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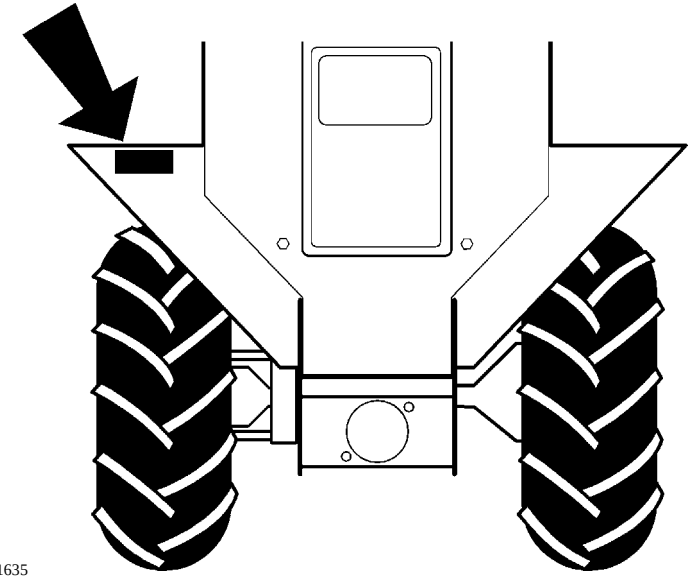

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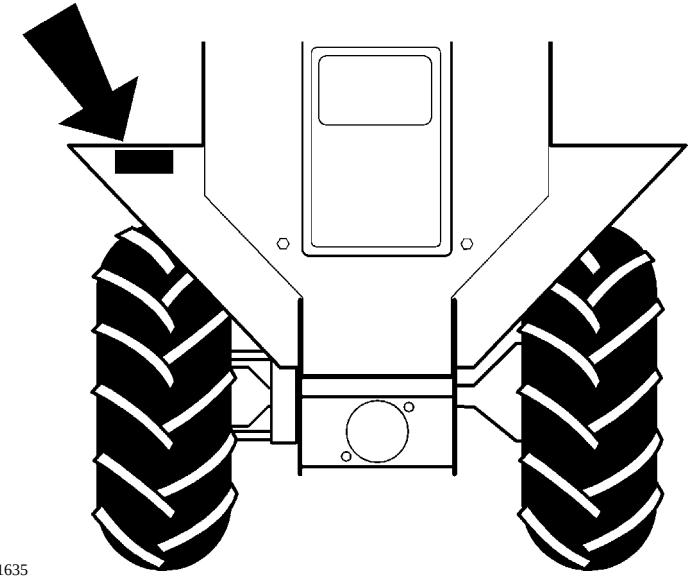

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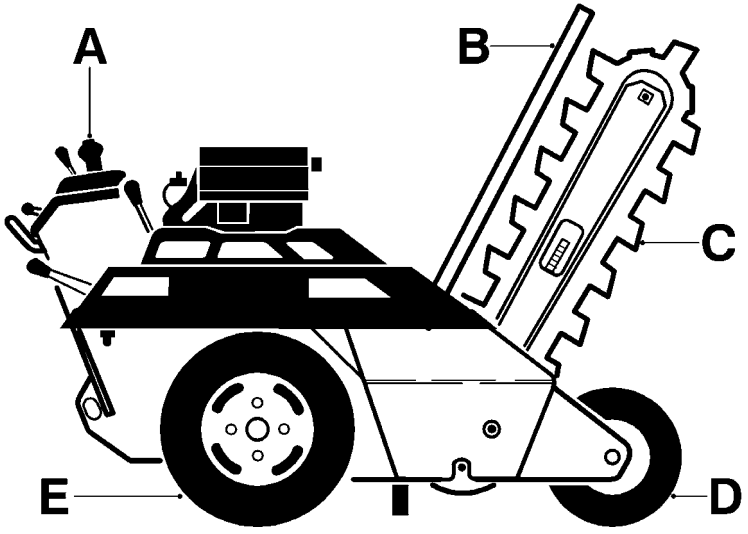

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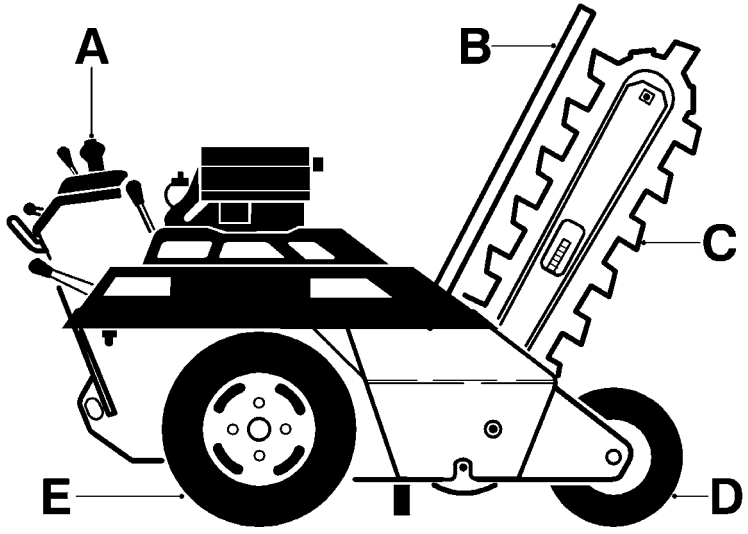

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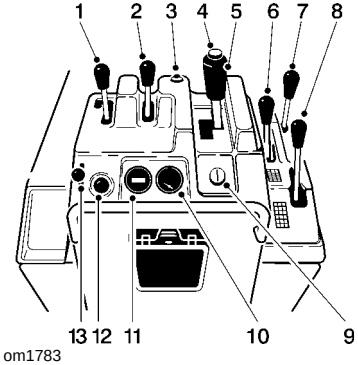

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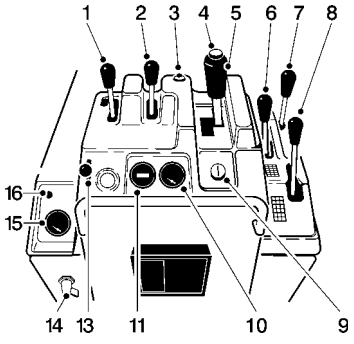

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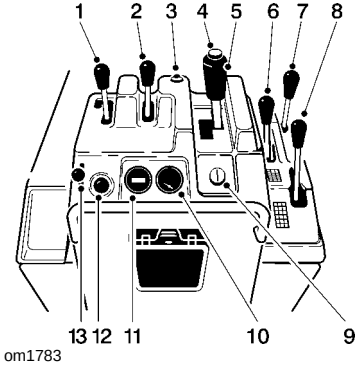

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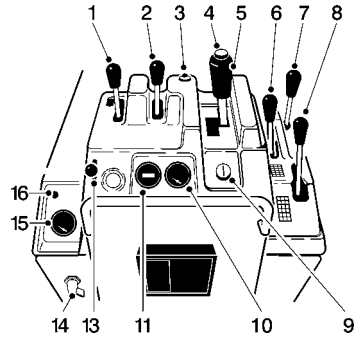

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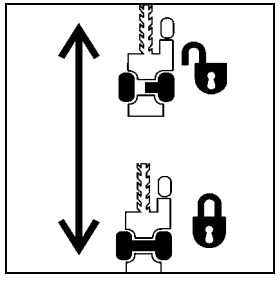

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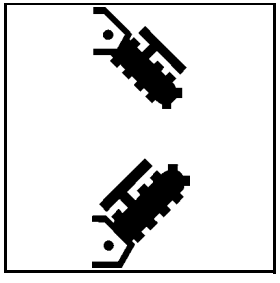

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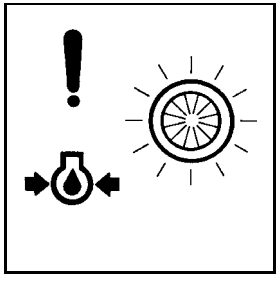

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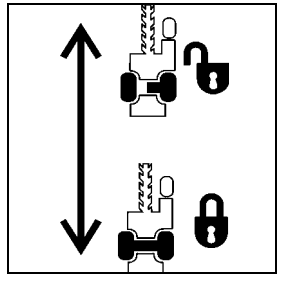

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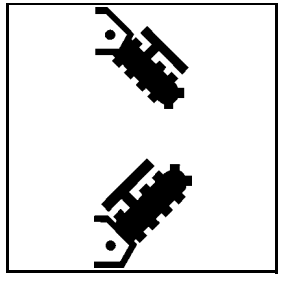

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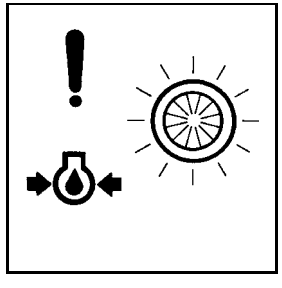

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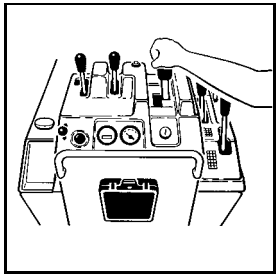

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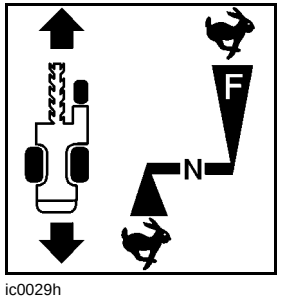

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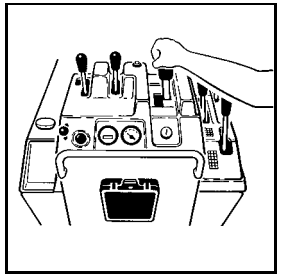

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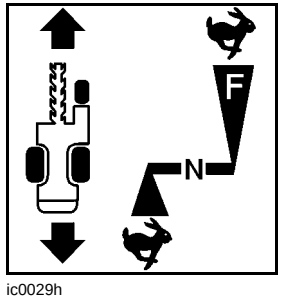

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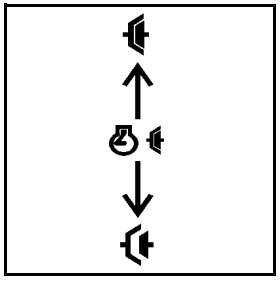

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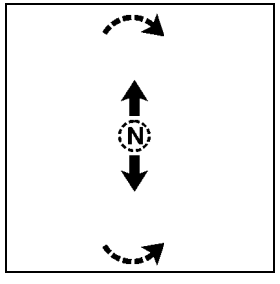

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Digging Chain Control (yellow)

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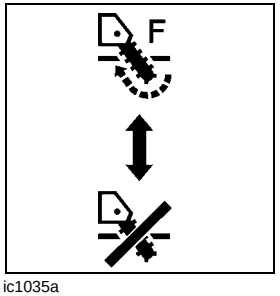

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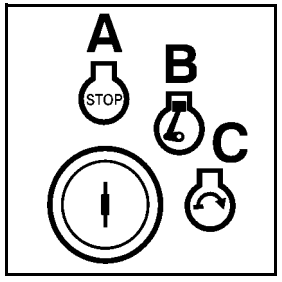

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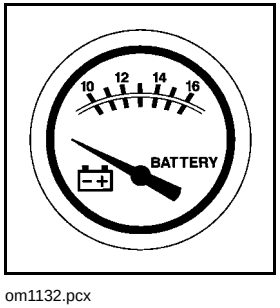

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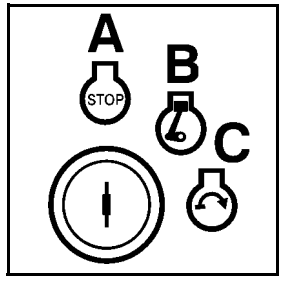

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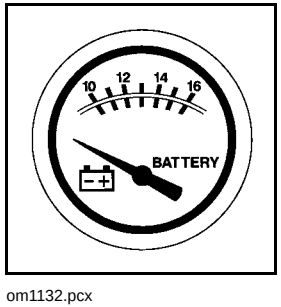

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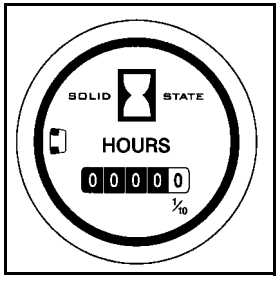

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Choke (gas only)

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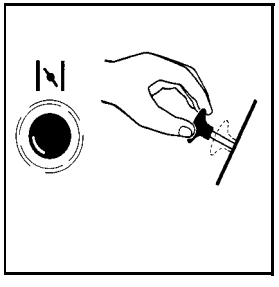
- Push Choke in completely when engine has warmed.



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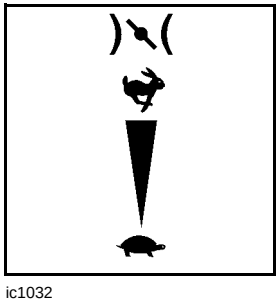

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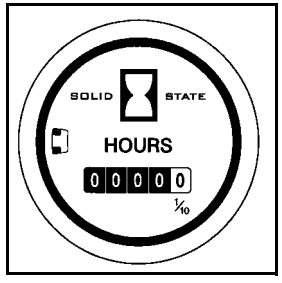

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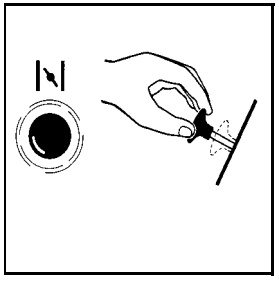

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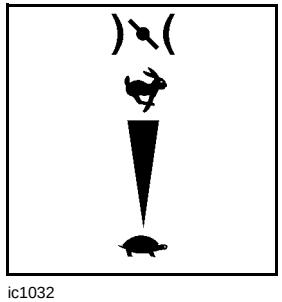

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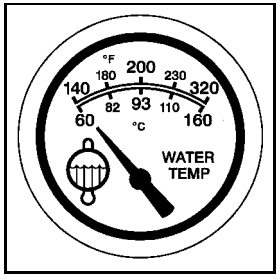

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This indicator lights when glow plug is heating.

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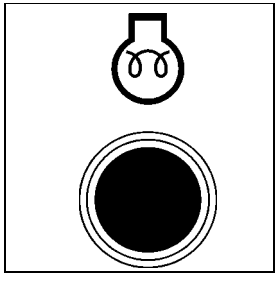

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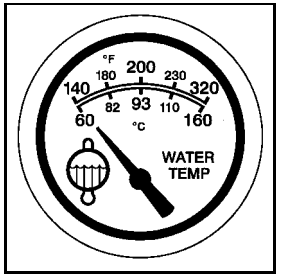

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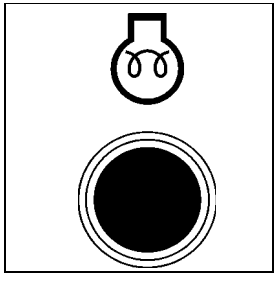

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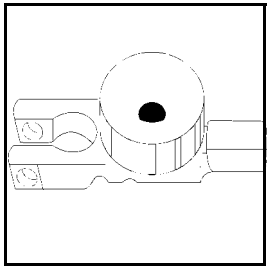

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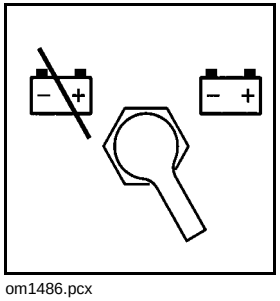

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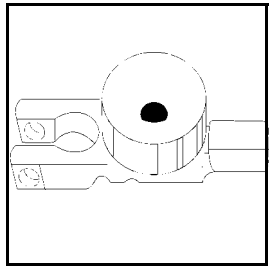

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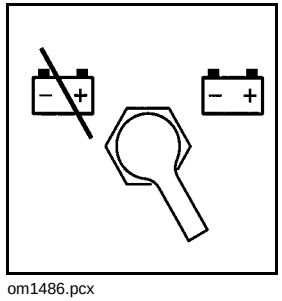

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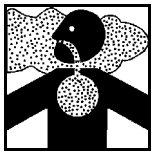

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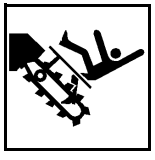

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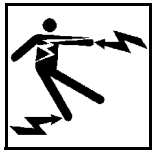

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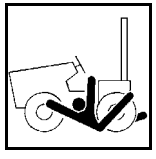

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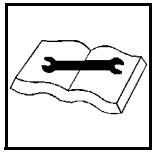

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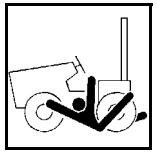

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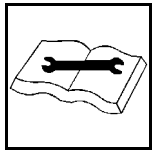

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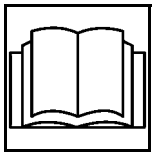

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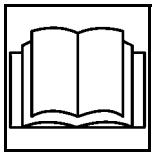

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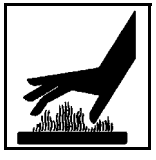

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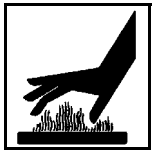

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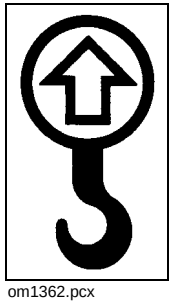

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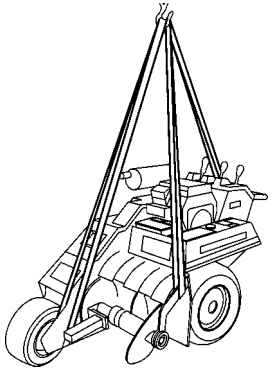

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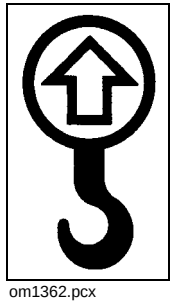

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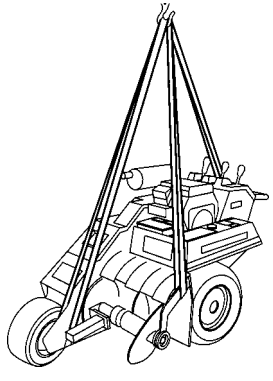

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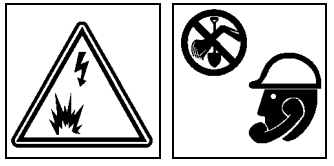

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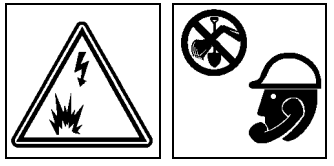

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Spare hub assembly is stored near right drive tire, under guard.

Optional Spare Hub Assembly

1. Remove guard covering assembly.
2. Remove two mounting bolts and remove assembly from storage position.
3. Securely block right side of trencher. Right wheel should be off ground.

   IMPORTANT: On diesel units, right tire and wheel assembly is filled with tire ballast and weighs approximately 127 lb (58 kg).
4. Remove right wheel.
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This trencher is not designed to be towed. If it must be moved without its own power, optional Spare Hub Assembly should be used.

Spare Hub Assembly is designed for temporary use for distances less than 500’ (150 m) at slow rate of speed. Assembly should only be used for towing.

Spare hub assembly is stored near right drive tire, under guard.

Optional Spare Hub Assembly

1. Remove guard covering assembly.
2. Remove two mounting bolts and remove assembly from storage position.
3. Securely block right side of trencher. Right wheel should be off ground.

   IMPORTANT: On diesel units, right tire and wheel assembly is filled with tire ballast and weighs approximately 127 lb (58 kg).
4. Remove right wheel.
5. Place assembly on lug bolts and attach with lug nuts. If wrench will not fit through access holes, remove snap ring and outer flange, tighten lug nuts, and replace flange and snap ring.
6. Remove lug nuts from spare hub assembly bolts.
7. Place right wheel on assembly.
8. Securely fasten wheel with lug nuts.
9. Lower trencher.
10. Push axle lock to disengage. Machine will freewheel.
11. Slowly tow trencher.

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- General appearance.
- Condition of digging chain, teeth, drive belts, and air filter.
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- Tire pressure. Use reliable tire pressure gauge.
- Engine oil level. Keep oil level at highest line on dipstick.
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- Water level in diesel units. Keep overflow bottle 1/4 to 3/4 full. Add antifreeze as needed.
- Signs are in place and readable.
- Guards and shields are in place.
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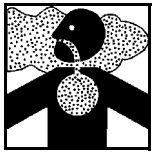

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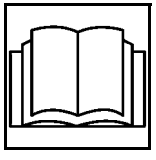

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6. Start engine. If engine does not start within ten seconds, release key, allow starter motor to cool, and try to start again. If engine does not start after three tries, check machine.

   Gasoline Engine:

   Choke cold engine. Put key in ignition and turn to start position. When engine starts, release key. Push choke in.

   Diesel Engine:

   Put key in ignition and turn to on position until glow plug indicator goes out. Turn key to start position. When engine starts, release key.

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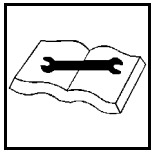

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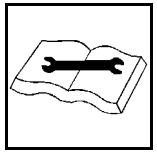

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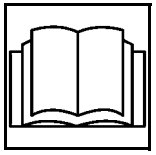

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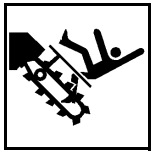

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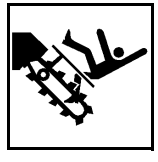

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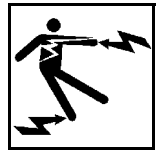

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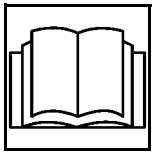

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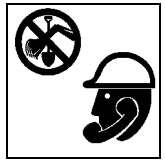

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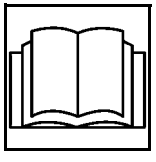

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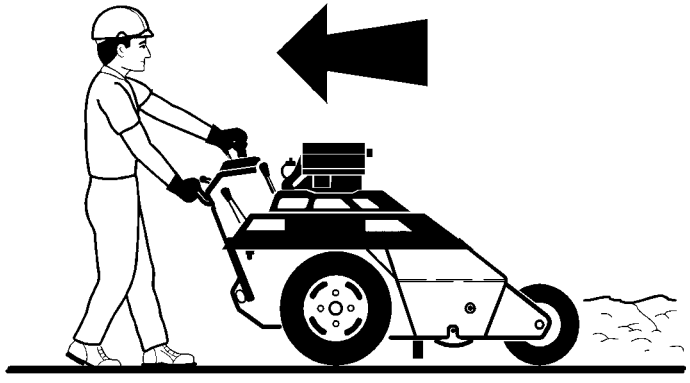

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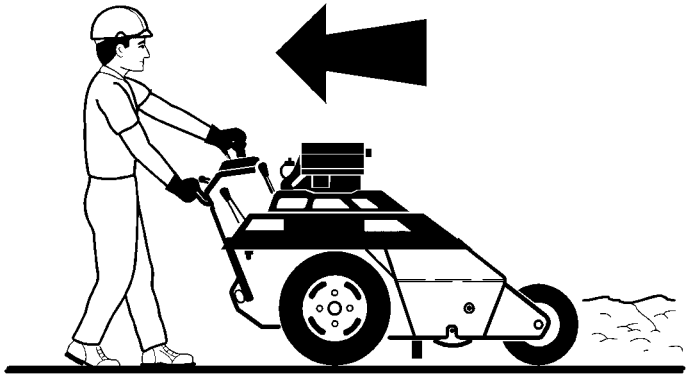

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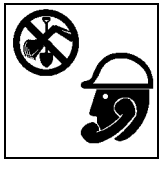

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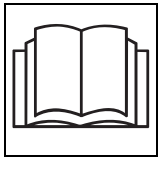

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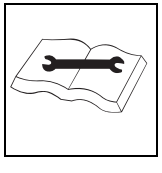

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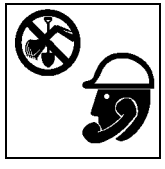

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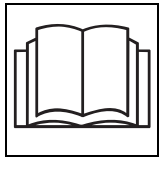

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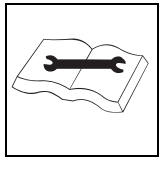

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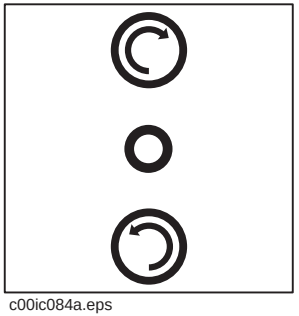
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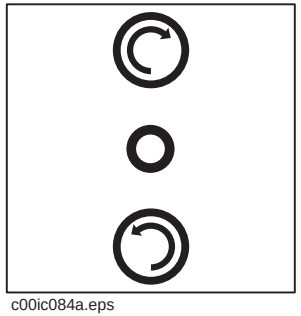
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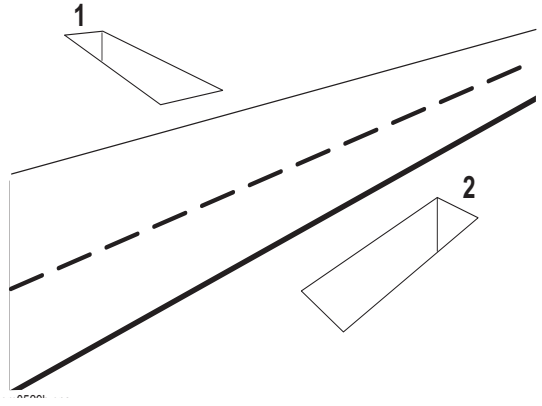

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   - 20’ (6 m) long
   - 4" (100 mm) wide

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1. Select a completion point for the drilling project.
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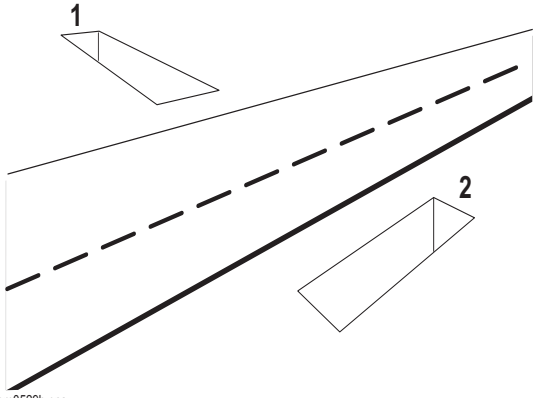

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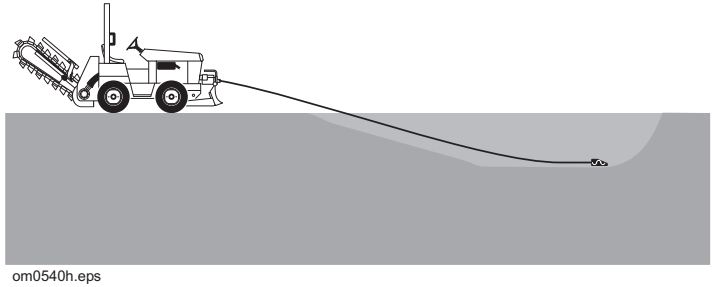

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2. Install drill bit to the cutting end of the drill string.
3. Put drill string in approach trench.
4. Move tractor to the approach trench and align the drilling attachment with the intended bore path.
5. Turn off engine.
6. Attach drill string to drilling attachment.

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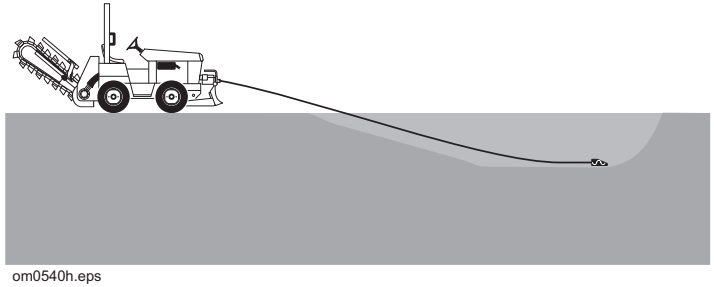
PREPARE JOBSITE AND EQUIPMENT

Drill Pipe and Equipment



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1. Assemble at least 20’ (6 m), but not more than 30’ (9 m), of drill rod.

   NOTICE: More than 10-15’ (3-4.5 m) of drill rod out of the trench increases the tendency of drill rod to bend.

2. Install drill bit to the cutting end of the drill string.
3. Put drill string in approach trench.
4. Move tractor to the approach trench and align the drilling attachment with the intended bore path.
5. Turn off engine.
6. Attach drill string to drilling attachment.

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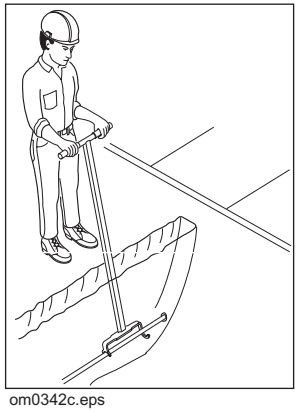
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4. Slowly back up tractor while maintaining rotation.
5. When backreamer exits the bore hole, stop rotation immediately.

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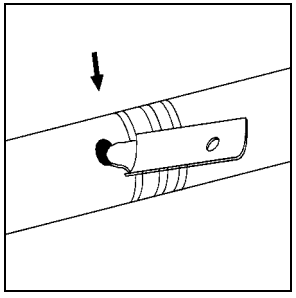

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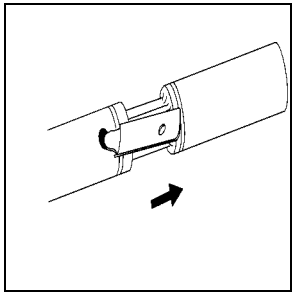

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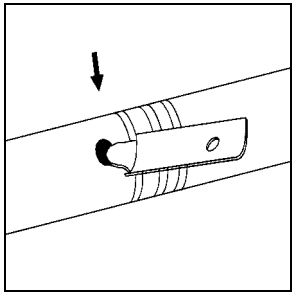

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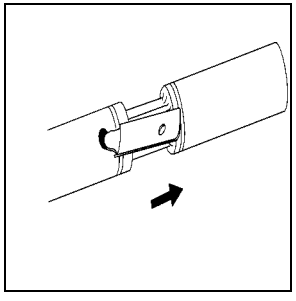

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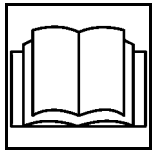

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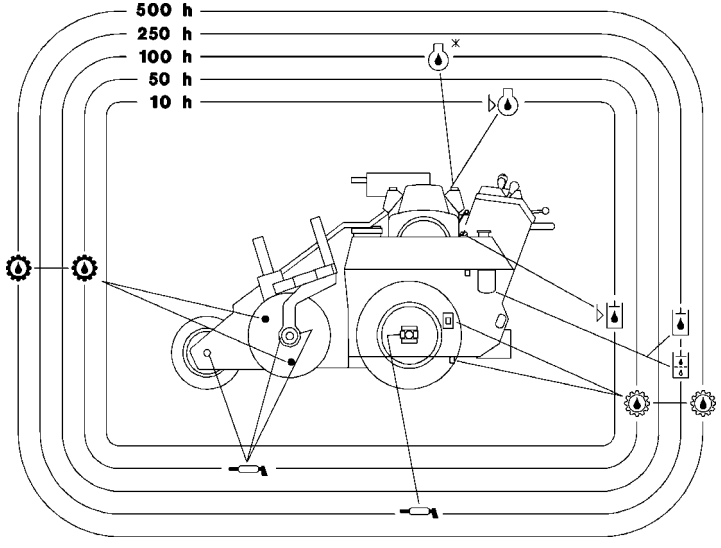

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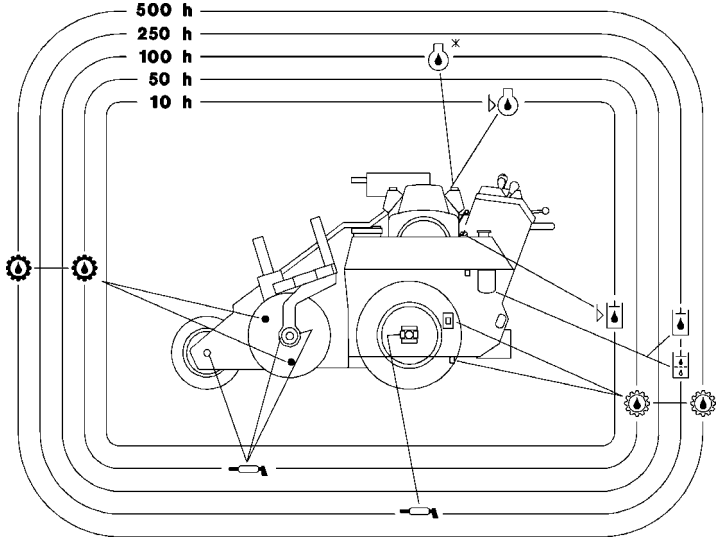

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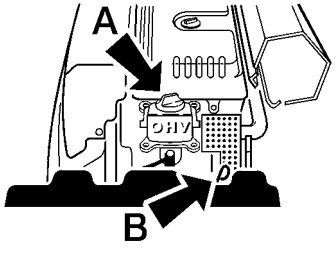

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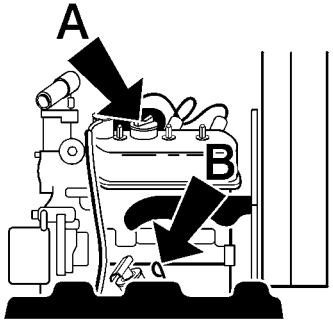

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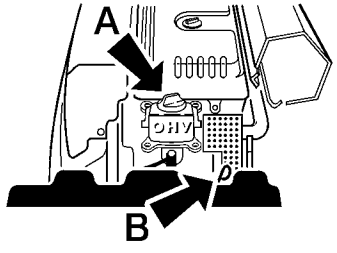

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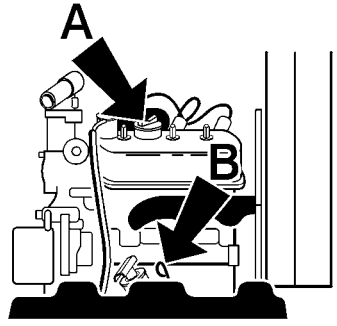

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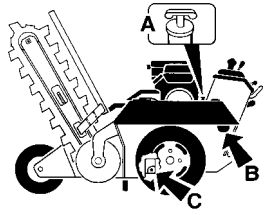

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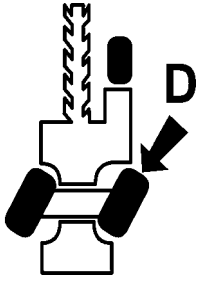

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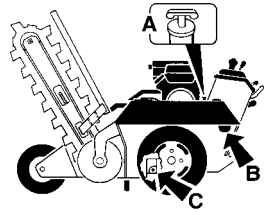

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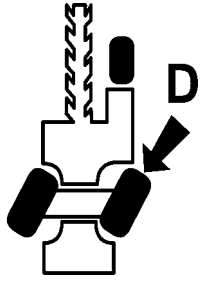

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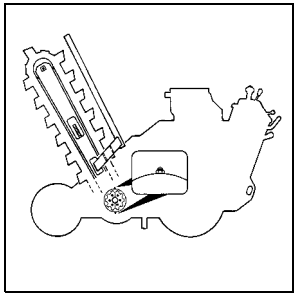

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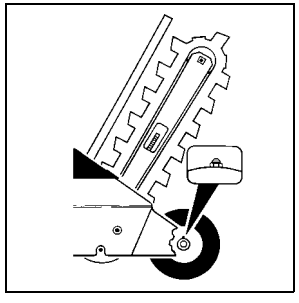

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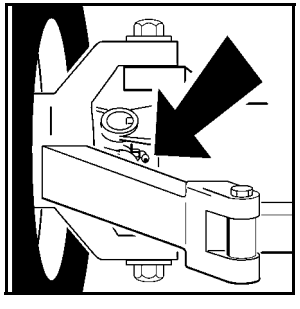

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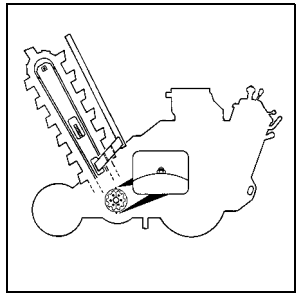

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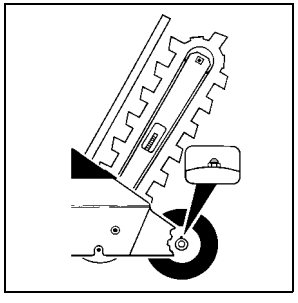

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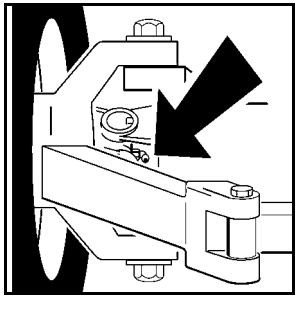

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REDUCER BOXES

Axle Reducer Box

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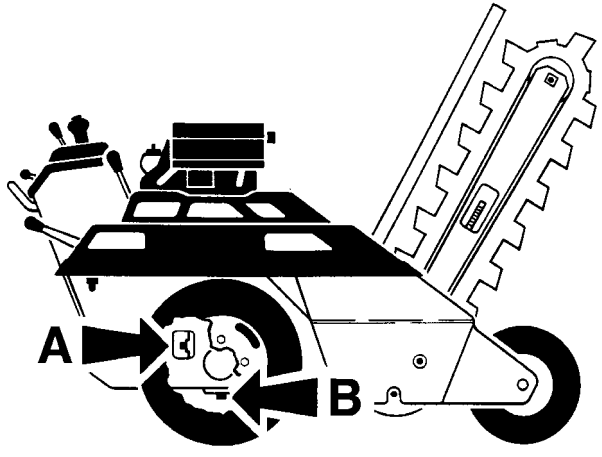

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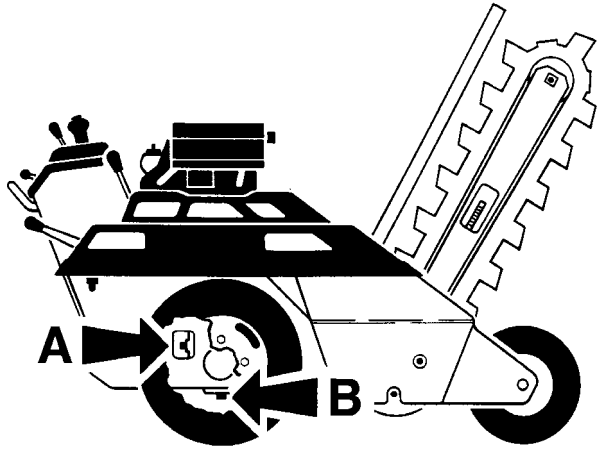

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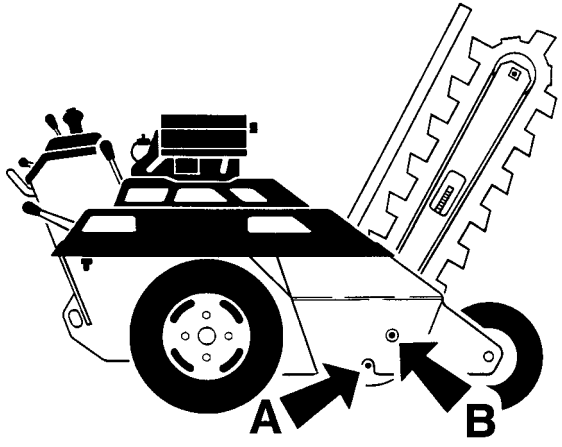

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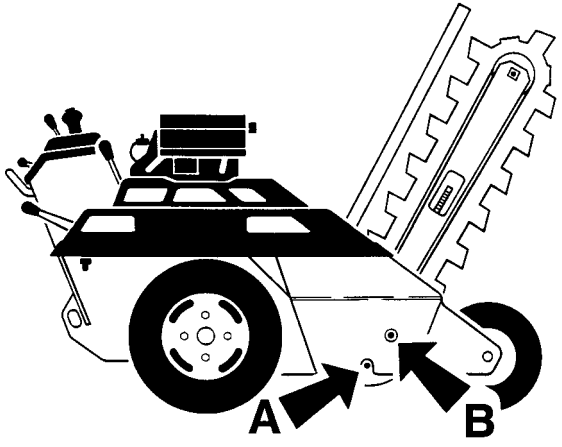

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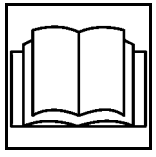

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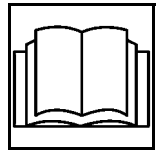

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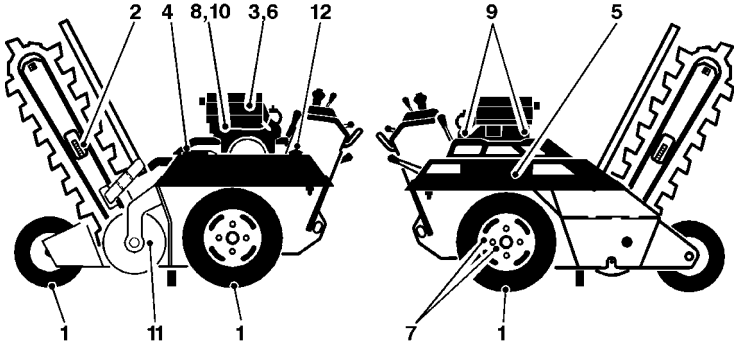

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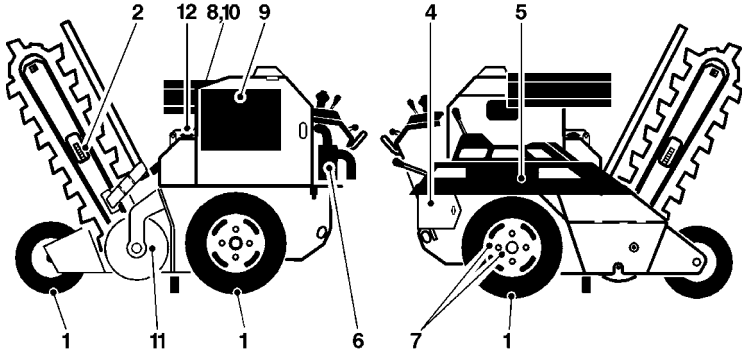

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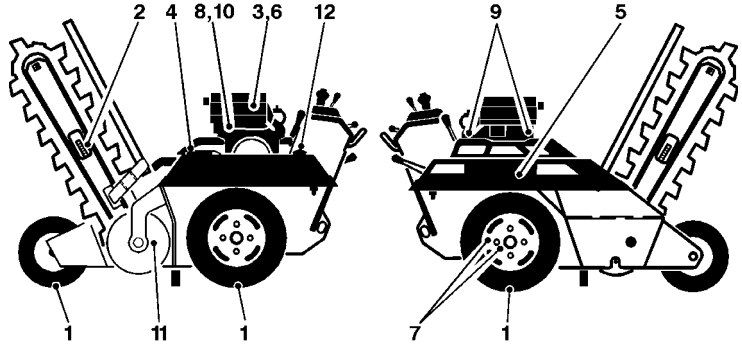

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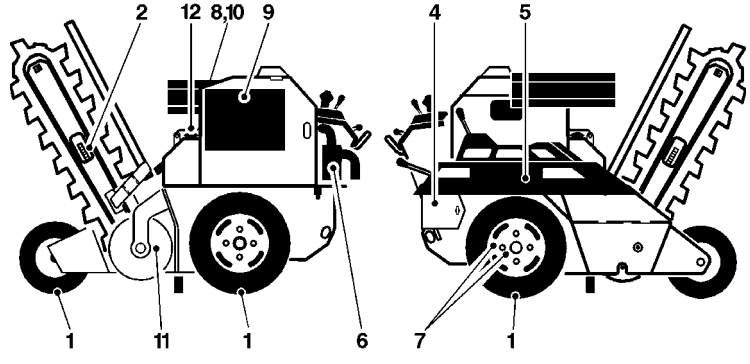

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FUEL

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Check fuel level each use.

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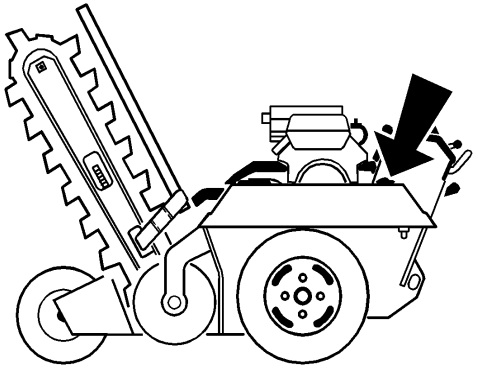

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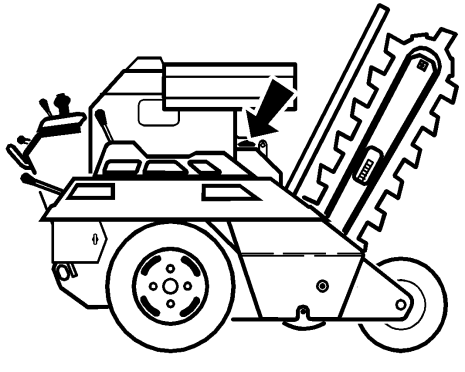

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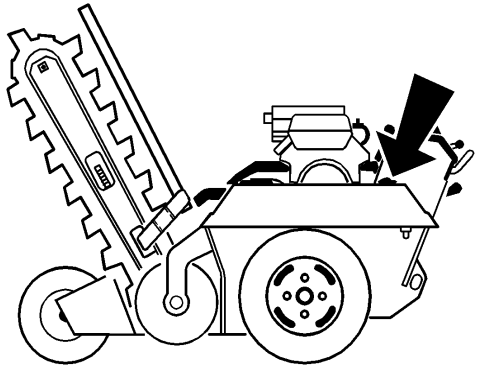

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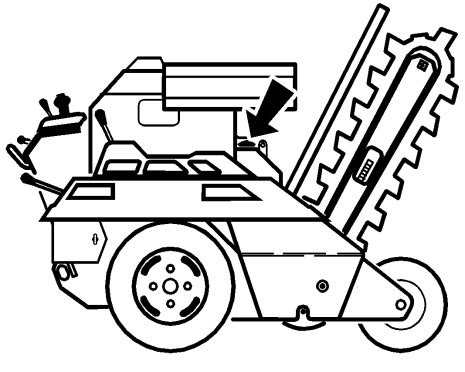

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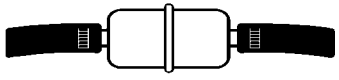

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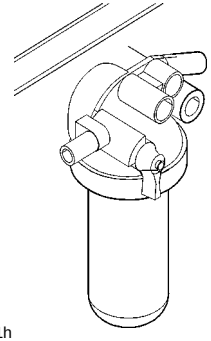

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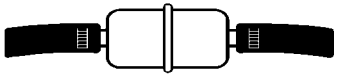

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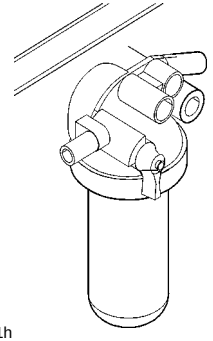

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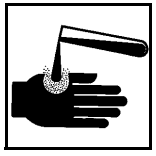

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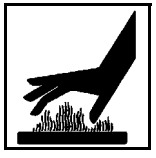

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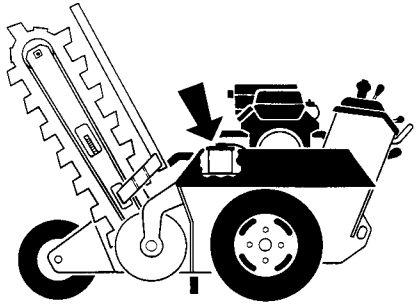

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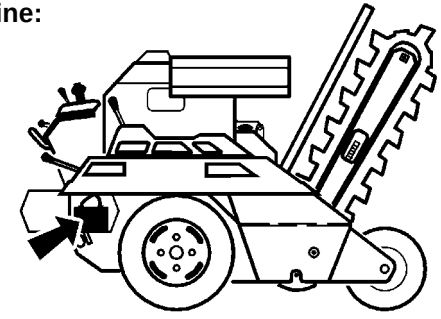

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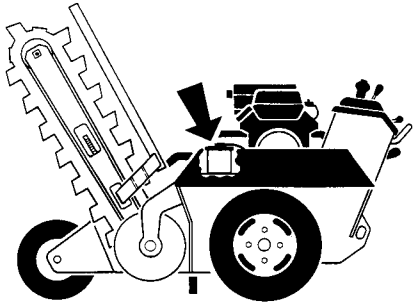

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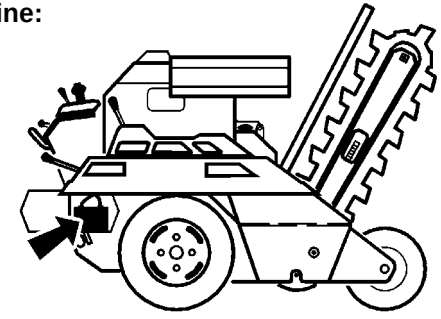

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Gasoline Engine

Clean every 25 hours.

- Clean and oil air filter precleaner.
- Clean paper element.
- Clean inside of air filter housing with damp cloth and allow to dry.
- Inspect parts and tighten or replace if necessary.

Replace air filter precleaner and paper element every 100 hours.

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2. Machine screws
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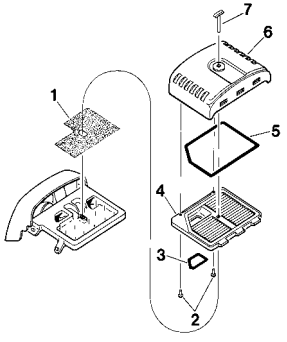
7. Wing bolt



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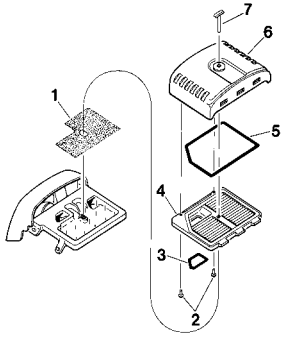

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Diesel Engine

Clean every 100 hours.

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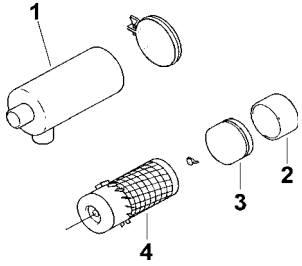
Replace every 1000 hours or every six cleanings.

1. Housing.
2. Bottom cup
3. Baffle
4. Element



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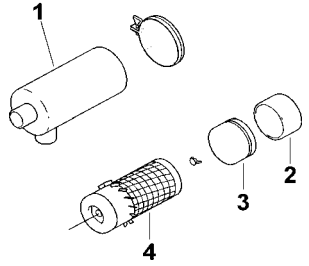

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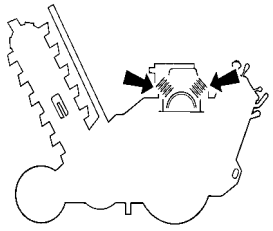

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Radiator (Diesel engine)

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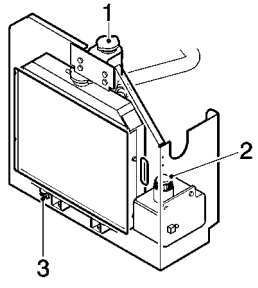

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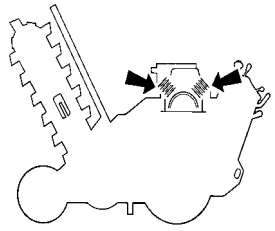

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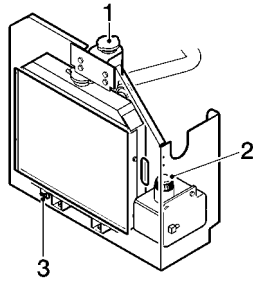

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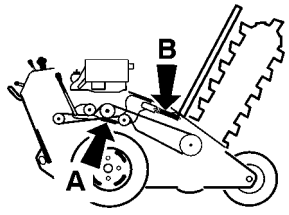

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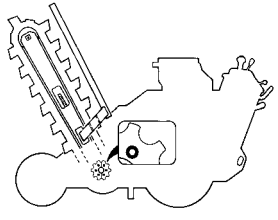
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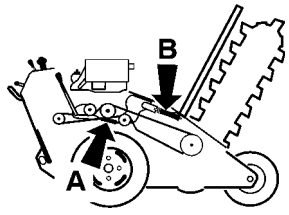

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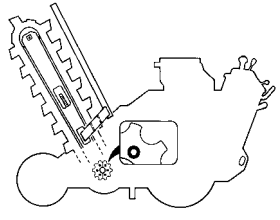
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WHEELS AND TIRES

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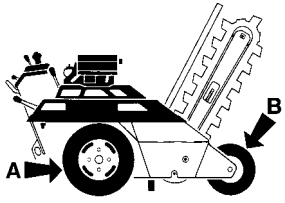

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Check for loose drive wheels every 100 hours.

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- Shake drive wheels.
- If loose, remove roll pin (C) and tighten castle nut (A). Do not overtighten; wheels should turn smoothly.
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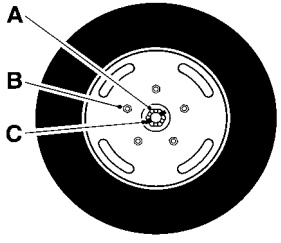

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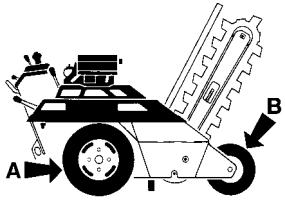

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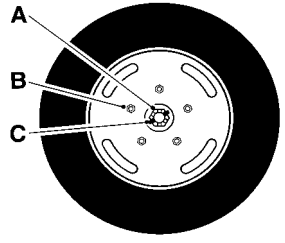

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TRENCHING ATTACHMENT

Chain Wear

Replace worn or broken chains. If sidebars are bending or getting loose on chain pins, chain spacers should be used to join sidebars.

Digging Chain

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Replace sprockets when new chain is installed.

To remove digging chain:

1. Start unit, following directions in **OPERATION** section.
2. Turn digging chain until connector pin is on top of boom.
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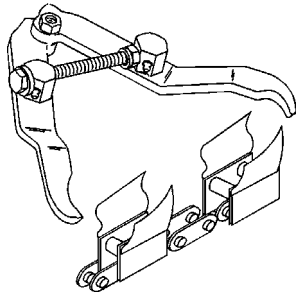

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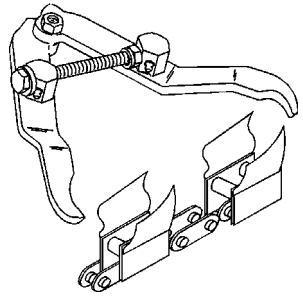

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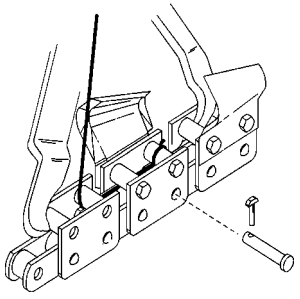

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7. Turn tension bolts counterclockwise to release tension on digging chain.
8. Stand clear of chain. Do not stand behind boom. Keep feet from under boom.
9. Remove pin from connector pin and drive pin out of link.
10. Unclamp links (roller boom). Slowly release cable and lower chain to ground.

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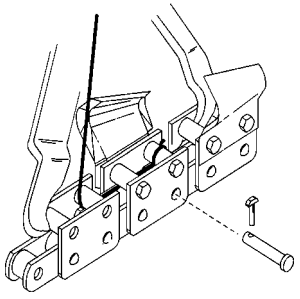

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8. Stand clear of chain. Do not stand behind boom. Keep feet from under boom.
9. Remove pin from connector pin and drive pin out of link.
10. Unclamp links (roller boom). Slowly release cable and lower chain to ground.

To install digging chain:

1. Lay digging chain on ground with teeth down and pointed toward unit. Loop cable through end links.
2. Start unit.
3. Back unit up until digging chain extends past headshaft about one foot.
4. Lower boom to horizontal position.
5. Stop engine.
6. Secure chain on sprocket booms by locking rear idler sprocket.
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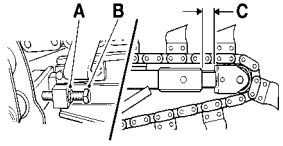

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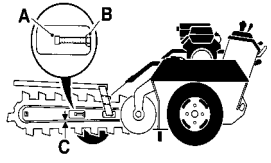

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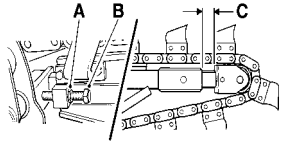

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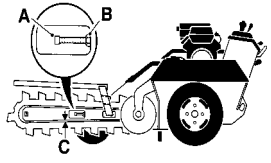

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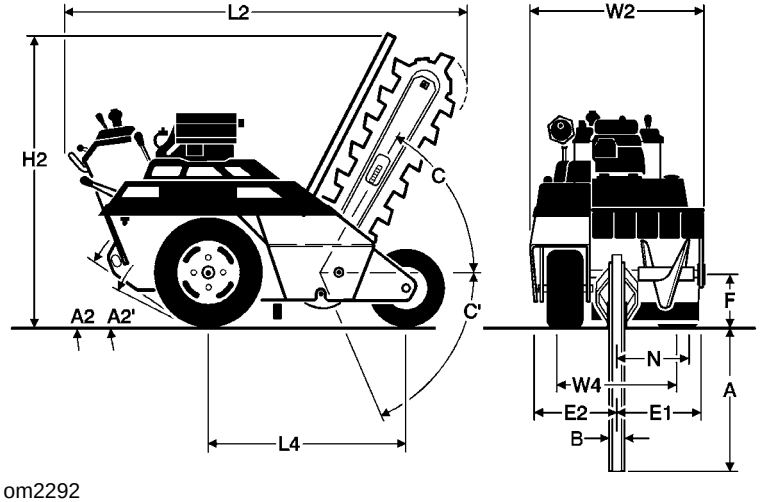
Gasoline Engine



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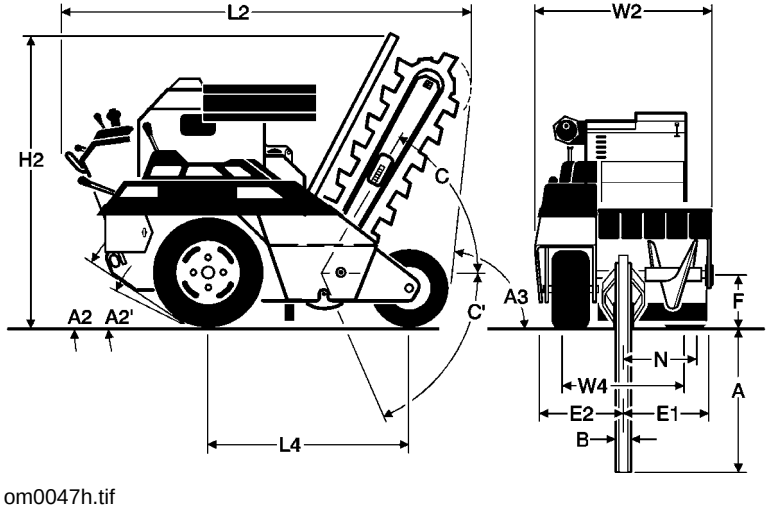

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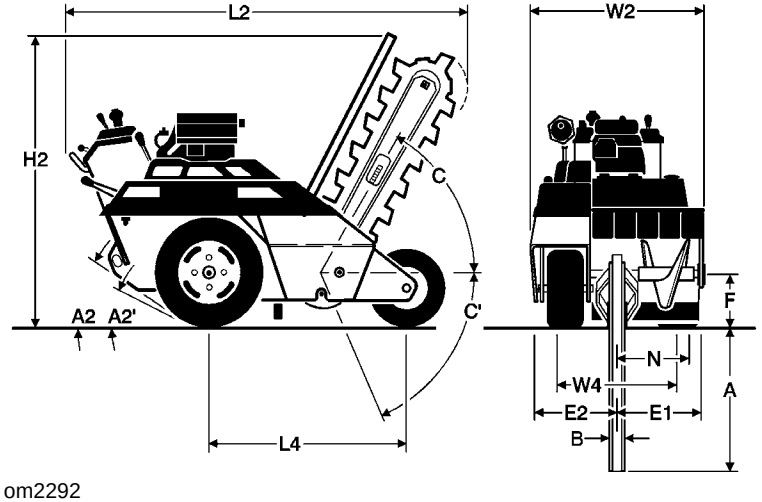

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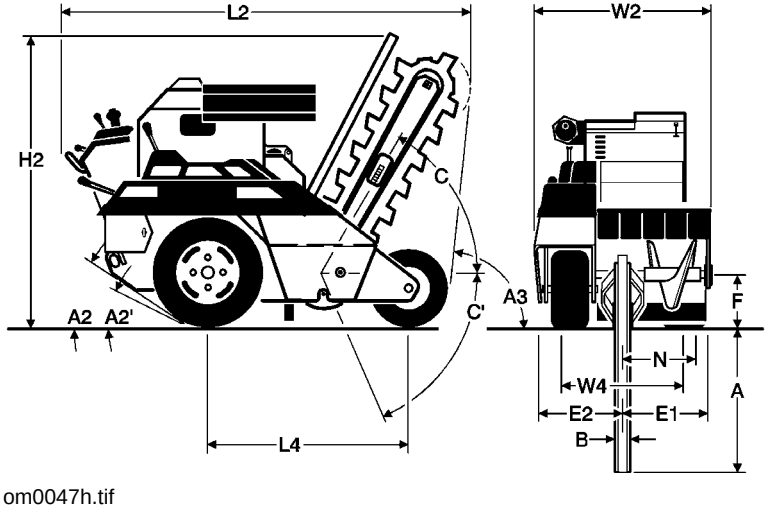

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DIMENSIONS*:		U.S.	METRIC
A	Trench depth	48 in	1.2 m
B	Trench width	3.25-16 in	85-405 mm
C	Boom travel up	60°	60°
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F	Headshaft height	11 in	280 mm
L	Length-transport	81 in	2.6 m
W	Width-transport	35.6 in	905 mm
H	Height-transport**	63 in	1.6 m
	Kubota	66.5in	
W	Tread	27 in	685 mm
A	Angle of departure	84°	84°
L	Wheelbase	43 in	1090 mm
E	Centerline trench to outside edge machine, left	16.25 in	415 mm
E	Centerline trench to outside edge machine, right	19.3 in	90 mm
A	Angle of approach	32°	32°
A'.	Angle of approach w/boring attachment	17°	17°
	Spoil discharge reach	13.2 in	335 mm
*Dimensions are based on narrow tread and 8” (203 mm) pivot and gas engine.			
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OPERATION:		U.S.	METRIC
Vehicle speeds			
	Maximum transit forward	142 fpm	43 m/min
	Maximum transit reverse	86 fpm	26 m/min
Digging chain speed @ 207 rpm		290 fpm	88 m/min
Tire steering angle			
	Inside tire	28.5°	28.5°
	Outside tire	23°	23°
Vehicle clearance circle (SAE)		20.7 ft	6.3 m
Spoil handling			
	Auger-type	Single, open end	
	Auger-size	18.75 in OD x 1.5 in ID x 11.5 in long	476 mm OD x 40 mm ID x 290 mm long
	Trench cleaner type	Mechanical	
	Trench cleaner size	4 - 16 in	100-405 mm
Operating weight (based on roller boom and narrow digging chain)			
	Gasoline engines	1300 lb	590 kg
	Diesel engine	1760 lb	798 kg

TRENCH SIZES:			
DEPTH		WIDTH	
U.S	METRIC	U.S.	METRIC
24 inch	610 mm	16 ** inch	405 mm
24 inch	610 mm	14 ** inch	355 mm
30 inch	760 mm	12 * inch	305 mm
36 inch	915 mm	10 * inch	255 mm
48 inch	1220 mm	8 inch	205 mm
48 inch	1220 mm	6 inch	150 mm
48 inch	1220 mm	4 inch	100 mm
48 inch	1220 mm	3.25 inch	85 mm
* With 12” pivot option			

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** With 16” pivot option

POWER OPTIONS:		U.S.	METRIC
Engine (Honda GX610)			
	Fuel — Gasoline		
	Cooling medium — Air		
	Number of cylinders — 2		
	Displacement	37.5 in^3	614 cm^3
	Bore	3.03 in	77 mm
	Stroke	2.60 in	66 mm
	Manufacturers net power rating (per SAE J1349)	18 hp	13.4 kW
	Rated speed	3600 rpm*	3600 rpm*
	Maximum torque @ 2500 rpm	31.8 ft•lb	43.1 N•m
	Max. tilt angle** All directions	20°	20°
Engine (Kubota D722-E)			
	Fuel — Diesel		
	Cooling medium — Water		
	Number of cylinders — 3		
	Displacement	43.88 in^3	719 cm^3
	Bore	2.64 in	67 mm
	Stroke	2.68 in	68 mm
	Engine manufacturers gross power rating @ 3600 rpm	18.8 hp	14.0 kW
	Maximum governed speed as installed (no load)*	3200 rpm*	3200 rpm*
	Flywheel power @ 3000 rpm (full load)	17.6 hp	13.1 kW
	Fuel consumption @ 3000 rpm	1.0 gph	3.8 L/h
	Max. tilt angle** All directions	20°	20°

*Product support may be void if engine is run above "Maximum governed speed as installed (no load)."

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** With 16” pivot option

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POWER TRAIN:	
Ground Drive Transmission	(Drive and Dig) Infinitely variable from zero to maximum, enclosed gear box to axle, speed and direction controlled with single lever
Clutch	Mechanical, hand operated, spring loaded with tension roller for belt drive
Belt	2 strand 3V "Power Band"
Tires - drive	23 x 8.50 - 12
	23 x 10.50 - 12 (option)
Tire - trail	16 x 6.50 - 8
Trencher Drive	Mechanical - Belt drive to enclosed reduction drive, headshaft
Belt	3 strand "Power Band"
Digging chain	33,000 lb (15000 kg) test
Chain drive sprocket	Forged and tempered
Digging tools	Bolt-on cup teeth with hard surfaced edge of tungsten carbide
Spoil Handling Drive	Mechanical, attached to and rotates with headshaft

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM:		U.S.	METRIC
Drive pump capacity @ 3200 rpm		12.6 gpm	48 L/min
Filtration	Return flow, 10 micron nominal		
Hydraulic motor, drive			
	Torque @ 2000 psi (138 bar) and 12.6 gpm (48 L/min)	1347 in•lb.	152 N•m
	Speed @ 2000 psi (138 bar) and 12.6 gpm (48 L/min)	542 rpm	542 rpm
	Displacement/rev	4.9 in^3	80 cm^3
	Pump capacity, drilling @ 3200 rpm	5 gpm	19 L/min
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	Displacement/rev	11.9 in^3	195 cm^3
	Bidirectional		
Hydraulic cylinders:			
	Function	Boom lift, steering	
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STEERING:
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FLUID CAPACITIES:		U.S.	METRIC
Fuel tank			
	Gasoline	5.4 gal	20.4 L
	Diesel	6.5 gal	24.6 L
Engine oil:			
	Honda	1.5 pt	1.4 L
	Kubota	0.84 gal	3.2 L
Hydraulic reservoir		5.5 gal	20.8 L
Hydraulic system		6.25 gal	23.7 L
Headshaft reducer oil		2.5 pt	1.2 L
Axle reducer oil		2.5 pt	1.2 L

BATTERY:
Group 26R, 12-volt, top-post; SAE Reserve Capacity 60-80 min.; SAE cold crank 450 amps.

VIBRATION LEVEL
Vibration at the operator's hand during normal operation is 3.25 m/s^2.

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Operator 89 dBA sound pressure per ISO 6394
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- 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).
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