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Operator's Manual

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This Operator's Manual gives the owner/operator information about maintaining and servicing 2026 and 2041 skid-steer loader models. More importantly, this manual provides an operating plan for safe and proper use of the machine. Major points of safe operation are detailed in the *Safety* chapter of this manual.

We ask that you read and understand the contents of this manual completely and become familiar with your new machine before operating it. See your authorized dealer if you have any questions concerning information in the manual, require extra manuals or for information concerning the availability of manuals in other languages.

Throughout this manual information is provided set in *italic* type and introduced by the word ***Note*** or ***Important***. Read carefully and comply with those messages – it will improve your operating and maintenance efficiency, help avoid breakdowns and damage, and extend your machine's life.

A manual storage box in the operator's compartment holds the Operator's Manual and AEM Safety Manual (also available in Spanish). Please return the manuals to this box and keep them with the unit at all times. If this machine is resold, we recommend that these manuals be given to the new owner.

The attachments and equipment available for use with this machine have a wide variety of potential applications. Read the manual provided with the attachment to learn how to safely maintain and operate the equipment. Be sure the machine is suitably equipped for the type of work to be performed.

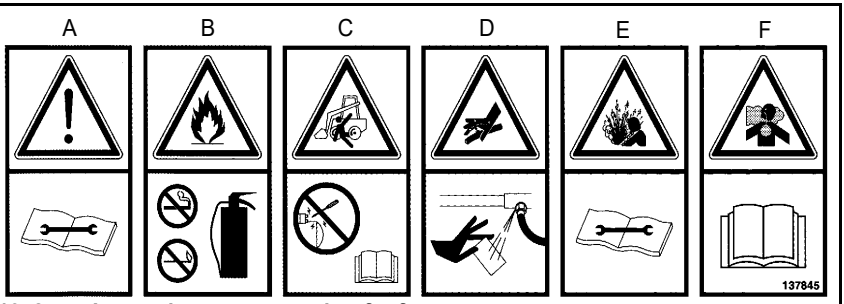
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The Manitou dealership network stands ready to provide you with any assistance you may require, including providing genuine Manitou service parts. All service parts should be obtained from your authorized dealer. Provide complete information about the part and include the model and serial numbers of your machine. Record these numbers in the space provided on the Table of Contents page, as a handy reference.

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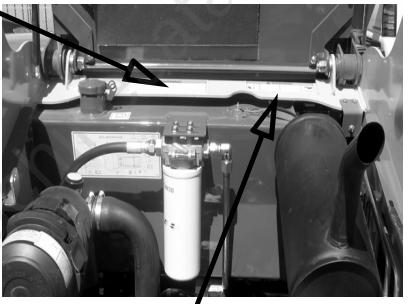
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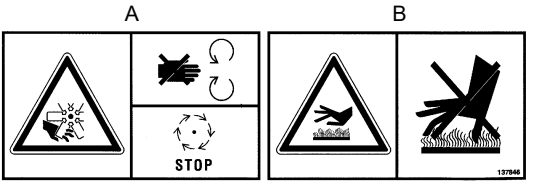
ISO-Style (used Internationally)
Safety Decals in the Engine Compartment



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A – Safety alert: Keep safety devices in place and in working order. Keep guards, screens and windows in place.
B – Fire hazard: Do not smoke while fueling or servicing machine. Clean debris from engine compartment daily to avoid fire. Keep fire extinguisher nearby.
C – Run-over hazard: Jump-start per Operator's Manual procedure.
D – Oil injection hazard: Do not use hands to find hydraulic leaks. Escaping oil under pressure can be invisible and penetrate skin. Use a piece of cardboard to find leaks.
E – Burn hazard: Allow radiator to cool before removing cap. Loosen cap slowly to avoid burns.
F – Suffocation hazard: Operate only in a well-ventilated area.





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A – Rotating fan: Keep hands out or stop engine.
B – Hot surface: Do not touch hot engine or hydraulic system parts.

Cold Starting Procedure

⚠ WARNING Do not use starting fluid (ether) with preheat systems. An explosion can result which can cause engine damage, injury or death.

1. Turn the key to the run position. If the preheat light on the right instrument panel comes on, wait until it goes out.
2. Turn the key switch to the start position.
3. Repeat if engine does not start.

Stopping the Loader

The following procedure is the recommended sequence for stopping the loader:

1. Check that the drive control handle(s) is (are) in "neutral" position.
2. Lower the lift arm and rest the attachment on the ground.
3. Pull the throttle lever back to the low idle position (and/or take your foot off the accelerator pedal for hands-only controlled machines).
4. Turn the keyswitch to the OFF position to shut off the engine.
5. Raise the restraint bar, unfasten the seatbelt and grasp the hand holds while climbing out of the operator's compartment.

Note: *The skid-steer loader is equipped with a spring-applied automatic parking brake. The parking brake is engaged when the operator lifts the restraint bar, leaves the operator's seat, shuts off the engine or when the brake switch is applied.*

Parking the Loader

Park the loader on level ground away from traffic. If this is not possible, park the loader across the incline and block the tires to prevent movement.

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replacement elements, refer to the “Replacement Parts” topic (page 45).

Note: *Before replacing the filter element(s), push the reset button on the indicator. Start the engine and adjust the throttle to full speed. If the indicator does not turn red, do* ***not*** *replace the element(s).*

The outer element should be replaced only when the restriction indicator turns red. The inner element should be replaced every third time the outer element is replaced, unless the outer element is damaged or the inner element is dirty.

Along with a daily check of the restriction indicator, check the air cleaner intake hose and clamps, and the mounting bracket hardware to be sure they are properly tightened.

Access

1. Open the rear door and engine access cover.
2. Unlatch the clamps on the air cleaner and remove the cover. Clean out any dirt built up in the cover assembly.

Outer Element

1. Carefully pull the outer element out of the housing. Never remove the inner element unless it is to be replaced.
2. Clean out any dirt built up in the housing. Leave the inner element installed during this step to prevent debris from entering the engine intake manifold.
3. Replace the outer element.

Note: *Manitou does not recommend cleaning the outer element.*

4. Use a trouble light inside the outer element to inspect for spots, pinholes or ruptures. Replace the outer element if any damage is noted. The outer element must be replaced if it is oil- or soot-laden.

Inner Element

Note: *Replace the inner element only if it is dirty or if the outer element has been replaced three times.*

1. Before removing the inner element from the housing, clean out any dirt built up in the housing. Leave the inner element installed during this step to prevent debris from entering the engine intake manifold.
2. Remove the inner element.

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Hydraulic System

Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy
Lift/Tilt controls fail to respond.	Hydraulic oil viscosity is too heavy.	Allow longer warm-up or replace with proper viscosity oil.
	Hydraulic oil level is low.	Check oil level in reservoir. If oil is low, check for an external leak. Repair and add oil.
	Solenoid valve(s) malfunctioning.	Check electrical connections to lift solenoid and repair.
	Restraint bar or seat switch malfunction.	Check switches.
Auxiliary hydraulics do not function.	Restraint bar is raised.	Lower the restraint bar.
	Lock solenoid malfunctioning	Check electrical connections to lock solenoid and repair connections as needed. If lock solenoid is still not functioning properly, contact your dealer.
	Restraint bar switch malfunctioning.	Check electrical connections to restraint bar switch and repair connections as needed. If switch is still not functioning properly, contact your dealer.
Hydraulic cylinder action is slow for lift and/or tilt functions.	Low engine speed.	Operate engine at higher speed.
	Hydraulic oil viscosity is too heavy.	Allow longer warm-up or replace existing oil with proper viscosity oil.
	Control linkage is restricted.	Check for control linkage restriction and adjust.
	Hydraulic oil leaking past cylinder piston seals.	Contact your dealer.
	Worn gear pump.	Contact your dealer.
	Solenoid valve(s) could be malfunctioning.	Check electrical connections to lift solenoid and repair connections as needed. If lift solenoid valve is still not functioning properly, contact your dealer.
	Relief valve in control valve not functioning correctly. (Squealing noise should be evident while operating.)	Contact your dealer.

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CHAPTER 7

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

This Maintenance Interval Chart was developed to match the *Service* chapter of this manual. Detailed information on each service procedure can be found in the *Service* chapter. A Maintenance Log follows the chart for recording the maintenance performed. Recording the 10-hour (or daily) service intervals would be impractical and is therefore not recommended.

Important: *Under severe operating conditions, more frequent service than the recommended intervals may be required. You must decide, based on your use, if your operation requires more frequent service.*

Maintenance Interval Chart

Service Procedure	Maximum Interval		
	10 Hours (or Daily)	250 Hours	500 Hours (or Yearly)
Check Engine Air Cleaner Restriction Indicator (page 47)	●		
Check Engine Oil Level (page 49)	●		
Check Hydraulic Oil Level (page 52)	●		
Check Tire Pressures (page 56)	●		
Grease Lift Arm, Hitch and Cylinder Pivots (page 46)	●		
Check Bucket Cutting Edge (page 51)	●		
Check Seat and Restraint Bar Operation (page 55)	●		
Check Coolant Level (page 53)	●		
Clean Cooling System (page 53)		●	
Check Wheel Nuts Torque (page 55)	❍	●	
Check Oil Level in Chaincases (page 54)		●	
Clean Spark Arrestor Muffler (page 51)		●	
Check Alternator/Fan Belt Tensions (page 51)		●	
Change Engine Oil and Filter (page 50)	□		●
Change Hydraulic Oil Filter (page 52)	□		●
Check Battery (page 57)			●
Check Engine Mounting Hardware (page 49)			●
Change Fuel Filters (page 50)			●
Change Hydraulic Oil (page 52)			◆
Change Chaincase Oil (page 54)	□		◆
Drain/Flush Cooling System (page 53)			●

❍ Perform the initial procedure at 2 hours then at "●" intervals.

□ Perform the initial procedure at 50 hours then at "●" intervals.

◆ Perform the maintenance at 1000 hours.

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