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## Introduction

THANK YOU for purchasing a John Deere product.

READ THIS MANUAL carefully to learn how to operate and service your machine correctly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.

THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

MEASUREMENTS in this manual are U.S. customary units and their metric equivalents.

RIGHT-HAND AND LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction the implement will travel when going forward.

WRITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS in the Specifications section. Accurately record all the numbers to help in tracing the machine should it be stolen. Your dealer also needs these numbers when you order parts. If this manual is kept on the

machine, also file the identification numbers in a secure place off the machine.

WARRANTY is provided as part of John Deere's support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. The warranty is explained on the warranty certificate which you should have received from your dealer.

This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.

THE TIRE MANUFACTURER'S warranty supplied with your machine may not apply outside the U.S.



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## **Safety**

## RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.



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### **UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS**

A signal word—DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION—is used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

Safety signs with signal word DANGER or WARNING are typically near specific hazards.

General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs. CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.

## **A DANGER**

**A WARNING** 

**A** CAUTION

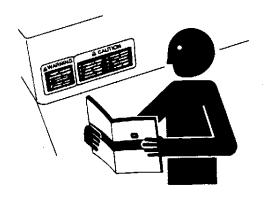
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### **FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

Carefully read all safety messages in this manual and on your machine safety signs. Keep safety signs in good condition. Replace missing or damaged safety signs.

Learn how to operate the machine and how to use controls properly. Do not let anyone operate without instruction.

Keep your machine in proper working condition. Unauthorized modifications to the machine may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.



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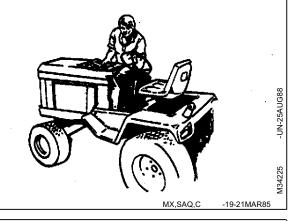
### **LEARN TRACTOR SAFETY**

READ THIS OPERATOR'S MANUAL and instructions furnished with attachments.

Know the controls and how to stop quickly.

Do not allow children to operate the machine. Do not allow adults to operate it without proper instruction.

Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.



## **PROTECT CHILDREN**

Keep children out of the work area.

BEFORE YOU BACK UP:

- —Stop the PTO.
- -Look behind tractor for children.

Do not let children operate tractor.

Do not let children ride on tractor, mower, or any attachment.



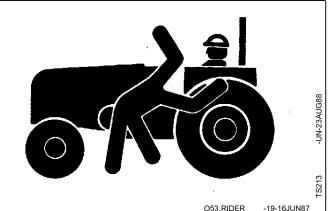
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## **KEEP RIDERS OFF MACHINE**

Only allow the operator on the machine. Keep riders off.

Riders on machine are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects and being thrown off of the machine. Riders also obstruct the operator's view resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.



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## **AVOID TIPPING**

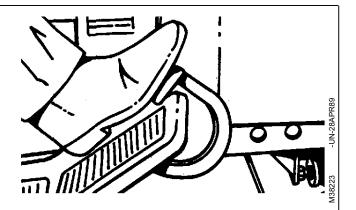
Slow down before you make a sharp turn.

Do not drive where machine could slip or tip.

Stay alert for holes, rocks and roots in the terrain and other hidden hazards. Keep away from drop-offs.

Use care when pulling loads or using heavy equipment.

- —Use only approved drawbar hitch points.
- —Limit loads to those you can safely control.
- -Do not turn sharply. Use care when backing.
- -Use counterweights or wheel weights when suggested in this operator's manual.



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## **OPERATE SAFELY ON SLOPES**

Reduce speed and exercise extreme caution on slopes and in sharp turns to prevent tipping or loss of control. Be especially cautious when changing direction on slopes.

Do not stop or start suddenly when going uphill or downhill.

If machine stops while going uphill, shut off PTO and back down slowly.





## HANDLE FUEL SAFELY—AVOID FIRES

Handle fuel with care: it is highly flammable. Do not refuel the machine while smoking or when near open flame or sparks.

Always stop engine before refueling machine. Fill fuel tank outdoors.

Prevent fires by keeping machine clean of accumulated trash, grease, and debris. Always clean up spilled fuel.



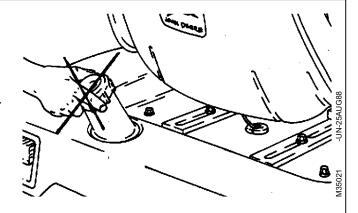
Never remove the fuel cap, or add fuel to, a running or hot engine or an engine that has not been allowed to cool for several minutes after running.

Never store the equipment with fuel in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark.

Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.

Open doors if the engine is run in the garage—exhaust fumes are dangerous. Do not run the engine indoors.



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CAUTION: Sulfuric acid in battery electrolyte is poisonous. It is strong enough to burn skin, eat holes in clothing, and cause blindness if splashed into eyes.

### Avoid the hazard by:

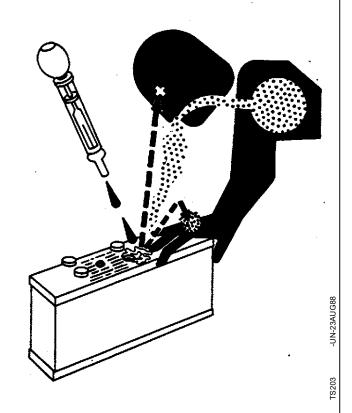
- 1. Filling batteries in a well-ventilated area.
- 2. Wearing eye protection and rubber gloves.
- 3. Avoiding breathing fumes when electrolyte is added.
- 4. Avoiding spilling or dripping electrolyte.
- 5. Use proper jump start procedure.

## If you spill acid on yourself:

- 1. Flush your skin with water.
- 2. Apply baking soda or lime to help neutralize the acid.
- 3. Flush your eyes with water for 10-15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.

#### If acid is swallowed:

- 1. Drink large amounts of water or milk.
- 2. Then drink milk of magnesia, beaten eggs, or vegetable oil.
- 3. Get medical attention immediately.



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CAUTION: Battery gas can explode. Keep sparks and flames away from batteries. Use a flashlight to check battery electrolyte level.

Never check battery charge by placing a metal object across the posts. Use a voltmeter or hydrometer.

Always remove grounded (—) battery clamp first and replace it last.



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