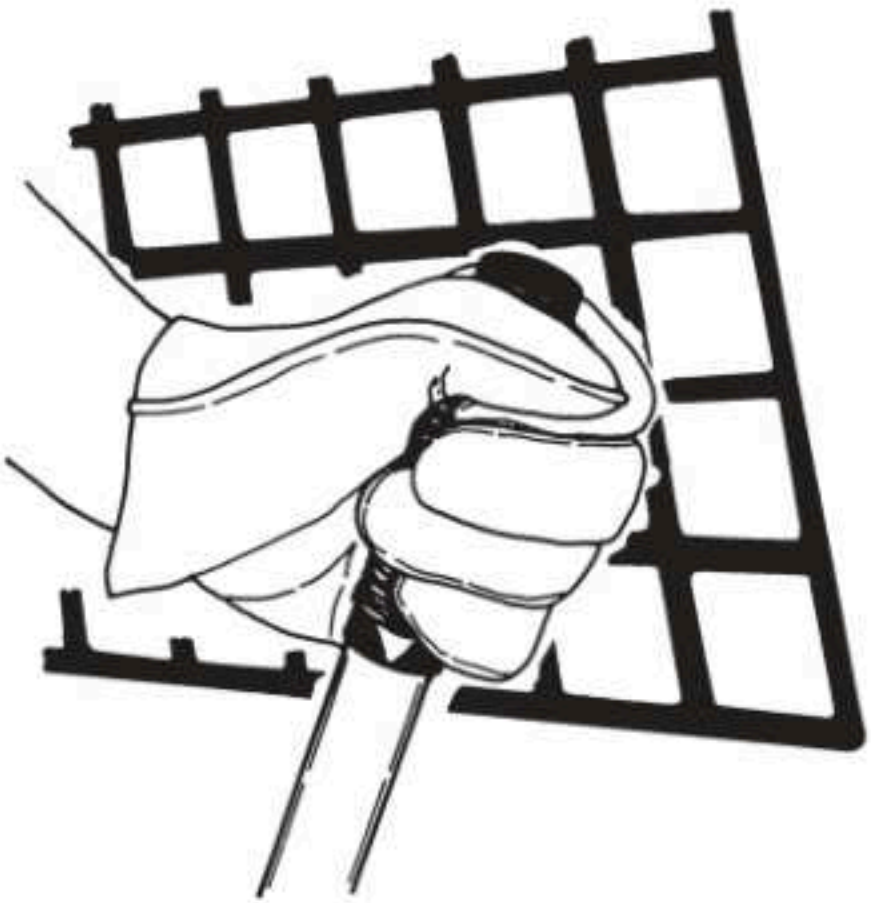
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I. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

A. SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

The Skid Steer Loader is a highly maneuverable and compact machine. In operation, it is rugged and useful under a wide variety of conditions. This presents an operator with hazards which are common for off highway, rough terrain applications but are not unique for use of Bobcat loaders. The loader has an internal combustion engine with resultant heat and exhaust. All exhaust gases can kill so the loader must be used with adequate ventilation. The loader must not be used in an area with explosive dusts or gases or so that the engine exhaust can contact flammable material. The loader has a spark arrestor muffler which is required for operation in certain areas.

For loader applications, the dealer recommends the capabilities and restrictions of the loader and attachments for each application. The dealer demonstrates the safe operation of the loader according to the manufacturer's instructional materials which are also available to all operators. The dealer can also identify unsafe modifications or use of unapproved attachments. The attachments and buckets are designed for rated capacity and secure fastening to the loader. For each model loader, the user must check with the dealer or manufacturer's literature to identify each bucket or attachment for safe loads of materials of specified densities.

The following publications provide information on the safe use of the loader and attachments:

1. The Delivery Report is used to check whether complete instructions have been given to the new owner.
2. The Operator's Manual delivered with every loader gives operating information as well as routine maintenance and service.
3. Every loader has machine signs (or decals) which instruct on the safe care and operation of the loader. The complete signs and their location are shown in the Operator's Manual. All signs are available from your Bobcat dealer.
4. The loader has a plastic Operator Handbook fastened to the operator cab. It has brief instructions always available to the operator. The handbook is available from your Bobcat dealer in an English edition or a combination English, French, German, Spanish edition.
5. The Service Manual and Parts Book are optional manuals from your Bobcat dealer for use by mechanics to do shop-type service and repair work.

The dealer and owner/operator review the recommended uses of the loader and attachments at the time of delivery of the loader. If change of the use of the loader occurs in the future, the owner/operator must remember to ask the dealer for recommendations on the new use of the loader.

B. BEFORE YOU OPERATE THE BOBCAT LOADER

⚠ WARNING

All operators must have instructions before operating this loader.

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This Operator's Manual was written to give the owner/operator instructions on the safe operation and maintenance of the Bobcat loader. READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS OPERATOR'S MANUAL BEFORE YOU OPERATE YOUR BOBCAT. If you have any questions, see your local Bobcat dealer.

Make sure your Bobcat loader is in good operating condition.

Check all of the items on the Service Schedule under the 8 - 10 hour column.

⚠ WARNING

For your safety, warnings are on loader and in manual. Failure to obey warnings can cause injury or death.

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IMPORTANT

This notice identifies procedures which must be followed to prevent damage to the loader.

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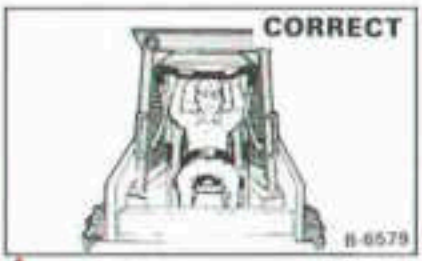
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⚠ Never use loader without instructions. See machine signs (decals), Operator's Manual and Handbook.



⚠ Always fasten seat belt snugly and use seat bar.

⚠ Always keep feet on pedals when operating loader.



⚠ Never carry riders.

⚠ Keep other personnel away from work area.



⚠ Do not use loader in atmosphere with explosive dust or gas or where exhaust can contact flammable material.



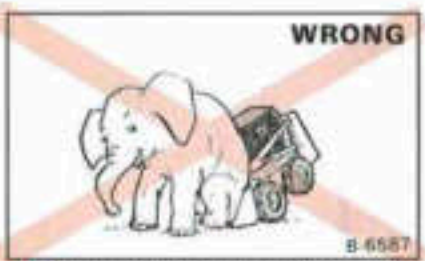
⚠ Never use loader without operator cab with ROPS and FOPS approval.



⚠ Always carry bucket or attachment as low as possible.

⚠ Do not travel or turn with lift arms up.

⚠ Load, unload and turn on flat level ground.

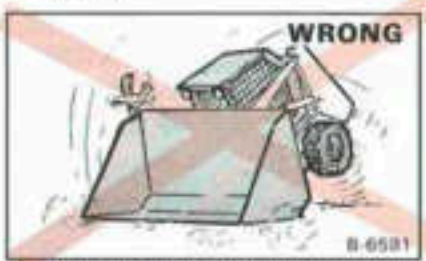


⚠ Never exceed rated operating capacity. Use only attachments and buckets approved for this Model loader.



⚠ Never leave loader with engine running or with lift arms up.

⚠ To park, engage brake and put attachment on ground.



⚠ Never modify equipment or use any attachments not approved by Clark Equipment Co., Melroe Div.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The Bobcat loader must be equipped with safety items necessary for each job. Ask your dealer about attachments and accessories.

1. SEAT BELT: Check belt fasteners and check for damaged webbing or buckles.
2. SEAT BAR: When up, it must lock the pedals.
3. OPERATOR CAB (ROPS): It must be on the loader with all fasteners tight.
4. HANDBOOK: Must be in the operator cab.
5. MACHINE WARNING SIGNS: Replace if damaged.

⚠ Safety Alert Symbol

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