CTX160 mini skid steer

Operator's manual

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Introduction

This manual explains the proper operation of your machine. Study and understand these instructions thoroughly before operating or maintaining the machine. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage. Consult your Vermeer dealer if you do not understand the instructions in this manual, or need additional information.

The instructions, illustrations, and specifications in this manual are based on the latest information available at time of publication. Your machine may have product improvements and features not yet contained in this manual.

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Operation instructions are included in the two operator's manuals provided with the machine. The tethered (cabled) manual must remain attached to the machine for ready reference. Store it in the manual storage box when not in use.

Lubrication and maintenance procedures are in the maintenance manual provided with the machine. Refer to it for all lubrication and maintenance procedures.

Additional copies of the manuals are available from your dealer. Use the reorder number on the front cover to order additional manuals.

Copies of this manual are available in Spanish from your dealer. Other languages may also be available.

Se dispone de ejemplares de este manual en español.

Notice to owner

Replacement manuals are free of charge by registering your **used** Vermeer machine. Your machine's operator's, maintenance and parts manuals may be available online at www.myvermeer.com. For questions about online or printed manuals, or to register a used machine, contact the data analytics department by telephone: 800-829-0051 or 641-628-3141; email: dataanalytics@vermeer.com; internet: www.vermeer.com or www.myvermeer.com; or, letter: Data analytics department, Vermeer Corporation, P.O. Box 200, Pella IA 50219 USA.

Orientation: Right and left sides of the machine are determined by standing on the operator platform and facing forward.

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Vermeer new industrial equipment limited warranty

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Vermeer Corporation (hereinafter "Vermeer") warrants each new Industrial product of Vermeer's manufacture to be free from defects in material and workmanship, under normal use and service for one (1) full year after initial purchase/retail sale or 1000 operating hours, whichever occurs first. This Limited Warranty shall apply only to complete machines of Vermeer's manufacture, parts are covered by a separate Limited Warranty. **EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES NOT OF VERMEER'S MANUFACTURE ARE WARRANTED ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY AND SUBJECT TO THEIR ALLOWANCE TO VERMEER ONLY IF FOUND DEFECTIVE BY SUCH MANUFACTURER.**

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WARRANTY TERMS During the Limited Warranty period specified above, any defect in material or workmanship in any warranted item of Vermeer Industrial Equipment not excluded below shall be repaired or replaced at Vermeer's option without charge by any authorized independent Vermeer dealer. The warranty repair or replacement must be made by a Vermeer independent authorized dealer at the dealer's location. Vermeer will pay for replacement parts and such authorized dealer's labor in accordance with Vermeer's labor reimbursement policy. Vermeer reserves the right to supply remanufactured replacement parts as it deems appropriate.

RETAIL PURCHASER RESPONSIBILITY: This Limited Warranty requires proper maintenance and periodic inspections of the Industrial Equipment as indicated in the Operator's/Maintenance Manual furnished with each new Industrial Equipment. The cost of routine or required maintenance and services is the responsibility of the retail purchaser. The retail purchaser is required to keep documented evidence that these services were performed. This Vermeer New Industrial Equipment Limited Warranty may be subject to cancellation if the above requirements are not performed. Vermeer Industrial Equipment with known failed or defective parts must be immediately removed from service.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The warranties contained herein shall **NOT APPLY TO:**

(1) Any defect which was caused (in Vermeer's sole judgment) by other than normal use and service of the Industrial Equipment, or by any of the following; (i) accident (ii) misuse or negligence (iii) overloading (iv) lack of reasonable and proper maintenance (v) improper repair or installation (vi) unsuitable storage (vii) non-Vermeer approved alteration or modification (viii) natural calamities (ix) vandalism (x) parts or accessories installed on Industrial Equipment which were not manufactured or installed by Vermeer authorized dealers (xi) the elements (xii) collision or other accident.

(2) Any Industrial Equipment whose identification numbers or marks have been altered or removed or whose hour meter has been altered or tampered with.

(3) Any Industrial Equipment which any of the required or recommended periodic inspection or services have been performed using parts not manufactured or supplied by Vermeer or meeting Vermeer Specifications including, but without limitation, engine tune-up parts, engine oil filters, air filters, hydraulic oil filters, and fuel filters.

(4) New Industrial Equipment delivered to the retail purchaser in which the equipment/warranty registration has not been completed and returned to Vermeer within ten (10) days from the date of purchase.

(5) Any defect which was caused (in Vermeer's sole judgment) by operation of the Industrial Equipment not abiding by standard operating procedures outlined in the Operator's Manual.

(6) Engine, battery, and tire Limited Warranties and support are the responsibility of the respective product's manufacturer.

(7) Transportation costs, if any, of transporting to the Vermeer dealer. Freight costs, if any, of transporting replacement parts to the Vermeer dealer.

(8) The travel time of the Vermeer dealer's service personnel to make a repair on the retail purchaser's site or other location.

(9) In no event shall Vermeer's liability exceed the purchase price of the product,

(10) Vermeer shall not be liable to any person under any circumstances for any incidental or consequential damages (including but not limited to, loss of profits, out of service time) occurring for any reason at any time.

(11) Diagnostic and overtime labor premiums are not covered under this Limited Warranty Policy. Oils and fluids are not covered under this Limited Warranty.

(12) Depreciation damage caused by normal wear, lack of reasonable and proper maintenance, failure to follow operating instructions, misuse, lack of proper protection during storage.
(13) Accessory systems and electronics not of Vermeer's manufacture are warranted only to the extent of such manufacturer's respective Limited Warranty if any.
(14) Down hole toolage is not covered under this warranty.
(15) Wear items which are listed below:

Antenna, Augers, Base Plates, Bearing Seals, Bearings, Belts, Brake Pads, Brushes, Bolts/Torqued Parts, Boom Wear Items, Booms, Brake Pads, Bushings, Buckets, Cable Fingers, Chain, Clamping Vise Parts, Clutches, Clutch Components, Conveyor Belts, Cups, Curtains, Cutter Wheels, Dies, Digging Chain, Digging Rims, Discharge Conveyor Belts, Drive Chuck, Drums, Earth Stakes, End Idler, End Rollers, Fan Belts, Flails, Flashings, Hammers, Hoses, Infeed Conveyor Belts, Infeed Conveyor Chains, Jaws, Knives, Leaf Chain, Lights, Lights On Light Kits, Liners, Outer Drum Bearings, Packing Assemblies, Pins and Bushings, Pins and Pivot Points, Piston Cups, Pivot Rings, Plastic Wear Strips, Plow Blades, Plungers, Pockets, Rods, Rollers, Rod Loader Parts, Rooter Bands, Rotor Plates, Rubber Grouser Bars, Rubber or Plastic Items, Rubber Tracks, Rubber Track Bands, Rubber Shielding, Scraper Knives, Screens, Seals, Service Items, Shear Bar/Bedknife, Skid Shoes, Sprockets, Teeth, Tips, Tip Mounts, Tires, Thrust Wheels, Tooling, Track Chain, Track Guides, Track Idlers, Track Pads, Track Rollers, Track Sprockets, Trench Cleaner (Crumber), Trip Cleaners, Trommel brushes, Trommel Screen Panels, Trunnion and Pivot Points, Valves, Valve Seats, Water Hoses, Water Swivels, Wear Bars, Wear Blocks, Wear Plates, Wear Strips, Wheels, Winch Cable, Windshield Wiper Parts.

PARTS WARRANTY:

Parts replaced in the warranty period will receive the balance of the first year New Industrial Equipment Limited Warranty, during the first (12) months or 1000 hours, whichever comes first. Replacement parts after the original machine warranty, are warranted to be free from defects of material for ninety (90) days or the part will be repaired or replaced, without labor coverage for removal and reinstallation.

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NO DEALER WARRANTY. The selling dealer makes no warranty of its own and the dealer has no authority to make any representation or promise on behalf of Vermeer or to modify the terms or limitations of this warranty in any way.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES. Each of the parties hereto expressly agrees to conduct transactions by electronic means. Accordingly, the parties agree and intend that all electronic transmissions including, without limitation, electronic signatures, shall be considered equivalent to an original writing as provided under Iowa law, as it may be amended from time to time.

Manufactured by:
Vermeer Corporation
Pella, Iowa 50219 USA

Vermeer equipment limited warranty rider compact skid steer frame and loader arms

3,000 Hours / 3 Years*
(Parts-only coverage during extended term)

VERMEER CORPORATION (hereinafter "Vermeer") agrees to extend only the parts coverage of the applicable Vermeer Industrial New Equipment Limited Warranty (the "Standard Limited Warranty") for the covered components of the specified models of New Vermeer Industrial Equipment for the extended term, provided that the Equipment is operated and maintained in accordance with the directions and instructions set forth in the operator's and maintenance manual(s). All conditions, exclusions and limitations of the standard Limited Warranty apply.

SPECIFIED MODELS:

Models

S450TX
S600TX
S725TX
S925TX
CTX100
S600
S650TX
S800TX
CTX50

COVERED COMPONENTS: Tractor Main frame and boom loader arms.

NON-COVERED COMPONENTS: Greaseable pins, mounting plates and wear items (as specified on the Vermeer's New Industrial Equipment Limited Warranty.

EXTENDED TERM*: Three (3) full years from original retail sale date of the Equipment or 3,000 hours of machine operation, whichever occurs first. This warranty is extended to the original purchaser and subsequent owners.

EXCEPT FOR THE STANDARD LIMITED WARRANTY AND THIS RIDER, VERMEER MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES, AND ANY POSSIBLE LIABILITY OF VERMEER HEREUNDER IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Telematics equipment notice and consent

This machine is equipped with Vermeer GPS tracking equipment that collects and transmits data about the machine's performance and location. This data is collected by Vermeer and held, used and shared consistently with the terms of the Vermeer Privacy Policy and any applicable provisions of the End User License Agreement ("EULA") which may be found at: http://www2.vermeer.com/vermeer/NA/en/N/privacy and http://telematics.vermeer.com.

Machine owner and designated representatives ("subscribers") may access the data through a subscription based website called Vermeer Telematics (formerly known as Vermeer Fleet/Fleet Edge). Use of Vermeer Telematics is subject to the subscriber's acceptance of the terms and conditions of use and payment of any applicable subscription or license fees. If you are a current subscriber, you may obtain a copy of the currently effective terms and conditions through your login or by contacting appsupport@vermeer.com.

More information about Vermeer Telematics may be found at: http://store.vermeer.com.

Machine owner may opt-out of the telematics service and collection of data by Vermeer Telematics at any time by contacting your Vermeer dealer or appsupport@vermeer.com.

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Receiving and delivery report

Dealer prep

Check or perform the following:

___ Check that all optional and loose items are included with the machine.
___ Check that operator's manual is cabled to machine.
___ Check air cleaner condition.
___ Check engine oil level.
___ Check engine operation.
___ Check machine lubrication.
___ Check bolts for tightness.
___ Check shield installation and condition.
___ Check that auxiliary attachment drive neutral start interlock functions.
___ Check that ground drive joystick and attachment joystick spring-return to neutral.
___ Check that operator presence system functions.
___ Check that machine does not move when controls are in neutral and the engine is running at full throttle (operator standing on foot platform).
___ Check that attachment does not tilt with key in off position and tilt lever pushed.
___ Check that loader arms do not lower with key in off position and lift lever pushed.
___ Check forward and reverse ground drive operation.
___ Check that park brake functions.
___ Check track tension.

___ Check condition of all safety signs and decals.

___ Check all phases of operation.

Hydraulics

___ Check hydraulic fluid level.

___ Check hydraulic components for leaks or damage.

___ Check hydraulic controls for proper function.

Attachments

___ Check that operator's manuals supplied by the attachment manufacturer are in the CTX160 manual storage box or in storage box located on the attachment. Bucket attachment instructions are contained in this CTX160 operator's manual. Contact your authorized Vermeer dealer, or visit www.vermeer.com for information on attachments authorized for use by Vermeer Corporation.

Delivery

Check and perform the following with the customer:

___ Review all sections of the operator's manual.

___ Grease or oil all lubrication points.

Review and demonstrate with the customer the various aspects of machine operation:

___ Overall explanation of how the machine works

___ Machine safety

___ Preparing the machine for operation

___ Operating the machine

Dealer/Owner information

dealer	owner
address	address
city	city
state/province	state/province
zip/postal code	zip/postal code
country	country
phone number	phone number
email address	email address

Identification numbers - record

Machine model number _____

Machine serial number _____

Diesel engine model number _____

Diesel engine serial number _____

Machine identification decal

This decal provides easy identification of the model and 17-digit identification number. The barcode contains the machine's VIN number and can be scanned with any barcode reading device.

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Section 5: Authorized attachment chart

Authorized attachment chart for CTX160

Symbol	Attachment	Model #
	Auger drive high speed	Paladin B24347
	Auger drive high torque	Paladin B24348
	Brush mower/mulcher	Stec equipment BRD50
	Bucket HD 4-IN-1	Paladin 124410-0854
	Bucket HD 48 in	Paladin 124735-0854
	Bucket HD 54 in	Paladin 124959-0854
	Dozer blade 46 in	Paladin B104672
	Dozer blade with tilt 46 in	Paladin B104671
	Dozer blade 67 in	Paladin B104673
	Dozer blade with tilt 67 in	Paladin B104572
	Harley rake	Paladin H 22748M-0961
	Harley rake without diverter 67 in	Paladin H 22748H3-0961
	Harley rake with diverter	Paladin H 22748H-0961
	Hydraulic boring attachment	McLaughlin MHBA
	Hydraulic breaker	Vermeer VHB

Symbol	Attachment	Model #
	Land leveler	Paladin B17770
	Pallet fork HD 42 in	Paladin 13579-0854
	Pallet fork HD 48 in	Paladin 13580-0854
	Power shovel	Paladin B2000867
	Root cutter	Vermeer RC14
	Root grapple HD 42 in	Paladin 124429-0854
	Root grapple HD 53 in	Paladin 124412-0854
	Rotary broom	Paladin 22641MM-0961
	Rotating log grapple - HD	Vermeer RLG46 (SN 1001-)
	Snow blade	Paladin B11460-0961
	Snow blower 48 in	Paladin 11048A-0961
	Sod roller assembly	Paladin B104388
	Sod unroller assembly 34 in	Paladin B104676
	Soil renovator	Stec Equipment STH-46
	Swivel log grapple - HD	Vermeer SLG46 (SN 1001-)
	Tiller	Paladin B17766
	Tree fork	Paladin B19938
	Trencher	Vermeer STR48 (SN 4501-)

Symbol	Attachment	Model #
	Vibratory plow	Vermeer SVP18

Only use attachments that Vermeer Corporation has authorized for use on Vermeer mini skid steers.

 This symbol indicates the attachment is designed for use with the large operating capacity machines.

Attachments may be available for this machine that are not included in this chart. Contact your Vermeer dealer or visit www.vermeer.com for the latest chart of authorized attachments.

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Section 10: Safety messages

General safety messages appear in this safety messages section. Specific safety messages are located in appropriate sections of the manual where a potential hazard may occur if the instructions or procedures are not followed. Messages that are specific to an attachment will be found in the attachment manual.

A signal word **DANGER**, **WARNING** or **CAUTION** is used with the safety alert symbol.

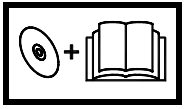
Safety signs with signal word **DANGER**, **WARNING** or **CAUTION** are located near specific hazards.

DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE	Indicates information considered important, but not hazard-related.

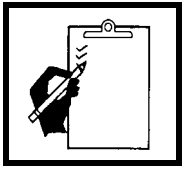
Safety symbol explanation

This is the safety alert symbol. This symbol is used in combination with an exclamation mark or other symbols to alert you to the potential for death or serious injury.

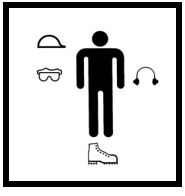
This symbol indicates that at least one part of the machine is not operating correctly. Shutting down the machine may not be necessary, but some maintenance may be required.



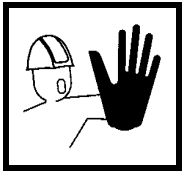
WARNING: Read operator's manual and safety signs, and watch the operations and safety video, before operating machine.



WARNING: Check machine before operating. Machine must be in good operating condition and all safety equipment installed and functioning properly.

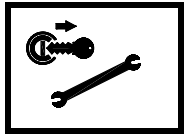


WARNING: Wear personal protective equipment. Wear close-fitting clothing and confine long hair. Additional personal protection requirements are explained separately. Refer to "Personal protection," *page 40-2.*

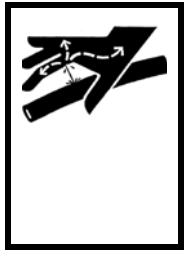


WARNING: Keep spectators away.

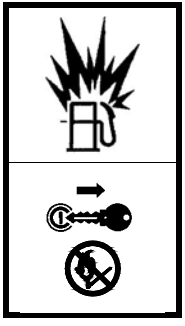
WARNING: Engine exhaust can asphyxiate or poison, resulting in death or serious injury. Operate machine outdoors. If it is necessary to operate engine in an enclosed area, properly vent exhaust gases.



WARNING: Failure to use shutdown procedure can result in unexpected hazard(s). Death or serious injury could result due to entanglement, crushing, cutting or other hazardous contact. Follow shutdown procedure after operating, before performing any service or maintenance, and before transporting. Refer to *Shutdown procedure, page 23-1.*



WARNING: Pressurized fluid can penetrate body tissue and result in death or serious injury. Leaks can be invisible. Keep away from any suspected leak. Relieve pressure in the hydraulic system before searching for leaks, disconnecting hoses, or performing any work on the system. If you must pressurize the system to find a suspected leak, use an object such as a piece of wood or cardboard rather than your hands. When loosening a fitting where some residual pressure may exist, slowly loosen the fitting until oil begins to leak. Wait for leaking to stop before disconnecting the fitting. Fluid injected under the skin must be removed immediately by a surgeon familiar with this type of injury.

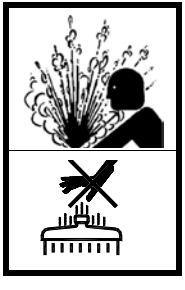


WARNING: Fuel and fumes can explode and burn.

Shut off engine before refueling. No flame. No smoking.

WARNING: Moving parts can crush.

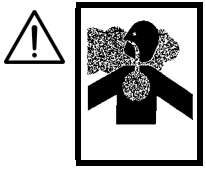
Keep hands, feet and clothing away from power-driven parts.



WARNING: Hot fluid under pressure can scald.

Allow engine to cool before opening radiator cap.

Crystalline silica



WARNING: Breathing crystalline silica puts workers at increased risk of developing serious silica-related diseases including: silicosis, lung cancer, kidney disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Death or serious illness could result. Avoid exposure to crystalline silica dust according to OSHA guideline 29 CFR 1926.1153.

Breathing crystalline silica dust over time can result in silicosis, a disabling, non-reversible and sometimes fatal disease of the lungs. United States federal OSHA has established exposure limits for employees. Avoid exposure to dust containing crystalline silica in excess of these limits.

Crystalline silica is a basic component of sand, rock, concrete, brick, block and mortar. Many activities at construction sites such as breaking, chipping, drilling, cutting, etc. produce dust containing crystalline silica. Air monitoring may be necessary to determine whether jobsite conditions expose workers to excessive levels of crystalline silica dust. Depending upon air monitoring results, the following measures may be necessary to avoid exposure to excessive levels of crystalline silica dust:

- Perform an exposure assessment.
- Create a written exposure control plan.
- Housekeeping
- Medical surveillance
- Employee training

Be aware of and follow the guidelines of United States OSHA 29CFR1926.55 and 1926.1153, or other applicable regulatory guidelines. This includes having a jobsite plan for mitigating hazards.

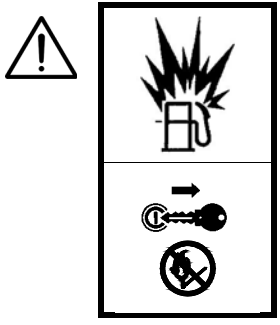
- A jobsite plan can include jobsite dust reduction measures including using water spray, vacuum or other methods.
- If possible, change into disposable or washable clothes on the jobsite. Shower and change into clean clothing before leaving the jobsite.
- Do not eat, drink, use tobacco products or apply cosmetics in areas where there is dust containing crystalline silica dust. Wash hands before eating, drinking or using these products.
- Store food, drink and personal belongings away from the work area

WARNING: Make no modifications to this equipment unless specifically recommended by Vermeer Corporation.

WARNING: Be sure that all safety devices, including shields, are installed and functioning properly after servicing the machine.

WARNING: Failure to follow any of the preceding safety instructions or those that follow within this manual, could result in death or serious injury. This machine is to be used only for those purposes for which it was intended as explained in this operator's manual.

Section 12: Diesel fuel



WARNING: Fuel and fumes can explode and burn.

Shut off engine before refueling. No flame. No smoking.

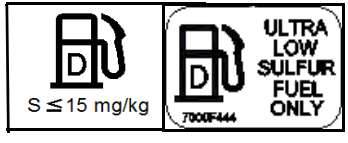
Diesel fuel - sulfur content

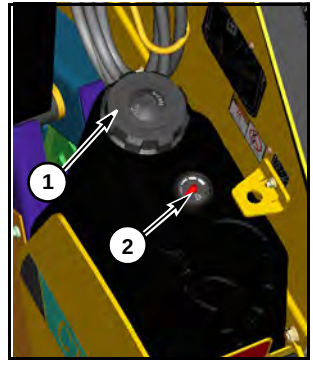
Requires ultra low sulfur diesel (ULSD) fuel, with sulfur content less than 15 ppm (15 mg/kg). Use of fuels other than what is specified in the engine manual will impact engine performance, damage engine emissions systems and may result in engine and exhaust system warranty being voided.

(1) Fuel cap

(2) Fuel gauge

NOTICE: Use ultra low sulfur diesel with sulfur content of less then 15 ppm.





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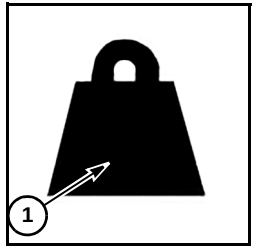
Section 15: Intended use

The CTX160 mini skid steer can be equipped with a variety of attachments for light and medium-duty work. Vermeer approved attachment models with symbol **(1)** are designed for use with this machine. There may be some attachment models approved without the symbol **(1)**. The chart of attachments, approved for this model when this manual was published can be found in section 5: "Authorized attachment chart," *page 5-1*. Contact your Vermeer dealer or visit www.vermeer.com for the latest chart of authorized attachments.



WARNING: Using attachments authorized by Vermeer Corporation is important for your safety. Using unauthorized attachments may cause difficulties with steering, stopping, stability and other undesirable performance or handling characteristics. Never use unauthorized attachments.

Only use attachments that Vermeer Corporation has evaluated and authorized for use on this machine.

Always use this machine in accordance with the instructions contained in this manual and the attachment manuals supplied with the attachments, safety signs on the machine and attachments, and other materials provided by Vermeer Corporation and the attachment manufacturers.

Proper maintenance and repair are essential for safety and efficient machine operation. Do not use the machine if it is not in suitable operating condition, as indicated in this manual or the applicable attachment manual.

Always ensure each operator is familiar with all the safety signs and control operations before using this machine and attachment.

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Section 16: Vermeer productivity tools

Vermeer GPS tracking equipment (telematics)

This machine is equipped with Vermeer GPS tracking equipment that collects and transmits data about the machine's performance and location. When activated, the telematics control unit (TCU) transmits the data to a subscription-based website called Vermeer Telematics (formerly known as Vermeer Fleet/Fleet Edge). Subscribers can access the data through a computer or mobile device.

Each subscription is valid for a current registered owner's specific machine. The subscription cannot be transferred to another machine or to a new machine owner.

- After subscribing, go to http://telematics.vermeer.com and refer to the bulletin for instructions on accessing the user's guides.
- Subscriptions can be canceled at any time by contacting your local Vermeer dealer or emailing appsupport@vermeer.com.
- Subscribers must notify appsupport@vermeer.com to cancel a subscription when selling a machine.

There are two levels of data access, as well as a third option which turns off the system.

- Full implementation - The subscription owner, Vermeer and authorized dealers can all access the data. A new machine, manufactured by Vermeer Corporation and equipped with telematics, automatically begins transmitting data to Vermeer and its authorized dealer. The owner must activate the subscription to access the data. For more information on subscribing, contact your Vermeer dealer or email appsupport@vermeer.com
- Partial implementation - only the registered owner and Vermeer Corporation can access the data. To select this option, contact your dealer or email appsupport@vermeer.com.
- Shut system off - To discontinue data collection and turn off the system, email appsupport@vermeer.com.

Used machines - to activate machine telematics after purchasing a used machine:

Step 1: View the compatible machine list online at http://store.vermeer.com, or contact your local Vermeer dealer or appsupport@vermeer.com to determine if machine telematics is available for installation.

Step 2: Contact your dealer or email appsupport@vermeer.com to ensure that any previous subscription related to your machine has been canceled.

For more information, contact your Vermeer dealer or email appsupport@vermeer.com.

Section 20: Controls

Engine controls

(1) Ignition switch

First position counterclockwise. . . . . .stop; shuts off engine and electrical system

Second position clockwise . . . . . .run; turns on electrical system

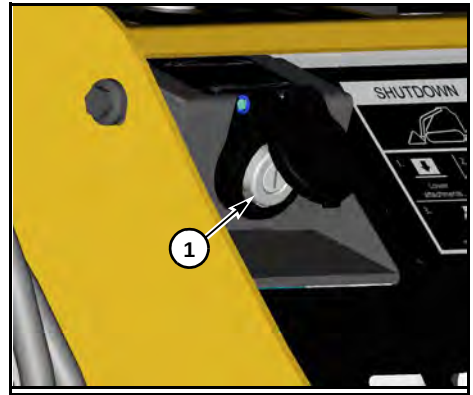
(Optional) Second position clockwise . . . . preheat; wait for preheat indicator light to turn off

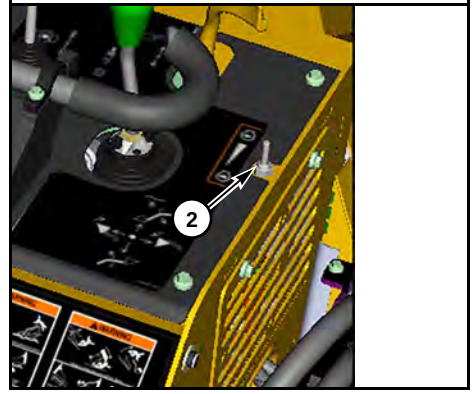
Fully clockwise. . . . . .start; starts engine; returns to run when released

(2) Throttle

Push forward . . . . . .increase engine speed

Pull back. . . . . .decrease engine speed

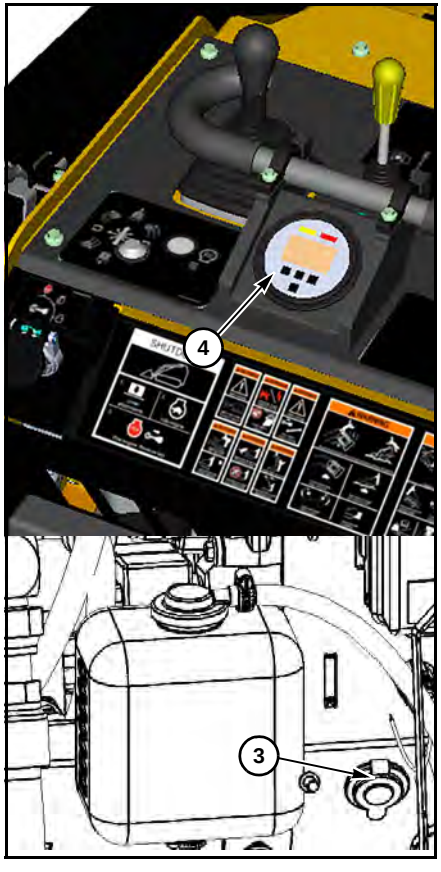




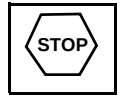
(3) 12V DC auxiliary electrical outlet
12V 10 amp available in key run position.

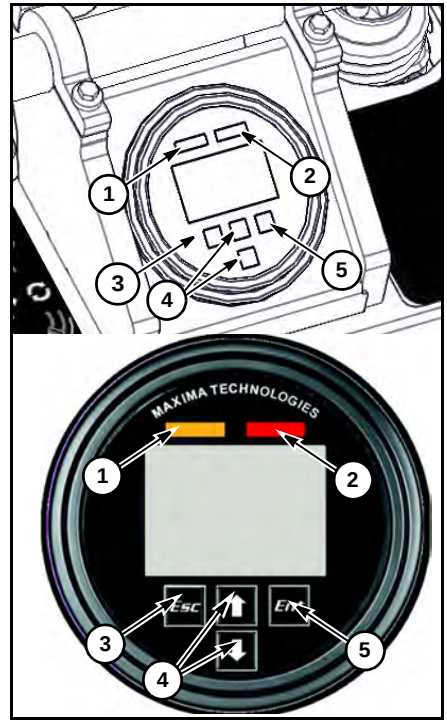
(4) Engine display
Display can be set to show multiple items at once or one item. Engine display shows the following machine parameters available for display as customized by operator:

Displays:
- Tachometer
- Engine hours
- Battery voltage
- Engine coolant temperature
- Engine total Hours
- Engine speed
- Hydraulic temp



Indicator lights





(1) Engine indicator light
Amber indicator light signals the presence of an engine fault. Diagnostic code will show on display screen.

(2) Engine shutdown light
When ignition switch is on and engine shutdown fault is detected, red indicator light will show on display screen.

(3) Escape button
Press to exit a screen or go back.

(4) Scroll buttons
Press top button to scroll up and bottom button to scroll down.

(5) Enter button
Press to enter main menu from engine information mode.
Defaults to engine information mode at startup.

Use scroll buttons **(4)** to highlight selection. Press enter button **(5)** to activate a setting or enter a menu.

Control station

(1) Handgrip bar

Enables operator to keep both hands on bar to remain secure during machine travel and operation. The bar also provides a steady rest for smooth control of joysticks.

(2) Left joystick - ground drive controls

Forward . . . . . variable speed forward

Back . . . . . variable speed reverse

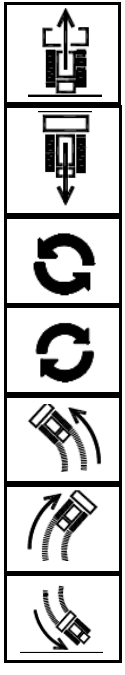
Left . . . . . counter-rotate left

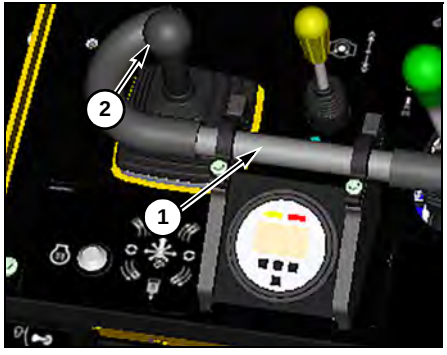
Right . . . . . counter-rotate right

Forward left . . . . . steers left when moving forward

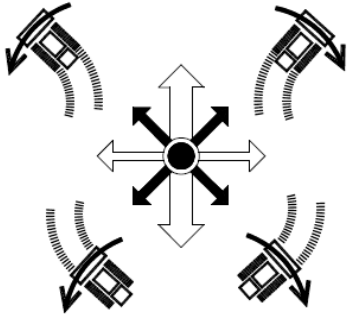
Forward right . . . . . steers right when moving forward

Back left . . . . . front turns left when moving in reverse

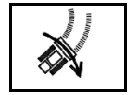




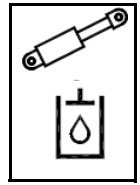
Steering operation:
Front of machine moves sideways in same direction as control lever is moved when traveling both

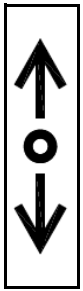


Back right . . . . . front turns right when moving in reverse



(3) Auxiliary low flow lever

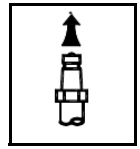




Forward . . . . . oil flows through female coupler

Center. . . . . off

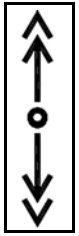
Back . . . . . .oil flows through male coupler

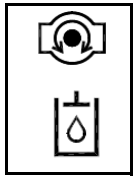


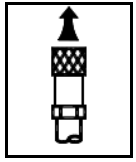
- Lever spring-returns and is intended to be used with attachments requiring closed center valve type functions (such as a cylinder).
- Maximum hydraulic flow through this valve is 9.4 gpm (35.6 L/min) at 3045 psi (21 MPa) (210 bar).

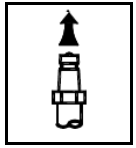
(4) Auxiliary attachment drive lever

- Lever is detented in full-forward and full-reverse positions. Lever must return to neutral after starting before operating attachment.
- Maximum hydraulic flow through this valve is 16.75 gpm (63.4 L/min) at 3,000 psi (21 MPa) (207 bar).









Forward . . . . . oil flows through female coupler

Center . . . . . neutral

Back . . . . . oil flows through male coupler

(5) Right joystick - lift/tilt controls

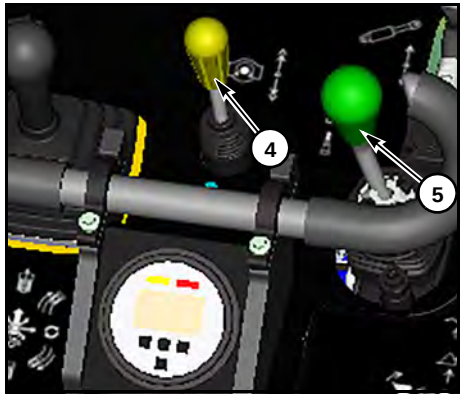
Forward . . . . . lower boom

Forward to detent. . . . . boom float

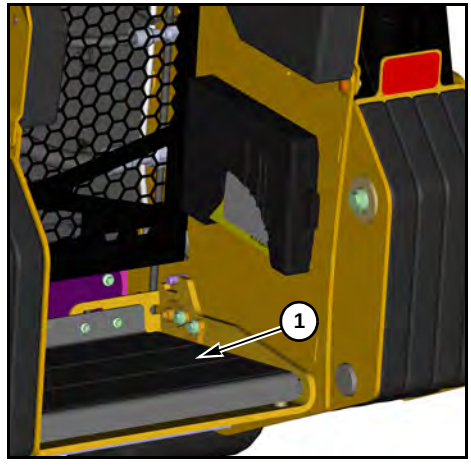
Back . . . . . raise boom

Right . . . . . tilt attachment forward

Left . . . . . tilt attachment back



Operator presence system



The operator presence system uses a switch in the operator platform to detect the presence of an operator. The operator must be standing on the operator presence foot plate **(1)** for the ground drive, lift/tilt functions or auxiliary attachment drive to be engaged.

If the operator leaves the platform while the ground drive, lift/tilt functions and/or attachment drive are engaged, these functions will stop. If lift/tilt joystick is in float, it will continue to lower/float. The auxiliary attachment drive lever must be returned to neutral before the attachment drive can be re-engaged.

The operator presence system is intended for your safety and must be maintained in good functional condition. Contact your Vermeer dealer if it does not function correctly.

Park brake

A spring-applied, hydraulic-released park brake engages the left track when the engine is off or the operator leaves the platform with the engine on. The brake will engage within 4 in (10 cm) of travel.

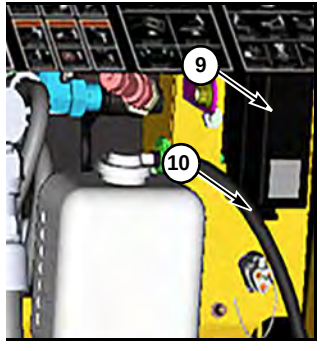
Boom lift/attachment tilt lockout override

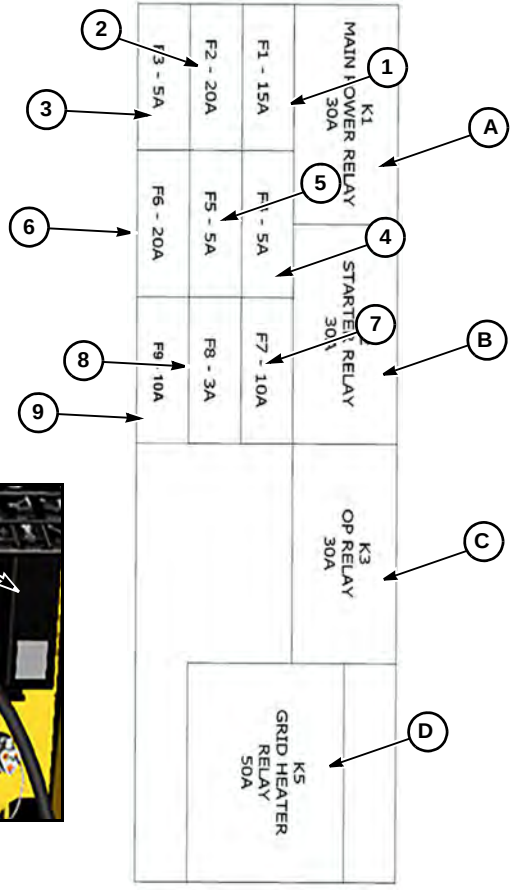
In the event of a non-functioning machine, the boom can be lowered and the attachment tilted by standing on operator's platform, turning the ignition key to the run position and then moving the lift/tilt joystick. In case of a discharged battery, connect jumper battery to the discharged battery posts. Refer to "Jump-Starting procedure," *page 22-5.*

Fuses and relays

Fuses and relays protect electrical circuits and are located in the engine compartment. Replace fuses with the correct rating to prevent damaging electrical system.

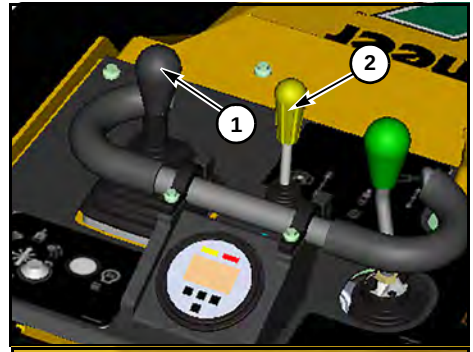
Fuse location	Function
(1) 15A	Starter relay
(2) 20A	Keyswitch power
(3) 5A	Ignition power
(4) 5A	Engine control module (ECM) power
(5) 5A	Exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) power
(6) 20A	ECM switched power
(7) 10A	12V Aux
(8) 3A	ECU diagnostic
(9) 80A	Power fuse
(10) 50A	Grid heater fuse - optional
Relay location	**Function**
(A) K1	Main power relay
(B) K2	Starter relay
(C) K3	OP relay
(D) K5	Grid heater relay (option)





Section 22: Starting procedure

Starting the engine



Step 1: Stand with both feet on operator platform.

Step 2: Ensure ground drive joystick **(1)** is in neutral.

Step 3: Move auxiliary attachment drive lever **(2)** to neutral.

Step 4: Move ignition switch to run position.

If equipped with a preheater, move switch to preheat/run position. Wait for preheat indicator light to turn off.

Step 5: Turn ignition switch **(3)** to start position; release when engine starts.

NOTICE: If engine does not start within 15 seconds, turn key off, wait 60 seconds, then begin engine starting sequence over again. Do not allow the starter motor to run continuously for more than 15 seconds.

Step 6: Do not operate the engine under load until engine has warmed up.

Refer to the engine operation manual for detailed information.

Cold weather starting

Engine

CAUTION: Handheld aerosol starting aid use can cause explosion. Personal injury is possible from flying debris and fire. Do not use handheld aerosol starting aids such as ether.

NOTICE: Handheld aerosol starting aid can cause explosion. Engine damage is possible. Do not use handheld aerosol starting aids such as ether.

When operating in cold weather it is important to use the recommended engine oil viscosity and fuel to reduce starting issues. Before operating in cold weather below 32°F (0°C), refer to the engine operation manual for recommended engine oil, fuel and starting procedures. At temperatures below 32°F (0°C), the engine has a throttle delay which will prevent increasing the engine RPM until the engine is warm.

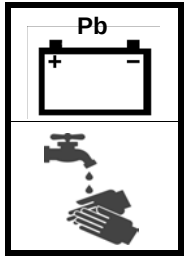
Refer to the engine operation manual for recommendations and procedures for use of cold weather starting aids.

Hydraulic fluid

Allow adequate time for hydraulic oil to warm up, especially in cold weather. Refer to the *Section 70: Specifications* section of the maintenance manual for recommended hydraulic fluids.

NOTICE: Reduce engine speed if hydraulic pump squeals. This indicates a lack of oil, which can damage the pump.

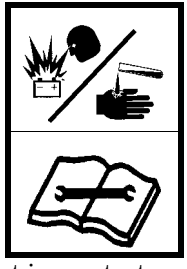
Jump-Starting



WARNING: Battery post, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds.

Wash hands after handling.

Battery explosion - avoid



WARNING: Battery fumes are flammable and can explode. Keep all burning materials away from battery. Battery explosion can blind. Acid can blind and burn. Tools and cable clamps can make sparks.

Do not smoke. Shield eyes and face. Read instructions.

Do not jump-start or charge a battery that is frozen or low on electrolyte.

Do not allow vehicle used to jump-start to be in contact with the disabled machine. Vehicles in contact have a ground connection which allows a spark to occur at the battery when the positive jumper cable is connected or removed. If equipped with battery caps, they must be in place and tight to reduce risk of battery explosion.

NOTICE: Use only a 12-volt system for jump-starting.

Battery burns - avoid

Battery contains sulfuric acid which can cause severe burns. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

In case of acid contact:

External: Flush with plenty of water. If eyes have been exposed flush with water for 15 minutes and get prompt medical attention.

Internal: Drink large quantities of water or milk, followed with milk of magnesia, beaten egg or vegetable oil. Call a physician immediately.

Jump-Starting procedure

Step 1: Turn ignition switch to off. Follow *Shutdown procedure*, page *23-1.*

Step 2: Open engine access door **(1)**.

Step 3: Connect jumper cables in the following order:

a. Red to discharged battery positive (+) terminal **(2)** or positive (+) post **(2)** located on the right outside of machine.

b. Red to boost battery positive (+) terminal **(3)**.

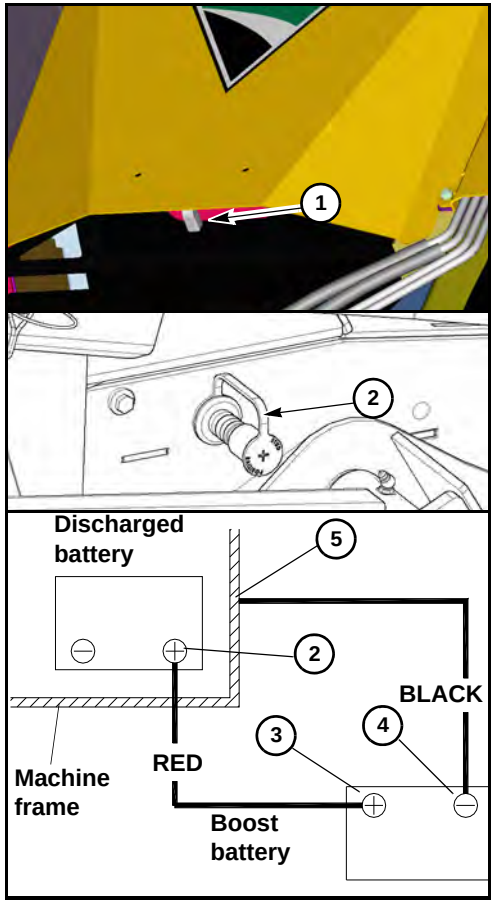
c. Black to boost battery negative (-) terminal **(4)**.

d. Black to frame **(5)** of machine with the discharged battery. Make connection away from battery, hydraulic lines and moving parts.

NOTICE: To avoid sparks, disconnect black cable at point **(5)** before adjusting red cable at point **(2)**.

Step 4: Start engine.

Step 5: Remove cables in **reverse** order and install covers over cable clamps. Close and latch engine access door.



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Section 23: Shutdown procedure

For your safety and the safety of others, follow shutdown procedure before working on the machine for any reason, including servicing, maintaining, cleaning, inspecting, unclogging or transporting machine, or as otherwise directed in operator's manual.

Step 1: Park machine on a level surface.

Step 2: Move ground drive joystick to neutral.

Step 3: Move auxiliary attachment drive lever to neutral.

Step 4: Fully lower attachment onto the ground.

Step 5: Move throttle to low position and run for a minimum of 15 seconds.

NOTICE: Whenever practical and safe, allow engine to idle for 1 to 5 minutes before shutting down after operating at full power. Please consult machine's engine manual for details.

Step 6: Shut off engine and remove key.

A variation of the above procedure may be used if so instructed within this manual or if an emergency requires it.

Park brake will engage when operator steps off platform or engine is shut off and spring-applied park brake pin is aligned between sprocket teeth. The brake will engage within 4 in (10 cm) of travel.

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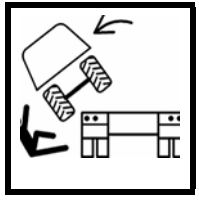
Section 30: Transporting the machine

Loading/Unloading the machine



WARNING: Unintended machine movement may occur when loading or unloading on slippery, dirty or uneven trailer surfaces. Death or serious injury can result if struck or crushed by machine. Ensure trailer is level and all loading surfaces are clean and free of debris. Do not attempt to load onto slippery trailer surfaces. Use smooth and controlled steering movements.

- Read the towing vehicle and trailer manuals for safety precautions and information.
- Ensure gross weight of the machine with attachments is within the weight limits of the trailer and towing vehicle.
- Properly attach trailer to towing vehicle and chock wheels or set park brake of towing vehicle.
- Ensure you are qualified to operate the machine. Refer to “Operator qualifications,” *page 40-1.*
- Keep attachment(s) as low as practical while loading and unloading.
- Slowly drive machine on and off trailer squarely to minimize steering.
- Do not attempt to steer machine when balanced at trailer/ramp transition.
- Position machine at location for tie-downs and weight distribution as recommended by trailer manufacturer.

See *Section 70: Specifications* in the maintenance manual for machine weights.

Loading/Unloading

- Back up the ramp while loading and drive forward down the ramp while unloading when there is a light attachment on the front weighing less than 200 lb (90 kg), such as a standard bucket or forks, or when the attachment has been removed. Driving with operator downhill may result in machine tipping backward.
- Drive forward up the ramp while loading and back down the ramp while unloading when there is a heavier attachment on the front. Driving with the heavy attachment downhill may result in machine tipping forward.
- Always travel on ramp with attachment as low as practical.
- Never stop or start suddenly while on ramp. Sudden stopping or starting may result in tipping forward or backward. Drive slowly and smoothly while on ramp.
- Avoid steering on ramps. Steering may cause machine to turn suddenly and fall off ramp or cause ramp to move and fall.
- Position machine and attachments to provide the trailer tongue load recommended by the trailer manufacturer.
- Securely attach loose attachments and machine to trailer.

WARNING: Operator's leg can be crushed if machine is moved rearward while standing on the ground. Operator presence foot plate must function properly. Never move machine with one or both feet on the ground. Keep both feet on the foot plate.

WARNING: Machine travel stops if foot platform lifts up during machine travel. Sudden stops from higher travel speeds could throw you from machine, or the machine could tip over. To help avoid sudden stops, keep both feet fully on the platform and stand as far to the rear as practical. Slow down when traveling over uneven ground.

Driving onto trailer

NOTICE: Machine is not intended to be driven on public roads.

Step 1: *Refer to "Starting procedure," page 22-1.*

Step 2: Prepare machine to drive onto the trailer. Load and unload machine and attachments in a sequence that does not require you to back off the trailer without an attachment on the machine. Backing down a ramp without an attachment, or with a light attachment, may cause the machine to tip rearward.

Step 3: Align machine with trailer ramps with heavy end on uphill side.

Step 4: Position loader arms to avoid having to move the attachment while driving on the ramps:

- The attachment should be raised before backing onto ramps so it will not contact the ground as the tracks start up the ramps.
- The attachment should be raised just enough before driving forward onto the ramps to prevent the attachment from contacting the ramps.

Step 5: Slowly move the machine up the trailer ramps. Minimize steering while on the ramps. Steering while on the ramps may result in the machine driving off the side of the ramps or cause ramps to move and drop off the trailer deck.

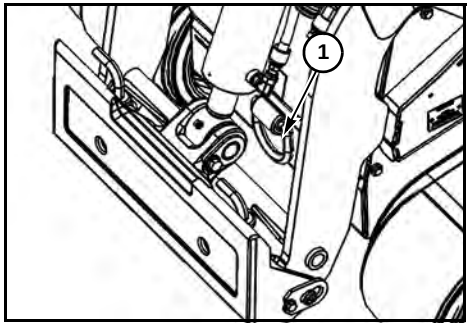
Step 6: Lower the attachment as low as possible once the machine is off the ramps and onto the trailer deck.

Step 7: Stop machine when tie-down position is reached. Tie-down position distributes machine weight on the trailer as recommended by the trailer manufacturer.

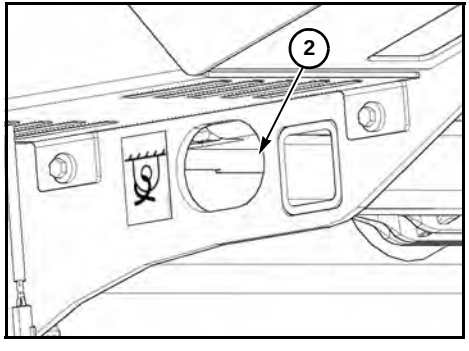
Step 8: Lower lift arms and adjust tilt until attachment is firmly on trailer deck.

Step 9: Shut off engine and remove key.

Step 10: Fasten machine to trailer using front **(1)** and rear **(2)** tie-down points provided on the machine. Attachments that are detached from the loader need to be properly secured for transport.



WARNING: Attachments could slip off the trailer after being disconnected from the machine, resulting in a crushing injury. When disconnecting and backing the machine away from the side of a trailer, take precautions to assure the attachments are properly secured to the trailer.



Driving off trailer

Step 1: Remove tie-down straps or chains.

Step 2: *Refer to "Starting procedure," page 22-1.*

Step 3: Prepare machine to be unloaded.

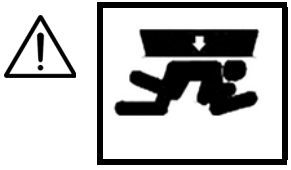
Step 4: Align machine with the trailer ramps, with the heavy end on the uphill side.

Step 5: Position loader arms to avoid having to move the attachment while driving down the ramps:

- Before backing down the ramp, the attachment should be raised just enough so the attachment will not contact the ramps as the tracks leave the ramp.
- Before driving forward down the ramp, the attachment should be raised just enough to prevent the attachment from contacting the ground as the machine reaches the end of the ramps.

Step 6: Slowly move machine down the ramp to the ground. Minimize steering while on the ramps. Steering while on the ramps may result in the machine driving off the ramps or cause the ramps to move and drop off the trailer deck.

Loading with crane



WARNING: Raised load can shift or fall. Death or serious injury could be possible if struck or crushed by falling load. Never allow anyone under a raised load unless load is securely supported to prevent it from shifting or falling.

A lift eye **(1)** is provided to hoist the machine onto the transport vehicle with a crane.

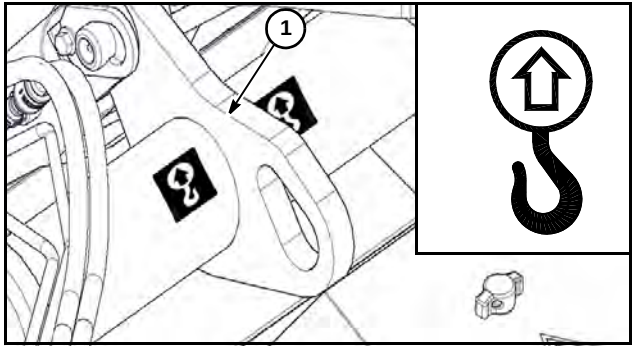
Attachment must be removed before lifting machine. Refer to "Attachment - remove," *page 40-12.*

Fully raise lift arms and install lift arm support bar before lifting for proper balance of the machine. Refer to "Lift arm support bar - install/ remove," *page 60-2.*

Lifting sling must be rated for a load of 4,500 lb (2 000 kg).

Maintain a level lift.

Maximum gross machine weight is approximately 4,000 lb (1 814 kg).



Machine - retrieval

The following procedures are intended to be used when towing a machine which has become mired or disabled.

NOTICE: Towing requires bypassing the ground drive pump and releasing the park brake.

Connect a suitable towing device to either front tie-down points **(1)** or rear tie-down points **(2)**.

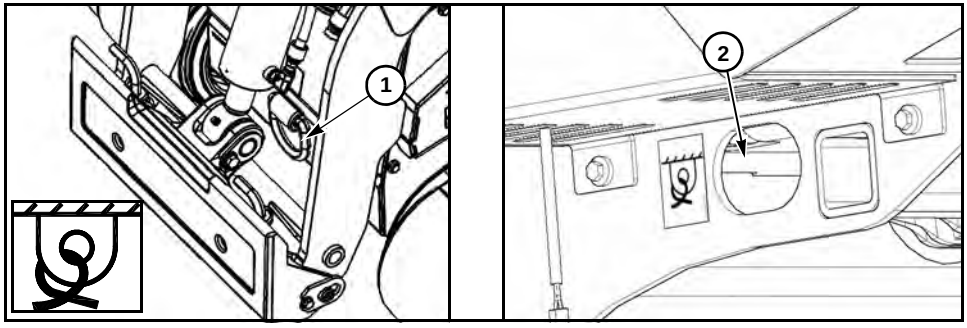
Towing the machine

When machine needs to be towed a short distance due to engine or ground drive failure, do the following:

WARNING: Machine will freewheel with the brake released and prepared for towing.

- Use only wire rope cable with sufficient strength. Inspect cable for fraying and wear. Do not use if frayed or worn.
- The strength of the towing device must be at least 150% of **towing** machine weight.
- If the brakes must be released, securely block the machine before releasing brakes to prevent unintended movement.
- Use a towing machine with sufficient power, weight and braking capacity to maintain control of the disabled machine. The towing machine should be at least as large as the disabled machine. If retrieving on a downhill grade, use a second machine on the opposite end of the disabled machine to prevent the disabled machine from overrunning the towing machine.
- Provide barriers to prevent injury to machine operators if cable fails. Keep anyone on the ground at least two times the length of the cable away.
- Never try to jerk the disabled machine in order to get the machine to move. Sudden cable overload may cause cable to fail.

Towing requires bypassing the ground drive pump and releasing the park brake.



Step 1: Apply park brake. Refer to “Park brake,” *page 20-7.*

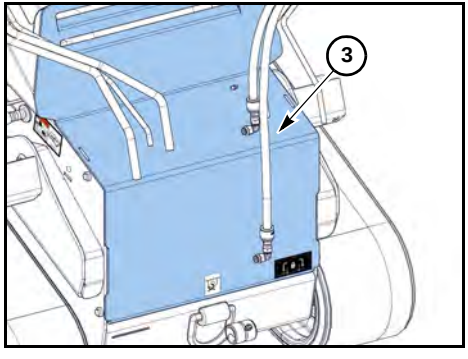
Step 2: Attach a suitable towing chain to front tie-down point **(1)** or rear tie-down points **(2)** to retrieve the machine in the event that the machine becomes mired or disabled.

Step 3: Raise loader arms and install support bar. Refer to “Lift arm support bar - install/remove,” *page 60-2.*

Step 4: Follow *Shutdown procedure*, page *23-1.* Leave loader arms raised. Refer to “Right joystick - lift/tilt controls,” *page 20-6.*

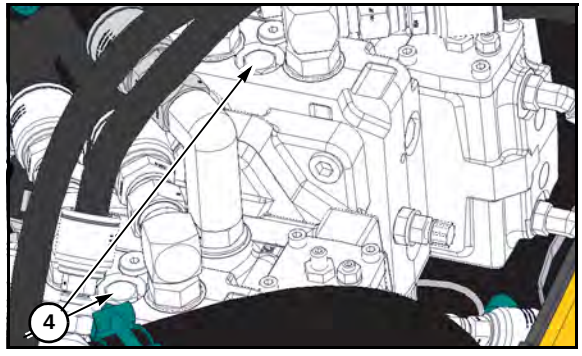
Step 5: Place chocks in front and back of right track.

Step 6: Access to tow valves is under front pump cover **(3)**.

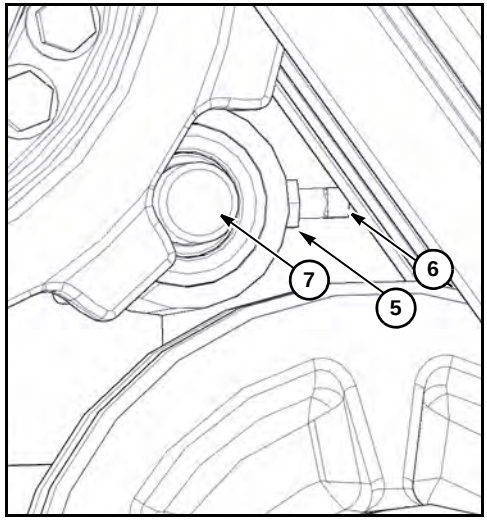


NOTICE: Towing requires bypassing the ground drive pump.

Step 7: Open engine shield and remove front pump cover **(3)**. Unscrew the bypass valves **(4)** located on top side of ground drive pumps a maximum of two turns. These valves allow the motors to turn.



Step 8: Release park brake. To release park brake, loosen jam nut **(5)**, then loosen setscrew **(6)**. Push in pin **(7)** enough to clear sprocket teeth. Tighten setscrew and jam nut to hold pin in released position. Grease fitting may have to be removed.



NOTICE: Machine could roll downhill after park brake is released and chocks are removed. If possible, ensure machine is on a stable and reasonably level surface prior to attempting to retrieve. Proper chocking of tracks is critical to keep machine stationary until ready to tow.

Step 9: Move towing vehicle in direction of intended travel to take up slack in towing chain. Carefully remove wheel chocks.

Step 10: Tow disabled skid steer to a firm and level surface.

NOTICE: While towing, the ground speed of the machine must not exceed 1 – 2 mph (2 – 3 km/h). Higher speeds will cause heat buildup which will damage the pumps and motors.

Do not tow more than 100 ft (30 m).

After towing

Step 1: Re-engage park brake, loosen jam nut **(5)**, and then loosen setscrew **(6)** to free pin.

Step 2: Tighten jam nut **(5)** to secure setscrew **(6)**.

- Ensure pin operates freely after jam nut **(5)** is tightened.
- Pin must align between sprocket teeth to engage park brake. Pin has to engage sprocket teeth by at least 5/8 in (16 mm).

Step 3: Tighten bypass valves prior to returning machine to service. These valves must be fully closed after towing for normal tractor operation. Torque bypass valves to 15 – 18 ft-lb (20 – 24.5 Nm).

NOTICE: Do not attempt to push-start the machine. Damage to ground drive pumps or motors will result if towing instructions are not followed correctly.

Cleaning machine

NOTICE: Machine controls and electrical/electronic devices are not rated to withstand high pressure water and temperature power washers. Water intrusion will likely cause malfunction or damage to any devices hit directly by the water spray. Keep pressure washer stream away from machine controls and electrical/electronic devices. Compressed air can also push moisture through some connector and component seals. Do not point air nozzle directly at seal areas.

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Section 40: Preparation

Operator qualifications

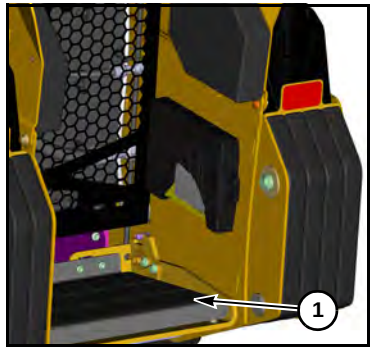
WARNING: Read operator's manual and safety signs, and watch the operations and safety video, before operating machine.

Allow only responsible, properly instructed individuals to operate machine.

Become familiar with the controls, operation and use of the machine under the supervision of a trained and experienced operator.

The operator must be familiar with the workplace's safety rules and regulations, and must be mentally and physically capable of operating the machine safely.

Operator presence switch

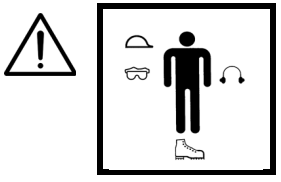


The operator presence system uses a switch in the operator platform to detect the presence of an operator. The operator must be standing on the operator presence foot plate **(1)** for the ground drive, lift/tilt functions or auxiliary attachment drive to be engaged.

If the operator leaves the platform while the ground drive, lift/tilt functions, and/or attachment drive are engaged, these functions will stop. If lift/tilt joystick is in float, it will continue to lower/float. The auxiliary attachment drive lever must be returned to off before ground drive and attachment drive can be re-engaged.

The operator presence system is intended for your safety and must be maintained in good functional condition. Contact your Vermeer dealer if it does not function correctly.

Personal protection



WARNING: Wear personal protective equipment (PPE). Dress properly. Death or serious injury possible when not wearing proper PPE.

Operating the machine will require you to wear personal protective equipment. You should always wear a hard hat, safety shoes, hearing protection and eye protection. Wear high visibility clothing if working near traffic.

Hearing protection is required when operating the machine. Hearing protection devices provide differing levels of sound reduction. It is important to select a device that is adequate and appropriate for your specific work environment. Actual sound levels may vary widely, depending on your working conditions. To determine the level of hearing protection your work environment requires, enlist the help of your local environmental noise specialist.

Eye protection must consist of wraparound safety glasses or goggles.

Others working in immediate area must also wear the above listed protective equipment.

Avoid wearing jewelry, such as rings, wristwatches, necklaces or bracelets.

Sound levels

Sound pressure and sound power levels were determined according to test procedures specified in ISO 3744 and ISO 6395 and 6396.

Equivalent continuous A-Weighted sound pressure at operator's ear as specified by ISO 6396. . . . . = 89 dB(A)

Sound power level as determined by directive ISO6395 . . . . . = 103 dB(A)

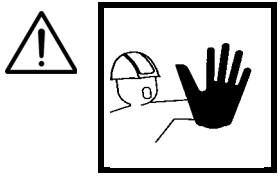
Stated sound levels are representative for a given operating condition. Operating conditions may vary at each site. The actual sound levels for your application and operating conditions may be different.

Vibration levels

Whole body vibration exposure has been measured according to ISO 2631 . . . . . = below 0.5 m/s^2

Hand/arm vibration exposure has been measured according to ISO 5349 . . . . . = below 2.5 m/s^2

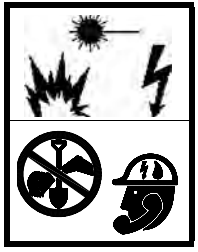
Prepare the area



WARNING: Keep all spectators and other workers away from the machine and work area while in operation.

Locate buried utilities

Call your One-Call system first



WARNING: Striking an electrical line can cause electrocution. Striking gas line can cause an explosion. Cutting a fiber optic cable could result in eye damage caused by laser light. Death or serious injury possible.

Locate utilities before digging. Call 811, 1-888-258-0808, or access www.call811.com, (U.S. only); or contact local utility companies or national regulating authority.

Before you start any digging project, contact the local One-Call system in your area and any utility company that does not subscribe to the One-Call system. For areas not represented by One-Call Systems International, contact the appropriate utility companies or national regulating authority to locate and mark underground installations. If all utilities are not properly located, you may have an accident or suffer injuries, cause interruption of services, damage the environment or experience job delays.

The One-Call representative will notify participating utility companies of your proposed digging activities. Utilities will then mark their underground facilities by using the following international marking codes:

Red	Electric	Green/Brown	Sewer
Yellow	Gas, oil or petroleum	White	Proposed excavation
Orange	Communication, telephone, TV	Pink	Surveying
Blue	Potable water		

OSHA CFR 29 1926.651 requires that the estimated location of underground utilities be determined before beginning excavation or underground drilling operation. When actual excavation or bore approaches an estimated utility location, the exact location of the underground installation must be determined by a safe, acceptable and dependable method. If utility cannot be precisely located, it must be shut off by the utility company.

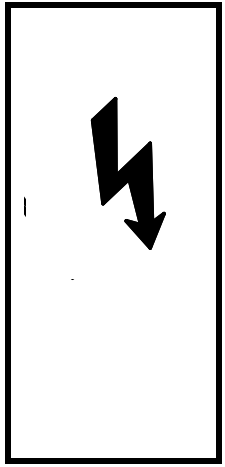
Look for evidence of underground placement

Visually check for:

- notices of underground placements
- manhole covers
- drop boxes
- recent trenching activity

Striking a utility

Electricity

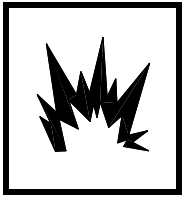


DANGER: Striking an electrical line can energize machine, all connected equipment and surrounding ground surface. Death or serious injury will result due to electrocution to anyone contacting equipment. If strike occurs, do the following:

- Stay on machine: keep feet on platform.
- Contact utility company to shut off electrical power.
- Do not allow anyone to approach the machine or any connected equipment.
- Anyone already on ground surface should move away using small shuffling steps.
- Do not resume operation until utility company declares area safe.

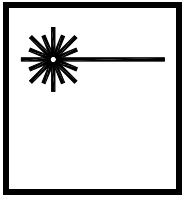
Some circuit breakers automatically reset. Do not assume power has been permanently disconnected until you confirm that the utility company has locked out power to that line.

Gas



WARNING: Working where flammable gas is present or striking a gas line could result in an explosion. Death or serious injury could result from flying debris, burns or force of explosion. Immediately shut off engine, evacuate area, and contact utility company. Do not return until utility company gives permission to do so.

Fiber Optic



WARNING: Damaged or open fiber optic cable emits laser light which may be invisible and exposes microscopic glass shards. Blindness or serious eye injury could result if exposed to laser light. Damage to skin, lungs and eyes could result due to contact with microscopic glass shards. Do not look into cable. Do not handle cable. Contact appropriate utility company.

Jobsite assessment

Examine work area for any obstructions, conditions, or situations which may impair machine operation or create a safety hazard for the operator or other persons. Use the information in this manual combined with your own good judgment when identifying these hazards and implementing hazard avoidance measures.

Check for steep slopes, banks, overhangs, drop-offs and trenches which can cave in.

WARNING: The weight of your machine may cause the ground to give way. Machine can fall and tip over. Death or serious injury could result. Keep well away from cliff edges. Do not dig under the machine or attachment. Take care when backfilling. Do not go too close to edges. Do not drive or operate on unstable ground.

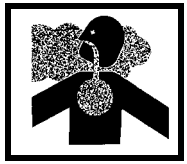
WARNING: Cliff and high banks can fall on you. Take care when working below overhangs. Do not dig away beneath them. Look out for rock falls and soil slips.

When work is planned inside or around structures such as buildings, bridges, and low-hanging tree limbs, check for adequate overhead and side clearances. Be sure to account for the height of the boom.

The operator or job foreman should also inspect the jobsite for:

- Holes, rocks or other hidden hazards
- Traffic/site access

Remove any obstacles or materials that could result in injury or damage the machine.

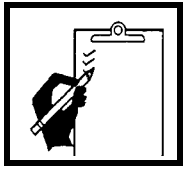


WARNING: Engine exhaust can asphyxiate or poison resulting in death or serious injury. Operate machine outdoors. If it is necessary to operate engine in an enclosed area, properly vent exhaust gases.

Good ventilation is very important. Sparks from the electrical system and engine exhaust can cause an explosion or fire in a flammable or explosive atmosphere. Do not operate this machine in an area with flammable dust or vapors.

Carbon monoxide fumes from the engine can asphyxiate. Operate only outdoors or provide adequate ventilation if indoor operation is essential.

Prepare the machine



WARNING: Check machine before operating. Machine must be in good operating condition and all safety equipment installed and functioning properly.

- Ensure you understand and comply with all jobsite rules that might apply to your work situation.
- If operating along a road, properly warn and divert motor and pedestrian traffic. Use all necessary signs, cones, flag persons or lighting devices needed for the work situation.

Attachments

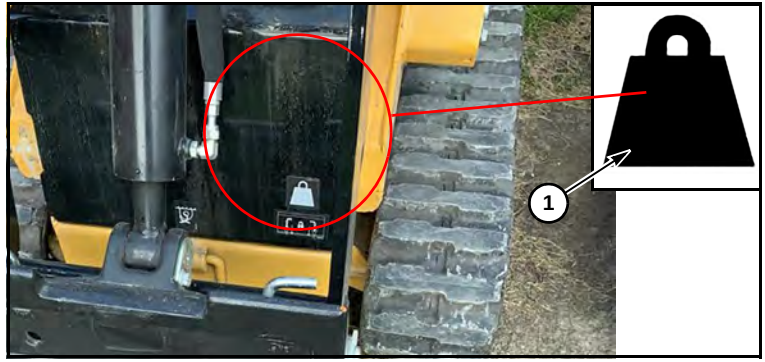
WARNING: Using attachments authorized by Vermeer Corporation is important for your safety. Using unauthorized attachments may cause difficulties with steering, stopping, stability and other undesirable performance or handling characteristics, or they may not attach securely to your machine. Never use unauthorized attachments.

Only use attachments that Vermeer Corporation has authorized for use on Vermeer mini skid steers.

Vermeer approved attachment models with symbol **(1)** are designed for use with this machine.

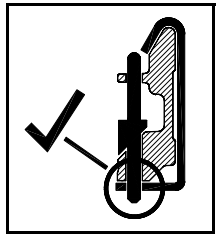
There may be some attachment models approved without the symbol **(1)**.

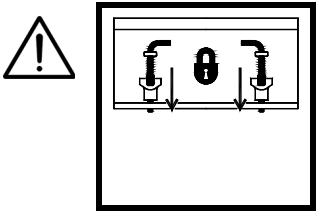
The chart of attachments, approved for this model when this manual was published, can be found in Section 5: "Authorized attachment chart," *page 5-1*. Contact your Vermeer dealer or visit www.vermeer.com for the latest chart of authorized attachments.



Install/Remove

Before connecting any attachment to the machine, ensure all machine and attachment mounting plates are free of dirt and debris in order to ensure the attachment can be properly connected.





WARNING: Attachment can fall off loader attachment mounting plate if incorrectly attached. Death or serious injury could result.

When installing attachment, be certain that pins snap into place, pin tops are rotated 180° inward, and pin ends are visible beneath attachment mount.

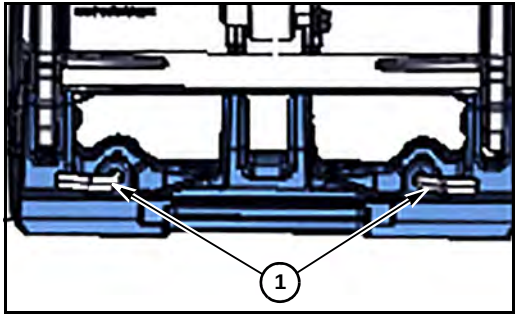
Attachment - install

Step 1: Position attachment on a level surface with sufficient area behind it to accommodate the machine.

Step 2: Ensure pins are rotated so that tops of pins face outward as shown **(1)**.

Step 3: Start machine and lower lift arm. Tilt loader mounting plate forward slightly.

Step 4: Drive machine forward, aligning loader mounting plate with attachment.



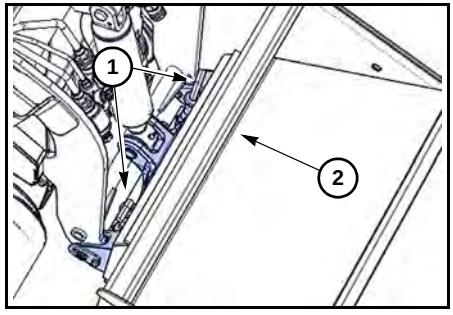
Step 5: Once top edge of mounting plate enters under lip of attachment mount as shown **(2)**, raise lift arm while tilting mounting plate back to securely engage attachment.

Step 6: Raise attachment sufficiently to clear the ground. Tilt attachment plate back fully.

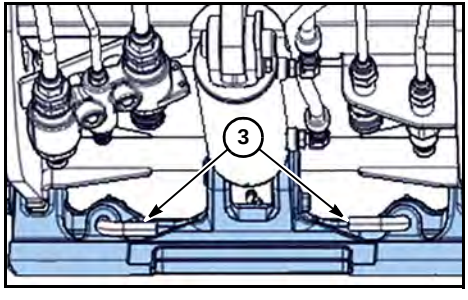
Step 7: Ensure ground drive and attachment lift and tilt controls are in neutral, and shut off machine and remove key.

Step 8: Rotate pins 180° so that pins engage and extend through bottom of attachment mount and are visible beneath attachment mount. Tops of pins must face inward as shown **(3)**.

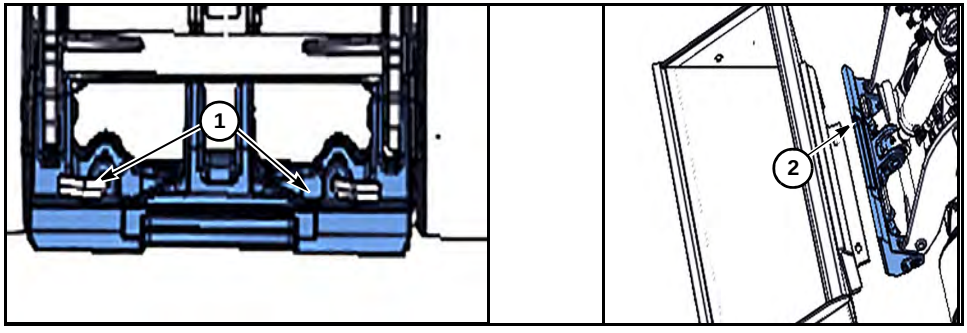
Step 9: Attach hydraulics if required. Refer to “Hydraulics - attach/detach,” *page 40-13.*



NOTICE: Ensure pin ends extend through and are visible beneath attachment mount.



Attachment - remove



Step 1: Attach hydraulic power if required. Refer to “Hydraulics - attach,” *page 40-14.*

Step 2: Lower lift arms until attachment rests on the ground. Ensure ground drive, attachment lift and tilt controls are in neutral, then shut off engine and remove key.

Step 3: To unlatch attachment, rotate pins **(1)** 180° so that top of pin faces outward as shown.

Step 4: Tilt loader mounting plate **(2)** forward slightly. Lower lift arms if necessary.

Step 5: Drive machine in reverse to detach loader from attachment.

If detaching an attachment onto a trailer with the machine positioned on the ground, place the attachment to prevent it from falling off.

WARNING: Attachments could slip off the trailer after being disconnected from the machine, resulting in a crushing injury. When disconnecting and backing the machine away from the side of a trailer, take precautions to assure the attachments are properly secured to the trailer.

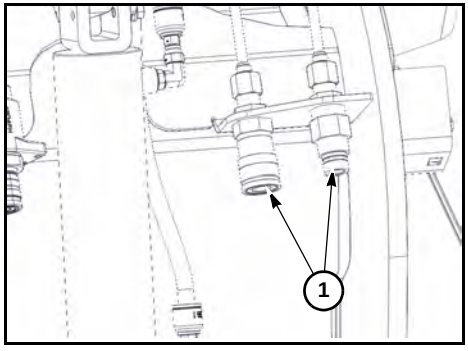
Hydraulics - attach/detach

WARNING: Pressurized fluid can penetrate body tissue and result in death or serious injury. Leaks can be invisible. Keep away from any suspected leaks. Relieve pressure in the hydraulic system before searching for leaks, disconnecting hoses, or performing any other work on the system. If you must pressurize the system to find a suspected leak, use an object such as a piece of wood or cardboard rather than your hands. When loosening a fitting where some residual pressure may exist, slowly loosen the fitting until oil begins to leak. Wait for leaking to stop before disconnecting the fitting. Fluid injected under the skin must be removed immediately by a surgeon familiar with this type of injury.

WARNING: Contact with hot hydraulic couplers, hoses and fluid may result in burns. Wear gloves when connecting and disconnecting hydraulic hoses, and wait until unit has cooled before touching hydraulic components.

NOTICE: Ensure all foreign matter is cleaned from hydraulic connectors before making connections.

Hydraulics - attach



If attachment requires hydraulic power, after securing attachment to the machine:

Step 6: Follow *Shutdown procedure*, page *23-1.*

Step 7: Stand on operator's platform.

Step 8: Turn ignition switch to run position, but do not start engine.

Step 9: Move right joystick - lift/tilt controls in all four directions, holding in each direction for a few seconds to relieve pressure.

Step 10: Move auxiliary attachment drive lever forward and back to relieve pressure in the auxiliary lines.

Step 11: Connect hoses to auxiliary hydraulic couplers **(1)**. Confirm that connection is secure by pulling on couplers.

When loosening fittings in hoses where residual pressure may exist, slowly loosen fitting until oil begins to leak. Wait for leaking to stop before disconnecting the fitting. Ensure all connections are tight and hoses are in good condition before applying pressure to the system.

Hydraulics - detach

Step 1: Lower lift arms until attachment rests on the ground. Ensure ground drive and auxiliary attachment levers are in neutral. Shut off engine and remove key.

Step 2: Move auxiliary attachment drive lever forward, backward, and back to neutral position to relieve hydraulic pressure.

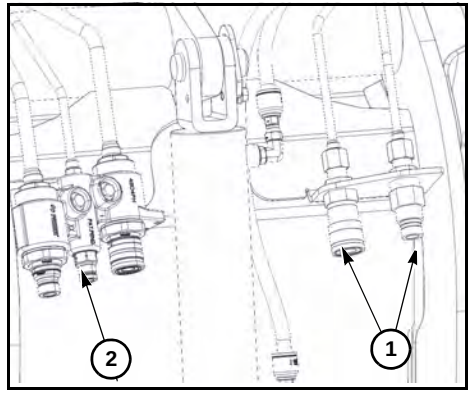
Step 3: Unhook hoses from auxiliary hydraulic couplers. Remove attachment from machine.

Auxiliary low flow/closed center valve

Machine is equipped with optional auxiliary connections **(1)** and an extra tank port **(2)**. This auxiliary connection was designed to be used with attachments requiring lower flow, closed center (holding) operation, much like a cylinder.

The auxiliary hydraulic couplers are attached and detached in the same manner as standard connections.

Some attachments that use the standard, higher flow connections may have a case drain line that can be attached to the tank port **(2)**.



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Section 50: Operating the machine

Load capacities

The CTX160 has a rated operating capacity of 1,600 lb (726 kg) when tested in accordance with SAE J2752 and ISO 14397-1 standards.

NOTICE: Ensure weight of attachment plus materials being handled does not exceed the machine's operating capacity. Very dense materials weigh more than less dense materials; reduce load size when lifting dense materials. Refer to manuals supplied with attachments for attachment weights.

Driving safety

Before driving

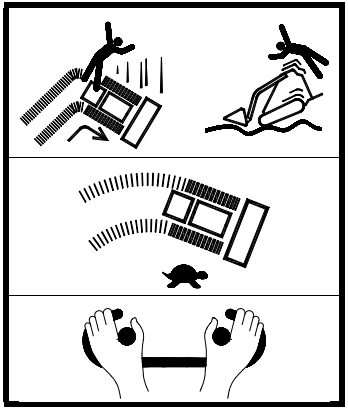
Until the operator is familiar with the controls and understands the capability of the machine, use a slower ground speed to move the machine. Use reduced speeds when operating in rough terrain or in small areas.

A handgrip bar is provided to allow the operator to keep both hands on the bar to securely ride on the machine. Always keep both hands firmly on the handgrip before starting to move the machine. Keep both hands on the grip whenever moving or operating ground drive controls. Return controls to neutral before removing your hands from the handgrip bar. Survey the area around the machine for persons or obstacles before driving or operating the mini skid steer.

Place your hands, palms down, on the handgrip bar so your fingers are on the forward area of the bar and the palms on the rear portion of the bar, with the joystick knob cradled between your thumb and forefinger. This provides a secure grip and good lever control.

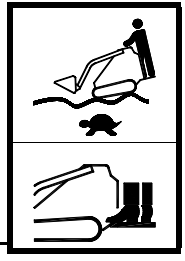
This machine is not intended to be driven on public roads.

While driving



WARNING: Abrupt movement and uneven terrain can throw operator off machine.

Avoid abrupt starts, stops and turns.



Slow down on rough and uneven terrain.

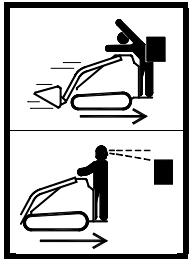
Keep both hands firmly on grips.

Keep both feet on platform.

Move ground drive joystick slowly to start moving the machine smoothly. Avoid sudden stopping, starting or turning unless necessary.

WARNING: Rider may fall out and be injured or killed.

Do not carry riders.



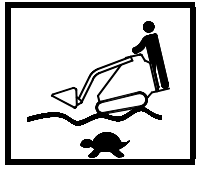
WARNING: Objects behind can crush you.

Look behind when moving rearward.

NOTICE: Slow down and use extra caution when traveling around obstructions that may limit visibility.

Drive machine at a speed suitable for the terrain.

WARNING: Operator's leg can be crushed if machine is moved rearward while standing on the ground. Operator presence foot plate must function properly. Never move machine with one or both feet on the ground. Keep both feet on the foot plate.

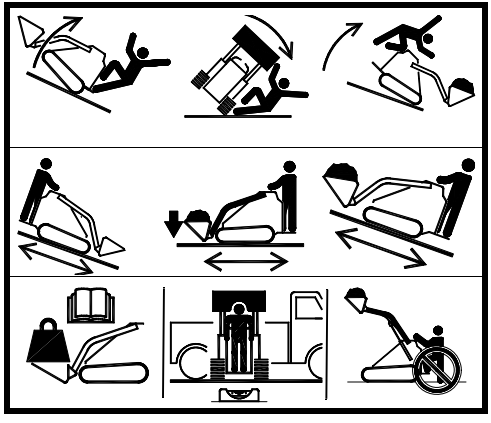


WARNING: Machine travel stops suddenly if foot platform lifts up during machine travel. Sudden stops from higher travel speeds could throw you from machine, or the machine could tip over. To help avoid sudden stops, keep both feet fully on the platform and stand as far to the rear as practical. Slow down when traveling over uneven ground.

Operate machine up and down an incline, not across the incline. Use extra care when working on inclines.

When driving over an object such as a curb, the machine can pitch forward or backward quickly. Watch for these objects and travel very slowly. If you will encounter the same object repeatedly, build a ramp with dirt to make traveling smoother.

Safe operating on slopes



WARNING: Traveling on slopes or with load elevated may result in tipover. Death or serious crushing injury can result.

Always travel with load lowered when traveling up or down slopes. You may also need to keep heavy end uphill for added stability.

Do not exceed rated load capacity.
Load on firm and level ground.
Do not step off platform with load raised.

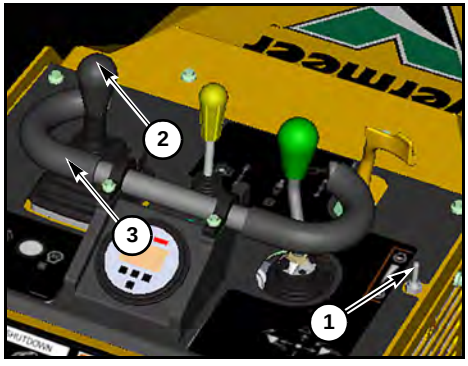
Safe operating on slopes depends on several factors including:

- Machine weight distribution including front loading or absence of load
- Height of load
- Even or rough ground conditions
- Potential for ground giving way, causing either unplanned forward, reverse or sideways tilt
- Nearness of ditches, ruts stumps or other obstructions and sudden changes in slope
- Speed
- Turning
- Braking performance
- Operator skill

These varying factors make it impractical to specify a maximum safe operating angle in this manual. It is therefore important for the operator to be aware of these conditions and adjust operation accordingly. Maximum engine angle and braking performance are two absolute limits which must never be exceeded. These maximums are stated below since they are **design** limits. These angles are not **operating** limits and therefore must never be used alone to establish safe operating angles for varying conditions.

- Maximum engine lubrication angle is 30° intermittent
- Service brake retarding force - equal to traction of both tracks
- Secondary brake - equal to traction of one track
- Park brake holding force - equal to traction of one track

Operating the mini skid steer



Move ground drive joystick slowly to start moving the machine smoothly. Avoid sudden stopping, starting, or turning unless necessary. Operate machine up and down an incline, not across the incline. Use extra care when working on inclines.

When driving over an object such as a curb, the machine can pitch forward or backward quickly. Watch for these objects and travel very slowly. If you will encounter the same object repeatedly, build a ramp with dirt to make traveling smoother.

Step 1: *Refer to "Starting procedure," page 22-1.*

Step 2: Move throttle **(1)** forward and hold until desired engine speed is reached for the work being done.

Step 3: Ensure attachment is in transport position (as low as practical and tilted back).

If operator weight is removed from platform, machine hydraulic functions will stop. If attachment lift/tilt joystick is in float, it will continue to lower/float.

Step 4: Use ground drive joystick **(2)** to move and steer the machine. Do not jerk control lever. Hold firmly onto handgrip **(3)** with both hands while operating.When parking the machine, always follow Shutdown Procedure. Follow *Shutdown procedure,* page *23-1.* Never leave machine with engine running or attachment raised.

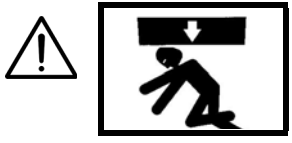
The operator presence system in the operator platform detects the presence of an operator. The operator must be standing on the platform for the ground drive, lift/tilt functions or auxiliary attachment drive to be engaged. Keep both feet on the platform.

Bucket operation

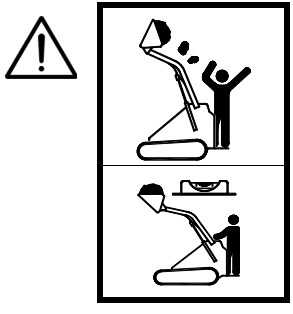
Bucket - install/remove

Follow proper procedures for attaching and removing attachments. Refer to “Attachments,” *page 40-9.*

Safety precautions



WARNING: Never work under an attachment unless it is adequately supported to prevent it from falling unexpectedly.



WARNING: Falling load can crush.

Keep load level when raising lift arms.

Moving machine with load

- When moving the machine with a full bucket, go up or down slope with load (heavy end of machine) facing top of slope. When moving the machine with an empty bucket, go up or down slope with bucket (light end of machine) facing bottom of slope.
- Keep bucket level and as low as practical (carry position), raised only enough to clear any ground obstructions.
- Keep loads as close to the ground as possible for improved machine stability, load stability, and forward visibility.
- Forward visibility can be reduced with certain loads. Loads that obstruct visibility or congested jobsite conditions may require the use of a spotter to assist when driving the machine.
- Watch terrain and avoid slopes, bumps, or depressions which could make machine unstable. Wherever practical, drive directly up or down a slope or curb.
- Do not overload machine. Refer to “Load capacities,” *page 50-1.*
- Avoid double stacked loads. Secure any load that could shift during movement.
- Additional safety information is provided in this section. Refer to “Driving safety,” *page 50-1.*
- Do not step off operator’s platform when loader arms or attachment are raised. Machine stability is reduced and may cause machine to tip forward when you step off.

Filling the bucket

Step 1: Fully lower lift arms.

Step 2: Tilt bucket forward until cutting edge of bucket contacts the ground, and bottom of bucket is level with the ground.

Step 3: Move machine forward slowly into the material while gradually tilting bucket backward as it fills.

Step 4: Move machine backward away from the material.

WARNING: Cliff and high banks can fall on you. Take care when working below overhangs. Do not dig away beneath them. Look out for rock falls and soil slips.

Digging with the bucket

Step 1: Fully lower lift arms.

Step 2: Tilt bucket forward until cutting edge of bucket contacts the ground.

Step 3: Move machine forward slowly, continuing to tilt bucket down until it enters the ground to desired depth.

Step 4: Tilt bucket backward slightly to increase traction and maintain an even digging depth.

Step 5: Continue driving machine forward until bucket is full.

If ground is hard, tilt bucket forward and backward while driving slowly forward.

Step 6: Tilt bucket fully backward when bucket is full.

Emptying the bucket

Step 1: Move machine with bucket in carry position until dump site is reached.

Step 2: Raise lift arms just enough to clear side of truck box or bin while tilting bucket to keep load from spilling. Always load on firm and level ground.

Step 3: Move machine forward slowly until the bucket is over the truck box or bin. If possible, avoid steering while load is raised. Steering results in side motion of the load, which could make the machine unstable. If steering is necessary, move very slowly using smooth steering motion.

Step 4: Tilt bucket forward until it empties. If necessary, use bucket to redistribute materials in the truck box or bin.

Step 5: After dumping load, back away just far enough from truck or container to lower the bucket. Lower bucket before steering. Moving the machine with the bucket raised reduces stability.

Backdragging with the bucket

Step 1: Push lift/tilt joystick fully forward into float position.

Step 2: Tilt bucket down. The farther the bucket is tilted down, the more cutting edge force is applied to move loose material.

Step 3: Move machine in reverse to level loose material.

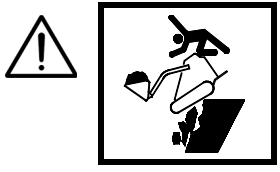
Step 4: Before moving forward, raise loader arms or tilt bucket back to lift the bucket cutting edge off the ground.

Backfilling with the bucket

Step 1: Fully lower lift arms.

Step 2: Use lift/tilt controls to tilt bucket forward until cutting edge of bucket contacts the ground.

Step 3: Move machine forward to the edge of the hole or trench to push material into it.



WARNING: The weight of your machine may cause the ground to give way. Machine can fall and tip over. Death or serious injury could result. Keep well away from cliff edges. Take care when backfilling. Do not go too close to edges. Do not drive or operate on unstable ground.

Step 4: Tilt bucket forward as soon as cutting edge is over the rim of the hole or trench to dump material out of the bucket.

Step 5: If necessary, raise lift arms and tilt bucket forward to empty the bucket.

Operating with other Vermeer-authorized attachments

Refer to the attachment manual supplied by the attachment manufacturer for operating and maintenance instructions for the attachment and additional instructions that may be required for the CTX160.

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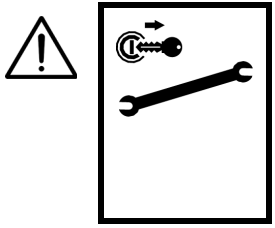
Section 60: Maintenance intervals



WARNING: Failure to use shutdown procedure can result in unexpected hazard(s). Death or serious injury could result due to entanglement, crushing, cutting, or other hazardous contact. Follow Shutdown Procedure after operating, before performing any service or maintenance, sand before transporting. Follow *Shutdown procedure*, page *23-1.*

Visually inspect machine daily before starting the machine.

Make no modifications to your equipment unless specifically recommended by Vermeer Corporation.

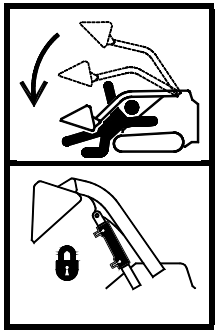
Safety sign maintenance - 100 hours/monthly

Safety signs located on your machine contain important and useful information that will help you operate your equipment safely. Refer to the parts manual for identification and location of safety signs.

To assure that all safety signs remain in place and in good condition, follow instructions given below:

- Keep safety signs clean. Use soap and water—not mineral spirits, abrasive cleaners or other similar cleaners that will damage the sign.
- Replace any damaged or missing safety signs. When attaching safety signs, the mounting surface must be clean, dry and at least 40°F (5°C).
- When replacing a machine component with a safety sign attached, replace safety sign also.
- Replacement safety signs can be purchased from your Vermeer equipment dealer.

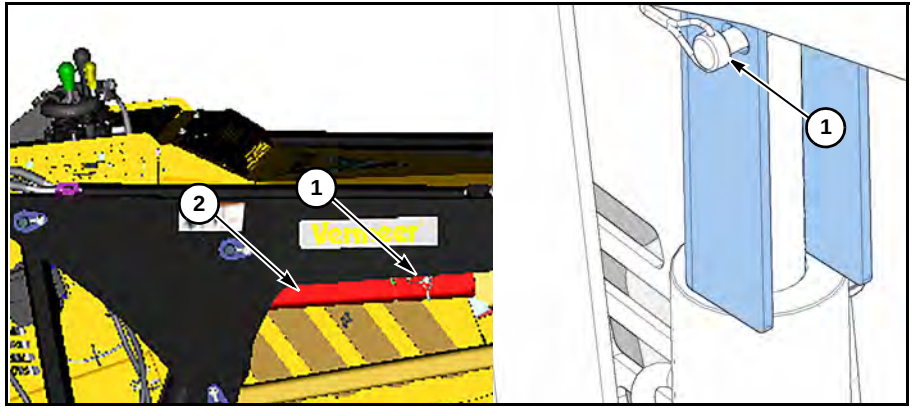
Lift arm support bar - install/remove



WARNING: Falling loader arms can crush.

Completely lower the loader arms or engage lock bar before disconnecting and removing hydraulic components or working under raised arms.

Always empty attachment and install loader arm support bar before working beneath raised loader arms.



Step 1: Remove pin **(1)** and support bar **(2)** from stow location shown in left photo.

Step 2: Raise lift arms to support bar height.

Step 3: Install support bar over lift arm cylinder as shown in right photo. Secure with pin **(1)**.

Step 4: Follow *Shutdown procedure*, page *23-1.*

Step 5: Return support bar to stow location when work is finished. Install pin to retain support bar in stow location.

Maintenance manual

Maintenance intervals are included for reference only. Refer to the maintenance manual for safety guidelines and correct procedures before performing any maintenance.

Refer to the engine operation manual for additional information and service requirements. Shorten maintenance intervals when operating under dusty, dirty conditions.

Greasing the machine

As a general rule, grease machine after it is shut down for the day. This protects the metal under the seals from corrosion caused by condensation as the temperature drops.

Ensure all fittings and grease applicator nozzle are clean before applying the grease. Replace any missing grease fittings immediately.

Welding precautions - review

NOTICE: Welding will damage electronic components. Disconnecting the battery cables will not prevent damage to electronic components during welding.

Refer to *Section 11: Welding precautions* section of the maintenance manual and review all information before attempting before attempting any welding on the machine.

Hourmeter - check for maintenance interval

The hourmeter is used to determine maintenance intervals for the machine. The hourmeter indicates the total number of hours the engine has been in operation.

Maintenance intervals are based on normal operating conditions. When operating under severe conditions, the maintenance intervals should be shortened.

Maintenance interval schedule

Initial = Initial maintenance on new machine. Regular maintenance interval may be different.

● = Regular maintenance interval.

For Vermeer maintenance replacement part numbers, refer to the parts manual or call your Vermeer dealer.

Each maintenance interval is also the title of chapter following this schedule. Refer to the appropriate chapter for instructions. Refer to the engine operation manuals supplied with each machine for complete instructions.

	10 Hrs/ Daily	50 Hrs/ Weekly	100 Hrs/ Monthly	200 Hours	250 Hours	500 Hours	1000 Hours	2000 Hours	As needed
Engine - daily checks	●								
Engine coolant level - check	●								
Engine oil - check	●								
Fuel tanks - fill	●								
Hydraulic fluid - check	●								
Air cleaner - check/service	●								
Boom pivot- grease	●								
Park brake - grease	●								
Track condition - check	●								
Track tension - check	●								
Fuel lines and clamp bands - check		●							
Engine oil and filter - change/replace		Initial							
Hydraulic filter - replacement		Initial							
Fuel filter - replacement		Initial							
Fan belt tightness - check			●						
Machine - overall check			●						

	10 Hrs/ Daily	50 Hrs/ Weekly	100 Hrs/ Monthly	200 Hours	250 Hours	500 Hours	1000 Hours	2000 Hours	As needed
Safety signs maintenance			●						
Neutral start interlocks - check			●						
Park brake - check			●						
Control joystick and levers - check			●						
Controls - check neutral positions			●						
Operator presence system - check			●						
Hydraulic system - check			●						
Hydraulic oil cooling fan - check/service				●					
Radiator hoses and clamps - check				●					
Hydraulic filter - replace					●				
Fuel filter - replace					●				
Engine oil/filter - change						●			
Fuel tanks sediment - remove						●			
Fan belt - replace						●			
Clean engine cooling system						●			
Battery electrolyte levels and terminals - check/clean						●			
Fuel line - check						●			
Air cleaner element - replace						●			
Hydraulic fluid - change							●		
Hydraulic strainer - service							●		
Secondary air cleaner - replace							●		
Engine system - check							●		

	10 Hrs/ Daily	50 Hrs/ Weekly	100 Hrs/ Monthly	200 Hours	250 Hours	500 Hours	1000 Hours	2000 Hours	As needed
Engine cooling system - drain and clean								●	●
Air cleaner element - replace									●
Battery - replace									●
Track tension - adjust									●
Handgrip bar - adjust									●
Storage procedure									●

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o1_00	03/20	All	First Edition Operator's Manual released.
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When operated in California, any off-road diesel vehicle may be subject to the California Air Resources Board In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation. It therefore could be subject to retrofit or accelerated turnover requirements to reduce emissions of air pollutants. For more information, please visit the California Air Resources Board website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/ordiesel.htm.

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