## FORD SERIES 782 REAR BLADES

# Operator's Manual





Ford Tractor Operations

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## **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**



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 rear blade to help prevent accidents. Equipment should be operated only by those who are responsible and instructed to do so.

### **OPERATING THE REAR BLADE**

- Read this manual carefully to acquaint yourself with the Rear Blade. Working with unfamiliar equipment can lead to accidents.
- 2. Keep alert and watch the front as well as the rear when working with the blade.
- Always lower the blade to the ground and stop the engine before leaving the tractor.
- 4. Always be sure the blade is in the fully raised position when in transport.
- When turning close to buildings or passing through narrow areas, be sure to allow sufficient clearance for the blade.
- 6. Travel slowly over rough terrain.
- Be careful to avoid catching the blade on stumps or other immovable objects.
- 8. Use extra caution when backfilling deep holes or trenches.
- 9. Always use the tractor anti-sway bars, blocks, or chains to prevent blade side-sway. This is a must when using the blade in a reverse position.
- Make adjustments only when the blade is attached to the tractor.
- 11. When removing, changing the angle, or reversing the blade, be sure that your feet are not under the blade. Be sure blade retaining pin is in place before reversing blade.
- 12. Keep all people and pets a safe distance away when operating the blade.
- 13. Avoid excessive tractor speed during operation.
- Use care when ditching on slopes to prevent overturning.

### THE TRACTOR

 Read the Operator's Manual carefully before using the tractor. Lack of operating knowledge can lead to accidents.

- 16. 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 Tractor Equipment Dealer.
- 17. Always use the seat belt when the rollbar is installed. Do not use the seat belt if the rollbar is removed from the tractor.
- 18. 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.
- Do not permit anyone but the operator to ride on the tractor. There is no safe place for extra riders.

### **OPERATING THE TRACTOR**

- Never start the engine while standing beside the tractor. Always sit in the tractor seat while starting the engine.
- 21. Never run the tractor engine in a closed building without adequate ventilation, as the exhaust fumes are very dangerous.
- 22. Always set the hydraulic selector lever in Position Control when attaching equipment, transporting equipment, and when no equipment is attached.
- 23. Never allow an open flame near the fuel tank or battery.
- 24. Use the flasher warning lamp when traveling on public roads, day or night, unless prohibited by law in your state.
- 25. Make sure the PTO shield is installed when using PTO-driven equipment, and always replace the PTO shield if damaged.
- 26. Always bring the tractor to a complete stop, and shut off the engine before getting off the tractor.
- 27. Never park the tractor on a steep incline.
- 28. Use care when operating on steep grades to maintain proper stability.
- 29. Keep the tractor in gear when going downhill.
- 30. If the front end tends to rise, install front end or front wheel weights. Do not continue to operate with a "light" front end.
- Always drive the tractor at speeds compatible with safety, especially when operating over rough ground, crossing ditches, slopes, or when turning.

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