

FORD

Series 761A Rake Attachment



OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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This manual contains information on the operation of your new Ford Series 761A Rake. Also included is information on adjustments, parts, and assembly.

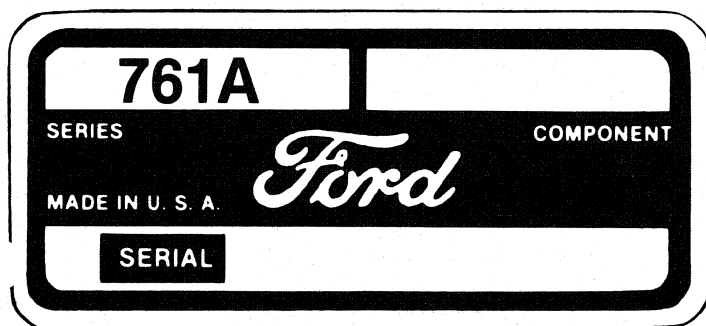
Read this manual carefully before operating your Rake, and keep it handy for future reference. If at any time, you have a

service problem with your Rake, remember your Ford New Holland Dealer is best qualified to service it; he has factory-trained service technicians, genuine Ford parts, and the correct tools and equipment to do the right job in the shortest possible time.

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SAMPLE SERIAL PLATE



The serial number plate is located on the front of the rake frame weldment. Record the model and serial number of your Rake.

Model: _____

Serial Number: _____



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



The following precautions are suggested to help prevent accidents.

A careful operator is the best operator. Most accidents can be avoided by observing certain precautions. Read and take the following precautions before operating this equipment to help prevent accidents. Equipment should be operated only by those who are responsible and instructed to do so.

THE EQUIPMENT

1. Read this manual carefully to acquaint yourself with the equipment. Working with unfamiliar equipment can lead to accidents.
2. Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace with authorized service parts if an excessive amount of wear is present.
3. If safety decals are missing, illegible, or damaged they should be replaced. See list of decals on page 7.
4. Do not modify or alter or permit anyone to modify or alter this equipment or any of its component or any equipment function without first consulting a Ford New Holland Dealer.
5. Keep safety decals clean of dirt and grime.

OPERATING THE RAKE

1. Be sure your feet are *NEVER* under the rake when changing the angle of the rake.
2. All mechanical elevated components must be blocked to prevent accidental lowering or must be lowered to the ground when adjustments or repairs are made.
3. Never leave the rake in the raised position.
4. Do not make mechanical adjustments while the unit is in motion or the engine is running.
5. Make adjustments only when rake is attached to tractor.
6. Always use the tractor anti-sway bars, blocks, or chains to prevent rake side sway.
7. Be sure to place adequate counter weight on the tractor and move wheels to recommended settings for optimum stability.
8. Clear the area of people, pets, and debris when adjusting or operating rake.
9. Never allow anyone to ride on the rake.

10. Be careful to avoid catching rake on stumps or other immovable objects. Be alert, watch to the front and rear when working with the rake.
11. When operating near and around buildings, or passing through narrow spaces, be sure to allow sufficient clearance for the rake.
12. Avoid sharp turns with brakes, drive slowly over rough ground, side hills, and around curves to avoid tipping.
13. Be sure rake is in fully raised position when in transport.
14. Angle wide rakes to limit overhang during highway transport.
15. When parking, be sure the brakes are set and the rake is fully lowered.

THE TRACTOR

1. Read the Operator's Manual carefully before using the tractor. Lack of operating knowledge can lead to accidents.
2. Use an approved Rollbar and Seat Belt for safe operation. Overturning a tractor without a rollbar can result in death or injury. If your tractor is not equipped with a rollbar and seat belt, see your Ford New Holland Dealer.
3. Always use the seat belt when the rollbar is installed. Do not use seat belts if the rollbar is removed from the tractor.
4. Use the handholds and step plates when getting on and off the tractor to prevent falls. Keep steps and platform cleared of mud and debris.
5. Do not permit anyone but the operator to ride on the tractor. There is not a safe place for extra riders.

OPERATING THE TRACTOR

1. Do not start the engine while standing beside the tractor. Always sit in the tractor seat while starting the engine.
2. Do not run the tractor engine in an enclosed building without adequate ventilation. Exhaust fumes can suffocate you.
3. The operator should never get off the tractor while it is in motion.
4. Do not allow an open flame near the fuel tank or battery, to prevent fires and explosions.
5. Use the flasher/turn signal lights when traveling on public roads both day and night, unless prohibited by law.
6. Make sure the PTO shield is installed when using PTO-driven equipment, and always replace the PTO shaft cap when the PTO is not in use.
7. Always bring the tractor to a complete stop, and shut off the engine before getting off the tractor.
8. Do not park the tractor on a steep incline.

9. Use care when operating on steep grades to maintain proper stability.
10. Keep the tractor in gear when going down hill.
11. If the front end tends to rise, install front end or front wheel weights. Do not continue to operate with a "light" front end. **20** percent of the tractor weight **MUST** be on the tractor front axle.
12. Drive the tractor with care and at speeds compatible with safety, especially when operating over rough ground, crossing ditches, slopes, or when turning to avoid upsets.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ford Series 761A Rake is designed for quick and easy installation on Ford Tractors 17 to 35 PTO horsepower. The Rake is available in 6' and 8' widths. The rake can be angled to the left or right, with two adjustments to 30° each way.

Optional kits available for the rake are Dual Gauge Wheels, and Flip-up Grader Blade.

TRACTOR WEIGHTING

When a mounted implement is raised to the transport position, the tractor front wheel weight must be at least 20% of tractor total weight.

Add additional front end ballast as required for stability during operation and transport. Tractor front end ballast may not always maintain satisfactory stability if the tractor is operated at high speeds on rough terrain. Reduce tractor speed and exercise caution under these conditions.

Refer to your tractor operators manual for information on ballasting and weighting limitations.



WARNING: Do NOT use this implement on any tractor that can not be ballasted to provide a front wheel weight of at least 20% of tractor weight.

IMPORTANT: Do not exceed the maximum load carrying capacity of your tractor.

WHENEVER YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL



ATTENTION!
IT MEANS: **BECOME ALERT!**
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!

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