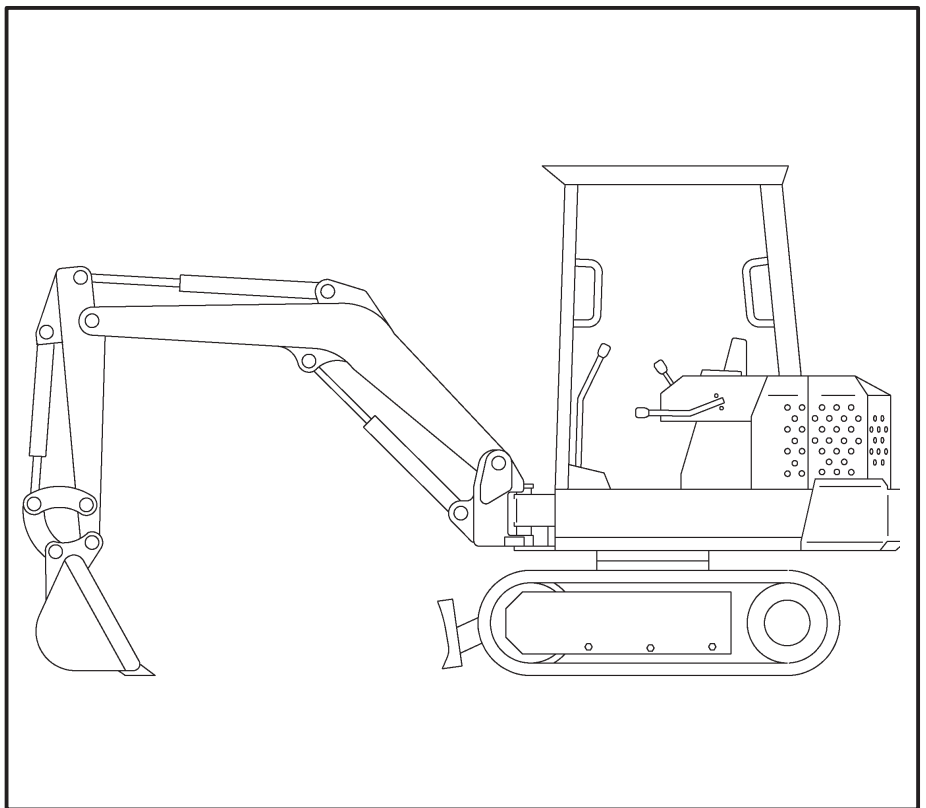


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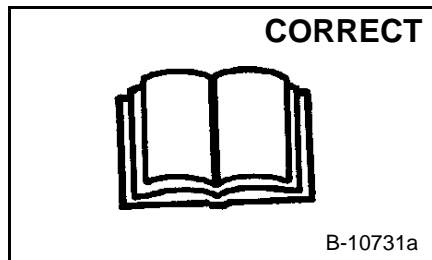
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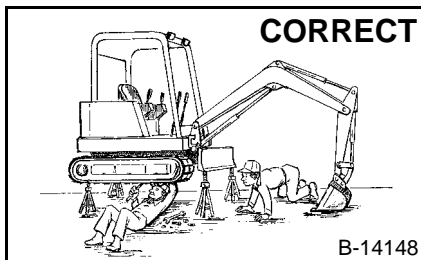


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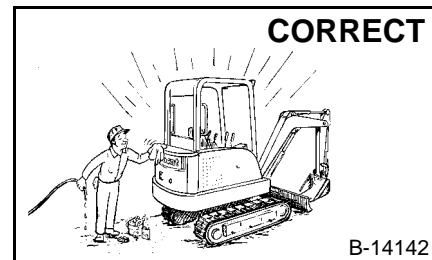
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- ⚠ Never service the Bobcat Hydraulic Excavator without instructions.



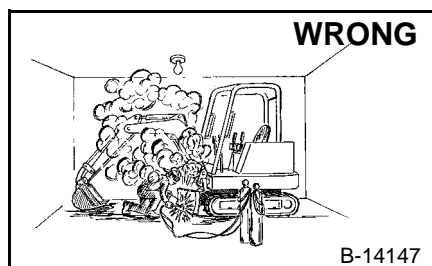
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- ⚠ Use the correct procedure to lift and support the excavator.
- ⚠ Always lift the blade fully before installing jackstands.



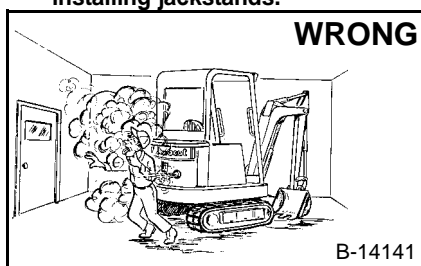
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- ⚠ Cleaning and maintenance are required daily.



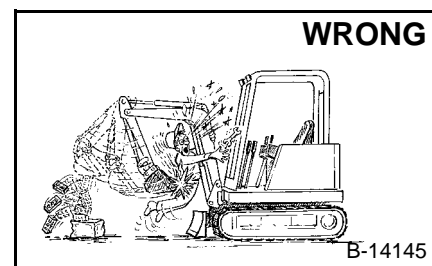
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- ⚠ Have good ventilation when welding or grinding painted parts.
- ⚠ Wear dust mask when grinding painted parts. Toxic dust and gas can be produced.



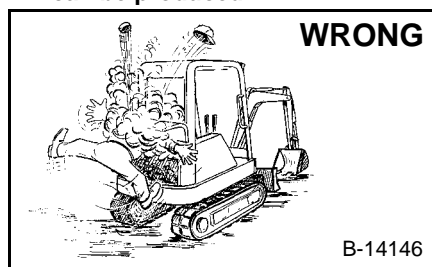
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- ⚠ Vent exhaust to outside when engine must be run for service.
- ⚠ Exhaust system must be tightly sealed. Exhaust Fumes can kill without warning.



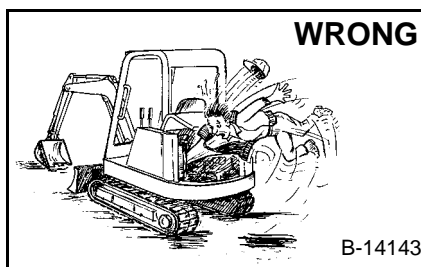
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- ⚠ Always lower the bucket and blade to the ground before doing any maintenance.
- ⚠ Never modify equipment or add attachments not approved by Bobcat Company.



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- ⚠ Stop, cool and clean engine of flammable materials before checking fluids.
- ⚠ Never service or adjust machine with the engine running unless instructed to do so in the manual.
- ⚠ Avoid contact with leaking hydraulic fluid or diesel fuel under pressure. It can penetrate the skin or eyes.
- ⚠ Never fill fuel tank with engine running, while smoking or when near open flame.



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- ⚠ Keep body, jewelry and clothing away from moving parts, electrical contact, hot parts and exhaust.
- ⚠ Wear eye protection to guard from battery acid, compressed springs, fluids under pressure and flying debris when engines are running or tools are used. Use eye protection approved for type of welding.
- ⚠ Keep rear door closed except for service. Close and latch door before operating the excavator.



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- ⚠ Lead-acid batteries produce flammable and explosive gases.
- ⚠ Keep arcs, sparks, flames and lighted tobacco away from batteries.
- ⚠ Batteries contain acid which burns eyes or skin on contact. Wear protective clothing. If acid contacts body, flush well with water. For eye contact flush well and get immediate medical attention.

Maintenance procedures which are given in the Operation & Maintenance Manual can be performed by the owner/operator without any specific technical training. Maintenance procedures which are **not** in the Operation & Maintenance Manual must be performed **ONLY BY QUALIFIED BOBCAT SERVICE PERSONNEL**. Always use genuine Bobcat replacement parts. The Service Safety Training Course is available from your Bobcat dealer.

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**PREVENTIVE
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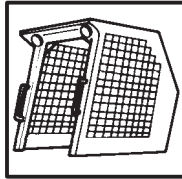
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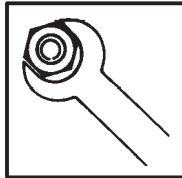
This manual is for the Bobcat hydraulic excavator mechanic. It provides necessary servicing and adjustment procedures for the hydraulic excavator and its component parts and systems. Refer to the Operation & Maintenance Manual for operating instructions, starting procedure, daily checks, etc.

A general inspection of the following items must be made after the hydraulic excavator has had service or repair:

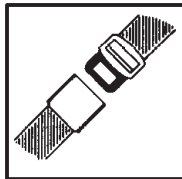
1. Check that the ROPS/FOPS (Including sidescreens) is in good condition and is not modified.



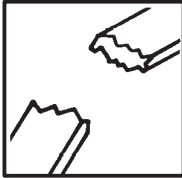
2. Check that ROPS mounting hardware is tightened and is Melroe approved.



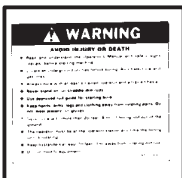
3. The seat belt must be correctly installed, functional and in good condition.



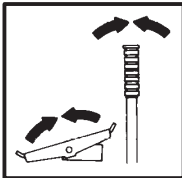
4. Inspect for loose or broken parts or connections.



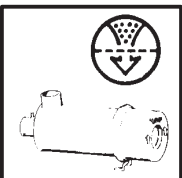
5. Machine signs must be legible and in the correct location.



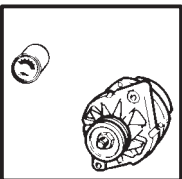
6. Steering levers, control levers and foot pedals must return to neutral. Check that foot pedals lock and control lever locks are in working condition.



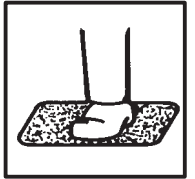
7. Inspect the air cleaner for damage or leaks. Check the condition of the element.



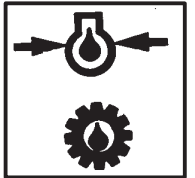
8. Check the electrical charging system.



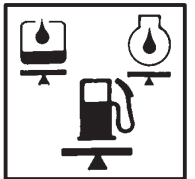
9. Safety treads must in good condition.



10. Check for correct function of indicator lamps (Optional on some models).



11. Check hydraulic fluid level, engine oil level and fuel supply.



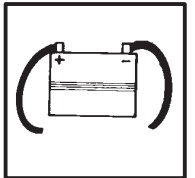
12. Inspect for fuel, oil or hydraulic fluid leaks.



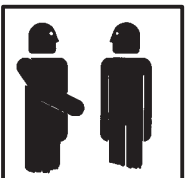
13. Lubricate the loader.



14. Check the condition of the battery and cables.



Recommend to the owner that all necessary corrections be made before the machine is returned to service.



SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

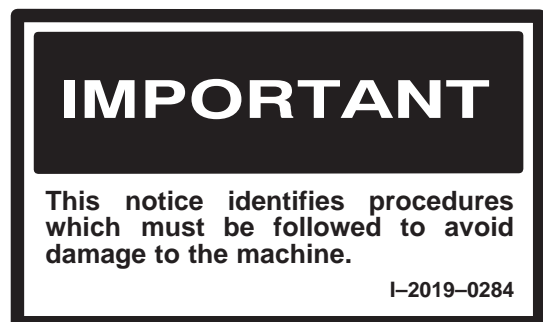
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The following publications provide information on the safe use and maintenance of the loader and attachments:

- The Delivery Report is used to assure that complete instructions have been given to the new owner and that the machine is in safe operating condition.
- The Operation & Maintenance Manual delivered with the loader gives operating information as well as routine maintenance and service procedures. It is a part of the loader and must stay with the machine when it is sold. Replacement Operation & Maintenance Manuals can be ordered from your Bobcat Excavator dealer.
- The excavator has machine signs (decals) which instruct on the safe operation and care. The signs and their locations are shown in the Operation & Maintenance Manual. Replacement signs are available from your Bobcat Excavator dealer.
- The CIMA Safety Manual delivered with the excavator gives information for safe operating and standard signals.
- The Service Manual and Parts Manual are available from your dealer for use by mechanics to do shop-type service and repair work.



Safety Alert Symbol: This Safety Symbol is used for important safety messages. When you see this symbol follow the safety message to avoid personal injury or death.

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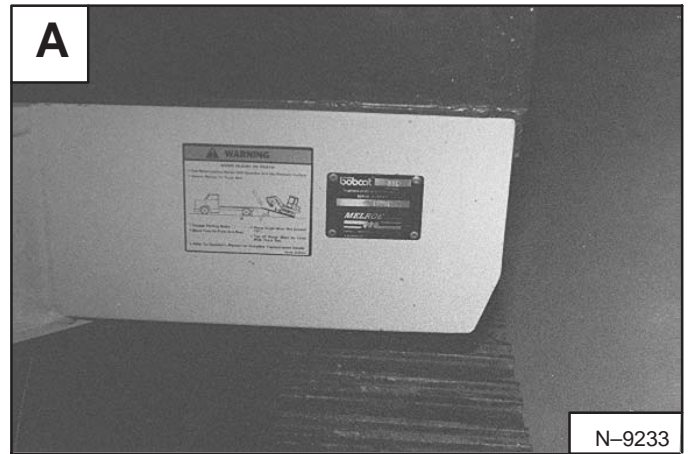
- Wear tight fitting clothing. Always wear safety glasses when maintaining or servicing the excavator. Safety glasses, hearing protection or excavator special application kits are required for some work. See your dealer for Melroe Safety equipment.
- Know where fire extinguishers and first aid kits are located and how to use them.
- Do not use the Bobcat excavator where exhaust, arcs, sparks or hot components can contact flammable material, explosive dust or gases.
- The engine compartment and engine cooling system must be inspected every day and cleaned if necessary to prevent a fire hazard and overheating.
- Check all electrical wiring and connections for damage. Keep the battery terminals clean and tight. Repair or replace any damaged part.
- Check fuel and hydraulic tubes, hoses and fittings for damage and leakage. Never use open flame or bare skin to check for leaks. Tighten or replace any parts that show leakage. Always clean fluid spills. Do not use gasoline or diesel fuel for cleaning parts. Use commercial nonflammable solvents.
- Follow any environmental safety regulations when disposing of used fluids such as engine oil, grease or anti-freeze.
- Do not use ether or starting fluids on an engine that has glow plugs. These starting aids can cause an explosion and injure you or bystanders.
- Always clean the excavator and disconnect the battery before doing any welding. Cover rubber hoses, battery and all other flammable parts. Keep a fire extinguisher near the excavator when welding. Have good ventilation when grinding or welding painted parts. Wear a dust mask when grinding painted parts. Toxic dust or gas can be produced.
- Stop the engine and let it cool before adding fuel. No smoking!
- Use the procedure in the Operation & Maintenance or Service Manuals for connecting the battery.

SERIAL NUMBER LOCATIONS

Always use the serial number of the machine when requesting service information or when ordering parts. Early or later models (identification made by serial number) may use different parts, or it may be necessary to use a different procedure in doing a specific service operation.

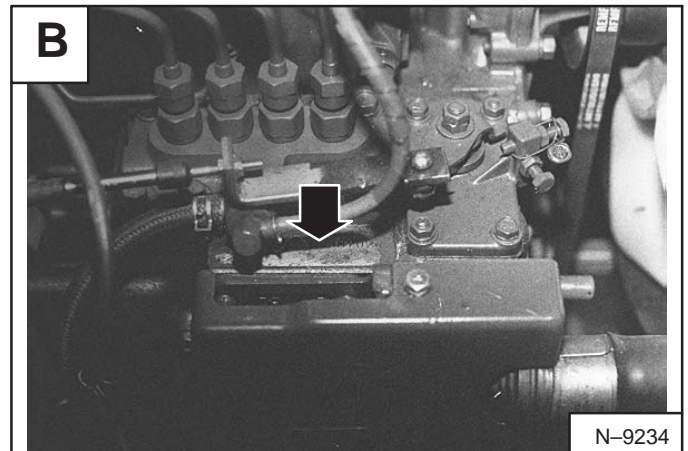
HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR SERIAL NUMBER

The excavator serial number is on the machine frame, to the left of the boom [A].



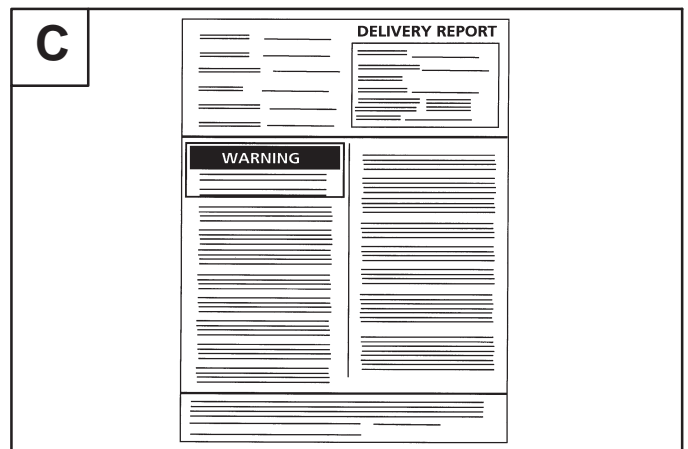
ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER

The engine serial number is located on the top surface of the fuel injection pump on the engine block [B].

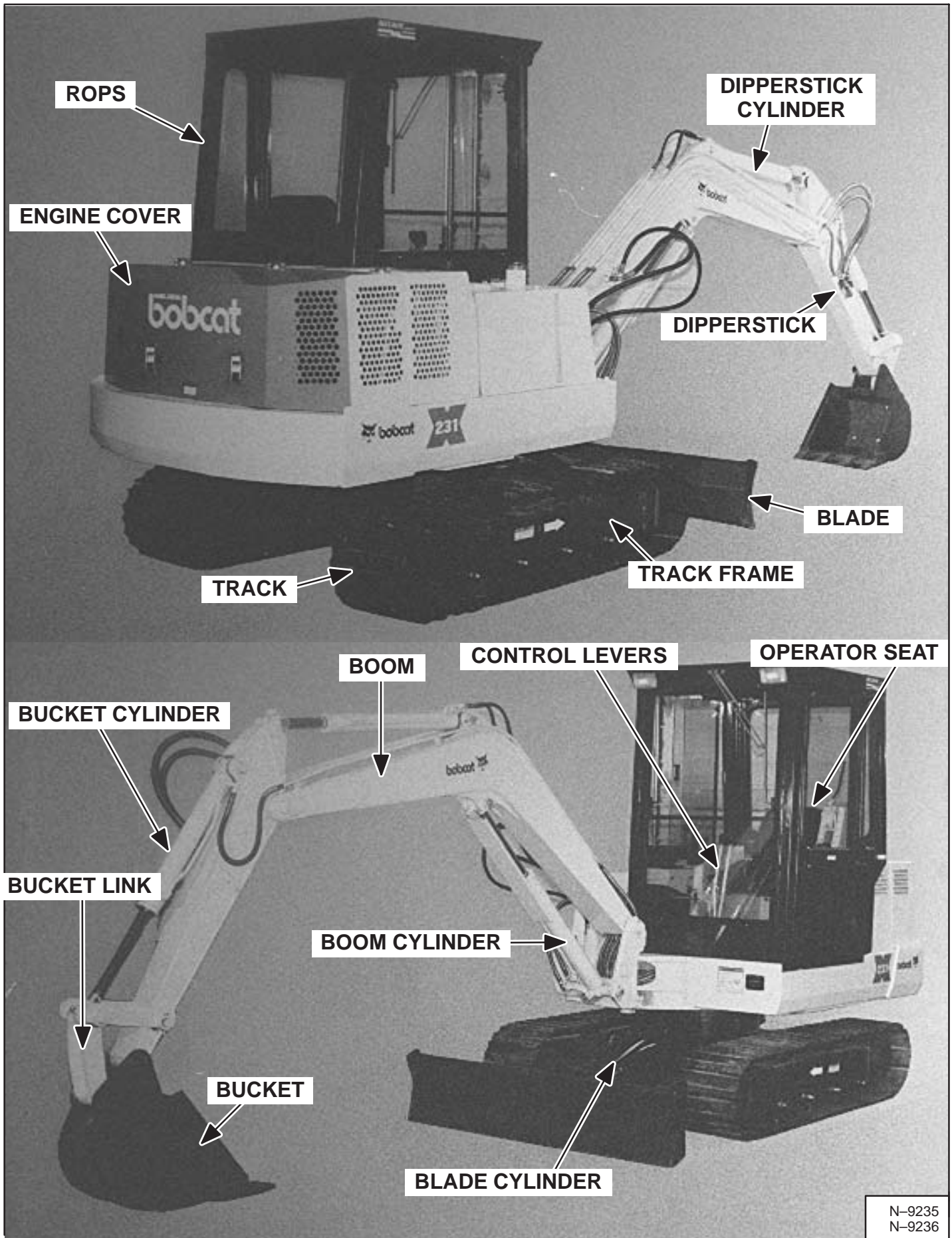


DELIVERY REPORT

The Delivery Report must be explained to the owner/operator by the dealer. The dealer is to fill out the form and the owner/operator sign the form to indicate his understanding [C].



HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR IDENTIFICATION



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PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Maintenance work must be done at regular intervals. Failure to do so will result in excessive wear and early failures. The service schedule is a guide for correct maintenance of the Hydraulic Excavator.



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SERVICE SCHEDULE		HOURS					
ITEM	SERVICE REQUIRED	8-10	50	100	250	500	1000
Engine Air Cleaner	Check & empty dust cap as required.						
Engine Oil	Check the oil level & add oil as needed.						
Engine Coolant System	Check coolant level in recovery tank.						
Indicator Lights	Check for correct operation.						
Operator Cab	Check the fastening bolts, nuts, & condition of cab.						
Seat Belt	Check the condition & that fasteners are tight.						
Safety Signs (Decals)	Check for damaged signs (decals) replace as needed.						
Control Locks	Check for correct function.						
Tracks	Check and adjust tension.						
Hydraulic Reservoir	Check fluid level.						
All Machinery Pivot Pts.	Lubricate 20 grease fittings.						
Fuel Tank	Drain water & sediment from fuel tank.						
Swing Circle	Lubricate two grease fittings.						
Swing Pinion	Lubricate one grease fitting.						
Engine Oil & Filter	Replace oil & filter element.						
Alternator Belt	Check & adjust tension.						
Final Drive Case	Check fluid level & add oil as needed.						
Hydraulic Filter	Replace filter element.						
Fuel Filter	Replace filter element.						
Battery	Check & clean cable ends & check electrolyte level.						
Air Cleaner	Replace the filter element.						
Cooling System	Clean the radiator fins.						
Alternator & Starter	Check the condition.						
Engine Valve Clearance	Check & adjust valve clearance.						
Swing Motor Gear Red.	Check oil level.						
Cooling System	Drain, flush & add new coolant to the cooling system.						
Hydraulic Tank	Change the fluid, clean fill neck strainer & suction strainer. Replace hydraulic filter.						
Final Drive Case	Change the oil.						

After the first 50 hours of machine operation do the following:

- * Replace the hydraulic fluid filter.
- * Check the condition of fan belt.

After the first 250 hours of machine operation do the following procedures:

- * Change oil in final drive case.
- Or Every 12 Months.

ENGINE COVER

Procedure



WARNING

AVOID INJURY

Never service or adjust the machine when the engine is running unless instructed to do so in the manual.

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WARNING

Keep the engine cover closed when operating the machine.

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Open the engine cover to service the engine. Pull on the latches and lift the engine cover until it is fully raised [A].

AIR CLEANER

Replacing the Filter Element

See the Service Schedule page 1-3 for the correct service interval.

Service the air cleaner as follows:

Remove the dust cup (Item 1) [B].

Remove the wing nut (Item 1) [C].

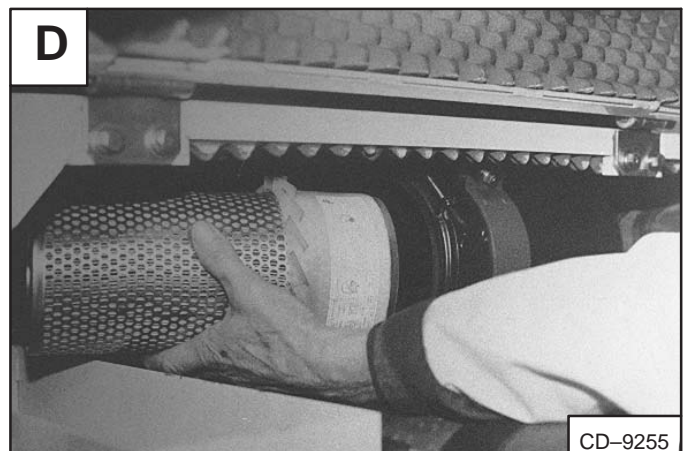
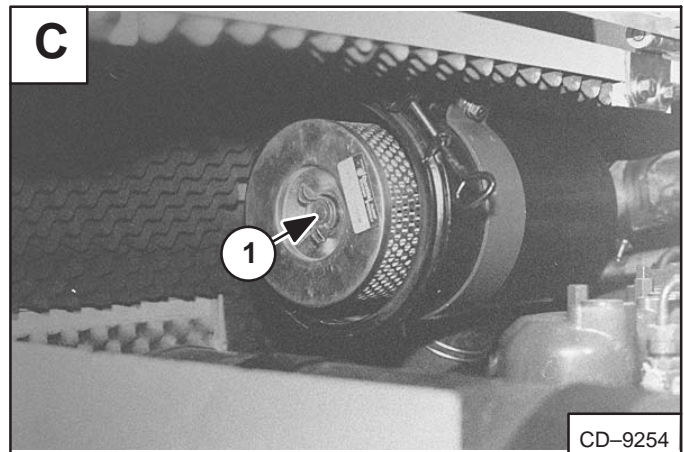
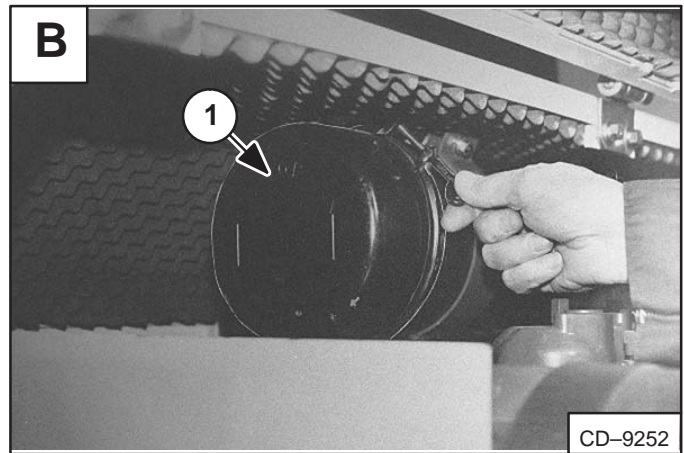
Remove the filter element [D].

Check the air cleaner housing for damage.

Install a new air filter element. Install and tighten the wing nut.

Install the dust cup so the arrow points up.

Check that the air cleaner hose clamps are tight.



FUEL SYSTEM

Fuel Specifications

Use Number 2 diesel fuel in the engine. During very cold temperatures, Number 1 fuel can be used.



WARNING

Stop and cool the engine before adding fuel. **NO SMOKING!** Failure to obey warnings can cause an explosion or fire.

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Fuel System Service

The fuel level in the tank is indicated by the fuel gauge or by the sight tube (Item 1) [A] on the side of the fuel tank.

Use the key to un-lock the fuel fill cap [B].

Turn the fill cap to remove it from the fuel tank [C].

Use a clean, approved safety container to add fuel to the tank.

Add fuel only in an area that has a free movement of air and no open flames or sparks. **NO SMOKING!**

After the tank is full, install and tighten the fuel fill cap.

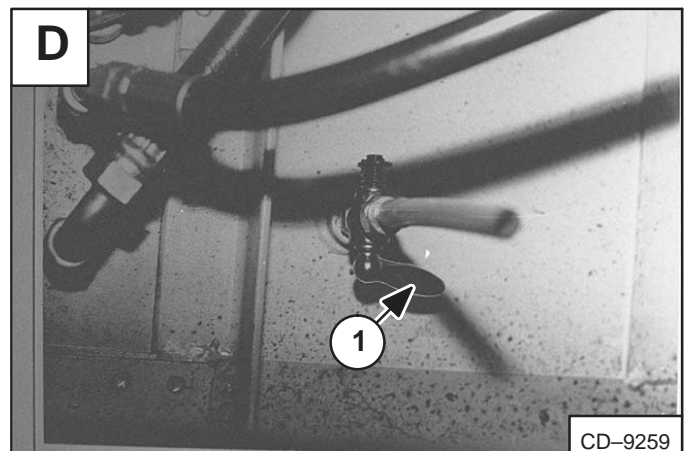
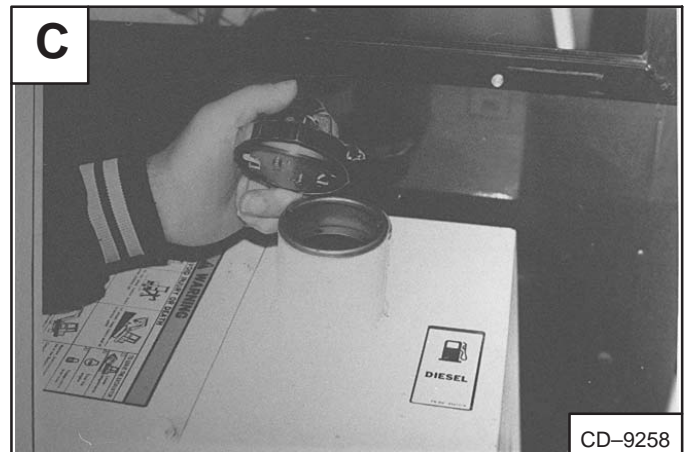
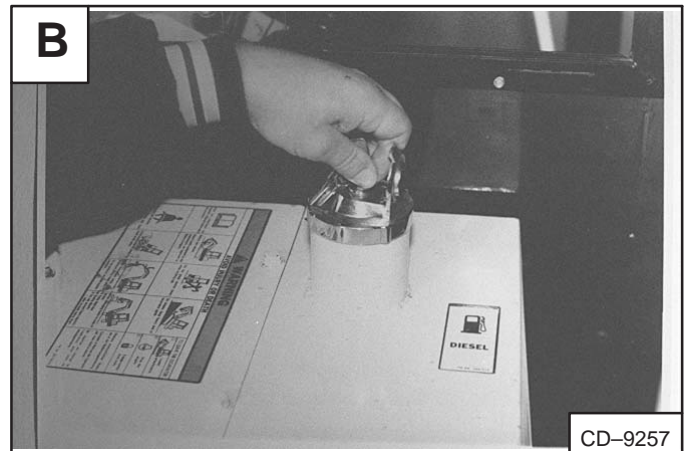
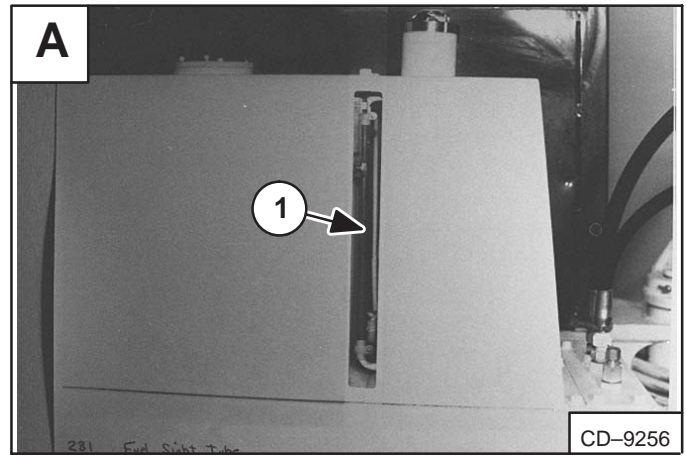


WARNING

Always clean up spilled fuel or oil. Keep heat, flames, sparks or lighted tobacco away from fuel and oil. Failure to use care around combustibles can cause explosion or fire which can result in injury or death.

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To remove the water and sediment from the fuel tank, open the drain (Item 1) [D] on the bottom of the tank.



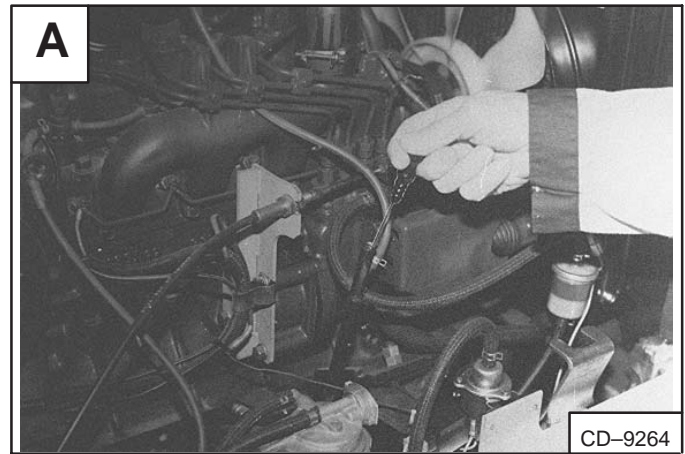
ENGINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM

Checking the Engine Oil

Check the engine oil every day.

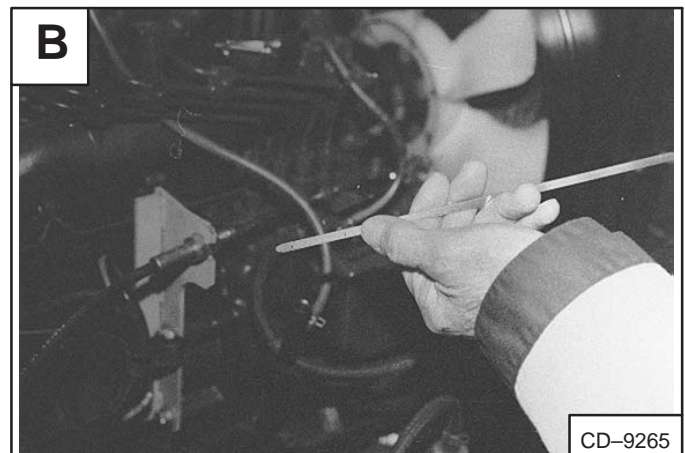
Stop the engine. Open the engine cover.

Remove the dipstick **[A]**.



Keep the oil between the marks on the dipstick **[B]**.

Use a good quality motor oil that meets API Service Classification of CC or CD. (See Fuel, Coolant and Lubricants Chart, Page 8-1.)



Engine oil and Filter Replacement

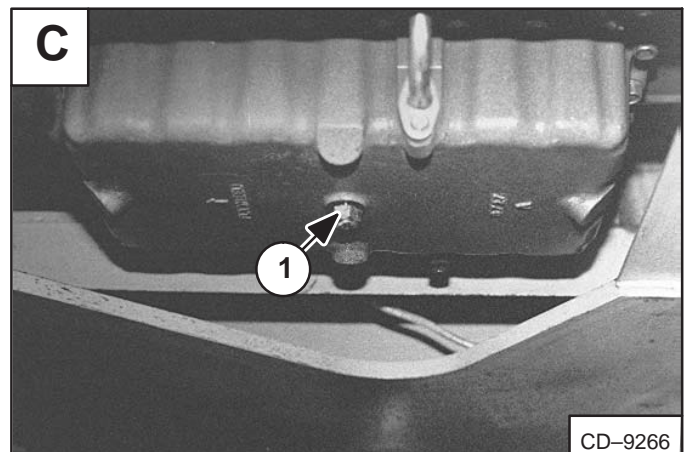
See the Service Schedule page 1-3 for the correct service interval.

Use the following procedure to change the oil and filter:

Run the engine until it is at operating temperature.

Turn the upper works so there is clearance for the engine oil drain plug. Stop the engine.

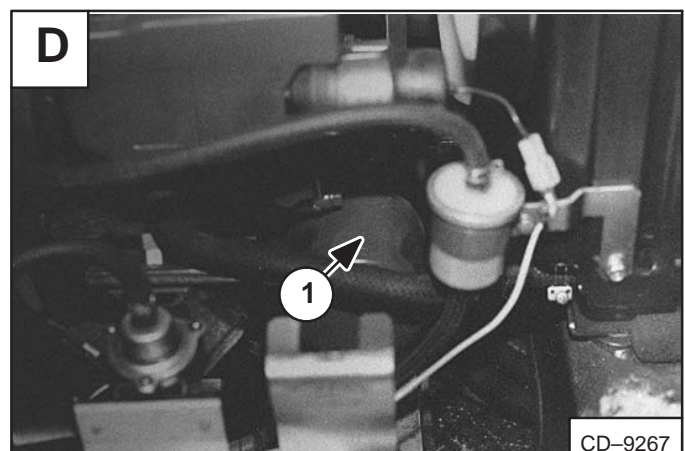
Remove the drain plug (Item 1) **[C]**. Drain the oil into a container.



Remove the oil filter (Item 1) **[D]**, using a filter wrench.

Clean the filter housing surface. Put clean oil on the filter gasket. Install the new filter and hand tighten only.

Install and tighten the oil drain plug.



ENGINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM (Cont'd)

Remove the oil fill cap [A]. Put 9.0 quarts (8,5 L.) of the oil into the engine. (See Fuel, Coolant and Lubricants Chart, Page 8-1.)

Start the engine and let it run for several minutes. Stop the engine. Check for leaks at the oil filter.

Check the oil level and add oil as needed to bring it to the top mark on the dipstick.

COOLING SYSTEM

Coolant Level

When the engine is cool, the coolant level in the recovery tank (Item 1) [B] must be half full.

If the coolant level is low, add pre-mixed coolant (50% water and 50% ethylene glycol) to the recovery tank.

Coolant Replacement

WARNING

Do not remove radiator cap when the engine is hot. You can be seriously burned.

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Turn the upper works so there is access to the engine and radiator from underneath. Stop the engine.

Loosen and remove the radiator cap [C].

Open the radiator drain valve (Item 1) [D].

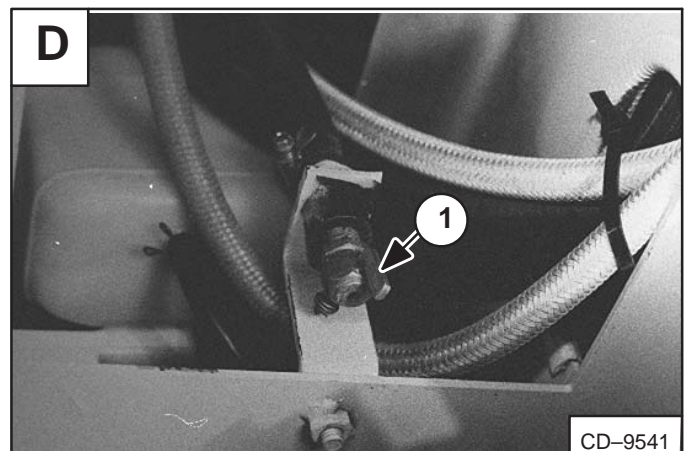
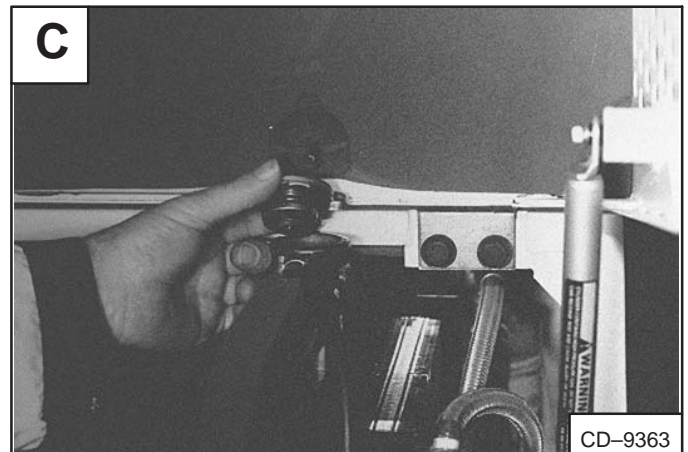
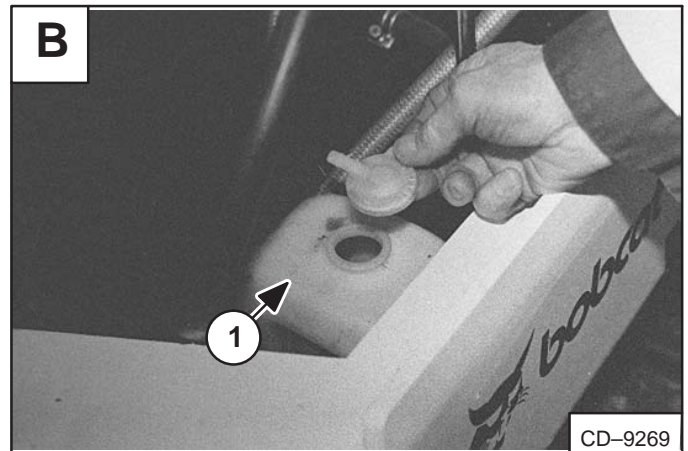
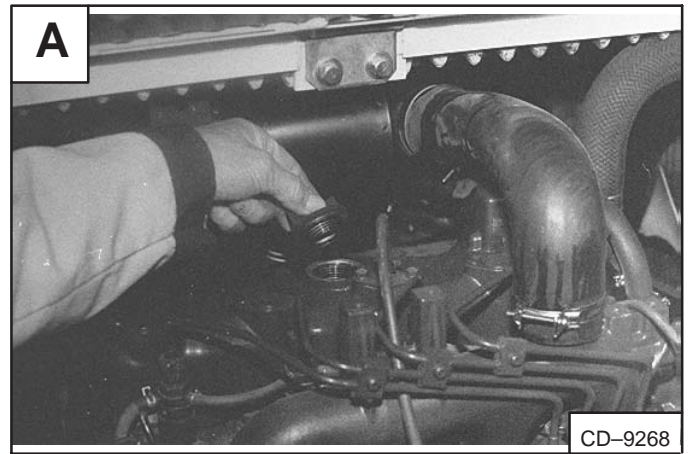
Drain all the coolant from the system.

When all the coolant is removed, close the drain valve.

Pre-mix 50% water and 50% ethylene glycol in a separate container. Fill the radiator with pre-mixed coolant until it is full. Add coolant to the recovery tank until it is half full.

Run the engine at idle speed for about 5-10 minutes to remove the air from the cooling system (leave the radiator cap off during this operation).

Stop the engine. Check the coolant level and add as needed to bring it up to the radiator filler neck. Install the radiator cap and tighten.



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