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

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL



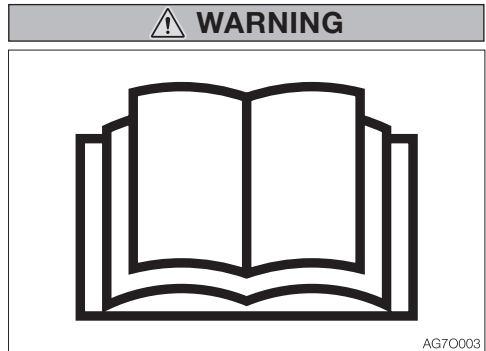
This symbol represents the safety alert. The message that follows the symbol contains important information about safety.

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 contents of this manual.

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.



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 hand this manual to the next owner.

Takeuchi supplies machines complying with 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.

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

DANGER indicates a hazard with a high level of risk which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING

WARNING indicates a hazard with a medium level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a hazard with a low level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in minor moderate injury.

IMPORTANT: The word **IMPORTANT** is used to alert operators and maintenance personnel about situations which could result in 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.

INTRODUCTION

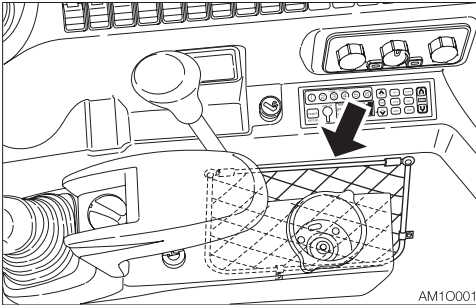
FOREWORD

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

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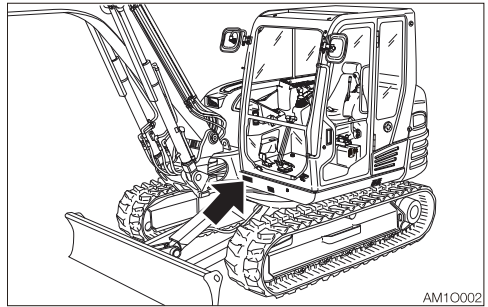


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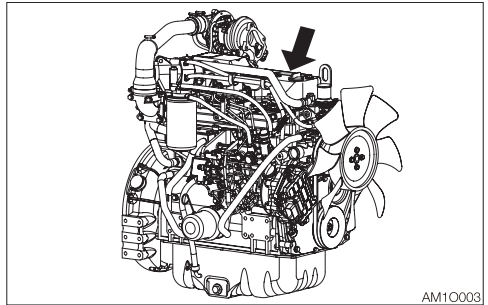
IMPORTANT: Do not remove the machine name plate with the serial number. Check the serial numbers of the machine and engine and write them down in the spaces below.

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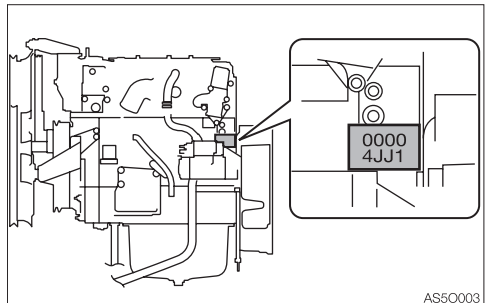


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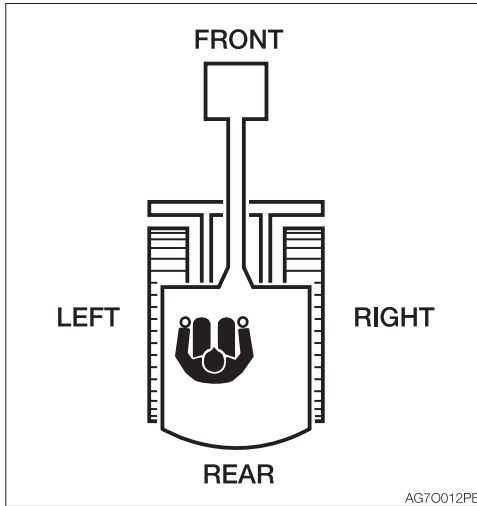


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MACHINE DESCRIPTION

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:

- Excavation
- Digging ditches
- Digging side ditches
- Leveling
- Loading

FEATURES

- Hydromounted cab minimizes vibration
- Automatic travel shift-down system
- Self-adjusting shoe tension system
- Short pitch rubber crawler
- Low engine noise and exhaust emissions
- Electronic control of auxiliary hydraulic circuit
- Automatic and manual operation for engine deceleration
- Engine emergency stop system

BREAK-IN PERIOD

When the machine is new, operate the machine for the first 100 hours (as indicated on the hour meter) by following the instructions below.

Using a new machine without a break-in period will lead to quicker deterioration of machine performance and may shorten the machine's service life.

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

NOTES ON READING THIS MANUAL

Please note that the descriptions and diagrams included in this manual may not be applicable to your machine.

The numbers used in the illustration are with circles around them. The same numbers appear between the parentheses in the text.

(Example: ① → (1))

Symbols used in this manual

The symbols used in this manual have the following meanings.

⊘, X Prohibition

🔒 Lock

🔓 Unlock

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GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

It is your responsibility to observe all pertinent laws and regulations and to follow the manufacture'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.

Most accidents can be prevented by identifying the potentially hazardous situations beforehand.

Read and understand all safety messages which describe how to prevent accidents.

Do not operate the machine until you are sure that you have gained a proper understanding of its operation, inspection and maintenance.

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.

When a problem is found on the machine

If any problem (noise, vibration, smell, disorder of instrument, smoke, oil leak, wrong indication of alarm or unusual indication in the instrument cluster, etc.) is detected during the operation or inspection and maintenance of the machine, immediately inform your sales or service dealer and take proper actions. Do not operate the machine until the trouble is cleared.

Operating temperature range

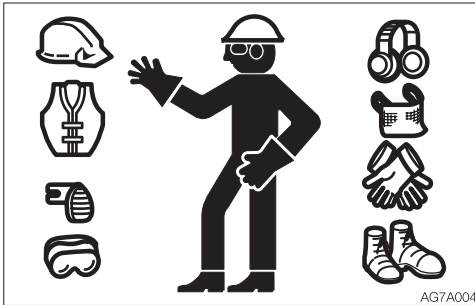
To maintain the performance of machine and to prevent it from early wear, observe the following operating conditions.

- Do not operate the machine if the ambient temperature is higher than +45°C (+113°F) or lower than -15°C (+5°F).
 - If operated at an ambient temperature of higher than +45°C (+113°F), the engine may overheat and cause the engine oil to degrade.
 - If operated at an ambient temperature of lower than -15°C (+5°F), the parts made of rubber such as gaskets may get hardened to cause an early wear or damage to the machine.
 - If the machine is to be used outside the ambient temperature range described above, consult your sales or a service dealer.



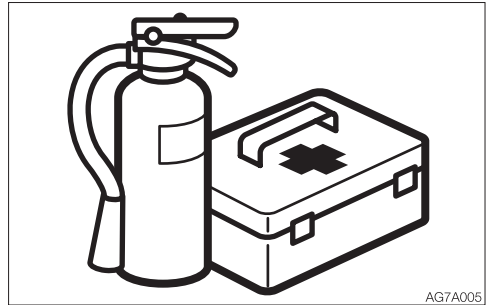
SAFETY GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

Wear appropriate clothing and 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 easily 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.

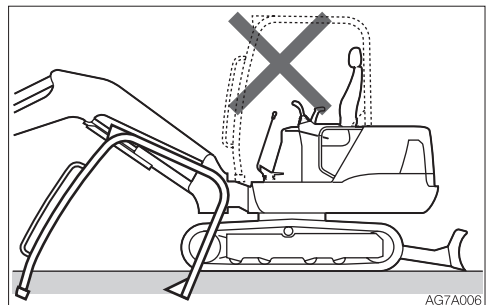
Install a fire extinguisher and first aid kit



Be prepared for fire and accidents

- Install an extinguisher and a first aid kit, and learn how to use them.
- Learn how to fight a fire and how to deal with accidents.
- Know how to contact emergency assistance and make a list of emergency contacts.

Never remove safety equipment

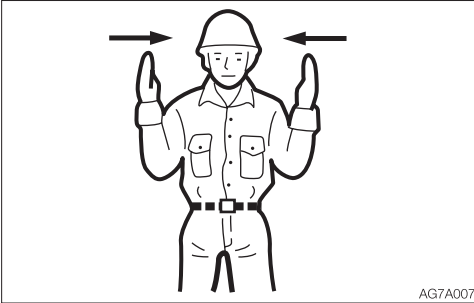


- Make sure all protective guards, covers and doors are in place and secured. Repair or replace damaged parts before operating the machine.
- Know how to use the safety lock lever, seat belt and other safety equipment and use them properly.
- Never remove any safety equipment except for servicing. Keep all safety equipment in good operating condition.



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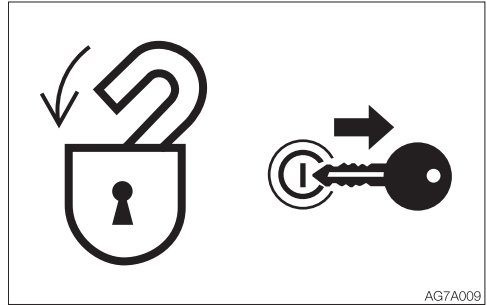
Use a signal person and a flag person



Learn how to 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 must respond to signals only from the appointed signal person, but must obey a stop signal at any time from anyone.
- The signal person must stand in a clearly visible location when giving signals.

Cautions when standing up from or leaving the operator's seat



- Before standing up from the operator's seat to open/close the window or remove/install the lower window, lower the working equipment to the ground, raise the safety lock levers to engage the lock and stop the engine. If any controls should be accidentally touched when the safety lock levers is lowered (unlocked), the machine will suddenly move and cause serious injury or death.
- Be careful not to touch the operating levers when raising or lowering the safety lock levers.
- Before leaving the operator's seat, lower the working equipment to the ground, raise the safety lock levers to engage the lock and stop the engine. Also, be sure to remove the key, lock the door and covers, take it with you and store it in a specified place.



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Avoid fire and explosion hazards



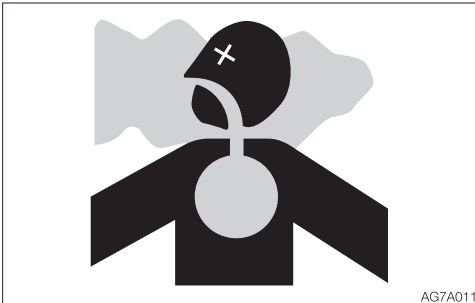
Keep flames away from fuel, oil, grease and antifreeze. Fuel is particularly flammable and dangerous.

- 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 handling fuel or working on the fuel system.
 - Do not leave the location while refilling with fuel or oil.
 - Never remove the fuel cap or add fuel when the engine is running or still hot. Also, do not spill the fuel on the hot surface of the machine or the component of the electric system.
 - Clean up spilled fuel or oil immediately.
 - Check for fuel, oil leak. Stop all leaks and clean the machine before operating.
 - When operating with grinder or welding, move inflammables to a safe place.
 - 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 (foam type fire extinguisher) according to procedures identified on manufacturer's containers. Work in a well-ventilated area.
 - Never use fuel for cleaning purposes. Always use a nonflammable solvent.
- When handling the fuel, washing oil or paint, open the door and windows to ventilate thoroughly.
 - Store all flammable fluids and materials in a safe and well-ventilated place.
 - The short circuit of the electric system may cause the fire. Check for any loosened connections or damage to the wires every day. Retighten the loosened connector and wire clamp. Fix or change the damaged wire.
 - Fire from the pipes:
Make sure that the clamps, guards and cushions of the hoses and tubes are securely fixed. If not, hoses or tubes may be damaged due to vibration or contact with other parts during operation. This can cause the high-pressure oil to spurt out, resulting in the fire or injury.



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Exhaust fumes from the engine is poisonous



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

Handling asbestos dust

Inhaling asbestos dust can cause lung cancer. When handling the materials which may contain asbestos, take the following precautions:

- Never use compressed air for cleaning.
- Avoid brushing or grinding parts containing asbestos.
- For clean up, use a vacuum equipped with a high efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA).
- Wear the stipulated respirator if there is no other way to control the dust. When working indoors, install a ventilation system with a macromolecular filter.
- Do not allow unauthorized personnel in the work area while working.
- Follow the rules and environmental standard applicable to the work area.

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 sizes of these gaps change when the machine moves, and a person can suffer severe injury or death.

**Using optional products**

- Consult with Takeuchi before installing optional attachments. Depending on the type of attachments or the combination of them, the attachment may come into contact with the operator's compartment or the other parts of the machine. Make sure that the optional attachment installed is not contacted with other parts before use.
- Do not use attachments that have not been approved by Takeuchi. 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 by 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.

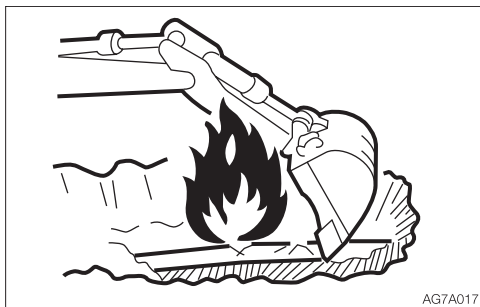


PRECAUTIONS WHEN PREPARING

Know the work area

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

- Inspect the topography and ground condition of the working area, or the structure of the building when working indoors, and take the safety precautions as necessary.
- Be sure to avoid all hazards and obstructions such as ditches, underground lines, trees, cliffs, overhead electrical wires, or places where there is a danger of falling rocks or slides.

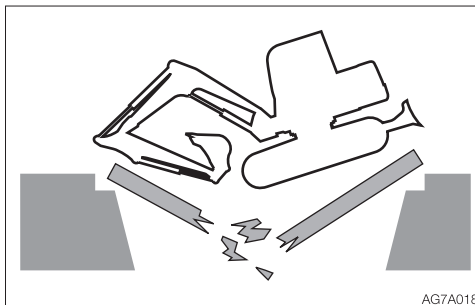


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- Check with the administrator for the locations of buried gas pipes, water pipes and power cables. If necessary, determine what specific precautions must be taken to insure safety by consulting with the administrator.
- When working on roads, be sure to consider the safety of pedestrians and vehicles.
 - Use a flag person and/or a signal.
 - Fence off the working area and keep off 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 water flow speed beforehand. Refer to "Cautions on operating" for further instructions.

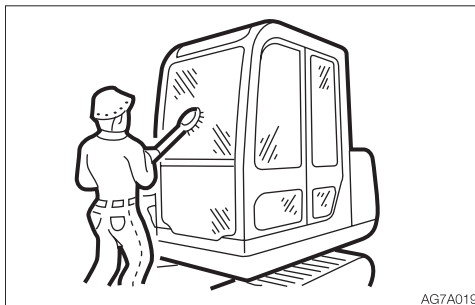
Check the strength of the bridge

When traveling over a bridge or a structure, check the permissible load. If the strength is insufficient, reinforce the bridge or the structure.



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Always keep the machine clean



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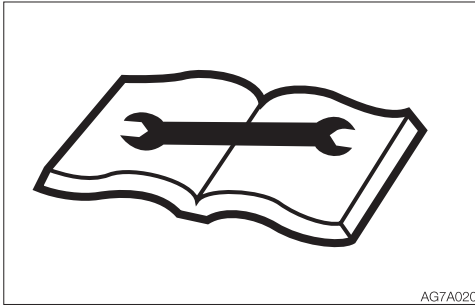
- Clean windows, mirrors and lights to ensure good visibility. Adjust the mirror to the best position for the operator to see the rear view (blind spot) from the operator's seat.
- Wipe off any oil, grease, mud, snow or ice, to prevent accidents due to slipping.
- Remove all loose objects and unnecessary devices from the machine.
- Remove any dirt, oil or grease from the engine area to prevent fires.
- Clean around the operator's seat and remove any unnecessary object from the machine.



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PRECAUTIONS WHEN PREPARING

Perform inspection and maintenance every day



Failure to identify or repair the irregularities or damage on machine can lead to accidents.

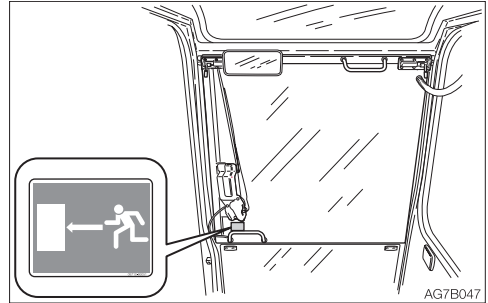
- Before operating, perform the specified inspection and make prompt repairs where necessary.
- If a failure occurs and the operation becomes impossible or the engine fails, immediately stop the machine by following the shutdown procedure, and keep machine securely parked until the malfunction is corrected.

Cautions in the operator's compartment

- Remove mud and grease from shoe soles before entering the operator's compartment. Pedaling the machine with the shoes with mud and grease will cause a slip accident.
- Do not leave the parts or tools around the operator's seat.
- Do not leave any plastic bottles in the operator's compartment or attach any suction cups on the window glass. The plastic bottle or suction cup act as a lens and can cause fire.
- Do not use the mobile phone during traveling or working.
- Do not bring combustibles or explosives into the operator's compartment.
- After smoking, be sure to tightly close the lid of the ashtray to put out the match or cigarette.
- Do not leave the cigarette lighter in the operator's compartment. When the room temperature rises, the lighter may explode.

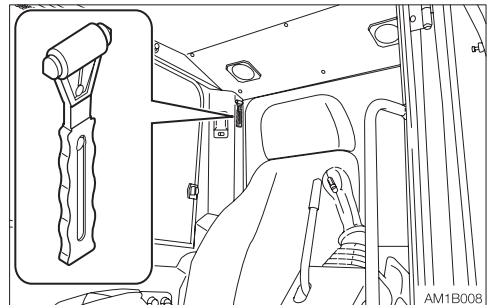
Emergency exit

Front window (excluding machines with a front guard)



If you should become trapped inside the cab, open the front window to get out.

Emergency hammer (optional)



An emergency hammer is installed to be used to escape from the cab in an emergency. When escaping, break the windows with the hammer.



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Support your weight in a three point secure stance when getting on/off the machine

- Do not jump on or down from the machine. Never attempt to get on or off the moving machine.
- When getting on or off the cab, first fully open the door to the locked position and check that it does not move (for machines with cab).



- Climb up/down the steps facing the machine and holding the handrail to support your weight in a three point secure stance (hand and feet).
- Never use the safety lock lever or control levers as hand holds.

Before starting the machine, ask any unauthorized personnel to leave the area

Do not start the engine until you are sure it is safe to start the machine by checking the following items.

- Walk around the machine and warn the person who is servicing the machine or is walking near the machine. Do not start the machine until you are certain that no one is around the machine.



- Check if there is a “DO NOT OPERATE” alert sign or similar sign is on the cab door, controls or starter switch. If there is one, do not start the engine or touch any levers.
- Sound the horn to warn people around the machine.

Sit in the operator’s seat and start the engine

- Adjust the seat to securely latch it.



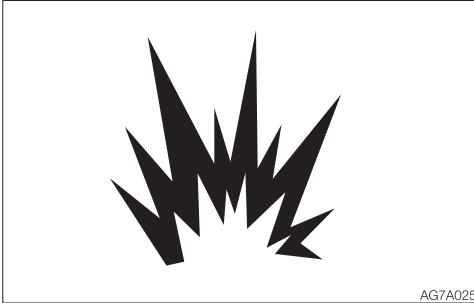
- Fasten the seat belt.
- Check if the parking brake is on and all control levers and pedals are in the neutral position.
- Check if the safety lock lever is in the lock position.
- Make sure that no one is near the machine.
- Start and operate the machine only from the operator’s seat.
- Never attempt to start the engine by shorting across the starter terminals.



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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 “If the battery goes dead” for further instructions.

After starting the engine

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

- Warm up the engine and hydraulic oil.
- Check if all gauges and warning devices are properly working.
- Check for any noises.
- Test the engine speed control.
- Operate each control to ensure they are properly working.

In cold climates



- Be careful of slippery conditions on freezing ground, steps and hand holds.
- In severe cold climates, do not touch any metal parts of the machine with bare hands. The skin will freeze to the metal, resulting in severe injury.
- Do not use ether or starting fluid on this engine. The starting fluids can cause explosion and serious injury or death.
- Warm up the engine and hydraulic oil. If the levers are operated without warming, the machine will not react or move promptly or properly, resulting in accident.



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Ensure good visibility

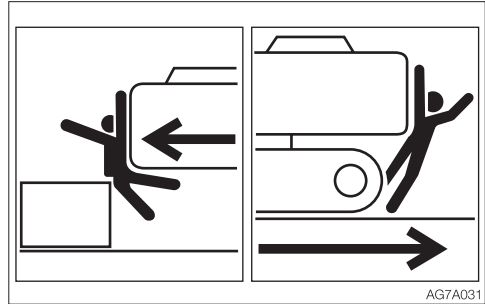
- When working in dark places, turn on the machine's working lights and headlights and additional lighting equipment installed, as necessary.
- When visibility is poor due to bad weather (fog, snow, rain or a cloud of dust), stop operating the machine and wait until visibility improves.

Do not permit riders on the machine



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

Check if the work area is safe and secure before operation



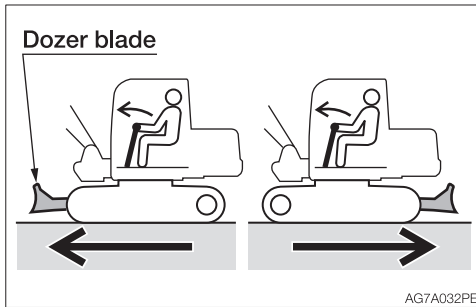
- Confirm the performance limits of the machine.
- Use a signal person at road shoulders, narrow places or where your vision is obstructed.
- Never allow anyone to enter the machine's slewing radius and path.
- Signal your intention to move by sounding the horn.
- There is a blind spot in the rear of the machine. Before traveling in reverse, check that the area is safe and clear.



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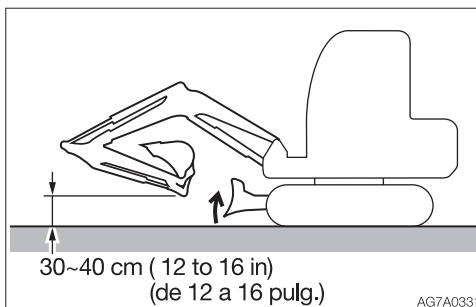
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Check the position of the undercarriage (tracks) before traveling



Before operating the travel levers/pedals, make sure that the dozer blade is to the front of the operator's seat. Remember that when the dozer blade is to the rear of the operator's seat, the travel levers/pedals must be operated in the reverse direction from when it is to the front.

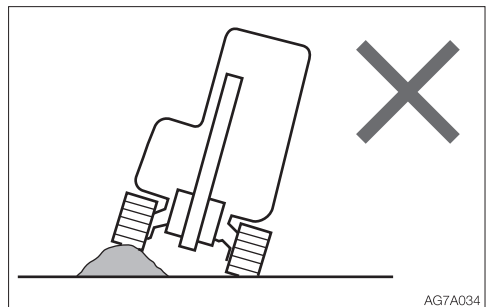
Travel safely



- Travel with the dozer blade raised, the hoe attachment folded as shown on the figure above, and the bucket raised 30 to 40 cm (12 to 16 in.) above the ground.
- Do not slew while traveling. If you must operate the hoe attachment while traveling, operate at speeds slow enough so you have complete control at all times.
- When a load greater than a set value is applied during traveling in 2nd (high) speed, the speed will automatically slow down to 1st (low) speed. When the load becomes lighter, the speed will increase and return to 2nd (high) speed. Remember

that the travel speed changes depending on the load condition (for machines with the automatic travel shift-down system).

- When traveling on the uneven road or sharp slope, turn off the deceleration switch and the auto-deceleration switch. If the machine is operated on such roads with these switches turned on, the engine speed may increase, causing the machine to travel unexpectedly rapidly (for machines with the deceleration and auto-deceleration switches).



- Avoid crossing over obstacles whenever possible. If you must do so, keep the hoe attachment close to the ground level and travel slowly. Never cross obstacles which will tilt the machine to an angle of 10° or greater.
- On uneven ground, maintain the low speed and avoid starting, stopping or changing directions abruptly. Otherwise, the working equipment may come in contact with the ground, causing the machine to lose its balance and get damaged or to damage the structures in the surrounding area.



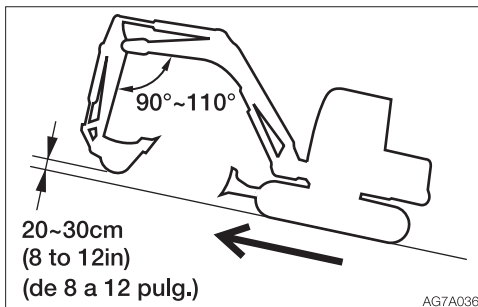
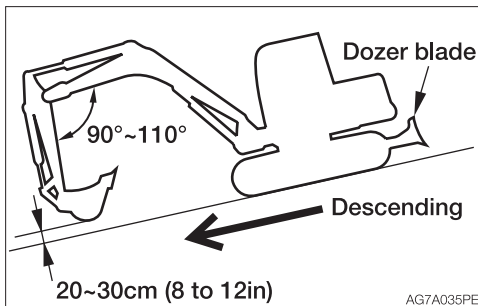
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Cautions on traveling on slopes

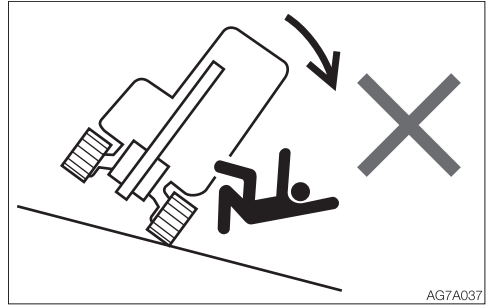
When traveling on slopes or grades, be careful that the machine does not tip (roll) over or slide.

- Never travel on slopes that are too steep for the machine to maintain its stability (maximum gradeability: 35°, lateral tipping angle: 15°). Note that in reality, the machine's stability becomes lower than the above values depending on the working condition.



- When climbing a hill, keep the operator's seat facing the hillside. When descending a hill, keep the operator's seat facing the downhill direction. In either case, travel must be done while paying attention to the ground in front of the machine.
- When traveling on slopes, lower the bucket to a height of 20 to 30 cm (8 to 12 in.) above the ground. When climbing a steep slope, extend the hoe attachment to the front. In emergencies, lower the bucket to the ground and stop the machine.

- When traveling on slopes or grades, drive slowly in 1st (low) speed. When descending a slope, slow down the engine speed.
- Do not descend slopes in reverse.



- Do not change directions on slopes or traverse slopes. First return to a flat surface, and then take an alternative path.
- The machine may slip sideways even on a slight slope if the ground is covered with grass or dead leaves, or when traveling on a wet metal plate or frozen surfaces. Make sure the machine is never positioned sideways on slopes.
- If the machine is stalled on the slope, return each operating lever to the neutral position before restarting the engine.



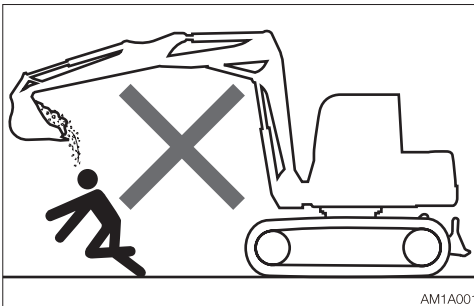
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PRECAUTIONS WHEN OPERATING

Operate the machine on snow or ice with extra care

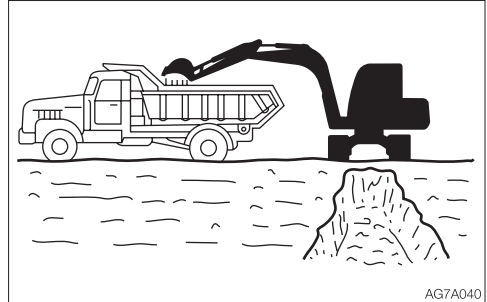
- When traveling on snow or on frozen surfaces, drive at a low speed and avoid starting, stopping or changing directions abruptly.
- In the snowy area, the road shoulder and objects placed beside the road are buried in the snow and cannot be seen. There is a hazard of the machine tipping over or hitting covered objects, so always carry out operations carefully.
- If the machine enters deep snow, there is a hazard that it may tip over or become buried in the snow.
Be careful not to drive beyond the road shoulder or to get trapped in a snow drift.
- With frozen ground surfaces, the ground becomes soft when the temperature rises, and this may cause the machine to tip over, resulting in an operator trapped inside the machine.
- When parking the machine on an unstable ground, lower the dozer blade.

Do not move the bucket over the heads of people



Moving the bucket over the heads of people entails the danger of the load spilling or the sudden dropping of the bucket.

Ensure driver's safety when loading



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

- Never swing or position the bucket over a person or the cab room.
- Load the truck from the rear.



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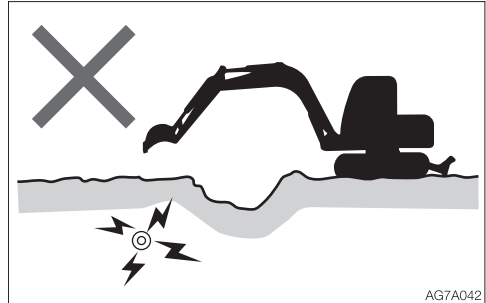
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Keep a safe distance from the overhead high-voltage cables



Never bring any part of the machine or loaded material to near to the high voltage cables unless all safety precautions required by the local and national authorities have been installed. If a person comes near to the machine that is discharging sparks or located near to or in contact with the power source, there is a hazard of electric shock and death.

- Always maintain a safe distance between the machine and the high-voltage electric cable.
- Check with the local power company about safe operating procedure before starting operations.
- Consider all cables to be high-voltage cables and treat all cables as energized even though it is known or believed that the power is shut off and the cables are visibly grounded.
- Use a signal person to give warning if the machine approaches too close to the high-voltage electric cables.
- Caution all personnel in the work area not to come close to the machine or the loaded material.



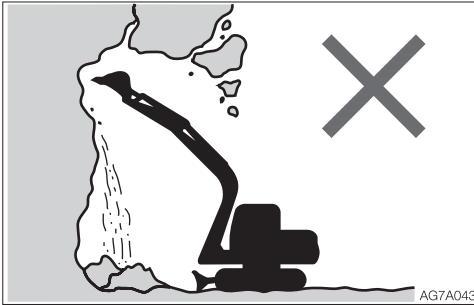
- Pay also careful attention to the high-voltage electric cables buried underground.



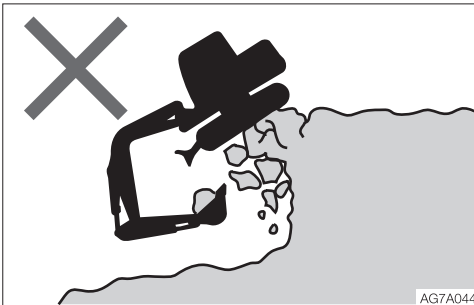
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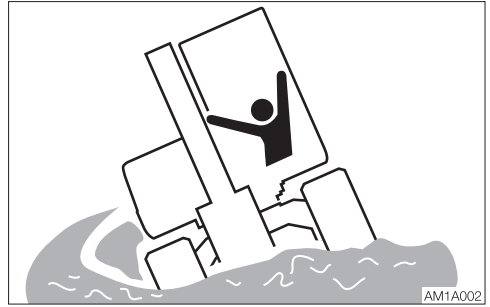
Watch out for hazardous working conditions



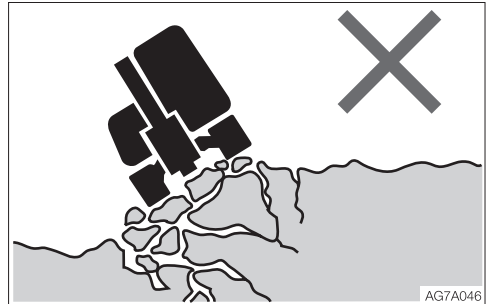
- Never undercut a high bank. Doing so is dangerous as it may cause ground collapse.
- Do not operate in places where there is a danger of falling rocks.



- Maintain a safe distance between the machine and the edge of the digging site. Do not dig the ground under the front of the machine.
- When working close to the cliffs or road shoulders, to make it easier to escape if there is any problem, set the crawlers at right angles to the cliff or road shoulder and the dozer blade to the front when carrying out operations.



- Do not enter areas where there is soft ground. Doing so could cause the machine to tilt under its own weight, resulting in a machine tipping over or sinking into the ground.

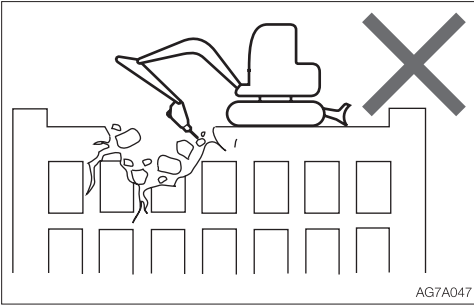


- Do not come close to unstable grounds (cliffs, road shoulders, deep ditches). If the ground should collapse under the weight or vibration of the machine, there is a hazard that the machine may fall or tip over.
 - Remember that the soil after heavy rain or blasting is weak.
 - The ground of top of the embankment and of the circumferences of the excavated ditches are also weak.



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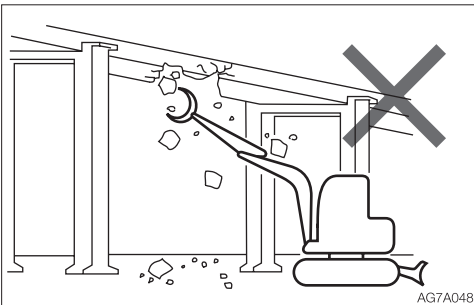


- Do not perform demolition work under the machine. There is a hazard that the machine may fall down, because the ground becomes unstable.
- When working on or from the top of buildings or other structures, check the strength and the structure before starting operations. If a building or structure collapses, serious injury or damage will result.

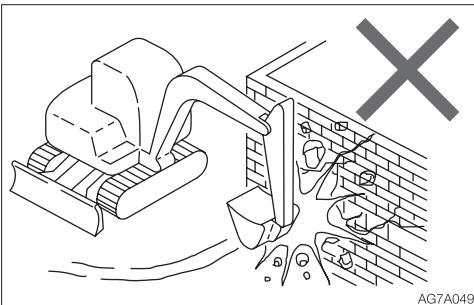
- Do not use the impact force of the hoe attachment for breaking work. There is a hazard of serious injury being caused by flying pieces of broken materials and by the damaged hoe attachment.

Be careful with flying objects

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



- When doing demolition work, do not perform demolition above your head. There is a hazard of broken parts falling or of the building collapsing and causing serious injury or damage.

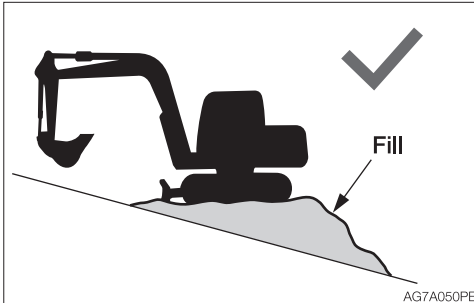




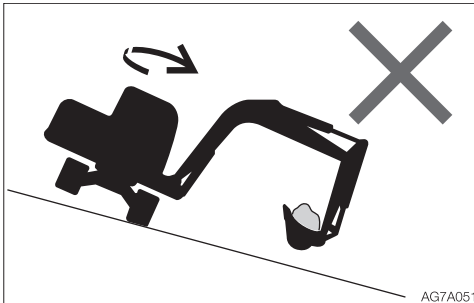
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Operating on slopes is dangerous

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

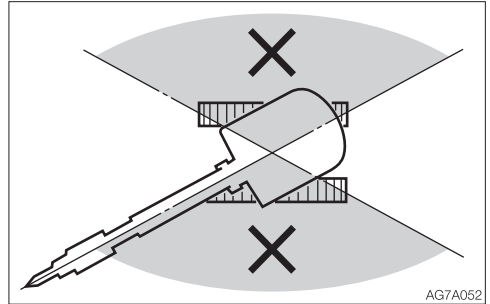


- Level off the work area.



- Avoid slewing to the downhill direction with the bucket full of loaded material. This will reduce the stability of the machine and may result in tipping over.

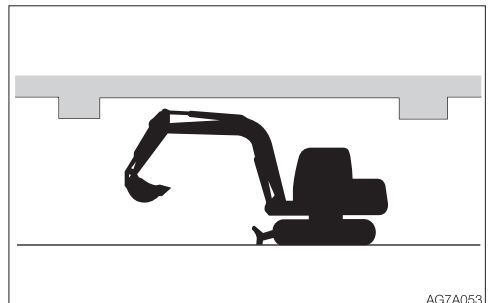
Never slew (swing) sideways with a heavy load



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

- Do not slew (swing) sideways with a heavy load at the tip of the hoe attachment. In particular, do not slew (swing) sideways on slopes.
- The tip of the attachment is heavier for machines equipped with breakers, crushers or long arms than for machines equipped with the standard bucket. For such machines with heavier tips, do not perform excavation with the digging arm (boom) facing the downhill direction or operate toward sideways.

Be careful with the overhead objects



When operating under bridges, in tunnels, near electric cables or indoors, be careful not to let the boom or arm hit overhead objects.



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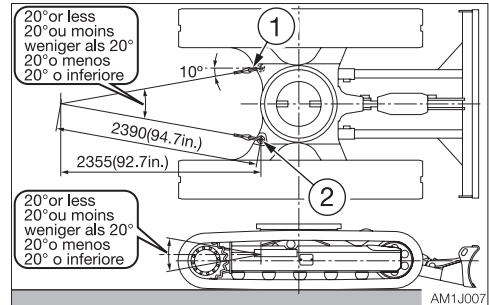
Excavators are not designed for lifting loads



This machine is specifically designed for excavation work. Therefore, it has no safety equipment for crane operation. Extreme caution should be paid 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 determined by using a machine placed on a stable and flat ground. For a safe lifting work, the user is expected to make due allowance for the particular job conditions. They include, soft or uneven ground, non-level condition, side loads, dynamic or jerked loads, hazardous conditions, and experience of personnel. 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.
- The bucket linkage or lifting device may fail if chains or lifting device are incorrectly attached, resulting in serious injury or death.
- Do not attempt to pull stumps out of the ground when using the machine as a crane. The loads imposed on the machine under this use are completely unknown.
- Do not allow anyone to stand on or under the lifted loads or come close to the work area.

Cautions when towing



When towing, serious injury or death could result, if performed incorrectly or the wire rope being used is inappropriate or not properly inspected.

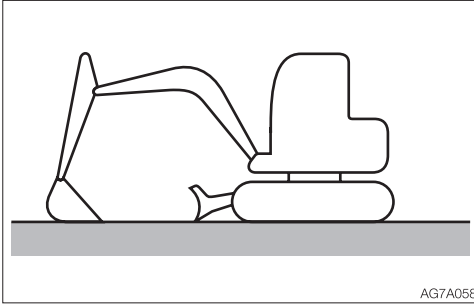
- It becomes dangerous if the wire rope breaks or becomes disengaged. Use a wire rope appropriate for the required tractive force.
- Do not use a wire rope that is kinked, twisted or otherwise damaged.
- Do not apply heavy loads abruptly to the wire rope.
- Wear safety gloves when handling the wire rope.
- 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 come near to the wire rope while towing.



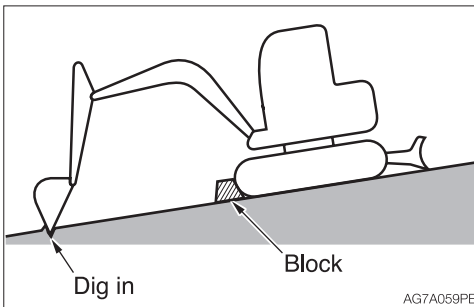
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Park safely

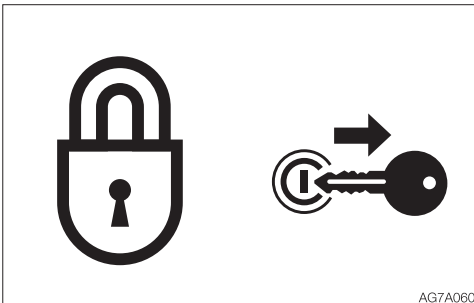


- Park the machine on a flat, rigid and safe ground. Set the parking brake.



If you must park on a slope or incline, park the machine securely and block the movement of the machine.

- When parking on a street, 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 followings:
 1. Lower the bucket and the dozer blade to the ground.
 2. Raise the safety lock lever to the locked position.
 3. Stop the engine and remove the starter key.
 4. Lock the cab and covers and take the key with you.

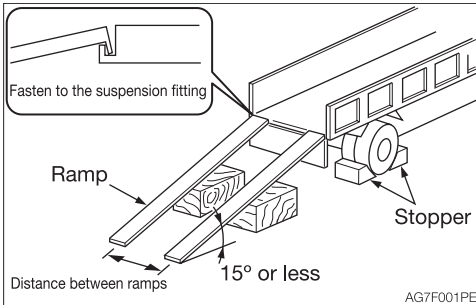


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Load/unload the machine safely



The machine may roll or tip over or fall while being loaded or unloaded. Take the following precautions:

- Select a firm, level surface and keep sufficient distance from road shoulders.
- Secure the ramps of adequate strength and size to the truck bed. The slope of the ramps must not exceed 15°. If the ramps are bowed down too low, support them with poles or blocks.
- Never use the working equipment to load or unload the machine. Doing so may result in tipping over or falling down of the machine.
- Keep the truck bed and loading ramps clean of oil, soil, ice, snow, and other materials to prevent the machine from sliding sideways. Clean the crawlers.
- Chock the transporter wheels to prevent movement.
- Turn off the deceleration switch and auto-deceleration switch. Otherwise, the engine speed may suddenly increase to cause troubles.
- When being loaded or unloaded, travel slowly in 1st (low) gear by following the signal from the signal person.
- Never change courses on the ramps.
- Do not slew/swing on the ramps. The machine may tip over.
- When slewing/swinging on the truck bed, do it slowly as the footing should be unstable.

- Lock the cab door after being loaded, if applicable. Otherwise, the door may open during transport.
- Chock the tracks and secure the machine to the truck bed with wire rope or chain.

**Hoist the machine safely**

- Know and use correct crane signals.
- Check the hoisting equipment for damaged or missing parts on a daily basis and replace as necessary.
- When hoisting, use a wire rope capable of lifting the machine mass.
- Hoist the machine in such a manner described in the procedure below. Do not do it in any other manner, as it may result in the machine losing its balance. Refer to "Hoisting the machine" for further instructions.
- Do not hoist the machine with an operator on it.
- When hoisting, hoist slowly so that the machine does not tip.
- Keep everyone out of the area when hoisting. Do not move the machine over the heads of the persons.

Transport the machine safely

- Know and follow the applicable safety rules, vehicle code and traffic laws when transporting the machine.
- Select the best transport route by considering the length, width, height and weight of the truck with the machine loaded on it.
- Never abruptly start or stop or run at a high speed at the sharp curves during transport. Doing so will move or lose the balance of the loaded machine.



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Display a “DO NOT OPERATE” alert sign

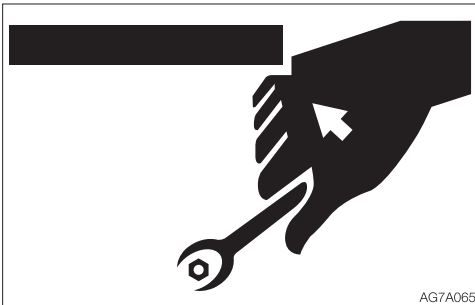
Severe injury could result if an unauthorized person should start the engine or touch controls during inspection or maintenance.

- Before performing maintenance, stop the engine, remove the key and take it with you.



- Display a “DO NOT OPERATE” alert sign on easy-to-see locations such as on the starter switch or on control levers.

Use the correct tools



Do not use damaged or weakened tools or tools designed for other purposes. Use tools appropriate for the work involved.

Replace safety-critical parts periodically

- Replace fuel hoses periodically. Fuel hoses wear out over time, even if they do not show any symptom of wear.
- Regardless of the replacement schedule, replace immediately if a symptom of wear is found. Refer to “List of safety-critical parts” for further details.

Explosionproof lighting



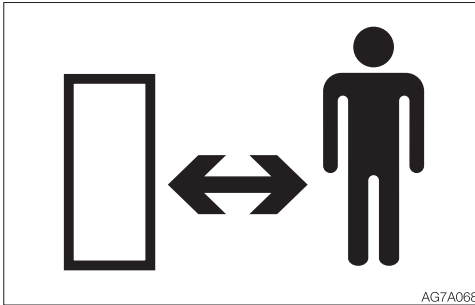
To prevent an ignition or explosion, use explosion-proof lights when inspecting fuel, oil, coolant or battery fluid. Otherwise, explosion could result causing serious injury or death.



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Prohibit access by unauthorized persons

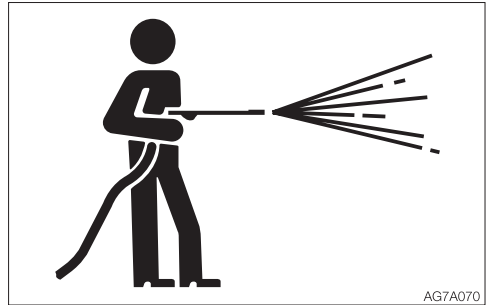


Do not allow unauthorized personnel in the work area while working. Be careful when grinding, welding or using a hammer. You could be injured by flying debris from the machine.

Prepare 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.

Always keep the machine clean



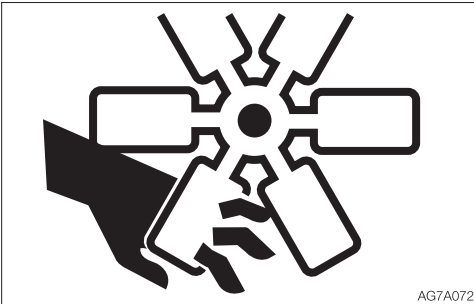
- Clean the machine before performing maintenance.
- Stop the engine before washing the machine. Cover the electrical parts so that water cannot enter. Water on electrical parts could cause short-circuits or malfunctions. Do not use water or steam to wash the battery, electronic control components, sensors, connectors or the operator's compartment.

Stop the engine before performing maintenance

- Avoid lubrication or mechanical adjustments while the machine is moving or while the engine is running when the machine is not moving.
- If maintenance must be performed with the engine running, always work as a two person team communicating each other.
 - One person must sit in the operator's seat so that he/she can immediately stop the engine when necessary. He/she must take care not to touch the lever or pedal unless necessary.
 - The one who performs maintenance must make sure to keep his/her body or clothing away from the moving part of the machine.



Stay clear of the moving parts



- Stay clear of all rotating and moving parts. If a hand or tool becomes trapped in the rotating or moving part, serious injury or death could result.
- If a tool or other objects is dropped or inserted in the fan or fan belt, it will be flown or cut in pieces. Do not drop or insert anything in the fan or fan belt.

Firmly secure the machine or any component that may fall



- Before performing maintenance or repairs under the machine, lower all moveable working equipment to the ground or in the lowermost position.
- Chock 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.

Secure the working equipment

To prevent unexpected movement, firmly secure the working equipment when repairing or replacing the bucket teeth or side cutter.

Secure the engine hood or cover when opened

Be sure to secure the engine hood or cover before working the inside. Do not keep the hood or cover open on a windy day or if the machine is parked on a slope.

Place heavy objects in a stable position



When it is necessary to temporarily place a heavy object or an attachment on the ground during removal or installation, be sure to place it in a stable position. Keep off unauthorized persons from the storage place for such object.



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Cautions when refueling



- Do not smoke or permit open flames while fueling or near fueling operations.
- Never remove the fuel cap or add fuel when the engine is running or still hot. Do not spill fuel on the hot surface of the machine.
- Fill the fuel tank in a well ventilated place.
- Do not fill the fuel tank to capacity. Allow room for oil expansion.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately.
- Securely tighten the fuel filler cap. If the fuel cap is lost, replace it only with the genuine cap. Use of a non-approved cap without proper venting may result in pressurization of the tank.
- Never use fuel for cleaning.
- Use the correct grade of fuel for the operating season.

Handling of hoses

Oil leak or fuel leak can cause a fire.

- Do not twist, bend or hit the hoses.
- Never use twisted, bent or cracked pipes, tubes or hoses; otherwise, they may burst.
- Retighten loose connection.

Be careful with hot and pressurized components



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

- The engine, muffler, radiator, hydraulic lines, sliding parts and many other parts of the machine are hot immediately after the engine is stopped. Touching these parts will cause burns.
- The engine coolant, hydraulic oil and other oils are also hot and under high pressure. Be careful not to touch the hydraulic oil when loosening the cap or plug. Working on the machine under these conditions could result in burns or injuries due to the hot oil spurting out.



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Be careful with hot cooling systems



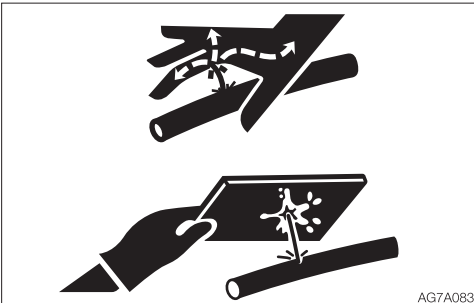
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Do not remove the radiator cap or the drain plug when the cooling water is hot. Stop the engine and wait until the engine and the cooling water cool. Then, slowly loosen the radiator cap to release the internal pressure and remove it.

Be careful with oil internal pressure

Pressure is maintained in the hydraulic circuit long after the engine has been shut down.

- Completely relieve the internal pressure before performing maintenance work.



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- The hydraulic oil is high enough pressure to penetrate the skin or eyes and cause serious injury, blindness or death. Remember that the hydraulic oil escaping from a small hole is almost invisible. When checking for leaks, wear protective goggle and thick gloves, and use a paperboard or plywood to keep your skin from oil spurting.

If oil penetrates the skin, it must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this type of injury.

Release pressure before working on the hydraulic system

Oil may spurt out if caps or filters are removed or pipes are disconnected before releasing the pressure in the hydraulic system.

- Immediately after the engine is stopped, and while the safety lock lever is still in the unlock position, turn the starter switch to ON and move all the control levers and pedals several times all the way in each direction to release the pressure from the working equipment circuitry.
- Press the air breather button to relieve the internal pressure from the tank.
- When removing plugs or screws, or when disconnecting hoses, stand to the side and loosen them slowly to gradually release the internal pressure before removing.
- Oil or plug may spurt out according to the pressure in the travel motor case. Loosen the plug slowly and release the internal pressure.

Be careful with debris when the hammer is being used

When using a hammer, pins may fly out or metal particles may be scattered. This may lead to serious injury.

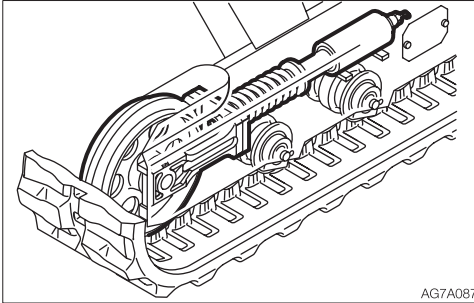
- If hard metal parts such as pins, bucket teeth, side cutter or bearings are hit with a hammer, wear protective gear such as safety goggles and gloves.
- When hitting pins or bucket teeth, always check that there is no one in the surrounding area.



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Never disassemble the track adjuster



There is a very strong spring contained in the track adjuster. If the track adjuster is accidentally disassembled, the spring can pop out, resulting in serious injury. Never disassemble the track adjuster.

Cautions when servicing the air conditioner

If the refrigerant comes in contact with eyes, it damages your eyesight. If the refrigerant comes in contact with skin, it may cause frostbite. Never touch the refrigerant.

Handling of the accumulator



Be sure to handle the high-pressure nitrogen gas enclosed in the accumulator with care. If handled incorrectly, it could explode and cause serious injury. Strictly observe the following precautions:

- Do not disassemble.
- Do not allow flame near or throw it into a fire.
- Do not drill, weld or fuse.
- Do not subject it to physical shock such as hitting, rolling or dropping.
- Before disposing of the unit, the sealed gas must be drained. Contact a Takeuchi service agent for help.



Disconnect the battery wiring



Disconnect the battery wiring before working on the electrical system or doing electric welding. Disconnect the negative (-) battery cable first. When reconnecting, connect the negative (-) battery cable last.

Use caution when handling batteries

- Batteries contain sulfuric acid which will damage the eyes or skin in case of contact.
 - If eye contact occurs, flush immediately with clean water and get prompt medical attention.
 - If accidentally swallowed, drink large quantities of water or milk and call a physician immediately.
 - If acid contacts skin or clothing, wash off immediately with a lot of water.
 - Wear protective goggles and gloves when working with batteries.
 - Batteries generate flammable hydrogen gas which may explode. Keep away from flame, sparks, fire or lighted cigarettes.
 - When checking the level of the battery fluid, use a flashlight.
 - Be sure to stop the engine by turning off the starter switch before inspecting or handling the battery.
 - Be careful not to let metal tools or any metal objects come into contact with the battery terminals and cause a short circuit.
 - Loose battery terminals may result in sparks. Be sure to fasten terminals tightly.
 - Make sure the battery caps are tightened securely.
- Do not charge a battery or jump-start the engine if the battery is frozen; otherwise it may explode. Warm the frozen battery to 15°C (60°F) before use.
 - Do not use the battery when the fluid level is below the lower level limit. Doing so will hasten the deterioration of the internal portions of the battery and shorten the battery life. It also can cause rupturing (explosion).
 - Do not add the distilled water above the upper level limit. Doing so could cause the fluid to leak. This fluid can cause skin damage if contacted, or can cause the machine components to corrode.
 - Use a dampened cloth to clean around the fluid level line and check the fluid level. Do not clean with a dry cloth; otherwise it could cause static electricity to build up, resulting in ignition or explosion.



Periodically replace the safety-critical parts

- To use the machine safely for a longer period, periodically add oil and perform inspection and maintenance. To improve safety, replace the safety-critical parts like hoses and seat belts periodically. Refer to “Safety-critical parts to be replaced periodically” for further details.
- The “Safety-critical parts to be replaced periodically” are the parts which deteriorate, wear and fatigue after repeated use and whose properties change over time. While these characteristics of these parts could cause serious physical or personal damage, judging the remaining life of these parts are difficult from external inspection or the feeling when operating.
- Replace the “Safety-critical parts to be replaced periodically” if any defect is found from external inspection, even when they have not reached the time specified interval.

Jump starting with booster cables

- When starting the engine using the booster cables, be sure to connect the cables in the proper order described below. Wrongly connected cables can result in sparking and battery explosion.
 - Do not allow the “machine in trouble” and “rescue machine” to touch each other.
 - Do not allow the positive (+) and negative (–) clips of the booster cables to touch each other or to come in contact with the machine.
 - When connecting, attach the positive booster cable to the positive (+) terminals first. When disconnecting, remove the negative cable from the negative (–) terminal (ground) first.
 - Be sure to connect the clips securely.
 - Connect the last clip of the booster cable to a point as far away from the battery as possible.
- Always wear the protective goggles and gloves when starting the engine by using the booster cables.
- Use the booster cables and clips of a size suited to the capacity of the battery. Do not use damaged or corroded booster cables and clips.
- Be sure that the battery of the “rescue machine” has the same capacity as the battery of the “machine in trouble”.



Have a Takeuchi service agent repair welding

If welding must be performed, make sure that it is done by a qualified person in a properly equipped workplace. To prevent any part from breaking down or being damaged due to overcurrent or sparks, observe the following.

- Disconnect the wiring from the battery before doing electric welding.
- Do not continuously apply 200 V or more.
- The earth ground must be connected within one meter from the welding section. Do not connect the earth ground near to an electronically controlled device/instrument or connectors.
- Make sure that there are no seals or bearings between the welding section and the earth ground.
- Do not connect the earth ground around the pins for the working equipment or hydraulic cylinders.
- When welding is to be done on the machine body, disconnect the connectors for the electronically controlled devices before working.

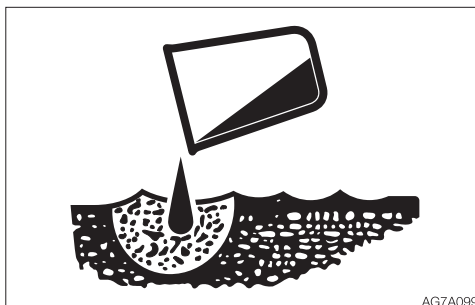
Vibrations operators are subject to

According to the results of the tests conducted to determine the vibrations transmitted to the operator by the machine, the upper limbs are subjected to vibrations lower than 2.5 m/s^2 (8.2 ft/s^2) while the seated part of the body is subjected to vibrations lower than 0.5 m/s^2 (1.64 ft/s^2).

Checks after maintenance

- Gradually increase the engine speed from a low idle to maximum speed and check that there is no oil or water leaking from the serviced parts.
- Operate each control lever and check that the machine is operating properly.

Disposing of wastes



- Always collect oil that is drained from the machine in containers. Improperly disposed waste oil can cause environmental harm.
- Follow appropriate laws and regulations when disposing of harmful objects such as oil, fuel, coolant, solvent, filters and batteries.

Handling of poisonous chemicals

Poisonous chemicals will cause serious injury if directly contacted.

Poisonous chemistry used in this machine includes grease, battery solution, coolant, paint and adhesive agent.

Handle the poisonous chemicals properly with care.



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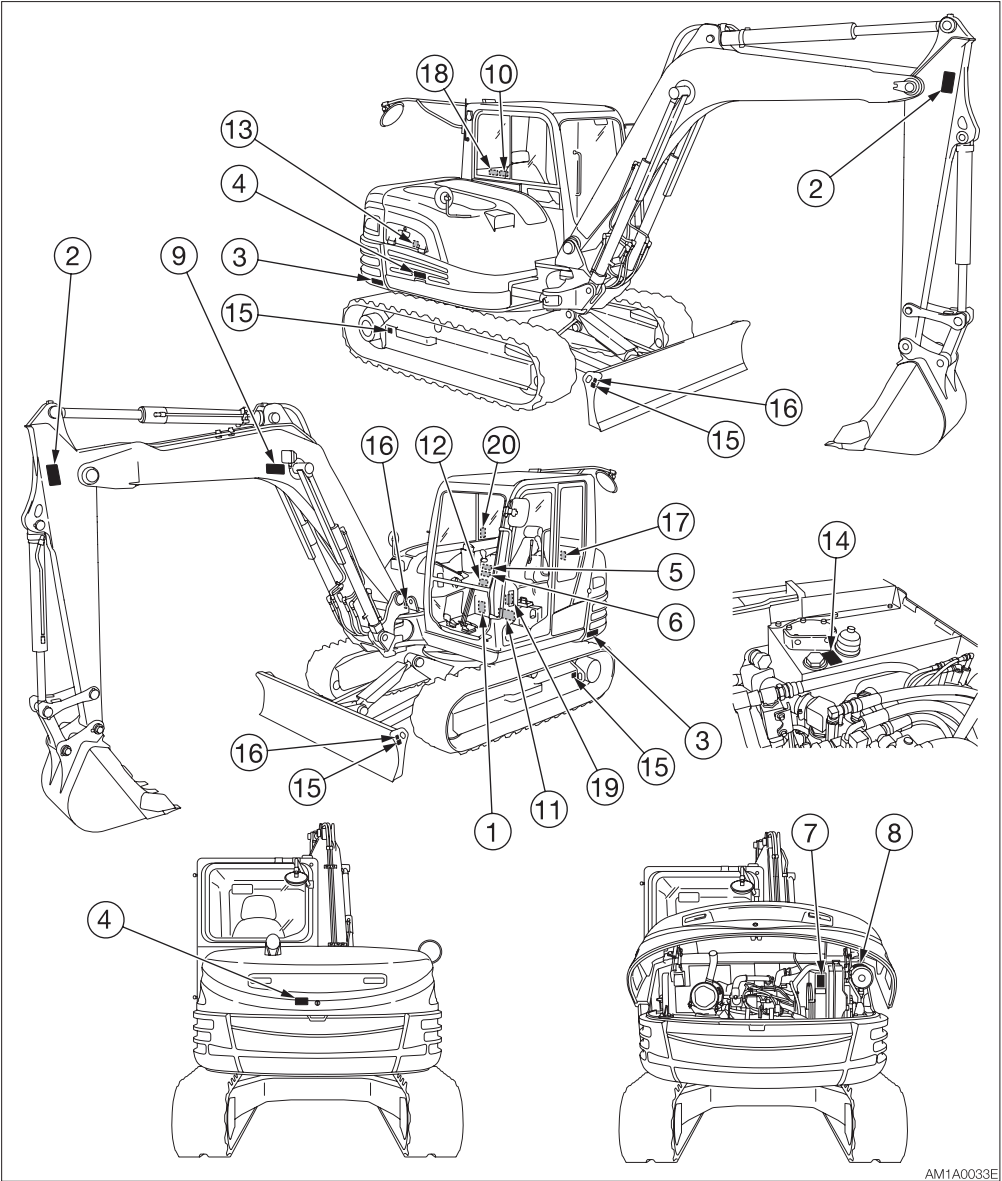
SAFETY SIGNS (DECALS)

For the safety of the operator and the personnel working around the site, safety signs (decals) are placed at certain locations on the machine as shown below. Walk around the machine with this manual, and check the content and location of these safety signs. Review these signs and the operating instructions in this manual with your machine operators.

- Keep the signs clean and legible. If any of the safety labels is peeling or damaged and becomes difficult to read, replenish it with a new one. Please include your product serial number when ordering a new sign from the Takeuchi service agent.
- When a part/unit to which a safety sign is attached is replenished, a new sign must be attached to the new part/unit.



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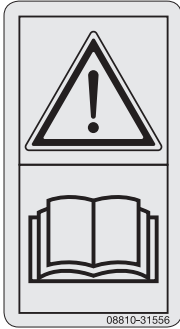
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1. No.0881031556

Warning
Read and understand this manual before performing any operation, inspection or maintenance on this machine.



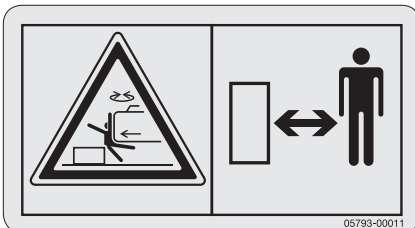
2. No.0579300049

Safety Distance
Hazard of being hit by the working device of the machine.
Keep away from machine during operation.



3. No.0579300011

Safety Distance
Do not get near or stand within the machine working area.



4. No.0379366006

Hazard of rotating parts
Turn off before inspection and maintenance.



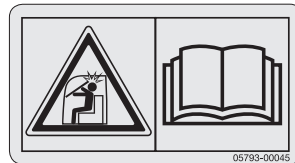
5. No.0881031557

Hazard from falling window
After raising window, be sure to lock it in place with lock pins.



6. No.0579300045

Hazard at lifting or lowering window
When the front window is opened or closed, it will come close to the head. Be careful that the window does not strike the head.



7. No.0579303630

Sign indicates a burn hazard from touching heated parts, such as engine, pump, or muffler during or right after operation.
Never touch when hot.



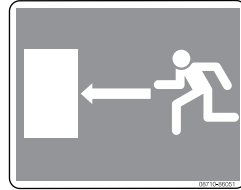


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8. No.0339375040



12. No.0871086051
Position of Emergency Exit



9. No.0359347010



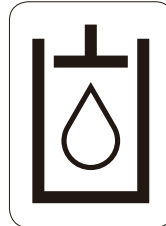
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Diesel fuel



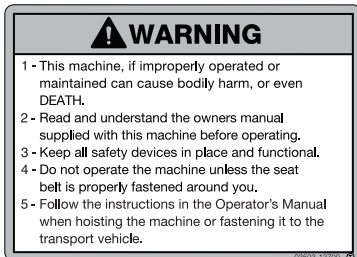
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14. No.0359306700
Hydraulic oil



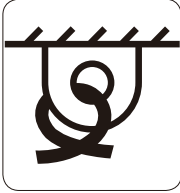
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15. No.0881031549
Tie down point



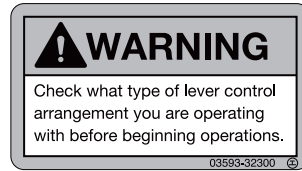
17. No.0399300400
For EU
Position of Fire extinguisher



16. No.0399300500
Position of hoisting



18. No.0359332300 (Option)



19. No.0399354628
Noise Outside the Cab / for EU

This value indicates the noise level outside the machine and refers to the noise perceived by the persons who are in the vicinity of the work area.



20. No.0379369110 (Option)



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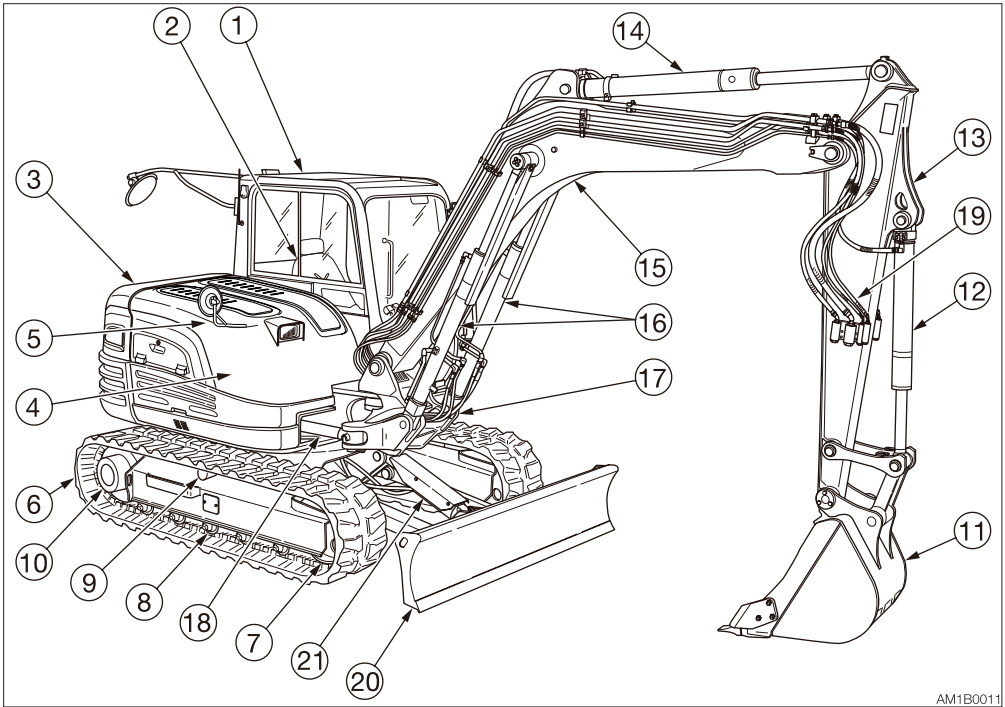
Do not press the float switch while the machine is raised by the dozer blade. Doing so may cause the machine to fall.

CONTROLS





NAMES OF COMPONENTS



Upperstructure

1. Cab
2. Seat
3. Engine hood
4. Fuel tank
5. Hydraulic tank

Undercarriage

6. Crawler belt
7. Idler
8. Track roller
9. Carrier roller
10. Travel motor

Working equipment

11. Bucket
12. Bucket cylinder
13. Arm
14. Arm cylinder
15. Boom
16. Boom cylinder
17. Boom bracket
18. Swing cylinder
19. Auxiliary hydraulic lines
20. Dozer blade
21. Blade cylinder
22. Second boom
23. Second boom cylinder

2-Piece boom

