

Heavy Equipment Skidsteers



1. Check to see that counterweights as recommended by the manufacturer are in place.
 - a. NOTE: This is very important as improperly balanced skid-steer loaders are easily upset.
2. Clean steps, pedals, and floor of any slippery substances.
3. Clear the driving compartment for loose items that might interfere with the controls.
4. Check the work area for hazards such as holes, soft spots, and obstructions.
5. Check overhead for utility lines, doorway clearances, or other obstructions.
6. Mount the machine wearing clean, dry shoes using the grab bars or handrails provided.
7. Adjust the seat, fasten the seat belt, set the brake, and place transmission in park or neutral before cranking the engine.
8. Visually check for the presence of others in the area and warn them away.
 - a. Be especially alert for children.
9. If the machine is garaged, leave the door or some windows open for ventilating the exhaust.
 - a. CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS!
10. Start the engine and check all controls to see that they are functioning properly.
11. Check horn and backup alarm to see that they are working.
12. Operate with caution on uneven surfaces. Avoid steep slopes completely.
13. Carry the load as low as possible. Avoid sharp turns and slopes with a raised load.
14. Travel straight up or down, with the heavy end of the machine pointed uphill.
15. Operate with extreme caution near areas with sharp drop-offs.
16. Do not undercut banks or materials that are piled high, to avoid cave-ins or falling of material.
17. NEVER leave the machine without first lowering the bucket, stopping the engine, setting the parking brake, and placing the shift in park or neutral.
 - a. Dismount the machine carefully.
 - b. Do not jump out of the loader.
18. If stopping for any length of time, lock the ignition and remove the key.