



Tool Tips

Operation & Safety

Mini Skid Steers



Safety Practices:

Always make sure that the trailer is attached securely to vehicle.

Ensure all fastening devices from the trailer to the equipment are secured.

Use three points of contact for getting in and out of machines

Machine should be started and shut off at low throttle

Do not fuel machines that are still hot from running, allow engine to cool

Always carry loads on the uphill side of the machine.

Always carry loads low. Not with bucket raised.

Do not place feet under the standing platform.

If the machine is left unattended, it must be parked on level ground.

Wear close fitting protective clothing and correct safety footwear.

Do not use indoors or in confined spaces as equipment emits carbon monoxide.

Check controls for proper response. Shut down the machine if a fault is detected.

Never enter a moving machine.

Come to a complete stop before reversing direction.

Keep hands away from drive chains.

Do not step off the platform while loader arms are raised.

Ensure there is ample overhead clearance.

Stay clear of all electrical, Fiber optic and water lines.

Never touch a hydraulic leak under pressure.

Tool Operation:

Step	Action
Drive Unit	
1	Check engine oil before startup
2	Stand on operator platform.
3	Make sure all levers are in the neutral position.
4	Push throttle lever forward.
5	Pull choke - gas engine Engage glow plugs - diesel engine
6	Gas engine - Return choke lever to operating position.
7	Never jerk the controls, use a steady even action.
8	Disconnect attachment from trailer.
9	Connect attachment plate to attachment or bucket and lift and tilt back slightly.
10	NEVER HOOK OR UNHOOK HYDRAULIC ATTACHMENTS WHILE THE ENGINE IS RUNNING.
11	Secure attachment lock pins and connect hydraulic hoses to machine.
12	If you have difficulty connecting the hydraulic attachments, jiggle the auxiliary hydraulic lever back and forth a few times to release any built up pressure on the fittings for ease of operation.
13	Never transport materials with loader arms elevated
Trailer / Transporting	
1	Secure attachments to trailer with chains, binders, and pins as provided.
2	Insert pins/bolts in auger bits below receptacle to prevent auger from falling out. (Not all trailers have auger bits)
4	Secure machine to trailer with chains and binders before transporting.
5	Transport machine with bucket mounted on the machine. Loaders arms should be down.
6	Make sure that the jack on the trailer is securely raised and locked into place prior to towing.
7	Ensure all pins, chains, binders and retention devices are fastened securely before towing the equipment.

Questions or Problems?

Contact the Home Depot listed on your contract.

Need More Information?

The instructions on this sheet are abbreviated instructions only and are provided solely as a customer service. They are not meant to replace the tool's operation manual. If you are unsure of the tool's safe and proper operation, please request an operator's manual from one of our sales associates. You can also view or download a copy of the operating manual at:
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Tips:

Step	Action
1	Gas engines: Use choke when starting engine, THEN REDUCE CHOKE FOR OPTIMUM OPERATION as engine warms up. Diesel engines: Let glow plugs heat longer in cold weather.
2	If you have difficulty connecting the hydraulic attachments, turn off the engine and jiggle the auxiliary hydraulic lever back and forth a few times to release any built up pressure on the fittings for ease of operation. NEVER HOOK OR UNHOOK HYDRAULIC ATTACHMENTS WHILE THE ENGINE IS RUNNING.
3	Keep hydraulic fittings clean and free of dirt or debris for easier connection.
4	This is a skid steer loader. It steers by skidding either the left or right set of tracks. It is capable of zero radius turns. Drive slowly.
5	Always move backwards while trenching or tilling.
6	If the tiller or trencher stops or jams due to an obstruction, reverse the direction of operation a couple of times and/or lift and lower the attachment a couple of times to remove the obstruction. DO NOT USE YOUR HANDS.
7	Make wide sweeping turns with the unit to reduce turf damage and pavement marking.
8	Be prepared to make multiple trips when carrying heavy materials. Do not overload the bucket as stability may be compromised.
9	When trenching in very hard soil conditions, use the creep valve (if equipped) and adjust for optimum performance.
10	When digging fence or postholes, place the tip of the auger firmly on the spot where you want the hole and then back up slightly until the auger is perpendicular to the ground in order to auger a straight hole.
11	When digging holes for planting, dig a hole larger than the plant root ball for optimum results.
12	When tilling hard ground, move slowly and only try to till a few inches on the first pass. Then go back over the area for a second pass lowering the tiller a few more inches to achieve the required depth.
13	Use the leveler for light grading, backfilling, trenches, etc.
14	Practice picking up and moving the attachments prior to attempting to reload the trailer.
15	Use a funnel when refueling the drive unit. Add proper fuel type for the equipment. Do not smoke while refueling the machine. Other than fuel, do not add any fluids to the equipment without authorization.