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OPERATOR'S MANUAL



WARNING

Read and understand these instructions.
Failure to do so can cause injury or death.

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SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This symbol means Attention! Be Alert! Your Safety Is Involved.
The message that follows the symbol contains important information about safety.
Read and understand the message to avoid personal injury or death.

- **It is the owner or employer's responsibility to fully instruct each operator in the proper and safe operation of all equipment. All persons using this machine should thoroughly familiarize themselves with the following sections.**
- **All operators must be instructed on the proper functions of the excavator before running the machine.**
- **Learn and practice correct use of the machine controls in a safe, clear area before operating this machine on a job site.**

 CAUTION	
 E3A010	Improper operation, inspection and maintenance of this machine can cause injury or death. Read and understand this manual before performing any operation, inspection or maintenance on this machine.

- **Always store this manual near at hand preferably on the machine itself. If it should be lost or damaged, immediately order a new one from your Takeuchi dealer.**
When transferring ownership of this machine, be sure to provide this manual to the next owner.
- **Takeuchi supplies machines complying to the local regulations and standards of the country of export. If your machine has been purchased in another country or from a person or company of another country, it may not have the safety devices or safety standards required for use in your country. Should you have any question about whether your machine complies with the regulations and standards of your country, contact a Takeuchi dealer.**
- **Please note that the contents and diagrams included in this manual may not match your machine exactly.**

It is your responsibility to observe all pertinent laws and regulations and to follow the manufacturer's instructions on machine operation, inspection and maintenance.

Virtually all accidents occur as the result of a failure to observe basic safety rules and precautions. An accident can often be avoided by recognizing potentially hazardous situations beforehand. Read and understand all of the safety messages which explain how to prevent these accidents from occurring. Do not operate the machine until you are sure that you have gained a proper understanding of its operation, inspection and maintenance.

■ SIGNAL WORDS

Safety messages appearing in this manual and on machine decals are identified by the words "DANGER", "WARNING" and "CAUTION". These signal words mean the following:

 DANGER	 WARNING	 CAUTION
The word "DANGER" indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in serious injury or death.	The word "WARNING" indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death.	The word "CAUTION" indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

IMPORTANT: The word "IMPORTANT" is used to alert against operators and maintenance personnel about situations which can result in possible damage to the machine and its components.

It is impossible to foresee every possible circumstance that might involve a potential hazard. The warnings in this manual or on the machine can not cover all possible contingencies. You must exercise all due care and follow normal safety procedures when operating the machine so as to ensure that no damage occurs to the machine, its operators or other persons.

■ EXPLANATION OF GRAPHICAL SYMBOLS

Following is an explanation of symbols used in this manual.

 , X prohibition

 /  Lock

 /  Unlock

INTRODUCTION

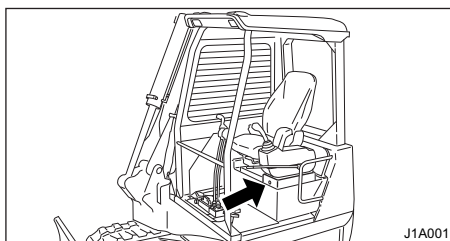
Foreword

This manual describes operation, inspection and maintenance of the machine, as well as safety instructions to be heeded during these operations.

If you have any questions about the machine, please contact a Takeuchi sales or service outlet.

■ Manual storage compartment

A compartment for storing this manual is provided at the position shown on the diagram below.

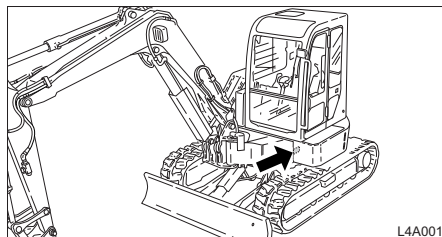


1. Insert the starter key and turn it counterclockwise to unlock the manual storage compartment.
2. After using the manual, place it in the plastic pouch and store it back in the manual storage compartment.

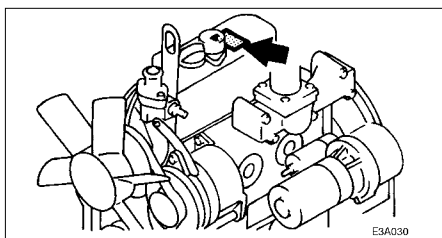
■ Serial numbers

Check the serial numbers of the machine and the engine and write them in the spaces provided below.

Machine number :



Engine number :



MACHINE DESCRIPTION

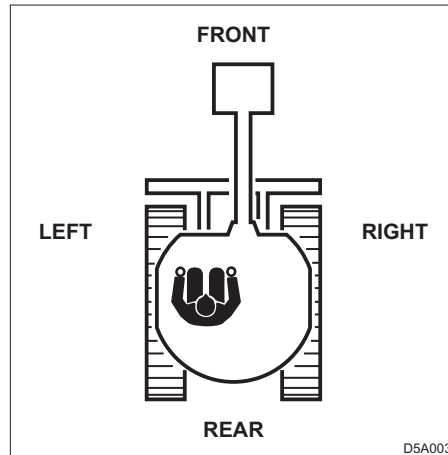
■ Front, rear, left and right

This manual refers the front, rear, left and right of the machine as seen when sitting in the operator's seat with the dozer blade visible to the front.

■ Designated operations

Use this machine primarily for the following operations:

- Excavating
- Digging ditches
- Digging side ditches
- Leveling
- Loading



■ Features

- A unique adjustable offset boom system
- Short tail swing radius
- Short pitch rubber crawler
- Low engine noise and exhaust emissions
- Pilot operated joystick controls
- One touch engine deceleration button is located on the righthand joystick control
- Slew cushioning system for easy bucket positioning
- Engine emergency stop/idle system
- Tilt-up operators platform for easy access to major compartment

■ Break-in period

When the machine is new, heed the instructions below when operating the machine for the first 100 hours (as indicated on the hour meter).

Using a new machine roughly without breaking it in will lead to quicker deterioration of machine performance and may shorten the machine's service life.

- Warm up the engine and hydraulic oil sufficiently.
- Avoid heavy loads and rapid operations. Operate with a load of about 80% the maximum load.
- Do not start up, accelerate, change directions, or stop abruptly unless necessary.

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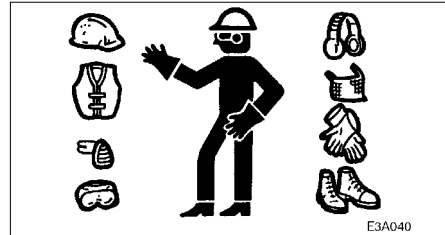
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General Precautions

Observe all safety rules

- Operation, inspection and maintenance of this machine must be performed only by a trained and qualified person.
- All rules, regulations, precautions and safety procedures must be understood and followed when performing operation, inspection and maintenance of this machine.
- Do not perform any operation, inspection and maintenance of this machine when under the adverse influence of alcohol, drugs, medication, fatigue, or insufficient sleep.

Wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment



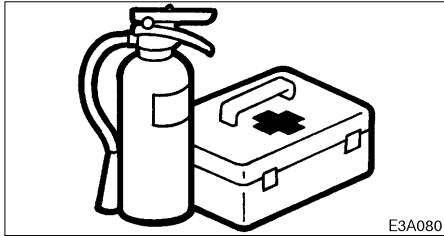
- Do not wear loose clothing or any accessory that can catch on controls or in moving parts.
- Do not wear oily or fuel stained clothing that can catch fire.
- Wear a hard hat, safety shoes, safety glasses, filter mask, heavy gloves, ear protection and other protective equipment as required by job conditions. Wear required appropriate equipment such as safety glasses and filter mask when using grinders, hammers or compressed air, as metal fragments or other objects can fly and cause serious injury.
- Use hearing protection when operating the machine. Loud prolonged noise can cause hearing impairments, even the total loss of hearing.



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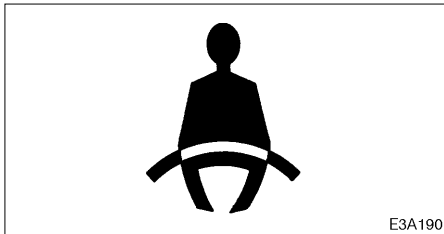
Provide a fire extinguisher and first aid kit



- Know where a fire extinguisher and first aid kit are located and understand how to use them.
- Know how to contact emergency assistance and first aid help.

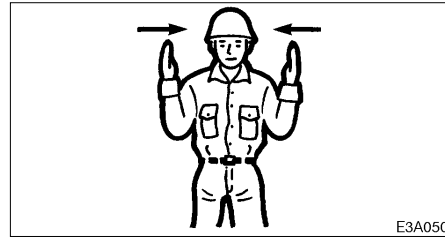
Never remove safety equipment

- Make sure all protective guards, canopies, doors, etc., are in place and secure. Repair or replace damaged components before operating the machine.



- Know how to use the safety lock lever, seat belt and other safety equipment and use them properly.
- Never remove any safety equipment except for service. Keep all safety equipment in good operating condition.

Use a signal person and flagman



Know and use the hand signals required for particular jobs and make sure who has the responsibility for signaling.

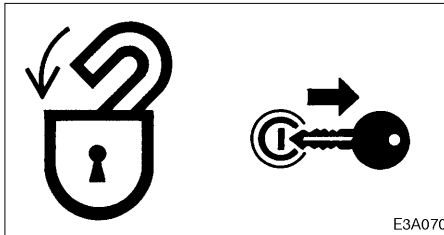
- All personnel must fully understand all the signals.
- The operator shall respond to signals only from the appointed signal person, but shall obey a stop signal at any time from anyone.
- The signal person must stand in a clearly visible location when giving signals.



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General Precautions

Be sure to lock the safety lock lever before leaving the operator's seat



- Before leaving the operator's seat, raise the safety lock lever to engage the lock and stop the engine. If any controls should be touched accidentally when the safety lock lever is lowered, the machine will move suddenly, and cause serious injury or death.
- Note that the dozer blade control is not locked, even when the safety lock lever is set to the lock position. Do not touch this control accidentally.
- Before leaving the operator's seat, lower the working equipment, raise the safety lock lever to engage the lock, and stop the engine. Also, be sure to remove the key and take it with you.

Avoid fire and explosion hazards



Keep flames away from fuel, hydraulic fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze. Fuel is particularly flammable and dangerous.

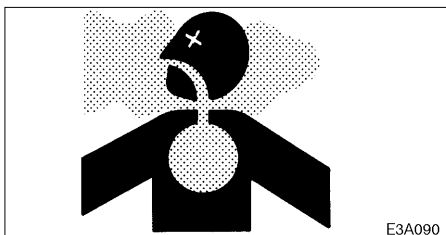
- When handling these combustible materials, keep lit cigarettes, matches, lighters and other flames or sources of flames away.
- Do not smoke or permit open flames while fueling or near fueling operations.
- Never remove the fuel cap or refuel with the engine running or hot. Never allow fuel to spill on hot machine components.
- Clean up spilled fuel, oil or other flammable fluids immediately.
- Check for fuel, oil or hydraulic fluid leaks. Stop all leaks and clean the machine before operating.
- Do not cut or weld on pipes or tubes that contain flammable fluids. Clean thoroughly with nonflammable solvent before cutting or welding.
- Remove all trash or debris from the machine. Make sure that oily rags or other flammable material are not stored on the machine.
- Handle all solvents and dry chemicals according to procedures identified on manufacturers' containers. Work in a well-ventilated area.
- Never use fuel for cleaning purposes. Always use a nonflammable solvent.
- Store all flammable fluids and materials in a safe and well-ventilated place.



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General Precautions

Exhaust fumes from the engine can kill



- Do not operate the engine in an enclosed area without adequate ventilation.
- If natural ventilation is poor, install ventilators, fans, exhaust extension pipes or other artificial venting devices.

Be careful not to get crushed or cut



Never put your hands, feet or other parts of your body between the upperstructure and the undercarriage or tracks, between the machine body and working equipment, or between a cylinder and moving part. The size of these gaps change when the machine moves and if caught a person can suffer severe injury or death.

Handling asbestos dust

Inhaling asbestos dust has been linked to lung cancer. When handling materials which may contain asbestos, take the following precautions:

- Never use compressed air for cleaning.
- Avoid brushing or grinding of the materials.
- For clean up, use wet methods or a vacuum equipped with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter.
- Wear an approved respirator if there is no other way to control the dust. When working indoors, install a ventilation system with a macro molecular filter.

Using optional products

- Consult with a Takeuchi dealer before installing optional attachments.
- Do not use attachments that have not been approved by Takeuchi or a Takeuchi dealer. Doing so may compromise safety or adversely affect the machine's operation or service life.
- Takeuchi will not be held responsible for any injuries, accidents or damage to its products caused by the use of a non-approved attachment.

Never modify the machine

Unauthorized modifications to this machine can cause injury or death. Never make unauthorized modifications to any part of this machine.



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Preparing Precautions

Know the working area

Before starting operation, know the working area to ensure safety.

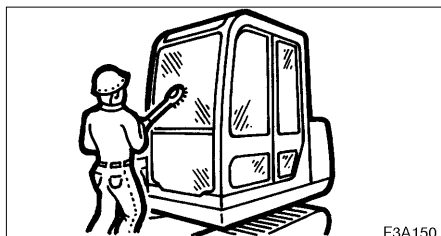
- Check the topography and ground condition of the working area, or the structure of the building when working indoors, and take the necessary safety measures in dangerous spots.
- Note and avoid all hazards and obstructions such as ditches, underground lines, trees, cliffs, overhead electrical wires or areas where there is danger of a slide.



- Check with the local utilities for the locations of buried gas and water pipes and buried power cables. Determine jointly what specific precautions must be taken to insure safety.
- When working on roads, be sure to take into account the safety of pedestrians and vehicles.
 - Use a flagman an/or signals.
 - Fence off the working area and prohibit entry to unauthorized persons.
- When working in water or crossing shallow streams or creeks, check the depth of the water, the solidity of the ground, and the speed of the current beforehand. Make sure the water is not deeper than the allowable depth.

Refer to the section titled "Cautions on Operating" for further instructions.

Always keep the machine clean



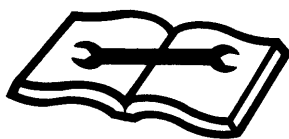
- Clean windows, mirrors and lights to ensure good visibility.
- Wipe off any oil, grease, mud, snow or ice, to prevent accidents due to slipping.
- Remove all loose objects stored in the machine and all objects which do not belong in or on the machine and its equipment.
- Remove any dirt, oil or grease from the engine area, to prevent fires.
- Clean the area around the operator's seat, removing any potential obstacles.



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Preparing Precautions

Perform inspection and maintenance daily



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Failure to notice or repair machine irregularities or damage can lead to accidents.

- Before operating, perform the prescribed inspections and make repairs immediately should any irregularities be found.
- If a failure that causes loss of control such as steering, service brakes or engine occurs, stop the machine motion as quickly as possible, follow the shutdown procedure, and keep machine securely parked until the malfunction is corrected.



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Starting Precautions

Maintain three point contact when mounting and dismounting

- Do not jump on or off the machine. Never attempt to mount or dismount a moving machine.
- When mounting and dismounting the cab, first open the door fully to the locked position and check that it does not move. (For machines with cabs)



- Always face the access system and maintain a three point contact with the recommended handrails and steps while getting on and off the machine. Keep steps and platform clean.
- Never use the safety lock lever or control levers as hand holds.

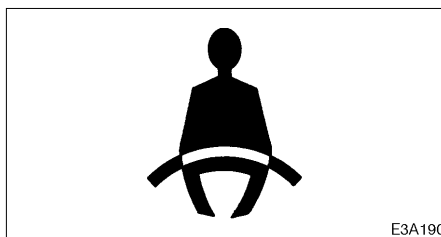
Clear the area of other persons before starting the machine

Do not start the engine until you are sure it is safe. Before starting, check or perform the following.

- Walk around the machine and warn all personnel who may be servicing the machine or are in the machine path. Do not start until all personnel are clearly away from the machine.
- Check for any "DO NOT OPERATE" tags or similar warning notices on the cab door, controls or starter switch.
- Sound horn to alert everyone around the machine.

Start the engine from the operator's seat

- Adjust, secure and latch the operator's seat.



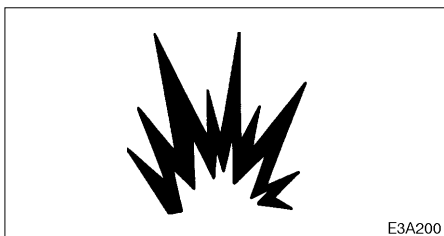
- Fasten the seat belt.
- Check that the parking device is applied and place all controls in the neutral position.
- Check that the safety lock lever is in the lock position.
- Clear the area of all persons.
- Start and operate the engine from the operator's seat only.
- Never attempt to start the engine by shorting across the starter terminals.



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Starting Precautions

Starting with jumper cables



Use jumper cables only in the recommended manner. Improper use of jumper cables can result in battery explosion or unexpected machine motion.

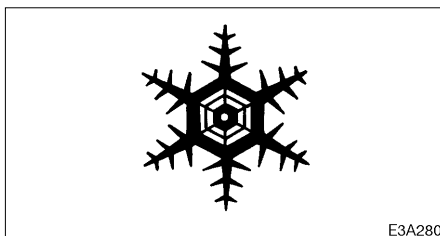
Refer to the section titled "If the Battery Goes Dead" for proper instructions.

After starting the engine

After starting the engine, perform the following operations and checks in a safe place with no persons or obstacles in the area. If any malfunctions are found, follow the shutdown procedure and report the malfunction.

- Warm up the engine and hydraulic fluid.
- Observe all gauges or warning instruments for proper operation.
- Listen for unusual noises.
- Test engine speed control.
- Operate each control to insure proper operation.

In cold weather



- Be careful of slippery conditions on freezing ground, steps and hand holds.
- In severe cold weather, do not touch any metal parts of the machine with exposed flesh, as flesh can freeze to the metal and Cause injury.
- Do not use ether or starting fluids on this engine. These starting aids can cause explosion and serious injury or death.
- Warm up the engine and hydraulic fluid before operating.



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Operating Precautions

Ensure good visibility

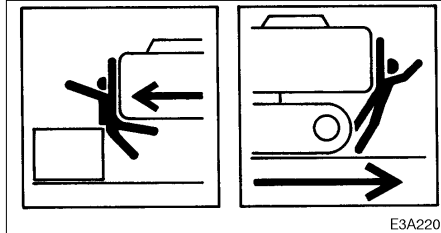
- When working in dark places, turn on the machine's working lights and headlights and/or provide extra stationary lighting if necessary.
- When visibility is poor due to severe weather (fog, snow or rain), stop operating the machine and wait until conditions improves.

Do not permit riders on the machine



- Do not allow anyone to ride on any part of the machine at any time while traveling.
- Do not allow anyone to be on any part of the machine while operating.

Check for safety in the surrounding area before starting



- Understand the machine limitations.
- Use a signal person where clearances are close or your vision is obstructed.
- Never allow anyone to enter the slewing (swing) radius and machine path.
- Signal your intention to move by sounding the horn.
- There are blind spots to the rear of the machine.

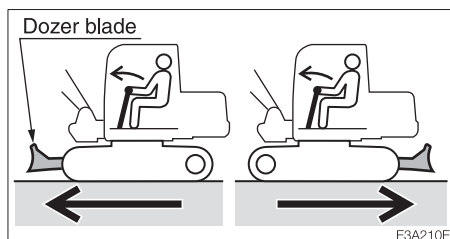
If necessary, swing the cab around before backing up to check that the area is safe and clear.



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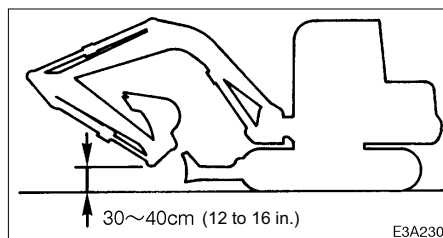
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Check the position of the undercarriage (tracks) before traveling

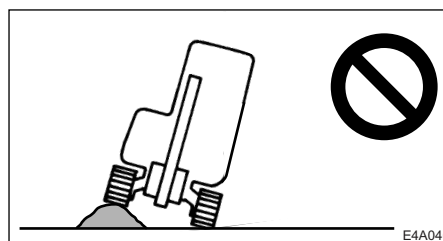


Before operating the travel levers, check to make sure that the dozer blade is to the front of the operator's seat. **BE AWARE** that when the dozer blade is to the rear of the operator's seat, the travel levers operate in the opposite direction to when the dozer blade is in the front.

Travel safety



- Travel with the dozer blade up, the hoe attachment folded as shown on the diagram, and the bucket raised 30 to 40 cm (12 to 16 in.) from the ground.
- Do not slew (swing) while traveling. If you must operate the hoe attachment while traveling, operate at speeds slow enough so you have complete control at all times.



- Avoid crossing over obstacles whenever possible. If you must do so, keep the hoe attachment close to the ground and travel slowly. Never cross obstacles if they will seriously tilt the machine (to an angle of 10° or greater).
- On uneven ground, travel at low speed and avoid accelerating, stopping or changing directions abruptly.
- When roading a machine, know and use the signaling devices required on the machine. Provide an escort for road travel when required.



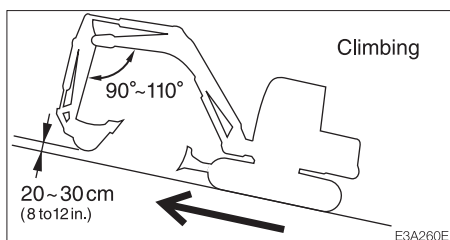
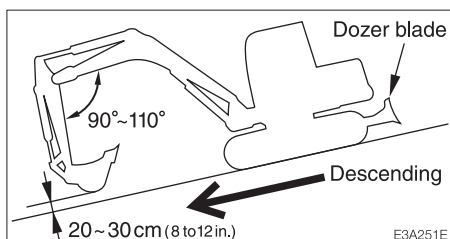
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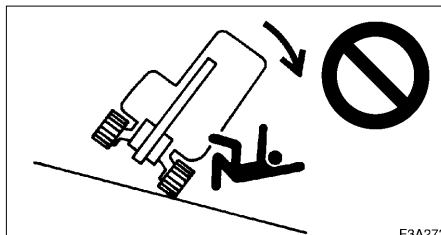
Cautions on traveling on slopes

When traveling on slopes or grades, be careful that the machine does not tip (roll) over or slide.

- Never exceed the machine's stability capabilities (maximum gradeability -30° , lateral tipping angle -15°). Also note that when actual working area conditions are poor the machine's stability capabilities may be lower.



- When traveling on slopes or grades, lower the bucket to a height of 20 to 30 cm (8 to 12 in.) off the ground. In emergencies, lower the bucket to the ground and stop the machine.
- When traveling on slopes or grades, move slowly in first gear (low speed).
- Do not travel down slopes in reverse.
- On grass, dead leaves, wet metal or frozen surfaces, the machine may slide sideways even on very gentle slopes. Make sure the machine never faces sideways with respect to the slope.



- Do not change directions or cross slopes sideways. First return to a flat surface then redirect the machine.

Operate on snow or ice with extra care

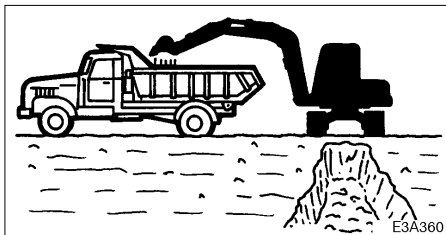
- When traveling on snow or frozen surfaces, keep the machine travel speed down and avoid accelerating, stopping or changing directions abruptly.
- Remember that the road shoulder, fences, etc., may be buried in the snow and not visible.
- Lower the dozer blade when parked on unsure ground conditions. Do not change directions or cross slopes sideways. First return to a flat surface then redirect the machine.



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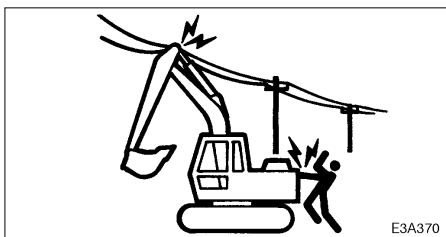
Insure driver safety before loading trucks



Do not load a truck unless the driver is in a safe place.

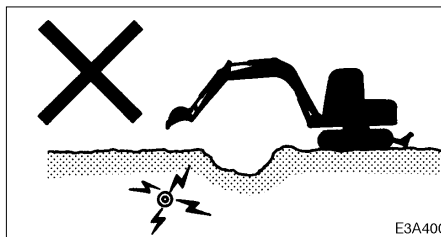
- Never swing or position the bucket over personnel or truck cabs.
- Load the truck from the rear.

Keep a safe distance from electrical power lines



Never approach power lines with any part of the machine and its load unless all local and national required safety precautions have been taken. Electrocutation and death can result from arcing, touching or even being close to a machine that is in contact with or near an electrical source.

- Maintain the maximum possible distance from power lines and never violate the minimum clearance.
- Always contact the nearest electric utility and determine jointly what specific precautions must be taken to insure safety.
- Consider all lines to be power lines and treat all power lines as energized even though it is known or believed that the power is shut off and the line is visibly grounded.
- Use a signal person to observe the approach of any part of the machine or load to the power line.
- Caution all ground personnel to stand clear of the machine and the load at all times.
- If the machine should come in contact with a live electrical source, do not leave the operator's seat. Do not allow anyone to approach or touch the machine.



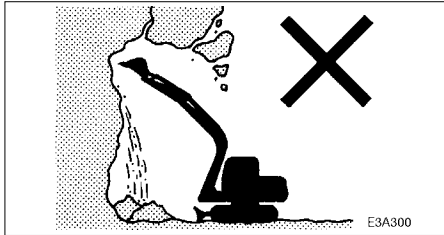
- Be especially careful of buried high voltage power lines.



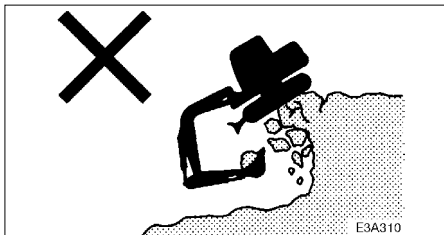
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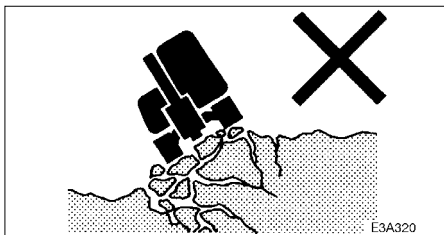
Watch out for hazardous working conditions



- Never undercut a high bank. Be particularly alert for the possibility of a cave-in.
- Do not operate in places where there is a danger of falling rocks.



- Keep machine well back from the edge of an excavation. Avoid undercutting the machine.

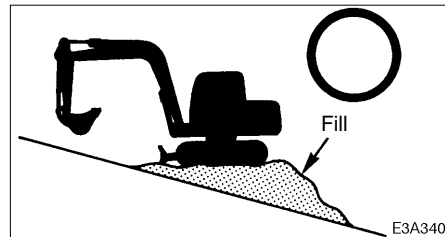


- Do not approach unstable surfaces (cliffs, road shoulders, deep trenches, etc.). The ground may give way under the machine's weight or vibrations, causing the machine to tip over.

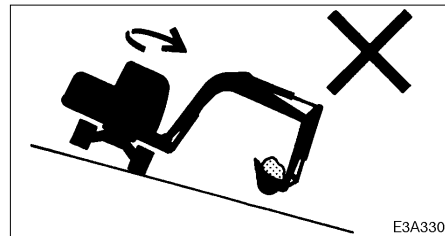
- The ground is weak after rain or explosions.
- The ground is also unstable on banks and near dugout trenches.

Operating on slopes is dangerous

When operating on slopes or grades, slewing (swinging) or operating working equipment may cause the machine to lose stability and tip over. Avoid operating on slopes whenever possible.



- Level off the work area.



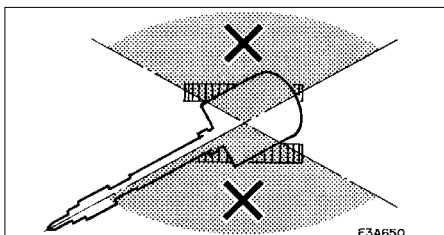
- Avoid swinging the loaded bucket in a downhill direction. This will reduce the stability of the machine.



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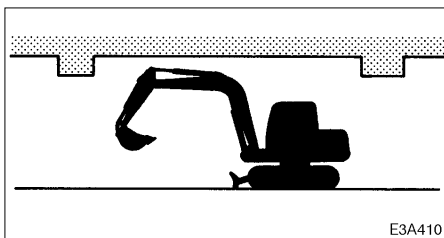
Never slew (swing) sideways with excessive weights



The machine can tip over more easily in the lateral direction than in the longitudinal direction.

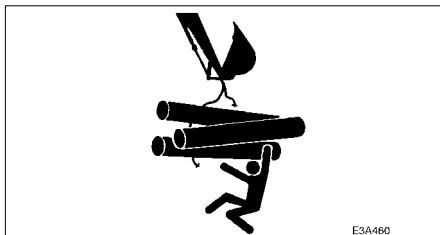
- Do not slew (swing) sideways with excessive weight at the front. In particular do not slew sideways on slopes.
- The front is heavier for machines equipped with breakers, crushers or telescopic arms than for machines equipped with the standard bucket. Do not operate such machines sideways especially with the digging arm (boom) downhill.

Watch boom clearance



When operating under bridges, in tunnels, near power lines or indoors, be careful not to hit the boom or arm against overhead objects.

Excavators are not designed for lifting loads



The machine is specifically designed for excavation work and has no safety devices for crane operation. Extreme caution should be used if the excavator is used for lifting.

- Never lift loads in excess of capacity. Overload will cause the machine to roll and can result in serious injury or death.
- All rated lift capacities are based on the machine being level and on a firm supporting surface. For safe working loads, the user is expected to make due allowance for the particular job conditions such as soft or uneven ground, non-level condition, side loads, dynamic or jerked loads, hazardous conditions, experience of personnel, etc. The operator and other personnel should fully acquaint themselves with the operator's manual before operating this machine, and rules for safe operation of equipment shall be adhered to at all times.
- Failure of the bucket linkage or slings could result if chains or slings are incorrectly attached, resulting in serious injury or death.
- Do not attempt to pull stumps out of the ground while using the machine as a crane. The loads imposed on the machine under this use are completely unknown.
- Never allow any personnel to stand on or under lifted loads or even within the maneuvering area.



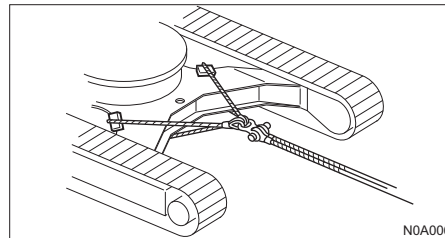
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Operating Precautions

Danger of flying objects

This machine is not equipped with protective guards to protect the operator from flying objects. Do not use the machine in places where there are risks of the operator being hit by flying objects.

Cautions on Towing



When towing, selecting the wrong wire rope, inspecting improperly, or towing in the wrong way could lead to accidents resulting in serious injury or death.

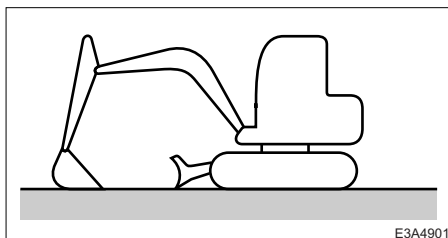
- The wire rope breaking or coming detached could be extremely dangerous. Use a wire rope suited for the required towing force.
- Do not use a wire rope that is kinked, twisted or otherwise damaged.
- Do not apply strong loads abruptly to the wire rope.
- Use safety gloves when handling the wire rope.
- Make sure there is an operator on the machine being towed as well as on the machine that is towing.
- Never tow on slopes.
- Do not let anyone near the wire rope while towing.



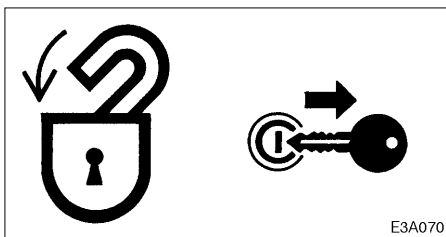
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Stopping Precautions

Park safely



- Park the machine on firm, level ground and apply the parking device.
- When parking on streets, use barriers, caution signs, lights, etc., so that the machine can easily be seen even at night to avoid collision with other vehicles.



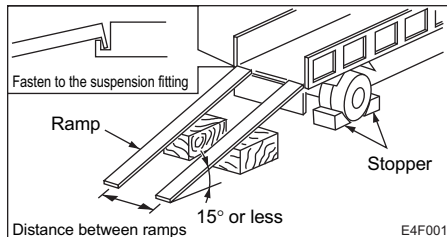
- Before leaving the machine, do the following:
 1. Lower the bucket and dozer blade to the ground.
 2. Raise the safety lock lever to engage the lock.
 3. Stop the engine and remove the key.
 4. Lock the cab and covers.



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Transporting Precautions

Load and unload the machine safely



The machine may roll or tip over or fall while loading or unloading it. Take the following precautions:

- Select a firm, level surface and keep sufficient distance from road shoulders.
- Use loading ramps of adequate strength and size. Maintain the slope of loading ramps within 15 degrees.
- Secure the ramps to the truck bed.
- Keep the truck bed and loading ramps clean of oil, clay, ice, snow, and other materials which can become slippery. Clean the tracks.
- Block the transport vehicle so it can not move.
- Use a signal person when loading and unloading the machine, and travel slowly in first gear (low speed).
- Never change course on the ramp.
- Do not slew (swing) on ramps. The machine may tip over.
- When slewing (swinging) on the truck bed, do so slowly as the footing can be unstable.
- Engage the slew (swing) lock after loading.
- Block both tracks and secure the machine to the truck bed with load binders.

Transport the machine safely

- Know and follow the safety rules, vehicle code and traffic laws when transporting the machine.
- Consider the length, width, height and weight of the truck with the machine loaded on it when determining the best route.



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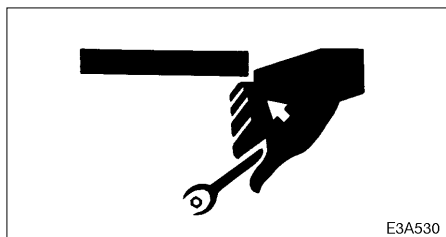
Maintenance Precautions

Attach a “DO NOT OPERATE” tag

Severe injury could result if an unauthorized person should start the engine or touch controls during inspection or maintenance.

- Stop the engine and remove the key before performing maintenance.
- Attach a “DO NOT OPERATE” tag to the starter switch or control lever.

Use the correct tools



Do not use damaged or weakened tools or tools designed for other purposes. Use tools suited for the operation at hand.

Replace important safety parts periodically

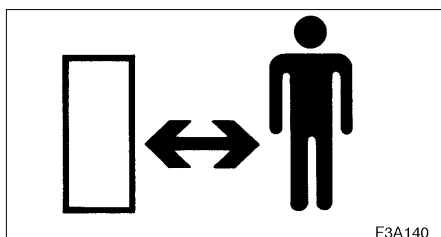
- Replace fuel hoses periodically. Fuel hoses become weaker over time, even if they appear to be in good shape.
- Replace important safety parts whenever an irregularity is found, even if it is before the normal time for replacement. Refer to the section titled “Important Parts” for further details.

Anti-explosive lighting



Use anti-explosive electrical fixtures and lights when inspecting fuel, oil, coolant, battery fluid, etc. If lighting that is not anti-explosive should break, the substance could ignite, resulting in serious injury or death.

Do not allow unauthorized personnel in the work area



Do not allow unauthorized personnel in the work area. Chips or other debris can fly off machine parts when grinding, welding or using a hammer.



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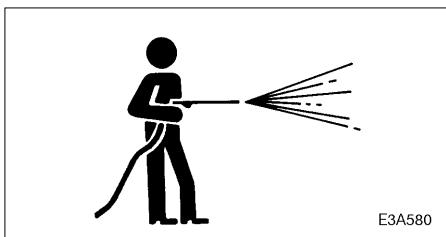
Prepare the work area

- Select a firm, level work area. Make sure there is adequate light and, if indoors, ventilation.
- Clear obstacles and dangerous objects. Eliminate slippery areas.

Stop the engine before performing maintenance

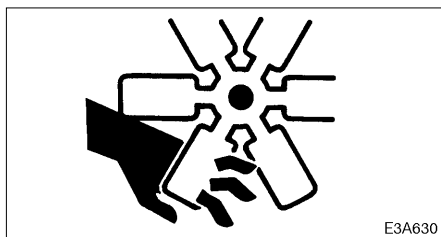
- Avoid lubrication or mechanical adjustments with the machine in motion or with the engine running while stationary.
- If maintenance must be performed with the engine running, always work as a two person team with one person sitting in the operator's seat while the other works on the machine.
 - When performing maintenance, be sure to keep your body and clothing away from moving parts.

Always clean the machine



- Clean the machine before performing maintenance.
- Stop the engine and cover electrical parts when washing the machine. Water on electrical parts could cause short-circuits or malfunctions.
Do not use water or steam to wash the battery, sensors, connectors or the operator's seat area.

Stay clear of moving parts



- Stay clear of all rotating and moving parts. Wrapping or entanglement may result in serious injury or death.
- Keep hands, clothing and tools away from the rotating fan and running fan belts.



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Maintenance Precautions

Securely block the machine or any component that may fall



- Before performing maintenance or repairs under the machine, set all working equipment against the ground or in the lowermost position.
- Securely block the tracks.
- If you must work beneath the raised machine or equipment, always use wood blocks, jack-stands or other rigid and stable supports. Never get under the machine or working equipment if they are not sufficiently supported. This procedure is especially important when working on hydraulic cylinders.

Securely block the working equipment

To prevent unexpected movement, securely block the working equipment when repairing or replacing the cutting edges or bucket teeth.

Secure the engine hood or cover when opened

Be sure to secure the engine hood or cover when opening it. Do not open the engine hood or cover on slopes or in strong wind.

Cautions on tilting up the platform

- Raising or lowering the platform while the engine is running may cause the machine to move, and cause serious injury or death. Lower the working equipment to the ground and stop the engine before raising or lowering the platform.
- When the floor is tilted up, support it firmly with the stopper to prevent it from falling.

Place heavy objects in a stable position



When removing or installing the hoe attachment, place it in a stable position so that it does not tip over.



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Use caution when fueling



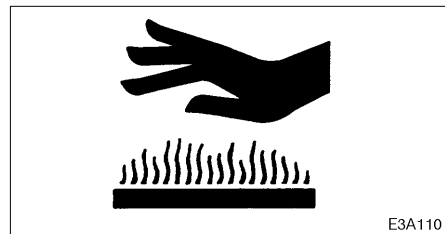
- Do not smoke or permit open flames while fueling or near fueling operations.
- Never remove the fuel cap or refuel with the engine running or hot. Never allow fuel to spill on hot machine components.
- Maintain control of the fuel filler nozzle when filling the tank.
- Do not fill the fuel tank to capacity. Allow room for expansion.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately.
- Tighten the fuel tank cap securely. Should the fuel cap be lost, replace it only with the original manufacturer's approved cap. Use of a non-approved cap without proper venting may result in pressurization of the tank.
- Never use fuel for cleaning purposes.
- Use the correct fuel grade for the operating season.

Handling of hoses

Fuel, oil or hydraulic fluid leaks can cause a fire.

- Do not twist, bend or hit the hoses.
- Never use twisted, bent or cracked hoses, tubes and pipes. They may burst.
- Retighten loose connections.

Be careful with hot and pressurized components



Stop the engine and allow the machine to cool down before performing inspection and maintenance.

- The engine, muffler, radiator, hydraulic lines, sliding parts and many other parts of the machine are hot directly after the engine is stopped. Touching these parts will cause burns.
- The engine coolant, oil and hydraulic fluid are also hot and under high pressure. Be careful when loosening caps and plugs. Working on the machine under these conditions could result in burns or injuries due to the hot oil spurting out.