

JOHN DEERE
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Snowblower
54-Inch

OMLVU24141 H2

OPERATOR'S MANUAL



JOHN DEERE

Original Instruction

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Introduction

Using Your Operator's Manual

Read this entire operator's manual, especially the safety information, before operating.

This manual is an important part of your machine. Keep all manuals in a convenient location so they can be accessed easily.

Use the safety and operating information in the attachment operator's manual, along with the machine operator's manual, to operate and service the attachment safely and correctly.

If your attachment manual has a section called Preparing the Machine, it means that you will have to do something to your tractor or vehicle before you can install the attachment. The Assembly and Installation sections of this manual provide information to assemble and install the attachment to your tractor or vehicle. Use the Service section to make any needed adjustments and routine service to your attachment.

If you have any questions or concerns with the assembly, installation, or operation of this attachment, see your local John Deere dealer or call the John Deere Customer Contact Center at 1-800-537-8233 for assistance.

Warranty information on this John Deere attachment can be found in the warranty that came with your John Deere tractor or vehicle.

Product Identification

Product Compatibility

This snowblower is designed for use with a John Deere compact utility tractor with a front Quick Hitch.

Contact your John Deere dealer for specific tractor compatibility information.

Record Purchase Information

Snowblower

54-Inch Serial Number (020001-)

Record your purchase information in the spaces provided below.

DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

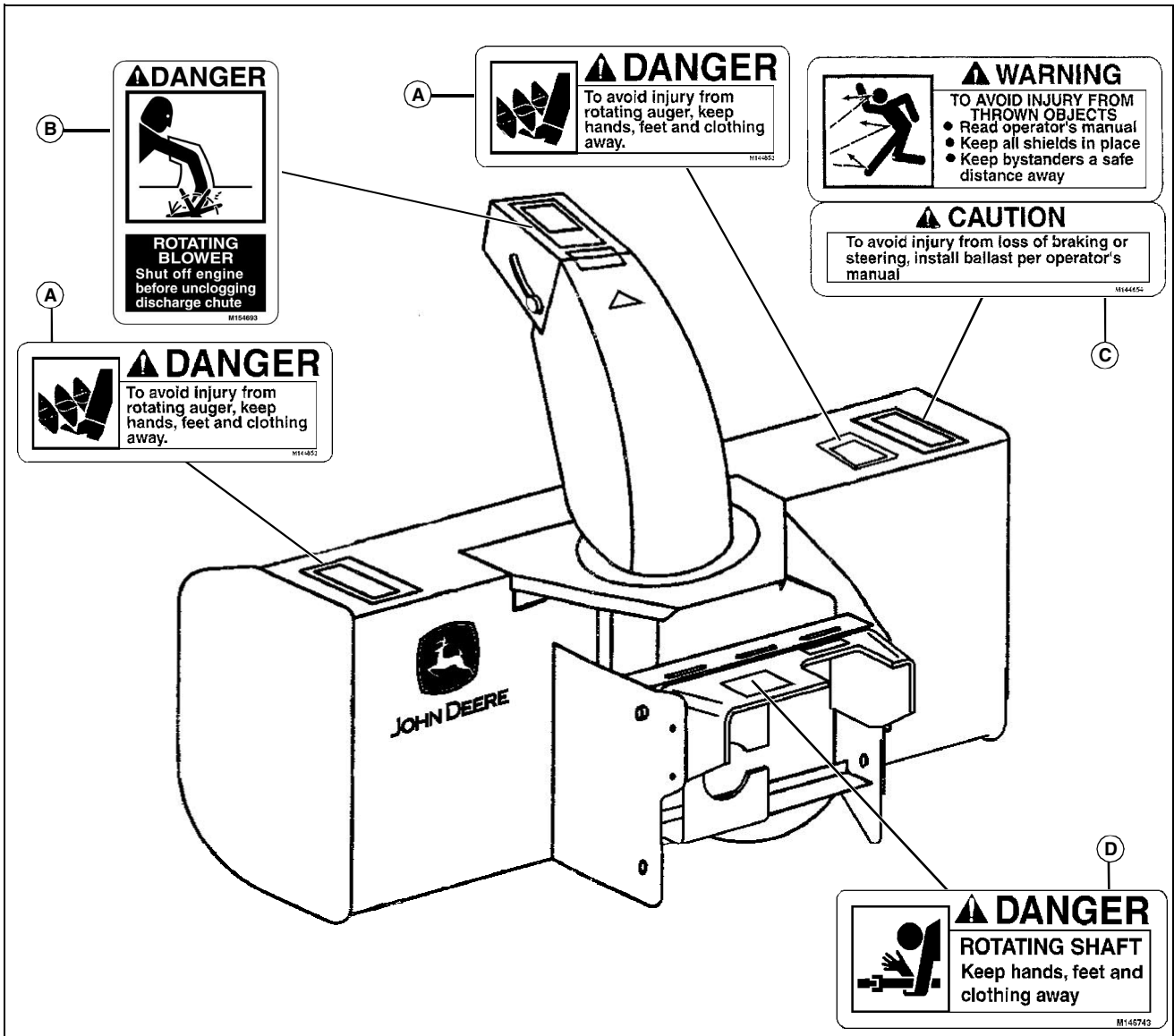
DEALER PHONE:

PRODUCT SERIAL NUMBER:

SAFETY LABELS

Safety Label Location

Safety Labels



MX22591

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

- A- DANGER - M144853
- B- DANGER - M154693
- C- WARNING / CAUTION- M144854
- D- DANGER - M146743

DANGER M144853



M144853

To avoid injury from rotating auger, keep hands, feet and clothing away.



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.

SAFETY LABELS

WARNING - M144854



M144854

TO AVOID INJURY FROM THROWN OBJECTS

- Read operator's manual.
- Keep all shields in place.
- Keep bystanders a safe distance away.

CAUTION

- To avoid injury from loss of braking or steering, install ballast per operator's manual.

DANGER M146743



M146743

ROTATING SHAFT

- Keep hands, feet and clothing away.

DANGER M154693



M154693

ROTATING BLADE

- Shut off engine before unclogging discharge chute.

Certification

Your product has been certified for compliance with American National Standards Institute B-71.3, "Safety Specifications" for Snow Throwers.

SAFETY

Safety

Read Safety in Machine Operator's Manual

Read the general safety operating precautions in your machine operator's manual for additional safety information.

Safe Operation Practices for Ride On Snow Throwers

This snowthrower is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury.

Training

- Read, understand and follow all instructions on the machine and in the manuals before operating this unit. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Know how to stop the unit and disengage the controls quickly.
- Never allow children to operate the equipment. Never allow adults to operate the equipment without proper instruction.
- Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children.

Preparation

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all doormats, sleds, boards, wires, and other foreign objects.
- Disengage all clutches and shift into neutral before starting the engine.
- Do not operate the equipment without wearing adequate winter garments. Avoid loose fitting clothing that can get caught in moving parts. Wear footwear that will improve footing on slippery surfaces.
- Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable.
 - a. Use an approved fuel container.
 - b. Never add fuel to a running engine or hot engine.
 - c. Fill fuel tank outdoors with extreme care. Never fill fuel tank indoors.
 - d. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground, away from your vehicle, before filling.
 - e. When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
 - f. Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times, until refueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
 - g. Replace gasoline cap securely and wipe up spilled fuel.
 - h. If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediately.
- Adjust the collector housing height to clear gravel or crushed rock surface.
- Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine is running (except when specifically recommended by the manufacturer).
- Always wear safety glasses or eye shields during operation or while performing an adjustment or repair to protect eyes from foreign objects that may be thrown from the machine.

Operation

- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.

- Exercise extreme caution when operating on or crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the spark plug wire, thoroughly inspect the snow thrower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the snow thrower.
- If the unit should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause.
- Stop the engine whenever you leave the operating position, before unclogging the collector or impeller housing, or discharge guide, and when making any repairs, adjustments or inspections.
- When leaving the machine unattended, disengage the power take-off, lower the attachment, lock the park brake, stop the engine, and remove the key.
- When cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, make certain the collector or impeller and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.
- Do not run the engine indoors, except when starting the engine and for transporting the snow thrower in or out of the building. Open the outside doors; exhaust fumes are dangerous.
- Do not clear snow across the face of slopes, go up and down. Exercise extreme caution when operating on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.
- Never operate the snow thrower without proper guards, and other safety protective devices in place.
- Never direct the discharge toward people or areas where property damage can occur. Keep children and others away.
- Do not overload the machine capacity by attempting to clear snow at too fast a rate.
- Never operate the machine at high transport speeds on slippery surfaces. Look behind and use care when backing.
- Do not carry passengers.
- Never direct discharge at bystanders or allow anyone in front of the unit.
- Disengage power to the collector or impeller when the snow thrower is transported or not in use.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of the snow thrower (such as wheel weights, counterweights, and cabs).
- Never operate the snow thrower without good visibility or light.

Parking Safely

1. Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Disengage PTO and stop attachments.
3. Lower attachments to the ground.
4. Lock park brake.
5. Stop engine.
6. Remove key.
7. Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's station.
8. Close fuel shut off valve before servicing the fuel system, if your machine is equipped.
9. Disconnect the battery ground cable before making repairs to electrical system or doing any welding.

Clearing a Clogged Discharge Chute

- Hand contact with the rotating impeller inside the discharge chute is the

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