

Product: COMPACT TRACK LOADER

Model: 279D COMPACT TRACK LOADER WEF

Configuration: 279D Compact Track Loader Military WEF00001-UP (MACHINE) POWERED BY C3.3B Engine

Operation and Maintenance Manual 279D Compact Track Loader

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Foreword

California Proposition 65 Warning

Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.



WARNING - This product can expose you to chemicals including ethylene glycol, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to:

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

Do not ingest this chemical. Wash hands after handling to avoid incidental ingestion.



WARNING - This product can expose you to chemicals including lead and lead compounds, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. For more information go to:

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

Wash hands after handling components that may contain lead.

Literature Information

This manual should be stored in the operator's compartment in the literature holder or seat back literature storage area.

This manual contains safety information, operation instructions, transportation information, lubrication information, and maintenance information.

Some photographs or illustrations in this publication show details or attachments that can be different from your machine. Guards and covers might have been removed for illustrative purposes.

Continuing improvement and advancement of product design might have caused changes to your machine which are not included in this publication. Read, study, and keep this manual with the machine.

Whenever a question arises regarding your machine, or this publication, please consult your Cat 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 signs and 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 machine.

Operation

The operation section is a reference for the new operator and a refresher for the experienced operator. This section includes a discussion of gauges, switches, machine controls, attachment controls, transportation, and towing information.

Photographs and 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 Maintenance Interval Schedule (MIS) lists the items to be maintained at a specific service interval. Items without specific intervals are listed under the "When Required" service interval. The Maintenance Interval Schedule lists the page number for the step-by-step instructions required to accomplish the scheduled maintenance. Use the Maintenance Interval Schedule as an index or "one safe source" for all maintenance procedures.

Maintenance Intervals

Use the service hour meter to determine servicing intervals. Calendar intervals shown (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.) can be used instead of service hour meter intervals if the calendar intervals

provide more convenient servicing schedules and approximate the indicated service hour meter reading. Perform the recommended service at the interval that occurs first.

Under severe, dusty, or wet operating conditions, more frequent lubrication than is specified in the maintenance intervals chart might 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 and every 10 service hours or daily.

Certified Engine Maintenance

Proper maintenance and repair are essential to keep the engine and machine systems operating correctly. As the heavy-duty off-road diesel engine owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in the Owner Manual, Operation and Maintenance Manual, and Service Manual.

It is prohibited for any person engaged in the business of repairing, servicing, selling, leasing, or trading engines or machines to remove, alter, or to render inoperative, any emission-related device or element of design installed on or in an engine or machine that is in compliance with all applicable regulations of the intended country to which it has been shipped. Certain elements of the machine and engine such as the exhaust system, fuel system, electrical system, intake air system, and cooling system may be emission-related and should not be altered unless approved by Caterpillar.

Machine Capacity

Additional attachments or modifications may exceed machine design capacity which can adversely affect performance characteristics. Included would be stability and system certifications such as brakes, steering, and rollover protective structures (ROPS). Contact your Cat dealer for further information.

Product Identification Number

Effective First Quarter 2001 the Product Identification Number (PIN) has changed from 8 to 17 characters. To provide uniform equipment identification, construction equipment manufacturers are moving to comply with the latest version of the product identification numbering standard. Non-road machine PINs are defined by ISO 10261. The new PIN format will apply to all machines and generator sets. The PIN plates and frame marking will display the 17 character PIN. The new format will look like the following:



Where:

1. World Manufacturing Code (characters 1-3)
2. Machine Descriptor (characters 4-8)
3. Check Character (character 9)
4. Machine Indicator Section (MIS) or Product Sequence Number (characters 10-17). These were previously referred to as the Serial Number.

Machines and generator sets produced before First Quarter 2001 will maintain their 8 character PIN format.

Components such as engines, transmissions, axles, and work tools will continue to use an 8 character Serial Number (S/N).

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Safety Messages

SMCS - 7000; 7405

There are several specific safety messages on this machine. The exact location of the hazards and the description of the hazards are reviewed in this section. Be familiar with all safety messages.

Make sure that all of the safety messages are legible. Clean the safety messages or replace the safety messages if you cannot read the words. Replace the illustrations if the illustrations are not legible. When you clean the safety messages, use a cloth, water, and soap. Do not use solvent, gasoline, or other harsh chemicals to clean the safety messages. Solvents, gasoline, or harsh chemicals could loosen the adhesive that secures the safety message. Loose adhesive will allow the safety message to fall.

Replace any safety message that is damaged, or missing. If a safety message is attached to a part that is replaced, install a safety message on the replacement part. Any Cat dealer can provide new safety messages.

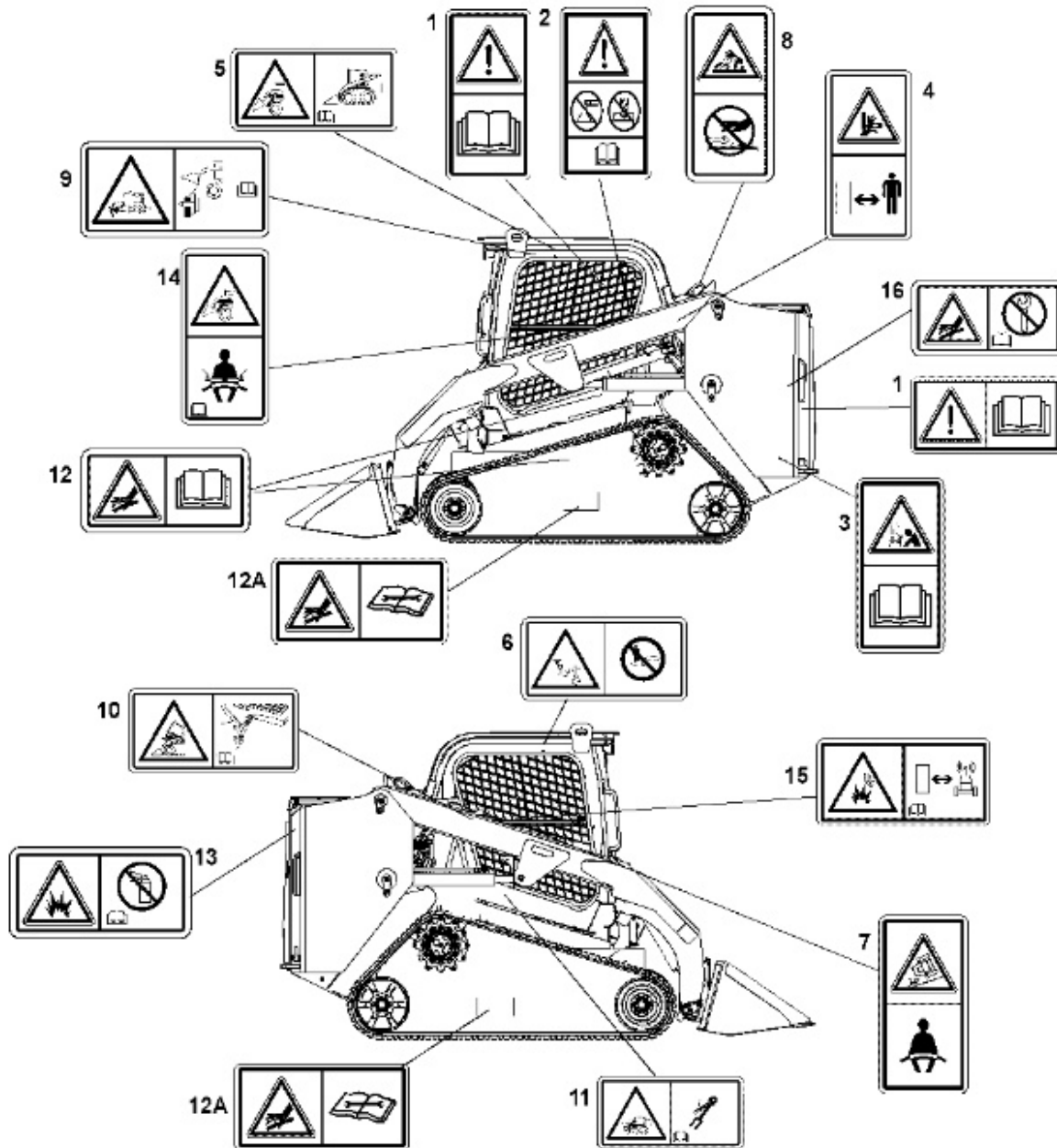


Illustration 1

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- (1) Do Not Operate.
- (2) Rollover Protective Structure/Falling Object Protective Structure
- (3) Jump Starting
- (4) Crushing Hazard
- (5) Stay Inside Operator Station
- (6) Never Permit Riders.
- (7) Seat Belt
- (8) Pressurized System
- (9) Work Tool Coupler
- (10) Cab Support
- (11) Brace for the Loader Lift Arms
- (12) Accumulator
- (12A) High Pressure Cylinder
- (13) Aerosol Starting Aid
- (14) Armrests

- (15) Product Link
- (16) High Pressure Fuel

Do Not Operate (1)

This warning film is located inside the cab on the left hand rear ROPS post.



Illustration 2

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Read and understand the instructions and warnings in the operation and maintenance manuals. Contact any Caterpillar dealer for replacement manuals. Proper care is your responsibility.

Be alert! Know work conditions. Note and avoid all hazards and obstructions. Keep by-standers away when operating.

Fasten seat belt and lower armrests.

Make certain all controls are in neutral position and start engine.

Disengage parking brake.

Machine controls are active.

Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result injury or death.

Do Not Operate (1) (Engine)

This message is also located on the engine.



Illustration 3

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Be alert! Know work conditions. Note and avoid all hazards and obstructions. Keep by-standers away when operating.

Fasten seat belt and lower armrests.

Make certain all controls are in neutral position and start engine.

Disengage parking brake.

Machine controls are active.

Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result injury or death.

Rollover Protective Structure/Falling Object Protective Structure (2)

The no drill/no weld warning film is located inside the cab on the left hand rear ROPS post. The ROPS certification film is located inside the cab on the right hand rear ROPS post.



Illustration 4

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WARNING

Structural damage, an overturn, modification, alteration, or improper repair can impair this structure's protection capability thereby voiding this certification. Do not weld on or drill holes in the structure. Consult a Caterpillar dealer to determine this structure's limitations without voiding its certification.

This machine has been certified to the standards that are listed on the certification plate. The maximum mass of the machine, which includes the operator and the attachments without a payload, should not exceed the mass on the certification film.

Jump Start (3)

This warning message is located near the battery on the inside of the engine compartment.

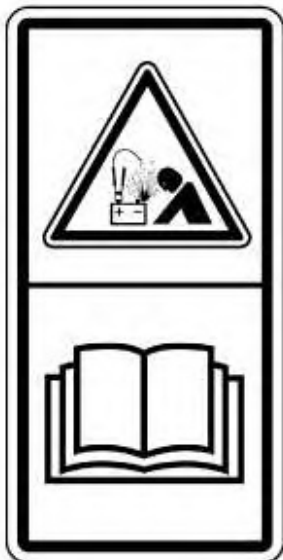


Illustration 5

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WARNING

Improper jumper cable connections can cause explosion resulting in personal injury. Batteries may be located in separate compartments, always connect positive (+) cable to positive (+) terminal of battery connected to starter solenoid and negative (-) cable from external source to engine block or frame.

Crush Hazard (4)

This warning is located on the loader arm linkage of the machines that are equipped with vertical lift.



Illustration 6

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WARNING

No clearance for person in this area during operation. Severe injury or death from crushing could occur. Stay away from the work tool while it is in operation.

Stay Inside Operator Station (5)

This warning message is located inside the cab on the upper left-hand switch console.

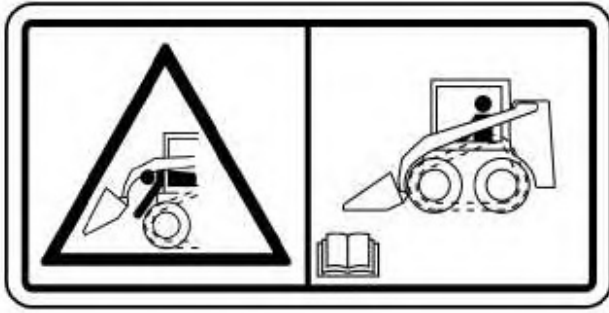


Illustration 7

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 **WARNING**

Keep your body inside the operator station while operating the loader.

Never work with your arms, feet or legs beyond the operator station.

Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings will result in injury or death.

Never Permit Riders (6)

This warning message is located inside the cab on the upper right-hand switch console.

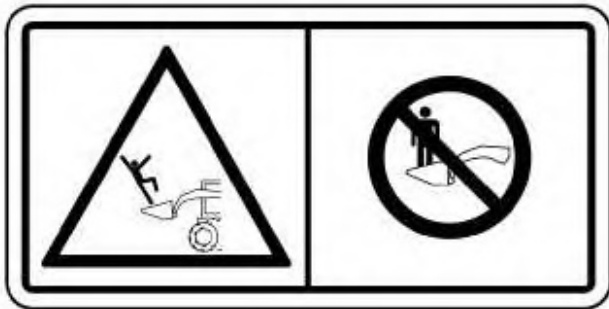


Illustration 8

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 **WARNING**

Never permit riders.

Never use work tool for a work platform.

Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death.

Seat Belt (7)

This warning message is located inside the cab on the right-hand joystick console.



Illustration 9

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A seat belt should be worn at all times during machine operation to prevent serious injury or death in the event of an accident or machine overturn. Failure to wear a seat belt during machine operation may result in serious injury or death.

Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Seat Belt" for more information.

Pressurized System (8)

This warning message is located on the radiator by the radiator cap.



Illustration 10

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 **WARNING**

Pressurized system: Hot coolant can cause serious burn. To open cap, stop engine, wait until radiator is cool. Then loosen cap slowly to relieve the pressure.

Work Tool Coupler (9)

This warning message is located inside the cab on the upper left-hand switch console.

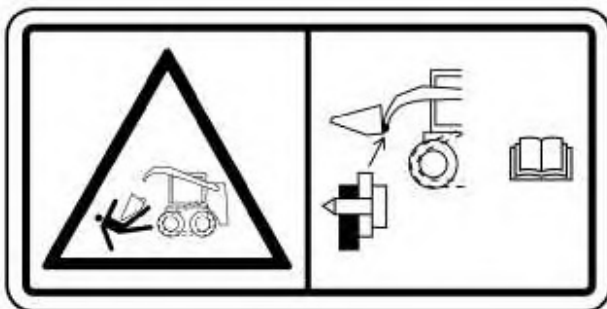


Illustration 11

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 **WARNING**

Improper Attachment of the Work Tool could result in injury or death.

Do not operate the machine without confirmation that the coupler pins are fully engaged. Follow the operating procedures in the Operation and Maintenance Manual.

Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Work Tool Coupler Operation" for the proper procedure for the work tool coupler.

Cab Support (10)

This warning message is located outside the cab on the right-hand side near the cab support latch.

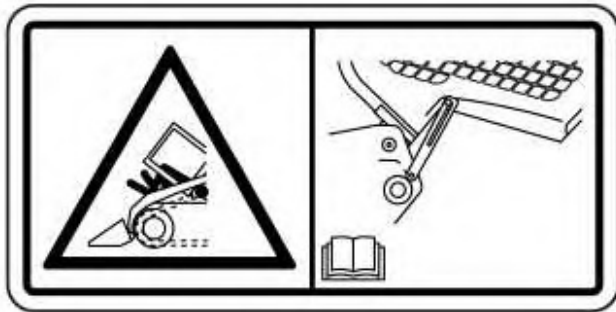


Illustration 12

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 **WARNING**

Do not go beneath cab unless cab is empty and support lever is engaged.

Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death.

Brace for the Loader Lift Arms (11)

This warning message is located on the brace for the loader lift arms.

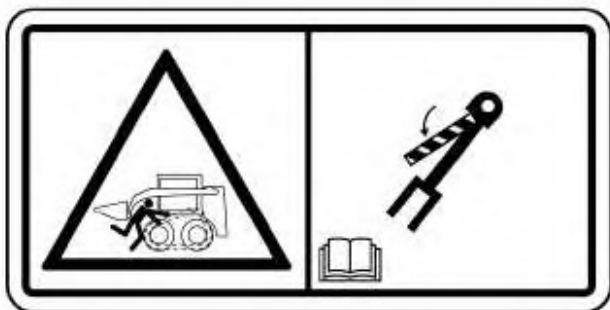


Illustration 13

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Loader lift arm brace must be in place when working under raised lift arms.

Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death.

Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Loader Lift Arm Brace Operation" for operating information.

Accumulator (12)

This warning message is located near the accumulator behind the cab. If your machine is equipped with ride control, there will be an additional accumulator in this location.

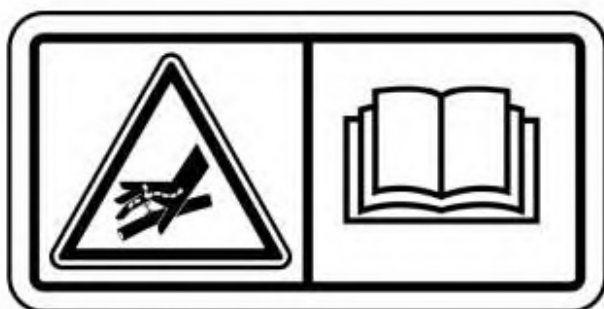


Illustration 14

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Pressurized System!

Hydraulic accumulators contain gas and oil under high pressure. DO NOT disconnect lines or disassemble any component of a pressurized accumulator. All gas pre-charge must be removed from the accumulator as instructed by the service manual before servicing the accumulator or any accumulator component.

Failure to follow the instructions and warnings could result in personal injury or death.

Only use dry nitrogen gas to recharge accumulators. See your Cat dealer for special equipment and detailed information for accumulator service and charging.

High Pressure Cylinder (12A)

This safety message is located on the undercarriage by the access panel. (Only on the CTL).

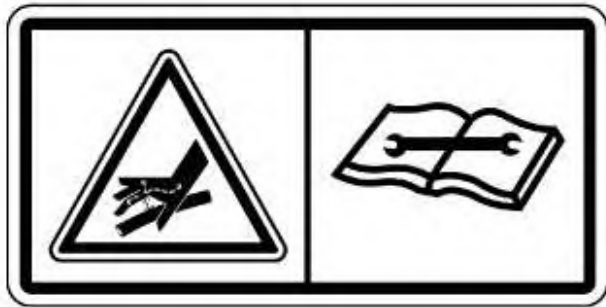


Illustration 15

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Personal injury can result from grease under high pressure.

The adjuster cylinder for the track is under high hydraulic pressure. Grease under high pressure can cause injury.

Do not visually inspect the adjuster cylinder to see if grease is released when the valve is opened. Look to see that the track has loosened.

Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Track - Inspect/Adjust (Detension the Track)" for more information.

Aerosol Starting Aid (13)

This warning message is located on the side of the air cleaner housing or inside the engine compartment on the frame wall near the air cleaner.



Illustration 16

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 **WARNING**

Do not use ether. This machine is equipped with glow plugs. Using ether can create explosions or fires that can cause personal injury or death. Read and follow the engine starting procedure in the Operation and Maintenance Manual.

Armrests (14)

This warning message is located inside the cab on the left-hand joystick console.



Illustration 17

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WARNING

Crush/Ejection Hazard! Could cause serious injury or death.

**Always wear seatbelt and lower both armrests while operating machine.
Read the Operation and Maintenance Manual.**

Product Link (If equipped) (15)

This safety message is located inside the cab on the right-hand window.

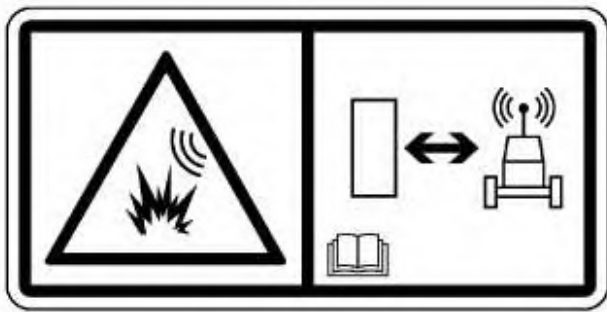


Illustration 18

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WARNING

This machine is equipped with a Caterpillar Product Link communication device. When electric detonators are used, this communication device should be deactivated within 12 m (40 ft) of a blast site for satellite-based systems and within 3 m (10 ft) of a blast site for cellular based systems, or within the distance mandated under applicable legal requirements. Failure to do so could cause interference with blasting operations and result in serious injury or death.

In cases where the type of Product Link module cannot be identified, Caterpillar recommends that the device be disabled no less than 12 m (40 ft) from the blast perimeter.

High Pressure Fuel (16)

This safety message is located inside the engine compartment on the engine on or near the common rail fuel lines.



Illustration 19

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 **WARNING**

Contact with high pressure fuel may cause fluid penetration and burn hazards. High pressure fuel spray may cause a fire hazard. Failure to follow these inspection, maintenance and service instructions may cause personal injury or death.

Work Tools

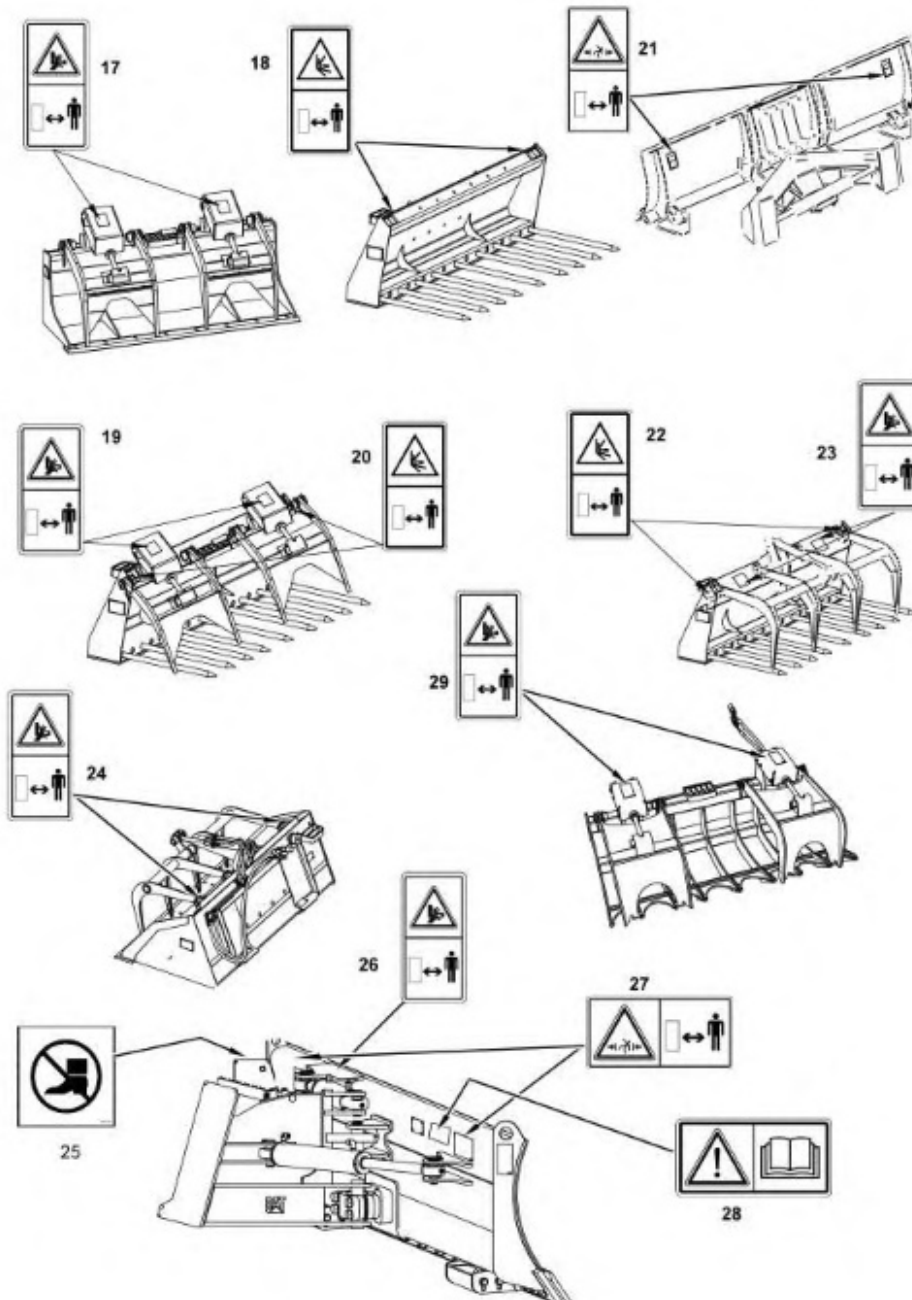


Illustration 20

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Work Tools

WARNING

Do not operate or work on this work tool unless you have read and understand the instructions and warnings in the Operation And Maintenance Manual for both the work tool and the host machine.

Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death.

Contact your Caterpillar dealer for replacement manuals. Proper care is your responsibility.

Industrial Grapple Bucket (17)

These warning messages are located on top of the guards for the grapple cylinders.



Illustration 21

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 **WARNING**

No clearance for person in this area during operation. Severe injury or death from crushing could occur. Stay away from the work tool while it is in operation.

Utility Fork (18)

These warning messages are located on top of the fork carriage.



Illustration 22

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No clearance for person in this area during operation. Severe injury or death from impalement could occur. Stay away from the work tool while it is in operation.

Industrial Grapple Fork (19)

These warning messages are located on the guards for the grapple cylinders.



Illustration 23

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