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Rotary Tiller
RT55
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OMKV18189 F1
OPERATOR'S MANUAL



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INTRODUCTION

Thank You for Purchasing a John Deere Product

We appreciate your business and wish you many years of safe and satisfied use of your machine.

Using Your Operator's Manual

This manual is an important part of your machine and should remain with the machine at all times.

Reading your operator's manual will help you and others avoid personal injury or damage to the machine. Information given in this manual will provide the operator with the safest and most effective use of the machine. Knowing how to operate this machine safely and correctly will allow you to train others who may operate this machine.

This manual and safety signs on your machine may also be available in other languages (see your John Deere dealer to order).

Sections in your operator's manual are placed in a specific order to help you understand all the safety messages and learn the controls so you can operate this machine safely. You can also use this manual to answer any specific operating or servicing questions. A convenient index located at the end of this book will help you to find needed information quickly.

The machine shown in this manual may differ slightly from your machine, but will be similar enough to help you understand our instructions.

RIGHT-HAND and LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction the machine will travel when going forward. When you see a broken line arrow (----->), the item referred to is hidden from view.

Before delivering this machine, your dealer performed a pre-delivery inspection to ensure best performance.

Special Messages

Your manual contains special messages to bring attention to potential safety concerns, machine damage as well as helpful operating and servicing information. Please read all the information carefully to avoid injury and machine damage.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! This text is used to tell the operator of actions or conditions that might result in damage to the machine.

NOTE: General information is given throughout the manual that may help the operator in the operation or service of the machine.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! This symbol and text highlight potential hazards or death to the operator or bystanders that may occur if the hazards or procedures are ignored.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Record Identification Numbers

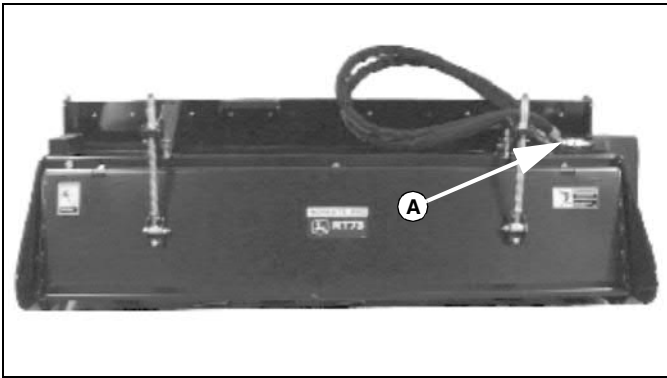
Rotary Tiller

RT55 Serial No. (KVRT55X100100 -)

RT73 Serial No. (KVRT73X300100 -)

If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and serial number.

You will need to locate the model and serial numbers for the rotary tiller and record the information in the spaces provided below.



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DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

DEALER PHONE:

SERIAL NUMBER (A):

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SAFETY

Understanding The Machine Safety Labels



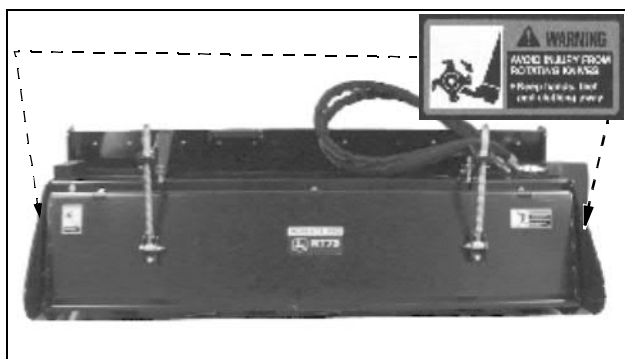
MIF

The machine safety labels shown in this section are placed in important areas on your machine to draw attention to potential safety hazards.

On your machine safety labels, the words DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are used with this safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

The operator's manual also explains any potential safety hazards whenever necessary in special safety messages that are identified with the word, CAUTION, and the safety-alert symbol.

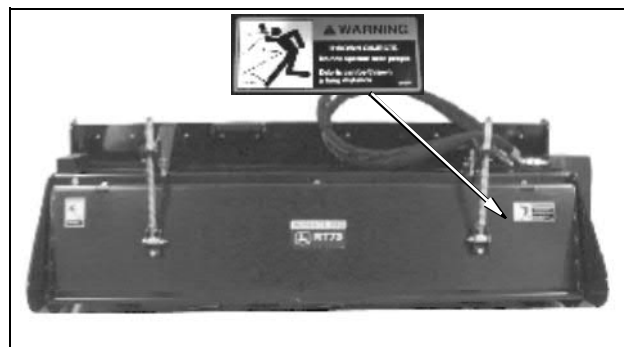
WARNING: Avoid Injury From Rotating Tine



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- Keep hands, feet, and clothing away.

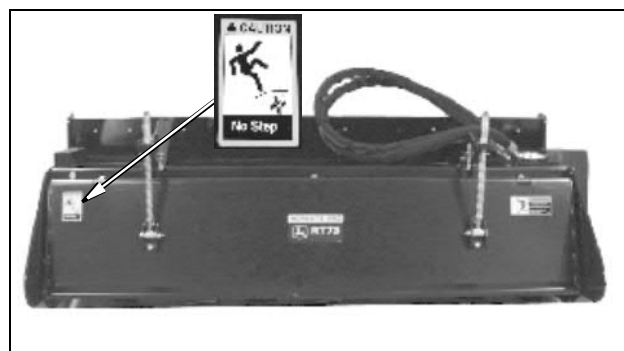
WARNING: Thrown Objects



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- Do not operate near people.
- Debris can be thrown a long distance.

CAUTION: No Step



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- Do not use leveling board as a step.

Operator Training Required

- Study the Skid Steer's Operator Manual. Know the location and function of all controls. Know how to operate the skid steer before using this attachment.
- Study operating section of this manual before operating the rotary tiller. Know location and function of all controls.
- Operate machine in an open, unobstructed area under the direction of an experienced operator.
- Learn the use of all controls.
- Operator experience is required to learn the moving, stopping, turning and other operating characteristics of the machine.

SAFETY

Operating Safely

- Inspect the machine and attachment before you operate. Be sure all hardware is tight. Repair or replace damaged, badly worn, or missing parts. Be sure guards and shields are in good condition and fastened in place. Make any necessary adjustments before you operate.
- Clear work area of objects that might be thrown. Keep people and pets out of the work area. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Do not permit bystanders within 3m (10 ft) of the rotary tiller.
- Do not operate rotary tiller unless it is properly installed on skid steer.
- If you hit an object, stop machine and inspect it. Make repairs before you operate. Keep machine properly maintained and in good working order.
- Do not leave skid steer unattended while it is running.
- Only operate during daylight or with adequate artificial light.
- Watch for overhead wires. Never touch wires with any part of the skid steer boom or rotary tiller.
- Call utility companies and have them plot out all their underground lines before starting any tilling operation.
- Do not let anyone, especially children, ride on the skid steer.
- Do not let children or an untrained person operate machine.
- Always check to the sides and rear of the skid steer before backing up.

Park Safely

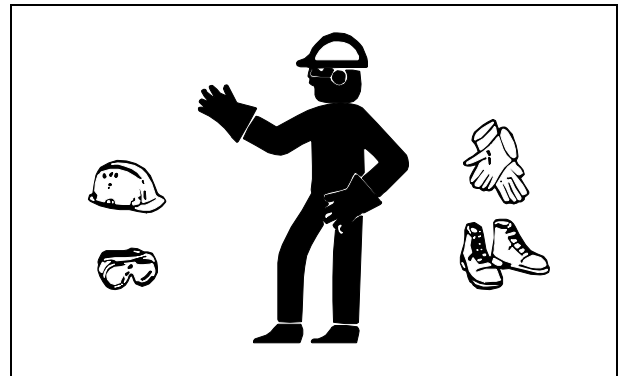
1. Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Lower boom so attachments are on the ground. (If you must leave boom raised, be sure any attachment is removed and the boom locks are in the locked [Engaged] position, and boom is resting on locks.)
3. Engage park brake switch.
4. Stop engine.
5. Remove key.
6. Before you leave the operator's seat, wait for engine and all moving parts to stop.

Avoid Tipping

- Do not drive where machine could slip or tip.

- Stay alert for holes and other hidden hazards in the terrain. Avoid rocks, roots, and ditches.
- Slow down before you make a turn or operate on a slope.
- Drive up and down a hill – not across. Be careful when you change direction on a slope.

Wear Appropriate Clothing



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- Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate for the job.
- Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when operating the machine.
- Wear a suitable protective device such as earplugs. Loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones. Safe service and operation requires your full attention.

Stay Clear of Rotating Devices



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Entanglement in rotating devices can cause serious injury or death.

- Stop the engine and be sure attachment is stopped before exiting the skid steer and before allowing people

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