

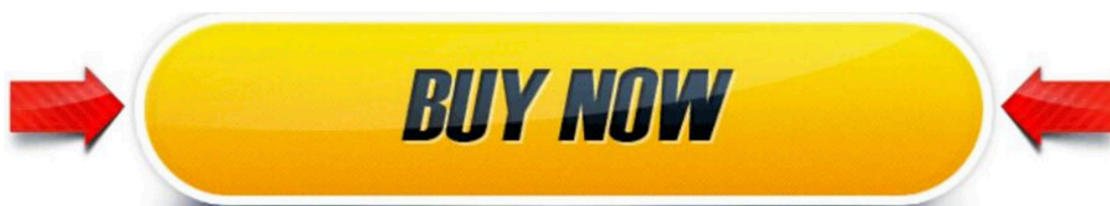
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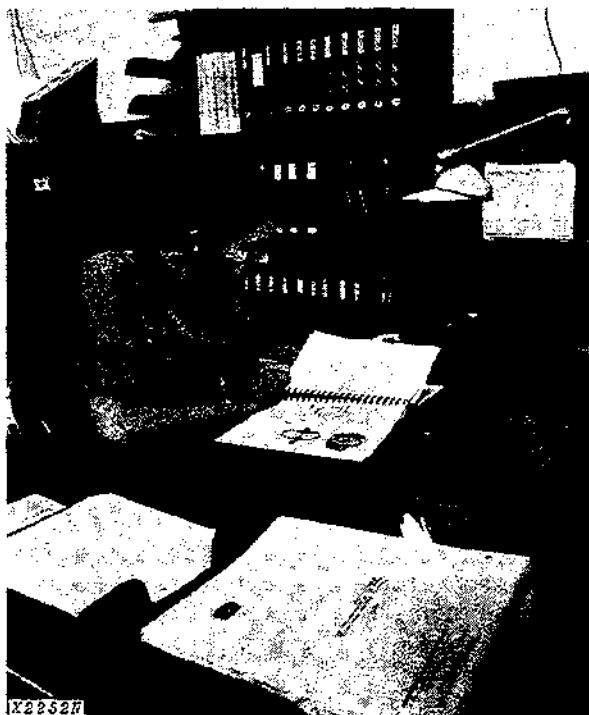
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Group II

INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION



Use FOS Manual for Reference

This technical manual is part of a twin concept of service:

The two kinds of manuals work as a team to give you both the general background and technical details of shop service.

•FOS Manual—for reference

Fundamentals of Service (FOS) Manuals cover basic theory of operation, *fundamentals* of trouble shooting, *general* maintenance, and *basic* types of failures and their causes. FOS Manuals are for training new personnel and for reference by experienced service technicians.



When a service technician should refer to a FOS Manual for more information, a FOS symbol like the one at the left is used in the TM to identify the reference.

•Technical Manuals—for actual service

Technical Manuals are concise service guides for a specific machine. Technical manuals are on-the-job guides containing only the vital information needed by an experienced service technician.

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Use Technical Manuals for Actual Service

This technical manual was planned and written for you—an experienced service technician. Keep it in a permanent binder in the shop where it is handy. Refer to it whenever in doubt about correct service procedures or specifications.

Some features of this manual:

- Inside front cover - "Table of Contents".
- Section I - Contents, safety information, general specifications and general services.
- Sections 1 through 40 - Removal, repair, testing (components removed), installation, and adjustment.
- Section 90 - Detailed explanation of system operation, diagnosis, visual inspection, testing, and adjustments.
- Specifications grouped and illustrated at the end of each section.

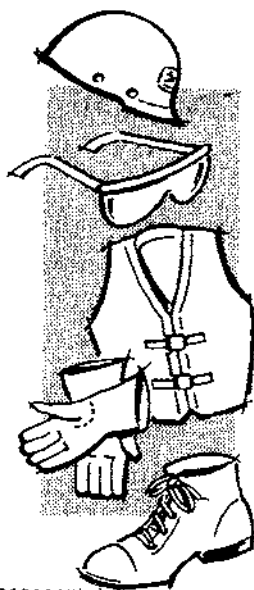
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 This safety alert symbol is used for important safety messages. When you see this symbol, the possibility of personal injury exists if safety message is not followed.

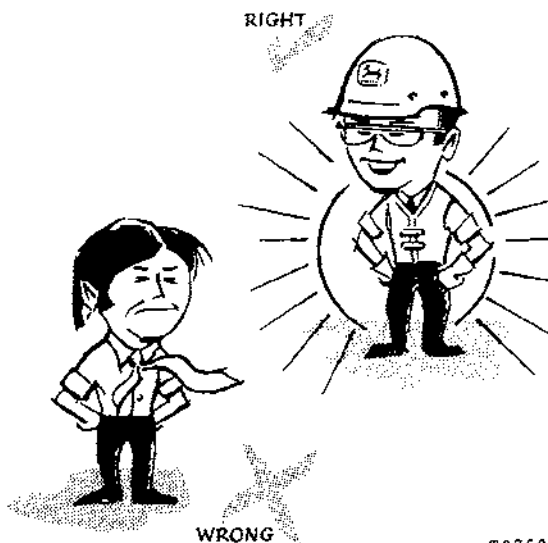
EVERY EMPLOYER HAS A SAFETY PROGRAM. KNOW WHAT IT IS!



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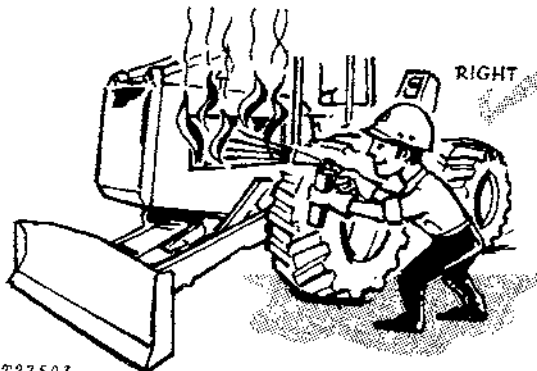
Consult your shop supervisor for specific instructions on a job, and the safety equipment required.

For instance, you may need: Hard hat, safety shoes, safety goggles, heavy gloves, reflector vests, ear protectors, respirators.



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ALWAYS AVOID loose clothing or any accessory—flopping cuffs, dangling neckties and scarves, or rings and wrist watches—that can catch in moving parts and put you out of work.



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BE ALERT!

Plan ahead—work safely—avoid accidental damage and injury. If a careless moment does cause an accident or fire, react quickly with the tools and skills at hand—know how to use a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher—and where to get aid and assistance. In an emergency, split-second action is the key to safety.



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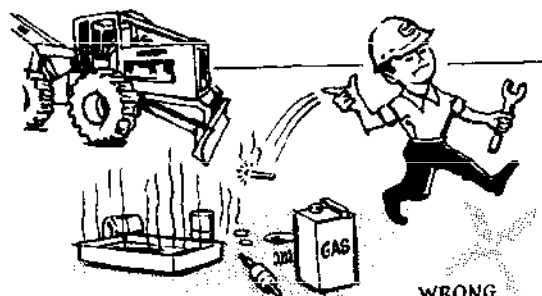
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Specific safety procedures should always be observed, whether servicing or making repairs on the skidder. Remember these—in time!—can prevent an injury... or save your life....

AVOID FIRE HAZARDS—

Fuel Is Dangerous!

- Don't smoke while refueling.
- Don't smoke while handling highly flammable material.
- Engine should be shut off when refueling.
- Use care in refueling if the engine is hot.



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Don't use open pans of gasoline or diesel fuel for cleaning parts. Good commercial, nonflammable solvents are preferred.

Battery Gas Is Highly Flammable!

Provide adequate ventilation when charging batteries.



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Don't check battery charge by placing metal objects across the posts.

- Don't allow sparks or open flame near batteries.
- Don't smoke near battery.

Flame Is Not a Flashlight!

Never check fuel, battery electrolyte or coolant levels with an open flame.

Never use an open flame to look for leaks anywhere on the equipment.

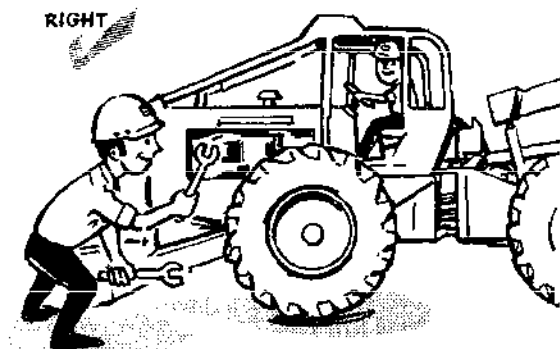
Never use an open flame as a light anywhere on or around the equipment.

KNOW WHERE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE KEPT!

UNDER ALL MAINTENANCE CONDITIONS—

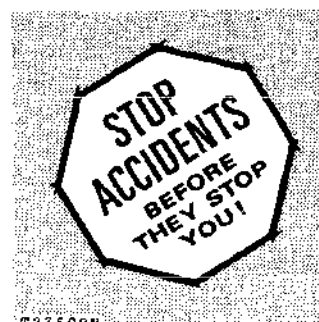
Do not perform any work on the skidder unless authorized to do so. Then be sure you understand the services required. Follow recommended procedures.

Never service the equipment while it is being operated.



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Avoid working on equipment with the engine running. If it is necessary to make checks with the engine running, **ALWAYS USE TWO SERVICE TECHNICIANS**—one, the operator, at the controls, the other checking in view of the operator. Also, put the transmission in neutral, set the brake, and apply any safety locks provided. **KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM MOVING PARTS.**

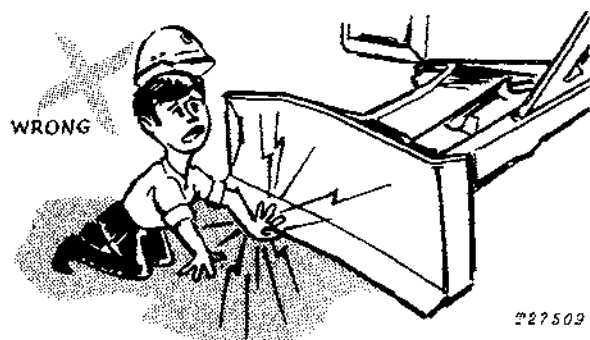


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Before servicing, adjusting, or repairing skidders which have attachments such as blades, grapple tongs, etc.—**LOWER** attachments to the ground—or, if necessary to raise them for access to certain parts, **SECURELY SUPPORT** by external means. **DO NOT** rely on controls to support or position attachments for maintenance.

Never allow **ANYONE** to walk under equipment that is raised and not properly blocked.

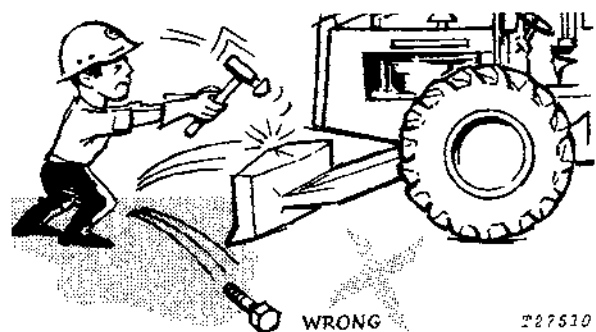


Avoid working directly under raised and blocked equipment unless absolutely necessary.

If the skidder is on an incline, block it securely.

Use hoisting equipment for lifting heavy parts. **TAKE CARE! WATCH OUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE IN THE VICINITY.**

Use extreme caution in removing radiator caps, drain plugs, grease fittings, or hydraulic pressure caps.



Wear safety glasses when drilling, grinding, or hammering metal.

Make sure the maintenance area is adequately vented.

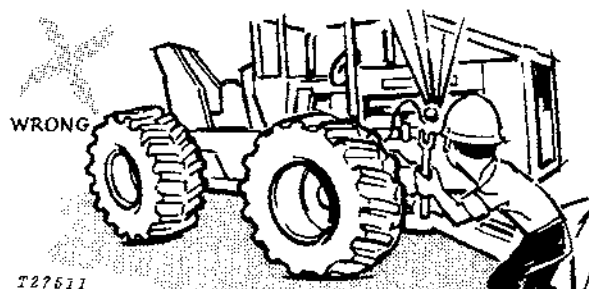
Keep maintenance area **CLEAN AND DRY**. Oily and wet floors are slippery; greasy rags are a fire hazard; wet spots are dangerous when working with electrical equipment.

Store starting aids in a cool and well-ventilated place, out of the reach of unauthorized personnel.

SERVICING PRECAUTIONS

Stop the engine before cleaning or lubricating the skidder.

Lower blade and grapple to the ground *carefully*.



Engine coolant gets hot! Don't remove the radiator cap until coolant temperature is below the boiling point. Then turn cap slightly to relieve pressure before removing.

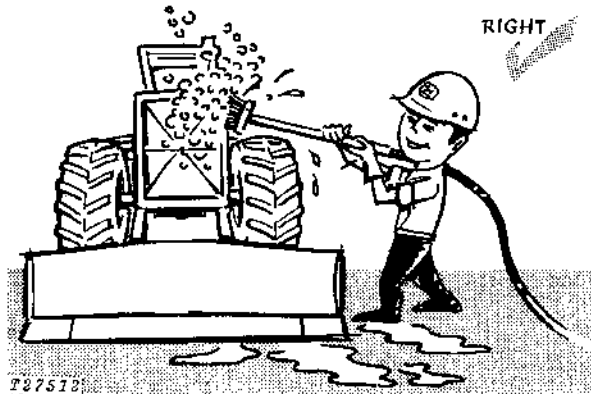
Exhaust gases are dangerous! Periodically check exhaust system for excessive leakage.

Don't forget a hydraulic system may be pressurized! To relieve system pressure, stop engine, lower blade and boom and operate blade, boom or grapple controls until system fails to respond.

When checking hydraulic pressure, be sure to use the correct test gauge for the pressure in the particular system.

The skidder is equipped with a brake accumulator—recharge by using only dry nitrogen. To discharge brake accumulator apply the brake pedal about 30 times.

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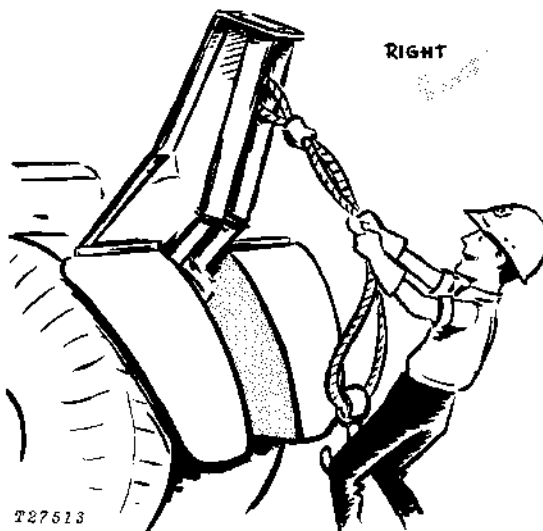
Keep ALL components free of dirt and oil. This attention will minimize fire hazards and facilitate spotting of loose or defective parts.

When preparing engine for storage, remember that inhibitor is volatile and therefore dangerous. Seal and tape openings after adding inhibitor. Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

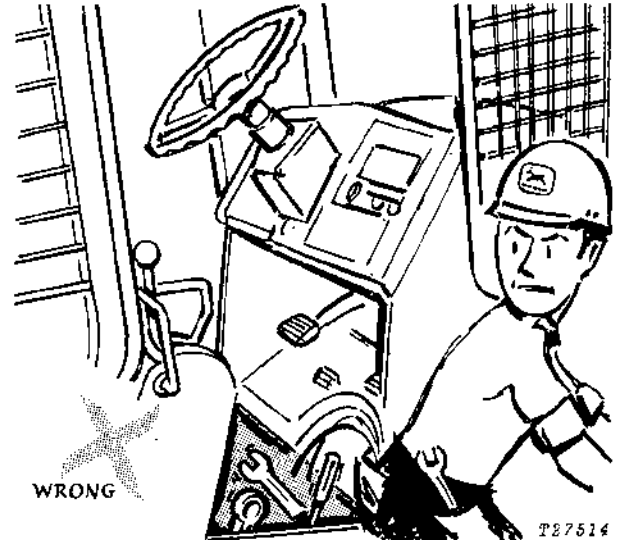
ADJUSTING PRECAUTIONS

...for Operating Adjustments

Keep clutch and brake control units properly adjusted at all times. Before making adjustments, stop engine.



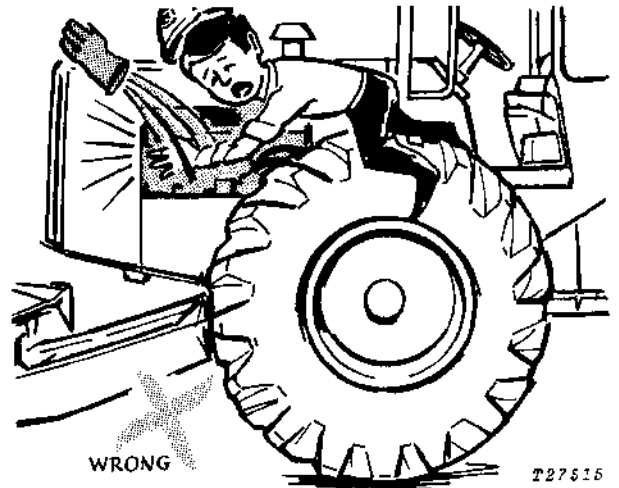
Always wear gloves when handling cable.



Before removing any housing covers, stop engine. Take all objects from your pockets which could fall into the opened housings. Don't let adjusting wrenches fall into opened housings.

...for Maintenance Adjustments

Don't attempt to check belt tension while the engine is running.



Don't adjust the fuel system while the machine is in motion.

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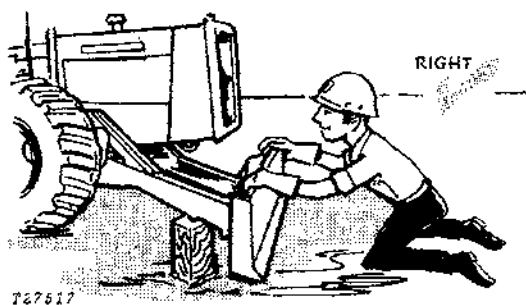
PRECAUTIONS DURING REPAIR



Before repairing the electrical system, or performing a major overhaul, make sure the batteries are disconnected.

When changing cutting edges on blade—

Stop the engine and securely block the blade.



Never let your bare hands come in contact with sharp edges. WEAR GLOVES.

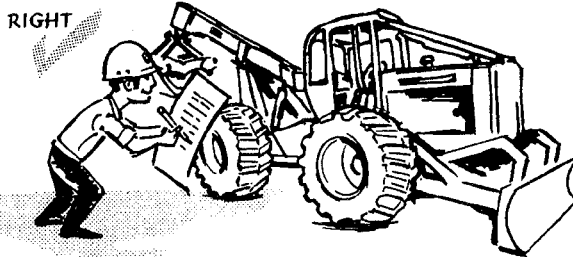
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KNOW EQUIPMENT IS READY!

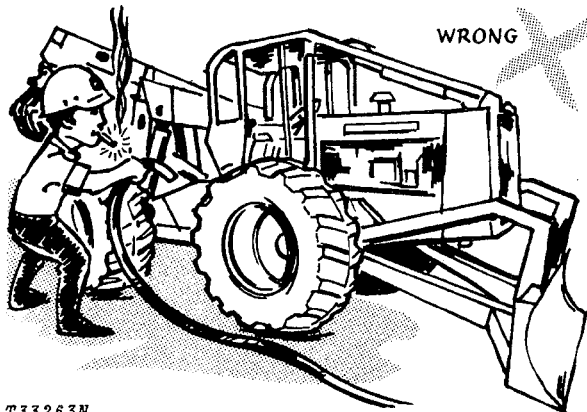
Check guards, canopies, safety bars—all protective devices installed on the skidder. Every one should be in place and secure.

CHECK IT OUT!

- ☐ GUARDS
- ☐ CANOPIES
- ☐ SHIELDS
- ☐ PROTECTIVE DEVICES
- ☐ ROLL-OVER PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES
- ☐ SEAT BELTS
- ☐ FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- ☐ FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM, ETC.

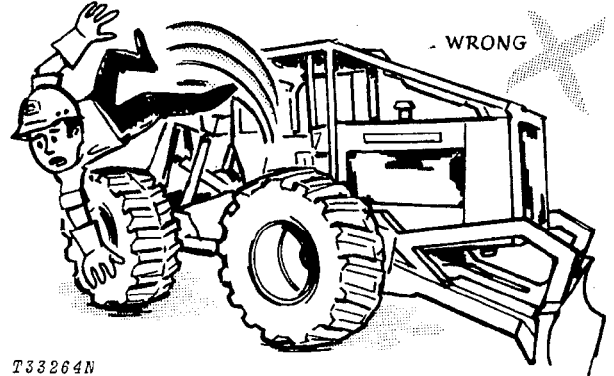


Carefully inspect equipment for visual defects—leaks in fuel, lubrication, and hydraulic systems. Do not search for pressurized fluid leaks with your hands. Use cardboard or wood to search for leaks.



Check levels of fuel, coolant, hydraulic fluid, and lubricating oil. If fuel must be added—**FIRST, PUT OUT THAT CIGARET.**

Check and secure all caps and filler plugs for fuel, oils, radiator, etc.



Be sure to clean any oil, grease or mud accumulation from floor of operator's compartment, stepping points, and grab rails to minimize the danger of slipping.

In freezing weather beware of snow or ice deposits on stepping points, grab rails, and floor.

Remove loose bolts, tools, or other objects from floor of operator's compartment.

Although it is impractical to try to cover every possible maintenance situation, the safety precautions recommended here should serve to develop and promote safe maintenance procedures.

The information contained in this manual is not intended to replace safety codes, insurance requirements, federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations. In particular, your service area or jobsite activities may be subject to state safety rules and/or federal regulation under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). Familiarize yourself with all regulations applicable to your situation in order to avoid possible safety violations.

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