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## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



THIS SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL IDENTIFIES IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES WITHIN THIS MANUAL. CAREFULLY READ THE MESSAGE THAT FOLLOWS THE SYMBOL. FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND AND OBEY A SAFETY WARNING, OR RECOGNIZE A SAFETY HAZARD, COULD RESULT IN AN INJURY TO YOU OR OTHERS AROUND YOU. THE OPERATOR IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF HIMSELF, AS WELL AS OTHERS, DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIS JOB IN THE WORK AREA.

KUBOTA BACKHOES ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE SAFE, DEPENDABLE SERVICE IF IT IS OPERATED ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS. READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING THE BACKHOE. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONSULT YOUR KUBOTA DEALER.

Kubota recommends the use of a ROPS (Roll Over Protective Structure) and seat belt when operating the tractor and in almost all applications. Never fasten the seat belt without a ROPS. Do not modify a ROPS in any way. Welding, bending, drilling or cutting any portion of the ROPS may weaken the structure. Do not repair a damaged ROPS. A damaged ROPS structure must be replaced, not repaired or revised. If a structural member of the ROPS is damaged, replace the entire structure at your local Kubota dealership. Check the seat belt daily and replace it if damaged or frayed.

Allow only trained personnel to operate or service this equipment. Know and understand all precautions **before** service or operation. Also read and understand all precautions found in the Tractor and Loader Manuals.

For safe operation, check the main attaching wedge bolts and nuts for tightness **before** each day's operation. Also observe all maintenance and lubrication procedures, and inspect all hoses, air lines, and general fasteners, daily.

Do not allow passengers on the tractor at any time. The operator **MUST** sit in the seat.

Use the hand rail and mounting steps while getting on and off the backhoe. Keep the steps and operator's platform clean and free of mud, grease or oil, and other debris.

**NEVER** raise or lower a stabilizer, when mounting or dismounting, unless the **swing is locked**.

For all excavation work, operate the backhoe from the backhoe operator's seat only.

A complete front loader, including lift arms and bucket, is required for backhoe stability, **at all times**.

Make sure the stabilizers and loader bucket are on solid footing and the unit is level before backhoe operation.

When excavating on a uneven terrain, dig with the backhoe uphill.

When you must work on uneven terrain, one stabilizer will be lower than the other. Use extreme care during excavation, as risk of overturn will be increased.

Use care when operating on uneven terrain to avoid an overturn. Travel at speeds compatible with safe operation, especially when operating in uneven terrain, crossing ditches and while turning.

Keep all bystanders away from the swing arc, from under the boom and dipper, and well clear of the backhoe, **at all times**.

**NEVER** attempt to lift loads in excess of backhoe capacity. See the Specifications within this manual before lifting.

Be sure the lifting chain is correctly and securely fastened to the backhoe bucket before craning. Avoid sudden boom and swing movement.

**NEVER** allow anyone under the backhoe when lifting or craning.

Do not operate close to the edge of the excavation where the weight of the Tractor/Loader/Backhoe could cause a cave-in.

Do not dig under the stabilizers or tractor, especially in soft or sandy soil. Take extra precautions in wet or thawing ground. This soil can become unstable very quickly, and may collapse under the weight of the unit.

To reduce the risk of overturn on a uneven terrain place the spoil on the high side of the excavation.

Keep the backhoe and loader **well clear** of electrical lines. If in doubt on safe distance, contact the local power company.

Be alert for buried electrical, telephone, gas and water lines. When in doubt, contact the local utility companies for the location of buried lines.

**Before** transporting the unit, raise and center the boom, close the bucket and dipper, engage the swing and boom lock and disengage the power takeoff.

Check local codes or regulations that may apply to tractor/loader/backhoe operation on public streets or highways, before transporting. Use slow moving vehicle (SMV) signs, lock brake pedals together and use the tractor flashing lights when traveling on public roads.

Park the unit on level ground whenever possible. Lower the backhoe bucket and both stabilizers to the ground, engage the swing lock, dismount and disengage the PTO. Lower the loader bucket, set the parking brake, shut off the engine, and **remove the key** before leaving the unit.

Before transporting, always securely fasten the tractor/loader/backhoe, with chains and chain binders, to the transport vehicle. Before transporting, determine and note the load height of the backhoe, for underpass clearance.

**DO NOT** change any backhoe control valve relief settings. They have been factory set for best backhoe performance and operator safety.

Never make any repairs, service, or adjustments, when the backhoe hydraulic system is under pressure, when the engine is running, or when any backhoe cylinder is under load.

After daily service, make sure handholds, control levers, steps, and your hands, are free of grease and oil.

Escaping hydraulic fluid under pressure has sufficient force to penetrate into skin, causing serious personal injury. Before applying pressure to the system, make sure all connections are tightened and that lines, pipes and hoses are not damaged.

Fluid escaping from pin holes may be invisible. Do not use hands to search for suspected leaks. Instead, use a piece of cardboard and wear protective eyewear such as safety goggles. If injured by escaping fluid, see a medical doctor at once. Serious infection or reaction may result if proper medical treatment is not administered immediately.

When installing or removing tight fitting pins or bolts, care should be taken to guard against injury from pieces that may chip off of pin, bolt, or object used in striking it. Always use a brass punch or lead hammer, and always **wear safety glasses**.

Replace any safety decal that becomes damaged, lost, or otherwise illegible. Replace all decals when repainting. If a part is replaced that has a decal on it, obtain a replacement from your Kubota dealer and install the decal in the same location.

# SAFETY DECALS

Refer to the following representations of decals used on the backhoe, for positive identification, and also to the Parts List for individual numbers and usage location.

Decals are available individually (see Parts List) or in a complete kit, contained in Part Number 70050-02366.

## CAUTION

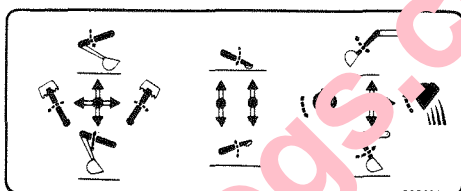
1. READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOUND IN THE TRACTOR, LOADER AND BACKHOE OPERATOR'S MANUALS.
2. FOR ALL EXCAVATION WORK, OPERATE THE BACKHOE FROM THE BACKHOE OPERATOR'S SEAT ONLY.
3. A COMPLETE FRONT LOADER, INCLUDING LIFT ARMS AND BUCKET, IS REQUIRED FOR BACKHOE STABILITY, AT ALL TIMES.

4. MAKE SURE THE STABILIZERS AND LOADER BUCKET ARE ON SOLID FOOTING AND THE UNIT IS AS LEVEL AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE BACKHOE OPERATION.
5. KEEP ALL BYSTANDERS AWAY FROM THE SWING ARC, AND WELL CLEAR OF THE BACKHOE, AT ALL TIMES.
6. DO NOT PLACE SPOIL CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE EXCAVATION WHERE ITS WEIGHT MAY CAUSE A CAVE-IN.
7. TO REDUCE RISK OF OVERTURN ON A SLOPE, PLACE THE SPOIL TO THE HIGH SIDE OF THE EXCAVATION.
8. KEEP THE BACKHOE AND LOADER WELL CLEAR OF HIGH VOLTAGE LINES IF IN DOUBT, CONTACT THE LOCAL POWER COMPANY.

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9. BE CONSTANTLY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR BURIED ELECTRICAL, TELEPHONE, GAS LINES, ETC. WHEN IN DOUBT, CONTACT THE LOCAL UTILITY COMPANIES.
10. USE EXTREME CARE WHEN WORKING ON SLOPES OR UNEVEN TERRAIN. KNOW THE LIMITATIONS OF THE BACKHOE AND DO NOT RUSH.
11. DISENGAGE THE TRACTOR POWER TAKE OFF AND ENGAGE THE BOOM AND SWING LOCKS BEFORE TRANSPORTING.
12. LOWER THE BUCKET, BOTH STABILIZERS, AND THE FRONT LOADER TO THE GROUND. SHUT OFF THE ENGINE AND REMOVE THE KEY BEFORE LEAVING THE UNIT.

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SWING LOCK  
DISENGAGED ENGAGED

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OPERATE PUMP IN  
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POSITION ONLY

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOVING & REINSTALLING (Also See Backhoe Operator's Manual)

### REMOVING THE BACKHOE

BEFORE REMOVAL, MAKE SURE THE BACKHOE SWING LOCK IS ENGAGED!

1. Locate the tractor/loader/backhoe on a firm level surface. Place the hand throttle at the idle, the transmission in neutral, set the parking brake and engage the tractor PTO.
2. Fully extend the boom and dipper and set the bucket on the ground. Place the backhoe seat in the storage position, lower both stabilizers and raise the rear of the tractor and the backhoe off the ground.
3. Remove all 8 nuts and 4 wedge bolts from the mount brackets through the mainframe.
4. Return the boom and dipper to transport and slowly raise the stabilizers, lowering the mainframe from its brackets. The boom and stabilizers may have to be hydraulically adjusted so the backhoe sits flat for storage.
5. Slowly move the tractor forward, 18 to 18 inches, for removal of the backhoe PTO pump.
6. DISENGAGE THE PTO AND SHUT OFF THE TRACTOR BEFORE CONTINUING!
7. Remove the hanger clip and the drawbar pin from the pump frame and slide the pump off of the tractor PTO shaft.
7. Drive the tractor/loader slowly away from the backhoe.

COVER THE HYDRAULIC TANK AND POWER TANK OFF PUMP WITH A SUITABLE WEATHER PROTECTOR DURING BACKHOE STORAGE!

### REINSTALLING THE BACKHOE

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR INITIAL (NEW) BACKHOE INSTALLATION. FOLLOW PROCEDURES UNDER "18" IN THE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS SECTION OF THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL.

1. Back the tractor/loader, centered, over the backhoe frame. Stop the tractor, 18 to 18 inches away from mount alignment for PTO pump installation.
2. MAKE SURE THE TRACTOR PTO IS DISENGAGED, THE PARKING BRAKE IS SET AND THE ENGINE IS SHUT OFF BEFORE CONTINUING!
2. Slide the PTO pump onto the tractor shaft, install the drawbar pin from the bottom and install the hanger clip.
3. Start the tractor, engage the PTO and position the tractor so the brackets are directly over the mainframe guides.
4. Place the hand throttle at low idle, the transmission in neutral and set the parking brake.

BEFORE ATTACHING, MAKE SURE THE SWING LOCK IS STILL ENGAGED!

5. Lower the stabilizers and raise the rear of the mainframe approximately 2 inches off of the storage surface.

KEEP HANDS/FEET OUT FROM UNDER BACKHOE WHILE REATTACHING!

6. Slowly extend the boom/dipper, keeping the bucket within 4 inches of ground level, until the front of the mainframe raises into its mount brackets. Install the wedge bolts and nuts and tighten.
7. Return the boom/dipper/bucket to transport and engage the boom transport lock.
8. Lower the stabilizers and raise the rear of the mainframe into its brackets. Install the remaining wedge bolts and nuts and tighten.

AFTER 1/2 TO 1 HOUR OF OPERATION, CHECK ALL WEDGE BOLT NUTS AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE TIGHT. RECHECK NUT TIGHTNESS DAILY.

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**CAUTION:** REPLACE ANY SAFETY DECAL THAT BECOMES DAMAGED, LOST, OR OTHERWISE ILLEGIBLE. REPLACE ALL DECALS WHEN REPAINTING.

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