
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - continued

During Operation

1. Do not allow passengers on the tractor/snowblower at any time. There is no safe place for passengers on this equipment. The operator **MUST** sit in the tractor seat.
2. Eye and hearing protection is recommended when operating the snowblower.
3. Operate only during daylight hours, or when the area is well lit with bright artificial light.
4. Park the tractor/snowblower on level ground, place the transmission in neutral, set the parking brake, disengage the PTO, lower the equipment to the ground, place all control levers in neutral, shut off the engine and remove the ignition key **BEFORE** leaving the operator's seat.
5. Inspect the snowblower after striking any foreign object to assure that all snowblower parts are secure and not damaged.
6. Be especially observant of the operating area and terrain. Watch for holes, rocks, or other hidden hazards. **ALWAYS** inspect the area prior to blowing.
7. **DO NOT** blow near the edge of drop-offs or banks.
8. **DO NOT** blow on steep slopes as overturn may result.
9. Operate up and down (not across) intermediate slopes. Avoid sudden starts and stops.
10. Drive tractor backwards up steeper slopes with blower off. Then blow as you travel down the slope.
11. Slow down before you change directions on any slope.
12. Use wheel weights on your tractor to increase stability on slopes.
13. Never stand alongside of the unit while the engine is running.
14. Keep all shields and covers in place. All tractor and equipment shields and covers must be correctly installed at all times. When necessary to remove these, they must be reinstalled before resuming operation.
15. Keep clear of all rotating driveline component. Be especially observant of implement areas of discharge, intake or other mechanical motion.
16. Securely lock equipment drive shaft. Check that all tractor and equipment drivelines are in good working order. Equipment drive shaft coupler must securely lock to and be retained by annular groove on tractor drive shaft.
17. Additional safety equipment: A fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be kept readily accessible. These are available through your dealer.

Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS)

1. **DO NOT** weld, drill or alter the ROPS. Damaged ROPS must not be straightened or used. If damage does occur, consult your dealer.
2. If the ROPS is lowered or removed from the tractor for any reason, it must be erected and/or refitted immediately. Original bolts or equivalent replacements must be used and tightened to the correct torque.
3. The manufacturer does not recommend usage of tractor with ROPS removed.
4. If a fold-down ROPS is used, the ROPS can be folded down for storage, but it must be pinned in the upright position prior to operation.
5. Seat belt usage: With ROPS installed on the tractor it is imperative that the seat belt be installed, used and correctly adjusted, at all times. **DO NOT** use a seat belt if operating without ROPS.