

Product: EXCAVATOR

Model: 214B FT EXCAVATOR 9MF

Configuration: 214B & 214BFT EXCAVATORS WHEEL TYPE 9MF00001-UP (MACHINE) POWERED BY 3116 ENGINE

## **Operation and Maintenance Manual 214B, 214B FT, AND 224B WHEEL-TYPE EXCAVATORS**

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### **Foreword**

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This manual contains operation instructions and lubrication and maintenance information.

Some photographs or illustrations 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.

### **Safety**

The safety section lists basic safety precautions. In addition, this section identifies the text and locations of warning labels used on the machine.

Read and understand the basic precautions listed in the safety section before operating or performing lubrication, maintenance and repair on this product.

### **Operation**

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

Photographs or 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 and its capabilities.

### **Maintenance**

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 "Maintenance Intervals" are referenced to detailed instructions that follow.

## **Maintenance Intervals**

Use the service hour meter to determine servicing intervals. Calendar intervals shown (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.) may be used instead of service hour meter intervals if they provide more convenient servicing schedules and approximate the indicated service hour 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 "Maintenance Intervals" 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.

## **Machine Description**

These machines are equipped with a direct-injection, turbocharged 3116 engine.

The machines are primarily used for excavating.

## **Machine Storage**

For complete machine storage information, refer to Special Instruction SEHS9031 "Storage Procedure for Caterpillar Products".

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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.

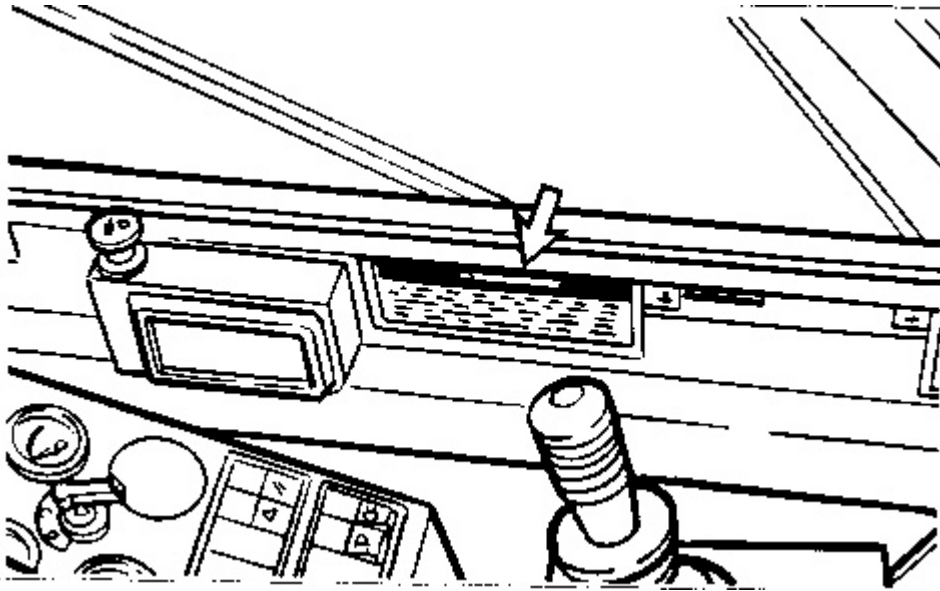
Make sure that you can read all safety signs. Clean or replace these if you cannot read the words or see the pictures. When cleaning the labels use a cloth, water and soap. Do not use solvent, gasoline, etc.

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 and warnings in the Operation and Maintenance guides. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death. Contact any Caterpillar dealer for replacement guides. Proper care is your responsibility.**

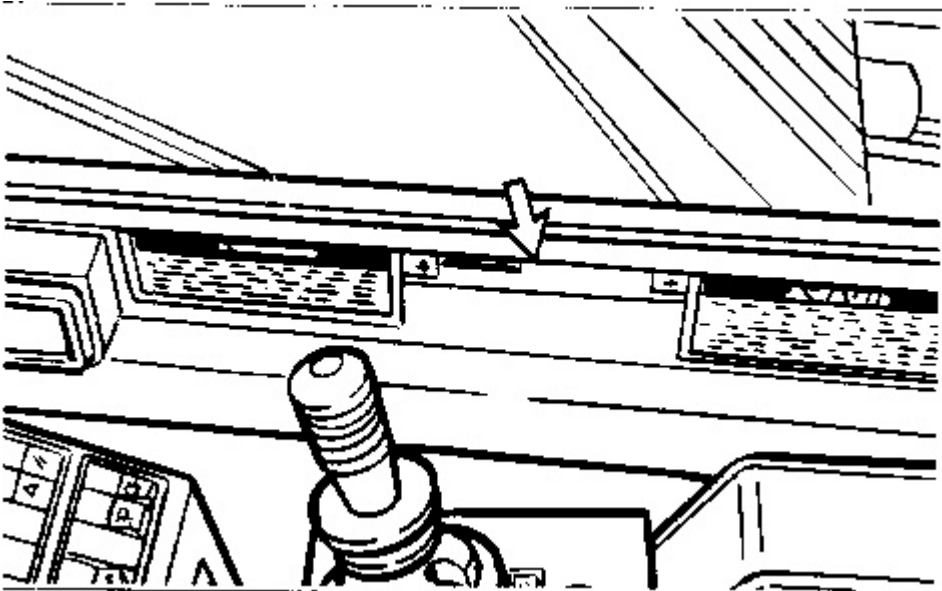
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Located in the operator's compartment.

 **WARNING**

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

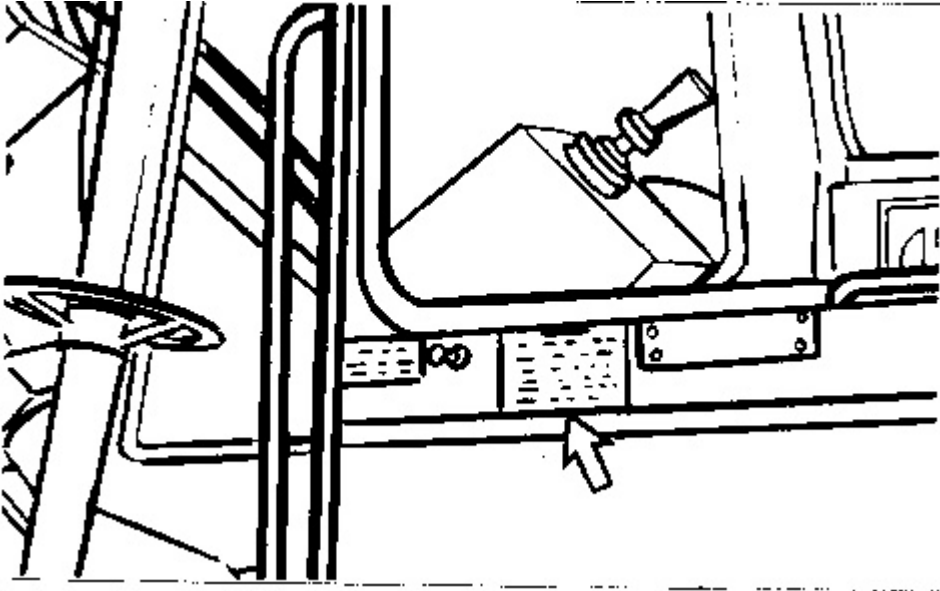


Located in the operator's compartment.

 **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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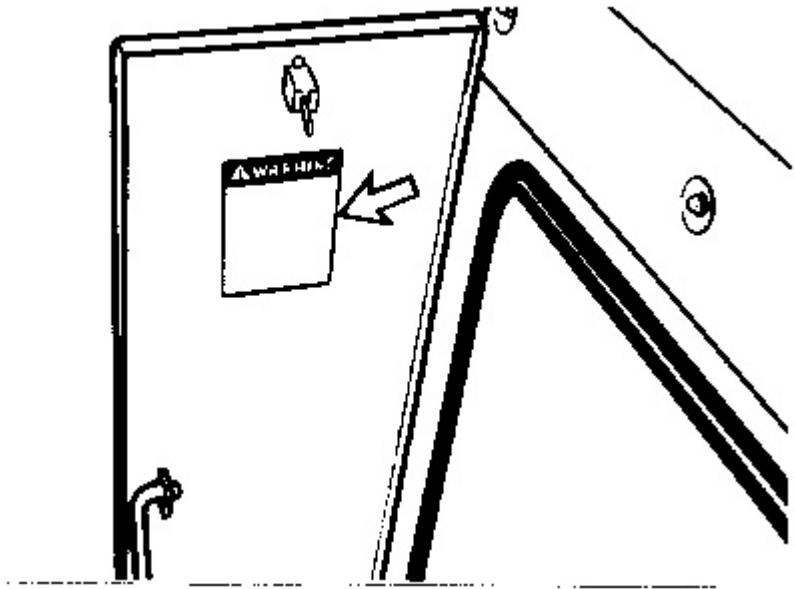
Located on the door.



**WARNING**

**Improper jumper cable connections can cause an explosion resulting in personal injury. Batteries may be located in separate compartments. When using jumper cables always connect positive (+) cable to positive (+) terminal of battery connected to starter solenoid and negative (-) cable from external source to starter negative (-) terminal. (If machine not equipped with starter negative terminal, connect to engine block.)**

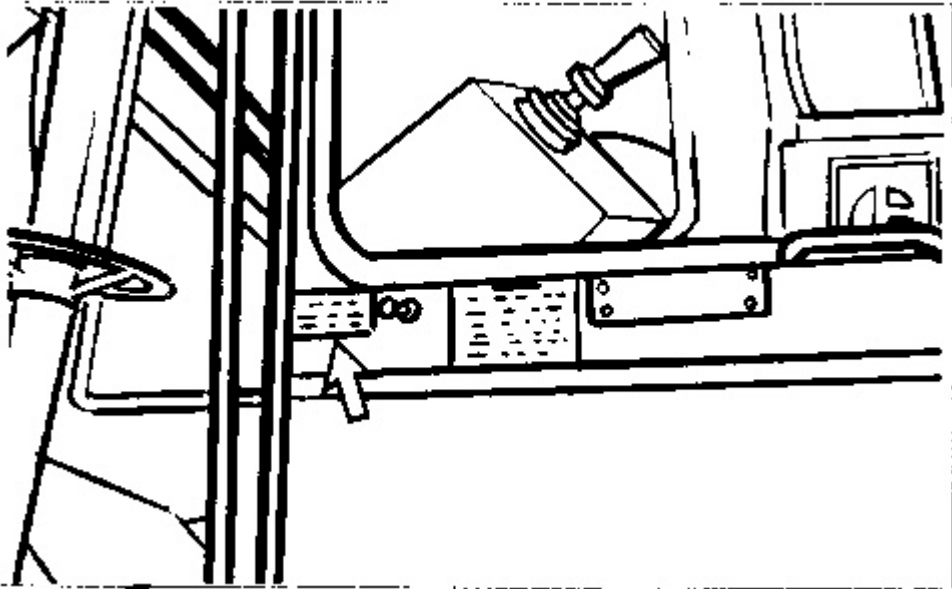
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Located in the battery compartment.

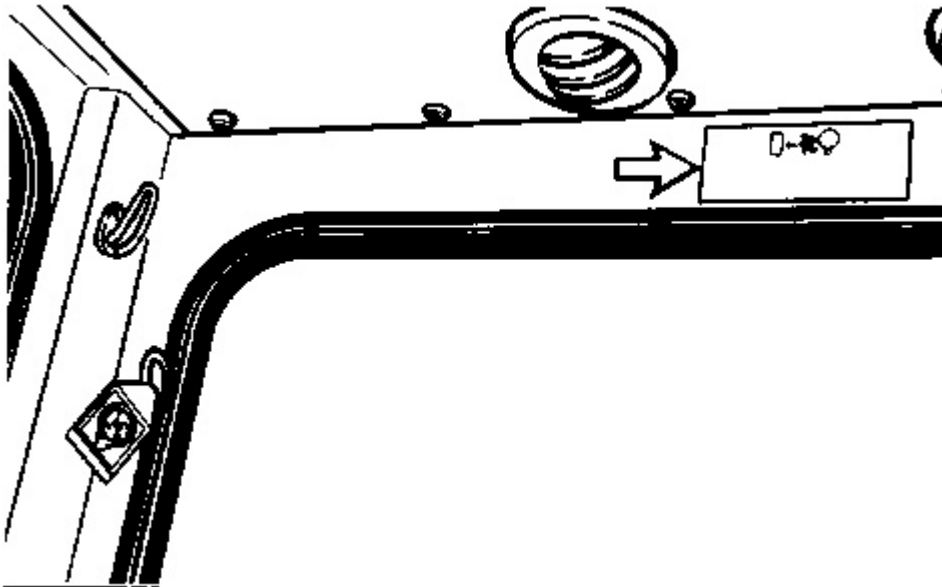
 **WARNING**

**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.**



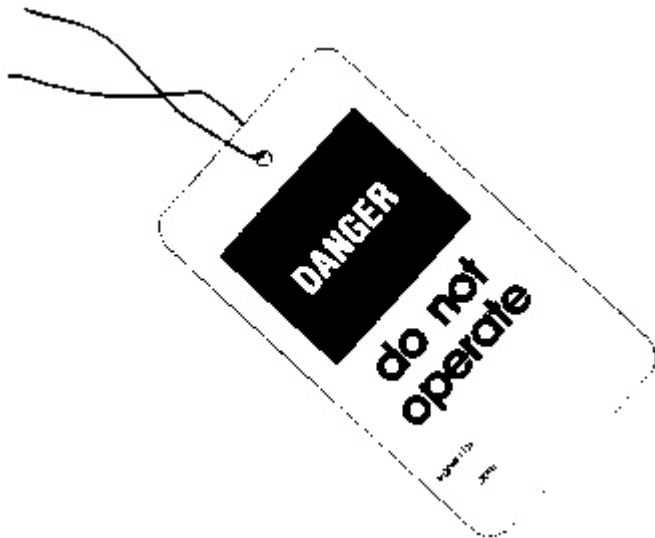
Located on the door.

To remove rear window, pull ring and push out.



Located above the rear window.

### **General Hazard Information**



Attach "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.

Know the width of your implements so proper clearance can be maintained when operating near fences, boundary obstacles, etc.

Perform all maintenance unless otherwise specified as follows:

- \* The machine parked on level ground with the parking brake engaged and the wheels blocked.
- \* The swing lock pin locked.
- \* The implements (dozer and stabilizers) lowered to the ground.
- \* The hydraulic armrest control pulled up to the disengaged position.
- \* The engine stopped.
- \* The start switch key removed.
- \* The disconnect switch off and the key removed.

With the parking brake system disconnected, the machine has no brakes. To prevent unexpected machine movement, block the wheels before the parking brake and transmission are disconnected.

Use the front windshield or rear window as a secondary 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 cab floor, 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.

Pressure air can cause personal injury. When using pressure air for cleaning, wear a protective face shield and protective clothing.

### **Asbestos Information**

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. Avoid brushing or grinding of asbestos containing materials.
3. For clean up, use wet methods or a vacuum equipped with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter.
4. Use exhaust ventilation on permanent machining jobs.
5. Wear an approved respirator if there is no other way to control the dust.
6. Comply with applicable rules and regulations for the work place (for example in the U.S.A., OSHA requirements as set forth in 29 CFR 1910.1001).
7. Follow environmental rules and regulations for disposal of asbestos.



8. Avoid areas where asbestos particles may be in the air.

### **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 if 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.

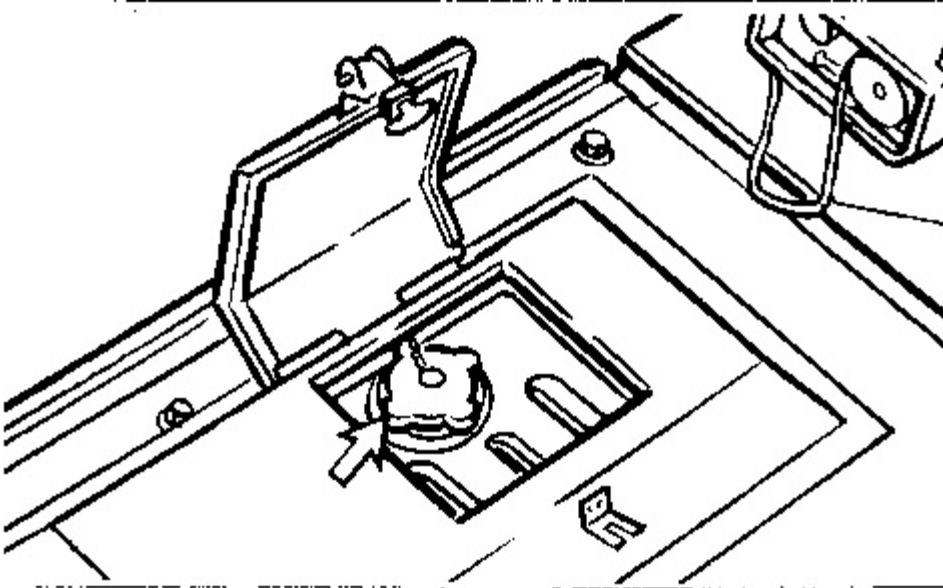
### **Falling Object Guard**

This is an attachment guard located on and secured to the top of the cab.

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

### **Burn Prevention**

At operating temperature, the engine coolant 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 only after the engine has been stopped and the filler cap is cool enough to remove with your bare hand.

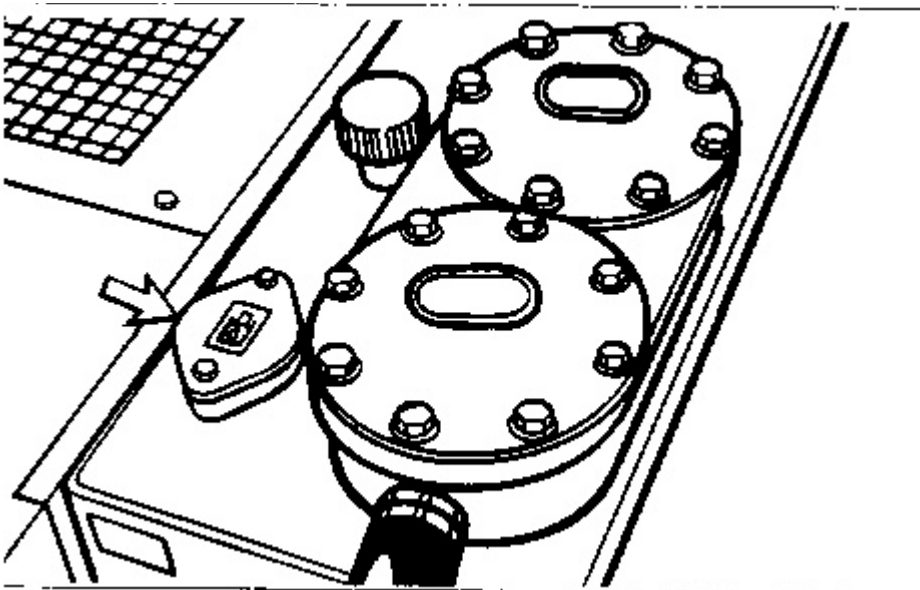
Remove the cooling system filler cap slowly to relieve pressure.

Cooling system conditioner 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.

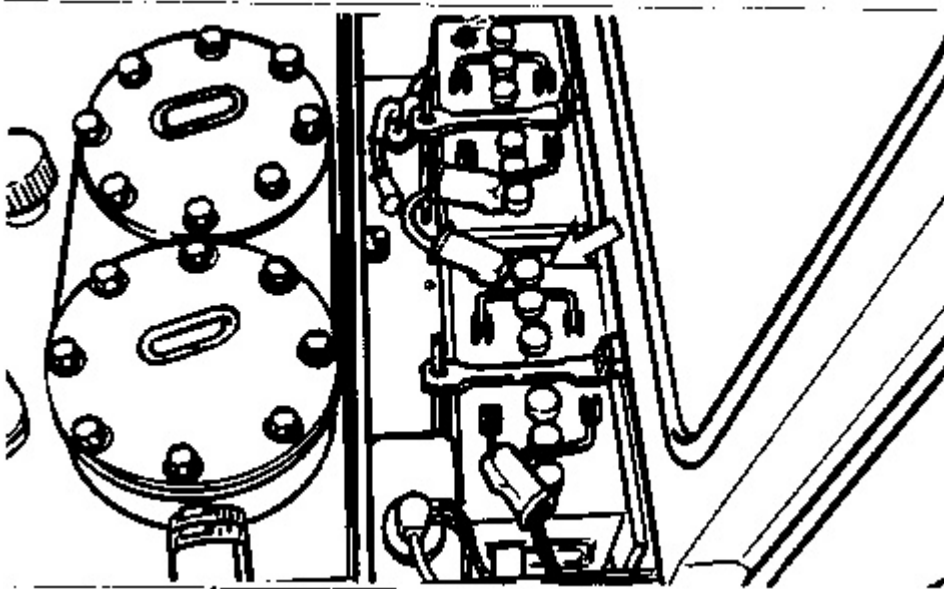
At operating temperature, the hydraulic tank is hot and can be under pressure.



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

Remove the hydraulic tank filler cover 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.

Batteries may be located in separate compartments. When using jumper cables always connect positive (+) cable to positive (+) terminal of battery connected to starter solenoid and negative (-) cable from external source to starter negative (-) terminal. (If not equipped with starter negative terminal, connect to engine block.)

See the "Starting the Engine" section of 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.

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.

Have a fire extinguisher available and know how to use it. Inspect and have it serviced as recommended on its instruction plate.

### **Ether**

Ether is flammable. Do not smoke while changing ether cylinders.

Use ether only in well ventilated areas.

Keep ether cylinders out of the reach of unauthorized persons.

Do not store replacement ether cylinders in living areas or in the operator's compartment.

Do not store ether cylinders in direct sunlight. Discard cylinders in a safe place. Do not puncture or burn cylinders.

### **Lines, Tubes and Hoses**

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.

Check lines, tubes and hoses carefully. Do not use your bare hand to check for leaks. Use a board or cardboard to check for leaks.

Escaping fluid under pressure, even a pin-hole size leak, can penetrate body tissue, causing serious injury, and possible death. If fluid is injected into your skin, it must be removed surgically by a doctor familiar with this type of injury within a few hours.

Tighten all connections to the recommended torque. Replace if any of the following conditions are found:

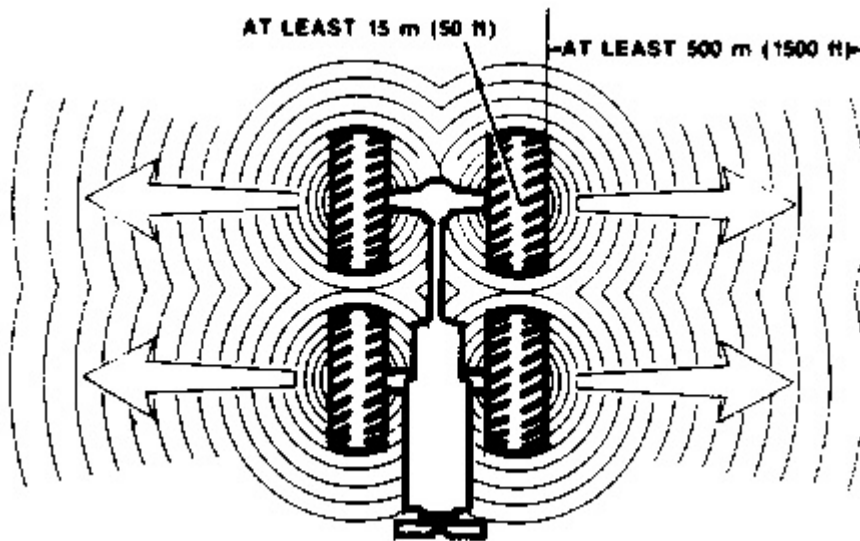
1. End fittings damaged or leaking.
2. Outer covering chafed or cut and wire reinforcing exposed.
3. Outer covering ballooning locally.
4. Evidence of kinking or crushing of the flexible part of hose.
5. Armouring embedded in the outer cover.
6. End fittings displaced.

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

### **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.

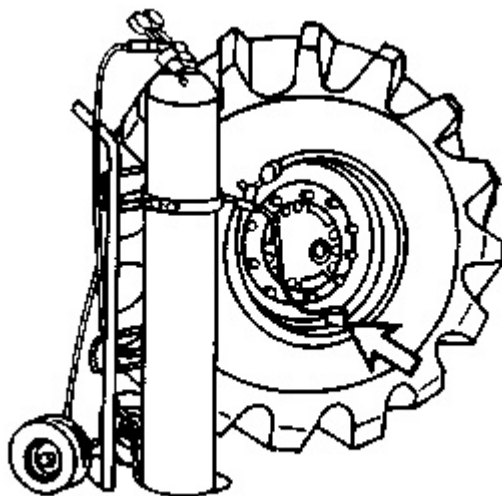


Do not approach a tire closer than the outside of the area represented by the shaded area in the above drawing.

Dry nitrogen ( $N_2$ ) 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.

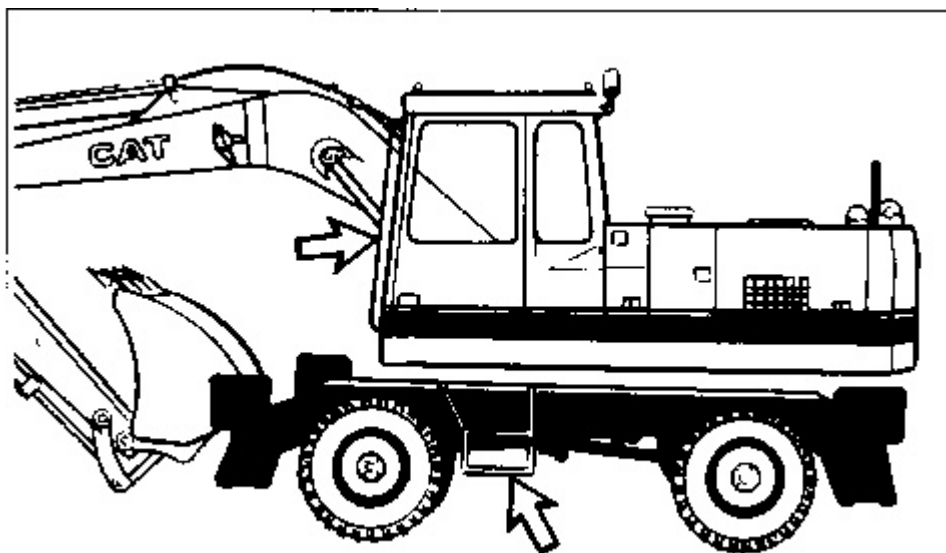


Stand behind the tread and use a self-attaching inflation chuck when inflating a tire.

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.

## **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.

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.

## **Engine Starting Preparation**

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.

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 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.

## **Engine Starting**



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 attachment controls to the HOLD position before starting the engine.

The left arm rest must be raised to allow the engine starter circuit to activate when the key is turned to the START position. The raised arm rest also disengages the hydraulic controls except steering.

Engage the parking brake.

Diesel engine exhaust contains products of combustion which can be harmful to your health. Always start and operate the engine in a well-ventilated area and, if in an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.

### **Machine Operating Preparation**

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 closed position.

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

Make sure the machine horn, the backup alarm (if equipped) 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.

### **Machine Operation**

Operate the machine only while seated.

Operate the controls only with the engine running.

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

Do not allow riders on the machine unless additional seat, seat belt and Falling Object Guard are provided.

Report any needed repairs noted during operation.

Carry implements close to the ground, approximately 40 cm (15 inch) above ground level, for normal SLOW SPEED travel. As the machine ground speed increases, move linkage into a tucked position close to the machine.

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.

Do not swing loaded implements without locking the front oscillating axle stabilizers.

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.

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.

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

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

## **Machine Parking**

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

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

Raise the left armrest up to disengage the hydraulics.

Turn the start switch key to the OFF position to stop the engine.

Remove the start switch key and the disconnect switch key.

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### Towing

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**WARNING**

**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.

Do not use a chain for pulling. A chain link may break causing possible personal injury. Use a wire rope cable with loop or ring ends. Use an observer in a safe position to stop the pulling procedure if cable starts to break or unravel. Stop pulling whenever the pulling machine moves without the towed machine.

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.

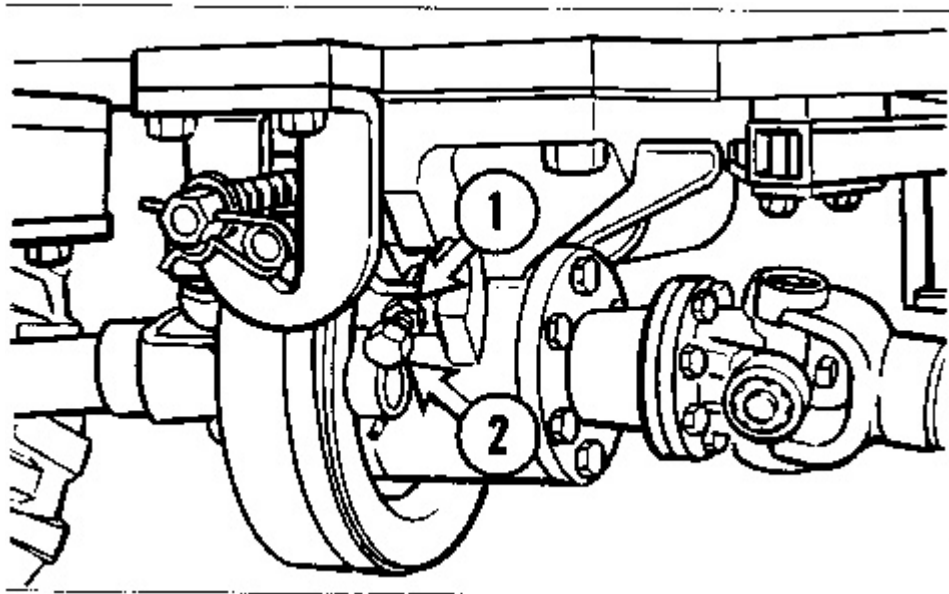
Consult your Caterpillar dealer for additional towing information for a disabled machine.

### **Parking Brake Release System**

If the parking brake can not be released from the cab, it can be mechanically released. Some local regulations require a cab parking brake release valve. Consult your Caterpillar dealer for further information.

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.

The machine can now be towed.

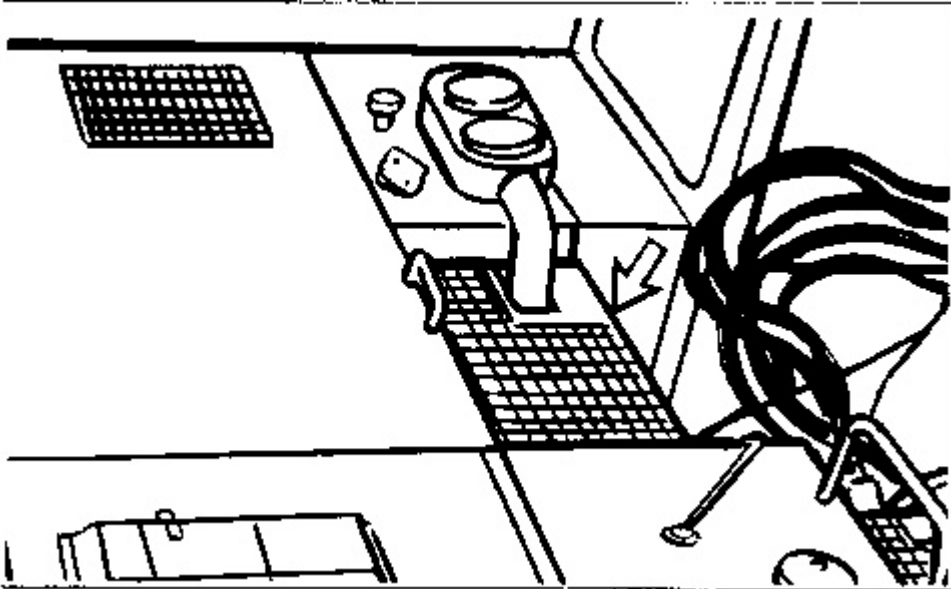
4. After towing, turn the releasing bolt (2) back out (counterclockwise) and tighten the lock nut (1).

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

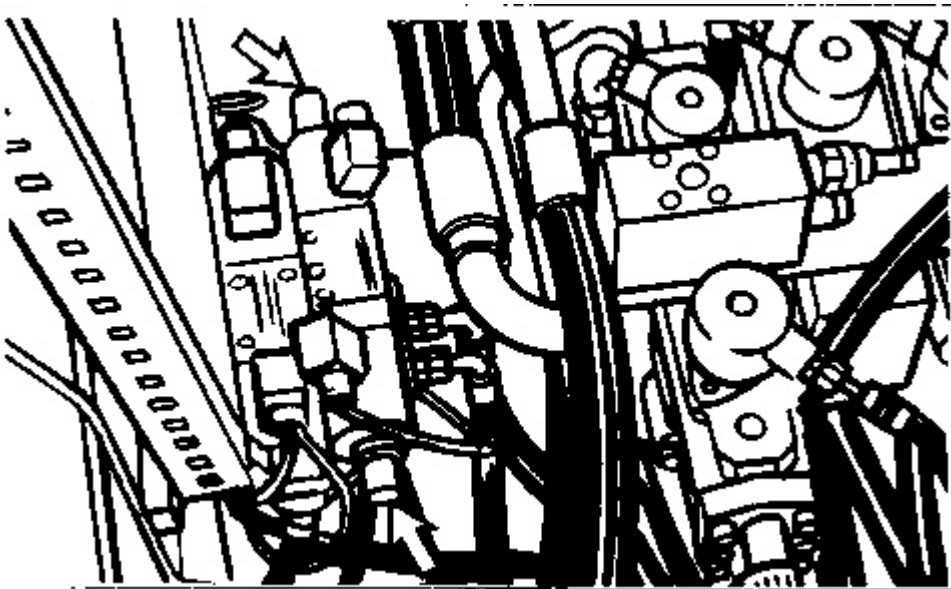
## Hydraulic Drive Train Release

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.



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



3. Turn the two screws in (clockwise) to the stop on the solenoid valve.
  4. After towing, turn the two screws back out (counterclockwise).
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