XT855

Operator's Manual

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Overview

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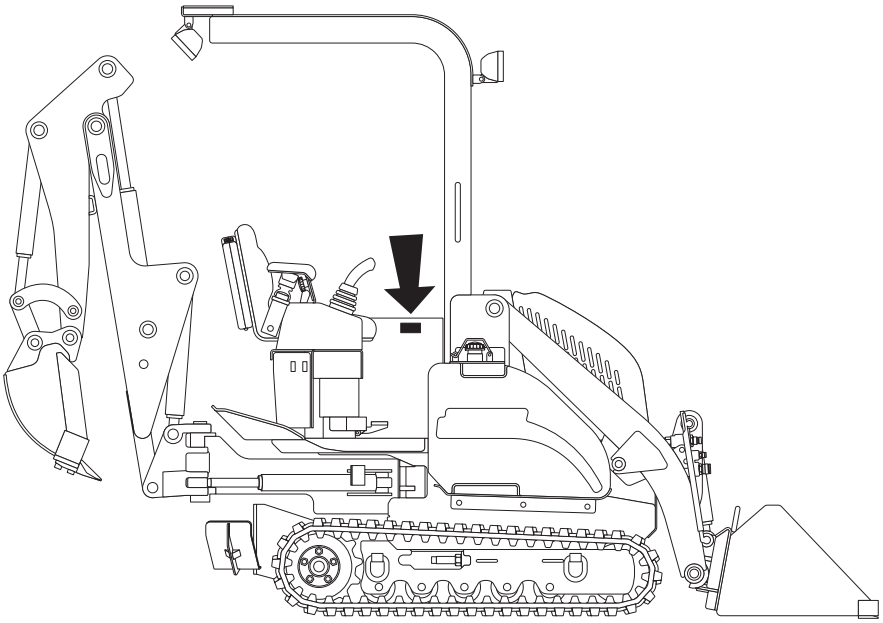
Serial Number Location

Record serial numbers and date of purchase in spaces provided. XT855 Tier 4i serial number is located as shown.



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Date of manufacture	
Date of purchase	
XT855 Tier 4i serial number	
Engine serial number	
Attachment serial number(s)	

Intended Use

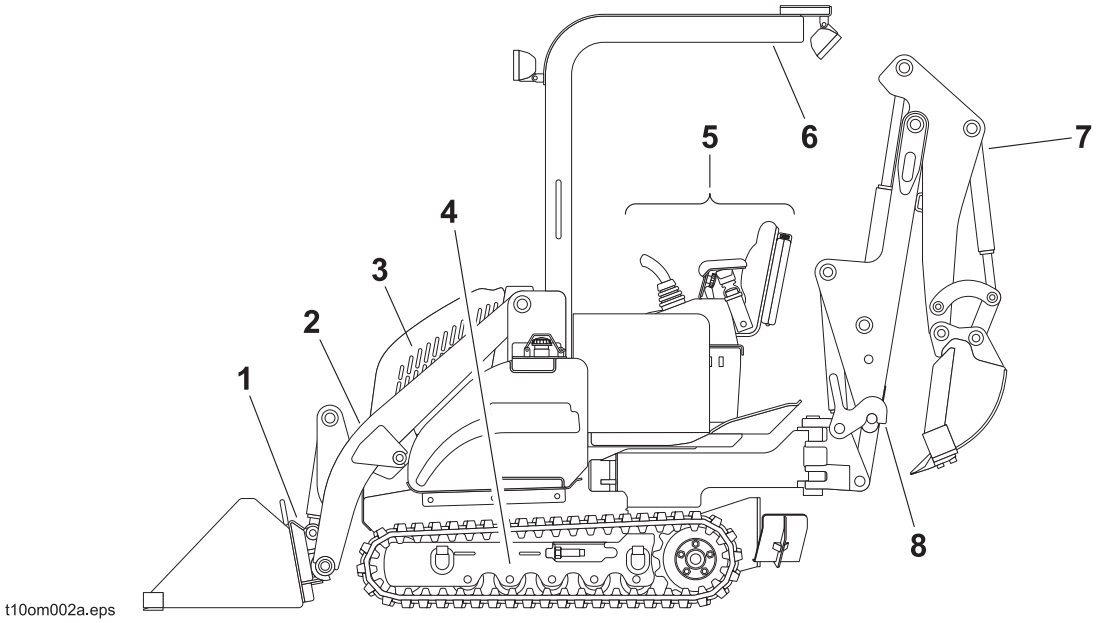
The XT855 is a ride-on, track-driven excavator/tool carrier unit designed for light-to medium-duty construction work. The XT855 excavator allows 260° swing and digging depths to 83" (2.1 m). The XT855 lift arms have a quick attach mount plate which makes it easy for an operator to connect different attachments. The unit is designed for operation in temperatures typically experienced in earth moving and construction work environments. Provisions may be required to operate in extreme temperatures. Contact your Ditch Witch dealer. Use in any other way is considered contrary to the intended use.

The XT855 should be operated, serviced, and repaired only by persons familiar with its particular characteristics and acquainted with the relevant safety procedures.

Equipment Modification

This equipment was designed and built in accordance with applicable standards and regulations. Modification of equipment could mean that it will no longer meet regulations and may not function properly or in accordance with the operating instructions. Modification of equipment should only be made by competent personnel possessing knowledge of applicable standards, regulations, equipment design functionality/requirements and any required specialized testing.

Unit Components



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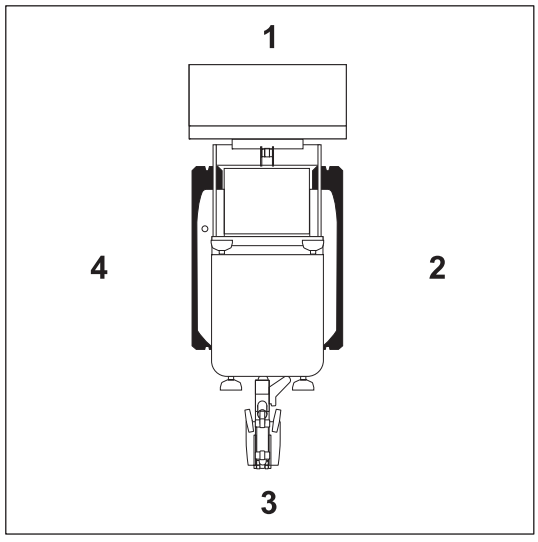
1. attachment receiver plate
2. lift arms
3. engine compartment
4. tracks
5. operator's station
6. ROPS/FOPS
7. excavator
8. excavator stow lock

Operator Orientation

1. Front of unit
2. Right of unit
3. Rear of unit
4. Left of unit

Right and left sides of machine are determined by facing front (toward lift arms) of unit while seated in the operator's station.



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About This Manual

This manual contains information for the proper use of this machine. See **Operation Overview** for basic operating procedures. Cross references such as "See page 50" will direct you to detailed procedures.

Bulleted Lists

Bulleted lists provide helpful or important information or contain procedures that do not have to be performed in a specific order.

Numbered Lists

Numbered lists contain illustration callouts or list steps that must be performed in order.

Foreword

This manual is an important part of your equipment. It provides safety information and operation instructions to help you use and maintain your Ditch Witch equipment.

Read this manual before using your equipment. Keep it with the equipment at all times for future reference. If you sell your equipment, be sure to give this manual to the new owner.

If you need a replacement copy, contact your Ditch Witch dealer. If you need assistance in locating a dealer, visit our website at **www.ditchwitch.com** or write to the following address:

The Charles Machine Works, Inc.
Attn: Marketing Department
PO Box 66
Perry, OK 73077-0066
USA

The descriptions and specifications in this manual are subject to change without notice. The Charles Machine Works, Inc. reserves the right to improve equipment. Some product improvements may have taken place after this manual was published. For the latest information on Ditch Witch equipment, see your Ditch Witch dealer.

Thank you for buying and using Ditch Witch equipment.

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Safety

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Guidelines

Follow these guidelines before operating any jobsite equipment:

- Complete proper training and read operator's manual before using equipment.
- Contact your local One-Call (811 in USA) or the One-Call referral number (888-258-0808 in USA and Canada) to have underground utilities located before digging. Also contact any utilities that do not participate in the One-Call service.
- Classify jobsite based on its hazards and use correct tools and machinery, safety equipment, and work methods for jobsite.
- Mark jobsite clearly and keep spectators away.
- Wear personal protective equipment.
- Review jobsite hazards, safety and emergency procedures, and individual responsibilities with all personnel before work begins. Safety videos are available from your Ditch Witch dealer.
- Replace missing or damaged safety shields and safety signs.
- Use equipment carefully. Stop operation and investigate anything that does not look or feel right.
- Do not operate unit where flammable gas is present.
- Contact your Ditch Witch dealer if you have any question about operation, maintenance, or equipment use.

Safety Alert Classifications

These classifications and the icons defined on the following pages work together to alert you to situations which could be harmful to you, jobsite bystanders or your equipment. When you see these words and icons in the book or on the machine, carefully read and follow all instructions. YOUR SAFETY IS AT STAKE.

Watch for the three safety alert levels: **DANGER**, **WARNING** and **CAUTION**. Learn what each level means.

DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

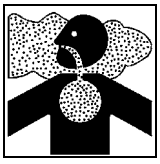
Watch for two other words: **NOTICE** and **IMPORTANT**.

NOTICE can keep you from doing something that might damage the machine or someone's property. It can also alert you against unsafe practices.

IMPORTANT can help you do a better job or make your job easier in some way.

Safety Alerts

DANGER Electric shock. Contacting electric lines will cause death or serious injury. Know location of lines and stay away.

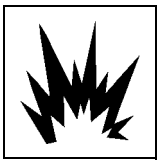


DANGER Deadly gases. Lack of oxygen or presence of gas will cause sickness or death. Provide ventilation.

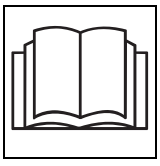
WARNING Jobsite hazards could cause death or serious injury. Use correct equipment and work methods. Use and maintain proper safety equipment.

WARNING Crushing weight could cause death or serious injury. Use proper procedures and equipment or stay away.

WARNING Moving parts could cut off hand or foot. Stay away.



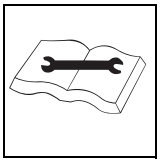
WARNING Explosion possible. Serious injury or equipment damage could occur. Follow directions carefully.



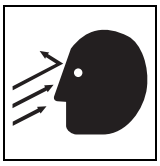
WARNING Incorrect procedures could result in death, injury, or property damage. Learn to use equipment correctly.

WARNING Fall possible. Riders can fall from machine and be injured or killed. Only operator is allowed on machine.

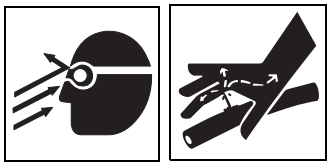
WARNING Rollover possible. If machine rolls over, you could be thrown from seat and killed or crushed. Wear seat belt.



WARNING Improper control function could cause death or serious injury. If control does not work as described in instructions, stop machine and have it serviced.



WARNING Looking into fiber optic cable could result in permanent vision damage. Do not look into ends of fiber optic or unidentified cable.



WARNING Fluid or air pressure could pierce skin and cause injury or death. Stay away.

WARNING Runaway possible. Machine could run over you or others. Learn how to use all controls. Start and operate only from operator's position.

WARNING Fire or explosion possible. Fumes could ignite and cause burns. No smoking, no flame, no spark.

⚠ WARNING Moving traffic - hazardous situation. Death or serious injury could result. Avoid moving vehicles, wear high visibility clothing, post appropriate warning signs.

⚠ CAUTION Flying objects may cause injury. Wear hard hat and safety glasses.

⚠ CAUTION Hot parts may cause burns. Do not touch until cool.

⚠ CAUTION Exposure to high noise levels may cause hearing loss. Wear hearing protection.

⚠ CAUTION Fall possible. Slips or trips may result in injury. Keep area clean.

⚠ CAUTION Battery acid may cause burns. Avoid contact.

⚠ CAUTION Improper handling or use of chemicals may result in illness, injury, or equipment damage. Follow instructions on labels and in material safety data sheets (MSDS).

Emergency Procedures

Before operating any equipment, review emergency procedures and check that all safety precautions have been taken.

EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN - Turn ignition switch to STOP or press engine stop button.

Electric Strike Description

When working near electric cables, remember the following:

- Electricity follows all paths to ground, not just path of least resistance.
- Pipes, hoses, and cables will conduct electricity back to all equipment.
- Low voltage current can injure or kill. Many work-related electrocutions result from contact with less than 440 volts.

Most electric strikes are not noticeable, but indications of a strike include:

- power outage
- smoke
- explosion
- popping noises
- arcing electricity

If any of these occur, assume an electric strike has occurred.

If an Electric Line is Damaged

If you suspect an electric line has been damaged and you are **on unit**, DO NOT MOVE. Remain on unit and take the following actions. The order and degree of action will depend upon the situation.

- Warn people nearby that an electric strike has occurred. Instruct them to leave the area and contact utility.
- Raise attachment and/or excavator and drive from immediate area.
- Contact utility company to shut off power.
- Do not return to jobsite or allow anyone into area until given permission by utility company.

If you suspect an electric line has been damaged and you are **off unit**, DO NOT TOUCH UNIT. Take the following actions. The order and degree of action will depend upon the situation.

- LEAVE AREA. The ground surface may be electrified, so take small steps with feet close together to reduce the hazard of being shocked from one foot to the other. For more information, contact your Ditch Witch dealer.
- Contact utility company to shut off power.
- Do not return to jobsite or allow anyone into area until given permission by utility company.

If a Gas Line is Damaged

If you suspect a gas line has been damaged, take the following actions. The order and degree of action will depend on the situation.

- Immediately shut off engine(s), if this can be done safely and quickly.
- Remove any ignition source(s), if this can be done safely and quickly.
- Warn others that a gas line has been cut and that they should leave the area.
- Leave jobsite as quickly as possible.
- Immediately call your local emergency phone number and utility company.
- If jobsite is along street, stop traffic from driving near jobsite.
- Do not return to jobsite until given permission by emergency personnel and utility company.

If a Fiber Optic Cable is Damaged

Do not look into cut ends of fiber optic or unidentified cable. Vision damage can occur.

If Machine Catches on Fire

Perform emergency shutdown procedure and then take the following actions. The order and degree of action will depend on the situation.

- If fire is small and fire extinguisher is available, attempt to extinguish fire.
- If fire cannot be extinguished, leave area as quickly as possible and contact emergency personnel.

Controls

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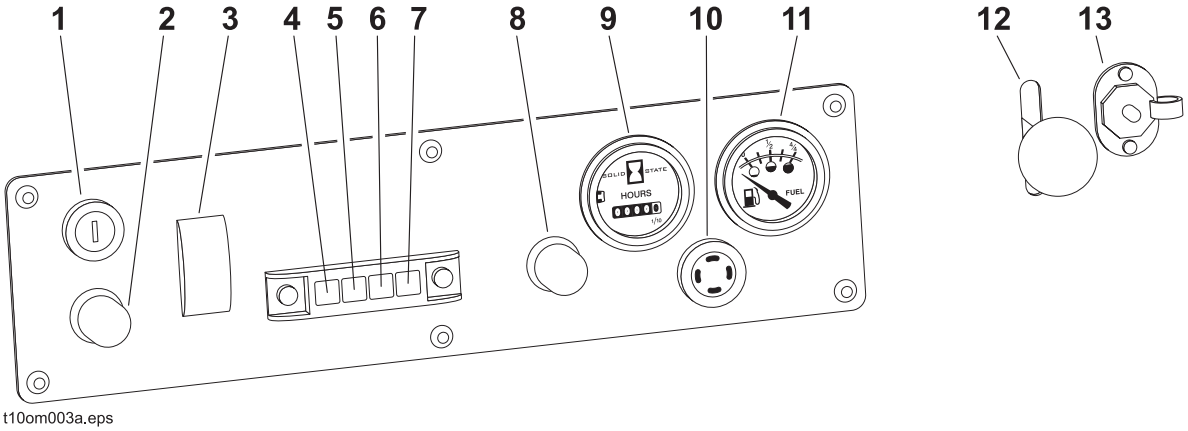
Front Console



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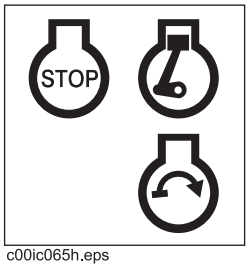
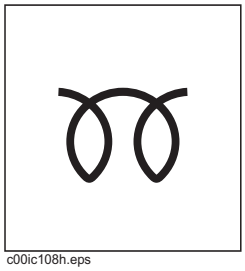
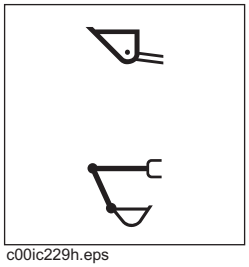
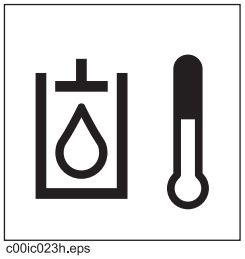
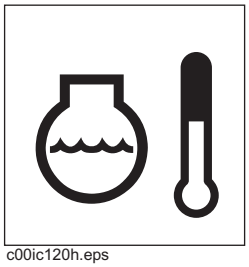
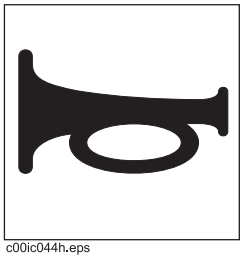
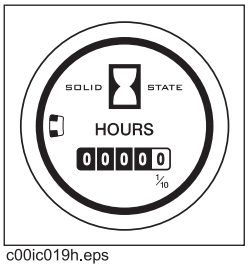
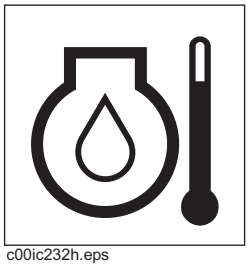
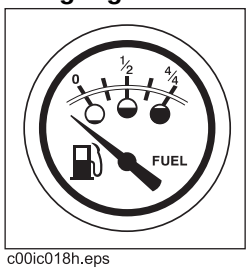
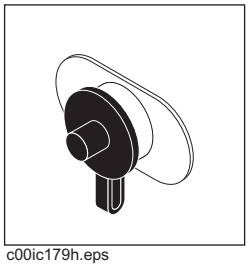
1. Ignition switch
2. Cold start button
3. Work mode switch
4. Hydraulic fluid temperature indicator
5. Engine coolant temperature indicator
6. Operator presence indicator
7. Auxiliary hydraulic fluid flow/pressure indicator
8. Horn
9. Hourmeter
10. Hydraulic fluid temperature alarm
11. Fuel gauge
12. Throttle
13. Auxiliary power outlet

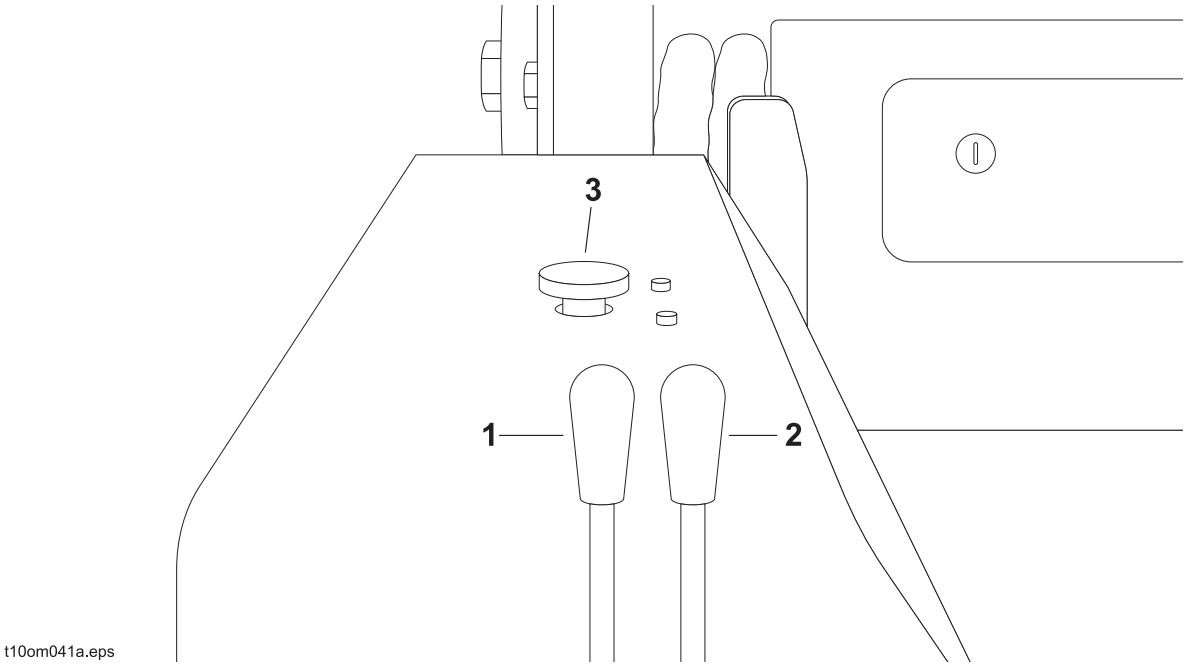
Item	Description	Notes
1. Ignition switch  c00ic065h.eps	To start engine, insert key and turn clockwise. To stop engine, turn key counterclockwise.	**IMPORTANT:** If engine does not start or stalls, turn key to STOP and then restart.

Item	Description	Notes
2. Engine cold start button  c00ic108h.eps	To help start cold engine, turn ignition switch to first position. Press cold start button as directed in notes. Release button, then turn ignition switch all the way clockwise.	**NOTICE:** Do not press and hold button more than 20 seconds. **IMPORTANT:** Press cold start button according to temperatures below. • If ambient temperature is below 40° F (4° C), press and hold button for 5 seconds. • If ambient temperature is below 23° F (-5° C), press and hold button for 10 seconds.
3. Work mode switch  c00ic229h.eps	To select tool carrier mode and control lift arms and ground drive, press top. To select excavator mode and control excavator bucket, press bottom.	
4. Hydraulic fluid temperature indicator  c00ic023h.eps	Lights when hydraulic fluid is over 210°F (100°C).	• Allow engine to cool. • Check hydraulic fluid level.
5. Engine coolant temperature indicator  c00ic120h.eps	Lights when engine coolant temperature is over 230°F (110°C).	• Allow engine to cool. • Check coolant level.

Item	Description	Notes
6. Operator presence indicator  c00ic100a.eps	Lights when operator is seated.	Engine will not start unless this indicator is lighted.
7. Auxiliary hydraulic fluid flow/pressure indicator  c00ic568h.eps	Light when the attachment drive switch is in the forward position. Indicates hydraulic fluid flow and pressure to the auxiliary (attachment drive) system.	**IMPORTANT:** • Operator must be in seat for attachment drive switch to operate correctly. If operator has left seat, or if unit was shut down with switch in the on position, reset the switch by turning it off, then on. • Ensure auxiliary flow and pressure are off when no attachment is connected by turning attachment drive switch on, then off.
8. Horn  c00ic044h.eps	To sound horn, press.	
9. Hourmeter  c00ic019h.eps	Displays engine operating time.	Use these times to schedule service.

Item	Description	Notes
10. Hydraulic oil temperature alarm  c00ic232h.eps	Sounds when hydraulic oil temperature is above 210°F (100°C).	• Allow unit to cool. • Check hydraulic oil level.
11. Fuel gauge  c00ic018h.eps	Displays fuel level in tank.	Use no. 2 diesel fuel. See page 80 for specific fuel recommendations. Tank holds 10 gal (38 L).
12. Throttle  c00ic007c.eps	To increase engine speed, push. To decrease engine speed, pull.	Increasing engine speed also increases attachment speed.
13. Auxiliary power outlet  c00ic179h.eps	To operate work lights or other 12V devices, plug into outlet.	

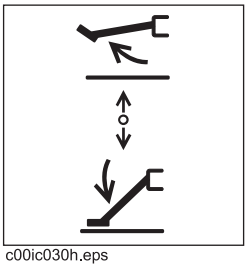
Left Console

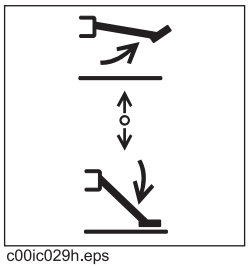
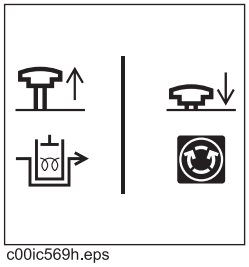


IMPORTANT: Controls are shown with seat facing excavator.

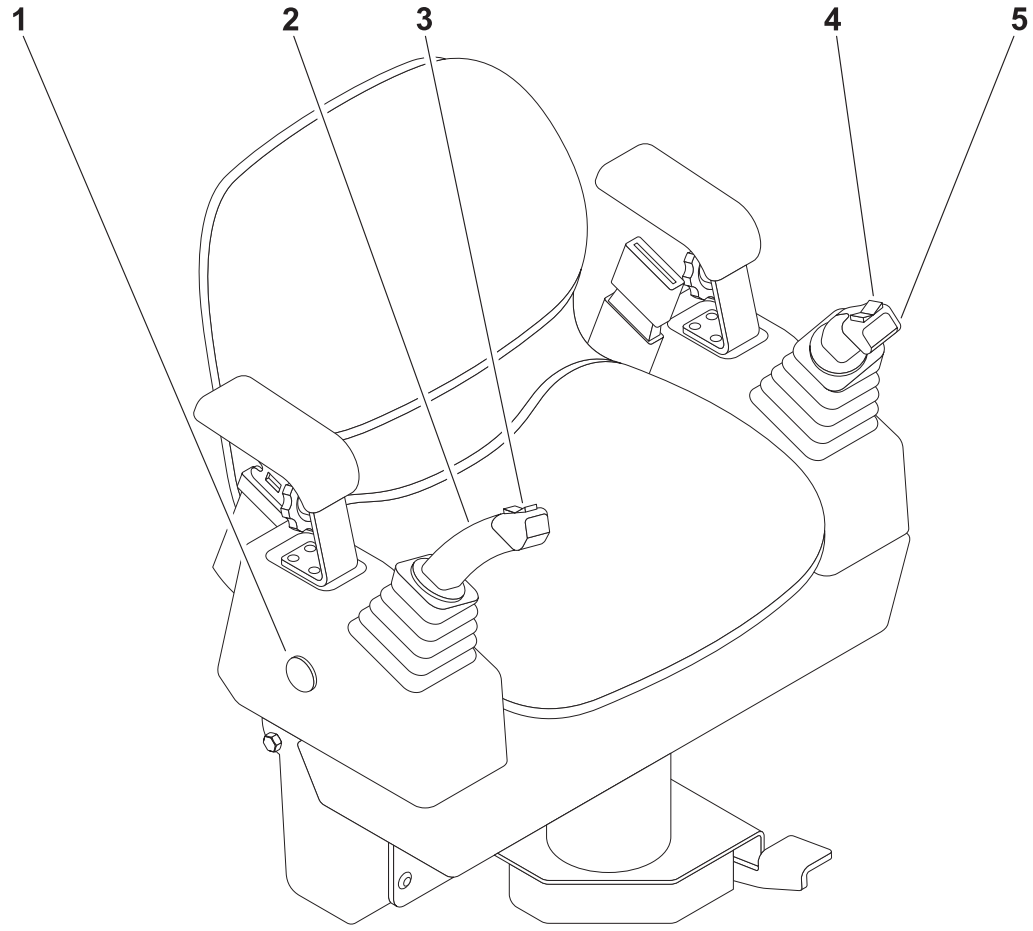
1. Left extension leg control*
2. Right extension leg control*
3. Hydraulic fluid bypass control*

*Optional

Item	Description	Notes
1. Left extension leg control  c00ic030h.eps	To lower, push. To raise, pull.	

Item	Description	Notes
2. Right extension leg control  c00ic029h.eps	To lower, push. To raise, pull.	
3. Hydraulic fluid bypass control  c00ic569h.eps	Lift knob and start engine. Run engine five minutes to warm hydraulic fluid. Push knob down.	**IMPORTANT:** • Use the hydraulic fluid bypass to assist starting a cold engine. • Tool carrier and excavator will **not** operate correctly when knob is up.

Joysticks



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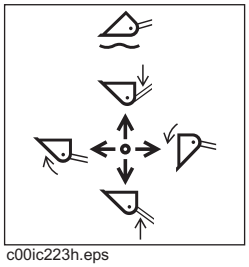
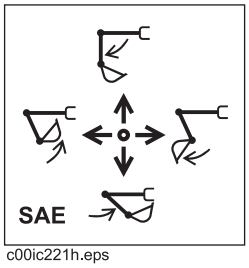
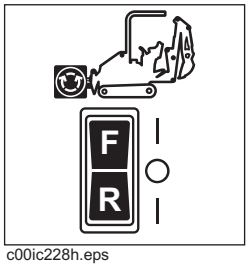
1. Engine stop button
2. Right joystick
3. Attachment drive switch
4. Left joystick
5. Boom offset switch

Item	Description	Notes
1. Engine stop button  c00ic085c.eps	Stops engine immediately.	**IMPORTANT:** • Except in an emergency, move throttle to idle before using stop switch.
2. Right joystick  c00ic223h.eps	With work mode switch in **tool carrier mode**: • To move lift arms down, push. • To float, push forward to end. Control will lock into float position. • To move lift arms up, pull. • To curl attachment up, move to left. • To curl attachment down, move to right.	**IMPORTANT:** • Control can perform more than one action at a time. Using them together, operator can "feather" or combine operations. • Do not exceed rated operating capacity when lifting loads. See page 98.
 c00ic221h.eps	With work mode switch in **excavator mode**: • To open bucket, move right. • To close bucket, move left. • To move dipper in, pull. • To move dipper out, push.	**IMPORTANT:** SAE excavator control pattern is shown. For information about ISO control pattern, see "Operate Controls" on page 69.
3. Attachment drive switch  c00ic228h.eps	To engage attachment drive in forward, push top. Switch will lock into forward position. To engage attachment drive in reverse, push and hold bottom.	**IMPORTANT:** See "Auxiliary hydraulic fluid flow/pressure indicator" on page 24.

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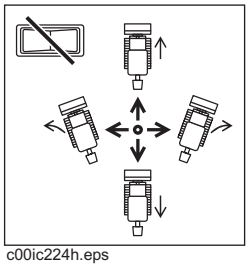
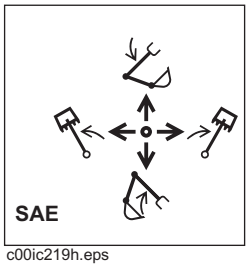
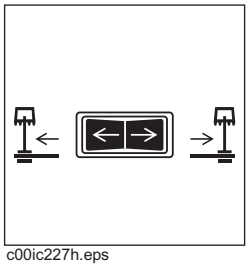
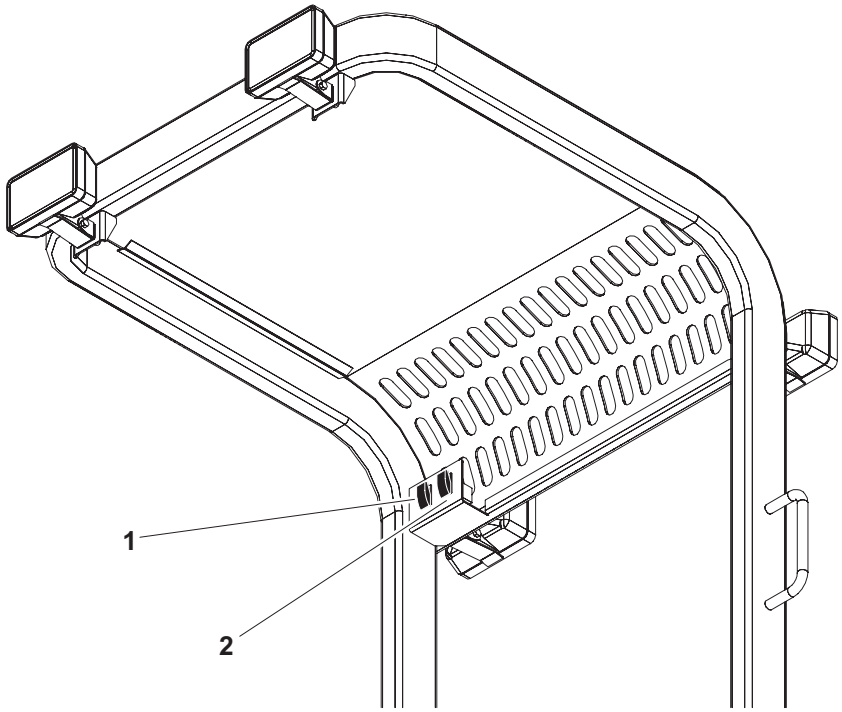
4. Left joystick  c00ic224h.eps	With work mode switch in **tool carrier mode**: • To move forward, push. • To move backward, pull. • To go faster in either direction, move farther from neutral. • To stop, return to neutral.	**IMPORTANT:** • Control can perform more than one action at a time. Using them together, operator can "feather" or combine operations. • For steering instructions, see page 48.
 c00ic219h.eps	With work mode switch in **excavator mode**: • To swing excavator to right, move right. • To swing excavator to left, move left. • To raise boom, pull. • To lower boom, push.	**IMPORTANT:** SAE excavator control pattern is shown. For information about ISO control pattern, see page 68.
5. Boom offset switch  c00ic227h.eps	To swing boom to right, press right side. To swing boom to left, press left side.	

Upper Console



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1. Front light switch
2. Rear light switch

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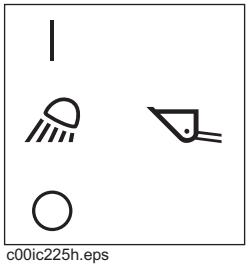
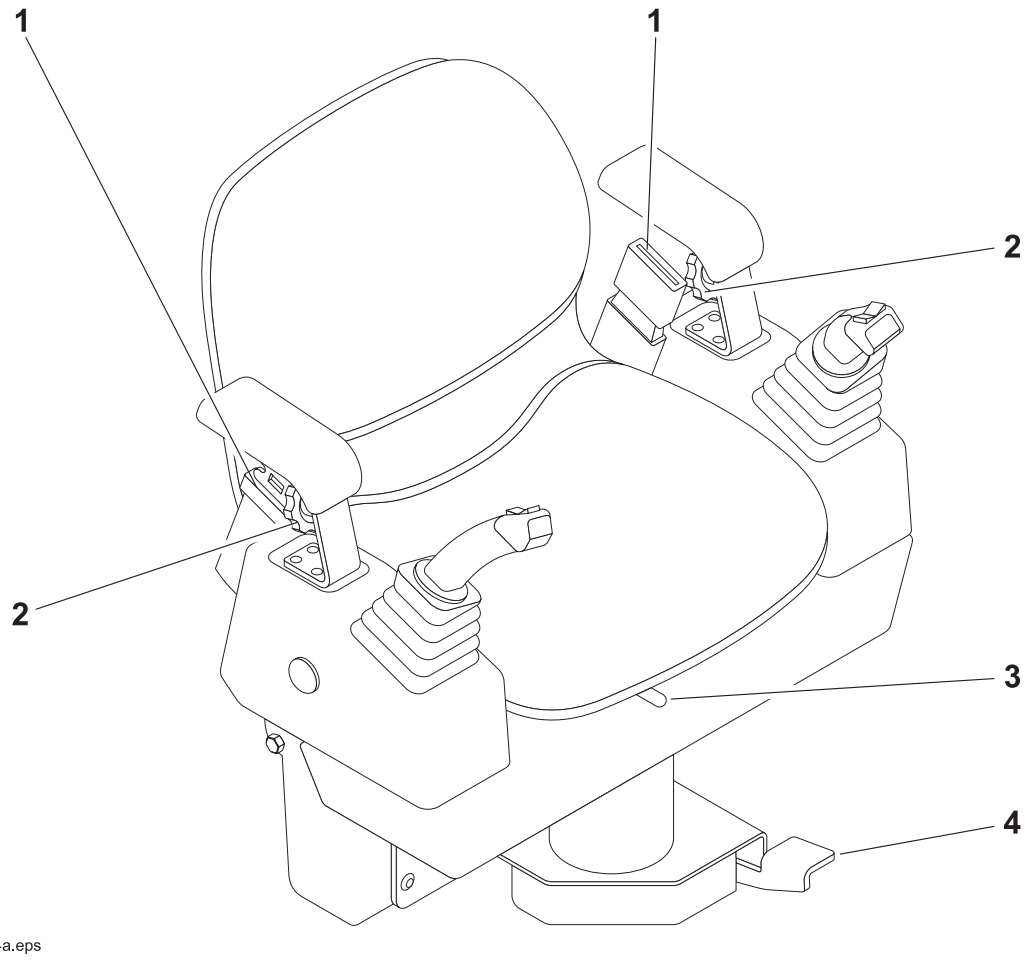
1. Front light switch  c00ic225h.eps	To turn on, press top. To turn off, press bottom.	
2. Rear light switch  c00ic226h.eps	To turn on, press top. To turn off, press bottom.	

Seat

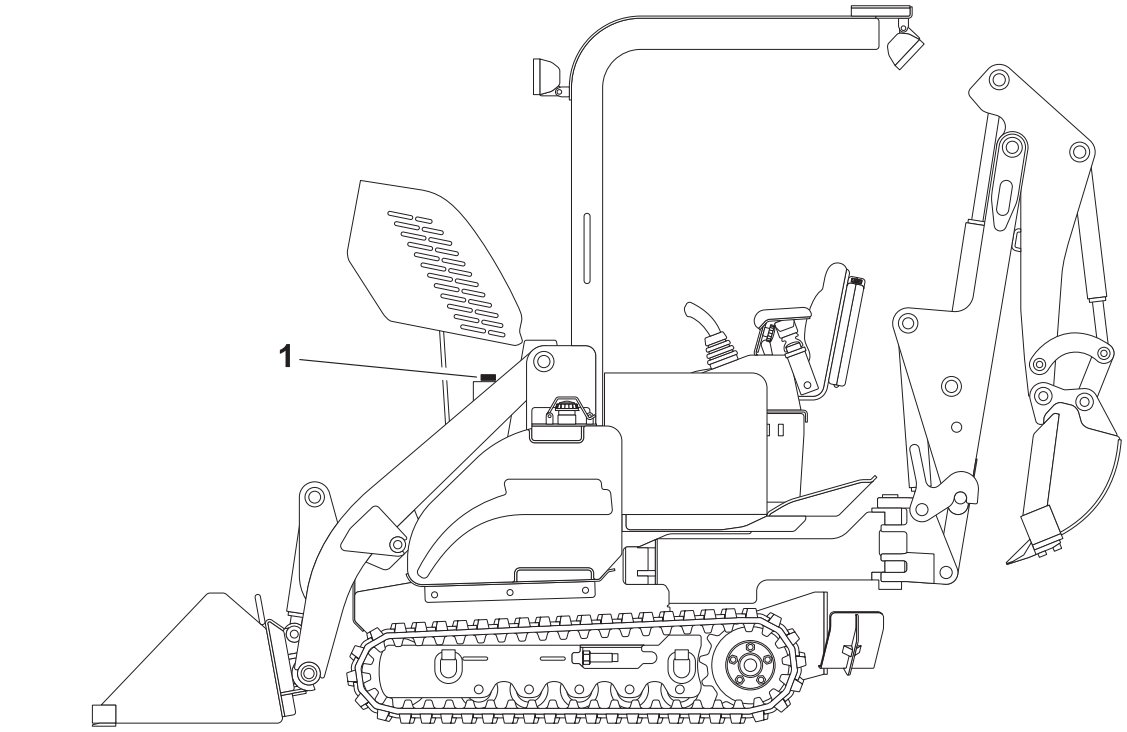


1. Seat belt
2. Armrest adjustment
3. Seat slide control
4. Operator's station pivot control

Item	Description	Notes
1. Seat belt	To fasten, insert latch into buckle. Adjust until seat belt is low and tight.	**NOTICE:** Always fasten seat belt when operating unit.
2. Armrest adjustment	To adjust armrest position, loosen knob, move armrest to new position, and tighten knob.	

Item	Description	Notes
3. Seat slide control  c00ic095h.eps	To slide forward or backward, move left. To lock seat in position, move right.	
4. Operator's station pivot control	To pivot, press and swing station to desired position. To lock into position, release.	Seat can lock in 5 different positions between 0° and 180°. **IMPORTANT:** • Drive tractor with seat facing attachment tool carrier. • Operate excavator with seat facing excavator. • Position seat as desired when operating trencher and other attachments.

Battery



1. Battery disconnect switch

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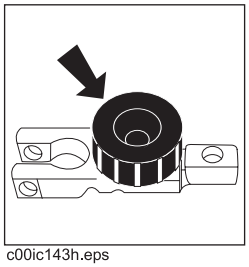
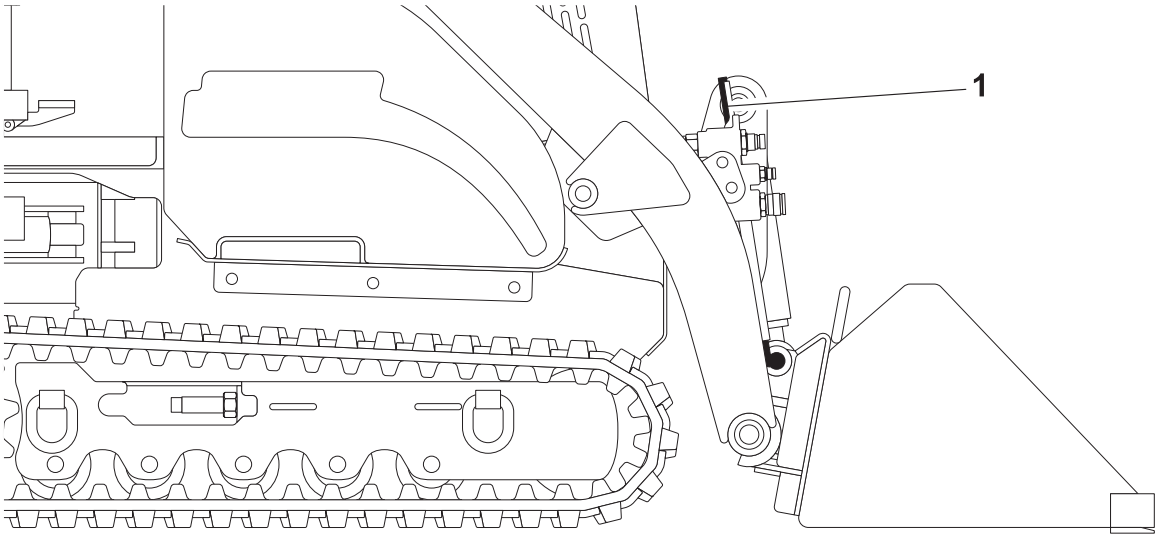
1. Battery disconnect switch  c00ic143h.eps	To disconnect battery power, turn counterclockwise. To connect battery power, turn clockwise.	Green switch is located under the hood on the battery cable. Use when servicing unit and during long-term storage.

Tool Carrier Bucket



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1. Level bucket indicator

Item	Description	Notes
1. Level bucket indicator	To level bucket, adjust bucket position until indicator is at top of sleeve.	Indicator only works with loader buckets.

Operation Overview

Chapter Contents

Planning

1. Gather information about jobsite. See page 40.
2. Inspect jobsite. See page 41.
3. Classify jobsite. See page 42.
4. Check supplies and prepare equipment. See page 44.
5. Load unit onto trailer. See page 52.

Using Tool Carrier Mode

1. Unload from trailer. See page 57.
2. Drive to job. See page 47.
3. Connect front attachment. See page 70.
4. Operate attachment. See page 72 and attachment operator's manual.
5. Disconnect front attachment. See page 70.

Using Excavator Mode

1. Unload from trailer. See page 52.
2. Drive to job. See page 47.
3. Dig trench or hole. See page 65.

Leaving Jobsite

1. Rinse unit and stow tools. See page 74.
2. Load unit onto trailer. See page 52.

Prepare

Chapter Contents

Gather Information

A successful job begins before you dig. The first step in planning is reviewing information already available about the job and jobsite.

Review Job Plan

Review blueprints or other plans. Check for information about existing or planned structures, elevations, or proposed work that may be taking place at the same time.

Notify One-Call Services

Contact your local One-Call (811 in USA) or the One-Call referral number (888-258-0808 in USA and Canada) to have underground utilities located before digging. Also contact any utilities that do not participate in the One-Call service.

Arrange for Traffic Control

If working near a road or other traffic area, contact local authorities about safety procedures and regulations.

Plan for Emergency Services

Have the telephone numbers for local emergency and medical facilities on hand. Check that you will have access to a telephone.

Inspect Site

Inspect jobsite before transporting equipment. Check for the following:

- changes in elevation such as hills or other open trenches
- obstacles such as buildings, railroad crossings, or streams
- signs of utilities (See "Inspect Jobsite" on page 42.)
- traffic
- access
- soil type and condition

Identify Hazards

Identify safety hazards and classify jobsite. See "Classify Jobsite" on page 42.

WARNING Jobsite hazards could cause death or serious injury. Use correct equipment and work methods. Use and maintain proper safety equipment.

NOTICE:

- Wear personal protective equipment including hard hat, safety eye wear, and hearing protection.
- Do not wear jewelry or loose clothing.
- Notify One-Call and companies which do not subscribe to One-Call.
- Comply with all utility notification regulations before digging or drilling.
- Verify location of previously marked underground hazards.
- Mark jobsite clearly and keep spectators away.

Remember, jobsite is classified by hazards in place -- not by line being installed.

Classify Jobsite

Inspect Jobsite

- Follow U.S. Department of Labor regulations on excavating and trenching (Part 1926, Subpart P) and other similar regulations.
- Contact your locan One-Call (811 in USA) or the One-Call referral number (888-258-0808 in USA and Canada) to have underground utilities located before digging. Also contact any utilities that do not participate in the One-Call service.
- Inspect jobsite and perimeter for evidence of underground hazards, such as:
  - "buried utility" notices
  - utility facilities without overhead lines
  - gas or water meters
  - junction boxes
  - drop boxes
  - light poles
  - manhole covers
  - sunken ground
- Have an experienced locating equipment operator sweep area within 20' (6 m) to each side of trench path. Verify previously marked line and cable locations.
- Mark location of all buried utilities and obstructions.
- Classify jobsite.

Select a Classification

Jobsites are classified according to underground hazards present.

If working...	then classify jobsite as...
within 10' (3 m) of a buried electric line	electric
within 10' (3 m) of a natural gas line	natural gas
in sand, granite, or concrete which is capable of producing crystalline silica (quartz) dust	crystalline silica (quartz) dust
within 10' (3 m) of any other hazard	other

NOTICE: If you have any doubt about jobsite classification, or if jobsite might contain unmarked hazards, take steps outlined previously to identify hazards and classify jobsite before working.

Apply Precautions

Once classified, precautions appropriate for jobsite must be taken.

Electric Jobsite Precautions

Use one or both of these methods.

- Expose line by careful hand digging or soft excavation.
- Have service shut down while work is in progress. Have electric company test lines before returning them to service.

Natural Gas Jobsite Precautions

In addition to positioning equipment upwind from gas lines, use one or both of these methods.

- Expose lines by careful hand digging or soft excavation.
- Have gas shut off while work is in progress. Have gas company test lines before returning them to service.

Crystalline Silica (Quartz) Dust Precautions

Follow OSHA or other guidelines for exposure to crystalline silica when trenching, sawing or drilling through material that might produce dust containing crystalline silica (quartz).

Other Jobsite Precautions

You may need to use different methods to safely avoid other underground hazards. Talk with those knowledgeable about hazards present at each site to determine which precautions should be taken or if job should be attempted.

Check Supplies and Prepare Equipment

Supplies

- fuel
- keys
- personal protective equipment, such as hard hat and safety glasses

Fluid Levels

- fuel
- hydraulic fluid
- engine oil

Condition and Function

- filters (air, oil, hydraulic)
- tracks
- pumps and motors
- hoses and valves
- signs, guards, and shields

Accessories

Fire Extinguisher

If required, mount a fire extinguisher near the power unit but away from possible points of ignition. The fire extinguisher should always be classified for both oil and electric fires. It should meet legal and regulatory requirements.

Drive

Chapter Contents

Start Unit

EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN: Turn ignition switch to STOP.

1. Fasten and adjust seat belt.
2. Ensure all controls are in neutral.
3. Set engine speed to half throttle.
4. If necessary, use engine cold start button and/or hydraulic fluid bypass control to warm engine. See page 23 and page 27.
5. Turn ignition switch to start position and release when engine starts.

IMPORTANT:

- After starting in cold temperatures, allow unit to warm up by running it at low throttle for several minutes.
- When working in low ambient temperatures, pay special attention to fuel, oil viscosity, antifreeze, and water adhering to filter.

Drive

General Operation

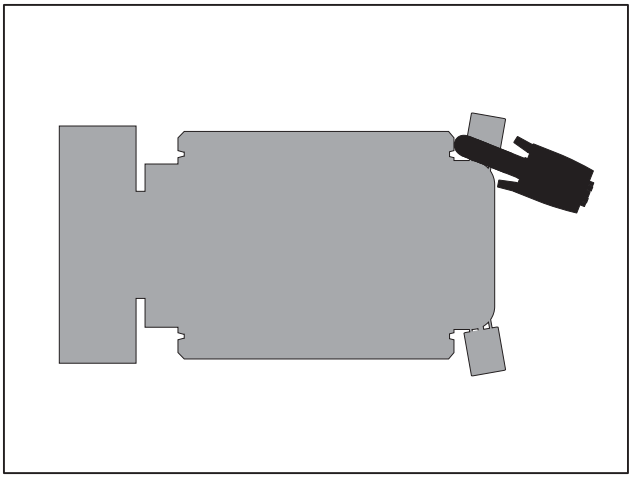
NOTICE: When driving unit more than a few feet (meters), pivot seat so that operator is facing tool carrier. If operator is facing excavator, operation of track drive controls is reversed.

1. Verify that excavator is in the stowed position. See "Stowing the Excavator" on page 47.
2. Adjust throttle as needed.
3. Ensure work mode switch is in tool carrier mode.
4. Use right joystick to raise mount plate (and attachment) off ground.
5. Move left joystick to forward or reverse. See "Joysticks" on page 28.

Stowing the Excavator

To stow the excavator:

1. Swivel seat to face the excavator.
2. Swing excavator to your left.
3. Offset boom to your right.
4. Engage stow lock.



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Slope Operation

NOTICE: Keep attachment/load low when operating on a slope. Drive slowly and cautiously at all times.

- Operate up and down slopes with heavy end of unit uphill. Weight distribution changes based on attachments and load. For example, an empty bucket makes the rear of the unit the heavy end while a full bucket makes the front of the unit the heavy end. Most Ditch Witch-approved attachments make the front of the unit the heavy end.
- Avoid starting, stopping, or turning on slopes. If you must turn, keep the heavy end of the unit uphill.
- Do not park unit on slope without lowering attachment to the ground and turning ignition switch to STOP.

Steer

NOTICE: When driving unit more than a few feet (meters), pivot seat so that operator is facing lift arms. If operator is facing excavator, operation of track drive controls is reversed.

To steer while moving forward, push left joystick forward and then move to left or right. Unit will gradually turn to left or right.

To steer while moving backward, pull left joystick back and then move to left or right. Unit will gradually turn to left or right.

For tight steering in low speed, move left joystick to center position and then to left or right side. Tracks will counter-rotate and turn unit in a tight circle.

Shut Down

1. Move all controls to neutral position.
2. Ensure lift arms are lowered to ground and ensure excavator is in the stow position. See "Stowing the Excavator" on page 47.
3. Run engine at low idle for three minutes to cool.
4. Turn ignition switch to STOP.
5. Remove key.

NOTICE: Unit should not be parked on a slope unless chocked or blocked.

Transport

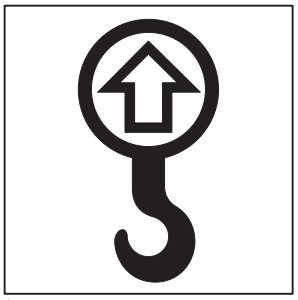
Chapter Contents

Lift

WARNING Crushing weight. If load falls or moves it could kill or crush you. Use proper procedures and equipment or stay away.

Points

Lifting points are identified by lifting decals. Lifting at other points is unsafe and can damage machinery.



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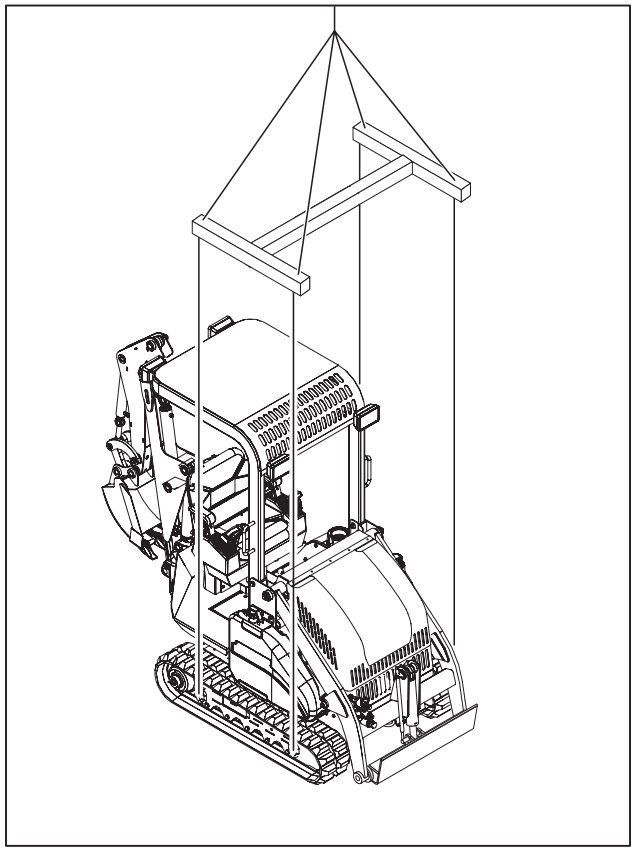
Procedure

Use a crane capable of supporting the equipment's size and weight. See "Specifications" on page 95 or measure and weigh equipment before lifting.

1. Attach chains to four lift points (two on each side of unit).
2. Attach each chain securely to cross members.

IMPORTANT: Length of spreader bars should be equal to width of unit.

3. Bring chains together to a central pull point.



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Haul

Inspect Trailer

- Check hitch for wear and cracks. Lubricate if needed.
- Check battery for 12V charge.
- Inspect lights for cleanliness and correct operation. Inspect reflectors and replace if needed.
- Check tire pressure. Check lug nut torque with a torque wrench. Adjust if needed.
- Ensure trailer brakes are adjusted to come on in synchronization with tow vehicle brakes.
- Check ramps and trailer bed for cracks.

Hitch Trailer

1. Back tow vehicle to trailer.
2. Put manual transmission into first or reverse gear or automatic transmission into park. Turn off ignition. Set parking brake.
3. Connect trailer drawbar, lunette or coupler to tow vehicle hitch and lock in place with lock pin. If needed, adjust drawbar, lunette or coupler height to level load.
4. Connect safety chains to tow vehicle.
5. Connect breakaway switch cable to tow vehicle. Do not connect to pintle hook or hitch ball.
6. Plug trailer electrical connector into tow vehicle connector.
7. Use jack crank to raise jack base and stow.
8. Remove wheel blocks.

Load

WARNING Crushing weight. If load falls or moves it could kill or crush you. Use proper procedures and equipment or stay away.

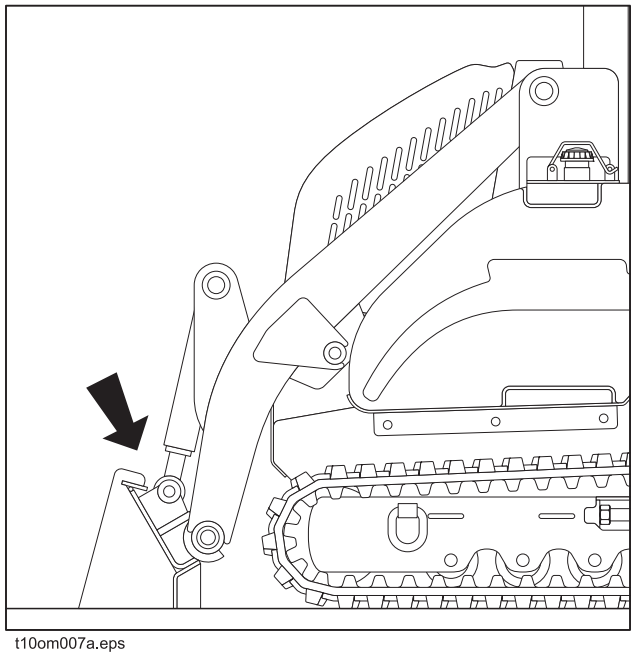
NOTICE:

- Load and unload trailer on level ground.
- Verify that trailer wheels are blocked.
- Incorrect loading can cause trailer swaying.
- Attach trailer to vehicle before loading or unloading.
- Ten to fifteen percent of total vehicle weight (equipment plus trailer) must be on tongue to help prevent trailer sway.

With Tiedown Kit

IMPORTANT: Disconnect and stow front attachment before loading unit.

1. Start engine.
2. Fasten seat belt and swivel seat to face the tool carrier.
3. Ensure work mode switch is in tool carrier mode.
4. Raise mount plate off ground.
5. Move unit to rear of trailer and align with ramps.
6. Slow engine speed and slowly drive unit onto trailer until mount plate nears rest.
7. Lower and tilt mount plate until it slides into rest (shown).
8. Raise lift plate slightly to seat in rest.
9. Lower excavator bucket to trailer deck and/or attach tiedown.
10. Stop engine.
11. Attach tiedown where indicated on page 54.



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Without Tiedown Kit

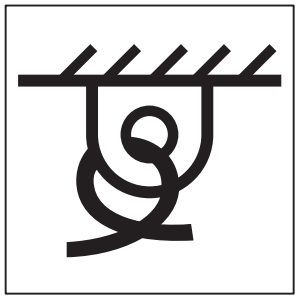
IMPORTANT: Disconnect and stow front attachment before loading unit.

1. Start engine.
2. Fasten seat belt and swivel seat to face the tool carrier.
3. Ensure work mode switch is in tool carrier mode.
4. Raise mount plate off ground.
5. Move unit to rear of trailer and align with ramps.
6. Slow engine speed and slowly drive unit onto trailer.
7. Once unit is correctly positioned on trailer, lower mount plate to trailer floor.
8. Lower excavator bucket to trailer deck and/or attach tiedown.
9. Stop engine.
10. Attach tiedowns where indicated on page 54.

Tie Down

Points

Tiedown points are identified by tiedown decals. Securing to trailer at other points is unsafe and can damage machinery.



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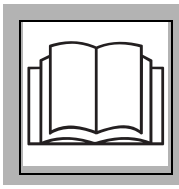
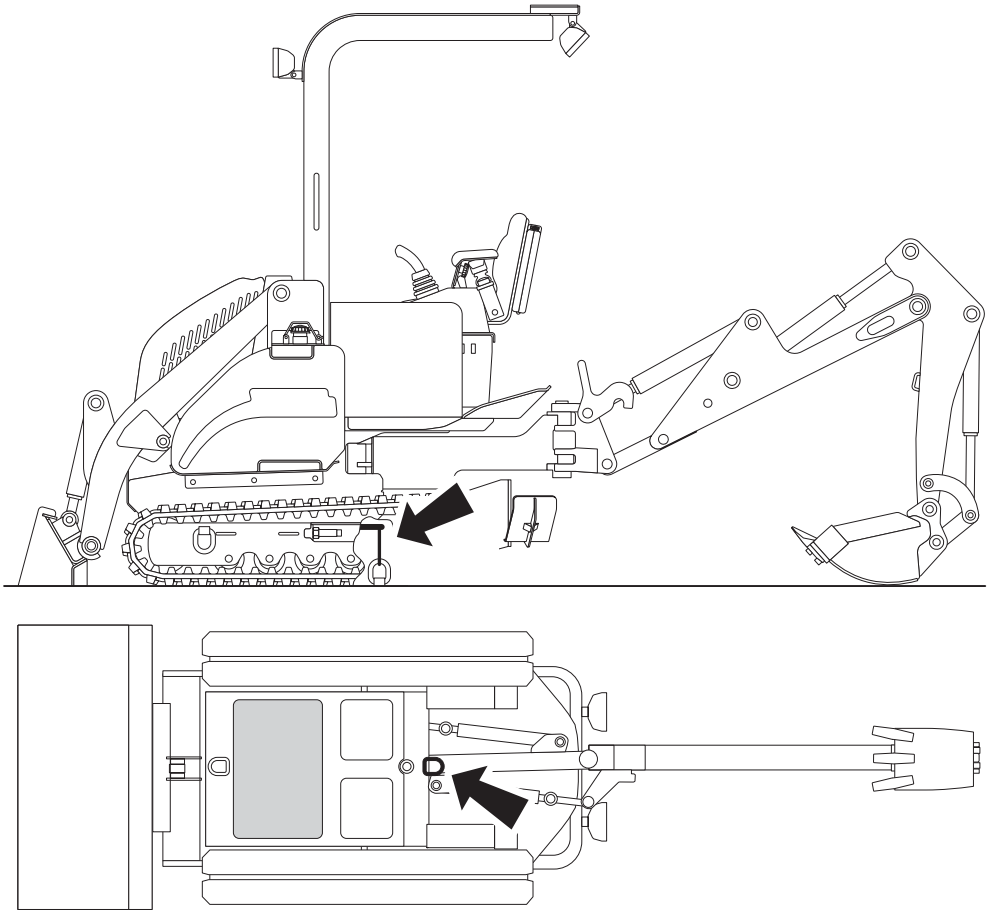
Procedure



WARNING Incorrect procedures could result in death, injury, or property damage. Learn to use equipment correctly.

With Tiedown Kit



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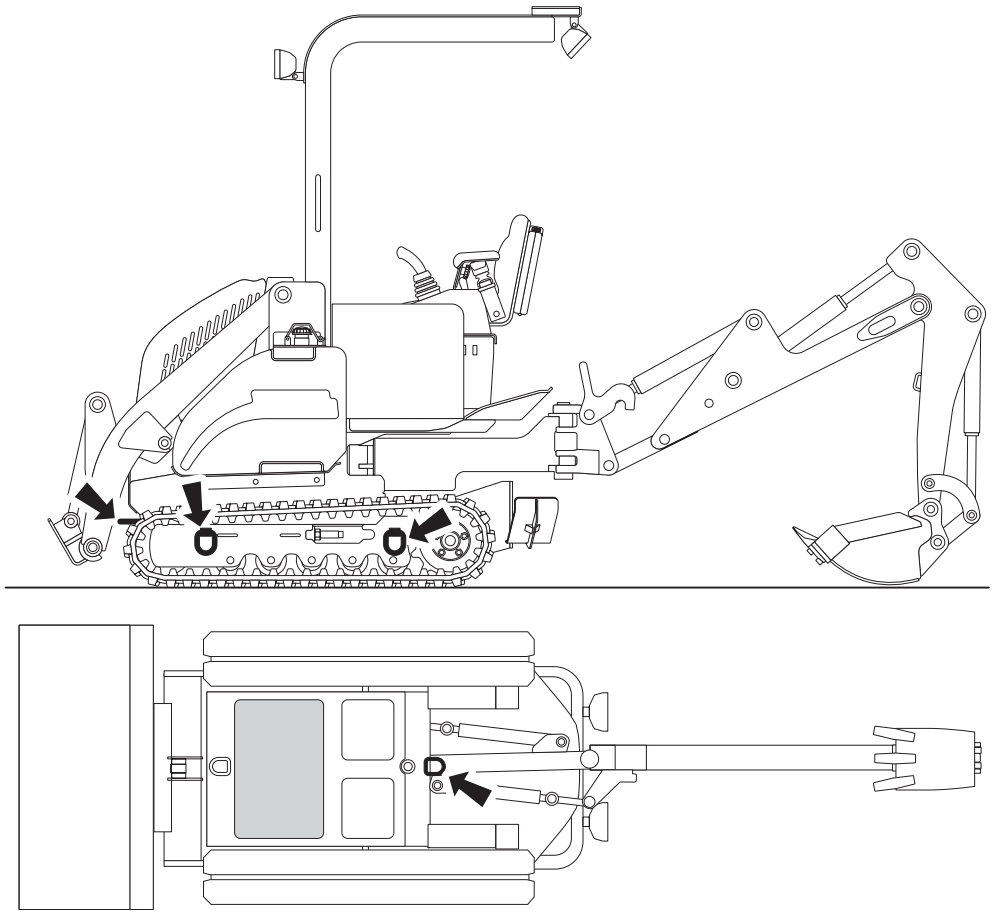
Install tiedown through rear tiedown point. Make sure unit is secure before transporting.

Without Tiedown Kit

IMPORTANT: Do not use any point on excavator and swing arm as tiedown point.



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Loop tiedowns around unit at tiedown points. Make sure tiedowns are tight before transporting.

Unload

WARNING Crushing weight. If load falls or moves it could kill or crush you. Use proper procedures and equipment or stay away.

NOTICE:

- Load and unload trailer on level ground.
- Ensure trailer wheels are blocked.
- Attach trailer to vehicle before loading or unloading.

With Tiedown Kit

1. Lower ramps.
2. Remove tiedown.
3. Start engine.
4. Fasten seat belt and swivel seat to face the tool carrier.
5. Ensure work mode switch is in tool carrier mode.
6. Tilt mount plate out of rest and lift until it clears rest.
7. Slow engine speed and back unit down ramps.

Without Tiedown Kit

1. Lower ramps.
2. Remove tiedowns.
3. Start engine.
4. Fasten seat belt and swivel seat to face the tool carrier.
5. Ensure work mode switch is in tool carrier mode.
6. Raise mount plate.
7. Slow engine speed and slowly back unit down ramps.

Unhitch Trailer

1. Stop tow vehicle and trailer on level ground.
2. Put manual transmission into first or reverse gear or automatic transmission into park. Turn off ignition. Set parking brake.
3. Block trailer wheels.
4. Reverse "Hitch Trailer" steps to unhitch trailer from tow vehicle.

Tow

WARNING Incorrect procedures could result in death, injury, or property damage. Learn to use equipment correctly.

NOTICE:

- Parking brakes are set when engine is not running. Hydrostatic charge pump must be working properly to release parking brakes. If engine will not run or pilot pressure is not available, manually disengage parking brake prior to towing.

Under normal conditions, unit should not be towed. If unit breaks down and towing is necessary:

- Do not tow for more than 200 yd (180 m).
- Tow at less than 1 mph (1.6 km/h).
- Use maximum towing force of 1.5 times unit weight.

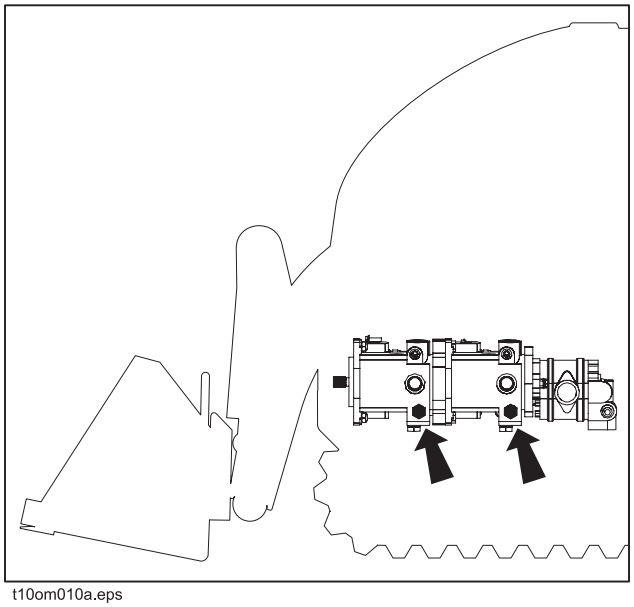
Procedure

Prepare for Towing

1. Verify that mode switch is in tool carrier mode.
2. Attach tow line to available tow points facing towing vehicle.
3. Open hood.
4. Open 4 tow valves on hydrostatic pumps (shown, 2 on each side).

IMPORTANT: Use 4-mm Allen wrench and 13-mm box wrench to adjust tow valves.

- Loosen jam nut.
- Turn set screw in until it stops.
- Tighten jam nut.



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Prepare Unit for Normal Operation

1. Close 4 tow valves on pumps.

   IMPORTANT: Use 4-mm Allen wrench and 13-mm box wrench to adjust tow valves.

   - Loosen jam nut.
   - Turn set screw out 6 turns.
   - Tighten jam nut.
2. Close hood.
3. Disconnect tow line.

Dig

Chapter Contents

Overview

IMPORTANT: This chapter covers how to use the excavator. For information on how to use front-mounted attachments, refer to controls chapter and attachment operator's manual.

The XT855 can perform a variety of different kinds of work in excavator mode. All basic excavator work involves filling and dumping the bucket.

NOTICE:

- Do not lift loads heavier than lift capacity for unit.
- Take care to avoid digging deeply under the tracks. Ground under the tracks can collapse and cause unit to fall.
- Do not use impact force of excavator bucket to break materials. Unit damage and loss of stability can occur.
- Keep bystanders clear of work area.

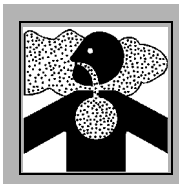
Setup

1. Fasten and adjust seat belt.
2. Start unit and drive to starting point.
3. Position unit as needed.

Dumping onto truck	Dumping into hole or onto ground
Position unit between material to be loaded and back end of truck, if possible.	Position unit to minimize the need for travel.

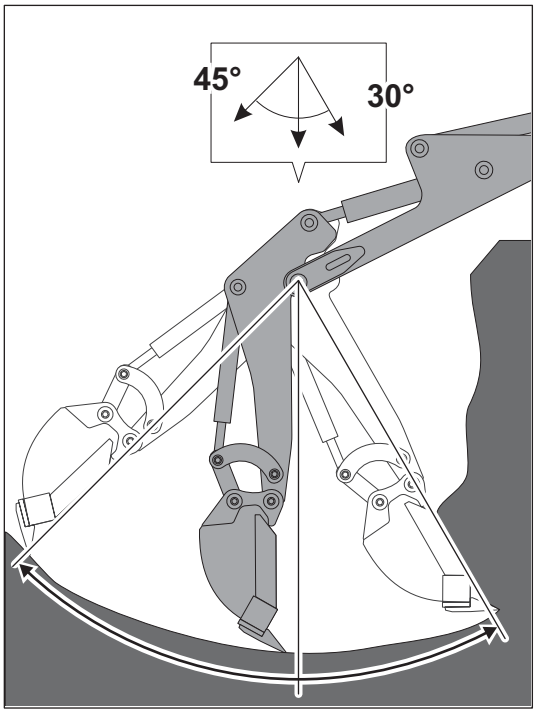
4. Lower tool carrier so that attachment is 6 in (150mm) above ground.
5. Switch unit into excavator mode.
6. Swivel seat to face excavator.
7. Lower extension legs enough to lift tracks.
8. Disengage stow lock.
9. Adjust engine speed to 1/2 to 3/4 for digging.

Filling Bucket



⚠WARNING Jobsite hazards could cause death or serious injury. Use correct equipment and work methods. Use and maintain proper safety equipment.

NOTICE: Cutting or drilling concrete containing sand or rock containing quartz may result in exposure to silica dust. Use respirator, water spray or other means to control dust. Silica dust can cause lung disease and is known to the State of California to cause cancer.



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Use right and left joysticks to control excavator dipper, boom, and bucket.

1. Keep dipper and boom at right angles as much as possible for maximum power.
2. Keep bucket in line with dipper as much as possible.
3. Position bucket so teeth cut soil. As soil is cut, curl bucket under dipper.
4. Move dipper and bucket together. Increasing engine speed will increase excavator speed but not excavator force.
5. When job is finished, stow excavator, pivot seat to face tool carrier end, switch unit into tool carrier mode and drive away from area.

Dumping Bucket

Use right and left joysticks to control excavator dipper, boom, and bucket.

1. Position unit.

Onto truck	Into hole or onto ground
Position unit between material to be loaded and back end of truck, if possible.	Position unit to minimize the need for travel.

2. Fill bucket.
3. Dump bucket.

Onto truck	Into hole or onto ground
• Swing boom into position over truck. • Raise boom above truck bed. • Move dipper out and open bucket. • Swing boom back into position over fill site.	• Swing boom into position over dump site. • Move dipper out and open bucket. • Swing boom back into position over fill site.

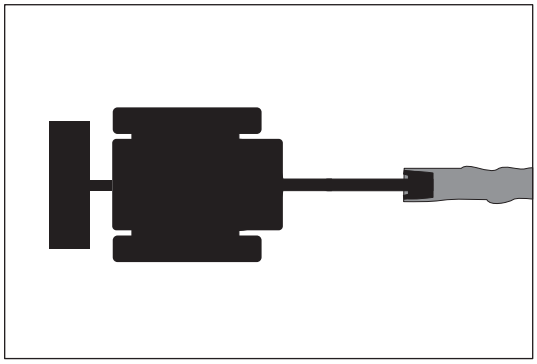
4. Continue filling and dumping buckets.
5. Reposition unit as needed to complete job.

IMPORTANT: If operator is facing excavator when driving, unit movements are reversed.

6. When job is finished, stow excavator, pivot seat to face tool carrier end, switch unit into tool carrier mode and drive away from area.

Digging

Single Inline Trench

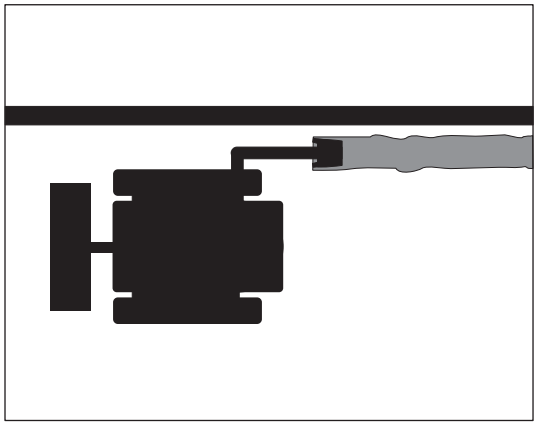


1. Position unit with tracks parallel with the intended digging path.
2. Fill and dump buckets.
3. Reposition unit as needed to continue trench.

IMPORTANT: If operator is facing excavator when driving, unit movements are reversed.

4. When trench is finished, stow excavator, pivot seat to face tool carrier end, switch unit into tool carrier mode and drive away from trench.

Single Offset Trench



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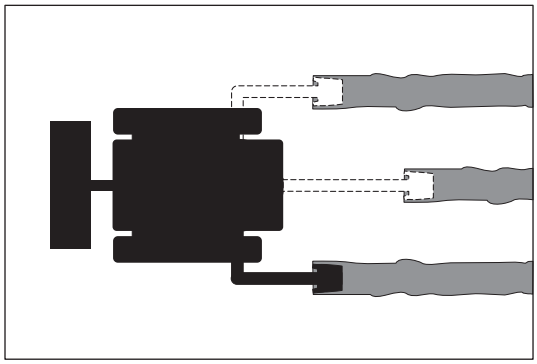
1. Position unit near the intended digging path.
2. Swing excavator and offset boom as needed to align with digging path.
3. Fill and dump buckets.
4. Reposition unit as needed to continue trench.

IMPORTANT: If operator is facing excavator when driving, unit movements are reversed.

5. When trench is finished, stow excavator, pivot seat to face tool carrier end, switch unit into tool carrier mode and drive away from trench.

Multiple Trenches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1. Position unit in a central location to the intended digging paths.
2. Swing excavator and offset boom as needed to align with first digging path.
3. Fill and dump buckets.
4. Reposition excavator and boom as need to dig additional trenches.
5. When all trenches are finished, stow excavator, pivot seat to face tool carrier end, switch unit into tool carrier mode and drive away from area.

Systems and Equipment

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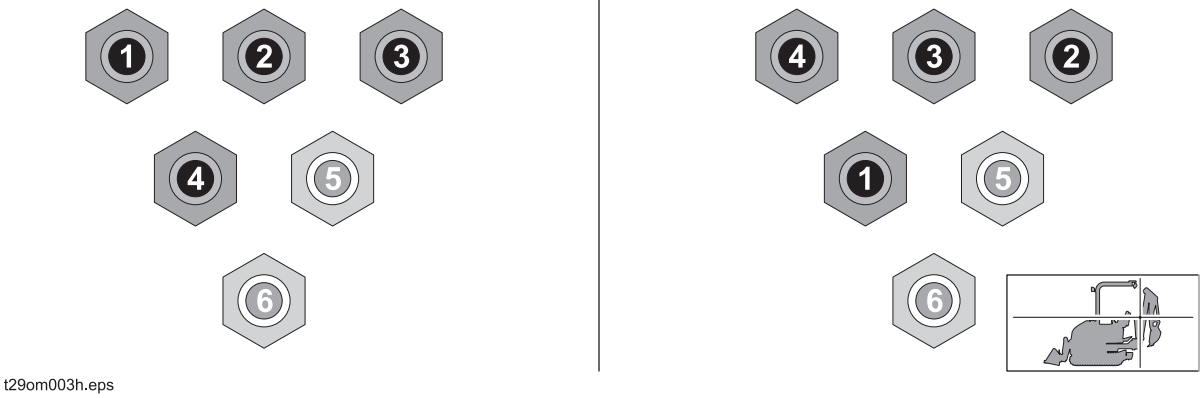
Excavator Control Pattern

Change Pattern

The XT855 is built to operate according SAE specifications, but can be modified to operate according to ISO specifications.

IMPORTANT: Numbers are scribed into hose connectors. These hose numbers are referenced in the instructions below.

1. Disengage excavator stow lock.
2. Fully extend boom and rest bucket on the ground.
3. Change hose positions as shown below. Be careful not to cross hoses near the ends.
4. Verify controls work properly. See "Operate Controls" on page 69 for ISO pattern operation and "Joysticks" on page 28 for SAE pattern operation.



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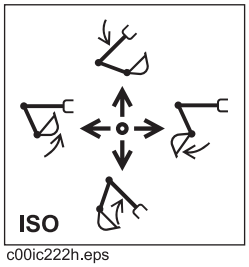
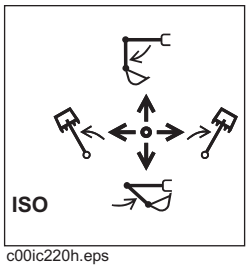
SAE **ISO**

Ref.	Description
1	boom cylinder, rod
2	dipper cylinder, rod
3	boom cylinder, barrel

Ref.	Description
4	dipper cylinder, barrel
5	bucket cylinder, rod
6	bucket cylinder, barrel

Operate Controls

IMPORTANT: ISO excavator control pattern is shown. For information about SAE control pattern, see "Joysticks" on page 28.

Item	Description	Notes
Right joystick  c00ic222h.eps	With work mode switch in **excavator mode**: • To open bucket, move right. • To close bucket, move left. • To raise boom, pull. • To lower boom, push.	
Left joystick  c00ic220h.eps	With work mode switch in **excavator mode**: • To swing excavator to right, move right. • To swing excavator to left, move left. • To move dipper in, pull. • To move dipper out, push.	

Front Attachments

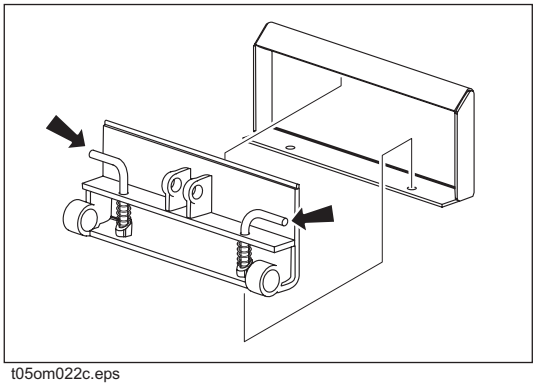
Connect Attachment

Attachment

IMPORTANT:

- Use only Ditch Witch approved front attachments.
- Before connecting attachment to unit, ensure that mount and receiver plates are free of dirt and debris.

1. Position attachment on level surface with enough space behind it to accommodate unit.
2. Ensure that lock pin handles (shown) on mount plate are turned away from center of attachment.
3. Start engine.



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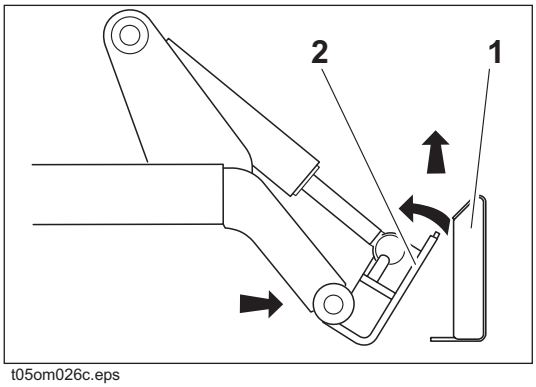
4. Tilt mount plate (2) forward.
5. Position mount plate in the upper lip of the receiver plate (1) on attachment.
6. Raise lift arms while tilting back mount plate.

IMPORTANT: Attachment should be raised enough to clear the ground. Mount plate should be tilted back fully.



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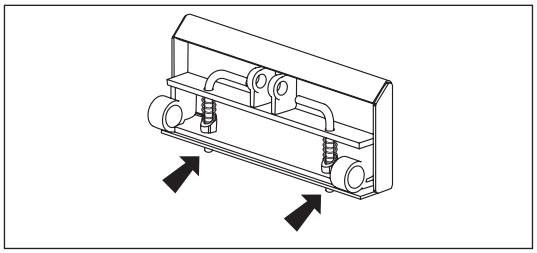
7. Turn ignition switch off and remove key.
8. Rotate lock pin handles toward center of mount plate to secure attachment to lift plate.

NOTICE: To ensure proper connection, verify that bottoms of lock pins are visible under attachment receiver plate (shown).



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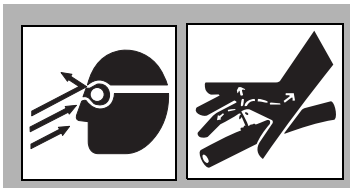
Hydraulic Hoses

If attachment requires hydraulic power for operation, connect hydraulic hoses.



WARNING Fluid or air pressure could pierce skin and cause injury or death. Stay away.

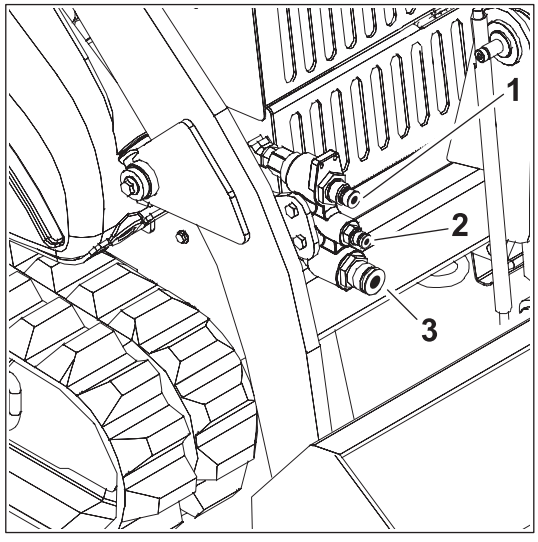
NOTICE:

- Escaping pressurized fluid can cause injury or pierce skin and poison.
- Before disconnecting a hydraulic line, turn engine off and operate all controls to relieve pressure. Lower, block, or support any raised component with a hoist. Cover connection with heavy cloth and loosen connector nut slightly to relieve residual pressure. Catch all fluid in a container.
- Before using system, check that all connections are tight and all lines are undamaged.
- Fluid leaks can be hard to detect. Use a piece of cardboard or wood, rather than hands, to search for leaks.
- Wear protective clothing, including gloves and eye protection.
- If you are injured, seek immediate medical attention from a doctor familiar with this type of injury.

CAUTION Hot parts may cause burns. Do not touch until cool.

NOTICE: Hydraulic couplers, hoses and fluid may be hot. Wear gloves when connecting and disconnecting hydraulic hoses and wait until unit has cooled before touching hydraulic components.

1. Remove dirt and debris from hydraulic couplers.
2. Connect male coupler on attachment to female coupler (3) on unit.
3. Connect female coupler on attachment to male coupler (1) on unit.
4. Connect female coupler on case drain hose to case drain coupler (2) on unit, if attachment requires it.
5. Ensure that connections are secure by pulling on hoses.



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Operate Attachment

See "Joysticks" on page 28 for a description of XT855 front-attachment controls and refer to attachment operator's manual for specific attachment operating instructions.

NOTICE:

- Unit lift capacity is limited by stability. Unit is most likely to tip when arms are horizontal. A load picked up when arms are above or below horizontal can cause unit to tip when arms are moved to the horizontal position.
- Do not walk or work under raised attachments unless lift arms are securely supported.

Optional Equipment

See your Ditch Witch dealer for more information about the following optional equipment.

Equipment	Description
Ditch Witch XT series buckets and SK series attachments	a variety of attachments are available to expand the capabilities of the tool carrier end of the unit
Bobcat adapter plate	allows tool carrier end of unit to accept Bobcat-style attachments
mini excavator attachment kit	allows excavator end of unit to accept attachments other than bucket
mini excavator attachments	several attachments are available to expand the capabilities of the excavator end of the unit
hydraulic fluid cold start kit	warms hydraulic fluid to assist engine startup in cold ambient temperatures
extension leg kit	hydraulic attachment can be added to create a more level platform while digging with the excavator
Ditch Witch trailers	Units with buckets only: Ditch Witch S7 single axle trailer Units with buckets and attachments: Ditch Witch T9CE or T9CH tandem axle trailer

Complete the Job

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Rinse Equipment

1. Spray water onto equipment to remove dirt and mud.

NOTICE: Do not spray water onto operator's console. Electrical components could be damaged. Wipe down instead.

2. Open hood and remove dirt and debris from inside of unit.
3. Remove mud from track sprockets and rollers.

Disconnect Attachment

1. Lower attachment to the ground.
2. Turn off engine.
3. Disengage lock pins by turning handles away from center of attachment.
4. Disconnect hydraulic hoses, if used.
5. Start engine.
6. Tilt mount plate forward and back unit away from attachment.

Stow Tools

Make sure all tools and accessories are loaded and properly secured on trailer.

Service

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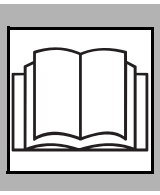
Service Precautions



WARNING Incorrect procedures could result in death, injury, or property damage. Learn to use equipment correctly.

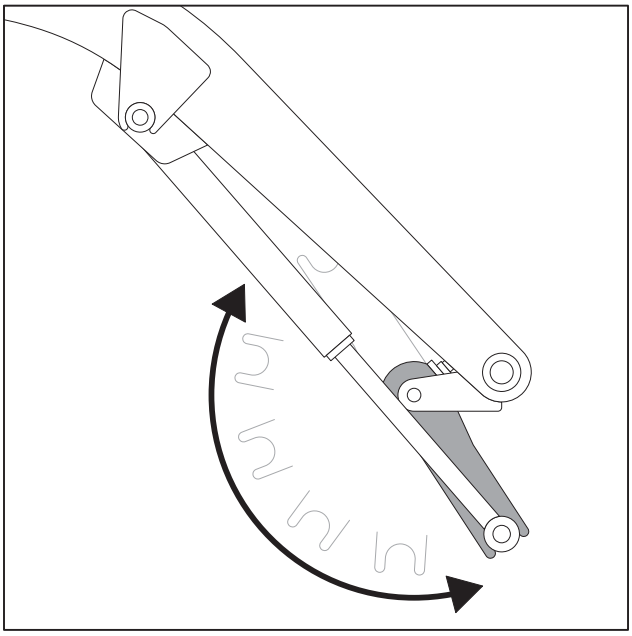
NOTICE: Unless otherwise instructed, all service should be performed with engine off.

Working Under Raised Lift Arms

WARNING Crushing weight could cause death or serious injury. Use proper procedures and equipment or stay away.

Before working under raised lift arms, stop engine, rotate props into position (shown), start engine, and lower arms until props support lift arms.

To return to normal operation, start engine, raise lift arms slightly, stop engine, and rotate props into stowed position.



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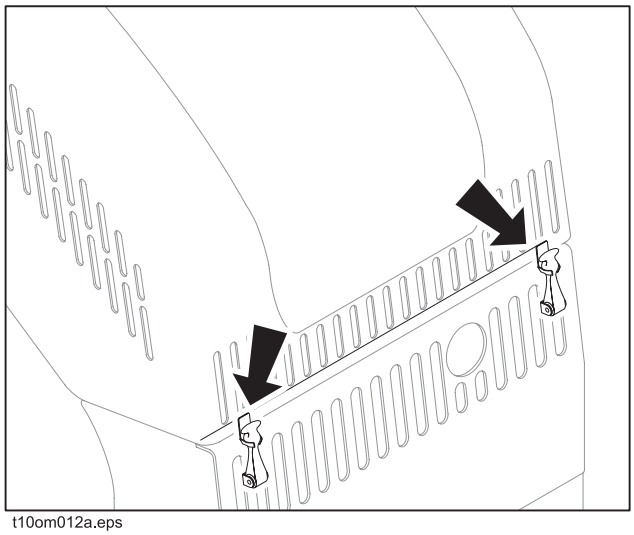
Opening Hood

1. Unlatch hood at points shown.
2. Raise hood fully.



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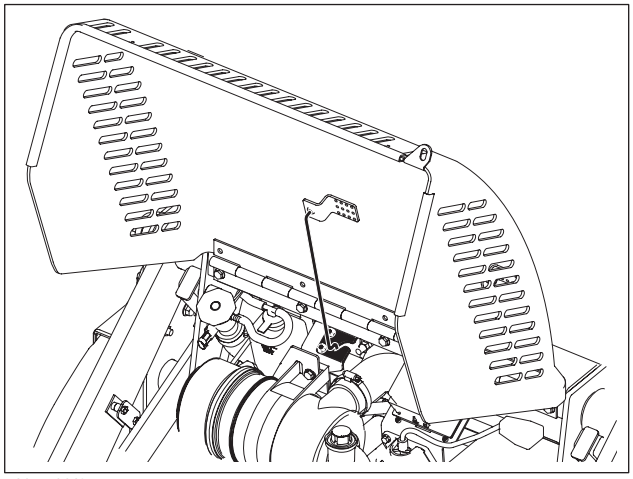
3. Position rod in slot as shown.



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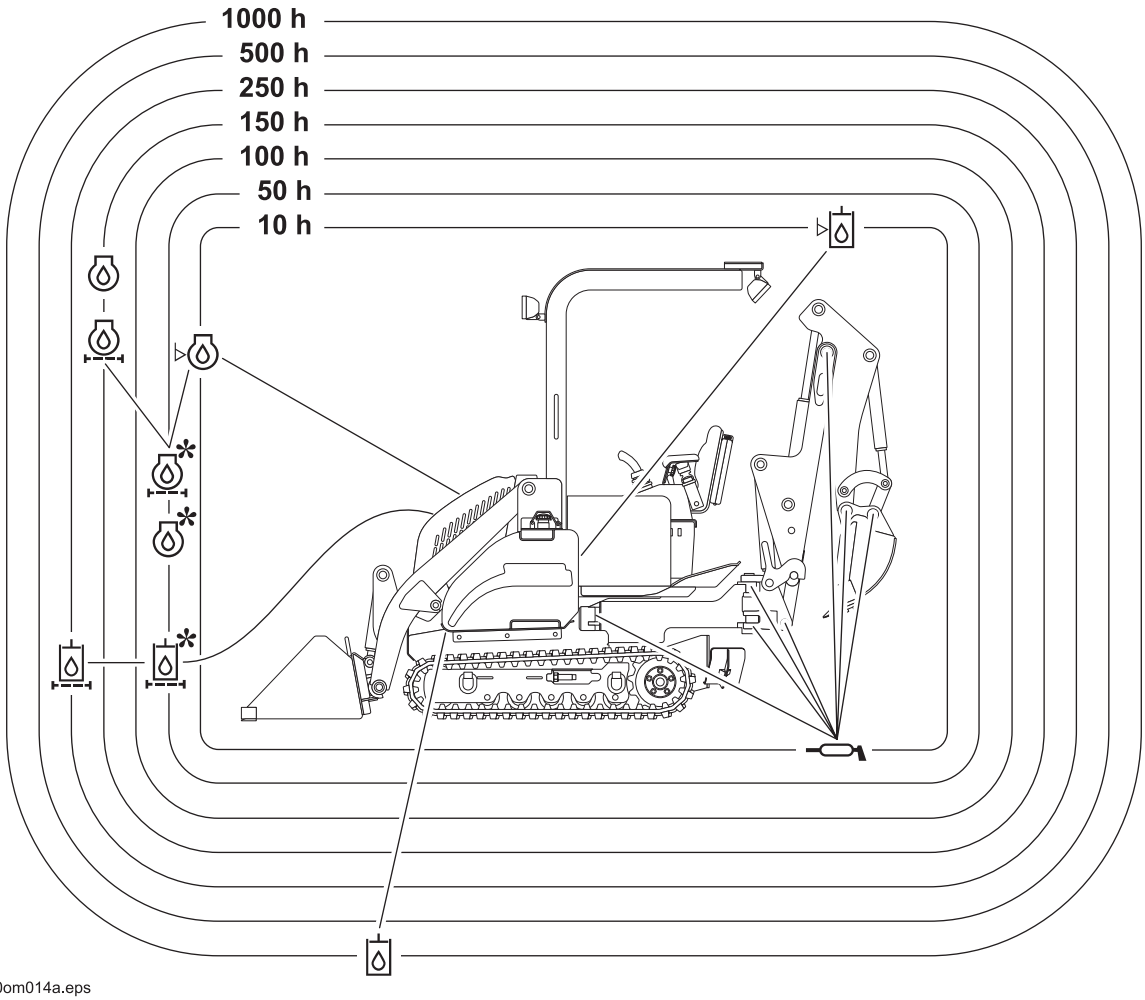
Lubrication Overview



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See next page for service key.

Recommended Lubricants/Service Key

Item	Description
DEO	Diesel engine oil meeting or exceeding the following standards of the American Petroleum Institute or the European Automobile Manufacturers Association: API CI-4 or ACEA E4/E7 See "Engine Oil Temperature Chart" on page 80 for recommended viscosity grade. **NOTICE:** Do not use oils meeting API CJ-4, ACEA E6/E9, or other low-SAPS equivalent.
MPG	Multipurpose grease meeting NLGI GC-LB Grade 2
THF	Tractor hydraulic fluid, similar to Phillips 66 HG, Mobilfluid 423, Chevron Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, Texaco TDH Oil, or equivalent
DEAC	Diesel engine antifreeze/coolant meeting ASTM D6210 (fully formulated) or D4985 (low silicate)
	Check level of fluid or lubricant
	Check condition
	Filter
	Change, replace, adjust, service or test

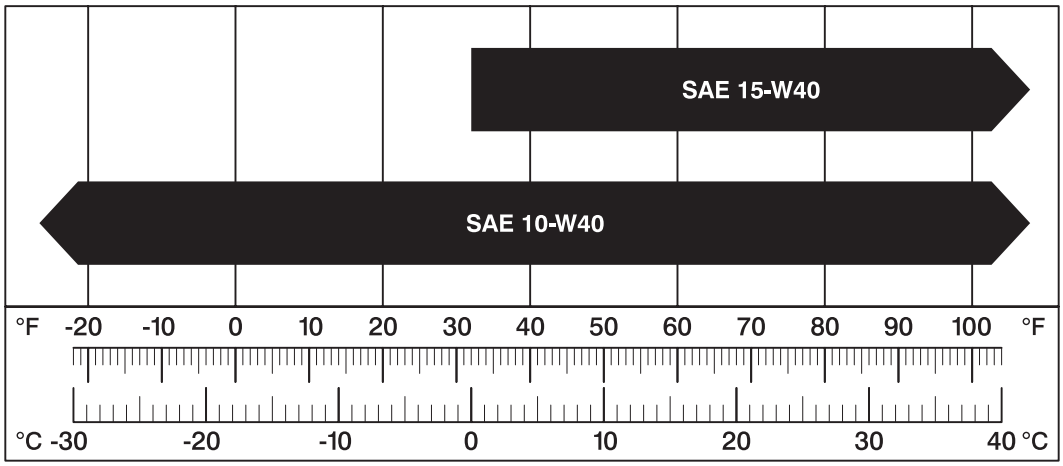
Proper lubrication and maintenance protects Ditch Witch equipment from damage and failure. Service intervals listed are for minimum requirements. In extreme conditions, service machine more frequently. Use only recommended lubricants. Fill to capacities listed in "Fluid Capacities" on page 99.

For more information on engine lubrication and maintenance, see your Kubota® engine manual.

NOTICE:

- Use only genuine Ditch Witch parts, filters, approved lubricants, TJC, and approved coolants to maintain warranty.
- Use the "Service Record" on page 105 to record all required service to your machine.

Engine Oil Temperature Chart



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Temperature range anticipated before next oil change

Approved Coolant

Any ethylene glycol based coolant is approved for use with this unit. However, it was filled with John Deere Cool-Gard coolant before shipment from factory. Add only Cool-Gard or any fully-formulated, ethylene glycol based, low-silicate, heavy-duty diesel engine coolant meeting ASTM specification D6210 (fully formulated) or D4985 (low silicate). Before using any other kind of coolant, completely flush radiator.

NOTICE: Do not mix heavy-duty diesel engine coolant and automotive-type coolant. This will lead to coolant breakdown and engine damage.

Approved Fuel

The engine is this unit is designed to run on diesel fuel. Use only high-quality fuel meeting ASTM D975 No. 2D, EN590, or equivalent. At temperatures below 32°F (0°C), winter fuel blends are acceptable. See engine operation manual for more information.

Biodiesel blends up to 5% (B5) are approved for use in this unit. The fuel used must meet the specifications for diesel fuel shown above. Extra attention is needed when using biodiesel, especially when operating in cold weather or storing fuel. Contact your Ditch Witch dealer or the engine manufacturer for more information.

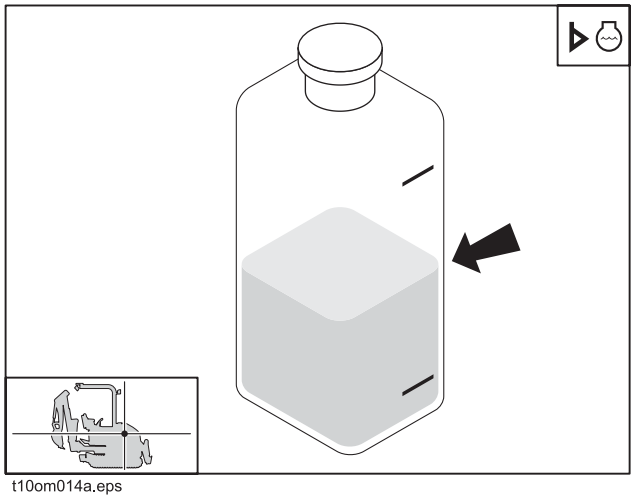
Fuel sulfur content should be less than 5000 ppm (0.5%). Worldwide, fuel sulfur regulations vary widely. Fuel used should always comply with local regulations. Do not use lube oil meeting API CJ-4 (or other low SAPS equivalent) if fuel sulfur content is above 5000 ppm (0.05%, low sulfur diesel in the U.S.).

10 Hour

Task	Notes
Check coolant level	DEAC
Check engine oil level	DEO
Check air filter	
Clean radiator screen	
Check track tension	
Check hydraulic fluid level	THF
Lubricate excavator	MPG

Check Coolant Level

Check coolant level every 10 hours. Add coolant as needed to maintain level as shown on overflow bottle.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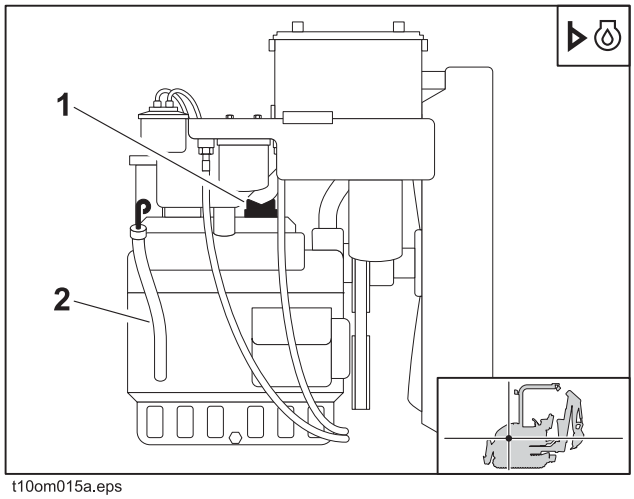
Check Engine Oil Level

Check engine oil level at dipstick (2) every 10 hours. Add DEO at fill (1) as needed to maintain oil level at highest line on dipstick.



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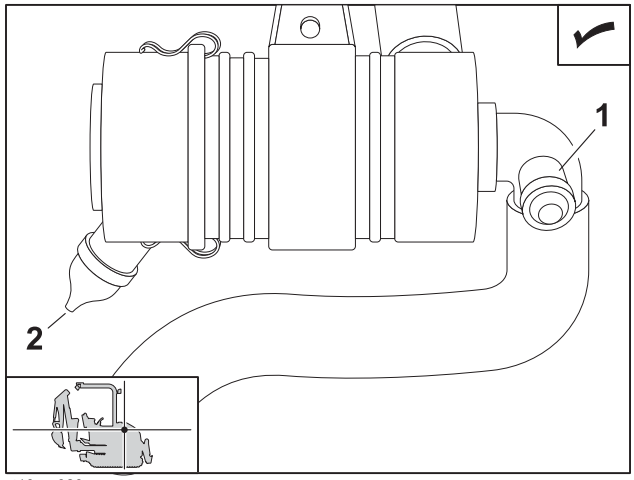
Check Air Filter

Check air filter restriction indicator (1) every 10 hours and change filter only when indicator reaches the red zone. Clean dust evacuator valve (2).

NOTICE: Only open the air filter canister when air restriction is indicated. Change the elements, do not attempt to clean them.

- Compressed air or water may damage filter elements.
- Tapping filter elements to loosen dirt may damage the elements.



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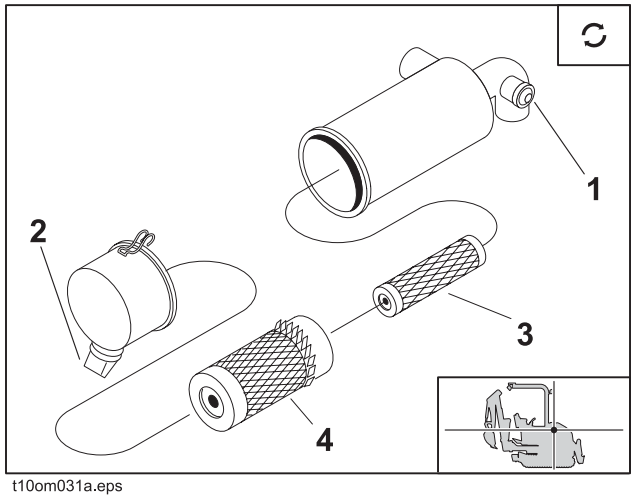
To change:

1. Remove air filter cover and remove primary (4) and safety (3) elements.
2. Wipe inside of housing and wash cover.
3. Insert new elements.
4. Replace cover.
5. Reset air filter restriction indicator.



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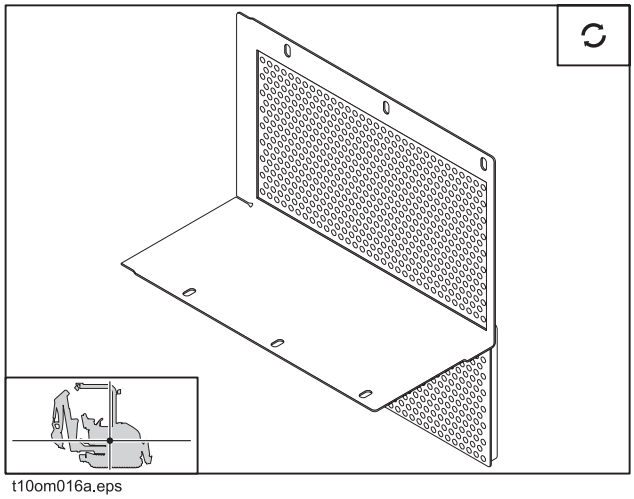
Clean Radiator Screen

Clean radiator screen every 10 hours.

IMPORTANT: Do not operate unit without screen in place.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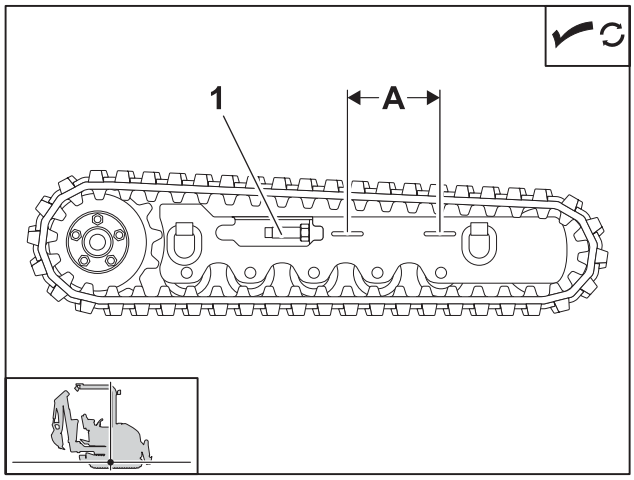
Check Track Tension

Check track tension every 10 hours. Measure length of spring as shown. When tracks are properly tensioned, spring length (A) should be 9 1/2" (241 mm). Adjust as needed (see page 92).

For more information on rubber tracks, see the publication Rubber Tracks, Types of Damage During Operation (p/n 053-1056) delivered with your machine.



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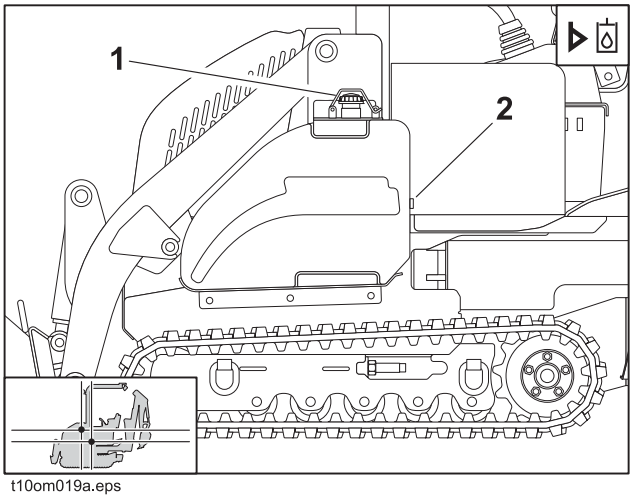
Check Hydraulic Fluid Level

Check hydraulic fluid level every 10 hours. Maintain level at halfway point on sight glass (2). Add THF as needed at fill (1).



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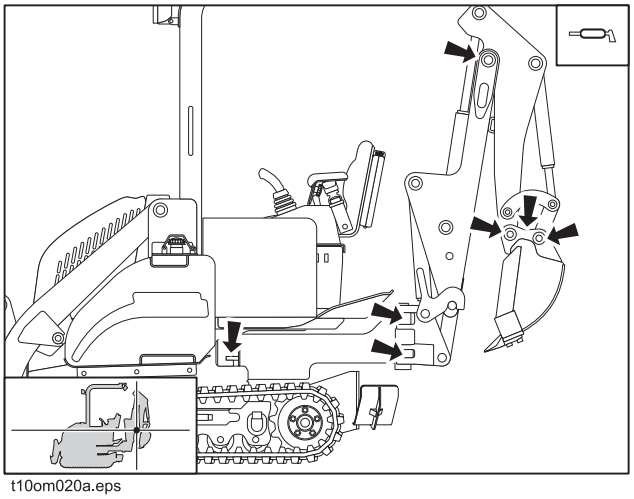
Lubricate Excavator

Lubricate excavator every 10 hours of use. Apply MPG at each of the 8 zerks.

IMPORTANT: On some units, zerk farthest to the left on illustration may be located on swing post.



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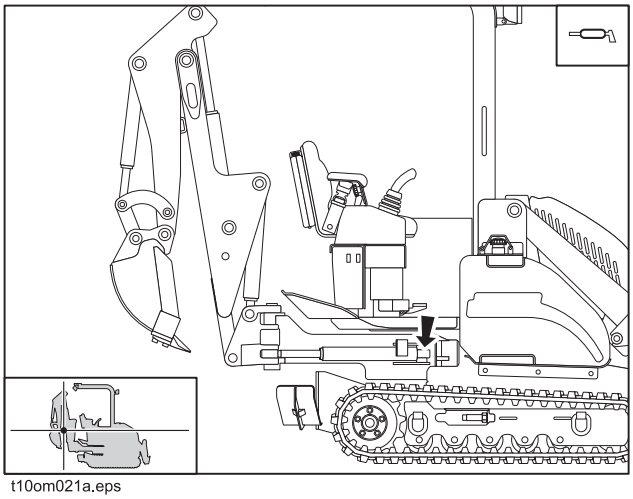

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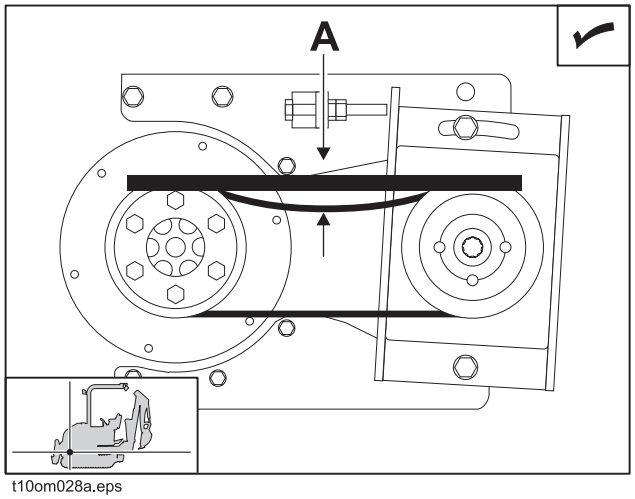
50 Hour

Task	Notes
Check pump drive belt tension	use belt tension meter, p/n 499-938
Check radiator	
Check battery	
Change engine oil and filter	Initial, DEO
Change hydraulic filter	Initial
Wash drive belt area	low pressure water

Check Pump Drive Belt Tension



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Check pump drive belt tension every 50 hours.

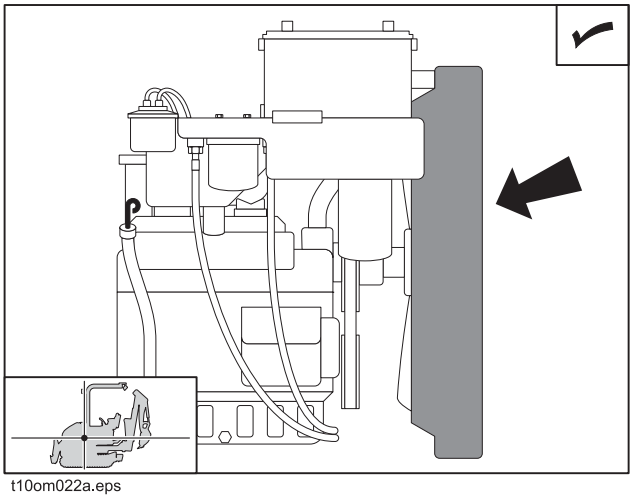
1. Turn off engine and remove key.
2. Remove front grill.
3. Apply moderate thumb pressure to top of belt.
4. Use a belt tension meter to measure tension.

   New belt: 13.8 lb at 1/4" (5 mm) maximum deflection (A).

   Existing belt: 12.2 lb at 1/4" (5 mm) maximum deflection (A).

   To adjust, see page 94.

Check Radiator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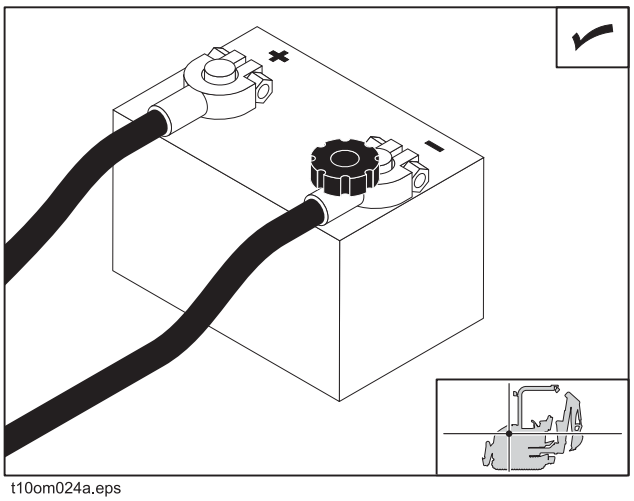
Check radiator for dirt, grass, and other foreign matter every 50 hours. Clean out with compressed air or spray wash if required. Be careful not to damage fins with high-pressure air or water. Check more often if operating in dusty or grassy conditions.

Check Battery

Check battery connections for wear or corrosion every 50 hours. Keep connections clean and tight. Batteries supplied by the factory are maintenance free. Service replacement batteries according to manufacturer's instructions.



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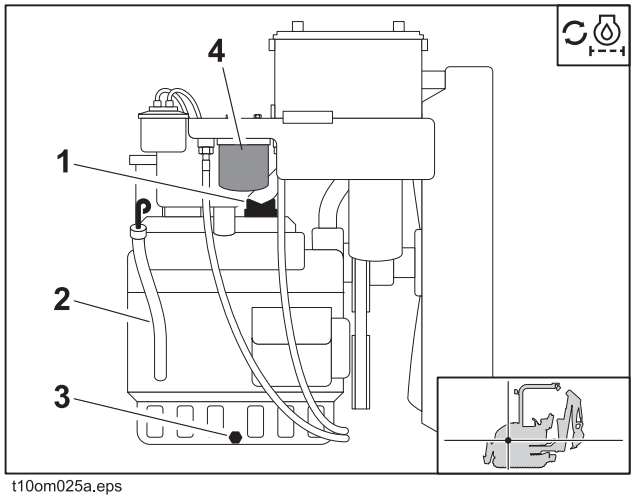
Change Engine Oil and Filter (Initial)

Change engine oil after 50 hours, and every 150 hours thereafter.

1. Remove large cover plate under unit to access drain (3, on side of pan).
2. Drain crankcase while oil is warm.
3. Replace filter (4).
4. Close drain and install cover.
5. Add DEO at fill (1) until oil level is at highest line on dipstick (2).



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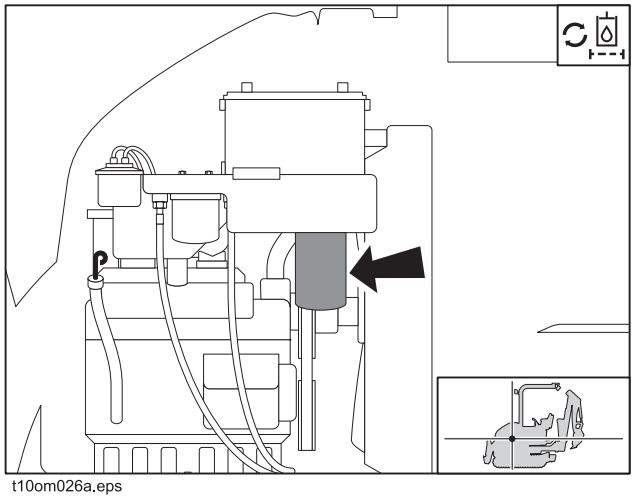
Change Hydraulic Filter (Initial)

Change hydraulic filter after 50 hours.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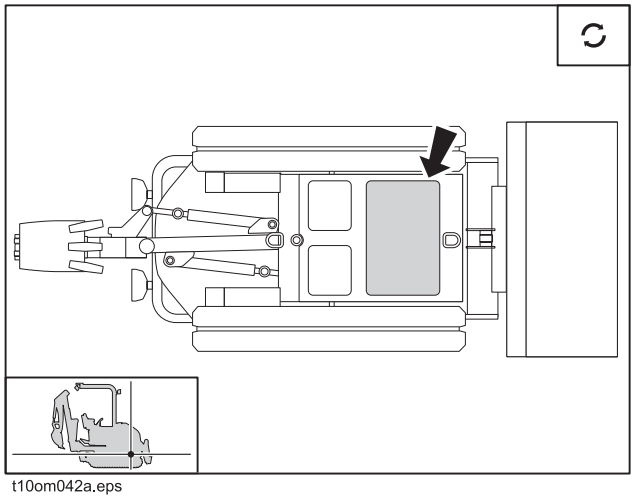
Wash Drive Belt Area

Wash drive belt area every 50 hours. Spray low pressure water in belt area to remove dust and dirt. Remove lower panel (shown) to drain water.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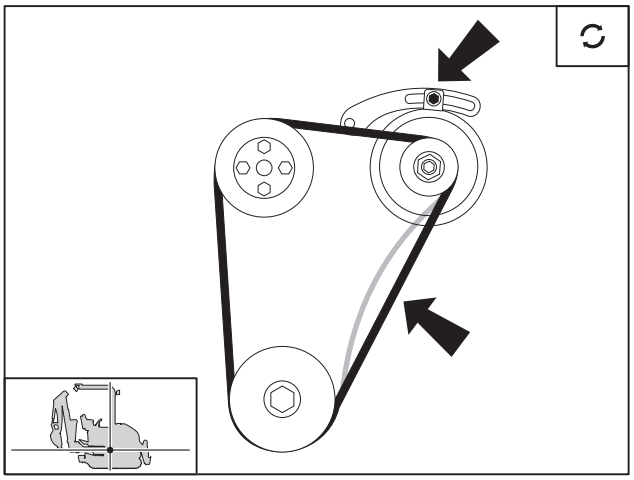
100 Hour

Task	Notes
Check fan belt tension	
Check front idler roller	

Check Fan Belt Tension

Adjust fan belt as needed.

1. Turn off engine and remove key.
2. Apply moderate thumb pressure to belt between pulleys where shown.
3. Belt is properly tensioned when deflection is about 1/4-3/8" (7-9 mm).
4. If needed, loosen alternator bolts (shown) and pull alternator out until correct tension is reached.



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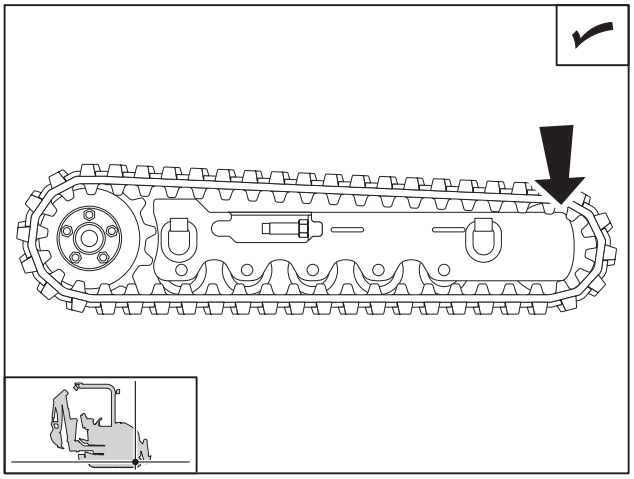
Check Front Idler Roller

Check front idler roller for wear every 100 hours. Replace as needed.



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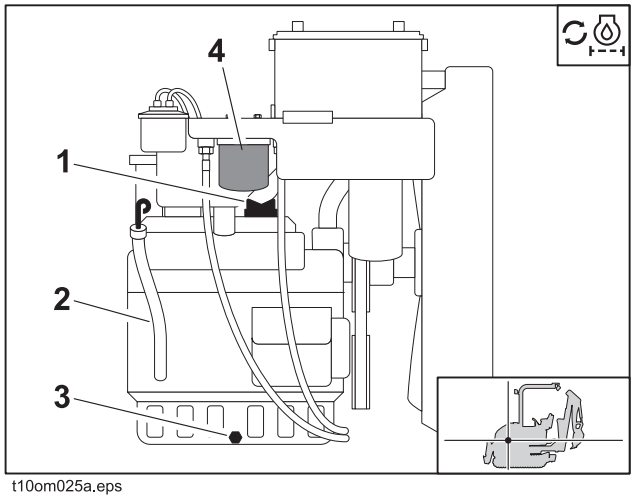
150 Hour

Change Engine Oil and Filter

Change engine oil after first 50 hours, and every 150 hours thereafter.

1. Remove large cover plate under unit to access drain (3, on side of pan).
2. Drain crankcase while oil is warm.
3. Replace filter (4).
4. Close drain and install cover.
5. Add DEO at fill (1) until oil level is at highest line on dipstick (2).



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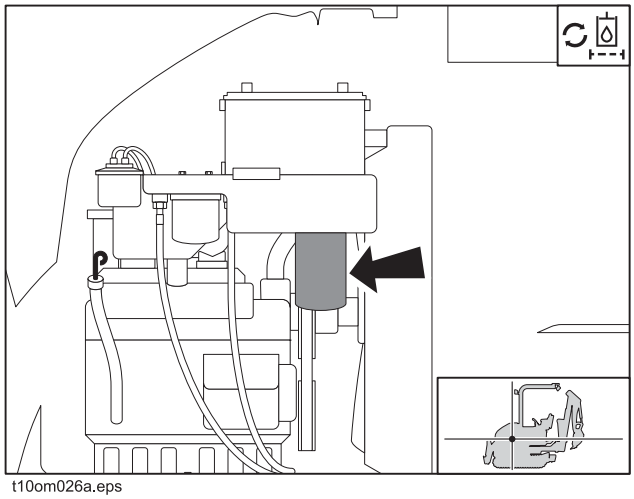
250 Hour

Change Hydraulic Filter

Change hydraulic filter every 250 hours.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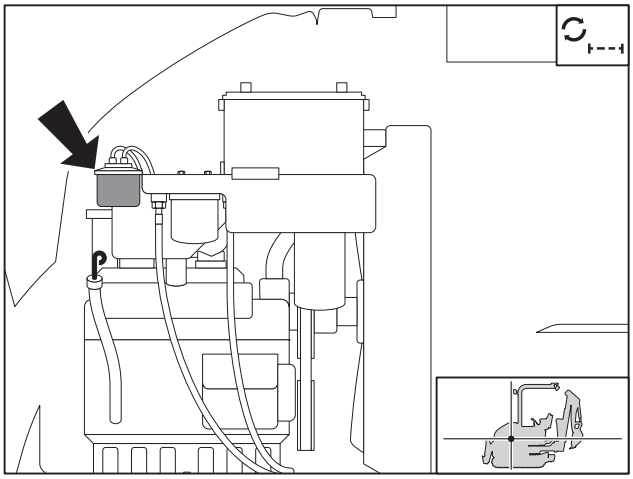
400 Hour

Replace Fuel Filter

Replace fuel filter every 400 hours.

1. Remove filter.
2. Remove old filter element and replace with a new one.
3. Apply a thin layer of fuel over the gasket and hand-tighten.
4. Air bleed the injection pump. (See engine operator's manual.)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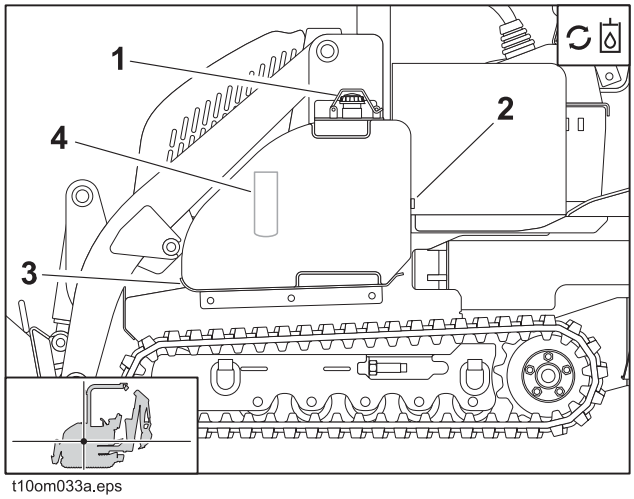
1000 Hour

Change Hydraulic Fluid and Filter

Drain (3) hydraulic fluid and change filter (4) every 1000 hours. Add THF at fill (1) until oil level is at halfway point on sight glass (2). Change fluid and filter every 500 hours if jobsite temperature exceeds 100°F (38°C) more than 50% of the time.



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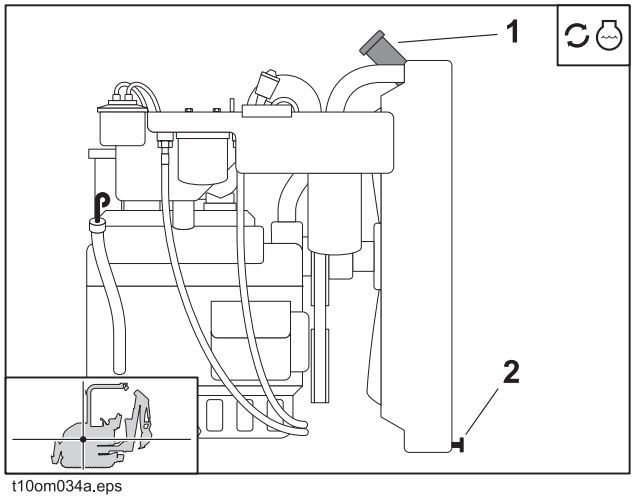
2000 Hour

Change Engine Coolant

Drain cooling system at drain (2). Refill (1) with approved coolant every two years or 2000 hours.

NOTICE:

- The use of non-approved coolant may lead to engine damage or premature engine failure and will void engine warranty.
- See "Approved Coolant" on page 80. for list of approved coolants.



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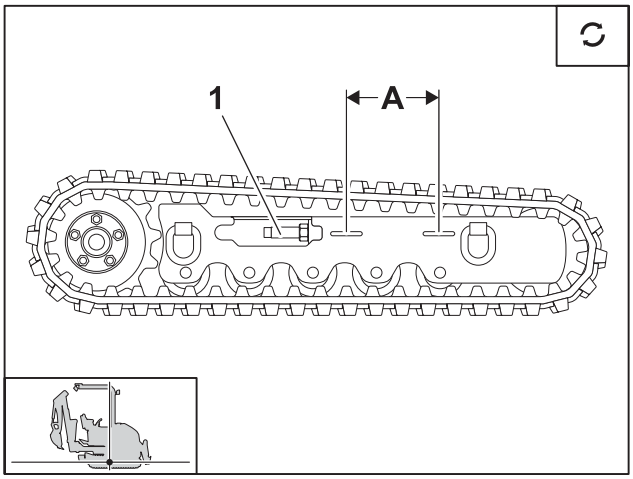
As Needed

Location	Task	Notes
TRACKS	Adjust track tension	
OPERATOR STATION	Empty radiator cleanout	
ENGINE COMPARTMENT	Adjust fan belt	
	Adjust pump drive belt	use belt tension meter, p/n 499-938

Adjust Track Tension

Adjust track tension as needed. To increase tension, turn screw (1) clockwise. To reduce tension, turn screw counterclockwise. When tracks are properly tensioned, spring length (A) should be 9 1/2" (241 mm).



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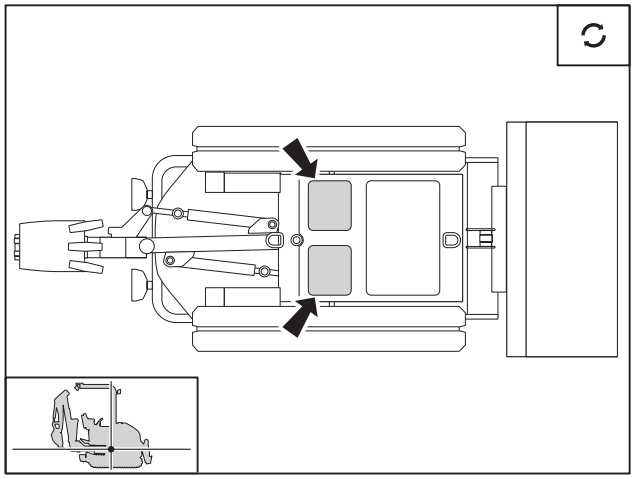
Empty Radiator Cleanout

Empty radiator cleanout as needed.

1. Remove radiator screen and the radiator cover holding the screen in place.
2. Remove plate (shown) under unit.
3. Clean out all debris from cleanout area.
4. Replace plate, radiator cover, and radiator screen.



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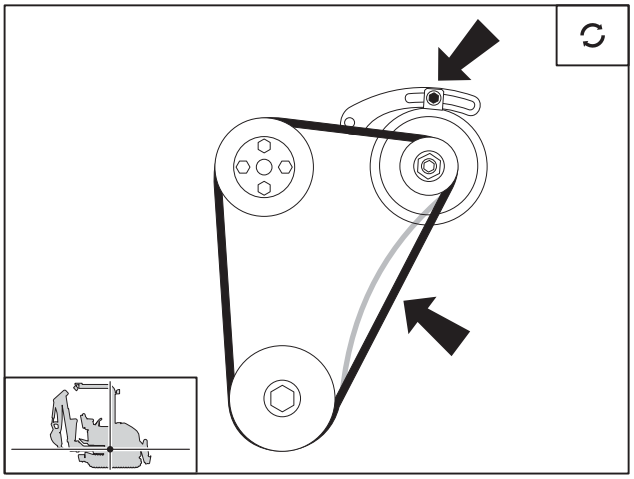
Adjust Fan Belt

Adjust fan belt as needed.

1. Turn off engine and remove key.
2. Apply moderate thumb pressure to belt between pulleys where shown.
3. Belt is properly tensioned when deflection is about 1/4-3/8" (7-9 mm).
4. If needed, loosen alternator bolts (shown) and pull alternator out until correct tension is reached.



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Adjust Pump Drive Belt

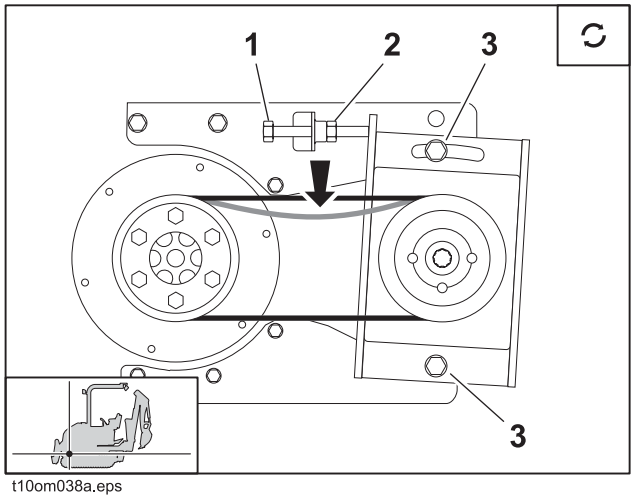
Adjust pump drive belt as needed.

1. Turn off engine and remove key.
2. Remove front grill.
3. Raise lift arms and engage props.

   See "Working Under Raised Lift Arms" on page 76.
4. Use a belt tension meter to measure tension.

   New belt: 13.8 lb at 1/4" (5 mm) maximum deflection (A).

   Existing belt: 12.2 lb at 1/4" (5 mm) maximum deflection (A).
5. Adjust belt:
   - Loosen bolts (2), locknut (3), and bolts (4).
   - Adjust bolt (1) to increase or decrease tension.
6. Once tension is set, tighten locknut and bolts.
7. Replace grill.



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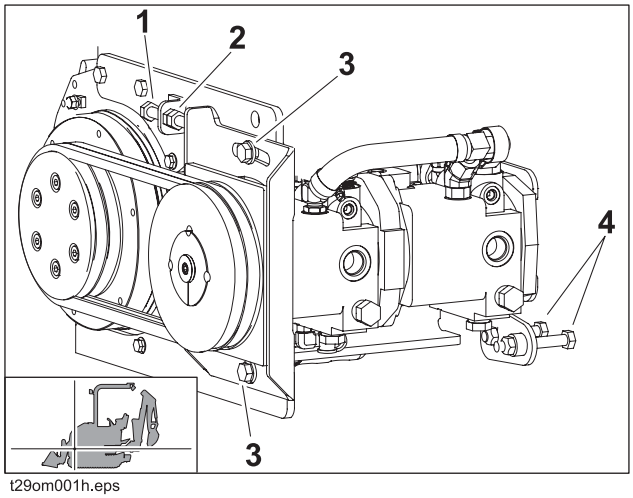

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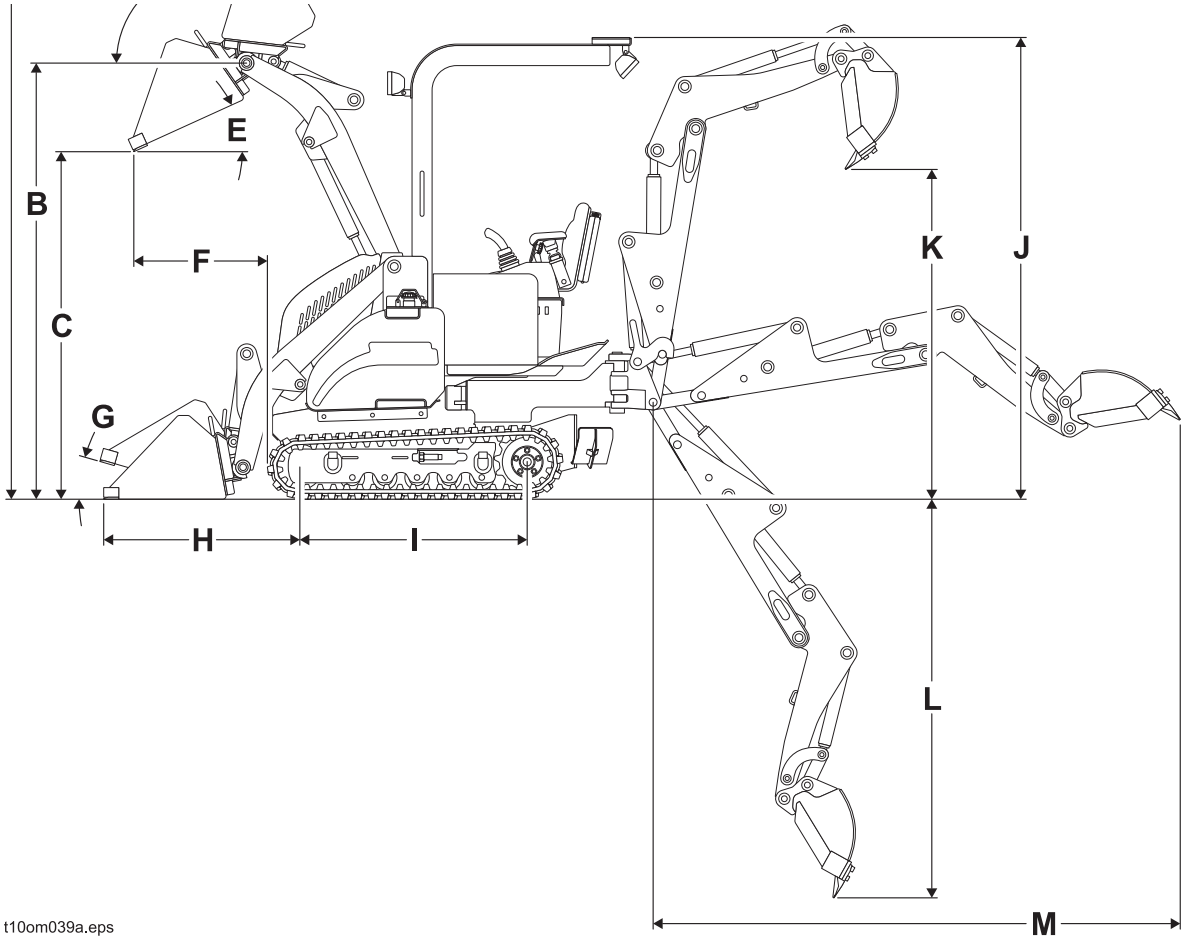
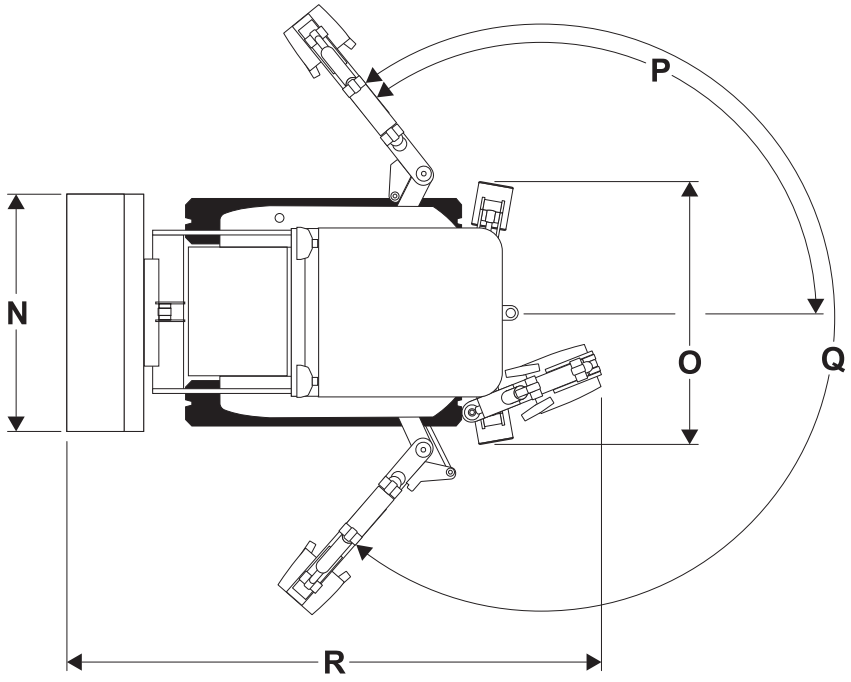


General Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
I	Wheelbase/track length	46 in	1.2 m
J	Overall height of machine	89 in	2.3 m

Tool Carrier Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
A	Operating height with standard bucket, max	104 in	2.6 m
B	Hinge pin height, max	83 in	2.1 m
C	Dump height with standard bucket, max	69 in	1.75 m
D	Bucket rollback angle, top	115°	115°
E	Dump angle, standard bucket	25°	25°
F	Reach with standard bucket, fully raised	21 in	533 mm
G	Bucket rollback angle, ground level	16°	16°
H	Reach at grade	34 in	864 mm

Excavator Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
K	Loading height, max	72 in	1.8 m
L	Dig depth, max	83 in	2.1 m
M	Reach from swing post	103 in	2.6 m
	Lift capacity, boom over end and swing arc, SAE		
	at 48 in (1.2 m)	370 lb	167 kg
	at ground level	457 lb	207 kg
	at 72 in (1.8 m)	485 lb	220 kg
	Lift capacity, dipperstick over end and swing arc, SAE		
	at 48 in (1.2 m)	566 lb	256 kg
	at 72 in (1.8 in)	1392 lb	631 kg



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General Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
O	Machine width	50 in	1.3 m
R	Overall machine length, excavator stowed	120 in	3 m
	Weight	4440 lb	2014 kg

Tool Carrier Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
N	Bucket width, max	52 in	1.3 m

Excavator Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
P	Swing angle from center	130°	130°
Q	Total swing angle	260°	260°

Performance	U.S.	Metric
Ground drive speed, forward	4.2 mph	6.8 km/h
Ground drive speed, reverse	4.2 mph	6.8 km/h
Ground pressure	4.0 psi	0.28 bar
Angle of departure	30°	30°
Tipping capacity	2500 lb	1134 kg
Rated operating capacity @ 35% of tipping capacity Rated operating capacity was determined using a standard bucket in the drive position with a center of gravity ____ in (mm) from the face plate. Depending on the attachment, the actual operating capacity of the attachment may vary.	950 lb	431 kg
Drawbar pull	2500 lb	11.1 kN

Hydraulic System	U.S.	Metric
Auxiliary: dual gear pumps		
Flow rate	7/15 gpm	26.4/56.8 L/min
Pressure	3000 psi	207 bar
Ground drive: dual hydrostat		
Flow rate	13 gpm	49.2 L/min
Pressure	3625 psi	250 bar

Power	U.S.	Metric
Engine: Kubota D1105-T-E3B diesel (EPA Tier 4i, EU stage IIIA)		
Cooling medium: coolant (see "Approved Coolant" on page 80.)		
Number of cylinders: 3		
Injection: indirect		
Displacement	68.53 in^3	1123 cm^3
Bore	3.07 in	78 mm
Stroke	3.09 in	78.5 mm
* Maximum continuous tilt angle, fore and aft	20°	20°
* Maximum continuous tilt angle, side	20°	20°
Rated speed	3000 rpm	3000 rpm
Estimated net power per SAE J1349 (@ 3000 rpm)	29.5 hp	22 kW
Gross power per SAE J1995	32.8 hp	24.4 kW

* Exceeding these operating angles will cause engine damage. This DOES NOT IMPLY machine is stable to maximum angle of safe engine operation.

Fluid Capacities	U.S.	Metric
Fuel tank	10 gal	38 L
Engine oil, with filter	4.2 qt	4 L
Hydraulic system	10 gal	38 L

Battery
SAE reserve capacity 110 min, SAE cold crank @ 0°F (-18°C) 800 amp, 12V electrical system

Vibration Levels
Under normal operation of the excavator or tool carrier of the XT855, the vibration level to the arms is 6.4 m/sec^2. Under the same conditions, the vibration level to the body does not exceed 2.5 m/sec^2.
Operator seat complies with ISO 7096.

Noise Levels
Exterior sound power level is 104 dBA, per ISO6394.
Operator ear sound pressure level is 92 dBA, per ISO 6394.

Specifications are called out according to SAE recommended practices. Specifications are general and subject to change without notice. If exact measurements are required, equipment should be weighed and measured. Due to selected options, delivered equipment may not necessarily match that shown.

Support

Procedure

Notify your dealer immediately of any malfunction or failure of Ditch Witch equipment.

Always give model, serial number, and approximate date of your equipment purchase. This information should be recorded and placed on file by the owner at the time of purchase.

Return damaged parts to dealer for inspection and warranty consideration if in warranty time frame.

Order genuine Ditch Witch replacement or repair parts from your authorized Ditch Witch dealer. Use of another manufacturer's parts may void warranty consideration.

Resources

Publications

Contact your Ditch Witch dealer for publications and videos covering safety, operation, service, and repair of your equipment.

Ditch Witch Training

For information about on-site, individualized training, contact your Ditch Witch dealer.

Warranty

Ditch Witch Equipment and Replacement Parts Limited Warranty Policy

Subject to the limitation and exclusions herein, free replacement parts will be provided at any authorized Ditch Witch dealership for any Ditch Witch equipment or parts manufactured by The Charles Machine Works, Inc. (CMW) that fail due to a defect in material or workmanship within one (1) year of first commercial use (Exception: 2 years for all SK5 attachments). Free labor will be provided at any authorized Ditch Witch dealership for installation of parts under this warranty during the first year following "initial commercial" use of the serial-numbered Ditch Witch equipment on which it is installed. The customer is responsible for transporting their equipment to an authorized Ditch Witch dealership for all warranty work.

Exclusions from Product Warranty

- All incidental or consequential damages.
- All defects, damages, or injuries caused by misuse, abuse, improper installation, alteration, neglect, or uses other than those for which products were intended.
- All defects, damages, or injuries caused by improper training, operation, or servicing of products in a manner inconsistent with manufacturer's recommendations.
- All engines and engine accessories (these are covered by original manufacturer's warranty).
- Tires, belts, and other parts which may be subject to another manufacturer's warranty (such warranty will be available to purchaser).
- ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES NOT EXPRESSLY STATED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND MERCHANTABILITY.

IF THE PRODUCTS ARE PURCHASED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, AS DEFINED BY THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, THEN THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE FACE HEREOF AND THERE ARE NO IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND WHICH EXTEND TO A COMMERCIAL BUYER. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY APPLY INCLUDING THE DUTIES IMPOSED.

Ditch Witch products have been tested to deliver acceptable performance in most conditions. This does not imply they will deliver acceptable performance in all conditions. Therefore, to assure suitability, products should be operated under anticipated working conditions prior to purchase.

Defects will be determined by an inspection within thirty (30) days of the date of failure of the product or part by CMW or its authorized dealer. CMW will provide the location of its inspection facilities or its nearest authorized dealer upon inquiry. CMW reserves the right to supply remanufactured replacements parts under this warranty as it deems appropriate.

Extended warranties are available upon request from your local Ditch Witch dealer or CMW.

Some states do not allow exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so above limitation of exclusion may not apply. Further, some states do not allow exclusion of or limitation of how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply. This limited warranty gives product owner specific legal rights and the product owner may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

For information regarding this limited warranty, contact CMW's Product Support department, P.O. Box 66, Perry, OK 73077-0066, or contact your local Ditch Witch dealer.

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