



**ARION 650-630-610**

**ARION 550-530-510**

**HEXASHIFT-CIS**

**Operator's manual**

**Original operator's manual**

## Validity of the operator's manual

This operator's manual is valid for the following tractors:

Description	Type	Tractor serial number	
		From	to
ARION 500	A74	A7400050	
ARION 600		A7600050	

The operator's manual describes the possible equipment for your tractor. The tractor's equipment is shown on the order confirmation.

## **Technical information**

The technical specifications, dimensions and weights are provided on a non-binding basis. CLAAS reserves the right to modify them as part of technical development, subject to errors.

## Spare parts and technical questions

For all spare parts orders and for all requests for technical information, indicate the corresponding identification numbers:

- ▶ Tractor
- ▶ Engine
- ▶ Gearbox
- ▶ Front/rear axle
- ▶ Front power take-off
- ▶ Cab
- ▶ Software version

This is necessary to avoid errors with the spare parts being delivered.

The identification number is found on the identification plate for the component concerned.

## Appropriate use

The CLAAS ARION 500/600 range of farm tractors has been designed exclusively for professional use in line with the recognised rules governing farming practices and agricultural work.

The ARION 500/600 tractor has been designed and adapted to tow, push, move and carry the implements/equipment/loads authorised by the manufacturer, and to control certain implements or compact using implements (weights) authorised by the manufacturer as part of agricultural work.

The farm tractor must only be used, maintained and repaired by persons with a thorough knowledge of the tractor, who are aware of the possible risks. The tractor must only ever be used by qualified personnel who have been trained how to drive it. Always keep children away from the tractor and agricultural machinery.

Appropriate use also requires strict observance of the instructions contained in the operator's manual, as well as the operating, maintenance and repair regulations laid down by the manufacturer. When an implement or trailer is hitched to the tractor, always comply with the instructions in this user manual, as well as the instructions in the user manual for the hitched implement or trailer. Do not use the tractor/machine or tractor/trailer assembly unless all these instructions have been followed.

Specific accident prevention instructions, as well as general rules concerning technical safety, health and safety regulations and the highway code, must be observed by the user and owner.

Any use other than that defined above will be considered inappropriate and will release the manufacturer from any liability in the event of damage or injury; the user alone will bear the risks resulting from such misuse.

Contact a qualified specialist workshop to guarantee correct use of the tractor in the specific applications.

## Inappropriate use

Any use not foreseen by the manufacturer shall be considered to be inappropriate, and therefore as misuse. The manufacturer accepts no responsibility in case of damage; such use is entirely at the user's own risk.

Examples of inappropriate use of CLAAS tractors from the ARION 500-600 range:

- Use of surfaces or spaces not defined as working or maintenance areas in the operator's manual.
- Failure to follow the information in the operator's manual when performing adjustment, cleaning or maintenance operations.
- Carrying out breakdown or maintenance work while the system is in operation and/or the engine is running.
- Non-compliance with the warnings on the tractor or in the operator's manual.
- Untrained persons carrying out maintenance or repair work.
- Unauthorised modifications to the tractor.
  - o Equipment modification
  - o Software modification or addition.
- Installation of unauthorised equipment.
- Use of unauthorised spare parts.
- Use of devices and equipment not authorised by the manufacturer.
- Use of implements and devices/equipment which are not compatible with each other.
- Use in sporting events.
- Exceeding the total technically authorised weight.
- Transporting persons outside of the seats intended for this purpose.
  - o Depending on the tractor equipment, a passenger seat may be used to transport one person.

## **European regulations**

ARION 500/600 tractors put in circulation meet European regulation 167/2013.

For countries which do not form part of the European Union, respect the relevant applicable national prescriptions.

# Safety and accident prevention instructions

This list is not exhaustive. The risks taken in the work space must be continuously evaluated.

- ▶ In all circumstances, respect the legislation relating to driving wheel-fitted farm tractors applicable in your country.
- ▶ Never exceed the maximum authorised speed. If necessary, consult the police or your insurance company for more information.
- ▶ The loads on the front and rear axles must not exceed the maximum authorised loads.  
Load capacities
- ▶ Before any movement, check the tractor's brakes.
- ▶ Before any movement, check the brakes of any towed implement which has a braking system.
- ▶ CLAAS tractors have been designed for farming applications. However, certain working environments likely to cause the tractor to tip over must be avoided (the following list is not exhaustive):
  - ▶ Unstable river banks.
  - ▶ Steep slopes.
- ▶ Be aware that the tractor will become less stable when working with heavy tools at height:
  - ▶ Anticipate how the tractor may react when carrying out a command.
  - ▶ Move the tool slowly, where possible.
- ▶ The doors must be securely closed when travelling on roads.
- ▶ Before travelling on the road:
  - ▶ Adjust the mirrors to optimise the field of vision.
  - ▶ Clean the mirrors if necessary.
- ▶ Make sure that the implement is hitched correctly and safely locked in position.
- ▶ Whenever possible, avoid using busy roads.
- ▶ When transporting equipment on a public road, use the warning device required by the highway code.
- ▶ Check that the signalling devices are operating correctly.
- ▶ The signalling devices must be clearly visible.
- ▶ Under no circumstances may the work lights be on when travelling on the road.
- ▶ Before travelling on the road, couple the brake pedals.
- ▶ Do not use the hand accelerator when the tractor is travelling on the road.
- ▶ Do not use the differential lock on roads or when cornering.
- ▶ Before travelling on the road, disengage the front and rear power take-offs.
- ▶ Before travelling on the road, position the hitched, mounted or semi-mounted implements in the transport position. If the implement has transport wheels, use them.
- ▶ The instructions on wearing the driver's and passenger's seat belt are set by the traffic regulations in the country of use. Comply with the regulations in force in the country where the tractor is used.
- ▶ When driving on rough roads or tracks, reduce your speed.
- ▶ Check that nobody is standing:
  - ▶ in the risk zone located between the tractor and the implement being carried/towed.
  - ▶ near the front/rear lifting areas of the tractor.
  - ▶ near the wheels while the tractor is being used.
  - ▶ in the deployment area of the implements hitched to the tractor.
- ▶ When the tractor is parked unintentionally or deliberately on a public road and represents a danger to traffic, it is essential to:
  - ▶ switch on the hazard warning lights.
  - ▶ Place a warning triangle ahead of the danger zone (according to the regulations in force in the country where the tractor is used).
- ▶ Slow down before changing direction.
- ▶ Before exiting the tractor, lower the front and rear implements to the ground.

- ▶ When travelling downhill, always remain in gear: never declutch. The gear selected should be the same as would be used to climb an equivalent gradient.
- ▶ Always use implements which are in good condition, and suited to the power of the tractor and the type of work to be performed.
- ▶ Always use the tractor and hitched implements with the safety devices/protective equipment provided. The safety devices/protective equipment must be maintained in good condition and replaced if they are damaged or not fit for purpose.
- ▶ Always use personal protective equipment which is suited to the work to be performed (safety shoes, gloves, overalls, mask, boots, etc.).
- ▶ Extended exposure to high noise levels may cause hearing conditions, even deafness. To avoid these risks, wear hearing protection such as ear plugs.
- ▶ Ensure the tractor/implement assembly is kept a sufficient distance away from power lines.
- ▶ Each time the tyres are replaced or changed, it is necessary to:

- ▶ Perform a new instrument panel calibration procedure to ensure that the speed limits set by the traffic regulations are observed.

Instrument panel calibration

- ▶ Obtain a new approval for tyres not originally provided for the model concerned.
- ▶ The following 3 conditions should be observed when hitching a trailer or implement:
  - ▶ The value limits authorised by the ladder hitch/clevis drawbar
- ▶ The maximum authorised tow weights are indicated on the tractor's identification plate.

Tractor identification plate

These values are also found in the table detailing the tractor's specifications.

Maximum authorised tow weights

- ▶ The value limits authorised by the country's traffic regulations.
- ▶ Above a certain size, the trailer or the towed implement hitched to the tractor must be equipped with a braking device.
- ▶ When using a trailer or towed implement equipped with an air or hydraulic braking system (for more information, please refer to the operator's manual for the hitched implement):
  - ▶ If the implement has a hydraulic braking system, connect the trailer's hydraulic braking hose to the hydraulic pressure tap located at the rear of the tractor.
- ▶ If the implement has an air braking system, connect the trailer's air braking hose(s) to the air coupling attachment(s) at the rear of the tractor.

Trailer hydraulic brake

Trailer air brake

- ▶ Check that the pressure (hydraulic or air) supplied by the tractor's trailer braking device is compatible with the pressure accepted by the towed equipment.
- ▶ Periodically check (or have checked) the condition of the brakes on towed equipment hitched to the tractor (towed equipment with a faulty braking device will risk the safety of the trailer by overloading the tractor's braking device). CLAAS declines any liability in relation to poor maintenance (or adjustment) of the braking device of the towed equipment hitched to the tractor.
- ▶ When opening an element assisted by gas struts (doors, hatches, covers, steps, etc.), always pay close attention to the movement in order to prevent injuries.
- ▶ Before controlling an implement from the tractor, always consider:
  - ▶ the area in which the implement will be deployed/used;
  - ▶ the movements which will be performed by the implement.
- ▶ For safety reasons, pay close attention to the operations performed by the tractor and hitched implements. Stop the operations in progress immediately as soon as the movements performed:
  - ▶ are not/no longer those expected.
  - ▶ are likely to endanger the life/safety of a person.
- ▶ When a visual or audible warning occurs, repair/replace any damaged/fragile equipment as a preventive measure, independently of the maintenance intervals required.
- ▶ Do not open the engine bonnet when the engine is running.

- ▶ Under certain conditions of use (strong sunlight, particularly high external temperature, using the tractor with a heavy load, etc.), some parts of the tractor (handrails, door handle, engine bonnet, exhaust duct protective grille, toolbox, tank cap, etc.) may reach high temperatures. Under such conditions, wear protective gloves in order to be able to touch potentially hot tractor parts.
- ▶ Apart from standard tractor maintenance, maintenance operations must be performed in a qualified specialist workshop. If this is not the case, the user runs the risk of the following:
  - ▶ Faults due to incorrect maintenance procedures.
  - ▶ Accidents due to a component being incorrectly tightened.
- ▶ If a tractor device enters defect mode, an error message appears on the screen of the on-board computer:
  - ▶ Stop the work in progress immediately.
  - ▶ Park the tractor in a safe location.
  - ▶ Switch off the engine.
  - ▶ Contact a qualified specialist workshop.

## Driving the tractor

- ▶ Do not enter or exit the tractor when it is in motion.
- ▶ Always respect the regulations in force in the country where the tractor is used.
- ▶ Control the load speed under all circumstances. Adapt the speed to the conditions of the environment in which the tractor is used.
- ▶ On journeys involving travelling downhill, use the engine brake and maintain a suitable speed.
- ▶ Consider the wheelbase and the inertia mass of hitched implements.
- ▶ Caution: risk of overturning.
- ▶ Do not turn sharply when working on slopes. Respect the maximum slope allowed for working.
- ▶ During a break in work, even if only brief, stop the engine and apply the handbrake.
- ▶ Consider the wheelbase and the inertia mass of hitched implements.
- ▶ Start turning in good time.
- ▶ Do not correct the tractor's steering suddenly when turning.
- ▶ When changing direction, observe traffic carefully on both sides.
- ▶ When travelling with a trailer or a hitched implement, check the steering angle in order to prevent the implement from making contact with the tractor (for example, with the tractor tyres). In case of contact, decelerate the load immediately. If necessary, reverse the tractor and take the bend with a wider radius.
- ▶ With large steering angles, implements may protrude past the outer edge of the bend. Beware of any persons or obstacles on the edge of the road as well as traffic in the opposite direction.
- ▶ Switch off the ignition when immobilising the tractor.
- ▶ In the event of malfunctions on major safety components such as the steering or brakes:
  - ▶ Immobilise the tractor immediately in a safe location.
  - ▶ Switch off the engine.
  - ▶ Chock the tractor's wheels.
  - ▶ Call a qualified specialist workshop before using the tractor again.

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