

"SLASHBUSTER"®

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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SAFE OPERATION

BEFORE OPERATION:

1. READ THE ENTIRE OPERATOR'S MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO START AND OPERATE THE UNIT.
2. LOCATE AND READ ALL CAUTION LABELS ON THE EXCAVATOR.

PREPARE TO OPERATE:

1. REVIEW THE WORK AREA:
 - ◆ CHECK FOR UNDERGROUND LINES AND CABLES.
 - ◆ CHECK FOR HIDDEN HOLES, OBSTACLES OR DROPOFFS.
 - ◆ CHECK FOR STEEP SLOPES.
2. DRESS SAFELY. WEAR A SAFETY HELMET; NON-SKID SHOES; AND TIGHT FITTING CLOTHING.
3. BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE, FASTEN THE SEAT BELT AND PLACE ALL LEVERS IN THE NEUTRAL POSITION.
4. KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT AND its LIMITATIONS.

OPERATE SAFELY

1. NEVER ALLOW PASSENGERS ON THE "SLASHBUSTER"®. KEEP BYSTANDERS AWAY FROM THE "SLASHBUSTER"® DURING OPERATION.
2. NEVER OPERATE THE "SLASHBUSTER"® OR ANY EQUIPMENT WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCHOL OR DRUGS, OR WHILE FATIGUED.
3. NEVER START THE ENGINE WHILE STANDING ON THE GROUND.
4. FOR YOUR SAFETY, THE EXCAVATOR MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH A SEAT BELT AND *ROPS (ROLL OVER PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE)*. NEVER MODIFY STRUCTURAL MEMBER OF THE *ROPS* BY WELDING, DRILLING, BENDING, GRINDING, OR CUTTING; AS THIS MAY WEAKEN THE STRUCTURE. REPLACE, DON'T REPAIR, DAMAGED COMPONENTS. PERIODICALLY

CHECK *ROPS* MOUNTING BOLTS FOR PROPER TORQUE. (SEE *ROPS* INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS.)

5. TO PREVENT TIP OVER:

- ◆ KEEP "SLASHBUSTER"® LOW WHILE TRAVELING UPHILL.
- ◆ TURN GRADUALLY, NOT QUICKLY, WHILE ON SLOPES.
- ◆ DO NOT DRIVE EXCAVATOR CLOSE TO THE EDGES OF DITCHES OR BANKS AS THEY MAY COLLAPSE UNDER THE WEIGHT.

HIGH PRESSURE FLUIDS

ESCAPING HYDRAULIC FLUID UNDER PRESSURE CAN HAVE SUFFICIENT FORCE TO PENETRATE SKIN, CAUSING SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY. BEFORE DISCONNECTING LINES, BE SURE TO RELIEVE ALL PRESSURE. BEFORE APPLYING PRESSURE TO THE SYSTEM, BE SURE THAT ALL CONNECTIONS ARE TIGHT AND THAT LINES, PIPES AND HOSES ARE NOT DAMAGED. FLUID ESCAPING FROM A VERY SMALL HOLE CAN BE ALMOST INVISIBLE. DON'T USE HANDS TO SEARCH FOR SUSPECTED LEAKS; USE A PIECE OF CARDBOARD OR WOOD.

IF INJURED BY ESCAPING FLUID, SEE A DOCTOR AT ONCE. SERIOUS INFECTION OR REACTION MAY RESULT IF PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT IS NOT ADMINISTERED IMMEDIATELY.

SAFE SERVICING

1. BEFORE SERVICING THE "SLASHBUSTER"® LOCATE THE "SLASHBUSTER"® ON A FIRM LEVEL SURFACE; LOWER THE HEAD TO THE GROUND; APPLY THE SWING LOCK; STOP THE ENGINE AND REMOVE THE KEY.
2. NEVER GET UNDER THE MACHINE WHILE IT IS JACKED UP BY THE BLADE OR THE BOOM AND ARM TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJURY OR DEATH FROM MACHINE FALLING. ALWAYS USE SAFETY BLOCKS, SAFETY SUPPORTS, ETC.
3. LOWER HYDRAULIC PRESSURE BY MOVING THE CONTROL LEVERS TO ALL POSITIONS AFTER STOPPING THE ENGINE; TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY FROM ESCAPING HIGH PRESSURE OIL.

4. SERVICE OR CHECK THE EXCAVATOR AND "SLASHBUSTER"® AFTER IT HAS COMPLETELY COOLED OFF. AVOID TOUCHING THE MUFFLER AND RADIATOR UNTIL THEY HAVE COOLED OFF.
5. WHEN YOU DRIVE CONNECTING PINS IN OR OUT; GUARD AGAINST INJURY FROM FLYING PIECES OF METAL. USE EYE AND/OR FACE PROTECTION.
6. NEVER ATTEMPT TO GET ON OR OFF THE MACHINE WHILE IT IS OPERATING.
7. KEEP ALL SAFETY COVERS, SHIELDS AND GUARDS IN PLACE AT ALL TIMES.

USING THE EXCAVATORS AS A CRANE

THE "SLASHBUSTER"® IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED. IT HAS NO SAFETY DEVICES FOR CRANE OPERATION. IF YOU USE A "SLASHBUSTER"® FOR LIFTING, YOU MUST NOT EXCEED SAFE LIFTING CAPACITY. REFER TO THE LIFT CAPACITY CHARTS IN THE SPECIFICATIONS CHAPTER OF THE EXCAVATOR. ALLOW FOR THE WEIGHT OF THE "SLASHBUSTER"®.

EXPLOSIONS

- ◆ A BATTERY, ESPECIALLY WHEN CHARGING, WILL GIVE OFF HYDROGEN AND OXYGEN GASES, WHICH ARE VERY EXPLOSIVE. KEEP AWAY FROM SPARKS AND OPEN FLAMES AT ALL TIMES.
- ◆ TO AVOID SPARKS FROM AN ACCIDENTAL SHORT CIRCUIT, ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE BATTERY GROUND CABLE (-) FIRST AND ALWAYS RECONNECT THE GROUND CABLE (-) LAST.