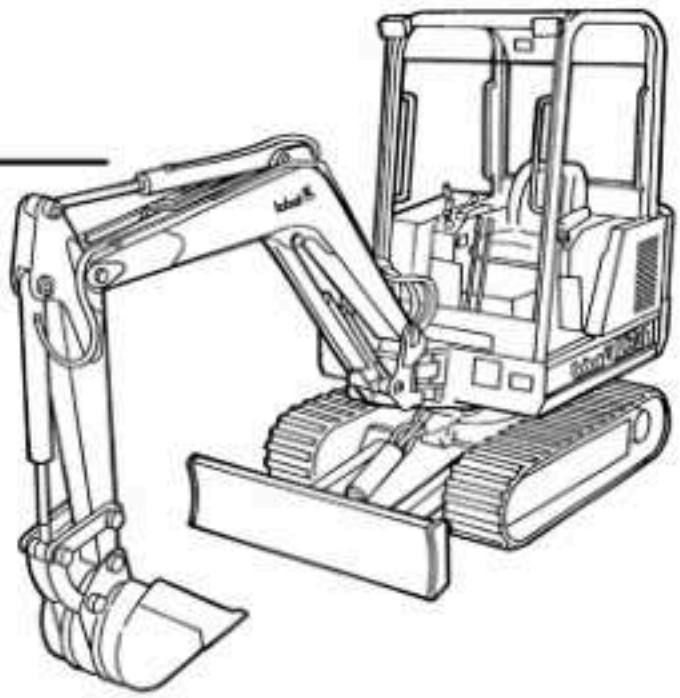
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BEFORE OPERATING THE BOBCAT COMPACT EXCAVATOR

Safety Alert Symbol

This symbol with a warning statement, means: "Warning, be alert! Your safety is involved!" Carefully read the message that follows.

The Bobcat excavator and attachment must be in good operating condition before use.

Check all of the items on the Bobcat Service Schedule Decal under the 8–10 hour column or as shown in this Manual.

WARNING

Operator must have instructions before running the machine. Untrained operators can cause injury or death.

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IMPORTANT

This notice identifies procedures which must be followed to avoid damage to the machine.

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WARNING

Warnings on the machine and in the manuals are for your safety. Failure to obey warnings can cause injury or death.

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SAFE OPERATION NEEDS A QUALIFIED OPERATOR *

A QUALIFIED OPERATOR MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

- **UNDERSTAND THE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**
  - The written instructions from Bobcat Company include the Delivery Report, Operation & Maintenance Manual, Operator's Handbook, Safety Manual and machine signs (decals).
  - Check the rules and regulations at your location. The rules may include an employer's work safety requirements. Regulations may apply to local driving requirements or use of a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem. Regulations may identify a hazard such as a utility line.
- **HAVE TRAINING WITH ACTUAL OPERATION**
  - Operator training must consist of a demonstration and verbal instruction. This training is given by your Bobcat dealer before the product is delivered.
  - The new operator must start in an area without bystanders and use all the controls until he can operate the machine and attachment safely under all conditions of the work area. Always fasten seat belt before operating.
  - Operator Training Courses are available from your Bobcat dealer in English and Spanish. They provide information for safe and efficient equipment operation. Safety videos are also available.
  - Service Safety Training Courses are available from your Bobcat dealer. They provide information for safe and correct service procedures.
- **KNOW THE WORK CONDITIONS**
  - Know the weight of the materials being handled. Avoid exceeding the Rated Lift Capacity of the machine. Material which is very dense will be heavier than the same volume of less dense material. Reduce the size of load if handling dense material.
  - The operator must know any prohibited uses or work areas, for example, he needs to know about excessive slopes.
  - Know the location of any underground lines. Call local utilities or the TOLL FREE phone number found in the *SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS* Section of this manual.
  - Wear tight fitting clothing. Always wear safety glasses when doing maintenance or service. Safety glasses, hearing protection or special applications kit are required for some work. See your dealer about Bobcat Safety equipment.

* For an operator be qualified, he must not use drugs or alcoholic drinks which impair his alertness or coordination while working. An operator who is taking prescription drugs must get medical advice to determine if he can safely operate a machine.

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