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### Foreword

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This guide contains operation instructions and lubrication and maintenance information.

The operation section is a reference for the new operator and a refresher for the experienced one. Read - study - and keep it handy.

Illustrations guide the operator through correct procedures of checking, starting, operating and stopping the machine.

Operating techniques outlined in this publication are basic. Skill and techniques develop as the operator gains knowledge of the machine.

The maintenance section is a guide to equipment care. The illustrated, step-by-step instructions are grouped by servicing intervals. Items without specific intervals are listed under "When Required." Items in the "Lubrication and Maintenance" Chart are referenced to the detailed instructions that follow.

Use the service meter to determine servicing intervals. Calendar intervals shown (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.) may be used instead of service meter intervals if they provide more convenient servicing schedules and approximate the indicated service meter reading. Recommended service should always be performed at the interval that occurs first.



Under extremely severe, dusty or wet operating conditions, more frequent lubrication than is specified in the "Lubrication and Maintenance" Chart may be necessary.

Perform service on items at multiples of the original requirement. For example, at Every 500 Service Hours or 3 Months, also service those items listed under Every 250 Service Hours or Monthly, Every 50 Service Hours or Weekly and Every 10 Service Hours or Daily.

Some photographs in this publication show details or attachments that may be different from your machine. Also, guards and covers may have been removed for illustrative purposes.

Continuing improvement and advancement of product design may have caused changes to your machine which are not included in this publication.

Whenever a question arises regarding your machine, or this publication, please consult your Caterpillar dealer for the latest available information.

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## Safety

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### Warning Signs and Labels

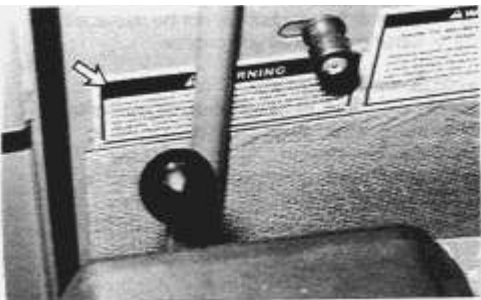
There are several specific safety signs on your machine. Their exact location and description of the hazard are reviewed in this section. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these safety signs.

Make sure that you can read all safety signs. Clean or replace these if you cannot read the words or see the pictures. When cleaning the labels use a cloth, water and soap. Do not use solvent, gasoline, etc.

You must replace a label if it is damaged, missing or cannot be read. If a label is on a part that is replaced, make sure a new label is installed on the replaced part. See your Caterpillar dealer for new labels.



**Do not operate or work on this machine unless you have read and understand the instructions in the "Operation and Maintenance" Guides. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death. Proper care is your responsibility.**



Located on the cab door.

## **WARNING**

**Know the maximum height and reach of your machine. Serious injury or death by electrocution can occur if machine or attachments are not kept a safe distance from electrical power lines. Keep distance at least 3 m (10 feet) plus additional 10 mm (0.4 inch) for each 1,000 volts over 50,000 volts.**

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Located on the cab door.

## **WARNING**

**Functions of steering and transmission direction controls are reversed when boom is over rear axle. Failure to properly control machine can result in personal injury.**

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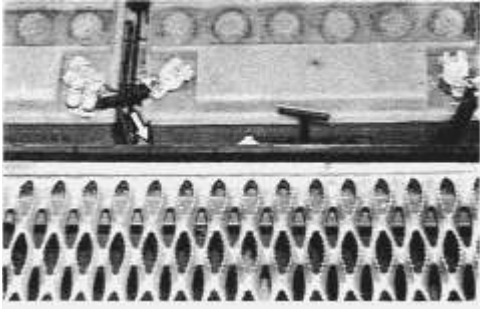


Located on the cab window.

## **WARNING**

**Improper jumper cable connections can cause an explosion resulting in personal injury.**

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Located on the battery compartment cover.

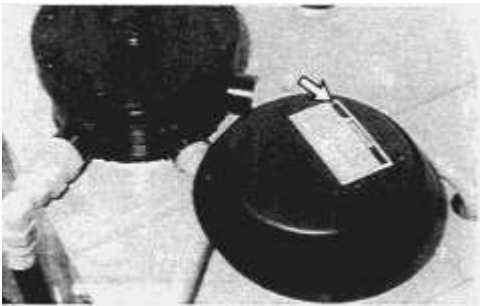
**POISON/DANGER CAUSES SEVERE BURNS** Contains sulfuric acid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Antidote: EXTERNAL - Flush with water. INTERNAL - Drink large quantities water or milk. Follow with milk of magnesia, beaten egg or vegetable oil. Call physician immediately. Eyes: Flush with water for 15 minutes and get prompt medical attention. Batteries produce explosive gases. Keep sparks, flame, cigarettes away. Ventilate when charging or using in enclosed space. Always shield eyes when working near batteries.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.



**This engine has an inlet manifold heater for cold weather starting. Do not use other types of starting aids such as ether. Such use could result in an explosion and personal injury.**

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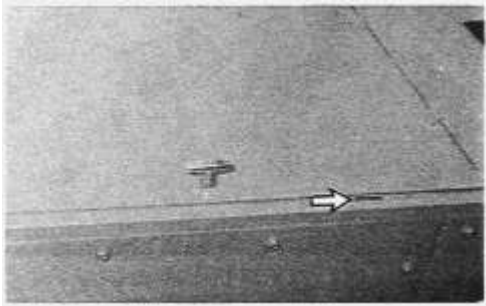


Located on the air inlet cover.



**Removal of filler plug can release air and alcohol under pressure resulting in possible personal injury. Refer to Operation and Maintenance Guide for proper procedure for checking and adding alcohol.**

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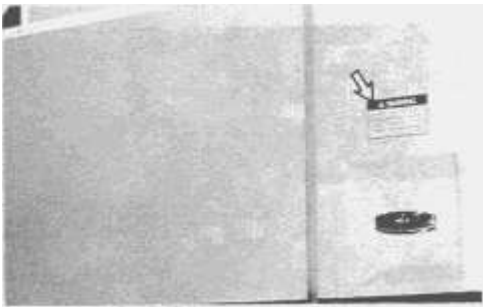


Located under engine access cover.

 **WARNING**

**Do not open door while engine is running. Personal injury could result from contact with moving parts.**

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Located on Deutz Engine access door only.

 **WARNING**

**Swing lock must be engaged before shipping machine. If lock is not engaged, upper structure can swing, resulting in possible personal injury.**

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Located in the cab.



## **WARNING**

**Clamshell or grapple swing. Personal injury may result if clamshell or grapple swings into the cab or a person in the work area. Clamshell or grapple can swing in all directions.**

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Located in the cab.

### **General**



Attach a "DO NOT OPERATE" or similar warning tag to start switch or controls before servicing or repairing the machine. These tags, Form SEHS7332, are available from your Caterpillar dealer.

Lubrication, maintenance or repair of this machine can be dangerous unless performed properly. Each person must satisfy himself that he has the necessary skill and information, proper tools and equipment, and that his work method is safe and correct. Caterpillar dealers are available to provide service and information.



To remove rear window, pull ring and push out.

Caution should be used to avoid breathing dust that may be generated when handling components containing asbestos fibers. If this dust is inhaled, it can be hazardous to your health. Components in Caterpillar products that may contain asbestos fibers are brake pads, brake band and lining assemblies, clutch plates and some gaskets. The asbestos used in these components is usually bound in a resin or sealed in some way. Normal handling is not hazardous as long as airborne dust which contains asbestos is not generated.

If dust which may contain asbestos is present, there are several common sense guidelines that should be followed.

1. Never use compressed air for cleaning.
2. Use vacuum or wet methods for cleanup.
3. Use exhaust ventilation on permanent machining jobs.
4. Wear an approved respirator if there is no other way to control the dust.
5. Follow environmental rules and regulations for disposal of asbestos.
6. Avoid areas where asbestos particles may be in the air.

Perform all maintenance unless otherwise specified as follows:

- The implements lowered to the ground.
- The parking brake engaged.
- The engine stopped.
- The start switch key off and the key removed.

Follow the lift capacity sign in the cab for lifting.

To avoid possible weakening of this FOPS, consult a Caterpillar dealer before altering FOPS in any way. The protection offered by this FOPS will be impaired if it has been subjected to structural damage or has been involved in an overturn incident.

With the parking brake or transmission disconnected, the machine has no brakes. It will roll free on a slope or while towing. Block wheels before they are disconnected.

The upper structure can swing and cause personal injury during shipping or roading, if the swing lock pin is not engaged.

Lower the clamshell (if equipped) in the open position.

Use the front windshield or rear window as an emergency exit if the door is blocked.

Wear a hard hat, protective glasses and other protective equipment as required by job conditions.

Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry that can catch on controls or other parts of the machine.

Make certain all protective guards and covers are secured in place on the machine.

Keep the machine, especially the deck, walkways and steps, free of foreign material, such as debris, oil, tools and other items which are not part of the machine.



Secure all loose items such as lunch boxes, tools and other items which are not part of the machine.

Know the hand signals and who gives them. Accept signals from one person only.

Never put maintenance fluids into glass containers.

Report all needed repairs.

Do not allow unauthorized personnel on the machine.

When using pressure air for cleaning, wear a protective face shield and protective clothing.

Maximum air pressure from the nozzle must be less than 205 kPa (30 psi) for cleaning purposes.

### **Crushing or Cutting Prevention**

Never attempt adjustments while the machine is moving or the engine is running unless otherwise specified.

Support equipment and implements properly when working beneath them. Do not depend on hydraulic cylinders to hold it up. Any implement can fall if a control is moved, or a hydraulic line breaks.

Where there are implement linkages, the clearance in the linkage area will increase or decrease with movement of the implement.

Stay clear of all rotating and moving parts.

Keep objects away from moving fan blades. They will throw or cut any object or tool that falls or is pushed into them.

Do not use a kinked or frayed wire rope cable. Wear gloves when handling the wire rope cable.

Retainer pins, when struck with force, can fly out and injure nearby persons.

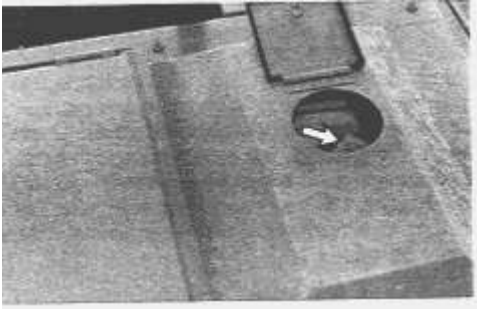
Wear protective glasses when striking a retainer pin to avoid injury to your eyes.

Chips or other debris can fly off objects when struck. Make sure no one can be injured by flying debris before striking any object.

Do not attempt to lift the machine with the lift eyes on the cab or counterweight.

### **Burn Prevention**

At operating temperature, the engine coolant (Perkins Engine only) is hot and under pressure. The radiator and all lines to heaters or the engine contain hot water or steam. Any contact can cause severe burns.



Check the coolant level (Perkins Engine) only after the engine has been stopped and the filler cap is cool enough to remove with your bare hand.

Remove the cooling system (Perkins Engine) filler cap slowly to relieve pressure.

Cooling system conditioner (Perkins Engine) contains alkali that can cause personal injury. Avoid contact with the skin and eyes and do not drink.

Allow cooling system components to cool before draining.

Hot oil and components can cause personal injury. Do not allow hot oil or components to contact the skin.

At operating temperature, the hydraulic tank is hot and can be under pressure.

Remove the hydraulic tank filler cap only after the engine has been stopped and the filler cap is cool enough to remove with your bare hand.

Remove the hydraulic tank filler cap slowly to relieve pressure.

Relieve all pressure in air, oil, fuel or cooling systems before any lines, fittings or related items are disconnected or removed.

Battery electrolyte contains acid that can cause injury. Avoid contact with the skin and eyes.

## **Fire or Explosion Prevention**

All fuels, most lubricants and some coolant mixtures are flammable.

Do not smoke while refueling or in a refueling area.

Do not smoke in areas where batteries are charged, or where flammable materials are stored.

When starting from an external source, always connect the positive (+) boost cable to the positive (+) terminal of the battery of the engine to be started.

Attach the negative (-) boost ground cable last, away from the battery. See "Starting the Engine" in the this guide for specific instructions.

Clean and tighten all electrical connections. Check daily for loose or frayed electrical wires. Have all loose or frayed electrical wires tightened, repaired or replaced before operating the machine.

Keep all fuels and lubricants stored in properly marked containers and away from all unauthorized persons.

Store all oily rags or other flammable material in a protective container, in a safe place.

Do not weld or flame cut on pipes or tubes that contain flammable fluids. Clean them thoroughly with nonflammable solvent before welding or flame cutting on them.

Remove all flammable materials such as fuel, oil and other debris before they accumulate on the machine.

Do not expose the machine to flames, burning brush, etc., if at all possible.

Do not bend or strike high pressure lines. Do not install bent or damaged lines, tubes or hoses.

Repair any loose or damaged fuel and oil lines, tubes and hoses. Leaks can cause fires.

Inspect all lines, tubes and hoses carefully. Do not use your bare hand to check for leaks. Tighten all connections to the recommended torque.

Make sure that all clamps, guards and heat shields are installed correctly to prevent vibration, rubbing against other parts, and excessive heat during operation.

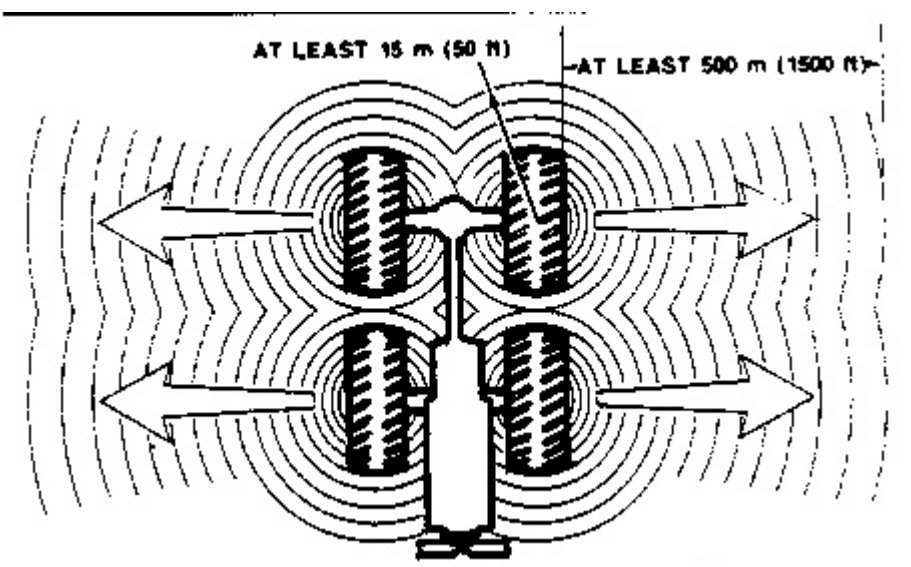
Shields, which protect hot exhaust components from oil or fuel spray in the event of a line, tube or seal failure, must be installed correctly.

Do not use ether for a starting aid with a cold weather manifold inlet preheater.

### **Tire Information**

Explosions of air-inflated earthmoving tires have resulted from heat-induced gas combustion inside the tires. The heat, generated by welding or heating rim components, external fire, or excessive use of brakes can cause gaseous combustion.

A tire explosion is much more violent than a blowout. The explosion can propel the tire, rim and final drive components as far as 500 m (1500 ft) or more from the machine. Both the force of the explosion and the flying debris can cause personal injury or death, and property damage.

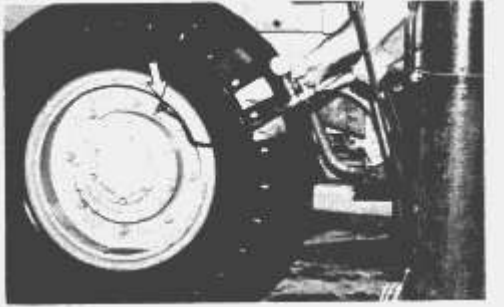


Do not approach a tire closer than the outside of the area represented by the shaded area in the above drawing.

Dry nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) gas is recommended for inflation of tires.

Nitrogen inflated tires reduce the potential of a tire explosion, because nitrogen does not support combustion. Also, nitrogen helps prevent oxidation and the resulting deterioration of rubber and corrosion of rim components.

Proper nitrogen inflation equipment and training in its use are necessary to avoid overinflation. A tire blowout or rim failure can result from improper or misused equipment.



Typical Example

Stand behind the tread and use a self-attaching inflation chuck when inflating a tire.

Servicing and changing tires and rims can be dangerous and should be performed only by trained personnel using proper tools and procedures. If correct procedures are not followed while servicing tires and rims, the assemblies could burst with explosive force and cause serious personal injury or death. Follow carefully the specific information provided by your tire or rim servicing man or dealer.

## **Fire Extinguisher**

Always have a fire extinguisher on the machine and know how to use it. Inspect and have it serviced as recommended on its instruction plate.

## **Mounting and Dismounting**

Mount and dismount the machine only where steps and/or handholds are provided.

Use both hands and face the machine, when mounting and dismounting.

Turn the machine 90° for access to upper structure maintenance items. Make sure the machine is free of personnel before turning the upper structure.

Never get on or off a moving machine. Never jump off the machine.

Do not try to climb on or off the machine when carrying tools or supplies. Use a hand line to pull equipment up onto the platform.

## **Preparing to Start the Engine**

Inspect the condition of the seat belt and mounting hardware. Replace any damaged or worn parts. Replace the seat belt regardless of appearance after three years of use.

Adjust the seat so that full brake pedal travel can be obtained with the operator's back against the seat back.

Make sure the machine is equipped with a lighting system as required by conditions. Make sure all lights are working properly.

Make sure no one is working on, underneath or close to the machine before starting the engine or beginning to move the machine. Make sure the area is free of personnel.

Start the engine only from the operator's station. Never short across the starter terminals or across the batteries, as this could bypass the engine neutral-start system as well as damage the electrical system.

The left armrest must be up to allow the neutral start system to start the engine.

## **Starting the Engine**



Do not start the engine or move any of the controls if there is a "DO NOT OPERATE" or similar warning tag attached to the start switch or controls.

Move all implement controls to the HOLD position before starting the engine.

Engage the parking brake. Shift the transmission control lever to neutral.

Start and operate the engine in a well ventilated area only. In an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.

## **Preparing to Operate the Machine**

Clear all personnel from the machine and the area.

Clear all obstacles from the path of the machine. Beware of hazards such as wires, ditches, etc.

Be sure all windows are clean. Secure the doors and windows in either the open or shut position.

For best vision, especially close to the machine, adjust the rear view mirrors.

Make sure the machine horn, the backup alarm and all other warning devices are working properly.

Fasten the seat belt securely.

Check for proper operation of all controls and protective devices while moving slowly in an open area.

## **Operating the Machine**

Operate the machine only while seated and with the seat belt fastened.

Operate the controls only with the engine running.

Watch boom clearances when moving the machine. Uneven ground can cause the boom to move from side to side or up and down.

Know the maximum height and reach of your machine.

For safety, local or state codes or jobsite operating directives may require a greater distance.

Always keep the Falling Object Protective Structure (FOPS) (if equipped) installed when operating the machine.

Personal injury may result if the clamshell swings into the cab or into a person in the work area. The clamshell can swing in all directions.

Do not allow riders on the machine.

The operator must satisfy himself that no one will be endangered before moving the machine.

Do not operate the machine with the counterweight removed. Machine can tip when boom is over the side.

Report any needed repairs noted during operation.

Carry implements close to the ground, approximately 40 cm (15 inch) above ground level.

Stay a safe distance from the edge of cliffs, overhangs and slide areas.

Be careful to avoid the condition which could lead to tipping when working on hills, banks or slopes, and when crossing ditches, ridges or other obstructions.

Work up and down slopes, rather than sideways, whenever possible.

Keep the machine under control and do not work it over its capacity.

Be sure hitch points and the towing device are adequate.

Connect trailing equipment to a drawbar or hitch only.

Never straddle a wire rope cable or similar device, nor allow others to do so.

No personnel should be between the machine and trailing equipment when maneuvering to connect them. Block the tongue or hitch of trailing equipment to align it with the drawbar or hitch.

Maximum slope operation for Deutz Engines is 24° over the side of the machine. Engine failure can result from crankcase oil starvation.

## **Parking the Machine**

Park on a level surface. If necessary to park on a grade, block the machine.

Engage the parking brake.

Lower all implements to the ground and apply slight down pressure.

Stop the engine.

Turn the start switch key to the OFF position.

Remove the start switch key.

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### Towing

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**Personal injury or death could result when towing a disabled machine incorrectly.**

**Block the machine to prevent movement before releasing the brakes. The machine can roll free if it is not blocked.**

**Follow the recommendations below, to properly perform the towing procedure.**

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These towing instructions are for moving a disabled machine a short distance, only a few feet at low speed, no faster than 2 km/h (1.2 mph), to a convenient location for repair. These instructions are for emergencies only. Always haul the machine if long distance moving is required.

Shielding must be provided on the towing machine, to protect the operator if the tow line or bar should break.

Do not allow riders on the machine being towed, unless the operator can control the steering and/or braking.

Before towing, make sure the tow line or bar is in good condition and has enough strength for the towing situation involved. Use a towing line or bar with a strength of at least 1.5 times the gross weight of the towing machine, for a disabled machine stuck in mud or when towing on a grade.

Keep the tow line angle to a minimum. Do not exceed a 30° angle from the straight ahead position.

Quick machine movement could overload the tow line or bar and cause it to break. Gradual and smooth machine movement will work better.



Normally, the towing machine should be as large as the disabled machine. Satisfy yourself that the towing machine has enough brake capacity, weight and power, to control both machines for the grade and distance involved.

To provide sufficient control and braking when moving a disabled machine downhill, a larger towing machine or additional machines connected to the rear could be required. This will prevent it from rolling uncontrolled.

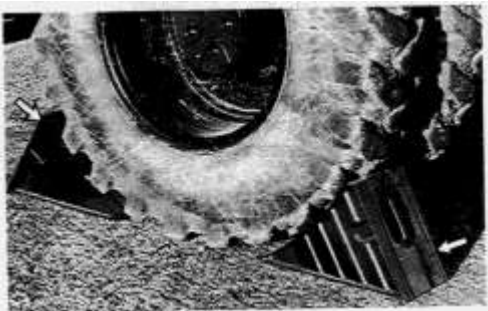
The different situation requirements cannot be given, as minimal towing machine capacity is required on smooth level surfaces to maximum on inclines or poor surface conditions.

Consult your Caterpillar dealer for additional towing information for a disabled machine.

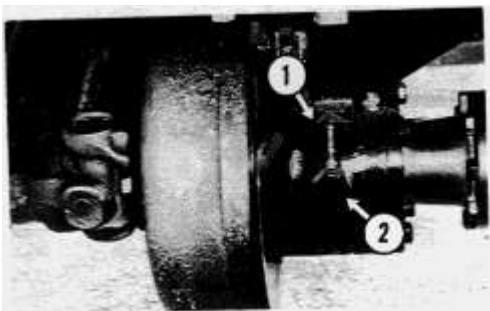
Switzerland regulations require a cab parking brake release valve. Consult your Caterpillar dealer for further information.

## **Parking Brake Release System**

If the air system should fail and the parking brake can not be released from the cab, the parking brake can be mechanically released. Follow the procedure below.



1. Block the machine before manually releasing the brakes.



2. Loosen the lock nut (1).

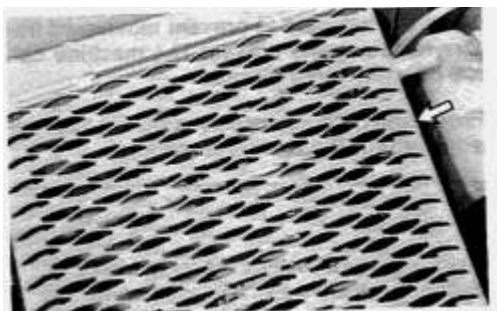
3. Turn the releasing bolt (2) in (clockwise) until the brakes are released.

4. After towing, turn the releasing bolt (2) back out (counterclockwise) and tighten the lock nut (1).

Do not operate the machine until the parking brake is functioning again.

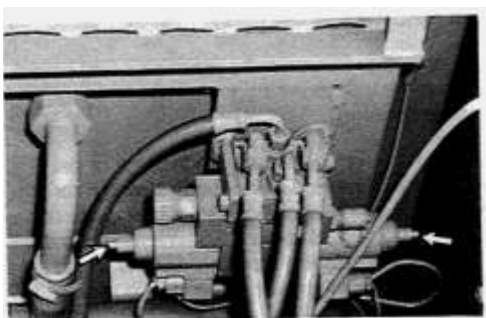
## **Hydraulic Drive Train Release**

If the driving hydraulics have failed, they can be mechanically released. Follow the procedure below.



1. Block the machine before releasing the drive train hydraulics.

Lift up the access cover on the upper structure hydraulic controls.



2. Turn the two screws in (clockwise) to the stop on the solenoid valve.

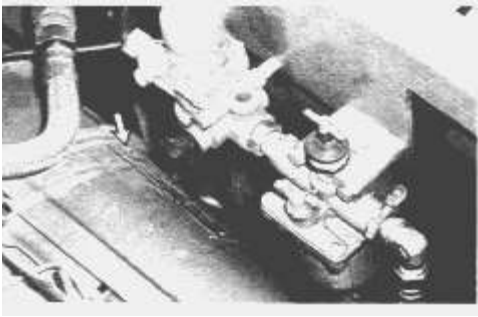
3. After towing, turn the two screws back out (counterclockwise).

### **Identification and Serial Number Locations**

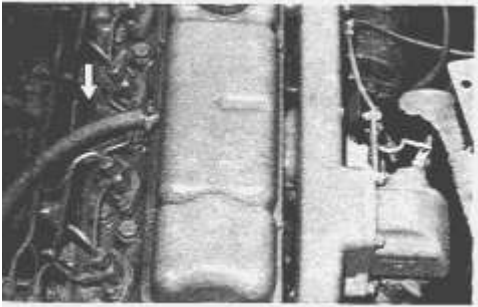
For quick reference, record your machine's Product Identification Numbers (PIN) and serial numbers in the spaces provided below the photographs.



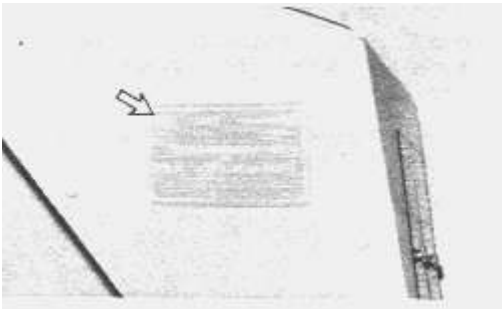
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Engine Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_



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Combined Product Identification and Engine Serial Number Plate

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# Operator's Compartment

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## Engine OFF-ON-START Switch



**OFF (1.)** - To insert or remove the key, the key must be in this position.

**Deutz Engine** - The governor control lever must be used to stop the engine. See "Governor Control Lever."

**Perkins Engine Only** - Turn the key to OFF to stop the engine.

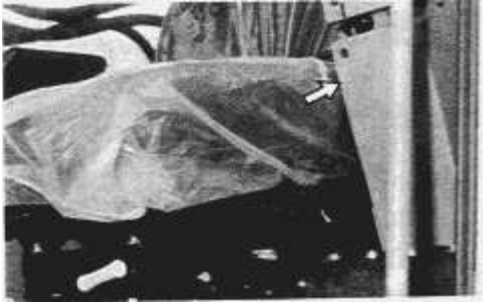
**ON (2.)** - Key will return to this position after releasing from HEAT-START or START position. Certain indicator lights will remain on when the key is in this position with the engine stopped, until key is turned to OFF.

**STARTING AID-HEAT-START (If Equipped) (3.)** - Turn to this position to allow the heat system to heat up.

**Deutz Engine** - The engine is ready to start after the indicator light (5) comes on.

**Perkins Engine** - The engine is ready to start approximately 20 seconds after turning to HEAT-START. This engine is not equipped with an indicator light.

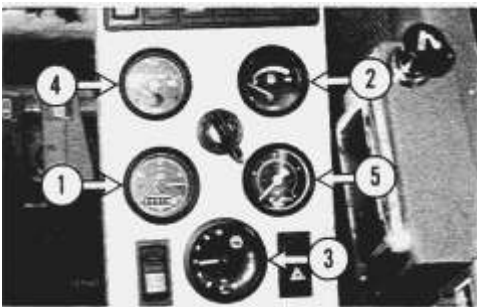
**START (4.)** - Turn the key to this position to start the engine. Release the key as soon as the engine starts.



The armrest must be in the UP position to start the engine.

**NOTE:** All travel and implement controls must be released before starting the engine. Machine will move if controls are activated and the armrest is lowered.

## Gauges



**Service Hour Meter (1.)** - Indicates the total number of hours the engine has operated. Use it to determine service intervals.

**Fuel Level (2.)** - Indicates the amount of diesel fuel in the fuel tank.

**Parking Brake and Service Brake (3.)** - Indicates the air tank supply pressure. Red pointer indicates parking brake air tank pressure. White pointer indicates service brake air tank pressure.

The air supply must be between 6.2 and 7.35 bar (600 and 720 kPa or 90 and 105 psi).

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## NOTICE

**Do not travel with insufficient air pressure. Brake damage could result with a partially released parking brake.**

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**Engine Oil and/or Coolant Temperature (4.)** - Indicator should be in the normal (lower) range when the engine is warm and operating.

Stop the engine immediately if the indicator rises above the normal range.

**Deutz Engine - Air Cooled** - Fault alarm will also sound when cooling air blower fan belt is loose or broken. Check the oil level also.

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