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Operation and Maintenance
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Operation and Maintenance Manual

902, 906 and 908 Compact Wheel Loaders

MER1-Up (Machine)
TAR1-Up (Machine)
6ZS1-Up (Machine)
7ES1-Up (Machine)
8BS1-Up (Machine)

Important Safety Information

Most accidents that involve product operation, maintenance and repair are caused by failure to observe basic safety rules or precautions. An accident can often be avoided by recognizing potentially hazardous situations before an accident occurs. A person must be alert to potential hazards. This person should also have the necessary training, skills and tools to perform these functions properly.

Improper operation, lubrication, maintenance or repair of this product can be dangerous and could result in injury or death.

Do not operate or perform any lubrication, maintenance or repair on this product, until you have read and understood the operation, lubrication, maintenance and repair information.

Safety precautions and warnings are provided in this manual and on the product. If these hazard warnings are not heeded, bodily injury or death could occur to you or to other persons.

The hazards are identified by the "Safety Alert Symbol" and followed by a "Signal Word" such as "DANGER", "WARNING" or "CAUTION". The Safety Alert "WARNING" label is shown below.



The meaning of this safety alert symbol is as follows:

Attention! Become Alert! Your Safety is Involved.

The message that appears under the warning explains the hazard and can be either written or pictorially presented.

Operations that may cause product damage are identified by "NOTICE" labels on the product and in this publication.

Caterpillar cannot anticipate every possible circumstance that might involve a potential hazard. The warnings in this publication and on the product are, therefore, not all inclusive. If a tool, procedure, work method or operating technique that is not specifically recommended by Caterpillar is used, you must satisfy yourself that it is safe for you and for others. You should also ensure that the product will not be damaged or be made unsafe by the operation, lubrication, maintenance or repair procedures that you choose.

The information, specifications, and illustrations in this publication are on the basis of information that was available at the time that the publication was written. The specifications, torques, pressures, measurements, adjustments, illustrations, and other items can change at any time. These changes can affect the service that is given to the product. Obtain the complete and most current information before you start any job. Caterpillar dealers have the most current information available.



When replacement parts are required for this product Caterpillar recommends using Caterpillar replacement parts or parts with equivalent specifications including, but not limited to, physical dimensions, type, strength and material.

Failure to heed this warning can lead to premature failures, product damage, personal injury or death.

Safety Section

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Safety Messages (Type 1)

SMCS Code: 7000; 7405

There are several specific safety messages on this machine. The exact location of the hazards and the description of the hazards are reviewed in this section. Please become familiarized with all safety messages.

Make sure that all of the safety messages are legible. Clean the safety messages or replace the safety messages if you cannot read the words. Replace the illustrations if the illustrations are not legible. When you clean the safety messages, use a cloth, water and soap. Do not use solvent, gasoline, or other harsh chemicals to clean the safety messages. Solvents, gasoline, or harsh chemicals could loosen the adhesive that secures the safety messages. Loose adhesive will allow the safety messages to fall.

Replace any safety message that is damaged, or missing. If a safety message is attached to a part that is replaced, install a safety message on the replacement part. Any Caterpillar dealer can provide new safety messages.

Do Not Operate (1)



Illustration 3

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The warning is located inside the cab on the right side pillar.

WARNING

Do not operate or work on this machine or work tool unless you have read and understand the instructions and warnings in the Operation and Maintenance Manuals and Owner's Manuals. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death. Contact your Caterpillar dealer for replacement manuals. Proper care is your responsibility.

Work Tool Coupler (2)



Illustration 4

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This warning is located inside the cab on the right side pillar.

WARNING

Do not operate machine without confirmation that coupler pins are fully engaged

Make certain all hydraulic connections are tight (if equipped)

Use only Caterpillar approved work tools

Improper attachment of work tool could result in injury or death

Rollover Protective Structure (3)



Illustration 5

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This warning is located inside the cab on the base of the seat.



Structural damage, an overturn, modification, alteration, or improper repair can impair this structure's protection capability thereby voiding this certification. Do not weld on or drill holes in the structure. Consult a Caterpillar dealer to determine this structure's limitations without voiding its certification.

Pressurized System (4)

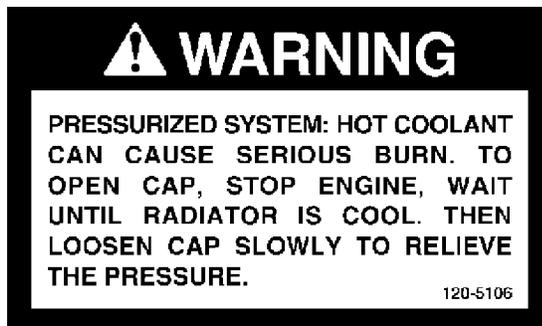


Illustration 6

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This warning is located inside the engine compartment above the radiator cap.



Pressurized system: Hot coolant can cause serious burn. To open cap, stop engine, wait until radiator is cool. Then loosen cap slowly to relieve the pressure.

Starting with Jump Start Cables (5)

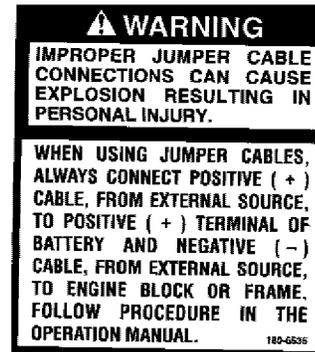


Illustration 7

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This warning is located inside the left side access panel on 902 7ES1-Up, 906 6ZS1-Up, 908 8BS1-Up and 908 TAR1-Up machines. This warning is located near the remote jump start terminal on the 906 MER1-Up machines.



Improper jumper cable connections can cause explosion resulting in personal injury.

When using jumper cables, always connect positive (+) cable, from external source, to positive (+) terminal of battery and negative (-) cable, from external source, to engine block or frame.

Ether (6)



Illustration 8

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This warning is located inside the left side access panel.

WARNING

Do not use aerosol types of starting aids such as ether. Such use could result in an explosion and personal injury.

No Clearance (7)



Illustration 9

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This warning is located on both sides of the articulation joint.

WARNING

No clearance for person in this area when machine turns. Severe injury or death from crushing could occur.

Safety Messages (Type 2)

SMCS Code: 7000; 7405

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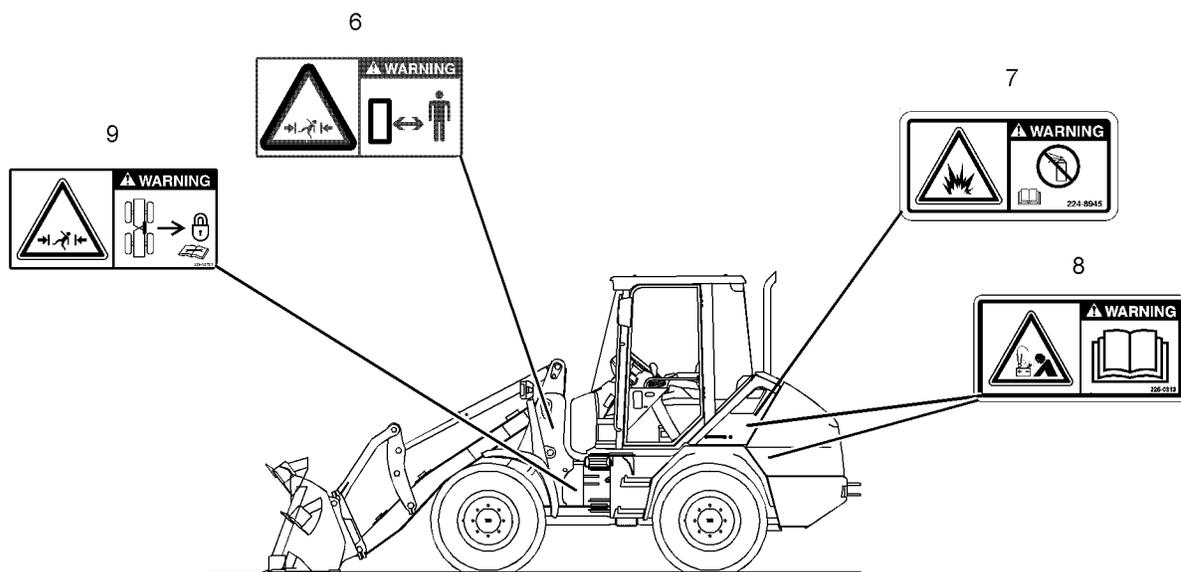
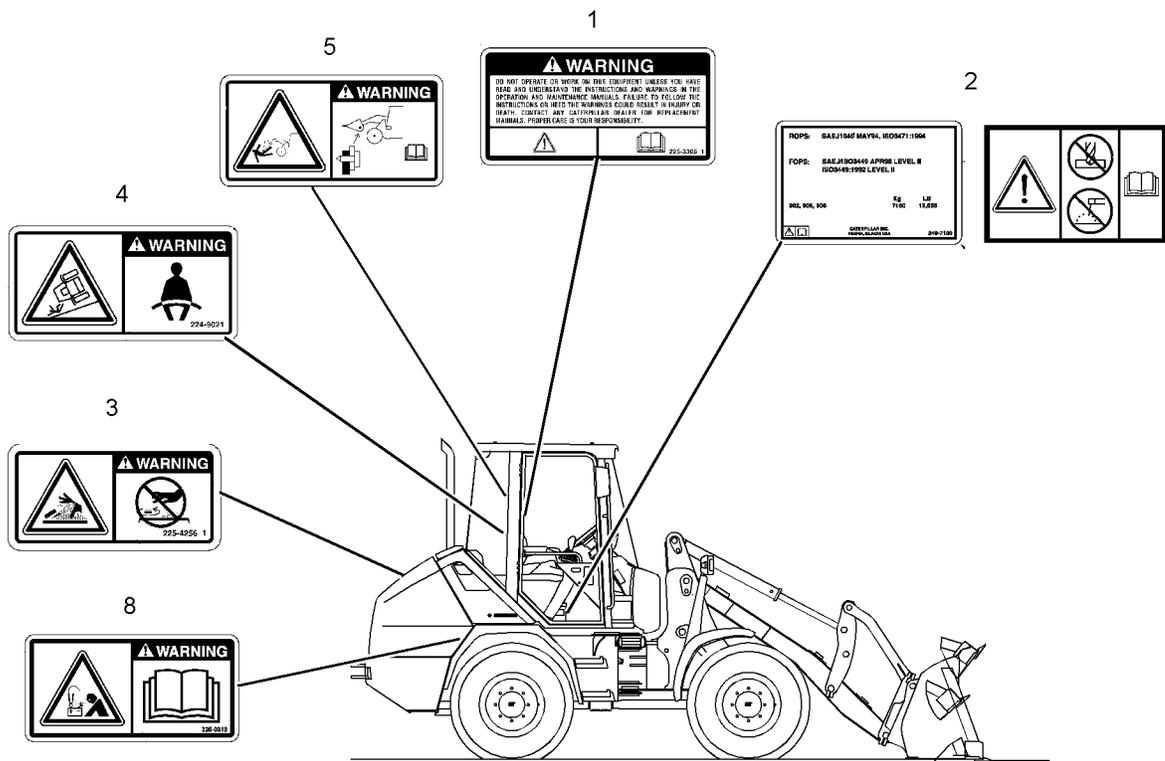


Illustration 10

Do Not Operate (1)



Illustration 11

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This warning is located inside the cab on the right side pillar.

WARNING

Do not operate or work on this machine or work tool unless you have read and understand the instructions and warnings in the Operation and Maintenance Manuals and Owner's Manuals. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death. Contact your Caterpillar dealer for replacement manuals. Proper care is your responsibility.

Rollover Protective Structure (2)

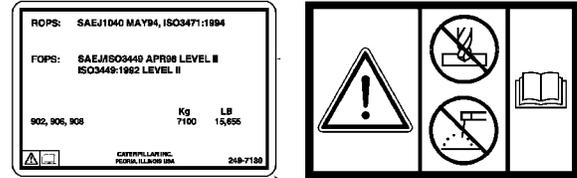


Illustration 12

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This warning is located inside the cab below the seat.

WARNING

Structural damage, an overturn, modification, alteration, or improper repair can impair this structure's protection capability thereby voiding this certification. Do not weld on or drill holes in the structure. Consult a Caterpillar dealer to determine this structure's limitations without voiding its certification.

Pressurized System (3)



Illustration 13

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This warning is located inside the engine compartment above the radiator cap.

WARNING

Pressurized system: Hot coolant can cause serious burn. To open cap, stop engine, wait until radiator is cool. Then loosen cap slowly to relieve the pressure.

Seat Belt (4)

This safety message is located inside the cab on the right side pillar.



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WARNING

A seat belt should be worn at all times during machine operation to prevent serious injury or death in the event of an accident or machine overturn. Failure to wear a seat belt during machine operation may result in serious injury or death.

Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Seat Belt" for more information.

Work Tool Coupler (5)

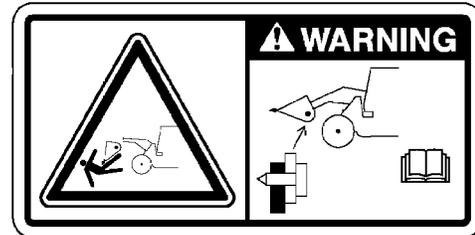


Illustration 14

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This warning is located inside the cab on the right side pillar.

WARNING

Do not operate machine without confirmation that coupler pins are fully engaged

Make certain all hydraulic connections are tight (if equipped)

Use only Caterpillar approved work tools

Improper attachment of work tool could result in injury or death

No Clearance (6)

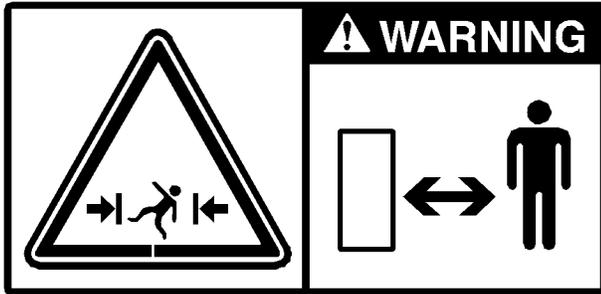


Illustration 15

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This warning is located on both sides of the articulation joint.

WARNING

No clearance for person in this area when machine turns. Severe injury or death from crushing could occur.

Ether (7)



Illustration 16

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This warning is located inside the left side access panel.

WARNING

Do not use aerosol types of starting aids such as ether. Such use could result in an explosion and personal injury.

Starting with Jump Start Cables (8)



Illustration 17

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This warning is located inside the left side access panel on the 902 7ES1-Up, 906 6ZS1-Up and 908 8BS1-Up machines. This warning is located on the right side of the engine compartment near the remote jump start terminal on the 906 MER1-Up machines. This warning is located on the left side of the engine compartment near the remote jump start terminal on the 908 TAR1-Up machines.

WARNING

Improper jumper cable connections can cause explosion resulting in personal injury.

When using jumper cables, always connect positive (+) cable, from external source, to positive (+) terminal of battery and negative (-) cable, from external source, to engine block or frame.

No Clearance (9)

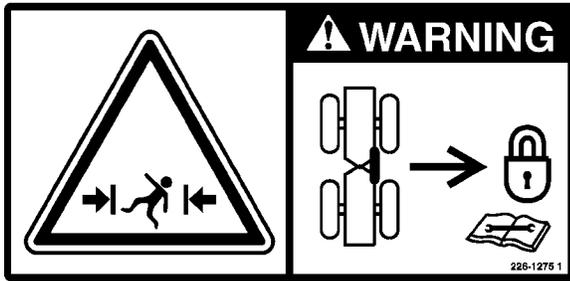


Illustration 18

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This warning is located on both sides of the articulation joint.



Crushing Hazard. There is no clearance for a person in this area when the machine turns. Severe injury or death from crushing could occur. Connect the steering frame lock between front and rear frames before lifting, transporting, or servicing the machine in the articulation area.

Disconnect the steering lock and secure before resuming operation.

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General Hazard Information

SMCS Code: 7000

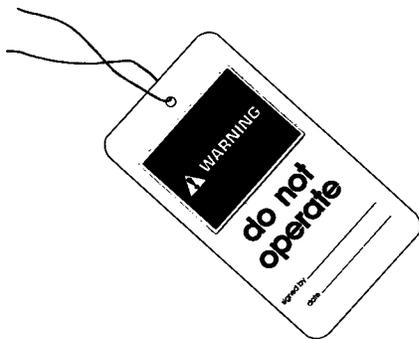


Illustration 19

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Attach a "Do Not Operate" warning tag or a similar warning tag to the start switch or to the controls before you service the equipment or before you repair the equipment. These warning tags (Special Instruction, SEHS7332) are available from your Caterpillar dealer.

Know the width of your equipment in order to maintain proper clearance when you operate the equipment near fences or near boundary obstacles.

Be aware of high voltage power lines and power cables that are buried. If the machine comes in contact with these hazards, serious injury or death may occur from electrocution.

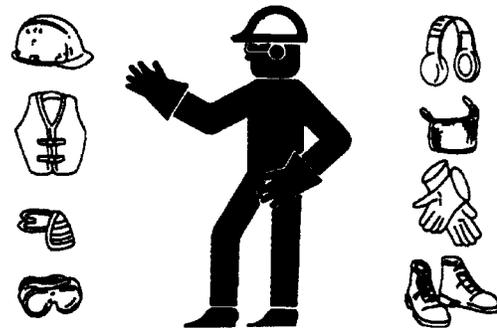


Illustration 20

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Wear a hard hat, protective glasses, and other protective equipment, as required.

Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry that can snag on controls or on other parts of the equipment.

Make sure that all protective guards and all covers are secured in place on the equipment.

Keep the equipment free from foreign material. Remove debris, oil, tools, and other items from the deck, from walkways, and from steps.

Secure all loose items such as lunch boxes, tools, and other items that are not a part of the equipment.

Know the appropriate work site hand signals and the personnel that are authorized to give the hand signals. Accept hand signals from one person only.

Do not smoke when you service an air conditioner. Also, do not smoke if refrigerant gas may be present. Inhaling the fumes that are released from a flame that contacts air conditioner refrigerant can cause bodily harm or death. Inhaling gas from air conditioner refrigerant through a lighted cigarette can cause bodily harm or death.

Never put maintenance fluids into glass containers. Drain all liquids into a suitable container.

Obey all local regulations for the disposal of liquids.

Use all cleaning solutions with care. Report all necessary repairs.

Do not allow unauthorized personnel on the equipment.

Unless you are instructed otherwise, perform maintenance with the equipment in the servicing position. Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual for the procedure for placing the equipment in the servicing position.

Pressure Air and Water

Pressurized air and/or water can cause debris and/or hot water to be blown out. This could result in personal injury.

When pressure air and/or pressure water is used for cleaning, wear protective clothing, protective shoes, and eye protection. Eye protection includes goggles or a protective face shield.

The maximum air pressure for cleaning purposes must be below 205 kPa (30 psi). The maximum water pressure for cleaning purposes must be below 275 kPa (40 psi).

Trapped Pressure

Pressure can be trapped in a hydraulic system. Releasing trapped pressure can cause sudden machine movement or attachment movement. Use caution if you disconnect hydraulic lines or fittings. High pressure oil that is released can cause a hose to whip. High pressure oil that is released can cause oil to spray. Fluid penetration can cause serious injury and possible death.

Fluid Penetration

Pressure can be trapped in the hydraulic circuit long after the engine has been stopped. The pressure can cause hydraulic fluid or items such as pipe plugs to escape rapidly if the pressure is not relieved correctly.

Do not remove any hydraulic components or parts until pressure has been relieved or personal injury may occur. Do not disassemble any hydraulic components or parts until pressure has been relieved or personal injury may occur. Refer to the Service Manual for any procedures that are required to relieve the hydraulic pressure.

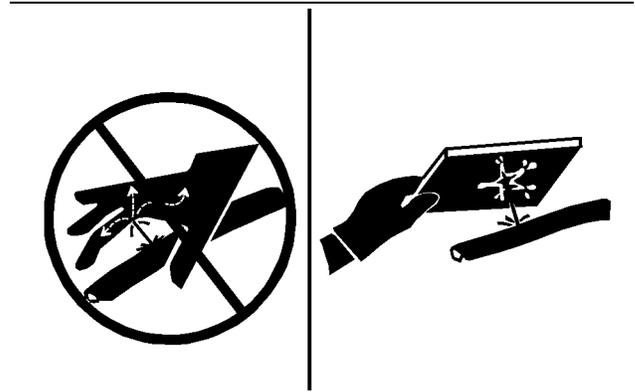


Illustration 21

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Always use a board or cardboard when you check for a leak. Leaking fluid that is under pressure can penetrate body tissue. Fluid penetration can cause serious injury and possible death. A pin hole leak can cause severe injury. If fluid is injected into your skin, you must get treatment immediately. Seek treatment from a doctor that is familiar with this type of injury.

Containing Fluid Spillage

Care must be taken in order to ensure that fluids are contained during performance of inspection, maintenance, testing, adjusting and repair of the equipment. Prepare to collect the fluid with suitable containers before opening any compartment or disassembling any component containing fluids.

Refer to Special Publication, NENG2500, "Tools and Shop Products Guide" for the following items:

- Tools that are suitable for collecting fluids and equipment that is suitable for collecting fluids
- Tools that are suitable for containing fluids and equipment that is suitable for containing fluids

Obey all local regulations for the disposal of liquids.

Asbestos Information

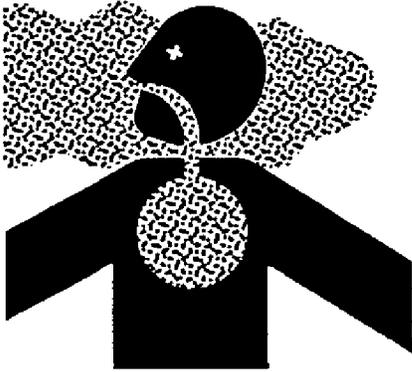


Illustration 22

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Caterpillar equipment and replacement parts that are shipped from Caterpillar are asbestos free. Caterpillar recommends the use of only genuine Caterpillar replacement parts. Use the following guidelines when you handle any replacement parts that contain asbestos or when you handle asbestos debris.

Use caution. Avoid inhaling dust that might be generated when you handle components that contain asbestos fibers. Inhaling this dust can be hazardous to your health. The components that may contain asbestos fibers are brake pads, brake bands, lining material, clutch plates, and some gaskets. The asbestos that is used in these components is usually bound in a resin or sealed in some way. Normal handling is not hazardous unless airborne dust that contains asbestos is generated.

If dust that may contain asbestos is present, there are several guidelines that should be followed:

- Never use compressed air for cleaning.
- Avoid brushing materials that contain asbestos.
- Avoid grinding materials that contain asbestos.
- Use a wet method in order to clean up asbestos materials.
- A vacuum cleaner that is equipped with a high efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA) can also be used.
- Use exhaust ventilation on permanent machining jobs.
- Wear an approved respirator if there is no other way to control the dust.

- Comply with applicable rules and regulations for the work place. In the United States, use Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. These OSHA requirements can be found in "29 CFR 1910.1001".
- Obey environmental regulations for the disposal of asbestos.
- Stay away from areas that might have asbestos particles in the air.

Dispose of Waste Properly

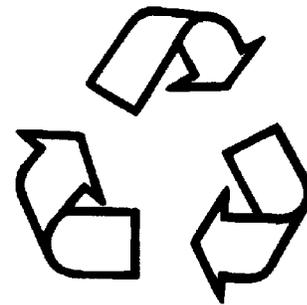


Illustration 23

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Improperly disposing of waste can threaten the environment. Potentially harmful fluids should be disposed of according to local regulations.

Always use leakproof containers when you drain fluids. Do not pour waste onto the ground, down a drain, or into any source of water.

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Crushing Prevention and Cutting Prevention

SMCS Code: 7000

Support the equipment properly before you perform any work or maintenance beneath that equipment. Do not depend on the hydraulic cylinders to hold up the equipment. Equipment can fall if a control is moved, or if a hydraulic line breaks.

Do not work beneath the cab of the machine unless the cab is properly supported.

Unless you are instructed otherwise, never attempt adjustments while the machine is moving or while the engine is running.

Never jump across the starter solenoid terminals in order to start the engine. Unexpected machine movement could result.

Whenever there are equipment control linkages the clearance in the linkage area will change with the movement of the equipment or the machine. Stay clear of areas that may have a sudden change in clearance with machine movement or equipment movement.

Stay clear of all rotating and moving parts.

If it is necessary to remove guards in order to perform maintenance, always install the guards after the maintenance is performed.

Keep objects away from moving fan blades. The fan blade will throw objects or cut objects.

Do not use a kinked wire cable or a frayed wire cable. Wear gloves when you handle wire cable.

When you strike a retainer pin with force, the retainer pin can fly out. The loose retainer pin can injure personnel. Make sure that the area is clear of people when you strike a retainer pin. To avoid injury to your eyes, wear protective glasses when you strike a retainer pin.

Chips or other debris can fly off an object when you strike the object. Make sure that no one can be injured by flying debris before striking any object.

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Burn Prevention

SMCS Code: 7000

Do not touch any part of an operating engine. Allow the engine to cool before any maintenance is performed on the engine. Relieve all pressure in the air system, in the oil system, in the lubrication system, in the fuel system, or in the cooling system before any lines, fittings or related items are disconnected.

Coolant

When the engine is at operating temperature, the engine coolant is hot. The coolant is also under pressure. The radiator and all lines to the heaters or to the engine contain hot coolant.

Any contact with hot coolant or with steam can cause severe burns. Allow cooling system components to cool before the cooling system is drained.

Check the coolant level only after the engine has been stopped.

Ensure that the filler cap is cool before removing the filler cap. The filler cap must be cool enough to touch with a bare hand. Remove the filler cap slowly in order to relieve pressure.

Cooling system conditioner contains alkali. Alkali can cause personal injury. Do not allow alkali to contact the skin, the eyes, or the mouth.

Oils

Hot oil and hot components can cause personal injury. Do not allow hot oil to contact the skin. Also, do not allow hot components to contact the skin.

Remove the hydraulic tank filler cap only after the engine has been stopped. The filler cap must be cool enough to touch with a bare hand. Follow the standard procedure in this manual in order to remove the hydraulic tank filler cap.

Batteries

Electrolyte is an acid. Electrolyte can cause personal injury. Do not allow electrolyte to contact the skin or the eyes. Always wear protective glasses for servicing batteries. Wash hands after touching the batteries and connectors. Use of gloves is recommended.

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Fire Prevention and Explosion Prevention

SMCS Code: 7000



Illustration 24

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All fuels, most lubricants, and some coolant mixtures are flammable.

Flammable fluids that are leaking or spilled onto hot surfaces or onto electrical components can cause a fire. Fire may cause personal injury and property damage.

Remove all flammable materials such as fuel, oil, and debris from the machine. Do not allow any flammable materials to accumulate on the machine.

Store fuels and lubricants in properly marked containers away from unauthorized persons. Store oily rags and any flammable materials in protective containers. Do not smoke in areas that are used for storing flammable materials.

Do not operate the machine near any flame.

Exhaust shields (if equipped) protect hot exhaust components from oil spray or fuel spray in case of a break in a line, in a hose, or in a seal. Exhaust shields must be installed correctly.

Do not weld on lines or on tanks that contain flammable fluids. Do not flame cut lines or tanks that contain flammable fluid. Clean any such lines or tanks thoroughly with a nonflammable solvent prior to welding or flame cutting.

Check all electrical wires daily. Repair any wires that are loose or frayed before you operate the machine. Clean all electrical connections and tighten all electrical connections.

Dust that is generated from repairing nonmetallic hoods or nonmetallic fenders can be flammable and/or explosive. Repair such components in a well ventilated area away from open flames or sparks.

Inspect all lines and hoses for wear or for deterioration. The hoses must be properly routed. The lines and the hoses must have adequate support and secure clamps. Tighten all connections to the recommended torque. Leaks can cause fires.

Use caution when you are refueling a machine. Do not smoke while you are refueling a machine. Do not refuel a machine near open flames or sparks. Always stop the engine before refueling. Fill the fuel tank outdoors.



Illustration 26

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Gases from a battery can explode. Keep any open flames or sparks away from the top of a battery. Do not smoke in battery charging areas.

Never check the battery charge by placing a metal object across the terminal posts. Use a voltmeter or a hydrometer.

Improper jumper cable connections can cause an explosion that can result in injury. Refer to the Operation Section of this manual for specific instructions.

Do not charge a frozen battery. This may cause an explosion.

Fire Extinguisher

Make sure that a fire extinguisher is available. Be familiar with the operation of the fire extinguisher. Inspect the fire extinguisher and service the fire extinguisher regularly. Obey the recommendations on the instruction plate.

Ether

Ether is flammable and poisonous.

Use ether in well ventilated areas. Do not smoke while you are replacing an ether cylinder or while you are using an ether spray.



Illustration 25

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Do not store ether cylinders in living areas or in the operator compartment of a machine. Do not store ether cylinders in direct sunlight or in temperatures above 49 °C (120 °F). Keep ether cylinders away from open flames or sparks.

Dispose of used ether cylinders properly. Do not puncture an ether cylinder. Keep ether cylinders away from unauthorized personnel.

Do not spray ether into an engine if the machine is equipped with a thermal starting aid for cold weather starting.

Lines, Tubes and Hoses

Do not bend high pressure lines. Do not strike high pressure lines. Do not install any lines that are bent or damaged.

Repair any lines that are loose or damaged. Leaks can cause fires. Consult your Caterpillar dealer for repair or for replacement parts.

Check lines, tubes and hoses carefully. Do not use your bare hand to check for leaks. Use a board or cardboard to check for leaks. Tighten all connections to the recommended torque.

Replace the parts if any of the following conditions are present:

- End fittings are damaged or leaking.
- Outer coverings are chafed or cut.
- Wires are exposed.
- Outer coverings are ballooning.
- Flexible part of the hoses are kinked.
- Outer covers have embedded armoring.
- End fittings are displaced.

Make sure that all clamps, guards, and heat shields are installed correctly. During machine operation, this will help to prevent vibration, rubbing against other parts, and excessive heat.

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Fire Extinguisher Location

SMCS Code: 7000; 7419

Make sure that a fire extinguisher is on the machine. Make sure that you are familiar with the operation of the fire extinguisher. Inspect the fire extinguisher and service the fire extinguisher. Obey the recommendations on the instruction plate.

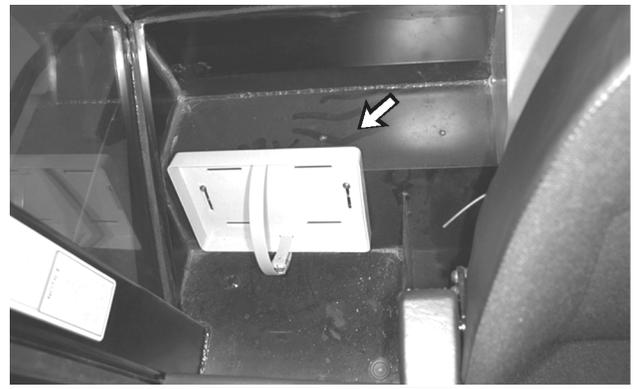


Illustration 27

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Mount the fire extinguisher on the shelf that is located in the right, rear corner of the cab. This is the recommended location for mounting the fire extinguisher.

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Tire Information

SMCS Code: 7000

Explosions of air inflated tires have resulted from heat-induced gas combustion inside the tires. Explosions can be caused by heat that is generated by welding, by heating rim components, by external fire, or by excessive use of brakes.

A tire explosion is much more violent than a blowout. The explosion can propel the tire, the rim components, and the axle components as far as 500 m (1500 ft) or more from the machine. Both the force of the explosion and the flying debris can cause property damage, personal injury, or death.

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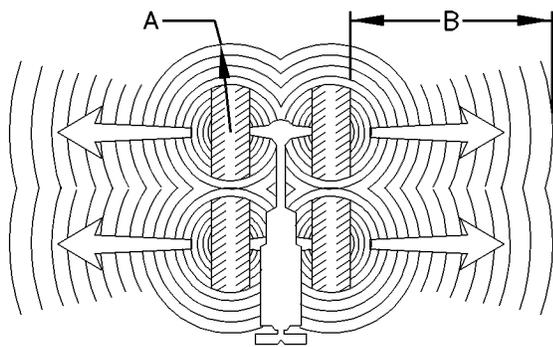


Illustration 28

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(A) At least 15 m (50 ft)
(B) At least 500 m (1500 ft)

Do not approach a warm tire. Maintain a minimum distance, as shown. Stay outside the shaded area in Illustration 28.

Do not use water or calcium as a ballast for the tires. Dry nitrogen gas is recommended for inflation of tires. If the tires were originally inflated with air, nitrogen is still preferred for adjusting the pressure. Nitrogen mixes properly with air.

Nitrogen inflated tires reduce the potential of a tire explosion because nitrogen does not aid combustion. Nitrogen helps to prevent oxidation of the rubber, deterioration of rubber, and corrosion of rim components.

To avoid overinflation, proper nitrogen inflation equipment and training in the usage of the equipment are necessary. A tire blowout or a rim failure can result from improper equipment or from misused equipment.

When you inflate a tire, stand behind the tread and use a self-attaching chuck.

Servicing tires and rims can be dangerous. Only trained personnel that use proper tools and proper procedures should perform this maintenance. If correct procedures are not used for servicing tires and rims, the assemblies could burst with explosive force. This explosive force can cause serious personal injury or death. Carefully obey the specific instructions from your tire dealer.

Electrical Storm Injury Prevention

SMCS Code: 7000

When lightning is striking in the vicinity of the machine, the operator should never attempt the following procedures:

- Mount the machine.
- Dismount the machine.

If you are in the operator's station during an electrical storm, stay in the operator's station. If you are on the ground during an electrical storm, stay away from the vicinity of the machine.

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Before Starting Engine

SMCS Code: 1000; 7000

Make sure that the steering frame lock link is in the stored position. Refer to Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Steering Frame Lock" for the proper procedure. The steering frame lock link must be in the stored position in order to steer the machine.

Start the engine only from the operator's compartment. Never short across the starter terminals or across the batteries. Shorting could bypass the engine neutral start system. Shorting could also damage the electrical system.

Inspect the condition of the seat belt and inspect the condition of the mounting hardware. Replace any damaged parts or worn parts. Regardless of appearance, replace the seat belt after three years of use. Do not use an extension for a seat belt on a retractable seat belt.

Adjust the seat so that full pedal travel can be achieved. Make sure that the operator's back is against the back of the seat.

Make sure that the machine is equipped with a lighting system that is adequate for the job conditions. Ensure that all lights are in proper working condition.

Make sure that there are no personnel in the area before you start the engine. Make sure that there are no personnel in the area before you move the machine. Make sure that there are no personnel on the machine, underneath the machine, or around the machine.

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Engine Starting

SMCS Code: 1000; 7000

If a warning tag is attached to the start switch or to the controls, do not start the engine. Also, do not move any controls.

Move all hydraulic controls to the HOLD position before you start the engine.

Move the direction control switch to the NEUTRAL position.

Engage the parking brake.

Diesel engine exhaust contains products of combustion which can be harmful to your health. Always start the engine in a well ventilated area. Always operate the engine in a well ventilated area. If you are in an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.

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Before Operation

SMCS Code: 7000

Clear all personnel from the machine and from the area.

Clear all obstacles from the path of the machine. Beware of hazards such as wires, ditches, etc.

Make sure that all windows are clean. Secure the doors in the open position or in the shut position. Secure the windows in the open position or in the shut position.

For the best vision of the area that is close to the machine, adjust the rear view mirrors (if equipped).

Make sure that the machine horn, the backup alarm (if equipped) and all other warning devices are working properly.

Fasten the seat belt securely.

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Operation

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Only operate the machine while you are in a seat. The seat belt must be fastened while you operate the machine. Only operate the controls while the engine is running.

While you operate the machine slowly in an open area, check for proper operation of all controls and all protective devices.

Before you move the machine, you must make sure that no one will be endangered.

Do not allow riders on the machine unless the machine has the following equipment:

- additional seat
- additional seat belt
- Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS)

Note any needed repairs during machine operation. Report any needed repairs.

Carry work tools approximately 40 cm (15 inches) above ground level. Do not go close to the edge of a cliff, an excavation, or an overhang.

If the machine begins to sideslip downward on a grade, immediately remove the load and turn the machine downhill.

Avoid any conditions that can lead to tipping the machine. The machine can tip when you work on hills, on banks and on slopes. Also, the machine can tip when you cross ditches, ridges or other unexpected obstructions.

Avoid operating the machine across the slope. When possible, operate the machine up the slopes and down the slopes.

Maintain control of the machine. Do not overload the machine beyond the machine capacity.

Be sure that the hitches and the towing devices are adequate.

Only connect the trailing equipment to a drawbar or to a hitch.

Never straddle a wire cable. Never allow other personnel to straddle a wire cable.

Before you maneuver the machine, make sure that no personnel are between the machine and the trailing equipment. Block up the hitch of the trailing equipment in order to align the hitch with the drawbar. Maneuver the machine. Connect the machine to the trailing equipment.

Know the maximum dimensions of your machine.

Always keep the Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS) installed during machine operation.

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Engine Stopping

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Do not stop the engine immediately after the machine has been operated under load. This can cause overheating and accelerated wear of engine components.

After the machine is parked and the parking brake is engaged, allow the engine to run for five minutes before shutdown. This allows hot areas of the engine to cool gradually.

For more information, refer to the following topics in the Operation Section of the Operation and Maintenance Manual:

- “Stopping the Engine”
- “Stopping the Engine if an Electrical Malfunction Occurs”

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Work Tools

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Only use work tools that are approved by Caterpillar for use on Caterpillar machines. Refer to the Operation and Maintenance Manual, “Caterpillar Approved Work Tools”.

If you are in doubt about the compatibility of a particular work tool with your machine, consult your Caterpillar dealer.

Make sure that all necessary guarding is in place on the host machine and on the work tool.

Keep all windows and doors closed on the host machine. Always wear protective glasses. Always wear the protective equipment that is recommended in the work tool’s operation manual. Wear any other protective equipment that is required for the operating environment.

To prevent personnel from being struck by flying objects, ensure that all personnel are out of the work area.

While you are performing any maintenance, any testing, or any adjustments to the work tool stay clear of the following areas: cutting edges, pinching surfaces, and crushing surfaces.

Parking

SMCS Code: 7000

Park on a level surface. If you must park on a grade, chock the machine.

Apply the service brake in order to stop the machine. Move the direction control switch to the NEUTRAL position. Move the accelerator control to the LOW IDLE position. Engage the parking brake.

Lower all attachments to the ground.

Stop the engine.

Turn the engine start switch key to the ON position. Move the hydraulic control levers back and forth in order to relieve hydraulic pressure. Turn the engine start switch key to OFF position and remove the key.

Turn the key for the battery disconnect switch (if equipped) to the OFF position. Remove the key when you leave the machine for an extended period of time.

When you turn the battery disconnect switch to the OFF position, you can avoid battery discharge due to the following causes:

- battery short circuit
- current draw via some components
- vandalism

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Equipment Lowering with Engine Stopped

SMCS Code: 7000

Before lowering any equipment with the engine stopped, clear the area around the equipment of all personnel. The procedure to use will vary with the type of equipment to be lowered. Keep in mind most systems use a high pressure fluid or air to raise or lower equipment. The procedure will cause high pressure air, hydraulic, or some other media to be released in order to lower the equipment. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and follow the established procedure in the Operation and Maintenance Manual, “Equipment Lowering with Engine Stopped” in the Operation Section of the manual.

Sound Information and Vibration Information

SMCS Code: 7000

Sound Performance for Machines that are Offered in European Union Countries and in Countries that Adopt the European Union Directives

The operator sound pressure level is 75 dB(A) when the operator sound pressure level is measured according to the dynamic test procedure and conditions that are specified in "ISO 6396:1992".

Hearing protection may be needed when the machine is operated with an open operator station for extended periods or in a noisy environment. Hearing protection may be needed when the machine is operated with a cab that is not properly maintained or when the doors and windows are open for extended periods or in a noisy environment.

Machine Vibration Levels

The hands and arms are exposed to a weighted root mean square acceleration that is less than 2.5 m/s².

The whole body is exposed to a weighted root mean square acceleration that is equal to 0.7 m/s².

The measurements are obtained on a representative machine by using the procedures that are in the following standards:

- "ISO 2631/1"
- "ISO 5349"
- "SAE J1166"

Operator Station

SMCS Code: 7000

Any modifications to the inside of the operator station should not project into the operator space. The addition of a radio, fire extinguisher, and other equipment must be installed so that the defined operator space is maintained. Any item that is brought into the cab should not project into the defined operator space. A lunch box or other loose items must be secured. Objects must not pose an impact hazard in rough terrain or in the event of a rollover.