JOHN DEERE WORLDWIDE COMMERCIAL & CONSUMER EQUIPMENT DIVISION

GATOR™ Utility Vehicle TS and TH 6x4

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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 (-----), 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

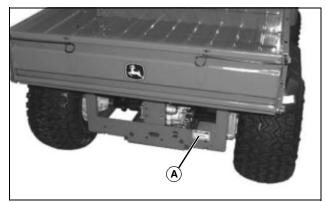
Record Identification Numbers

TS and TH 6x4

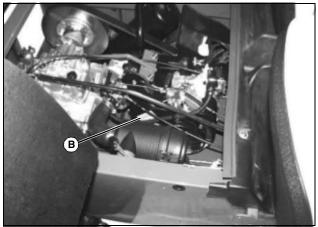
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If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and identification numbers.

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

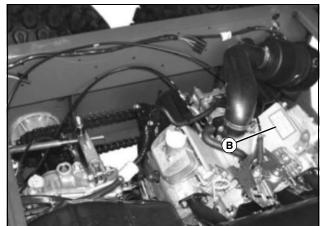


MX32931



Picture Note: TS

MX33



MX33297

Picture Note: TH 6x4

DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

DEALER PHONE:

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (A):

ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER (B):

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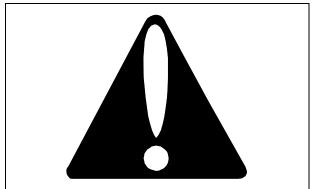
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SAFETY LABELS

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: ROLLOVER OR FALLING OFF MAY CAUSE DEATH



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- Read operator's manual.
- Drive very slowly when turning.
- Always use brake when going down a slope. Vehicle can take-off (freewheel) downhill.
- No loads heavier than:

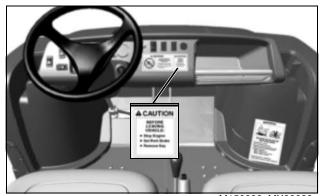
500 lbs (227 kg) in TS

600 lbs (272 kg) in TX, TX TURF

1000 lbs (544 kg) in TH 6x4

- Spread load evenly. Tie loads down.
- Reduce speed and load on rough or hilly ground.

CAUTION: BEFORE LEAVING VEHICLE:



M150928, MX32932

- Stop engine
- Set park brake
- Remove key

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.

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WARNING: AVOID INJURY FROM EXPLOSION



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- Do not place gas container inside cargo box bed when filling.
- Place gas container on ground when filling.

WARNING: RIDERS CAN FALL OFF AND BE KILLED

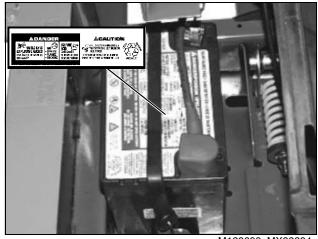


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Picture Note: Two decals. One on each side of load guard.

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

DANGER/CAUTION: BATTERY



M128699, MX33294

DANGER:

SHIELD EYES.

EXPLOSIVE GASES CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS OR INJURY.

NO

- Sparks
- Flames
- Smoking

SULFURIC ACID

CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS OR SEVERE BURNS.

CAUTION:

FLUSH EYES IMMEDIATELY WITH WATER. GET MEDICAL HELP FAST.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. DO NOT TIP. KEEP VENT CAPS TIGHT AND LEVEL.

Emission Control System Certification Label

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

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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	Α	1000
CARB	Moderate	125
CARB	Intermediate	250
CARB	Extended	500

SAE J2258 and ASME B56.8 Compliance

This vehicle conforms to SAE J2258.

With installation of the optional horn kit, this vehicle conforms to ASME B56.8.

Canadian Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Compliance

This spark ignition system complies with Canadian ICES-002.

SAFETY

Supervisor Safety Responsibilities

- Make sure all operators of this machine are thoroughly trained and are familiar with the operator's manual and understand the machine warning labels.
- Be sure to establish any special safety procedures for existing work conditions and train operators in those procedures.
- Supervisors, operators and mechanics should be familiar with and practice the safety standards that apply to this machine.

Operator Training Required

- Read the operator's manual and other training material. If the operator or mechanic cannot read English, it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them. This publication is available in other languages.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained. The owner of the machine is responsible for training the users.
- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to themselves, other people, or property.
- Operate the machine in an open, unobstructed area under the direction of an experienced operator.

Operating Safely

- Read, understand and follow all instructions in the operator's manual, on the machine and on the safety video before starting.
- Do not misuse the utility vehicle. It is a utility vehicle, not a recreation vehicle.
- The utility vehicle is not intended for use on highways or public roads. It is to be used for off-road use only.
- Slow down and be careful of traffic when operating near or crossing roadways. Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.
- The operator should always make sure that the passenger is aware of correct safety procedures while riding in the utility vehicle.
- The passenger should always use the hand holds.

- Horseplay or recreational riding can lead to accidents, severe bodily injury or death.
- Sit on the center of the seat and keep both feet within the foot platform perimeter. Clean foot platform if dirty, and remove any debris from around foot controls.
- Check for debris in engine compartment, especially around brake linkage on each side of the transaxle.
- Always use both hands for steering.
- Know location of controls and how and what they operate.
- Never operate utility vehicle while standing.
- Never operate utility vehicle with the cargo box raised.
- Check brake action before beginning vehicle operation. Adjust or service the brakes as necessary.
- To provide adequate braking ability and traction, do not tow any attachment or loaded trailer unless the cargo box is fully loaded.
- Inspect vehicle before operating. Be sure hardware is tight. Repair or replace damaged, badly worn, or missing parts. Be sure guards and shields are in good condition and fastened in place. Make any necessary adjustments before operating.
- Do not leave vehicle unattended when it is running.
- Operate during daylight or with good artificial light and if you drive at night, use the lights.
- Do not operate vehicle if under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops, or turns.
- Always use a level turn-around area.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones. Safe service and operation require your full attention.

Using a Spark Arrestor

The engine in this machine is equipped with a spark arrestor muffler. It is a violation of California Public Resource Code Section 4442 to use or operate this engine on or near any forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrestor meeting any applicable local or state laws. Other states or federal areas may have similar laws.

A replacement spark arrestor for your machine is available from your authorized dealer. An installed spark arrestor must be maintained in good working order by the operator.

Parking Safely

1. Stop vehicle on a level surface, not on a slope.



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