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Safety Notices

In this publication and on the machine, there are safety notices. Each notice starts with a signal word. The signal word meanings are given below.

DANGER

Denotes an extreme hazard exists. If proper precautions are not taken, it is highly probable that the operator (or others) could be killed or seriously injured.

INT-1-2-1

WARNING

Denotes a hazard exists. If proper precautions are not taken, the operator (or others) could be killed or seriously injured.

INT-1-2-2

CAUTION

Denotes a reminder of safety practices. Failure to follow these safety practices could result in injury to the operator (or others) and possible damage to the machine.

INT-1-2-3

All construction and agricultural equipment can be hazardous. When a JCB machine is correctly operated and properly maintained, it is a safe machine to work with. But when it is carelessly operated or poorly maintained it can become a danger to you (the operator) and others.

Do not work with the machine until you are sure that you can control it.

Do not start any job until you are sure that you and those around you will be safe.

If you are unsure of anything, about the machine or the job, ask someone who knows. Do not assume anything.

Remember

**BE CAREFUL
BE ALERT
BE SAFE**

GEN-1-6

General Safety

WARNING

Decals

You can be injured if you do not obey the decal safety instructions. Keep decals clean. Replace unreadable or missing decals with new ones before operating the machine. Make sure replacement parts include warning decals where necessary.

INT-1-3-4

WARNING

Lifting Equipment

You can be injured if you use faulty lifting equipment. Make sure that lifting equipment is in good condition. Make sure that lifting tackle complies with all local regulations and is suitable for the job. Make sure that lifting equipment is strong enough for the job.

INT-1-3-7

WARNING

Care and Alertness

All the time you are working with or on the machine, take care and stay alert. Always be careful. Always be alert for hazards.

INT-1-3-5

WARNING

Raised Attachments

Raised attachments can fall and injure you. Do not walk or work under raised attachments unless they are safely blocked.

INT-1-3-8

WARNING

Clothing

You can be injured if you do not wear the proper clothing. Loose clothing can get caught in the machinery. Wear protective clothing to suit the job. Examples of protective clothing are: a hard hat, safety shoes, safety glasses, a well fitting overall, ear-protectors and industrial gloves. Keep cuffs fastened. Do not wear a necktie or scarf. Keep long hair restrained.

INT-1-3-6

Operating Safety

WARNING

Machine Condition

A defective machine can injure you or others. Do not operate a machine which is defective or has missing parts. Make sure the maintenance procedures in this handbook are completed before using the machine.

INT-2-1-2

WARNING

Controls

You or others can be killed or seriously injured if you operate the control levers from outside the cab. Operate the control levers only when you are correctly seated inside the cab.

INT-2-1-3

WARNING

Machine Limits

Operating the machine beyond its design limits can damage the machine, it can also be dangerous. Do not operate the machine outside its limits. Do not try to upgrade the machine performance with unapproved modifications.

INT-2-1-4

WARNING

Engine/Steering Failure

If the engine or steering fails, stop the machine as quickly as possible. Do not operate the machine until the fault has been corrected.

INT-2-1-5

WARNING

Engine

The engine has exposed rotating parts. Do not open the engine cover while the engine is running. Do not use the machine with the cover open.

INT-2-1-6/1

WARNING

Entering/Leaving

Always face the machine when entering and leaving the cab. Use the step(s) and handrails. Make sure the step(s), handrails and your boot soles are clean and dry. Do not jump from the machine. Do not use the machine controls as handholds, use the handrails.

INT-2-1-7

WARNING

Exhaust Gases

Breathing the machine exhaust gases can harm and possibly kill you. Do not operate the machine in closed spaces without making sure there is good ventilation. If possible, fit an exhaust extension. If you begin to feel drowsy, stop the machine at once. Get out of the cab into fresh air.

INT-2-1-10

WARNING

ROPS/FOPS Structure

The machine is fitted with a Roll Over Protection Structure (ROPS) and a Falling Objects Protection Structure (FOPS). You could be killed or seriously injured if you operate the machine with a damaged or missing ROPS/FOPS. If the ROPS/FOPS has been in an accident, do not use the machine until the structure has been renewed. Modifications and repairs that are not approved by the manufacturer may be dangerous and will invalidate the ROPS/FOPS certification.

INT-2-1-9/3

WARNING

Communications

Bad communications can cause accidents. Keep people around you informed of what you will be doing. If you will be working with other people, make sure any hand signals that may be used are understood by everybody. Work sites can be noisy, do not rely on spoken commands.

INT-2-2-3

WARNING

Ramps and Trailers

Water, mud, ice, grease and oil on ramps or trailers can cause serious accidents. Make sure ramps and trailers are clean before driving onto them. Use extreme caution when driving onto ramps and trailers.

INT-2-2-6

DANGER

Sparks

Explosions and fire can be caused by sparks from the exhaust or the electrical system. Do not use the machine in closed areas where there is flammable material, vapour or dust.

INT-2-2-10

WARNING

Powershift Transmission

Do not change from a high gear to a low gear (for instance, 4th to 1st) in one sudden movement whilst the machine is moving. Otherwise the machine will rapidly decelerate, you or others could be killed or seriously injured. When selecting lower gears, allow the engine speed to drop before each gear change.

2-1-1-9/1

Maintenance Safety

WARNING

Repairs

Do not try to do repairs or any other type of maintenance work you do not understand. To avoid injury and/or damage get the work done by a specialist engineer.

GEN-1-5

WARNING

Modifications and Welding

Non-approved modifications can cause injury and damage. Parts of the machine are made from cast iron; welds on cast iron can weaken the structure and break. Do not weld cast iron. Contact your JCB distributor for advice before modifying the machine.

INT-3-1-2/1

WARNING

Metal Splinters

You can be injured by flying metal splinters when driving metal pins in or out. Use a soft faced hammer or drift to remove and fit metal pins. Always wear safety glasses.

INT-3-1-3

WARNING

Electrical Circuits

Understand the electrical circuit before connecting or disconnecting an electrical component. A wrong connection can cause injury and/or damage.

INT-3-1-4

WARNING

Communications

Bad communications can cause accidents. If two or more people are working on the machine, make sure each is aware of what the others are doing. Before starting the engine make sure the others are clear of the danger areas; examples of danger areas are: the rotating blades and belt on the engine, the attachments and linkages, and anywhere beneath or behind the machine. People can be killed or injured if these precautions are not taken.

INT-3-1-5

WARNING

Petrol

Do not use petrol in this machine. Do not mix petrol with the diesel fuel; in storage tanks the petrol will rise to the top and form flammable vapours.

INT-3-1-6

WARNING

Battery

A battery with frozen electrolyte can explode if it is used or charged. Do not use a machine with a frozen battery. To help prevent the battery from freezing, keep the battery fully charged.

INT-3-1-7

WARNING

Battery Gases

Batteries give off explosive gases. Keep flames and sparks away from the battery. Do not smoke close to the battery. Make sure there is good ventilation in closed areas where batteries are being used or charged. Do not check the battery charge by shorting the terminals with metal; use a hydrometer or voltmeter.

INT-3-1-8

WARNING

Battery Terminals

The machine is negatively earthed. Always connect the negative pole of the battery to earth.

When connecting the battery, connect the earth (-) lead last.

When disconnecting the battery, disconnect the earth (-) lead first.

INT-3-1-9

WARNING

Hydraulic Fluid

Fine jets of hydraulic fluid at high pressure can penetrate the skin. Do not use your fingers to check for hydraulic fluid leaks. Do not put your face close to suspected leaks. Hold a piece of cardboard close to suspected leaks and then inspect the cardboard for signs of hydraulic fluid. If hydraulic fluid penetrates your skin, get medical help immediately.

INT-3-1-10/1

DANGER

Hydraulic Pressure

Hydraulic fluid at system pressure can injure you. Before disconnecting or connecting hydraulic hoses, stop the engine and operate the controls to release pressure trapped in the hoses. Make sure the engine cannot be started while the hoses are open.

INT-3-1-11/1

Maintenance Safety (cont'd)**⚠ WARNING****Diesel Fuel**

Diesel fuel is flammable; keep naked flames away from the machine. Do not smoke while refuelling the machine or working on the engine. Do not refuel with the engine running. There could be a fire and injury if you do not follow these precautions.

INT-3-2-2

⚠ WARNING**Oil**

Oil is toxic. If you swallow any oil, do not induce vomiting, seek medical advice. Used engine oil contains harmful contaminants which can cause skin cancer. Do not handle used engine oil more than necessary. Always use barrier cream or wear gloves to prevent skin contact. Wash skin contaminated with oil thoroughly in warm soapy water. Do not use petrol, diesel fuel or paraffin to clean your skin.

INT-3-2-3

⚠ WARNING**Soft Ground**

A machine can sink into soft ground. Never work under a machine on soft ground.

INT-3-2-4

⚠ WARNING**Tyres and Rims**

Over-inflated or over-heated tyres can explode. Follow the instructions in this handbook for inflating the tyres. Do not weld or cut rims. Get a tyre/wheel specialist to do any repair work.

INT-3-2-6

⚠ WARNING**Hot Coolant**

The cooling system is pressurised when the engine is hot. Hot coolant can spray out when you remove the radiator cap. Let the system cool before removing the radiator cap. To remove the cap; turn it to the first notch and let the system pressure escape, then remove the cap.

INT-3-2-9

⚠ WARNING

Always wear safety glasses when dismantling assemblies containing components under pressure from springs. This will protect against eye injury from components accidentally flying out.

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⚠ CAUTION**Rams**

The efficiency of the rams will be affected if they are not kept free of solidified dirt. Clean dirt from around the rams regularly. When leaving or parking the machine, close all rams if possible to reduce the risk of weather corrosion.

INT-3-2-10

⚠ CAUTION**Cleaning**

Cleaning metal parts with incorrect solvents can cause corrosion. Use only recommended cleaning agents and solvents.

INT-3-2-11

⚠ CAUTION**'O' rings, Seals and Gaskets**

Badly fitted, damaged or rotted 'O' rings, seals and gaskets can cause leakages and possible accidents. Renew whenever disturbed unless otherwise instructed. Do not use Trichloroethane or paint thinners near 'O' rings and seals.

INT-3-2-12

⚠ WARNING**Fires**

If your machine is equipped with a fire extinguisher, make sure it is checked regularly. Keep it in the operator's cab until you need to use it.

Do not use water to put out a machine fire, you could spread an oil fire or get a shock from an electrical fire. Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical or foam extinguishers. Contact your nearest fire department as quickly as possible. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing apparatus.

INT-3-2-7/1

⚠ WARNING**Jacking**

A machine can roll off jacks and crush you unless the wheels have been chocked. Always chock the wheels at the opposite end of the machine that is to be jacked. Do not work underneath a machine supported only by jacks. Always support a jacked-up machine on axle stands before working underneath it.

INT-3-2-8

Maintenance Safety (cont'd)

WARNING

Hydraulic Hoses

Damaged hoses can cause fatal accidents. Inspect the hoses regularly for:

- Damaged end fittings
- Chafed outer covers
- Ballooned outer covers
- Kinked or crushed hoses
- Embedded armouring in outer covers
- Displaced end fittings.

INT-3-3-2

WARNING

Safety Strut

Raised loader arms can drop suddenly and cause serious injury. Before working under raised loader arms, fit the loader arm safety strut.

2-1-1-6

WARNING

A raised and badly supported machine can fall on you. Position the machine on a firm, level surface before raising one end. Ensure the other end is securely chocked. Do not rely solely on the machine hydraulics or jacks to support the machine when working under it.

Disconnect the battery, to prevent the engine being started while you are beneath the machine.

GEN-1-1

WARNING

Waxoyl contains turpentine substitute, which is flammable. Keep flames away when applying Waxoyl. Waxoyl can take a few weeks to dry completely. Keep flames away during the drying period.

Do not weld near the affected area during the drying period. Take the same precautions as for oil to keep Waxoyl off your skin. Do not breathe the fumes. Apply in a well-ventilated area.

5-3-1-9

WARNING

Make the machine safe before working underneath it. Park the machine on level ground, lower the arms. Apply the parking brake, put the transmission in neutral and stop the engine. Chock both sides of all four wheels.

Disconnect the battery, to prevent the engine being started while you are beneath the machine.

GEN-1-2

WARNING

To avoid burning, wear protective gloves when handling hot components. To protect your eyes, wear goggles when using a wire brush to clean components.

HYD 1-3

WARNING

JCB Extradig Dipper Lubricant

JCB Extradig dipper lubricant contains 1.53% lead. The repeated swallowing of very small quantities can cause chronic lead poisoning. Do not smoke or touch food while handling this lubricant. Dispose of waste (rags etc.) in accordance with local regulations.

2-1-1-8

WARNING

Fluoroelastomeric Materials

Certain seals and gaskets (e.g. crankshaft oil seal) on JCB machines contain fluoroelastomeric materials such as Viton, Fluorel and Technoflon. Fluoroelastomeric materials subjected to high temperatures can produce highly corrosive hydrofluoric acid. **THIS ACID CAN SEVERELY BURN.**

New fluoroelastomeric components at ambient temperature require no special safety precautions.

Used fluoroelastomeric components whose temperatures have not exceeded 300°C require no special safety precautions. If evidence of decomposition (e.g. charring) is found, refer to the next paragraph for safety instructions **DO NOT TOUCH COMPONENT OR SURROUNDING AREA.**

Used fluoroelastomeric components subjected to temperatures greater than 300°C (e.g. engine fire) must be treated using the following safety procedure. Make sure that heavy duty gloves and special safety glasses are worn:

- 1 Ensure that components have cooled then remove and place material into plastic bags.
- 2 Thoroughly wash contaminated area with 10% calcium hydroxide or other suitable alkali solution, if necessary use wire wool to remove burnt remains.
- 3 Thoroughly wash contaminated area with detergent and water.
- 4 Contain all removed material, gloves etc. used in this operation in sealed plastic bags and dispose of in accordance with Local Authority Regulations.

DO NOT BURN FLUOROELASTOMERIC MATERIALS.

If contamination of skin or eyes occurs, wash the affected area with a continuous supply of clean water or with calcium hydroxide solution for 15-60 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.

INT-3-3-5/1