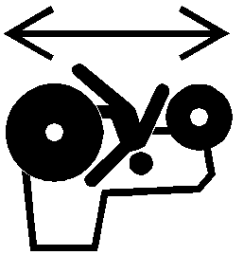
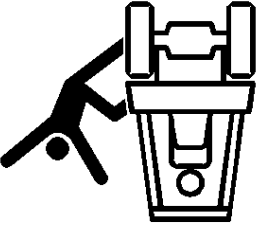
COMUNIQUESE CON EL DISTRIBUIDOR si la línea de conducción del implemento no coincide con el eje de PTO del tractor:

- **NO UTILICE UN ADAPTADOR DE PTO.**

El uso de un adaptador de PTO puede causar vibración excesiva, caída de objetos, fallas de las cuchillas y el implemento como consecuencia de la duplicación de la velocidad operativa. El aumento de la longitud de trabajo puede exponer áreas desprotegidas de la línea de conducción. *PN PE01 SP*

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RIESGO DE ATRAPELLO

		
<p>Riesgo de atrapello del operador</p>	<p>Riesgo de atrapello por caída del operador</p>	<p>Riesgo de atrapello por caída del operador</p>

▲ PELIGRO PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE POR CAÍDA DEL TRACTOR O ATRAPELLO DEL EQUIPO:

- USE tractores equipados con SISTEMA ANTIVUELCO (ROPS) y CINTURONES DE SEGURIDAD para las operaciones de corte.
 - MANTENGA EL SISTEMA ROPS trabado en posición vertical.
 - SÓLO ENCIENDA el tractor sentado en el asiento del tractor.
 - SIEMPRE ABROCHESE el cinturón de seguridad al operar el tractor y los equipos.
 - SÓLO OPERE el tractor y el equipo sentado en el asiento del tractor.
 - NUNCA LLEVE A OTRAS PERSONAS en el tractor o implemento.
- AL SUBIR Y BAJAR DEL TRACTOR:**
- SÓLO suba o baje del tractor cuando éste y sus partes móviles estén detenidos.
 - APAGUE EL MOTOR Y LA TDF, coloque el freno de mano, descienda del implemento, espere a que se detengan todas las partes móviles y quite la llave antes de bajarse del tractor. *PNR001 SP*

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RIESGO DE OBJETOS LANZADOS Continuada

<p>Peligro de objetos lanzados por la cortadora</p>	
<p>Objetos lanzados desde cortadora elevada</p>	
<p>Inspeccione el área. Quite los objetos extraños</p>	
<p>No permita que las cuchillas entren en contacto con objetos sólidos</p>	

OPERACIÓN DE LA CORTADORA:

- **NO** exceda la capacidad de corte nominal de la cortadora, ni corte elementos que no sean vegetación.
- **USE CABINAS DE TRACTOR CERRADAS** cuando haya dos o más cortadoras operando en un mismo sector..

AJUSTE las secciones de la cortadora o la ala cercana y paralela al suelo sin exponer las cuchillas

AJUSTE LA ALTURA de corte para **EVITAR EL CONTACTO DE LAS CUCHILLAS** con objetos

sólidos, como alambres, piedras, postes, cordones, guardarrailes y obstrucciones fijas.

NO opere la cortadora con la(s) al(a)s) elevada(s) o en posición de transporte.

DETENGA LA CORTADORA de inmediato si las cuchillas entran en contacto con objetos pesados, estructuras fijas, guardarrailes de metal y estructuras de cemento:

1. **LAS CUCHILLAS PUEDEN FALLAR** con el impacto y los objetos pueden ser arrojados a gran velocidad.

2. **INSPECCION** y **REEMPLACE** las cuchillas dañadas.

3. **VERIFIQUE** el equilibrio del porta cuchillas y **REEMPLACELO** si está dañado.

NO opere la cortadora en agua **PARA EVITAR** una posible **FALLA DE LAS CUCHILLAS**.

EVITE OPERAR LA CORTADORA en reversa:

1. **DETENGA EL PTO** y retroceda la cortadora.

2. **DESCIENDA EL PTO** y las **CUCHILLAS** al elevar la cortadora a posición de transporte.

DETENGA EL PTO y las **CUCHILLAS** al elevar la cortadora a posición de transporte.

NO ENCIENDA EL PTO con la cortadora en posición de transporte.

DETENGA la cortadora cuando se produzca **VIBRACIÓN EXCESIVA**:

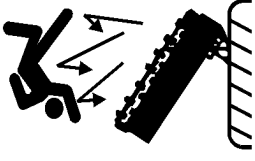

1. **DETENGA EL PTO Y EL MOTOR** del tractor.

2. **INSPECCION** la cortadora para detectar la fuente de la vibración

3. **REEMPLACE** toda parte dañada o las **CUCHILLAS** dobladas o dañadas. *PN T0FM-02 SP*

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RIESGO DE OBJETOS LANZADOS

			
Peligro de objetos lanzados por la cortadora	Objetos lanzados desde cortadora elevada	Inspeccione el área. Quite los objetos extraños	No permita que las cuchillas entren en contacto con objetos sólidos

PELIGRO LAS CORTADORAS GIRATORIAS PUEDEN ARROJAR OBJETOS A 90 METROS (300 PIES) O MÁS EN CONDICIONES ADVERSAS.

PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE AL OPERADOR O TRANSEÚNTES COMO CONSECUENCIA DE OBJETOS ARROJADOS:

- MANTENGA a los transeúntes a 100 metros de distancia (300 pies)
- NO OPERE LA CORTADORA SI HAY PERSONAS A MENOS DE 100 METROS(300 PIES), SALVO QUE:
 - Todos los **PROTECTORES CONTRA OBJETOS ARROJADOS** estén colocados y en buen funcionamiento al operar la cortadora, entre los que se incluyen los deflectores frontales y traseros, los protectores de acero, las bandas, los faldones laterales y las zapatas antideslizantes.
 - Las partes de la cortadora o la aia estén ajustadas cerca y paralelas al suelo, sin exponer las cuchillas.
 - Se ha inspeccionado el **ÁREA DE CORTE** y se han quitado todos los materiales extraños y residuos.
 - **LOS TRANSEÚNTES** estén en el interior de un vehículo cerrado.
- **ANTES DE OPERAR LA CORTADORA, INSPECCIONE EL ÁREA PARA DETECTAR LA POSIBILIDAD DE OBJETOS QUE PUEDAN SER LANZADOS:**
 - **QUITE** residuos, piedras, cables, alambres, objetos metálicos y cualquier otro objetos extraños del área.
 - Los alambres, cables, sogas, cadenas y objetos metálicos pueden ser arrojados o salir desprendidos de la plataforma a gran velocidad:
 - 1. **MARQUE** los objetos que no se puedan quitar.
 - 2. **EVITE** estos objetos cuando use la cortadora.

INSPECCIÓN DEL ÁREA PARA DETECTAR HIERBA ALTA Y MALEZAS:

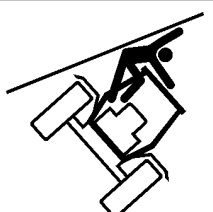

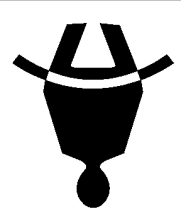
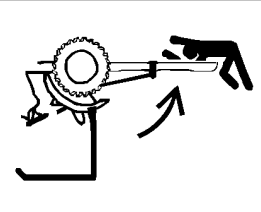
- **INSPECCIONE Y QUITTE** cualquier residuo oculto de gran tamaño.
- **PASE LA CORTADORA** a una altura intermedia
- **INSPECCIONE** y quite el residuo restante
- **PASE LA CORTADORA** a la altura final
- **PROTECCIÓN CONTRA OBJETOS ARROJADOS DE LA CORTADORA:**
 - **MANTENGA** todos los protectores contra objetos arrojados en su lugar y en buen funcionamiento al operar la cortadora, entre los que se incluyen los deflectores frontales y traseros, los protectores de acero, las bandas, los faldones laterales y las zapatas antideslizantes.
 - **NO OPERE LA CORTADORA** si falta algún protector contra objetos arrojados, o si éstos están dañados.

DERECHO DE PASO (autopista) CON LA CORTADORA

- Ninguna protección ofrece una eficacia del 100% en la prevención de objetos arrojados. Para reducir la posibilidad de que se produzcan lesiones:
 1. **MANTENGA LOS PROTECTORES DE LA CORTADORA**, los faldones laterales, las zapatas antideslizantes y las cuchillas en buen estado de funcionamiento,
 2. **ELEVE LA ALTURA DE CORTE a 15 CM (6 PULGADAS)** como mínimo,
 3. **INSPECCIONE EL ÁREA** con cuidado antes de pasar la cortadora para **ELIMINAR** el posible riesgo de **OBJETOS ARROJADOS**,
 4. **NUNCA PERMITA QUE LAS CUCHILLAS EN MOVIMIENTO ENTREN EN CONTACTO CON OBJETOS SÓLIDOS** como alambres, piedras, postes, cordones, guardarráiles o el suelo. **PN TOM-01 SP**

SEGURIDAD

RIESGO DE APLASTAMIENTO

 <p>Lesión aplastante por vuelco</p>	 <p>Trabe el sistema ROPS (antivuelco) en la posición vertical</p>	 <p>Siempre utilice cinturón de seguridad</p>	 <p>Lesión aplastante por caída de implemento</p>
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PELIGRO PARA EVITAR UNA LESIÓN GRAVE O LA MUERTE POR CAÍDA DEL TRACTOR, O EL APLASTAMIENTO, VUELCO Y APLASTAMIENTO DE UN EQUIPO POR LA CAÍDA DE UNA ALA O UN IMPLEMENTO:

- USE tractores equipados con SISTEMA ANTIVUELCO (ROPS) y CINTURONES DE SEGURIDAD para las operaciones de corte.
- MANTENGA EL SISTEMA ROPS trabado en posición vertical.
- SIEMPRE ABRÓCHESE el cinturón de seguridad al operar el tractor y los equipos.
- SOLO OPERE el tractor y el equipo sentado en el asiento del tractor.
- AL ELEVAR O DESCENDER EL IMPLEMENTO:
- Eleve o descienda SÓLO CUANDO ESTÉ SENTADO en el asiento del tractor, con el cinturón de seguridad ajustado.
- Eleve o descienda SÓLO cuando la lengüeta del implemento esté firmemente ajustada a la barra de tracción del tractor.
- MANTENGA A LOS TRANSEUNTES FUERA del área de operación PARA EVITAR accidentes por aplastamiento.

Los equipos ELEVADOS se pueden caer por fallas mecánicas o hidráulicas o por un movimiento inesperado de la palanca de control.

ADVERTENCIA PARA EVITAR LA CAÍDA DEL EQUIPO al trabajar cerca o debajo de los componentes o implementos elevados por un enganche de tractor de 3 puntos:

- SUJETE CON FIRMEZA o bloquee en posición vertical todos los equipos, alas y componentes elevados.
- BLOQUEE EN POSICIÓN VERTICAL y sujete con firmeza el equipo antes de poner las manos, los pies o el cuerpo debajo de los equipos o componentes elevados.
- AL ESTACIONAR el implemento y el tractor:
- DESCienda el implemento, TRABE o BLOQUEE las partes elevadas antes de alejarse del equipo.
- NUNCA deje un implemento sin atención en posición elevada.

ADVERTENCIA PARA EVITAR LA CAÍDA O EL APLASTAMIENTO DE NIÑOS POR EL EQUIPO:

- NUNCA DEJE que los niños jueguen sobre el tractor o los implementos, ni en sus alrededores.
- WHEN UNHITCHING IMPLEMENT:

AL DESENGANCHAR EL IMPLEMENTO:

- DESCienda el implemento, TRABE o BLOQUEE las partes elevadas antes de alejarse del equipo. *PN CHFM-02 SP*

SEGURIDAD

SEGURIDAD DE CONECTAR O DESCONECTAR IMPLEMENTO

<p>Detenga el tractor Quite la llave Lea el Manual</p>	
<p>Lesión opresiva entre tractor e implemento</p>	
<p>Asegúrese de que el eje de TDF esté firmemente ajustado al tractor</p>	
<p>Asegúrese de que el eje de TDF sea del largo adecuado</p>	

▲ PELIGRO PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE POR APLASTAMIENTO POR EL TRACTOR O IMPLEMENTO:

- **AL DAR MARCHA ATRÁS** el tractor hacia el enganche del implemento:
- **NO PERMITA QUE HAYA PERSONAS** entre el tractor y el implemento
- **ANTES de conectar y desconectar el enganche del implemento:**
- **APAGUE EL MOTOR DEL TRACTOR**, coloque la palanca en "estacionar", ponga el freno de mano y saque la llave.
- **Al conectar y desconectar el enganche del implemento:**
- **NO** se agache o camine debajo de la cortadora elevada.

AL CONECTAR LA LÍNEA DE CONDUCCIÓN DEL IMPLEMENTO:

PARA EVITAR que la línea de conducción del implemento se suelte durante la operación:

- **LUBRIQUE** el anillo de cierre del resorte del yugo para asegurarse de que se deslice libremente sobre el eje de PTO.
- **ASEGURE** las bolas de cierre del yugo en la muesca del eje de PTO.
- **PRESIONE Y JALE DE LA LÍNEA DE CONDUCCIÓN DEL EJE DE TOMA DE FUERZA(PTO)** del tractor y del implemento para asegurarse de que estén **FIRMEMENTE SUJETADOS**

PARA EVITAR que la línea de conducción se rompa durante las operaciones:

- **VERIFIQUE** que la línea de conducción tenga el largo adecuado entre el eje de PTO y el eje de la caja de cambios del implemento.
- Las líneas de conducción demastado cortas se pueden soltar o romper.
- Las líneas de conducción demastado largas pueden tocar el suelo.
- Un ensamblaje telescópico de la línea de conducción que toque el suelo no se deslizará y se solidificará.
- Si la línea de conducción toca el suelo, puede atravesar los cojinetes de soporte y romper el eje de PTO.






COMUNIQUESE CON EL DISTRIBUIDOR si la línea de conducción del implemento no coincide con el eje de TDF del tractor:

- **NO UTILICE UN ADAPTADOR DE PTO.**
- El uso de un adaptador de PTO puede ocasionar:
- Vibración excesiva, caída de objetos, fallas de la hoja y el implemento como consecuencia de la duplicación de la velocidad operativa.
- Mayor extensión de trabajo, lo que deja expuestas áreas desprotegidas de la línea de conducción e implica el riesgo de enredo con otros objetos.

NO conecte la cortadora a un tractor con la TDF directamente conectada a la transmisión del tractor. PN CD02 SP

SEGURIDAD

SEGURIDAD DEL OPERADOR

	Lea con atención el Manual del Operador
	Siempre use gafas de seguridad
	Use casco y calzado protector
	Nunca consuma drogas o alcohol mientras opera el equipo
	Utilice chaleco de seguridad al operar en o cercas de carreteras

PARA EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE, SIGA LAS SIGUIENTES INSTRUCCIONES:



- **LEA, COMPRENDA Y SIGA** las instrucciones del Manual del Operador, al igual que las Advertencias y Mensajes de Seguridad.
- **USE GAFAS DE SEGURIDAD**, calzado protector, casco, protección auditiva y guantes al operar o reparar el equipo.
- **USE** un aparato de respiración apropiado al operar en condiciones polvorientas a fin de evitar contraer enfermedades respiratorias.
- **NO USE** prendas sueltas o joyas que se puedan enredar con las partes giratorias y causar una lesión.
- **NO CONSUMA DROGAS** o **ALCOHOL** antes o durante la operación del equipo.
- **NO PERMITA** que nadie opere el equipo bajo los efectos negativos de las drogas o el alcohol.
- **CONSULTE** a un médico para conocer los efectos desfavorables de la medicación sobre los sentidos.
- **MANTÉNGASE ALERTA**, la operación prolongada puede causar fatiga. **HAGA UNA PAUSA Y DESCANSE**.

SEGURIDAD DE OPERACIÓN GENERAL

- **CONDICIONES DE VISIBILIDAD AL USAR LA CORTADORA:**
 - **OPERE LA CORTADORA CON LUZ SOLAR** o con luz que aporte una visibilidad nítida de más de 90 metros (100 yardas).
 - **DEBE PODER VISUALIZAR** e identificar transeúntes, terrenos empinados, pozos, desniveles, obstrucciones elevadas, cables de alimentación, residuos y objetos extraños.
- **VELOCIDAD RESPECTO AL SUELO AL USAR LA CORTADORA:**
 - El rango de **VELOCIDAD NORMAL** es de entre 2 y 5 millas por hora.
 - **AJUSTE LA VELOCIDAD DE CORTE** según las condiciones del terreno y el tipo de césped, la densidad y la altura del corte.
 - **REDUZCA LA VELOCIDAD DE CORTE** al acercarse a inclinaciones empinadas, pozos, desniveles, obstrucciones elevadas, cables de alimentación y para evitar residuos y objetos extraños.
- **INFESTACIÓN CON INSECTOS**
 - No opere en áreas susceptibles al ataque de abejas o insectos, salvo que **USE PRENDAS PROTECTORAS** o una cabina de tractor cerrada.
- **VELOCIDAD DE PTO:**
 - **NO EXCEDA LA VELOCIDAD DE PTO NOMINAL DEL IMPLEMENTO**
 - **EVITE** superar las velocidades nominales de PTO, porque puede causar roturas en la línea de conducción o fallas de las cuchillas.
- **SEÑALES DE SEGURIDAD:**
 - **REEMPLACE** cualquier señal de seguridad faltante, dañada o ilegible. *PN OS01 SP*

SEGURIDAD

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INSTRUCCIONES DE SEGURIDAD Y PRÁCTICAS GENERALES

El mejor operador es un operador cuidadoso. La seguridad es de importancia fundamental para el fabricante, y también debería serlo para el propietario u operador. La mayoría de los accidentes se pueden evitar prestando suma atención al equipo, al ambiente circundante, y tomando algunas precauciones. La primera sección de este manual incluye una lista de Mensajes de Seguridad que deben observarse para contribuir a la protección del operador y otras personas frente a lesiones o la muerte. Lea con atención estos Mensajes de Seguridad antes de ensamblar, operar o reparar este implemento. Este equipo sólo debe ser operado por personas que hayan leído el manual, responsables y calificadas, que sepan cómo hacerlo de manera responsable.



El Símbolo de Alerta de Seguridad se utiliza en combinación con una Señal Verbal, tal como la que se muestra a continuación, en todo este manual y en los autoadhesivos adheridos a los equipos. El Símbolo de Alerta de Seguridad significa:

“¡ATENCIÓN! MANTÉNGASE ALERTA! SU SEGURIDAD ESTÁ EN JUEGO!” El Símbolo y la Señal Verbal tienen el objetivo de advertir al propietario/operador sobre un riesgo inminente y el grado de lesión que se puede producir al operar este equipo.

Adopte todas las medidas habituales para trabajar en forma segura y, sobre todo, recuerde que la seguridad depende de USTED. Sólo USTED puede impedir una lesión grave o la muerte a causa de prácticas no seguras.

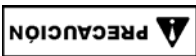
Indica una situación peligrosa inminente que, de no ser evitada, **OCCASIONARÁ** la **MUERTE O UNA LESIÓN MUY GRAVE.**



Indica una situación peligrosa inminente que, de no ser evitada, **PODRÍA OCCASIONAR** la **MUERTE O UNA LESIÓN MUY GRAVE.**



Indica una situación peligrosa inminente que, de no ser evitada, **PODRÍA OCCASIONAR** una **LESIÓN MENOR.**



Identifica instrucciones o procedimientos específicos que, de no observarse estrictamente, podrían ocasionar daños o la destrucción de la maquinaria, los accesorios o el entorno.



NOTA: Identifica aspectos de particular interés para lograr una operación o reparación más eficiente y conveniente.



LEA CON ATENCIÓN Y RESPETE los siguientes Mensajes de Seguridad. Si no se siguen cuidadosamente las advertencias e instrucciones indicadas en este Manual y en los Mensajes de Seguridad del implemento, se pueden producir lesiones graves o la muerte. Siempre siga las instrucciones de este manual y use el sentido común para evitar situaciones peligrosas.

NOTA: Si desea obtener una traducción de esta sección de seguridad en alguno de los siguientes idiomas, comuníquese con: *Translations, a la dirección 1502 E. Walnut Street Seguin, TX 78155; Fax: (830) 372-9529; La Sección de Seguridad está disponible en español, portugués, francés, alemán, ruso. PN 6501 SP*

SECCIÓN DE SEGURIDAD

Sección de Seguridad 1-1

Instrucciones de operaciones antes de la entrega del DISTRIBUIDOR al CLIENTE

El distribuidor deberá informar al comprador de este producto las condiciones, disposiciones y procedimientos de garantía aplicables; informar la responsabilidad del comprador de capacitar a sus operadores para la operación segura; revisar el contenido del Manual del Operador, incluido el equipo de seguridad, la operación segura y el mantenimiento; y revisar las Señales de Seguridad que se encuentran en el implemento (y en el tractor, de ser posible):

- **IMPLEMENTOS:** He explicado que los deflectores, protectores de cadena o faldones sólidos se deben mantener en buenas condiciones de reparación y se deben instalar, excepto en zonas donde personas, vehículos, ganado u otros bienes no corran peligro por objetos arrojados, y en los casos en que dichos equipos de seguridad impedirían un desempeño razonable de la cortadora en su tarea asignada.
- **LÍNEAS DE CONDUCCIÓN:** Me he asegurado de que todos los protectores de líneas de conducción, de caja de engranajes y otros están en buenas condiciones de reparación y firmemente sujetados para prevenir lesiones por entredos u objetos arrojados.
- **MÁQUINAS HIDRÁULICAS:** He explicado la necesidad de usar aceite hidráulico limpio, cambiar los filtros según las instrucciones, prevenir daños por operar con aceite demasado caliente, cuidar las mangueras, usar mangueras del tipo correcto, mantener la presión operativa especificada y prevenir el posible riesgo de que el aceite penetre en la piel.
- **IMPLEMENTOS PLEGABLES:** He explicado que no es posible proteger contra objetos arrojados cuando el cabezal está elevado del suelo y que el operador es responsable de verificar que no existan personas en las inmediaciones. He explicado que el brazo o cabezal de cortadora elevado puede entrar en contacto con obstrucciones elevadas y dañar cables y líneas telefónicas, y posiblemente causar lesiones. He explicado que el brazo o cabezal extendido, o el brazo retirado, puede entrar en contacto con cables de alimentación y causar lesiones o la muerte por electrocución, y que el operador es responsable de evitar dichos riesgos.

SERVICIO ANTES DE LA ENTREGA VERIFIQUE Y AJUSTE O LUBRIQUE SEGUN SEA NECESARIO

Consulte los detalles en el Manual del Operador
Inspección realizada – Garantía y procedimientos de seguridad explicados – Instalación realizada

CONEXIONES DE CORTADORA A TRACTOR

- Longitud de barra de enganche (verificar y fijar)
- Pivote y conexiones de bastidor en A
- Altura de corte (ajustar)
- Piezas metálicas de montaje bien ajustadas

ELEMENTOS DE SEGURIDAD

- Protectores (operación e instalación)
- Embrague de línea de conducción (limitador de ajuste) (ajustar y poner en marcha)
- Autoadhesivos de seguridad (colocados)
- Manual del Operador (entregado)
- Protector de TDF del tractor (instalado)
- Emblema S.M.V. (instalado de ser necesario)
- Gato con lengüeta (instalación y operación)
- Cadena de remolque de seguridad (instalada)
- Manual de Seguridad de Línea de Conducción ADMA (entregado)
- Manual de Seguridad de Cortadora AEM (entregado en porta manual)
- Se mostró el Video de Seguridad de Cortadora AEM al comprador

LUBRICACIÓN E HIDRÁULICA

- Caja de engranajes (niveles de aceite)
- Nivel de aceite hidráulico del tractor
- Mangueras hidráulicas (no retorcidas y ajustadas)

CORTADORA

- Pernos de husillo y motor bien ajustados
- Nivel de aceite del husillo
- Pernos de porta cuchillas bien ajustados/pasadores de retención colocados
- Nivel y altura de corte de la cortadora ajustados
- Cojinetes del eje de corte lubricados
- Todas las piezas metálicas bien ajustadas
- Presión de aire y neumáticos/tuercas de rueda (bien ajustadas)
- Cojinetes de rueda (verificar, engrasar y hacer carga previa)
- Deflectores frontales y traseros
- Sentido de giro de las hojas correcto
- Todos los pernos, pasadores y tuercas (ajuste correcto)

ACCESORIOS E INSTALACIÓN

Alamo Group Ag. Division está dispuesto a suministrar un (1) Video de Prácticas de Seguridad para Cortadoras AEM

Por favor enviar: Video de Seguridad para el Operador de Cortadoras AEM/FEMA – formato VHS

Video de Seguridad para el Operador de Cortadoras AEM/FEMA – formato DVD

Manual del Operador de la Cortadora

Manual de Seguridad del Operador de la Cortadora AEM

Nombre del solicitante: _____ Teléfono: _____

Dirección del solicitante: _____

Ciudad: _____

Estado: _____

Código postal: _____

Modelo de cortadora: _____ Número de serie: _____

Fecha de compra: _____ Vendedor del distribuidor: _____

Nombre del distribuidor: _____ Dirección del distribuidor: _____

Enviar por correo a:

AEM Video Services

1502 E. Walnut Street

Seguin, TX 78155

O enviar por fax a:

(830) 372-9529

O enviar por correo electrónico a:

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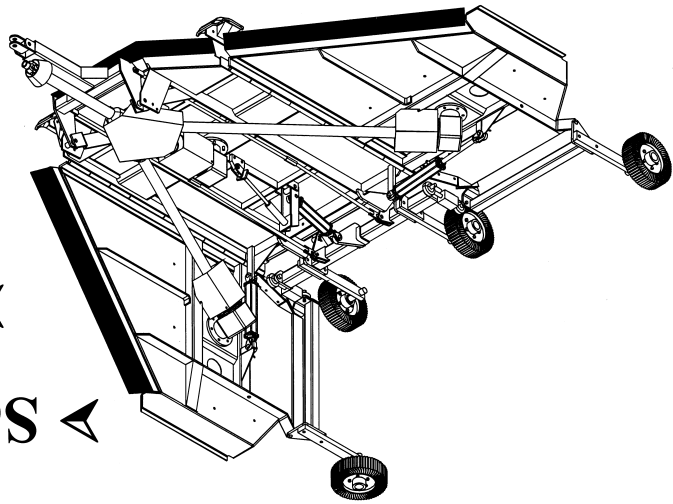
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**antes de funcionar
el cortacésped**

Entrenamiento de Seguridad Hace la Diferencia

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A fin de reducir la tasa de accidentes y mejorar la operación segura de las cortadoras, Alamo Group Ag Division se ha asociado con otros fabricantes de la industria para desarrollar el vídeo y la guía de Prácticas de Seguridad para Cortadoras Industriales y Agrícolas AEM/FEMA.

El vídeo explica a los operadores de tractores y cortadoras las prácticas seguras que deben adoptar cuando utilizan cortadoras industriales y agrícolas. Es importante que todos los operadores de cortadoras aprendan cómo operar sus equipos de corte y puedan reconocer los posibles peligros que pueden surgir al operar una cortadora. Este vídeo, en conjunto con el manual del operador de la cortadora y los mensajes de advertencia que se encuentran en la cortadora, serán muy útiles para complementar este aprendizaje tan importante.

Es posible que su distribuidor autorizado de Rhino le haya mostrado este vídeo y le haya entregado una copia en DVD cuando adquirió su cortadora. Si usted o algún operador de cortadora no vio el vídeo, lea este Manual del Operador, y complete la Guía del Vídeo antes de operar su cortadora nueva. Si no comprende alguna de las instrucciones del vídeo o del manual del operador, o si tiene alguna pregunta acerca de la operación segura, comuníquese con su supervisor, con el distribuidor o con Alamo Group Ag.

Si desea recibir una copia del vídeo en VHS, envíe un mensaje de correo electrónico a AEMVideo@alamo-group.com o un fax al (830) 372-9529, o envíe por correo una copia rellena del formulario que se encuentra al dorso de esta página a AEM VHS Video 1502 E Walnut Street, Seguin, TX 78155, y solicite la versión en VHS. Indique su nombre, dirección postal, modelo de cortadora y número de serie.

Cada uno de los operadores debe recibir capacitación para cada equipo (tractor y cortadora), comprender el uso previsto, y comprender los posibles peligros antes de operar el equipo. La información y material mecanado en la información anterior junto con el Manual de Operador puede asistir en cumplir con los requisitos de OSHA para el entrenamiento anual del Operador.

REQUISITOS DE ENTRENAMIENTO DEL OSHA

Los siguientes requisitos de entrenamiento se an toma del Título 29, código de la pieza de regulaciones Federales 1928.57 (a) (6), www.osha.gov

Instrucciones del operador. A la hora de la asignación inicial y por lo menos anualmente después de eso, el empleador mandará a cada empleado quien opera un tractor agrícola o implemento en las prácticas de operación segura y el mantenimiento de el equipo con el cual el empleado este, o estará implicado y de cualquier otras prácticas dictados por el ambiente laboral.

Al propietario/operador/distribuidor

Este Manual del Operador es una parte esencial de la operación segura de esta máquina y se debe mantener con la unidad siempre. El implemento incluye un porta manual donde se puede guardar el manual de manera adecuada. Si el manual se extravía o se daña, puede solicitar otra copia sin cargo a un distribuidor autorizado de Rhino o descargarlo del sitio web de Rhino (www.servis-rhino.com).

ANTES DE COMENZAR LEA, COMPRENDA Y SIGA la información incluida en este manual, el Manual de Seguridad de la Cortadora AEM y el manual del operador del tractor para conocer cómo operar la máquina y realizar tareas de servicio correctamente. De lo contrario, podría sufrir lesiones u ocasionar lesiones a terceros. Todos los implementos con partes móviles son potencialmente peligrosos. Cada esfuerzo ha sido hecho para asegurar que la máquina esté segura, pero los operadores deben evitar entrar en prácticas peligrosas y seguir las instrucciones escritas que son proporcionadas. El fabricante ha diseñado este implemento para ser usado con todos sus equipos de seguridad correctamente sujetados para minimizar la probabilidad de accidentes.

LA SEGURIDAD PRIMERO. Lea con atención la totalidad de la sección de seguridad de este manual antes de operar el equipo. No permita que nadie opere el equipo sin haber leído y comprendido la totalidad de este manual. Comuníquese con el distribuidor si necesita explicación sobre alguna instrucción que no haya comprendido del todo.

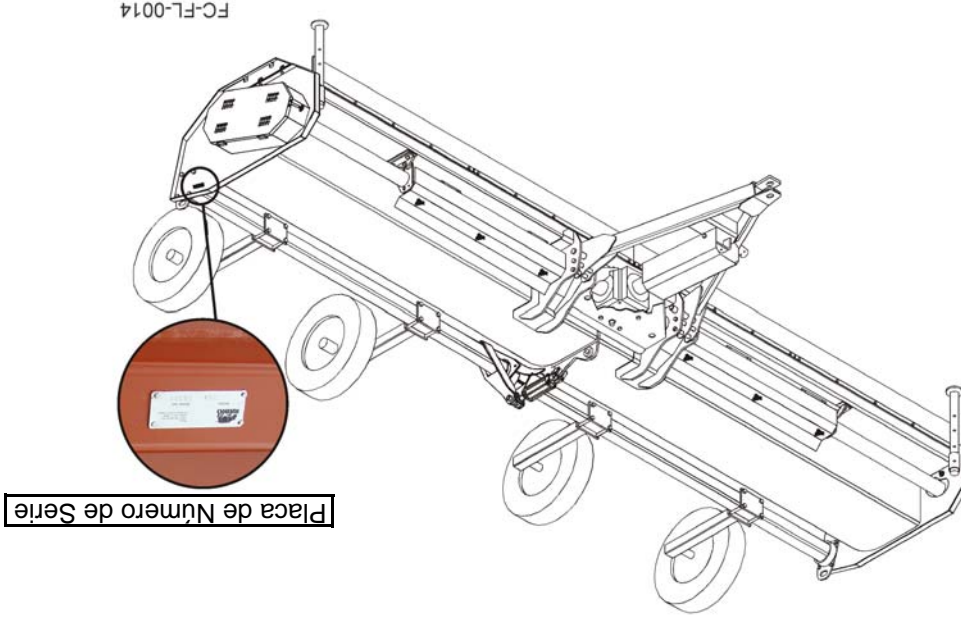
Los cuidados que brinde a su implemento Rhino determinarán en gran medida su satisfacción con el desempeño y la vida útil del equipo. Lea con atención y siga las instrucciones de este manual para comprender cabalmente su nuevo implemento, su uso previsto, y sus requisitos de servicio.

Todas las referencias que se hacen en este manual a derecha, izquierda, frontal, trasero, arriba y abajo corresponden a la perspectiva en el sentido del desplazamiento hacia delante con el implemento correctamente sujetado al tractor.

La información sobre repuestos se encuentra por separado en el Manual de Partes. Las cortadoras Rhino utilizan componentes del sistema equilibrados y coincidentes para porta cuchillas, cuchillas, ejes de corte, hojas, ganchos para hojas, rodillos, componentes de los engranajes, y cojinetes. Estas partes se fabrican y se prueban según las especificaciones de Rhino. Las partes compatibles no genuinas no siempre cumplen con estas especificaciones. El uso de partes no genuinas puede perjudicar el desempeño de la cortadora, anular la garantía y presentar un riesgo para la seguridad. Use partes genuinas Rhino para ahorrar dinero y maximizar la seguridad.

Para referencia futura, registre el número de modelo y el número de serie de RHINO que ha adquirido.

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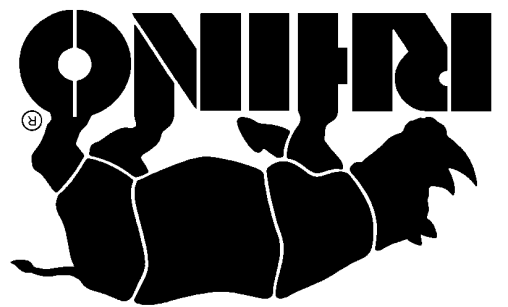
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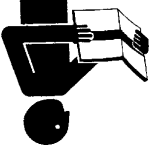
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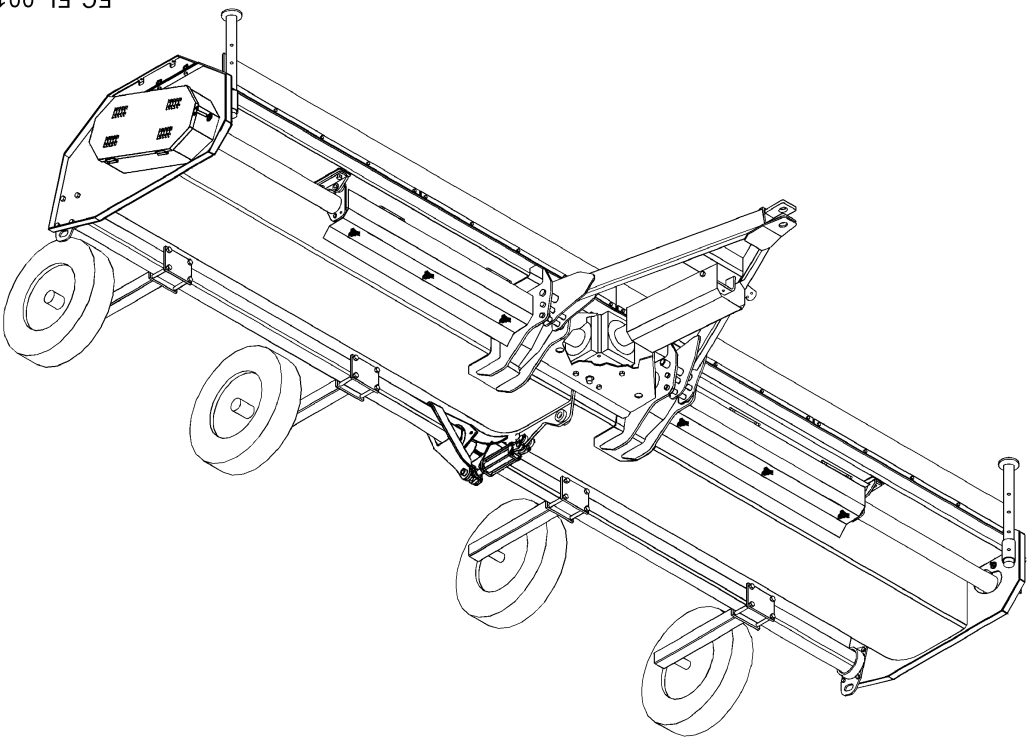


MANUAL DE OPERADOR

Este Manual del Operador es una parte esencial de la operación segura de esta máquina y se debe mantener con la unidad siempre. LEA, ENTIENDA, Y SIGA las instrucciones de Seguridad y Operación contenidas en este manual antes de operar el equipo. C01-Cover



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