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**John Deere Select Series™**  
**X500 Multi-Terrain Series Tractors**

OMM167791 H2

**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

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# Introduction

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## 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](http://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

### John Deere Select Series™ - X500 Multi-Terrain™ Tractors

PIN (070001-)

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.

DATE OF PURCHASE:

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DEALER NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

DEALER PHONE:

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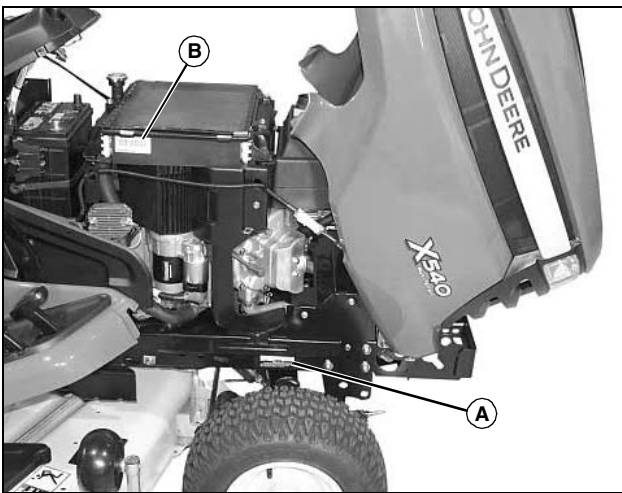
Picture Note: X500, X530, and X534 engine serial number location shown.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (A):

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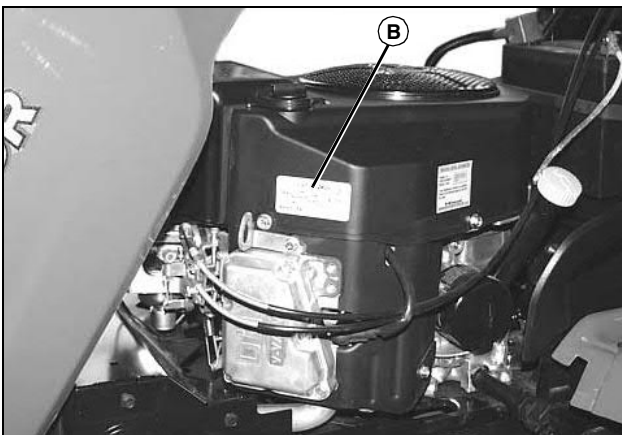
ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER (B):

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Picture Note: X540 engine serial number shown.



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# Safety Labels

## Safety Label Location

**CAUTION**  
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 system  
 2 Engine and engine screens  
 3 Top of mower deck and under shields  
 4 On or near transmission

**WARNING**  
To avoid injury from twisted spring, read operator's manual before changing attachments.

**DANGER**  
ROTATING BLADE  
DO NOT PUT HANDS OR FEET UNDER OR INTO MOWER WHEN ENGINE IS RUNNING  
THROWN OBJECTS  
BEFORE MOWING, CLEAR AREA OF OBJECTS THAT MAY BE THROWN BY BLADE  
DO NOT OPERATE MOWER WITHOUT DISCHARGE CHUTE OR ENTIRE GRASS CATCHER IN PLACE

**DANGER**  
SHIELD EYES  
ADD SULFURIC ACID  
EXPLOSIVE GASES CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS OR INJURY  
NO SPARKS  
FLAMES  
SMOKING

**CAUTION**  
FLUSH EYES IMMEDIATELY WITH WATER. GET MEDICAL HELP FAST.  
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. DO NOT TIP. KEEP TIRE CAPS TIGHT AND LEVEL.

**DANGER**  
ROTATING BLADE  
DO NOT PUT HANDS OR FEET UNDER OR INTO MOWER WHEN ENGINE IS RUNNING

**DANGER**  
ROTATING BLADES CUT OFF ARMED AND LEGS  
DO NOT MOW WHEN WEAR OR WEAR IS NOT ON  
DO NOT MOW IN REVERSE  
LOOK DOWN AND BEHIND BEFORE AND WHILE MOWING  
NEVER DRIVE THROUGH EVEN WITH BLADES OFF

**WARNING**  
AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH  
Drive up and down slopes, not across  
Use proper footing  
If machine slips, going uphill, stop blade and back down slowly  
Keep safety devices (brakes, wheels, and switches) in good and working condition  
Read operator's manual  
Remember that this can be a law violation by design  
When leaving machine: Stop engine. Set park brake. Remove key

**DANGER**  
ROTATING BLADES CUT OFF ARMED AND LEGS  
DO NOT MOW WHEN WEAR OR WEAR IS NOT ON  
DO NOT MOW IN REVERSE  
LOOK DOWN AND BEHIND BEFORE AND WHILE MOWING  
NEVER DRIVE THROUGH EVEN WITH BLADES OFF

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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 - DANGER/WARNING M162713 (X500)
- B - DANGER/WARNING M152348 (X530-X540)
- C - DANGER M118610

- D - DANGER M128699 (ON BATTERY)
- E - CAUTION (MOLDED INTO MUFFLER)
- F - WARNING M146577
- G - DANGER M89504
- H - CAUTION M165279

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