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M-GATOR™ Utility Vehicle
A3

OMM165110 H1

OPERATOR'S MANUAL



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⚠ 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.

California Proposition 65 Warning

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Introduction

Thank You for Purchasing a John Deere Product

We appreciate having you as a customer and wish you many years of safe and satisfied use of your machine.

Using Your Operator's Manual

This manual is an important part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

Reading your operator's manual will help you and others avoid personal injury or damage to the machine. Information given in this manual will provide the operator with the safest and most effective use of the machine. Knowing how to operate this machine safely and correctly will allow you to train others who may operate this machine.

If you have an attachment, use the safety and operating information in the attachment operator's manual along with the machine operator's manual to operate the attachment safely and correctly.

This manual and safety signs on your machine may also be available in other languages (see your authorized dealer to order).

Sections in your operator's manual are placed in a specific order to help you understand all the safety messages and learn the controls so you can operate this machine safely. You can also use this manual to answer any specific operating or servicing questions. A convenient index located at the end of this book will help you to find needed information quickly.

The machine shown in this manual may differ slightly from your machine, but will be similar enough to help you understand our instructions.

RIGHT-HAND and LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction the machine will travel when going forward. When you see a broken line (-----), the item referred to is hidden from view.

Before delivering this machine, your dealer performed a predelivery inspection to ensure best performance.

Special Messages

Your manual contains special messages to bring attention to potential safety concerns, machine damage as well as helpful operating and servicing information. Please read all the information carefully to avoid injury and machine damage.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! This symbol and text highlight potential hazards or death to the operator or bystanders that may occur if the hazards or procedures are ignored.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! This text is used to tell the operator of actions or conditions that might result in damage to the machine.

NOTE: General information is given throughout the manual that may help the operator in the operation or service of the machine.

Attachments for Your Machine

There's a John Deere attachment or kit to make your new machine perform more tasks or be more versatile, whether your machine is a lawn tractor or compact utility tractor or a utility vehicle.

You can check out the entire line of attachments for your machine at JohnDeere.com or ask your John Deere dealer. From aerators to electric lift kits to tillers, there's a John Deere attachment or kit to fill every need.

Product Identification

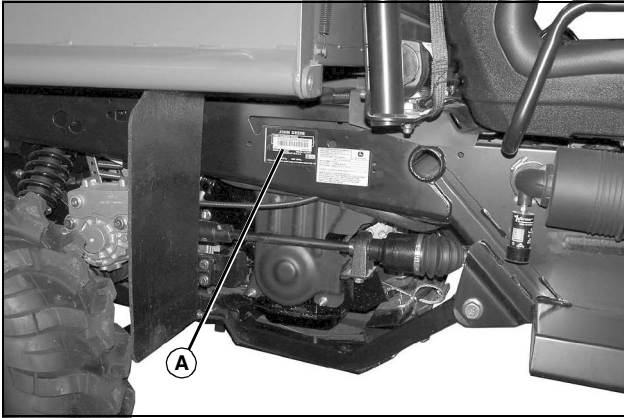
Record Identification Numbers

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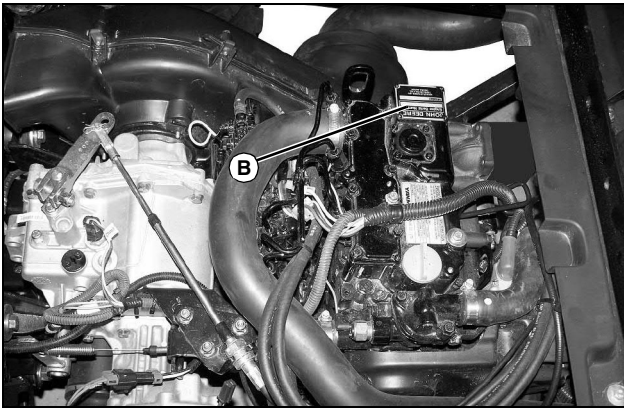
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If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and identification numbers.

You will need to locate the identification numbers for the product. Record the information in the spaces provided below.



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DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

DEALER PHONE:

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (A):

ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER (B):

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Original Instruction

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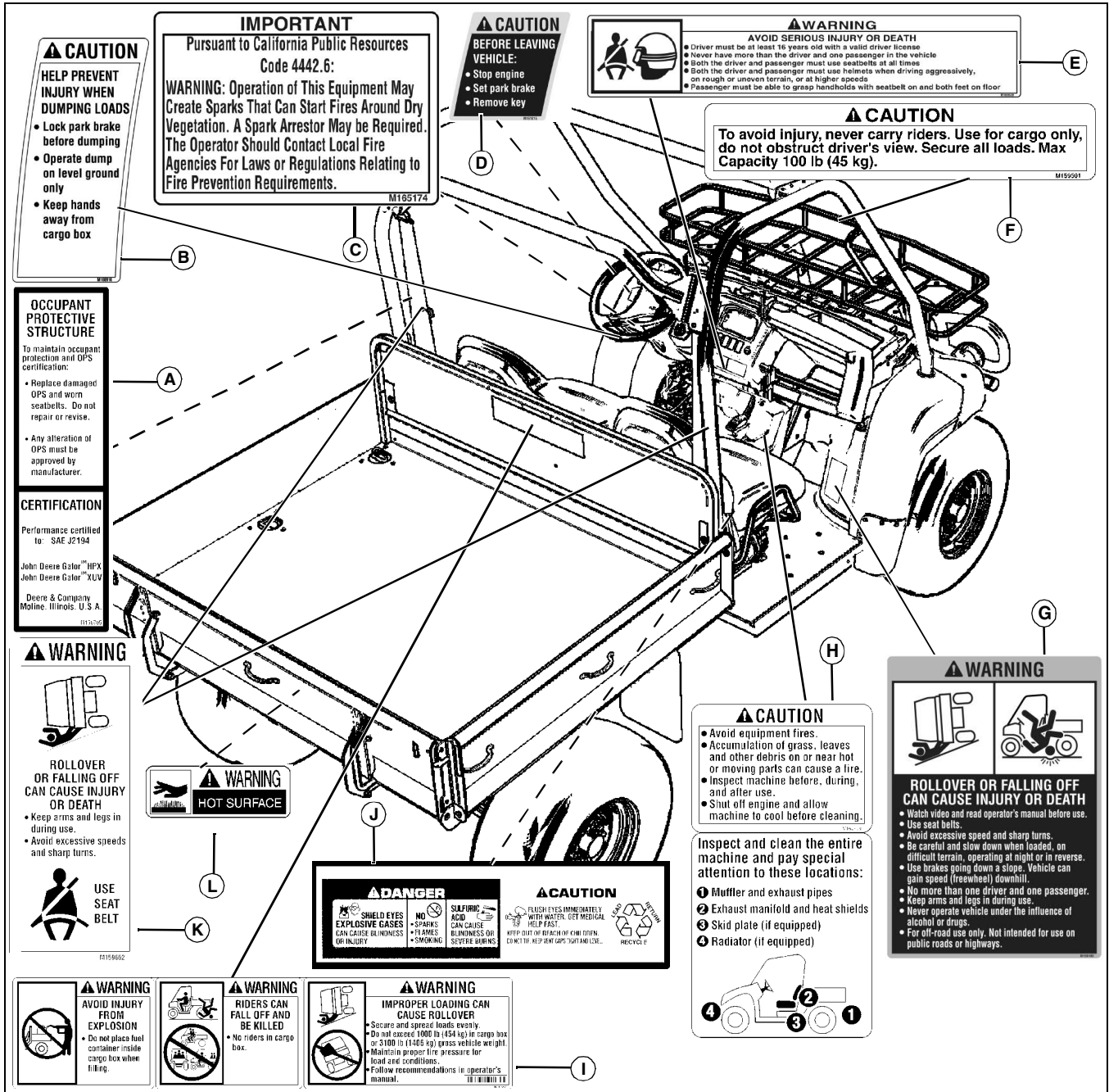
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Safety Labels

Safety Label Location



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Picture Note: Use label number listed in table below to locate complete text of safety label message following this illustration.

- A - Occupant Protective Structure (OPS) Label - M156705
- B - CAUTION - M160916
- C - WARNING - M165174
- D - CAUTION - M161015
- E - WARNING - M165639

- F - CAUTION - M159501
- G - WARNING - M158180
- H - CAUTION - M165798
- I - WARNING - M161567
- J - DANGER/CAUTION - M128669
- K - WARNING - M159662
- L - WARNING - M117554

Safety Labels



Understanding The Machine Safety Labels

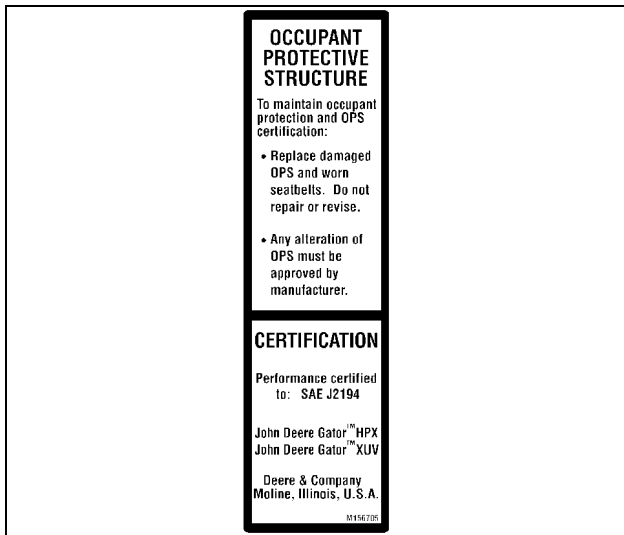
The machine safety labels shown in this section are placed in important areas on your machine to draw attention to potential safety hazards.

On your machine safety labels, the words DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are used with this safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

The operator's manual also explains any potential safety hazards whenever necessary in special safety messages that are identified with the word, CAUTION, and the safety-alert symbol.

There can be additional safety information contained on parts and components sourced from suppliers that is not reproduced in this operator's manual.

Occupant Protective Structure Safety and Certification Label



M156705

OCCUPANT PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE

To maintain occupant protection and OPS certification:

- Replace damaged OPS and worn seat belts. Do not repair or revise.
- Any alteration of OPS must be approved by manufacturer.

CERTIFICATION

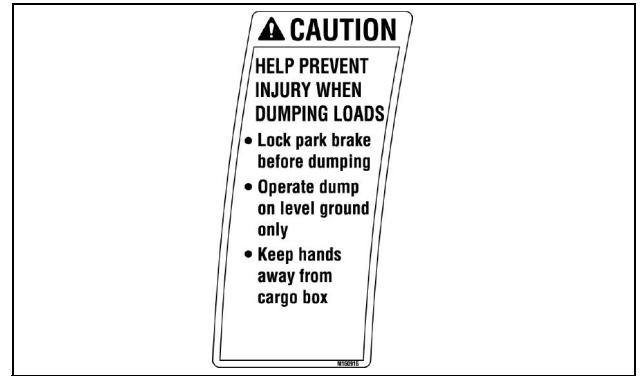
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CAUTION M160916



M160916

HELP PREVENT INJURY WHEN DUMPING LOADS

- Lock park brake before dumping
- Operate dump on level ground only
- Keep hands away from cargo box

Warning M165174



M165174

Picture Note: This label is required and installed on machines sold in California. This label may also be installed on machines sold in other locations.

Operation of This Equipment May Create Sparks that Can Start Fires Around Dry Vegetation. A Spark Arrestor May be Required. The Operator Should Contact Local Fire Agencies For Laws or Regulations Relating to Fire Prevention Requirements.

Safety Labels

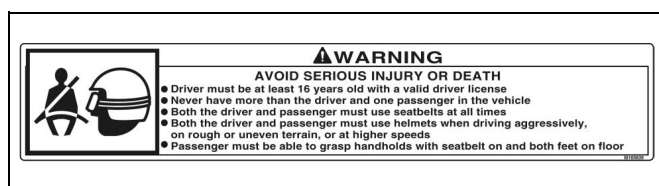
CAUTION M161015



BEFORE LEAVING VEHICLE:

- Stop engine
- Set park brake
- Remove key

WARNING M165639

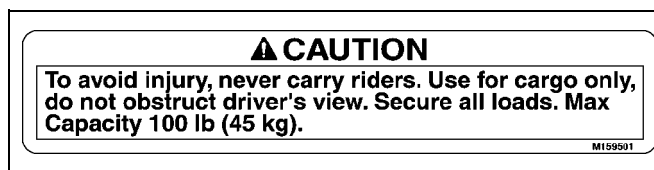


M165639

AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

- Driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver license.
- Never have more than the driver and one passenger in the vehicle.
- Both the driver and passenger must use seatbelts at all times.
- Both the driver and passenger must use helmets when driving aggressively, on rough or uneven terrain, or at higher speeds.
- Passenger must be able to grasp handholds with seatbelt on and both feet on floor.

CAUTION M159501



M159501

- To avoid injury, never carry riders.
- Use for cargo only, do not obstruct driver's view.
- Secure all loads.
- Max Capacity 100 lb (45 kg).

WARNING M158180



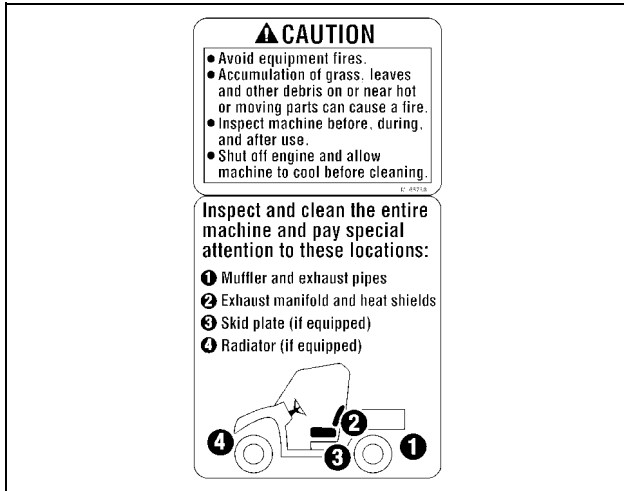
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ROLLOVER OR FALLING OFF CAN CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH

- Watch video and read operator's manual before use.
- Use seat belts.
- Avoid excessive speed and sharp turns.
- Be careful and slow down when loaded, on difficult terrain, operating at night or in reverse.
- Use brakes going down a slope. Vehicle can gain speed (freewheel) downhill.
- No more than one driver and one passenger.
- Keep arms and legs in during use.
- Never operate vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- For off-road use only. Not intended for use on public roads or highways.

Safety Labels

CAUTION M165798



M165798

- Avoid equipment fires.
- Accumulation of grass, leaves and other debris on or near hot or moving parts can cause a fire.
- Inspect machine before, during, and after use.
- Shut off engine and allow machine to cool before cleaning.

Inspect and clean the entire machine and pay special attention to these locations:

1. Muffler and exhaust pipes
2. Exhaust manifold and heat shields
3. Skid plate (if equipped)
4. Radiator (if equipped)

WARNING M161567

AVOID INJURY FROM EXPLOSION



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- Do not place fuel container inside cargo box when filling.

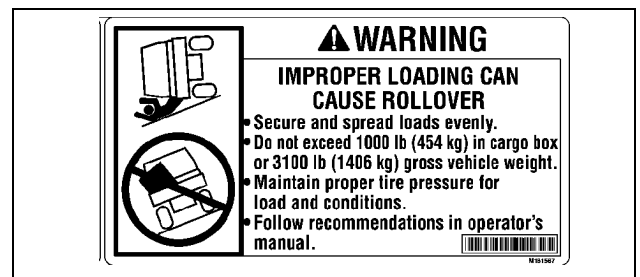
RIDERS CAN FALL OFF AND BE KILLED



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- No riders in cargo box.

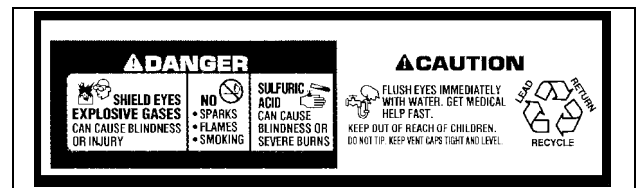
IMPROPER LOADING CAN CAUSE ROLLOVER



M161567

- Secure and spread loads evenly.
- Do not exceed 1000 lb (454 kg) in cargo box or 3100 lb (1406 kg) gross vehicle weight.
- Maintain proper tire pressure for load and conditions.
- Follow recommendations in operator's manual.

DANGER M128699



M128699

Picture Note: Located on battery

- Shield eyes, explosive gases can cause blindness or injury.
- No sparks, flames, smoking.
- Sulfuric acid can cause blindness or severe burns.
- Flush eyes immediately with water. Get medical help fast.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Do not tip.
- Keep vent caps tight and level.

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