

## **WARNING TERRAMITE BACKHOE LOADER SAFETY**

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. **IF** any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

### **WARNING!**

- This product contains or produces one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- Never operate power equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or any substance that could affect your ability or judgment. Be alert! If you get tired while operating this equipment, take a break. Tiredness may result in loss of control.
- Provide adequate ventilation when operating this equipment. Internal combustion engines consume oxygen and give off deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- DANGER: This equipment has multiple pinch points that can cause dismemberment or death. Keep hands, feet and all other body parts clear at all times.

### **Regular Unleaded Gas Only**

**Warning metal conducts electricity. Do Not use this Tractor where it may come into contact with power lines or other electric circuits. Failure to comply to this warning will result in serious personal injury or death. Keep appropriate distances from High Voltage lines. Never use the Tractor as a ground for welding.**

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**Operating Weight 3,100 pounds**

**WARNING: Always shut the motor off before rotating the seat in either direction.**

**DANGER: This tractor is not for hillside or side slope use.**

**Warning: Side slope operation, misuse and overloading the bucket will cause this Loader to Rollover. The Equipment Protection Plan does not cover damage from Rollover or to Tires. Renter is responsible for tow and recovery services should the Loader become stuck or rolled over. A Tool Shed does not provide any tow or recovery services.**

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES TO FOLLOW**

As these machines vary in controls, etc., the operator must read the Operator's Manual for the unit you are renting before operating the rental machine. The following are some basic safety precautions for typical Loader/Backhoe Tractors, however the operator's manual Instructions and the insurance requirements, safety codes and local, state and federal laws rules and regulations are paramount and this sheet isn't intended to replace them.

**Personal Protection:** Dress properly: Wearing hard hat, safety-toed shoes, safety glasses, etc. is required.

**Know the Equipment:** Read the Operator's Manual, check the machine over before starting, paying particular attention to the condition of the safety devices. If any aren't in good order, report the problem to your supervisor.

**Know the Work Area:** Check for underground cables, pipes, etc. Also, check for overhead power and telephone lines.

**Check Controls Before Working:** You must be sure everything is in good working order as well as becoming certain as to the function of all controls.

#### **General Safety Precautions:**

Most loader equipment accidents can be avoided by following simple safety precautions. These safety precautions, if followed at all times, will help you operate your loader safely.

Always wear the seat belt, eye protection, a hard hat and safety shoes when operating this tractor. Improper use of a loader can cause serious injury or death.

- No riders allowed! Do not lift or carry anybody on the loader or in the bucket or attachment.
- Do not walk or work under a raised loader or bucket or attachment unless it is securely blocked or held in position.
- This machine is equipped with a Roll Over Protective System (ROPS), fasten seat belt prior to starting the engine.
- Operate the loader from the "Operator's Seat" only.
- Be sure machine is level and not tilted when operating.
- Move and turn tractor at low speeds.
- Carry loader at a low position during transport.
- Avoid loose fill, rocks, soft edges and deep holes: They can be dangerous for loader operation or movement.
- Be extra careful when working on inclines. And avoid overhead wires and/or obstacles when loader is raised.
- Allow for the loader length when making turns.
- Stop the loader gradually when lowering or lifting. And use caution when handling loose loads.
- Buckets must be lowered to ground level before leaving seat.
- Visually check for hydraulic leaks and broken, missing, or malfunctioning parts before using.
- Escaping hydraulic oil under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate the skin, causing serious personal injury. If injured by escaping fluid, obtain medical treatment immediately.
- It is the loader renter's responsibility to be certain anyone operating the loader is aware of the safe way of operating the loader.

#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Filling the Bucket:** Approach and enter the pile with a level bucket. Ease the levers back to lift and roll back the bucket. The lift and rollback of the bucket will increase efficiency because a level bucket throughout the lifting cycle resists bucket lift and increases breakaway effort.

**NOTE:** Do not be concerned if the bucket is not completely filled during each pass. Maximum productivity is determined by the amount of material loaded in a given period of time. Time is lost if two or more attempts are made to fill the bucket on each pass.

**Lifting the Load:** When lifting the load, keep the bucket positioned so as to avoid spillage. Do not attempt to lift bucket loads in excess of the loader capacity.

**Carrying the Load:** Position the bucket just below the level of the tractor hood, for maximum stability and visibility, whether the bucket is loaded or empty. When operating the loader on a hill or slope, keep the bucket as low as possible. This keeps the bucket center of gravity as low as possible and will give maximum tractor stability. When transporting the load, keep the bucket as low as possible to avoid tipping, in case a wheel drops in a rut.

**Dumping the Bucket:** Lift the bucket high enough to clear the side of the vehicle. Move the tractor in as close to the side of the vehicle as possible, than dump the bucket.

**Lowering the Bucket:** After the bucket is dumped, back away from the vehicle while lowering and leveling the bucket.

**Operating with Float:** During hard surface operation, keep the bucket level and put the lift lever in the float position to permit the bucket to float on the working surface.

If hydraulic down pressure is exerted on the bucket it will wear faster than normal.

- The float will also prevent the mixing of surface material with stockpile material. The float position will reduce the chance of surface gouging when removing snow or other material.
- Backgrade occasionally with a loaded bucket to keep the working surface free of ruts and holes. Also, hold the lift lever forward so the full weight of the bucket is scraping the ground. Use the heel of the bucket.

**Backfilling:** Do not use the bucket in the dumped position for bulldozing.

This method will impose severe shock loadings on the dump linkage, the bucket cylinder, and the tractor. It is a sure way to bend the hydraulic rams on the dump control. These rams cost several hundred dollars each and will be charged for, because we consider using the bucket in the dump position to push dirt to be abuse.

**REFUELING & MAINTENANCE: Warning:** The Customer is responsible for all damages resulting from lack of fuel or lubrication. Check the motor oil and hydraulic oil every time you refuel the equipment.

**REFUELING: Regular Unleaded Gas Only** Stop the engine and shut off electrical equipment while filling the fuel tank. Use extra caution when fueling a hot engine. Always ground the fuel nozzle against the filler neck to avoid sparks. NEVER SMOKE while handling fuels.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. **IF** there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**