# JOHN DEERE WORLDWIDE COMMERCIAL & CONSUMER EQUIPMENT DIVISION

GATOR® Utility Vehicle 4x2, 6x4 & Trail

OMM150179 D4
OPERATOR'S MANUAL



**JOHN DEERE** 

WARNING: The Engine Exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

California Proposition 65 Warning

North American Version Litho in U.S.A.

#### 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 arrow (----->), 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.

### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

#### **Record Identification Numbers**

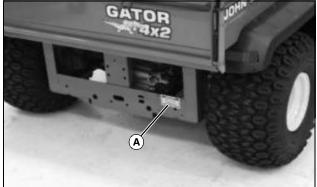
#### **GATOR Utility Vehicle**

4x2 and 4x2 Trail PIN (068205-)

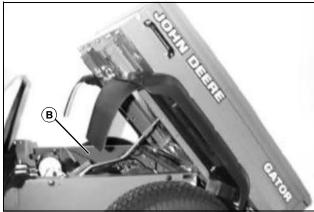
6x4 and 6x4 Trail PIN (068205-)

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 model and serial number for the machine and for the engine of your machine and 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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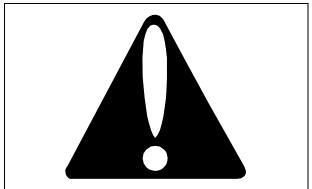
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#### SAFETY

#### **Understanding The Machine Safety Labels**



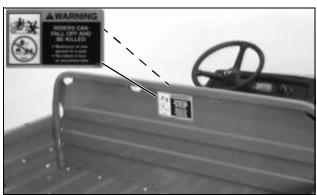
Safety-Alert Symbol

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.

## WARNING: RIDERS CAN FALL OFF AND BE KILLED



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- · Maximum of one person to a seat.
- · No riders in box or anywhere else.

### WARNING: YOUNG DRIVERS INCREASE CHANCE OF DEATH



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- Young drivers may not be able to control vehicle.
- · No drivers younger than 16 years old.

### WARNING: ROLLOVER OR FALLING OFF MAY CAUSE DEATH



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- · Read operator's manual.
- Drive very slowly when turning.
- Always use brakes going down a slope. Vehicle can take-off (freewheel) downhill.
- No loads heavier than 500 lbs (227 kg) in 4x2, 800 lbs (363 kg) in 6x4 and 1000 lbs (454 kg) in 6x4 DIESEL. Spread load evenly. Tie loads down.
- · Reduce speed and load on rough or hilly ground.

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#### **CAUTION**

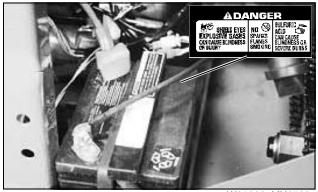


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Before leaving vehicle:

- · Stop engine.
- · Set park brake.
- · Remove key.

#### **DANGER**



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#### SHIELD EYES

EXPLOSIVE GASES can cause blindness or injury.

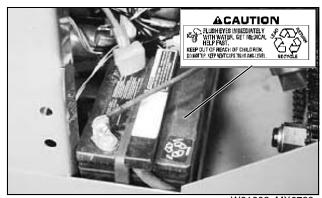
#### NO

- Sparks
- Flames
- Smoking

#### **SULFURIC ACID**

Can cause blindness or severe burns.

#### **CAUTION**



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Flush eyes immediately with water. Get medical help fast. Keep out of reach of children.

Do not tip.

Keep vent caps tight and level.

### CAUTION: HELP PREVENT INJURY WHEN DUMPING LOADS

NOTE: For machines with cargo box power lift option only.



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- Operate dump with machine stationary and parking brake locked: Never dump while moving.
- Operate dump on level ground only.
- · Operate dump from operator's seat only.
- Do not place hands behind seat when lowering box.
- Refer to Operator's Manual for correct load distribution.

#### **Emission Control System Certification Label**

NOTE: Tampering with emission controls and components by unauthorized personnel may result in

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severe fines or penalties. Emission controls and components can only be adjusted by EPA and/or CARB authorized service centers. Contact your John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer concerning emission controls and component questions.

The presence of an emissions label signifies that the engine has been certified with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The emissions warranty applies only to those engines marketed by John Deere that have been certified by the EPA and/or CARB; and used in the United States and Canada in off-road mobile equipment.

#### **Emission Compliance Period**

If your engine has the emission compliance category listed on the emission control system certification or air index label, this indicates the number of operating hours for which the engine has been certified to meet EPA and/or CARB emission requirements. The following table provides the engine compliance period in hours associated with the category found on the certification label.

Agency	Category	Hours
EPA	С	250
EPA	В	500
EPA	А	1000
CARB	Moderate	125
CARB	Intermediate	250
CARB	Extended	500

# Canadian Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Compliance

This spark ignition system complies with Canadian ICES-002.

#### **Operator Training Required**



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- The owner of the machine is responsible for training the users and mechanics of the machine.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to themselves, other people, or property.
- Do not allow operation or service of the machine by children or untrained adults.
- Do not let children operate the machine. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Read the operator's manual and study the safety and operation sections before operating the machine.
- If the operator of the machine cannot read or understand this manual, it is the machine's owner responsibility to explain this material to the operator. This publication is available in other languages.
- Operate the machine in an open, unobstructed area under the direction of an experienced operator.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- Operator experience is required to learn the moving, stopping, turning and other operating characteristics of the machine.
- The utility vehicle should NOT be operated by anyone under the age of 16 years.

#### **Operating Safely**

- View the videotape provided with the vehicle for safe operating practices.
- Do not misuse the utility vehicle. It is a utility vehicle, not a recreation vehicle.



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