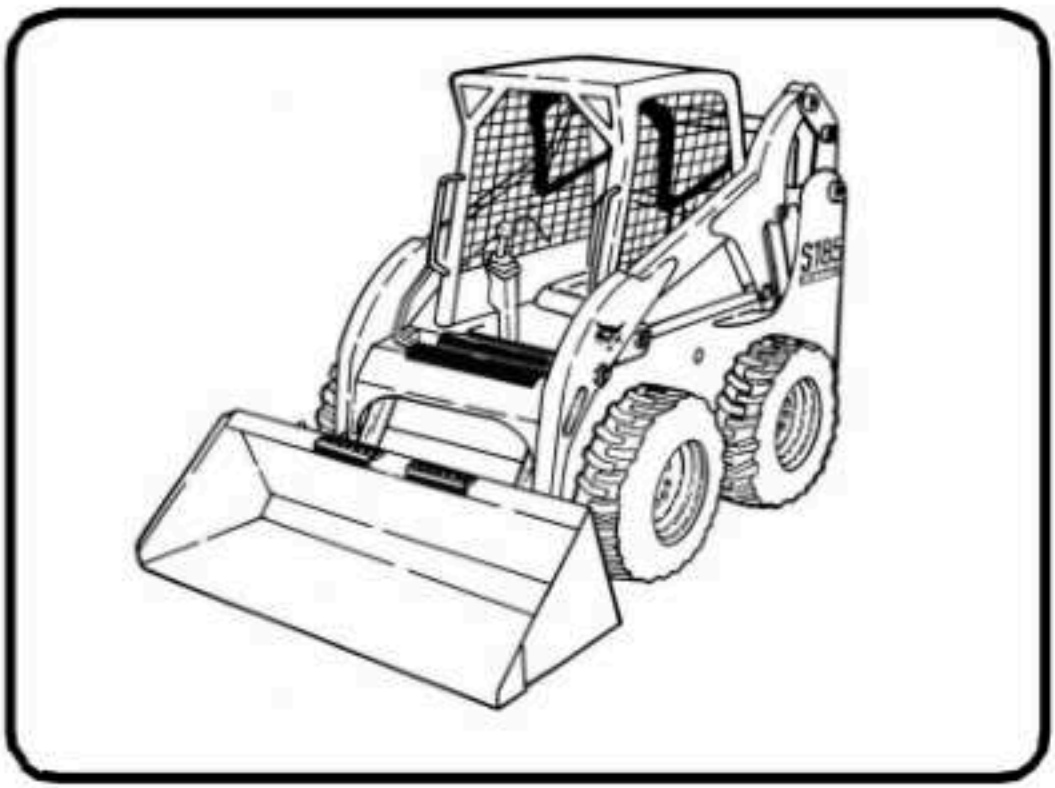
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S185 Skid-Steer Loader

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REFERENCE INFORMATION

Write the correct information for YOUR Bobcat loader in the spaces below. Always use these numbers when referring to your Bobcat loader.

Loader Serial Number _____

Engine Serial Number _____

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NOTES:

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FOREWORD

This Operation & Maintenance Manual was written to give the owner / operator instructions on the safe operation and maintenance of the Bobcat loader. READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS OPERATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING YOUR BOBCAT LOADER. If you have any questions, see your Bobcat dealer. This manual may illustrate options and accessories not installed on your loader.

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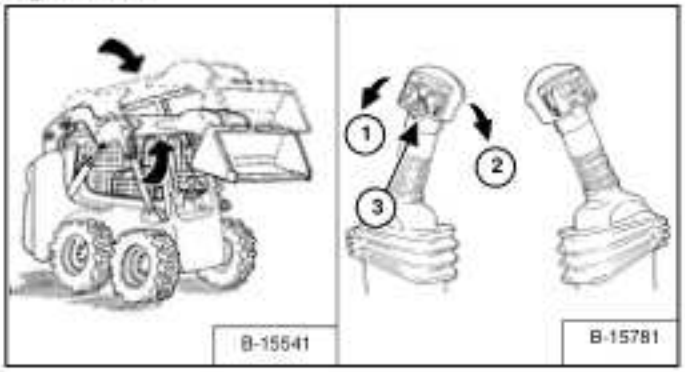
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Advanced Control System (ACS) In HAND Control Mode

Figure OI-40



Lift Arm Operation - (Left Hand Lever)

Move the lever outward (Item 1) **[Figure OI-40]** to raise the lift arms.

Move the lever inward (Item 2) **[Figure OI-40]** to lower the lift arms.

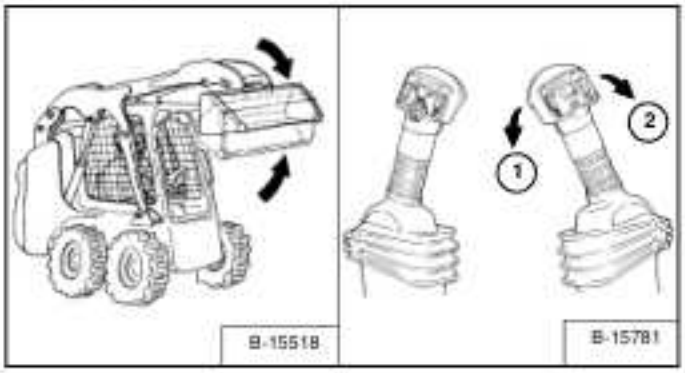
Lift Arm Float Position - (Left Hand Lever)

Press and hold the Float button (Item 3) **[Figure OI-40]** while the lever is in neutral. Move the lever to lift arm down position (Item 2) **[Figure OI-40]**, then release the button.

Press Float button (Item 3) **[Figure OI-40]** again or move the lever to lift arm up position to disengage.

Use the float position of the lift arms to level loose material while driving backward.

Figure OI-41



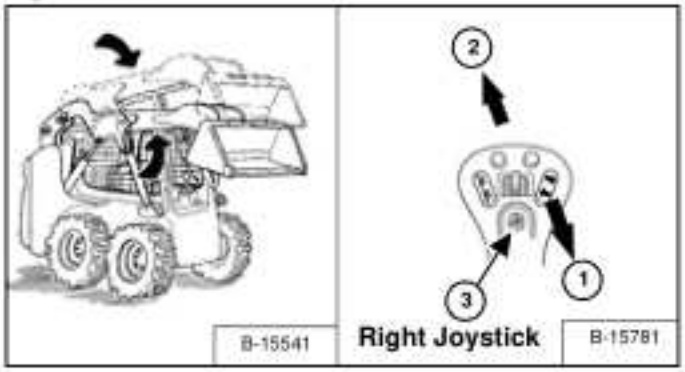
Tilt Operation - (Right Hand Lever)

Move the lever inward (Item 1) **[Figure OI-41]** to tilt the bucket backward.

Move the lever outward (Item 2) **[Figure OI-41]** to tilt the bucket forward.

Selectable Joystick Controls (SJC) In 'ISO' Control Pattern

Figure OI-42



Lift Arm Operation - (Right Hand Joystick)

Move the joystick backward (Item 1) **[Figure OI-42]** to raise the lift arms.

Move the joystick forward (Item 2) **[Figure OI-42]** to lower the lift arms.

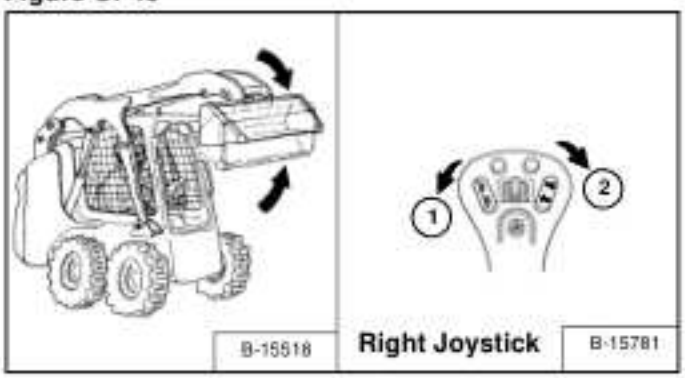
Lift Arm Float Position - (Right Hand Joystick)

Press and hold the Float button (Item 3) **[Figure OI-42]** while the joystick is in neutral. Move the joystick to lift arm down position (Item 2) **[Figure OI-42]**, then release the button.

Press Float button (Item 3) again or move the joystick to lift arm up position (Item 1) **[Figure OI-42]** to disengage.

Use the float position of the lift arms to level loose material while driving backward.

Figure OI-43



Tilt Operation - (Right Hand Joystick)

Move the joystick inward (Item 1) **[Figure OI-43]** to tilt the bucket backward.

Move the joystick outward (Item 2) **[Figure OI-43]** to tilt the bucket forward.

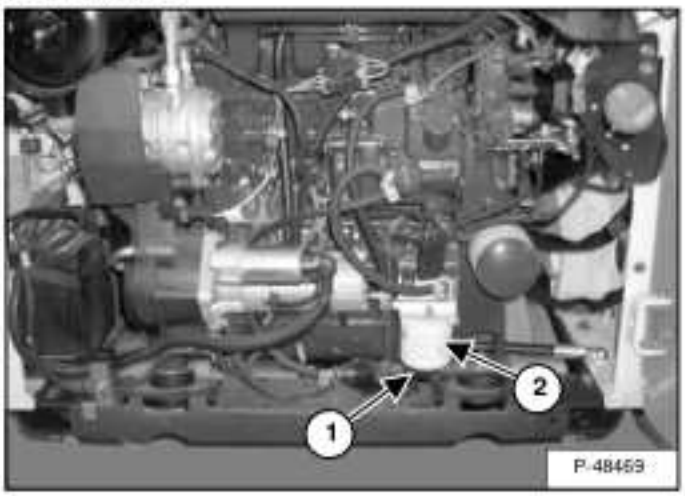
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Fuel Filter

For the service interval for removing water from, or replacing the fuel filter (See SERVICE SCHEDULE on Page PM-5.)

Removing Water

Figure PM-32



Loosen the drain (Item 1) **[Figure PM-32]** at the bottom of the filter element to remove water from the filter.

Replacing Element

Remove the filter element (Item 2) **[Figure PM-32]**.

Clean the area around the filter housing. Put clean oil on the seal of the new filter element. Install the fuel filter, and hand tighten.

Remove air from the fuel system. (See Removing Air From The Fuel System on Page PM-21.)

⚠ WARNING

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Always clean up spilled fuel or oil. Keep heat, flames, sparks or lighted tobacco away from fuel and oil. Failure to use care around combustibles can cause explosion or fire which can result in injury or death.

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Removing Air From The Fuel System

After replacing the filter element or when the fuel tank has run out of fuel, the air must be removed from the fuel system before starting the engine.

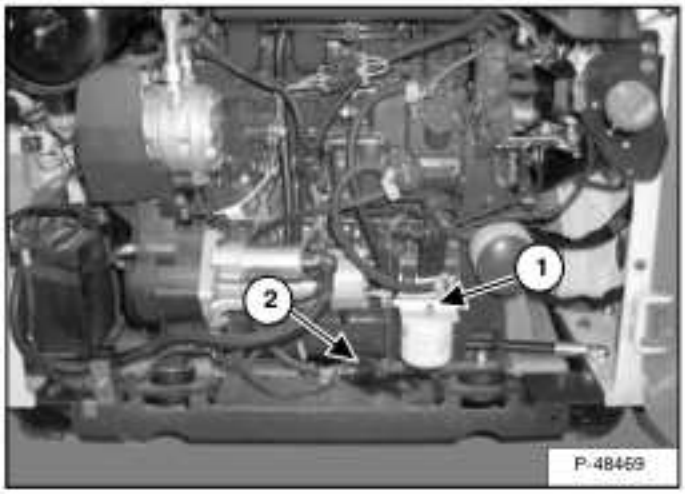
⚠ WARNING

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Diesel fuel or hydraulic fluid under pressure can penetrate skin or eyes, causing serious injury or death. Fluid leaks under pressure may not be visible. Use a piece of cardboard or wood to find leaks. Do not use your bare hand. Wear safety goggles. If fluid enters skin or eyes, get immediate medical attention from a physician familiar with this injury.

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Figure PM-33



Open the vent (Item 1) **[Figure PM-33]** on the fuel filter housing.

Squeeze the hand pump (priming bulb) (Item 2) **[Figure PM-33]** until fuel flows from the vent with no air bubbles.

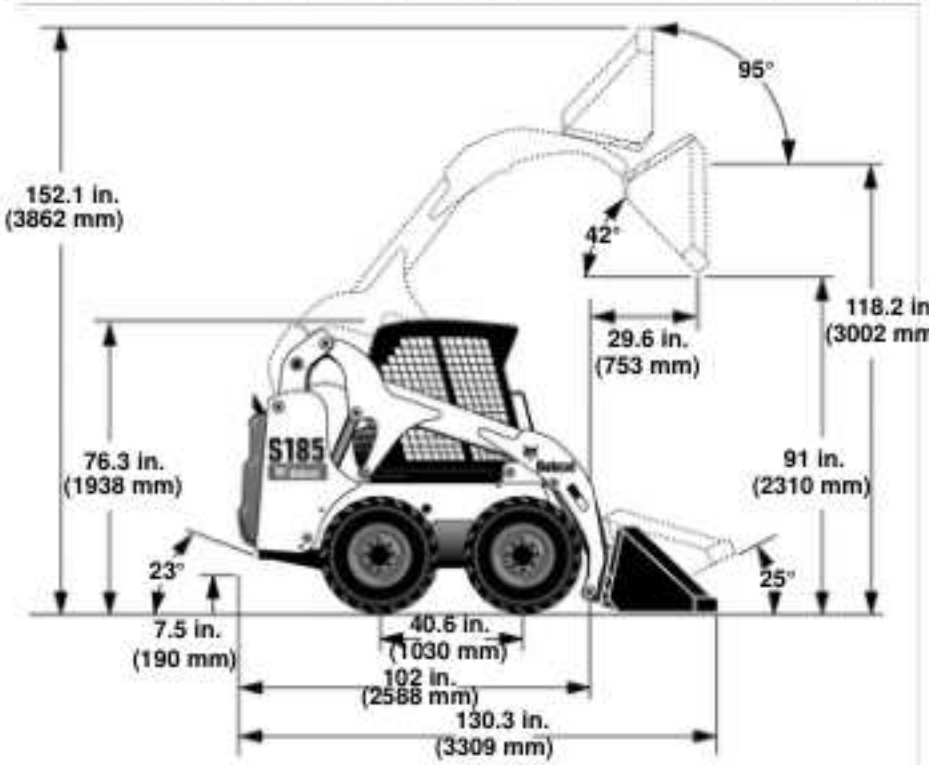
Close the vent (Item 1) **[Figure PM-33]**.

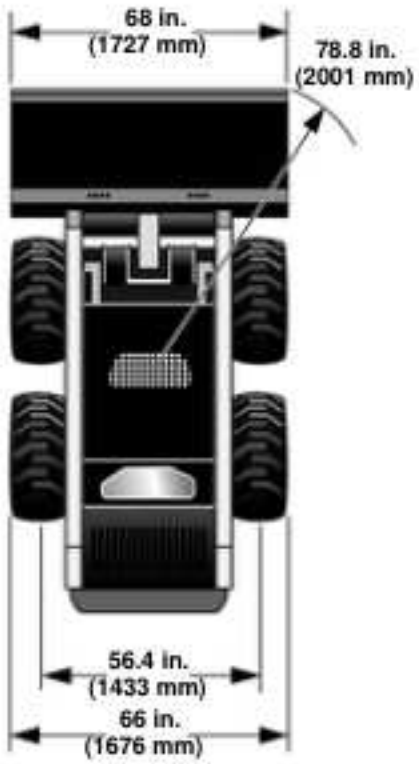
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(S185) LOADER SPECIFICATIONS

Machine Dimensions

- Dimensions are given for loader equipped with standard tires and 68 inch Construction & Industrial bucket and may vary with other bucket types. All dimensions are shown in inches. Respective metric dimensions are given in millimeters enclosed by parentheses.
- Where applicable, specifications conform to SAE or ISO standards and are subject to change without notice.





Changes of structure or weight distribution of the loader can cause changes in control and steering response and can cause failure of the loader parts.

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Safe Operation Is The Operator's Responsibility

Safety Alert Symbol

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

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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DANGER

The signal word DANGER on the machine and in the manuals indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

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WARNING

The signal word WARNING on the machine and in the manuals indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

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The Bobcat loader 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 the Operation & Maintenance Manual.

Safe Operation Needs A Qualified Operator

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

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 or she 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 Operating Capacity (ROC) of the machine. Material which is very dense will be heavier than the same volume of less dense material. Reduce the size of the load if handling dense material.
- The operator must know any prohibited uses or work areas, for example, he or she 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 *Before Operation* Section of this manual.
- Wear tight fitting clothing. Always wear safety glasses when doing maintenance or service. Safety glasses, respiratory equipment, hearing protection or Special Applications Kits are required for some work. See your Bobcat dealer about Bobcat Safety Equipment for your model.

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