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## IMPORTANT WARRANTY INFORMATION

The warranty on this tractor appears on your copy of the purchase order which you should have received from your dealer when making your purchase. This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty.

Warranty and field improvements are a part of John Deere's product support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.



This safety alert symbol indicates important safety messages in this manual. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of personal injury and carefully read the message that follows.



Worldwide symbols are used to assist identification and operation. In this manual, an identifying symbol is placed by the instructions like the example at left for the symbol on the engine oil pressure gauge. The cylinder block in the symbol represents the engine, the drop signifies oil, and the arrows indicate pressure. Regardless of the language used in a nation, this symbol means engine oil pressure without translation.

This operator's manual contains SI Metric equivalents which follow immediately after the U.S. customary units of measure.

"Right-hand" and the "left-hand" sides of the tractor are determined by facing in the direction of tractor forward travel.

Record your tractor serial numbers on page 135. Provide this information to your dealer when ordering parts.





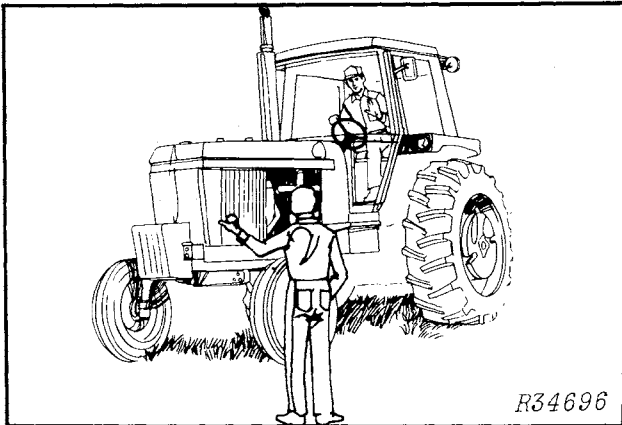
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# Safety

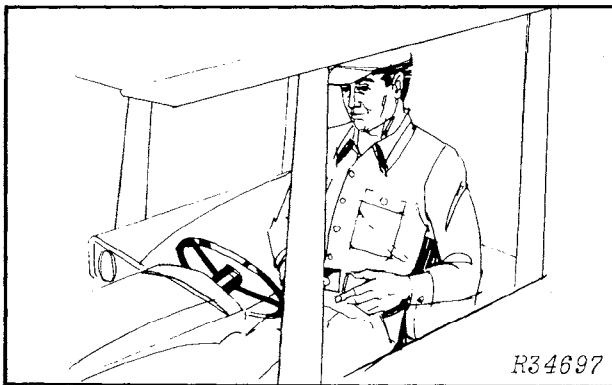


## Operate Tractor Safely

Never allow riders on the tractor.

Slow down for hillsides, rough ground, and sharp turns. Couple the brake pedals together before driving at transport speeds.

To avoid exhaust gas hazards, never run the engine in a closed building.



## Avoid Tip-Overs

If your tractor is equipped with SOUND-GARD® Body or four-post ROLL-GARD® protective frame, use a seat belt under almost all operating conditions.

Use of seat belt without a rollover protective device is not recommended.

Avoid holes, ditches, etc. which may cause the tractor to tip, especially on hillsides.

Never drive near the edge of a gully or steep embankment—it might cave in.

Driving forward out of a ditch or mired condition or up a steep slope could cause tractor to tip over rearward. Back out of these situations if possible.

Hitch towed loads only to the drawbar. When using a chain, take up the slack slowly.

Never modify structural members of ROLL-GARD frame or SOUND-GARD Body by welding, bending, drilling, grinding or cutting as this might weaken the structure. If any component is damaged, replace it. Do not attempt repairs.

For an emergency exit, SOUND-GARD Body windows can be opened. Remove the quik-lock pins and headed pins from window latches, and push window wide open.

If two-post ROLL-GARD protective frame is loosened or removed for any reason, make certain all parts are reinstalled correctly. Tighten mounting bolts to proper torque, see page 125.

## Handle Chemicals Properly

SOUND-GARD Body air filters are not designed to filter out harmful chemicals. When using agricultural chemicals, follow the instructions given by the chemical manufacturer.

## Transport Safely

Never tow the tractor faster than 20 mph (32 km/h). Before descending a steep hill, shift to a low gear to control the tractor with little or no braking. Never coast downhill.

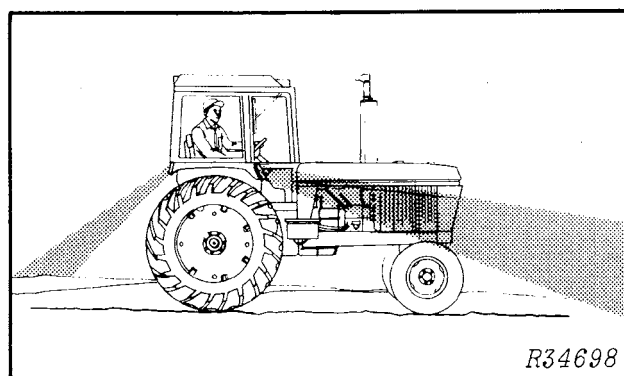
A towed load of more than twice weight of tractor should have brakes. If it does not, drive slowly and avoid hills. Avoid hard applications of the brakes when pulling heavy loads.

When operating the tractor on a road, turn the light switch to the "H" position. Be sure the SMV emblem is visible and clean.

Always dim head lamps before meeting another vehicle. Keep lights adjusted so they will not blind another driver.

Be sure lighting conforms to local regulations.

Always place transmission in PARK before dismounting. Leaving transmission in gear with engine stopped would NOT prevent the tractor from moving.



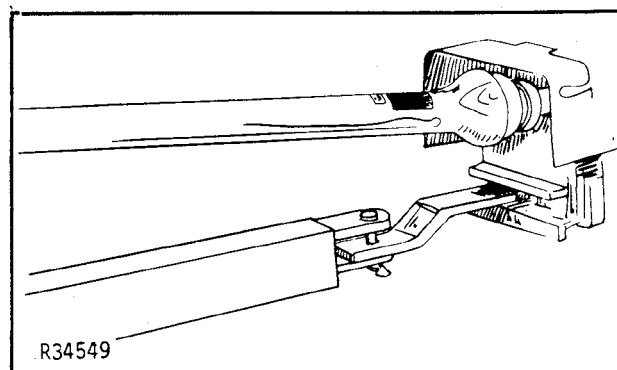
## Stay Clear of PTO

Stop the engine and be sure the PTO has stopped before:

- Connecting or disconnecting a PTO shaft
- Making any adjustment to PTO drive train or hitch
- Cleaning out PTO driven equipment.

PTO master shield should be in place at all times except when connecting a PTO drive line or for special applications as directed in the operator's manual.

The PTO shaft guard should be in place when the PTO is not being used.



## Stay Clear of Moving Tractor

Never try to get on or off a moving tractor.

Before dismounting, place the transmission in PARK and lower implements to the ground. If tractor is to be left unattended, stop the engine and remove the key.

Never attempt to start or operate the tractor except from the operator's station.

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