# **OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

**EX1900-5** 

**HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR** 

**HITACHI** 

Serial No. 000101 and up

#### INTRODUCTION

**Read this manual** carefully to learn how to operate and service your machine correctly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury and/or machine damage.

This manual should be considered a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

This machine is of metric design. Measurements in this manual are metric. Use only metric hardware and tools as specified.

Write product identification numbers in the Machine Numbers section. Accurately record all the numbers to help in tracing the machine should it be stolen. Your dealer also needs these numbers when you order parts. If this manual is kept on the machine, also file the identification numbers in a secure place off the machine.

Warranty is provided as a part of Hitachi's support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. The warranty is explained on the warranty certificate which you should have received from your dealer.

This warranty provides you the assurance that Hitachi will back its products when defects occur within the warranty period. In some circumstances, Hitachi also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty. Should the equipment be abused or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.

Moreover, when replacement parts are required, be sure to use genuine Hitachi parts. Failure to do so may result in voiding the warranty and/or denial of field improvements.

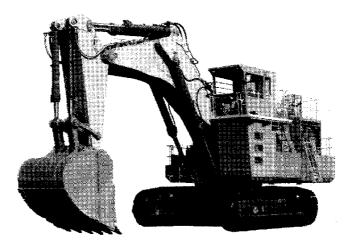
Only qualified, experienced operators officially licensed (according to local law) should be allowed to operate the machine.

Moreover, only officially licensed personnel should be allowed to inspect/service the machine.

The Yellow Pages in this operator's manual contain IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION.

Read these pages thoroughly and familiarize yourself with the safety standards and recommendations set forth in these yellow pages of the manual. Follow all safety instructions prior to and while operating the excavator.

Prior to operating this machine, it may be necessary to make modifications to it so that it complies with the local standards (including safety standards) and requirements of your country. Please do not operate this machine until such comliance has been confirmed. Please contact Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. or any of our authorized concerning compliance.



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#### RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

- These are the SAFETY ALERT SYMBOLS.
  - When you see these symbols on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.
  - Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.







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#### **UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS**

- On machine safety signs, signal words designating the degree or level of hazard - DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION - are used with the safety alert symbol.
  - DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
  - WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
  - CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury
  - DANGER or WARNING safety signs are located near specific hazards. General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs.
  - Some safety signs don't use any of the designated signal words above after the safety alert symbol are occasionally used on this machine.
- CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.
- To avoid confusing machine protection with personal safety messages, a signal word IMPORTANT indicates a situation which, if not avoided, could result in damage to the machine.
- **Ø NOTE** indicates an additional explanation for an element of information.

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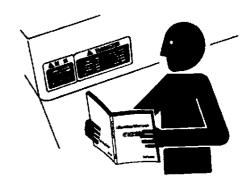
#### **FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

- Carefully read and follow all safety signs on the machine and all safety messages in this manual.
- Safety signs should be installed, maintained and replaced when necessary.
  - If a safety sign or this manual is damaged or missing, order a replacement from your authorized dealer in the same way you order other replacement parts (be sure to state machine model and serial number when ordering).
- Learn how to operate the machine and its controls correctly and safely.
- Allow only trained, qualified, authorized personnel to operate the machine.
- Keep your machine in proper working condition.
  - Unauthorized modifications of the machine may impair its function and/or safety and affect machine life.
- The safety messages in this SAFETY chapter are intended to illustrate basic safety procedures of machines.
   However it is impossible for these safety messages to cover every hazardous situation you may encounter. If you have any questions, you should first consult your supervisor and/or your authorized dealer before operating or performing maintenance work on the machine.

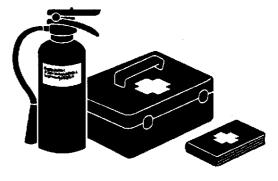
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#### PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

- · Be prepared if a fire starts or if an accident occurs.
  - · Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher on hand.
  - Thoroughly read and understand the label attached on the fire extinguisher to use it properly.
  - To ensure that a fire-extinguisher can be always used when necessary, check and service the fireextinguisher at the recommended intervals as specified in the fire-extinguisher manual.
  - Establish emergency procedure guidelines to cope with fires and accidents.
  - Keep emergency numbers for doctors, ambulance service, hospital, and fire department posted near your telephone.



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#### WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate to the job.

You may need:

A hard hat

Safety shoes

Safety glasses, goggles, or face shield

Heavy gloves

Hearing protection

Reflective clothing

Wet weather gear

Respirator or filter mask.

Be sure to wear the correct equipment and clothing for the job. Do not take any chances.

- Avoid wearing loose clothing, jewelry, or other items that can catch on control levers or other parts of the machine.
- Operating equipment safely requires the full attention of the operator. Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating the machine.

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#### **PROTECT AGAINST NOISE**

- Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.
  - Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortably loud noises.



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#### **INSPECT MACHINE**

- Inspect your machine carefully each day or shift by walking around it before you start it to avoid personal injury.
  - In the walk-around inspection, be sure to cover all points described in the "PRE-START INSPECTION" chapter in the operator's manual.

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#### **GENERAL PRECAUTIONS FOR CAB**

- Before entering the cab, thoroughly remove all dirt and/or oil from the soles of your work boots. If any controls such as a pedal is operated while with dirt and/or oil on the soles of the operator's work boots the operator's foot may slip off the pedal, possibly resulting in a personal accident.
- Don't leave parts and/or tools lying around the operator's seat. Store them in their specified locations.
- Avoid storing transparent bottles in the cab. Don't attach any transparent type window decorations on the windowpanes as they may focus sunlight, possibly starting a fire.
- Refrain from listening to the radio, or using music headphones or mobile telephones in the cab while operating the machine.
- Keep all flammable objects and/or explosives away from the machine.
- After using the ashtray, always cover it to extinguish the match and/or tobacco.
- Don't leave cigarette lighters in the cab. When the temperature in the cab increases, the lighter may explode.

#### **USE HANDHOLDS AND STEPS**

- Falling is one of the major causes of personal injury.
  - When you get on and off the machine, always face the machine and maintain a three-point contact with the steps and handrails.
  - · Do not use any controls as handholds.
  - Never jump on or off the machine. Never mount or dismount a moving machine.
  - Be careful of slippery conditions on platforms, steps, and handrails when leaving the machine.



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#### **ADJUST THE OPERATOR'S SEAT**

- A poorly adjusted seat for either the operator or for the work at hand may quickly fatigue the operator leading to misoperations.
  - The seat should be adjusted whenever changing the operator for the machine.
  - The operator should be able to fully depress the pedals and to correctly operate the control levers with his back against the seat back.
  - If not, move the seat forward or backward, and check again.



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#### **FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT**

- If the machine should overturn, the operator may become injured and/or thrown from the cab. Additionally the operator may be crushed by the overturning machine, resulting in serious injury or death.
  - Prior to operating the machine, thoroughly examine webbing, buckle and attaching hardware. If any item is damaged or worn, replace the seat belt or component before operating the machine.
  - Be sure to remain seated with the seat belt securely fastened at all times when the machine is in operation to minimize the chance of injury from an accident.
  - We recommend that the seat belt be replaced every three years regardless of its apparent condition.



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#### MOVE AND OPERATE MACHINE SAFELY

- · Bystanders can be run over.
  - Take extra care not to run over bystanders. Confirm the location of bystanders before moving, swinging, or operating the machine.
  - Always keep the travel alarm and horn in working condition (if equipped). It warns people when the machine starts to move.
  - Use a signal person when moving, swinging, or operating the machine in congested areas. Coordinate hand signals before starting the machine.



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#### HANDLE STARTING AIDS SAFELY

Starting fluid:

- Starting fluid is highly flammable.
  - · Keep all sparks and flame away when using it.
  - Keep starting fluid well away from batteries and cables
  - Remove container from machine if engine does not need starting fluid.
  - To prevent accidental discharge when storing a pressurized container, keep the cap on the container, and store it in a cool, well-protected location.
  - · Do not incinerate or puncture a starting fluid container.

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#### **OPERATE ONLY FROM OPERATOR'S SEAT**

- Inappropriate engine starting procedures may cause the machine to runaway, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.
  - · Start the engine only from the operator's seat.
  - NEVER start the engine while standing on the track or on ground.
  - Do not start engine by shorting across starter terminals.
  - Before starting the engine, confirm that all control levers are in neutral.



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#### **JUMP STARTING**

- · Battery gas can explode, resulting in serious injury.
  - If the engine must be jump started, be sure to follow the instructions shown in the "OPERATING THE EN-GINE" chapter.
  - The operator must be in the operator's seat so that the machine will be under control when the engine starts.
     Jump starting is a two-person operation.
  - · Never use a frozen battery.
  - Failure to follow correct jump starting procedures could result in a battery explosion or a runaway machine.



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#### **KEEP RIDERS OFF MACHINE**

- Riders on machine are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects and being thrown off the machine.
  - Only allow the operator on the machine. Keep riders off.
  - Riders also obstruct the operator's view, resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.



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#### **INVESTIGATE JOB SITE BEFOREHAND**

- When working at the edge of an excavation or on a road shoulder, the machine could tip over, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.
  - Investigate the configuration and ground conditions of the job site beforehand to prevent the machine from falling and to prevent the ground, stockpiles, or banks from collapsing.
  - Make a work plan. Use machines appropriate to the work and job site.
  - Reinforce ground, edges, and road shoulders as necessary. Keep the machine well back from the edges of excavations and road shoulders.
  - When working on an incline or on a road shoulder, employ a signal person as required.
  - Confirm that your machine is equipped a FOPS cab before working in areas where the possibility of falling stones or debris exist.
  - When the footing is weak, reinforce the ground before starting work.
  - When working on frozen ground, be extremely alert.
     As ambient temperatures rise, footing becomes loose and slippery.
  - Beware the possibility of fire when operating the machine near flammable objects such as dry grass.

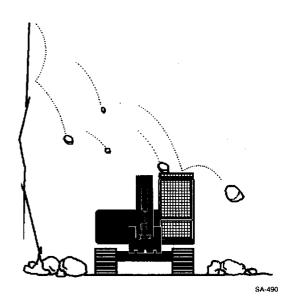
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 Confirm that your machine is FOPS cab equipped before working in areas where the possibility of falling stones or debris exist.



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## PROVIDE SIGNALS FOR JOBS INVOLVING MULTIPLE NUMBERS OF MACHINES

 For jobs involving multiple numbers of machines, provide signals commonly known by all personnel involved. Also, appoint a signal person to coordinate the job site. Make sure that all personnel obey the signal person's directions.



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### CONFIRM DIRECTION OF MACHINE TO BE DRIVEN

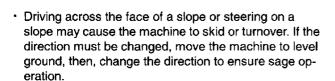
- Incorrect travel pedal/lever operation may result in serious injury death.
  - Before driving the machine, confirm the position of the undercarriage in relation to the operator's position. If the travel motors are located in front of the cab, the machine will move in reverse when travel pedals/levers are operated to the front.

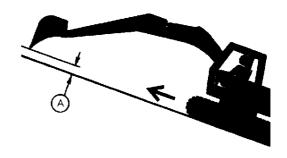


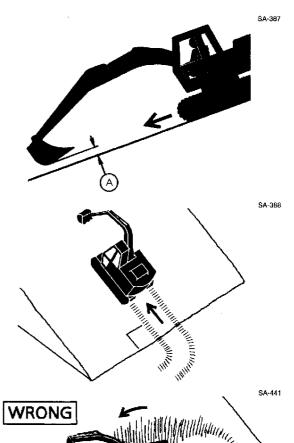
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#### **DRIVE MACHINE SAFELY**

- Before driving the machine, always confirm that the travel levers/pedals direction corresponds to the direction you wish to drive.
  - · Be sure to detour around any obstructions.
  - Avoid traveling over obstructions. Soil, fragments of rocks, and/or metal pieces may scatter around the machine. Don't allow personnel to stay around the machine while traveling.
- Driving on a slope may cause the machine to slip or overturn, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.
  - When driving up or down a slope, keep the bucket facing the direction of travel, approximately 0.5 to 1.0 m (approximately 1'8" to 3'3") (A) above the ground.
  - If the machine starts to skid or becomes unstable, immediately lower the bucket to the ground and stop.







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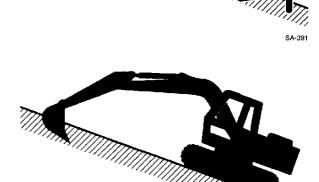
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### AVOID INJURY FROM ROLLAWAY ACCIDENTS

 Death or serious injury may result if you attempt to mount or stop a moving machine.

#### To avoid rollaways:

- · Select level ground when possible to park machine.
- · Do not park the machine on a grade.
- Lower the bucket and/or other work tools to the ground.
- · Turn the auto-idle switch off.
- Run the engine at slow idle speed without load for 5 minutes to cool down the engine.
- Stop the engine and remove the key from the key switch.
- · Pull the pilot control shut-off lever to LOCK position.
- Block both tracks and lower the bucket to the ground.
   Thrust the bucket teeth into the ground if you must park on a grade.
- · Position the machine to prevent rolling.
- · Park a reasonable distance from other machines.



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### AVOID INJURY FROM BACK-OVER AND SWING ACCIDENTS

 If any person is present near the machine when backing or swinging the upperstructure, the machine may hit or run over that person, resulting in serious injury or death.

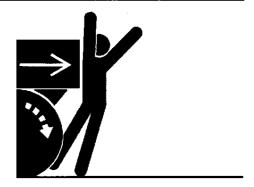
To avoid back-over and swing accidents:

- Always look around BEFORE YOU BACK UP AND SWING THE MACHINE, BE SURE THAT ALL BY-STANDERS ARE CLEAR.
- Keep the travel alarm in working condition (if equipped).
   ALWAYS BE ALERT FOR BYSTANDERS MOVING

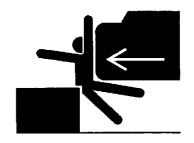
INTO THE WORK AREA. USE THE HORN OR OTHER SIGNAL TO WARN BYSTANDERS BEFORE MOVING MACHINE.

- USE A SIGNAL PERSON WHEN BACKING UP IF YOUR VIEW IS OBSTRUCTED. ALWAYS KEEP THE SIGNAL PERSON IN VIEW.
   Use hand signals, which conform to your local regulations, when work conditions require a signal person.
- No machine motions shall be made unless signals are clearly understood by both signalman and operator.
- Learn the meanings of all flags, signs, and markings used on the job and confirm who has the responsibility for signaling.
- Keep windows, mirrors, and lights clean and in good condition.
- Dust, heavy rain, fog, etc., can reduce visibility. As visibility decreases, reduce speed and use proper lighting.
- Read and understand all operating instructions in the operator's manual.

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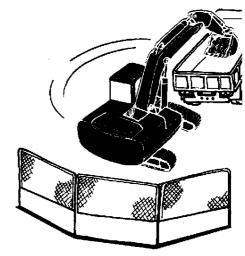
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## KEEP PERSON CLEAR FROM WORKING AREA

- A person may be hit severely by the swinging front attachment or counterweight and/or may be crushed against an other object, resulting in serious injury or death.
  - Keep all persons clear from the area of operation and machine movement.
  - Before operating the machine, set up barriers to the sides and rear area of the bucket swing radius to prevent anyone from entering the work area.



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#### **NEVER POSITION BUCKET OVER ANYONE**

 Never lift, move, or swing bucket above anyone or a truck cab.
 Serious injury or machine damage may result due to

bucket load spill or due to collision with the bucket.

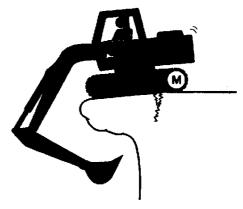


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#### **AVOID UNDERCUTTING**

- In order to retreat from the edge of an excavation if the footing should collapse, always position the undercarriage perpendicular to the edge of the excavation with the travel motors at the rear.
  - If the footing starts to collapse and if retreat is not possible, do not panic. Often, the machine can be secured by lowering the front attachment, in such cases.



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