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**Winch**

**OMM161331 F0**

**OPERATOR'S MANUAL**



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Original Instruction

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# INTRODUCTION

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## Introduction

### Using Your Operator's Manual

Read this entire operator's manual, especially the safety information, before operating.

This manual is an important part of your machine. Keep all manuals in a convenient location so they can be accessed easily.

Use the safety and operating information in the attachment operator's manual, along with the machine operator's manual, to operate and service the attachment safely and correctly.

If your attachment manual has a section called Preparing the Machine, it means that you will have to do something to your tractor or vehicle before you can install the attachment. The Assembly and Installation sections of this manual provide information to assemble and install the attachment to your tractor or vehicle. Use the Service section to make any needed adjustments and routine service to your attachment.

If you have any questions or concerns with the assembly, installation, or operation of this attachment, see your local John Deere dealer or call the John Deere Customer Contact Center at 1-800-537-8233 for assistance.

Warranty information on this John Deere attachment can be found in the warranty that came with your John Deere tractor or vehicle.

### Machine Use

In using a utility vehicle in true off-road conditions, a vehicle can get stuck in the ground it is driving on. This can be due to the fact the ground becomes too slippery for traction to build up, because wheels dig themselves into the ground due to low compaction of the soil/snow or because ground clearance has been jeopardized.

In general, vehicles driving in the before described conditions tend to travel in pairs so each vehicle can be used to retrieve the other when needed.

When GATOR™ utility vehicle operators find themselves in the before mentioned driving conditions, an optional winch is provided in order to give the vehicle a self-recovery mechanism. By the addition of a winch the GATOR utility vehicle will be better suited to be used as a vehicle in the described conditions without the direct need for a second vehicle.

The cable of the winch is to be attached to an obstacle/object which is known to be strong and stable and capable of taking the load of pulling the vehicle.

The manufacturer accepts no liability for damage or injury resulting from this misuse, and these risks must be borne solely by the user. Compliance with and strict adherence to the conditions of operation, service and repair as specified by the manufacturer also constitute essential elements for the intended use.

This machine should be operated, serviced and repaired only by persons familiar with all its particular characteristics and acquainted with the relevant safety rules (accident prevention). The accident prevention regulations, all other generally recognized regulations on safety and occupational medicine and the road traffic regulations must be observed at all times.

Any arbitrary modifications carried out on this machine will relieve the manufacturer of all liability for any resulting damage or injury.

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## Product Identification

### Product Compatibility

The Winch is designed for use with XUV 625i, XUV 825i and XUV 855D Gator™ Utility Vehicles.

### Record Purchase Information

# PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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Record your purchase information in the spaces provided below.

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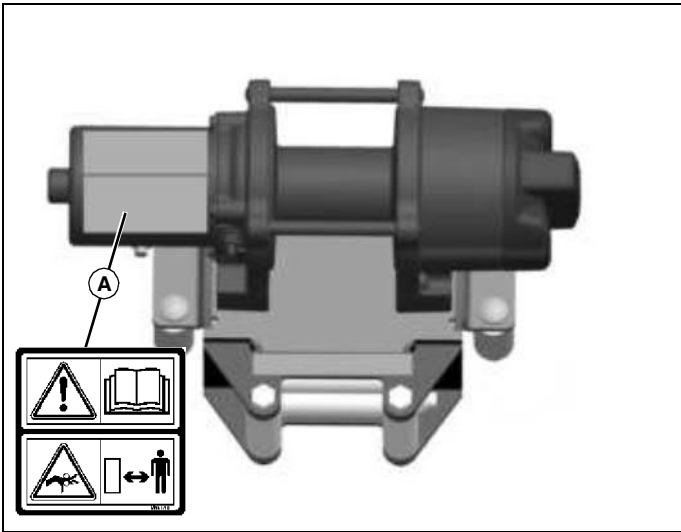
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# SAFETY LABELS

## Safety Labels

### Safety Label Location



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**Picture Note:** Use label number listed in table below to locate complete text of safety label message following this illustration.

**A- M156762 Caution/Warning**



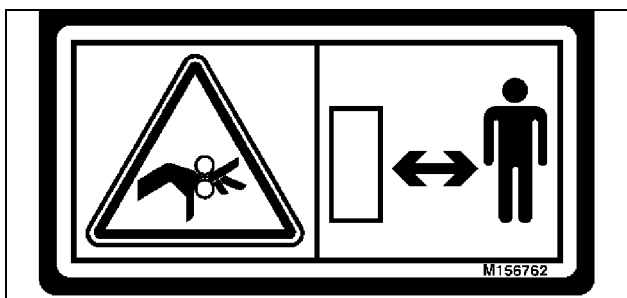
### Pictorial Safety Signs

At several important places on this machine safety signs are affixed intended to signify potential danger. The hazard is identified by a pictorial in a warning triangle. An adjacent pictorial provides information how to avoid personal injury.

These safety signs, their placement on the machine and a brief explanatory text are shown in this Safety section.

There can be additional safety information contained on parts and components sourced from suppliers that is not reproduced in this operator's manual.

### WARNING M156762

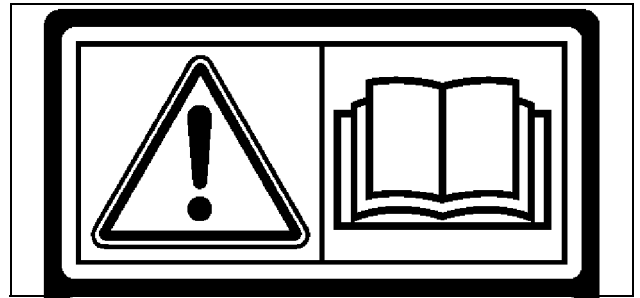


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### TO AVOID ENTANGLEMENT

- Keep hands, feet and clothing clear of cable, hook loop, hook and fairlead opening
- Wear heavy gloves when handling hook and cable
- Use supplied hook strap when spooling cable in and out

### CAUTION M156762



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### TO AVOID INJURY

- Read Operator's Manual
- Keep bystanders away when operating
- Never use as an overhead hoist to suspend a load, or to lift or move people.

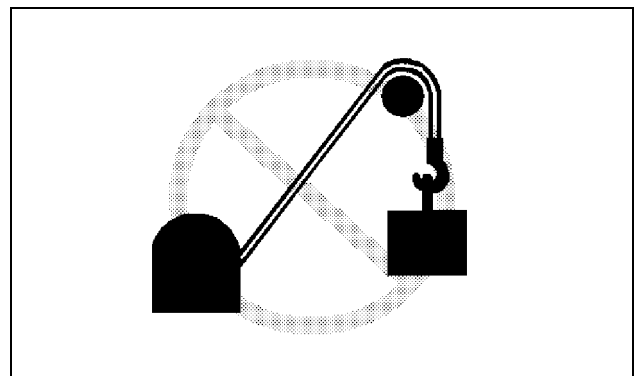
## Safety

### Read Safety in Machine Operator's Manual

Read the general safety operating precautions in your machine operator's manual for additional safety information.

### Operating Safely

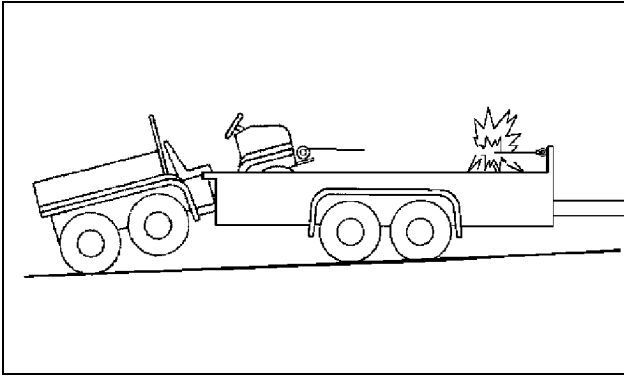
- Read, understand and follow all instructions and safety information in the manuals and on the winch before operating.
- Inspect equipment before you operate. Be sure hardware is tight. Repair or replace damaged, badly worn, or missing parts.
- Use and become familiar with the winch before you actually need it in an emergency situation.



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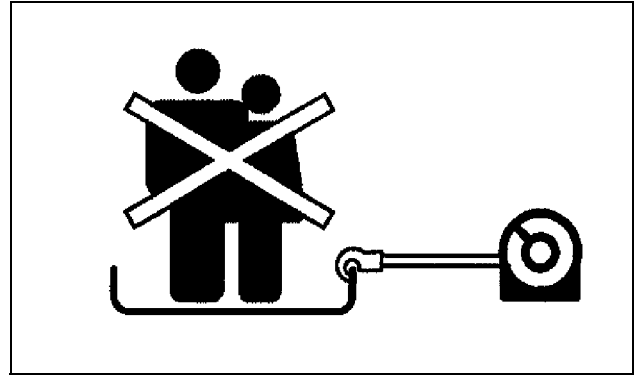
- Never use winch for towing or hoisting. A winch is not designed for such service. A sudden shock load can cause the cable or drum to break.
- Never exceed the rated winch capacity. Do not drive the vehicle to assist with pulling a load attached to the winch. This could overload the drum or cable.
- Make sure tackle such as hooks, pulley blocks, and straps are sized appropriately for the job. Use only factory approved remote controls and accessories.

# SAFETY



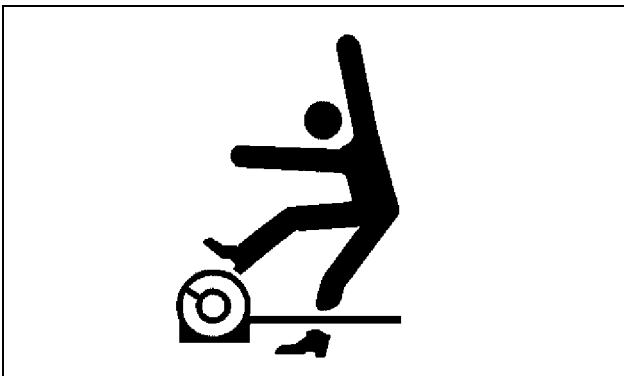
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- Do not use winch to secure a load during transport.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions to operate the winch.
- Always stand clear of the cable and load and keep others away when winching. If cable breaks or pulls loose under load, it can backlash with great force.
- Lay a heavy blanket or jacket over the winch line near the hook end when pulling heavy loads. This will act as a damper to help prevent cable backlash in the event of an equipment failure.



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- Do not use winch to move persons.
- Never hold the winch cable hook with your hand when rewinding the cable. Hand or fingers can become crushed. Use the hook strap provided.
- Disconnect the winch power cord before leaving machine unattended.
- Only operate during daylight or with good artificial light.
- Never operate winch while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones while winching. Safe operation requires your full attention.



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- Never step over the cable, even if it is not under tension.
- Only use a 12 volt DC power source to operate your winch. Other power sources can result in fatal shock or damage to the winch.
- Never allow the winch to become submerged in water.
- Always operate winch with an unobstructed view of the winching operation.
- Stop the winching operation if anyone enters the area.

## Parking Safely

1. Stop vehicle on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Lock park brake.
3. Stop engine.
4. Remove key.
5. Before you leave the operator's seat, wait for engine and all moving parts to stop.
6. Disconnect the negative battery cable or remove the spark plug wire (for gasoline engines) before servicing the machine.

## Practice Safe Maintenance



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- Disengage all power and stop vehicle engine before servicing. Lock park brake and remove the key. Let machine cool.
- Disconnect the winch power leads from battery before servicing to prevent accidental start-up of the winch.
- Understand service procedure before doing work. Keep area clean and dry.
- Use only factory approved parts for repairs.

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