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**GATOR™ Utility Vehicle**  
**TE**

**OMM153957 K5**

**OPERATOR'S MANUAL**



**JOHN DEERE**

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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

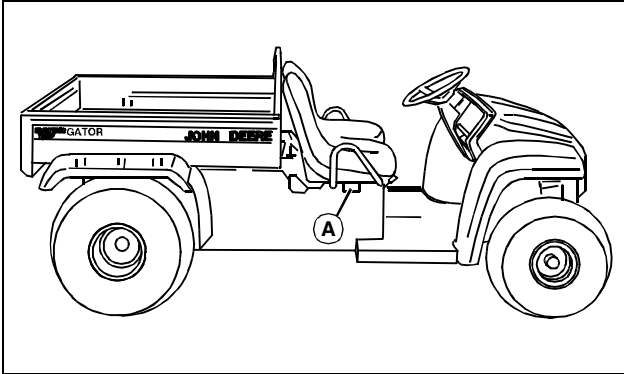
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## Record Identification Numbers

GATOR™ Utility Vehicle TE PIN (001001-)

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.



DATE OF PURCHASE:

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DEALER NAME:

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DEALER PHONE:

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (A):

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# SAFETY LABELS

## Understanding The Machine Safety Labels



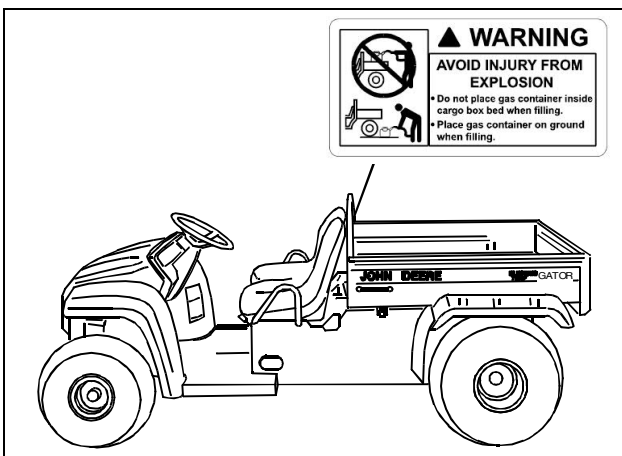
Safety-Alert Symbol

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.

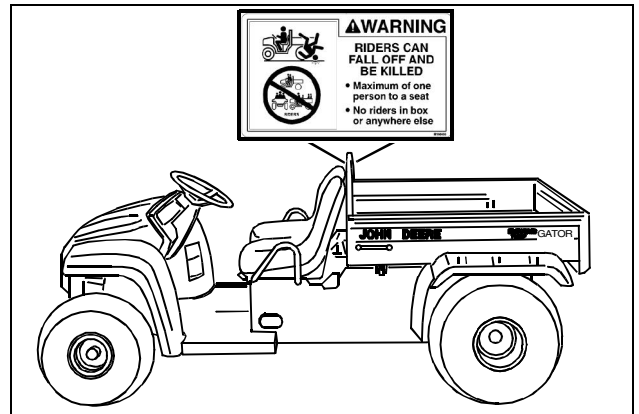
## WARNING: AVOID INJURY FROM EXPLOSION



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

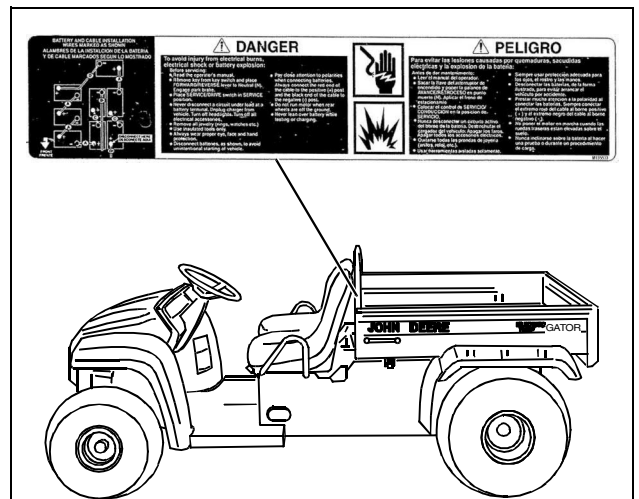
## WARNING: RIDERS CAN FALL OFF AND BE KILLED



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

## DANGER



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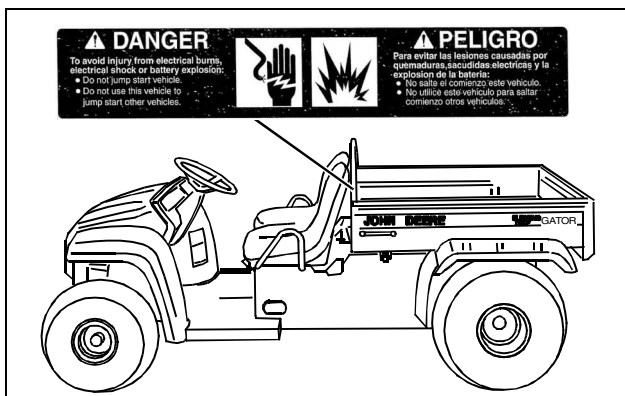
## To avoid injury from electrical burns, electrical shock or battery explosion:

- Read the operator's manual.
- Remove key from key switch and place FORWARD/REVERSE lever to Neutral (N). Engage park brake.
- Place SERVICE/DRIVE switch in SERVICE position.
- Never disconnect a circuit under load at a battery terminal. Unplug charger from vehicle. Turn off headlights. Turn off all electrical accessories.
- Remove all jewelry (rings, watches etc.).
- Use insulated tools only.

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- Always wear proper eye, face and hand protection.
- Disconnect batteries, as shown, to avoid unintentional starting of vehicle.
- Pay close attention to polarities when connecting batteries. Always connect the red end of the cable to the positive (+) post and the black end of the cable to the negative (-) post.
- Do not run motor when rear wheels are off the ground.
- Never lean over battery while testing or charging.

## DANGER

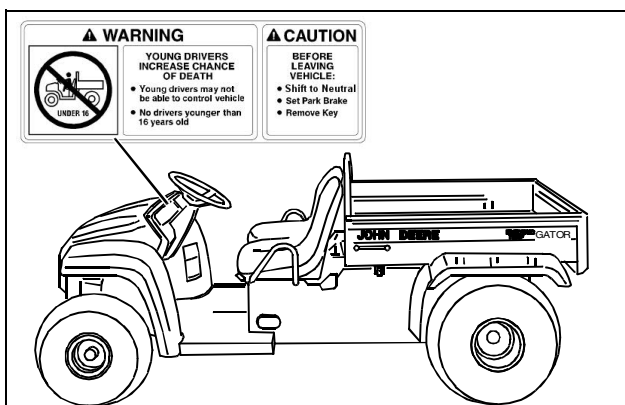


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**To avoid injury from electrical burns, electrical shock or battery explosion:**

- Do not jump start vehicle.
- Do not use this vehicle to jump start other vehicles.

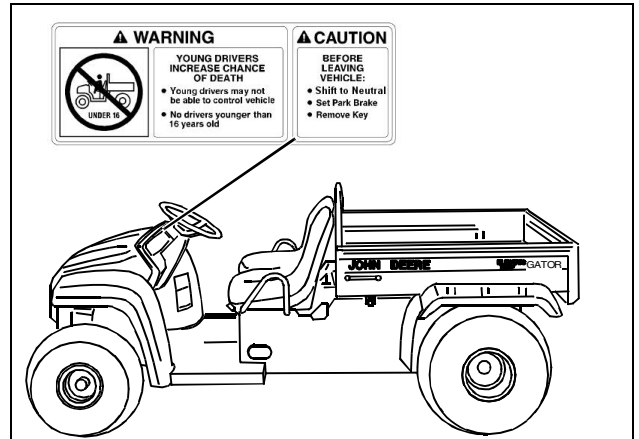
## WARNING: YOUNG DRIVERS INCREASE CHANCE OF DEATH



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

## CAUTION: BEFORE LEAVING VEHICLE:



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- Shift to neutral
- Set park brake
- Remove key

## WARNING: ROLLOVER OR FALLING OFF MAY CAUSE DEATH



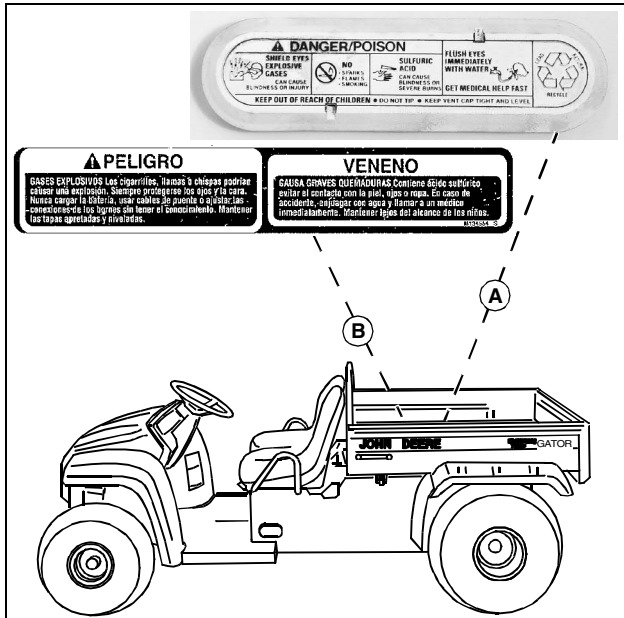
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- Read operator's manual.
- Drive very slowly when turning.
- Always use brake going down a slope. Vehicle can take-off (freewheel) downhill.
- No loads heavier than:  
500 lb (227 kg) in TS, TE  
600 lb (272 kg) in TX, TX TURF  
1000 lb (454 kg) in TH 6x4  
1200 lb (544 kg) in TH 6x4 DIESEL

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

## DANGER/POISON



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**Picture Note:** Raise cargo box to locate battery safety information. English DANGER/POISON information (A) molded into battery caps. Spanish DANGER/POISON labels (B) are located on each vehicle frame side rail.

### Explosive Gases

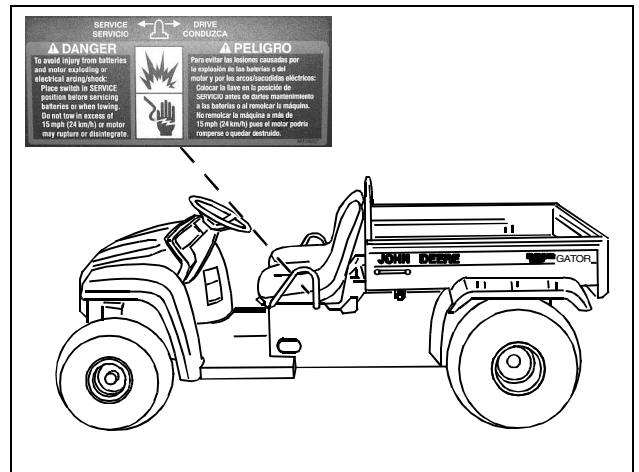
Cigarettes, flames or sparks could cause the batteries to explode. Always shield eyes and face from the batteries. Do not charge or use booster cables or adjust poor connections without proper instruction and training. Keep vent caps tight and level.

### Causes Severe Burns

Contains sulfuric acid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In event of an accident, flush with water and call a physician immediately. Keep out of reach of children.

## DANGER

**To avoid injury from batteries and motor exploding or electrical arcing/shock:**



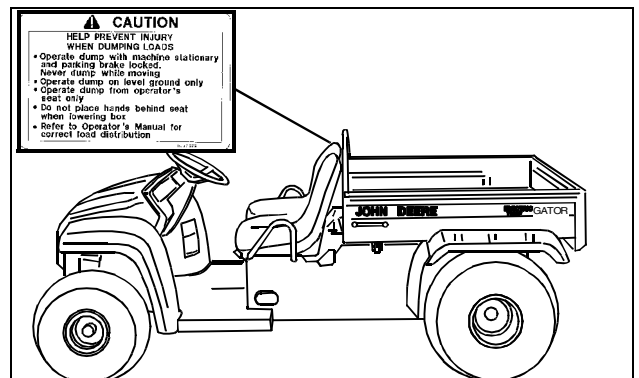
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**Picture Note:** Lift operator seat to locate safety labels.

Place switch in SERVICE position before servicing batteries or when towing.

Do not tow in excess of 15 mph (24 km/h) or motor may rupture or disintegrate.

## CAUTION: HELP PREVENT INJURY WHEN DUMPING LOADS



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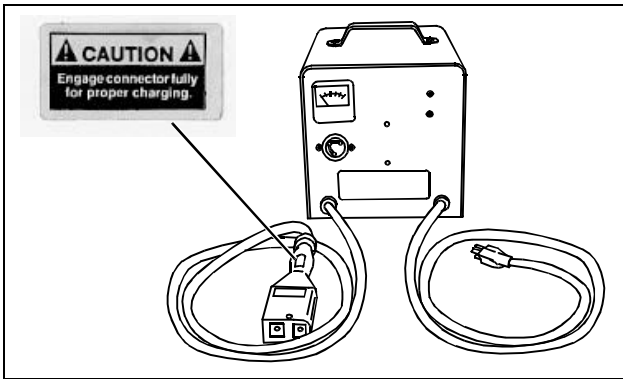
**Picture Note:** Safety label attached to cargo box load guard when equipped with the power lift option.

- 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.

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## Battery Charger Safety Labels

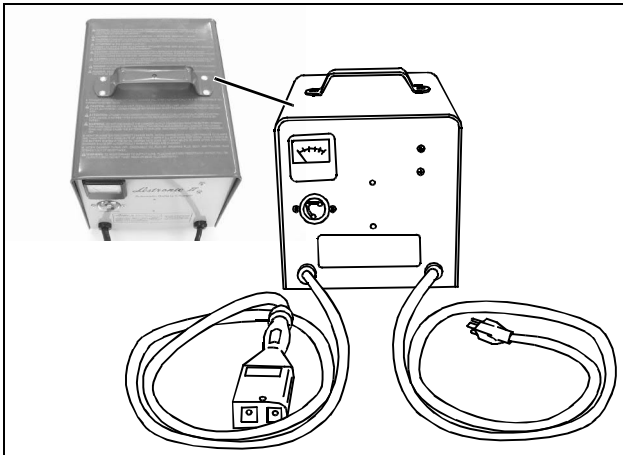
### CAUTION



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Engage connector fully for proper charging.

### WARNING



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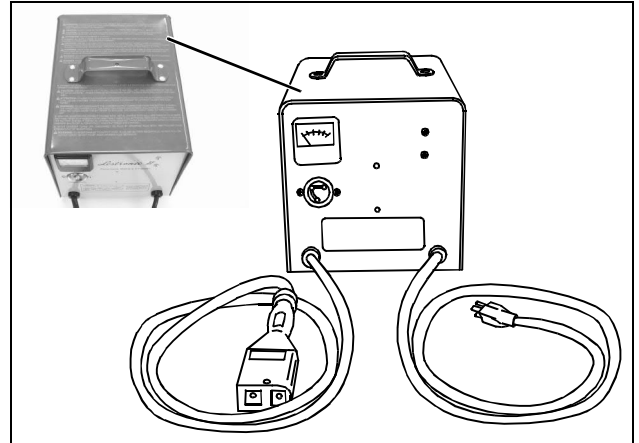
**Picture Note: Battery charger WARNING information inscribed on top of battery charger housing.**

- TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, DO NOT USE CHARGER NEAR FLAMMABLE MATERIALS OR VAPORS! BATTERIES GENERATE EXPLOSIVE GASSES DURING OPERATION. KEEP SPARKS AND FLAME AWAY FROM BATTERIES! NO SMOKING!
- MAKE SURE DC OUTPUT CHARGING PLUG AND RECEPTACLE ARE IN GOOD CONDITION! DO NOT USE IF DC PLUG OR RECEPTACLE ARE DAMAGED, LOOSE, OR FEEL HOTTER THAN NORMAL! REPLACE WORN OR DAMAGED PARTS IMMEDIATELY!
- DO NOT DISCONNECT THE CHARGER OUTPUT CONNECTOR FROM THE BATTERY CONNECTOR WHEN THE CHARGER IS ON. THE RESULTING ARCING AND BURNING WILL DAMAGE THE CONNECTORS AND COULD CAUSE THE BATTERIES TO EXPLODE.

DISCONNECT INPUT CORD TO TURN CHARGER OFF.

- TO AVOID DAMAGE TO OUTPUT CORD, PLUG AND BATTERY RECEPTACLE, DO NOT PULL ON OUTPUT CORD! DO NOT TWIST, ROCK OR BEND PLUG SIDEWAYS!

### DANGER

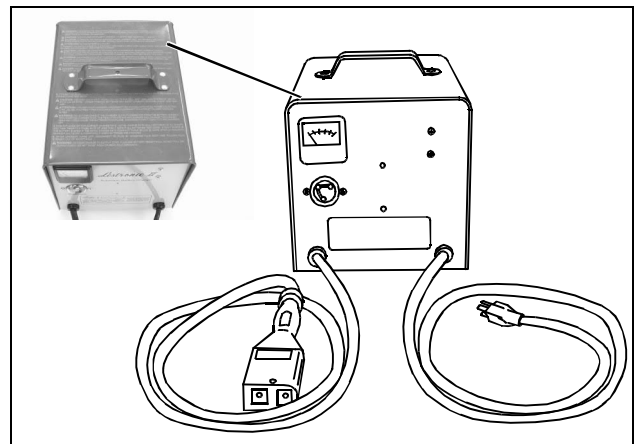


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**Picture Note: Battery charger DANGER information inscribed on top of battery charger housing.**

- ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD! DO NOT TOUCH UNINSULATED PORTION OF OUTPUT CONNECTOR OR UNINSULATED BATTERY TERMINALS!

### CAUTION



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**Picture Note: Battery charger CAUTION information inscribed on top of battery charger housing.**

- OUTPUT LEAD DC POLARITY: POSITIVE; "+", RED. NEGATIVE; "-", BLACK AND BLUE.
- TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, CONNECT ONLY TO PROPERLY GROUNDED THREE WIRE OUTLETS! DO NOT EXPOSE TO RAIN, POWER WASH DETERGENTS, OR SPRAY!



## **SAFETY LABELS**

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- USE ONLY ON CIRCUITS PROVIDED WITH A MAXIMUM OF 15 AMP BRANCH CIRCUIT PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE ANSI/NFPA 70 AND ALL LOCAL CODES AND ORDINANCES! IMPROPER CIRCUIT PROTECTION MAY RESULT IN A FIRE.
- USE ONLY ON 48 VOLT, 24 CELL (2.5 VOLTS PER CELL) WET LEAD ACID SYSTEM OF 140 TO 270 AH (20 HOUR RATE)! OTHER TYPES OF BATTERIES MAY BURST CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY AND DAMAGE!

### **SAE J2258 and ASME B56.8 Compliance**

This vehicle conforms to SAE J2258.

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

Supervisors, operators and service persons should be familiar with these standards and publications.

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