

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Safe and careful operation of the tractor and planter at all times will contribute significantly to the prevention of accidents.

Since a large portion of farm accidents occur as a result of fatigue or carelessness, safety practices should be of utmost concern. Read and understand the instructions provided in this manual and on the warning signs. Review these instructions frequently! Listed below are other safety suggestions that should become common practice.



Never permit any persons other than the operator to ride on the tractor.



Never ride on the planter or allow others to do so.



Always keep hands, feet and clothing away from moving parts. Do not wear loose fitting clothing which may catch in moving parts.



Do not allow anyone to stand between the hitch and towing vehicle when backing up to the planter.



Be aware of bystanders, particularly children! Always look around to make sure it is safe to start the engine of the towing vehicle or move the planter. This is particularly important with higher noise levels and quiet cabs, as you may not hear people shouting.



Always wear protective clothing, substantial shoes and suitable hearing and eye sight protectors applicable for the situation.



Limit transport speed to 15 MPH. Transport only with farm tractor of sufficient size and horsepower. (See Machine Operation Section)



Always drive at a safe speed relative to local conditions and ensure your speed is low enough for an emergency stop to be safe and secure. Keep speed to a minimum.



Never allow the planter to be operated by anyone who is unfamiliar with the operation of all functions of the unit. All operators should read and thoroughly understand the instructions given in this manual prior to moving the unit.



Always make sure safety/warning lights, SMV sign and reflectors are in place and visible prior to transporting the machine on public roads. In this regard, check federal, state/provincial and local regulations.



Never work under the planter while in raised position.



Always make sure there are no persons near the planter when marker assemblies are in operation.



Watch for obstructions such as wires, tree limbs, etc., when folding markers.

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Install safety lockups on markers, as provided, prior to transporting the planter or working around the unit.

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Lower the planter when not in use and cycle the hydraulic control lever to relieve pressure in hoses.



Before applying pressure to the hydraulic system, make sure all connections are tight and that hoses and fittings have not been damaged. Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate skin causing injury or infection.



Use a tractor equipped with a roll-over-protective-system and fasten your seat belt prior to starting the engine.



Allow for unit length when making turns.



Reduce speed prior to turns to avoid the risk of overturning.



Avoid sudden uphill turns on steep slopes.



Always keep the tractor in gear to provide engine braking when going downhill. Do not coast.



This planter is designed to be **DRIVEN BY GROUND TIRES ONLY**. The use of hydraulic, electric or PTO drives may create serious safety hazards to you and the people near by. If you install such drives you must follow all appropriate safety standards and practices to protect you and others near this planter from injury.



This machine has been designed and built with your safety in mind. Do not make any alterations or changes to this machine. Any alteration to the design or construction may create safety hazards.



If a marker has been removed for any reason, do not attach the rod end of the cylinder until the cylinder is cycled several times to remove any air that may be trapped in the system.



Care must be taken when operating row markers around overhead power lines.



Check to be sure all safety/warning lights are working before transporting the machine on public roads.



Be a safe and courteous driver. Always yield to oncoming traffic in all situations, including narrow bridges, intersections, etc.



Rim and tire servicing can be dangerous. Explosive separation of a tire and rim parts can cause serious injury or death.



Agricultural chemicals used with this unit can be dangerous. Improper selection or use can seriously injure persons, animals, plants, soil and other property. **BE SAFE:** Select the right chemical for the job. Handle it with care. Follow the instructions of the chemical manufacturer.



Serious injury or death can result from contact with electric lines. Use care to avoid contact with electric lines when moving or operating this machine.



Store the planter in an area away from human activity. **DO NOT** permit children to play in or around the stored unit.



Make sure the parked machine is on a hard, level surface.



Good maintenance is your responsibility. Poor maintenance is an invitation to trouble.