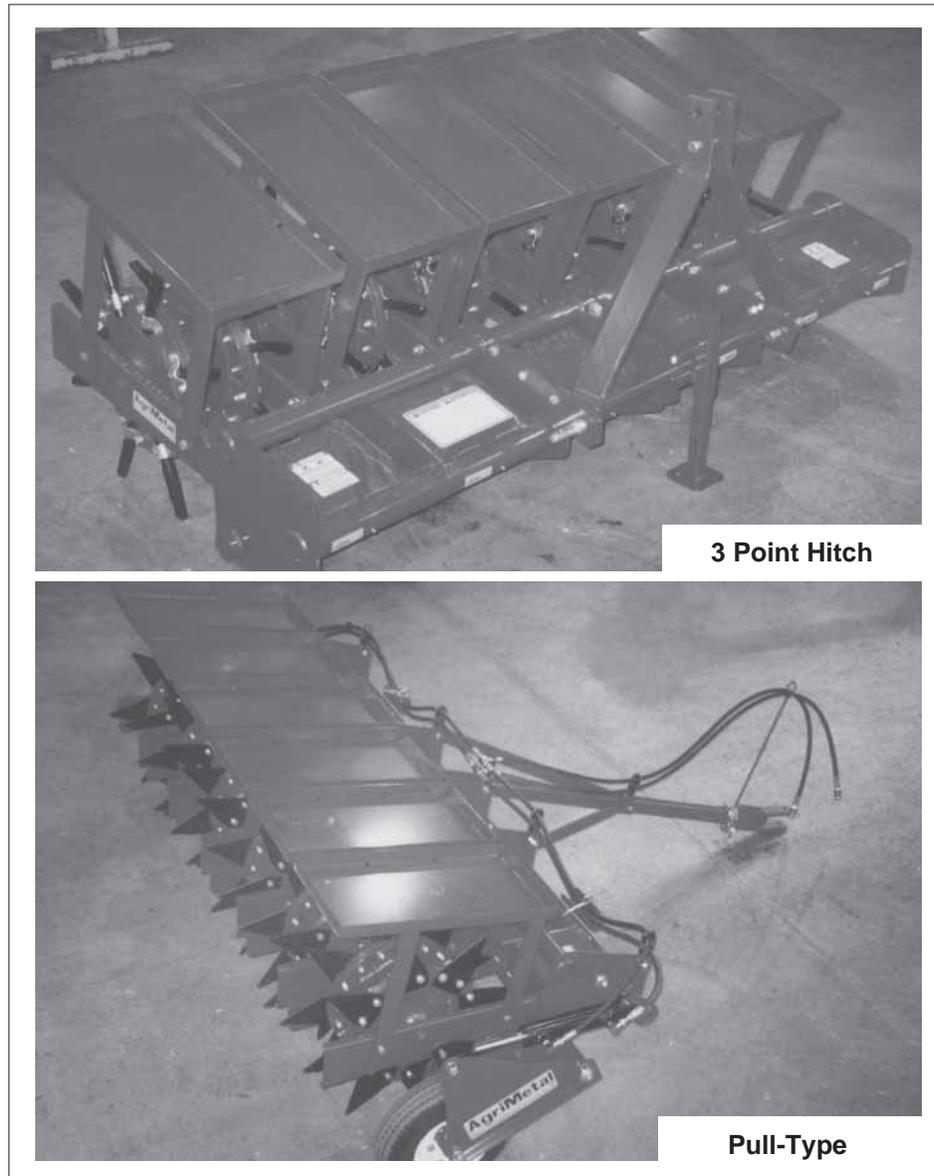


# 1 INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your choice of an AgriMetal 3 Point Hitch or Pull-Type Fairway Aerator to complement your operation. This equipment has been designed and manufactured to meet the needs of a discerning turf care industry.

Safe, efficient and trouble free operation of your AgriMetal Fairway Aerator requires that you and anyone else who will be operating or maintaining the machine, read and understand the Safety, Operation, Maintenance and Trouble Shooting information contained within the Operator's Manual.



This manual covers the Model FA 720 3 Point Hitch and Pull-Type Fairway Aerators. Differences are covered where appropriate. Use the Table of Contents or Index as a guide to locate required information.

Keep this manual handy for frequent reference and to pass on to new operators or owners. Call your AgriMetal Dealer or Distributor if you need assistance, information or additional copies of the manuals.

**OPERATOR ORIENTATION** - The directions left, right, front and rear, as mentioned throughout this manual, are as seen from behind the tractor driver's seat and facing in the direction of travel.

## 2 SAFETY

### SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This Safety Alert symbol means **ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!**



The Safety Alert symbol identifies important safety messages on the AgriMetal 3 Point Hitch or Pull-Type Fairway Aerator and in the manual. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of personal injury or death. Follow the instructions in the safety message.

Why is SAFETY important to you?

#### 3 Big Reasons

**Accidents Disable and Kill**  
**Accidents Cost**  
**Accidents Can Be Avoided**

#### SIGNAL WORDS:

Note the use of the signal words **DANGER**, **WARNING** and **CAUTION** with the safety messages. The appropriate signal word for each message has been selected using the following guide-lines:

**SI NO LEE INGLES, PIDA AYUDA A AIGUIEN QUE SI LO LEA PARA QUE LE TRADUZCA LAS MIDIDAS DE SEGURIDAD.**

**DANGER** - Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is to be limited to the most extreme situations typically for machine components which, for functional purposes, cannot be guarded.

**WARNING** - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury, and includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

**CAUTION** - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

If you have any questions not answered in this manual or require additional copies or the manual is damaged, please contact your dealer or AgriMetal Inc., 1006 Rue Principale, Wickham, Quebec, Canada, J0C 1S0. Phone (819) 398-6883 or fax (819) 398-5311.

# SAFETY

**YOU** are responsible for the SAFE operation and maintenance of your AgriMetal 3 Point Hitch or Pull-Type Fairway Aerator. **YOU** must ensure that you and anyone else who is going to operate, maintain or work around the Aerator be familiar with the operating and maintenance procedures and related **SAFETY** information contained in this manual. This manual will take you step-by-step through your working day and alerts you to all good safety practices that should be adhered to while operating the Fairway Aerator.

Remember, **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also the people around you. Make these practices a working part of your safety program. Be certain that **EVERYONE** operating this equipment is familiar with the recommended operating and maintenance procedures and follows all the safety precautions. Most accidents can be prevented. Do not risk injury or death by ignoring good safety practices.

- Fairway Aerator owners must give operating instructions to operators or employees before allowing them to operate the machine, and at least annually thereafter per OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) regulation 1928.57.
- The most important safety device on this equipment is a SAFE operator. It is the operator's responsibility to read and understand ALL Safety and Operating instructions in the manual and to follow these. Most accidents can be avoided.
- A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the machine. An untrained operator exposes himself and bystanders to possible serious injury or death.
- Do not modify the equipment in any way. Unauthorized modification may impair the function and/or safety and could affect the life of the equipment.
- Think SAFETY! Work SAFELY!

## 2.1 GENERAL SAFETY

1. Read and understand the Operator's Manual and all safety signs before operating, maintaining, adjusting or unplugging the Fairway Aerator.



2. Have a first-aid kit available for use should the need arise and know how to use it.

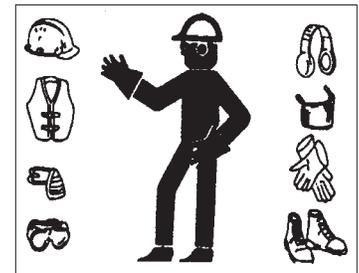


3. Have a fire extinguisher available for use should the need arise and know how to use it.



4. Wear appropriate protective gear. This list includes but is not limited to:

- A hard hat
- Protective shoes with slip resistant soles
- Protective glasses or goggles
- Heavy gloves
- Hearing protection

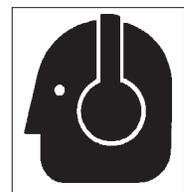


5. Do not allow riders.



6. Install and secure all guards before starting.

7. Wear suitable ear protection for prolonged exposure to excessive noise.



8. Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging.

9. Clear the area of people, especially small children, before starting the unit.

10. Review safety related items annually with all personnel who will be operating or maintaining the Fairway Aerator.

## 2.2 EQUIPMENT SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Safety of the operator and bystanders is one of the main concerns in designing and developing a machine. However, every year many accidents occur which could have been avoided by a few seconds of thought and a more careful approach to handling equipment. You, the operator, can avoid many accidents by observing the following precautions in this section. To avoid personal injury or death, study the following precautions and insist those working with you, or for you, follow them.
2. In order to provide a better view, certain photographs or illustrations in this manual may show an assembly with a safety shield removed. However, equipment should never be operated in this condition. Keep all shields in place. If shield removal becomes necessary for repairs, replace the shield prior to use.
3. Replace any safety sign or instruction sign that is not readable or is missing. Location of such safety signs is indicated in this manual.
4. Never use alcoholic beverages or drugs which can hinder alertness or coordination while operating this equipment. Consult your doctor about operating this machine while taking prescription medications.
5. **Under no circumstances should young children be allowed to work with this equipment. Do not allow persons to operate or assemble this unit until they have read this manual and have developed a thorough understanding of the safety precautions and of how it works.** Review the safety instructions with all users annually.
6. This equipment is dangerous to children and persons unfamiliar with its operation. The operator should be a responsible, properly trained and physically able person familiar with machinery and trained in this equipment's operations. If the elderly are assisting with work, their physical limitations need to be recognized and accommodated.
7. Use a tractor equipped with a Roll Over Protective Structure (ROPS).
8. Never exceed the limits of a piece of machinery. If its ability to do a job, or to do so safely, is in question - **DON'T TRY IT.**
9. Do not modify the equipment in any way. Unauthorized modification result in serious injury or death and may impair the function and life of the equipment.
10. In addition to the design and configuration of this implement, including Safety Signs and Safety Equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the machine. Refer also to Safety Messages and operation instruction in each of the appropriate sections of the power unit, engine and machine Manuals. Pay close attention to the Safety Signs affixed to the power unit and the machine.

## 2.3 SAFETY TRAINING

1. Safety is a primary concern in the design and manufacture of our products. Unfortunately, our efforts to provide safe equipment can be wiped out by a single careless act of an operator or bystander.
2. In addition to the design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of this equipment.
3. It has been said, "The best safety feature is an informed, careful operator." We ask you to be that kind of an operator. It is the operator's responsibility to read and understand ALL Safety and Operating instructions in the manual and to follow these. Accidents can be avoided.
4. Working with unfamiliar equipment can lead to careless injuries. Read this manual, and the manual for your power unit, before assembly or operating, to acquaint yourself with the machines. If this machine is used by any person other than yourself, or is loaned or rented, it is the machine owner's responsibility to make certain that the operator, prior to operating:
  - a. Reads and understands the operator's manuals.
  - b. Is instructed in safe and proper use.
5. Know your controls and how to stop power unit and machine quickly in an emergency. Read this manual and the one provided with your power unit.
6. Train all new personnel and review instructions frequently with existing workers. Be certain only a properly trained and physically able person will operate the machinery. A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the machine. An untrained operator exposes himself and bystanders to possible serious injury or death. If the elderly are assisting with work, their physical limitations need to be recognized and accommodated.



## 2.4 SAFETY SIGNS

1. Keep safety signs clean and legible at all times.
2. Replace safety signs that are missing or have become illegible.
3. Replaced parts that displayed a safety sign should also display the current sign.
4. Safety signs are available from your authorized Distributor or Dealer Parts Department or the factory.

### How to Install Safety Signs:

- Be sure that the installation area is clean and dry.
- Be sure temperature is above 50°F (10°C).
- Determine exact position before you remove the backing paper.
- Remove the smallest portion of the split backing paper.
- Align the sign over the specified area and carefully press the small portion with the exposed sticky backing in place.
- Slowly peel back the remaining paper and carefully smooth the remaining portion of the sign in place.
- Small air pockets can be pierced with a pin and smoothed out using the piece of sign backing paper.

## 2.5 PREPARATION

1. Never operate the power unit and machine until you have read and completely understand this manual, the Power Unit Operator's Manual, and each of the Safety Messages found on the safety signs on the power unit and machine.

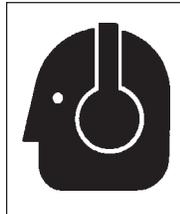
2. Personal protection equipment including hard hat, safety glasses, safety shoes, and gloves are recommended



during assembly, installation, operation, adjustment, maintaining, repairing, removal, or moving the implement. Do not allow long hair, loose fitting clothing or jewellery to be around equipment.

3. **PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO LOUD NOISE MAY CAUSE PERMANENT HEARING LOSS!**

Power Units with or without equipment attached can often be noisy enough to cause permanent, partial hearing loss. We recommend that you wear hearing protection on a full-time basis if the noise in the Operator's position exceeds 80db. Noise over 85db on a long-term basis can cause severe hearing loss. Noise over 90db adjacent to the Operator over a long-term basis may cause permanent, total hearing loss. **NOTE:** Hearing loss from loud noise (from tractors, chain saws, radios, and other such sources close to the ear) is cumulative over a lifetime without hope of natural recovery.



4. Operate the machine only with a tractor equipped with an approved Roll-Over-Protective Structure (ROPS). Always wear your seat belt. Serious injury or even death could result from falling off the tractor ---particularly during a turnover when the operator could be pinned under the ROPS or the tractor.



5. Clear working area of stones, branches or hidden obstacles that might be hooked or snagged, causing injury or damage.
6. Operate only in daylight or good artificial light.
7. Be sure machine is properly mounted, adjusted and in good operating condition.
8. Ensure that all safety shielding and safety signs are properly installed and in good condition.

## 2.6 STORAGE SAFETY

1. Store the unit in an area away from human activity.
2. Do not permit children to play on or around the stored machine.
3. Store the unit in a dry, level area. Support the frame with planks if required.
4. Cover with a weather-proof tarpaulin and tie down securely.

## 2.7 OPERATING SAFETY

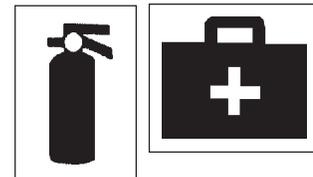
1. Please remember it is important that you read and heed the safety signs on the Fairway Aerator. Clean or replace all safety signs if they cannot be clearly read and understood. They are there for your safety, as well as the safety of others. The safe use of this machine is strictly up to you, the operator.
  2. All things with moving parts are potentially hazardous. There is no substitute for a cautious, safe-minded operator who recognizes potential hazards and follows reasonable safety practices. The manufacturer has designed this Fairway Aerator to be used with all its safety equipment properly attached, to minimize the chance of accidents. Study this manual to make sure you have all safety equipment attached.
  3. If a safety shield or guard is removed for any reason, it must be replaced before the machine is again operated.
  4. When the use of hand tools is required to perform any part of assembly, installation, adjustment, maintaining, repairing, removal, or moving, be sure the tools used are designed and recommended by the tool manufacturer for that specific task.
  5. Personal protection equipment including hearing protection, hard hat, safety glasses, safety shoes, and gloves are recommended during assembly, installation, operation, adjustment, maintaining, repairing, removal, or moving. Do not allow long hair, loose fitting clothing, or jewellery to be around moving parts.
  6. Always use two people to handle heavy, unwieldy components during assembly, installation, removal or moving.
  7. Never place any part of your body where it would be in danger if movement should occur during assembly, installation, operation, maintaining, repairing, removal or moving.
  8. Never place yourself between the power unit and machine while machine is in operation.
  9. Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging.
  10. A heavy load can cause instability of the power unit. Use extreme care during travel. Slow down on turns and watch out for bumps. The power unit may need front counterweights to counterbalance the weight of the machine.
  11. Never use alcoholic beverages or drugs which can hinder alertness or coordination while operating this equipment. Consult your doctor about operating this machine while taking prescription medications.
  12. Do not allow riders on the machine or power unit at any time. There is no safe place for any riders.
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13. Before you operate the machine, check over all pins, bolts, and connections to be sure all are securely in place. Replace any damaged or worn parts immediately.
  14. Keep all hydraulic lines, fittings and couplers tight and free of leaks before using.
  15. Do not allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.
  16. Never allow children to operate or be around this machine.
  17. Do not place hands or feet under the machine at any time. Keep others away also.
  18. Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and snagged or entangled in the machine.
  19. Keep hands, feet, hair, jewellery, and clothing away from all moving and/or rotating parts.

## 2.8 TRANSPORT SAFETY

1. Comply with state and local laws governing highway safety and movement of machinery on public roads.
2. The use of flashing amber lights is acceptable in most localities. However, some localities prohibit their use. Local laws should be checked for all highway lighting and marking requirements.
3. At all times when driving the power unit and equipment on the road or highway under 20 mph (32 kph), use flashing amber warning lights and a slow moving vehicle (SMV) identification emblem. Do not exceed 20 mph (32 kph). Reduce speed on rough roads and surfaces.
4. Plan your route to avoid heavy traffic.
5. Use mounting or draw bar pins with provisions for a retainer. Install the retainer.
6. Attach safety chain between tractor and aerator before transporting.
7. Do not drink and drive.
8. Be a safe and courteous driver. Always yield to oncoming traffic in all situations, including narrow bridges, intersections, etc. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
9. Turn into curves or go up or down hills only at a low speed and at a gradual steering angle. Make certain that at least 20% of the power unit's weight is on the front wheels to maintain safe steering. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces.
10. Never allow riders on either tractor or machine.

## 2.9 MAINTENANCE SAFETY

1. Good maintenance is your responsibility. Poor maintenance is an invitation to trouble.
2. Follow good shop practices.
  - Keep service area clean and dry.
  - Be sure electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded.
  - Use adequate light for the job at hand.
3. Make sure there is plenty of ventilation. Never operate an engine in a closed building. The exhaust fumes may cause asphyxiation.
4. Before working on this machine, shut off the engine, set the brakes, and remove the ignition keys.
5. Never work under equipment unless it is blocked securely.
6. Always use personal protection devices such as eye, hand and hearing protectors, when performing any service or maintenance work. Always wear heavy gloves when handling tines or knives.
7. Where replacement parts are necessary for periodic maintenance and servicing, genuine factory replacement parts must be used to restore your equipment to original specifications. The manufacturer will not be responsible for injuries or damages caused by use of unapproved parts and/or accessories.
8. A fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be kept readily accessible while performing maintenance on this equipment.
9. Periodically tighten all bolts, nuts and screws and check that all cotter pins are properly installed to ensure unit is in a safe condition.
10. When completing a maintenance or service function, make sure all safety shields and devices are installed before placing unit in service.

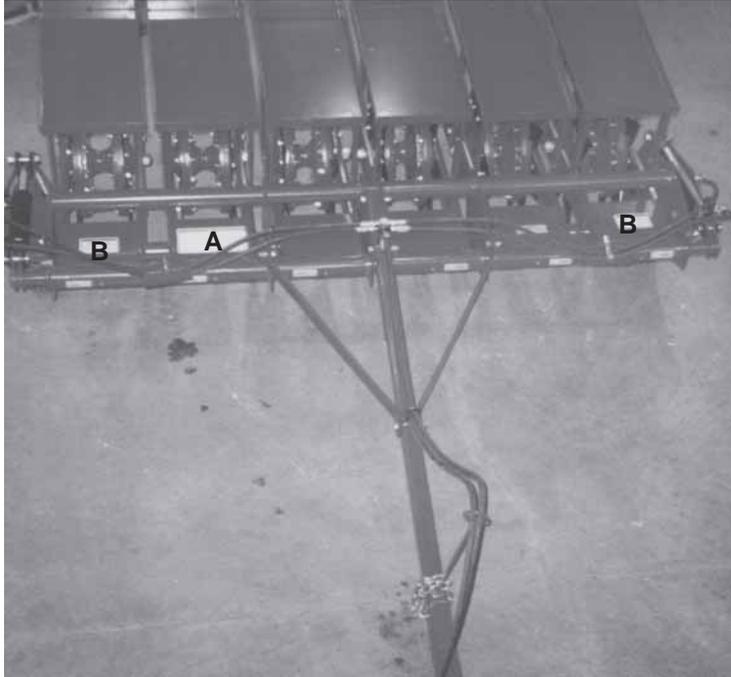




### 3 SAFETY SIGN LOCATIONS

The types of safety signs and locations on the equipment are shown in the illustrations that follow. Good safety requires that you familiarize yourself with the various safety signs, the type of warning and the area, or particular function related to that area, that requires your SAFETY AWARENESS.

- Think SAFETY! Work SAFELY!



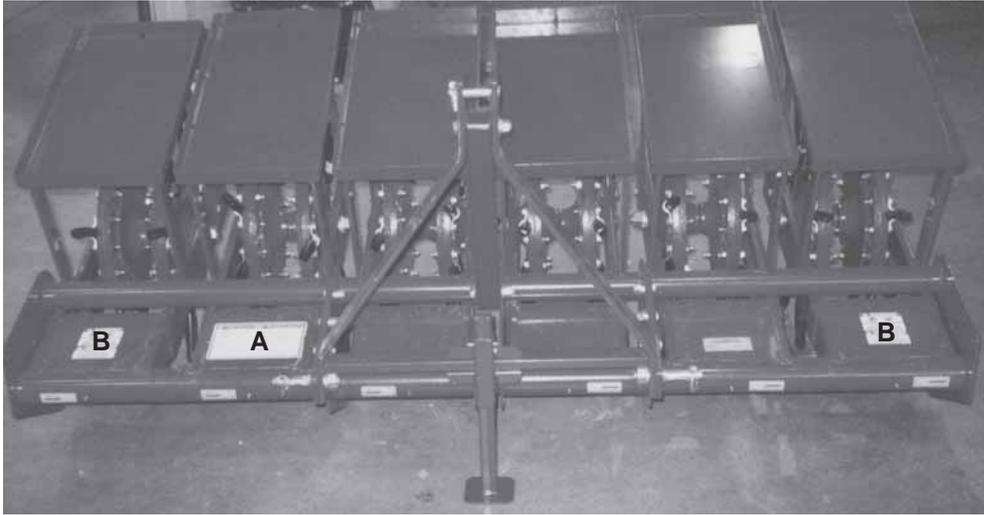
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 CAUTION	 ATTENTION
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## 4 ASSEMBLING

### 4.1 MACHINE ASSEMBLY

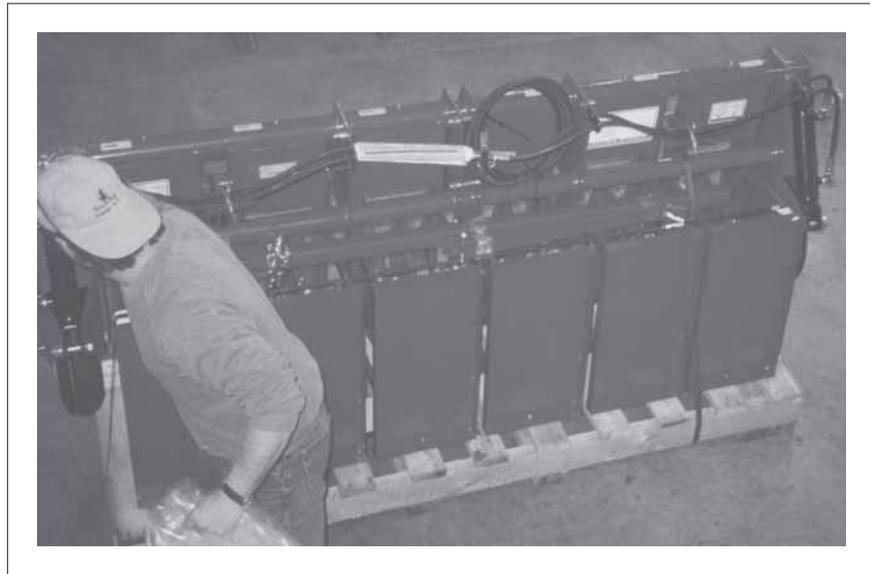
The machine is shipped from the factory in a partially disassembled configuration and attached to a pallet that provides for easy moving and handling. Always use tools, equipment and forklifts of appropriate size and capacity for the job. Always use 2 men when lifting, moving and assembling the machine.

When the machine is shipped, follow this procedure when preparing for the customer:



**Fig. 1 SHIPPING CONFIGURATION (TYPICAL)**

1. Clear the area of bystanders especially small children before starting.
2. Remove the pallet tie-downs.
3. Use a forklift to lift the pallet/machine from the truck. Carry the load close to the ground as it is moved to the assembly area and positioned.
4. Remove plastic wrap.

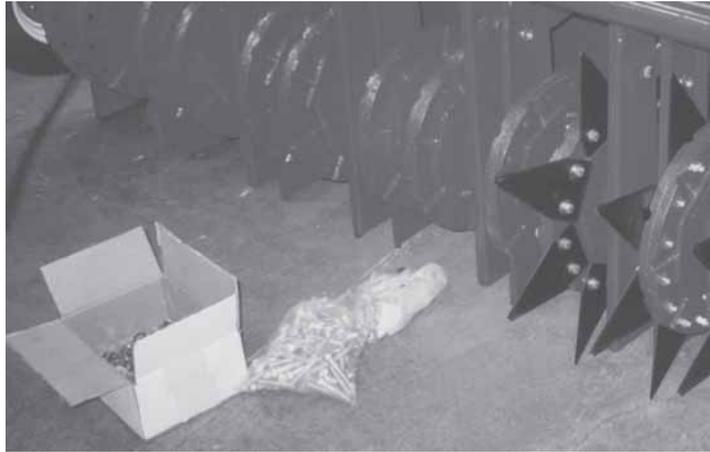


**Fig. 2 UNWRAPPED (TYPICAL)**

5. Remove machine, hitch and control tie-downs and lay-out.
6. Remove pallet.
7. Open the carton and bring out the bags of hardware.

**NOTE**

The cartons will contain the hardware and tines or knives as specified.



**Fig. 3 CARTON (TYPICAL)**

**8. For the 3 Point Hitch model:**

- a. place the frame on safety stands to mount the tines or knives.
- b. Attach the tines on the mounting wheel. Be sure to position the tines with opening facing rearward. This will allow the tine to expel the grass material and keep itself clean.
- c. Tighten all fasteners. Be sure to use only prevailing torque fasteners on all tines and knives when mounting.



**Starting**



**Mounted**

**Fig. 4 TINE MOUNTING**

9. **For the Pull-type model:**

- a. Set the frame on its end.
- b. Attach the tines or knives on the mounting wheel. Be sure to position the tines with opening facing rearward. This will allow the tine to expel the grass material and keep itself clean.
- c. Attach the knives to the mounting wheel. Be sure to attach the knives on the outer side of the mounting wheel.



**Starting**



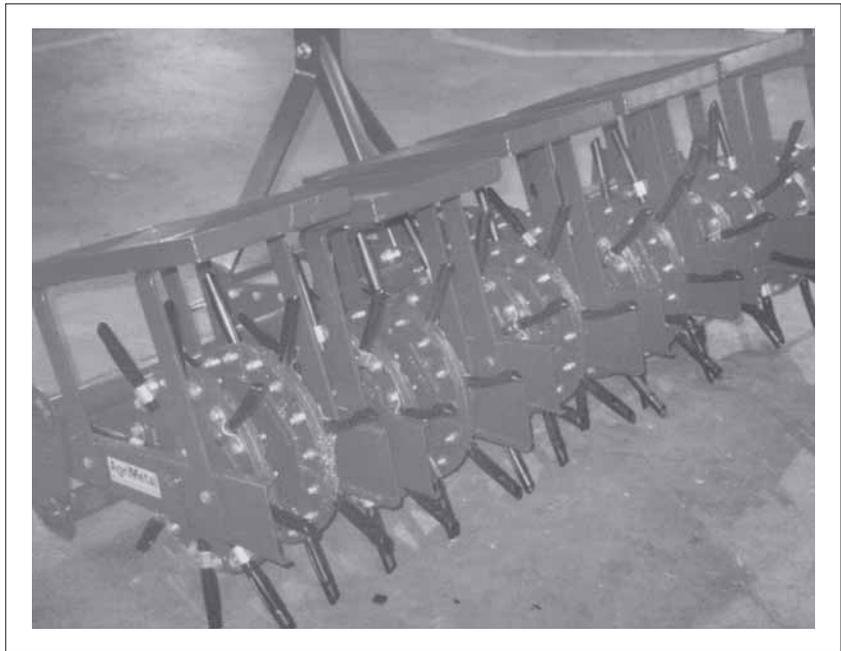
**Mounted**

**Fig. 5 KNIVES**

10. On the 3 point hitch model, lower machine to the ground.

**NOTE**

Use care to keep hands and feet away from the tines.



**Fig. 6 LOWERED**

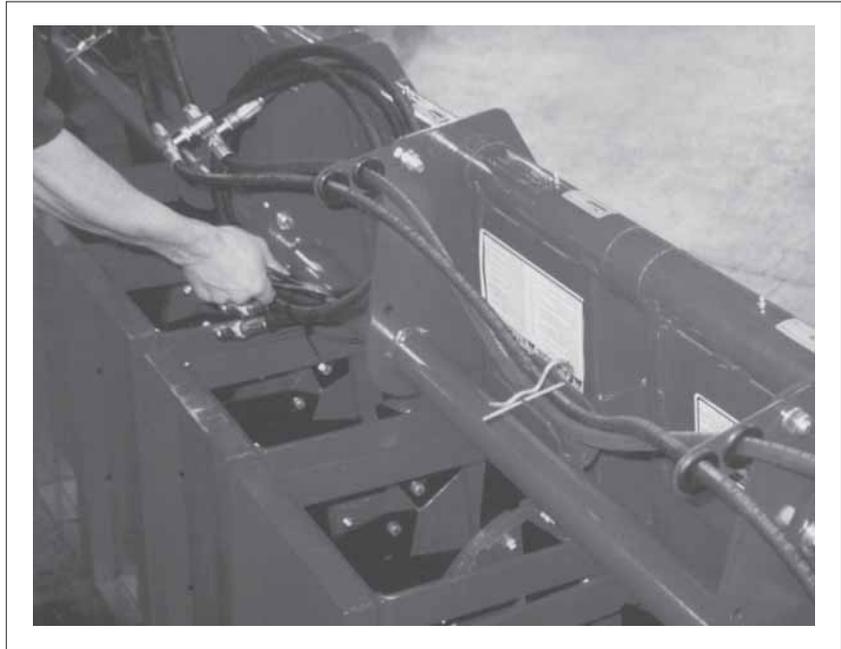
11. For the Pull-type model:

- a. Remove hitch from the top of the frame.



**Fig. 7 REMOVE HITCH**

- b. Remove plastic ties from hydraulic lines.



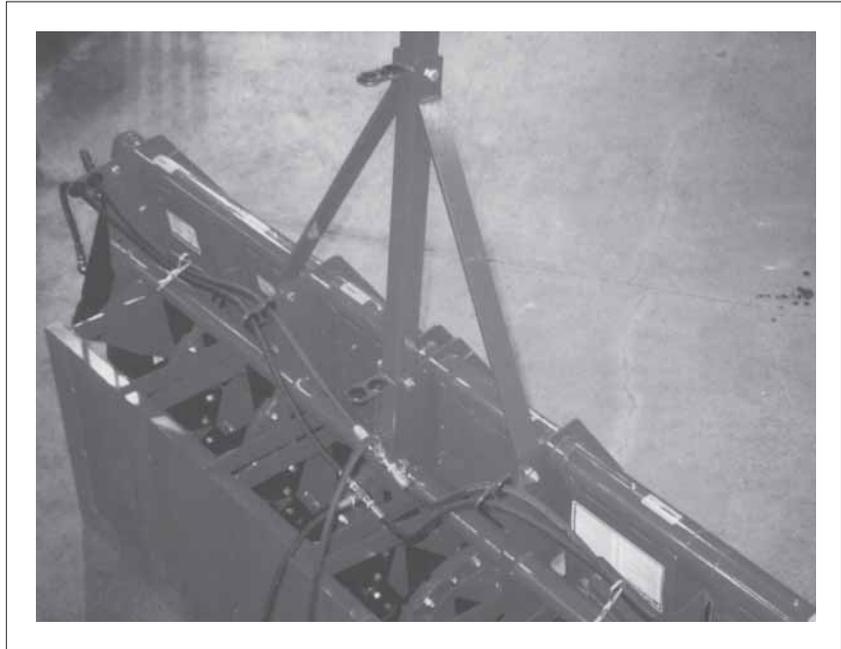
**Fig. 8 PLASTIC TIES**

- c. Slide the hitch into the front channel. Secure with anchor bolts. Tighten fasteners to their specified torque.



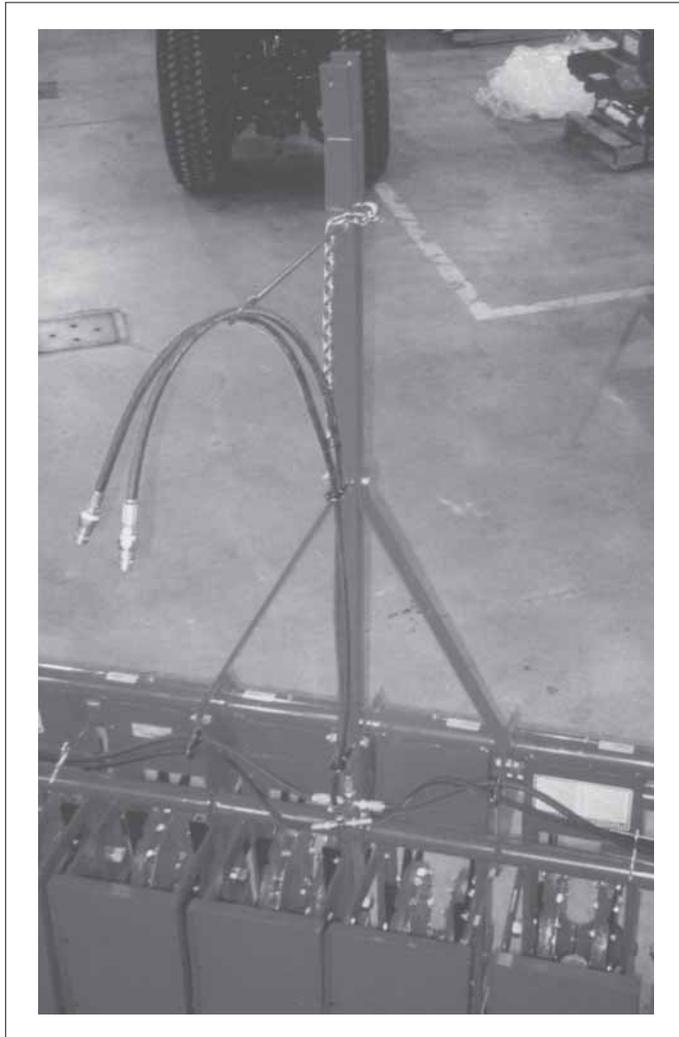
**Fig. 9 HITCH**

- d. Install the pole brace brackets to the pole. Tighten fasteners to their specified torque.



**Fig. 10 POLE BRACE BRACKETS**

- e. Thread the hydraulic hoses through the grommets in the hitch guides.



**Fig. 11 HYDRAULIC HOSES**

- f. Tilt the frame forward.



**Fig. 12 TILTED**

## 5 OPERATION



### OPERATING SAFETY

- Do not allow riders on the machine or power unit at any time. There is no safe place for any riders.
- If a safety shield or guard is removed for any reason, it must be replaced before the machine is again operated.
- Always use two people to handle heavy, unwieldy components during assembly, installation, removal or moving.
- Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging.
- Do not allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.
- Do not place hands or feet under the machine at any time. Keep others away also.
- Never allow children to operate or be around this machine.
- Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and snagged or entangled in the machine.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, jewellery, and clothing away from all moving and/or rotating parts.

### 5.1 TO THE NEW OPERATOR OR OWNER

AgriMetal 3 Point Hitch and Pull-Type Fairway Aerators are designed to aerate all kinds of soils (agricultural lands, parks, playgrounds, gardens, fairways, turf, etc.) in an easy, even and efficient way.

**In addition to the design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment. It is the responsibility of the owner or operator to read this manual and to train all other operators before they start working with the machine.**

**Follow all safety instructions exactly. Safety is everyone's business. By following recommended procedures, a safe working environment is provided for the operator, bystanders and the area around the worksite. Untrained operators are not qualified to operate the machine.**

Many features incorporated into this machine are the result of suggestions made by customers like you. Read this manual carefully to learn how to operate the machine safely and how to set it to provide maximum field efficiency. By following the operating instructions in conjunction with a good maintenance program, your 3 Point Hitch and Pull-Type Fairway Aerator will provide many years of trouble-free service.

## 5.2 MACHINE COMPONENTS

The AgriMetal 3 Point Hitch or Pull-Type Fairway Aerator is a set of wheels with tines or knives attached to the rim for rolling over grass areas and aerating them. The wheels are mounted to a floating axle which is connected to the pivot rod that is part of the main frame. Either a 3 point hitch or pull-type model is available.

- A Hitch Pole
- B 3 Point Hitch Frame
- C Frame
- D Knives
- E Tines
- F Wheels

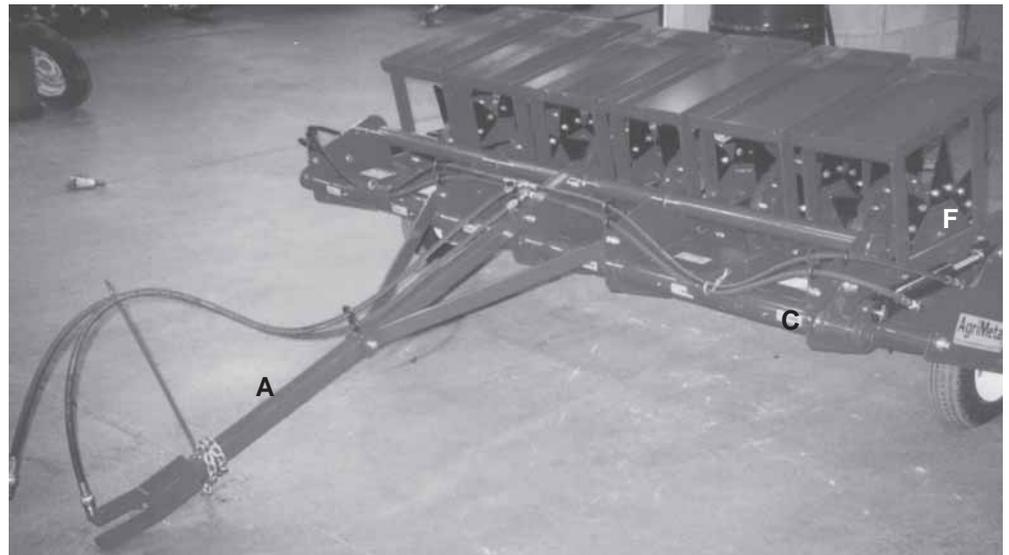
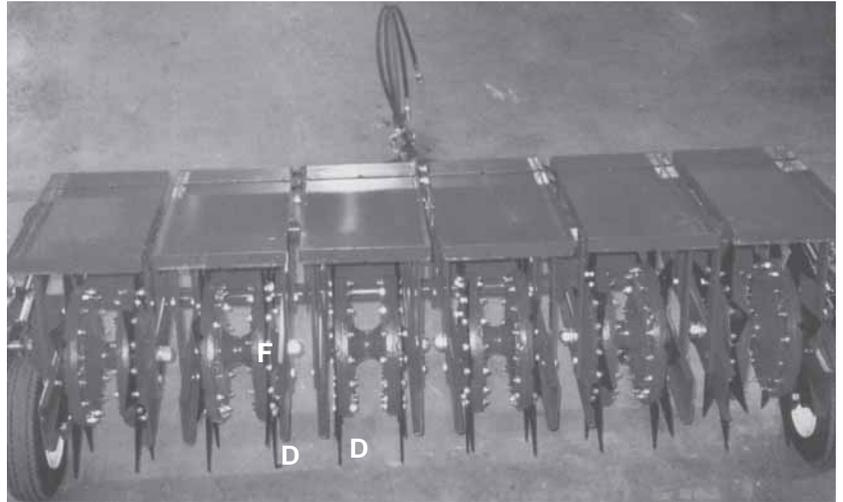


Fig. 13 PRINCIPLE COMPONENTS

## 5.3 BREAK-IN

Although there are no operational restrictions on the Fairway Aerator when it is used for the first time, it is recommended that the following mechanical items be checked:

### A. After operating for 1 hour:

1. Torque all fasteners and hardware.
2. Check condition of aerator wheel bearings.
3. Check hydraulic components for leaks. Tighten any leaking component or fitting.

4. Check condition of tines and knives. Straighten or replace any that are bent, chipped or broken.

### B. After operating for 10 hours:

1. Repeat steps 1 through 4 listed above. (Section A).
2. Go to the normal servicing and maintenance schedule as defined in the Maintenance Section.

## 5.4 PRE-OPERATION CHECKLIST

Efficient and safe operation of the AgriMetal 3 Point Hitch and Pull-Type Fairway Aerators require that each operator reads and understands the operating procedures and all related safety precautions outlined in this section. A pre-operation checklist is provided for the operator. It is important for both personal safety and for maintaining the machine in good mechanical condition that this checklist be followed.

Before operating the Fairway Aerator and each time thereafter, the following areas should be checked off:

1. Lubricate the machine per the schedule outline in the Maintenance Section.
2. Use only with a tractor with the appropriate power level for the machine.

3. Be sure that the machine is properly attached to the tractor with retainers in each mounting pin.
4. Check for entangled material. Remove all entangled material.
5. Check the condition of all knives and tines. Straighten or replace any that are bent, chipped or broken.
6. Check that all bearings turn freely. Replace any that are rough or seized.
7. Make sure that all guards and shields are in place, secured and functioning as designed.

## 5.5 EQUIPMENT MATCHING

To insure the safe and reliable operation of the Aerator, it is necessary to use a tractor with the correct specifications. Use the following list as a guide in selecting a tractor to use on the machine.

1. **Horsepower:**  
The Aerators are designed to be used on tractors with up to 28 horsepower.
2. **3 Point Hitch:**  
The Aerators are equipped with a Category 1 - 3 point hitch. Be sure the tractor 3 point hitch is in the proper configuration.

Install the lift arm blocks or shorten the stop chains to place the arms into the non-sway configuration. Refer to the tractor manual for details.

### IMPORTANT

Do not exceed the recommended horsepower levels. The use of excessive horsepower will void the warranty.

## 5.6 MOUNTING AND UNHOOKING TRACTOR

When attaching Aerator to a tractor, follow this procedure:

1. Clear the area of bystanders especially small children before starting.
2. Make sure there is enough room and clearance from obstacles to safely back up to the Aerator.
3. Back slowly up and align the lower link arms to the pins on the Aerator.
4. **3 Point Hitch Model:**
  - a. Unpin the anti sway assemblies.
  - b. Align the left lower link arm with the left Aerator arm.

### NOTE

It may be necessary to add weight to the lower lift arms to bring them to the required height.

- c. Insert the left pin through the ball and install the retainer.
- d. Align the right arm to the pin by turning the jack screw on the arm.
- e. Insert the right pin through the ball and install the retainer. Return the jack screw to its starting position.
- f. Remove the top pin and install the top link. Use the turnbuckle to align the top link. Insert the pins and install the retainers. Return the turnbuckle to its original length and lock.
- g. Secure the anti-sway assemblies.



Lower Links



Top Link

Fig. 14 3 POINT HITCH MODEL

5. **Pull-Type Model:**

- a. Align the drawbar with the hitch.
- b. Raise hitch and install drawbar pin and the retainer.

6. **Connect the Hydraulic System:**

- a. Use a clean cloth or paper towel to clean the dirt and build up from around the couplers and the male tips.
- b. Insert the male tips into the couplers. Make sure they are locked in place.
- c. Route the hoses along the pole and secure in place with clips, tape or plastic ties. Be sure they do not drop on the ground or get pinched when turning. Provide sufficient slack for turning.



**Drawbar Pin**



**Hydraulic Hoses**

**Fig. 15 PULL-TYPE MODEL**

7. For the 3 Point Hitch Model, level the machine for and aft, and side to side using the jack screw on the right arm and the turnbuckle on the top link.
8. Use the turnbuckle to set the 3 point hitch mast vertical at operating depth.
9. To unhook from the tractor, reverse the above procedure. Always park the machine in a dry, level area. Place planks or boards under the tines/knives on the 3 point model to prevent sinking into the soil. Always place the pull-type model into transport configuration for storage.



**Fig. 16 VERTICAL MAST**

## 5.8 FIELD OPERATION



# OPERATING SAFETY

- Do not allow riders on the machine or power unit at any time. There is no safe place for any riders.
- If a safety shield or guard is removed for any reason, it must be replaced before the machine is again operated.
- Always use two people to handle heavy, unwieldy components during assembly, installation, removal or moving.
- Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging.
- Do not allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.
- Do not place hands or feet under the machine at any time. Keep others away also.
- Never allow children to operate or be around this machine.
- Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and snagged or entangled in the machine.
- Keep all hydraulic lines, fittings and couplers tight and free of leaks before using.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, jewellery, and clothing away from all moving and/or rotating parts.

Aerators can be used for aerating a wide variety of agricultural lands, parks, playgrounds, gardens, fairways, turf, etc. with minimal problems. It is designed to work with any kind of tractor. When operating the machine, follow this procedure:

1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Review and follow the Pre-Operation Checklist (see Section 5.4).
3. Attach the machine to the power unit (see Section 5.7). Be sure the frame is level.
4. Transport to the working area (refer to Section 5.9).
5. Place all controls in neutral before starting the tractor.
6. On the 3 Point Hitch model, the hitch control on the tractor should always be set in the float position to allow the machine to follow the ground contour.



Fig. 17 3 POINT MODEL

7. On the Pull-Type model, rotate the wheel assemblies and lower the frame to the ground.
8. **How the Machine Works:**  
The AgriMetal Pull-Type Fairway Aerator is designed to work with any kind of turf tractor equipped with a standard hydraulic circuit. The Aerator is ready to work when it is attached to a tractor, and its hydraulic system is connected to the hydraulic circuit of the tractor.

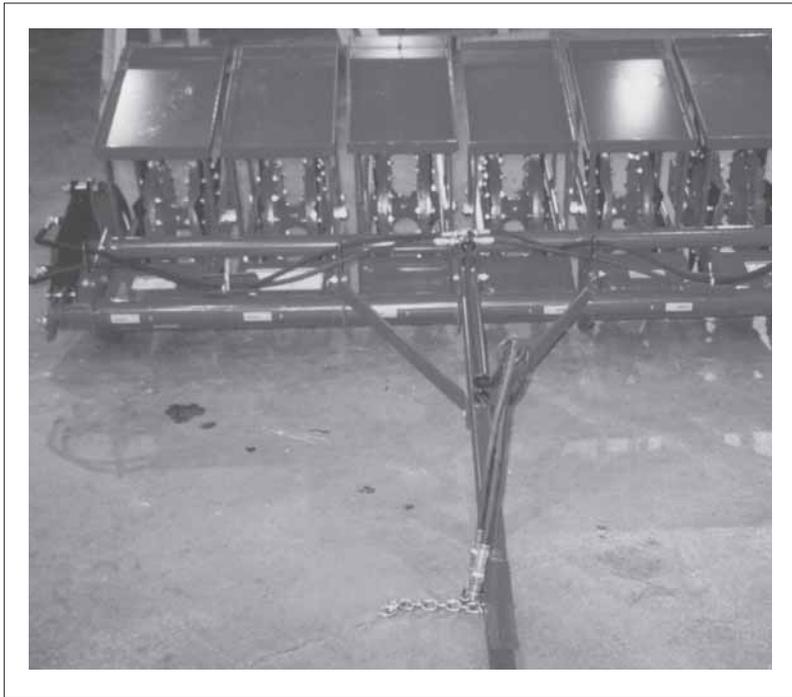
When the tractor moves, the aerating wheels rotate with the movement. Because of this rotation, the metal tines fixed on aerating wheels penetrate into the soil, digging out earth cores. At the next rotation, new cores are dug out and push on the first cores already inside the tines. The first cores are then evacuated by the hole in the metal tines. This process is repeated again and again as long as you are moving with the tractor. With the knives, they slice the turf as the wheels turn. This continuous rotation insures an efficient and even aeration of your soils.

The hydraulic system of the Aerator allows you to lift up the aerating wheels axle when you have to transport the Aerator, or when you have to move over surfaces you not want to aerate. By lifting up the axle, the metal tines or knives, will not touch the soil.

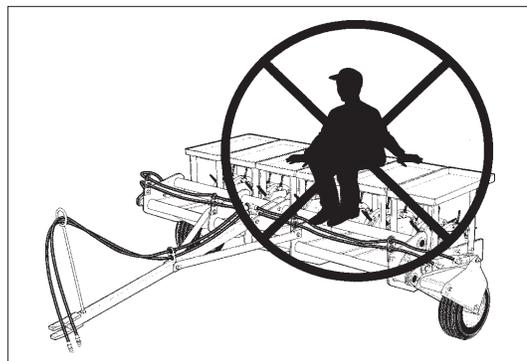
9. **Starting:**
  - a. Move slowly across the area to be aerated.
  - b. On the 3 Point Hitch model, lower the 3 point as you move over the working area.
  - c. On Pull-Type, use hydraulic control to lower frame as you move over the working area.
  - d. Increase engine speed to rated RPM.

10. **Travel Speed:**  
Drive at a speed that is appropriate for the terrain and conditions. Normally 2-5 mph (3-8 kph) works best.

11. **Riders:**  
Do not allow riders at any time. There is no safe place for riders on the aerator or the tractor. Keep others off.



**Fig. 18 PULL-TYPE**



**12. Aerating Hardware:**

Both coring tines and knives are available to be mounted to the aerating wheel. The tines remove a core from the turf that will allow water to get to the sub-soil. Knives will slice the surface again allowing water to get to the sub-soil. The cores generally must be removed before the area can be used again.



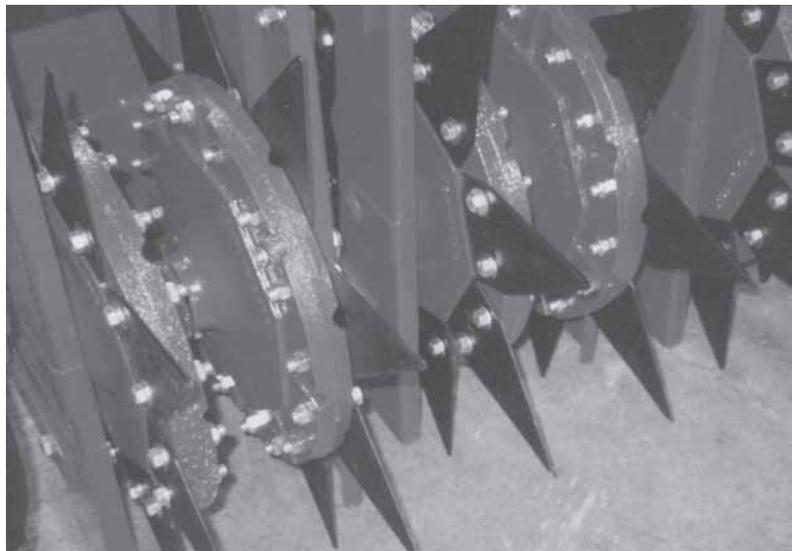
**Fig. 19 AERATING HARDWARE**

**13. Working Surface:**

Always inspect the working area before starting. Any hard surface or object can damage the tines or knives. Raise the aerating hardware out of the ground to avoid these hard objects. Keep aerating components in good working order to obtain the required job. Straighten or replace any damaged or broken components whenever found.



**Tine**



**Knife**

**Fig. 20 AERATING COMPONENTS**

**14. Terrain Following:**

Every 2 aerating wheels are attached to a pivoting shaft that allows them to move up or down and follow the contour of the ground.



**Fig. 21 TERRAIN FOLLOWING**

## 5.8 TRANSPORTING



### TRANSPORT SAFETY

- Comply with state and local laws governing highway safety and movement of machinery on public roads.
- The use of flashing amber lights is acceptable in most localities. However, some localities prohibit their use. Local laws should be checked for all highway lighting and marking requirements.
- At all times when driving the power unit and equipment on the road or highway under 20 mph (32 kph), use flashing amber warning lights and a slow moving vehicle (SMV) identification emblem. Do not exceed 20 mph (32 kph). Reduce speed on rough roads and surfaces.
- Plan your route to avoid heavy traffic.
- Use a drawbar pin with provisions for a retainer. Install the retainer.
- Attach safety chain between tractor and aerator before transporting.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Be a safe and courteous driver. Always yield to oncoming traffic in all situations, including narrow bridges, intersections, etc. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Turn into curves or go up or down hills only at a low speed and at a gradual steering angle. Make certain that at least 20% of the power unit's weight is on the front wheels to maintain safe steering. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces.
- Never allow riders on either tractor or machine.

When transporting the machine, review and follow these instructions:

1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Be sure that the towing unit has sufficient size and mass to control the Fairway Aerator during transport.
3. Insure that the machine is securely attached to the power unit with a mechanical retainer through the mounting pins.
4. Make sure the SMV (Slow Moving Vehicle) emblem and all the lights and reflectors that are required by the local highway authorities are in place, are clean and can be seen clearly by all overtaking and oncoming traffic.
5. Always use hazard flashers on the power unit when transporting unless prohibited by law.
6. Do not allow riders.
7. Never exceed a safe travel speed. Never travel faster than 20 mph (32 km/h). The ratio of the power unit weight to the machine weight plays an important role in defining acceptable travel speed. The following table summarized the weight ratio to travel speed.

**Table 2 Travel Speed vs. Weight Ratio**

Road Speed	Weight of fully equipped or loaded implement(s) relative to weight of Towing machine
Up to 32 km/h (20 mph)	1 to 1, or less
Up to 16 km/h (10 mph)	2 to 1, or less
Do not tow	More than 2 to 1

8. Always shift to a lower gear when going down hill to use the engine as a restraining force.
9. Never disengage power unit drivetrain and coast down hills. Always keep power unit in gear.

## 5.9 STORAGE



### STORAGE SAFETY

- Store the unit in an area away from human activity.
- Do not permit children to play on or around the stored machine.
- Store the unit in a dry, level area. Place planks or boards under the tines and knives for support if required.

At the end of the season, the machine should be thoroughly inspected and prepared for storage. Repair or replace any worn or damaged components to prevent any unnecessary down time at the beginning of the next season. Follow this procedure:

1. Thoroughly wash the machine with a pressure washer or water hose to remove all dirt, mud, debris or residue.
2. Lubricate all grease points to remove any water residue from washing.
3. Inspect for worn or failed components. Order the replacement parts now and repair when time allows to eliminate unnecessary down time at the start of next season.
4. Remove any material that has become entangled around any moving part.
5. Touch up all paint nicks and scratches to prevent rusting.
6. Move the machine to its storage area.
7. Store in a dry, level spot.
8. On the Pull-Type model, leave in the transport configuration.
9. On 3 Point Hitch model, lay planks or boards under the tines and knives.
10. Unhook from the power unit (see Section 5.7).



**3 Point Hitch**



**Pull-Type**

**Fig. 22 STORED**

11. Store in an enclosed building if possible. If space is not available, cover with a waterproof tarpaulin and tie down securely.
12. Store in an area away from human activity.
13. Do not allow children to play around the stored unit.

## 6 SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE



### MAINTENANCE SAFETY

- Good maintenance is your responsibility. Poor maintenance is an invitation to trouble.
- Follow good shop practices.
  - Keep service area clean and dry.
  - Be sure electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded.
  - Use adequate light for the job at hand.
- Make sure there is plenty of ventilation. Never operate an engine in a closed building. The exhaust fumes may cause asphyxiation.
- Before working on this machine, shut off the engine, set the brakes, and remove the ignition keys.
- Never work under equipment unless it is blocked securely.
- Always use personal protection devices such as eye, hand and hearing protectors, when performing any service or maintenance work.
- Where replacement parts are necessary for periodic maintenance and servicing, genuine factory replacement parts must be used to restore your equipment to original specifications. The manufacturer will not be responsible for injuries or damages caused by use of unapproved parts and/or accessories.
- A fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be kept readily accessible while performing maintenance on this equipment.
- Periodically tighten all bolts, nuts and screws and check that all cotter pins are properly installed to ensure unit is in a safe condition.
- When completing a maintenance or service function, make sure all safety shields and devices are installed before placing unit in service.

## 6.1 SERVICE

### 6.1.1 FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS

1. **Grease:**  
Use an SAE multipurpose high temperature grease with extreme pressure (EP) performance. Also acceptable is an SAE multipurpose lithium base grease.
2. **Storing Lubricants:**  
Your machine can operate at top efficiency only if clean lubricants are used. Use clean containers to handle all lubricants. Store them in an area protected from dust, moisture and other contaminants.

### 6.1.2 GREASING

Use the Maintenance Checklist provided to keep a record of all scheduled maintenance.

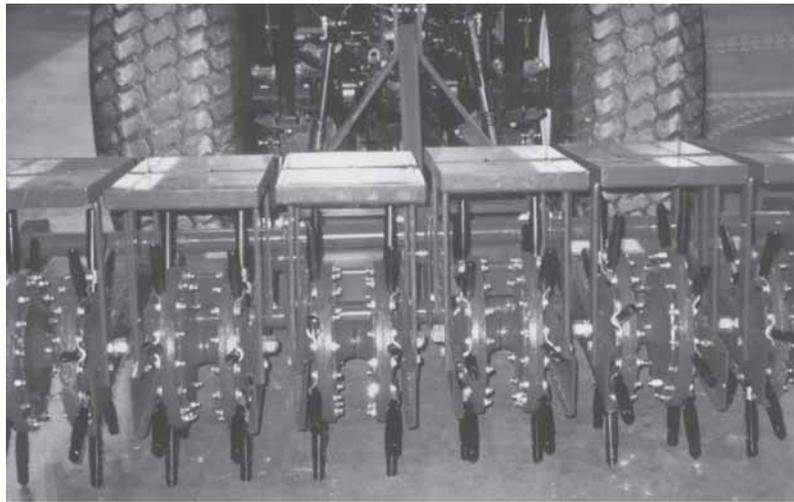
1. Use a hand-held grease gun for all greasing.
2. Wipe grease fitting with a clean cloth before greasing, to avoid injecting dirt and grit.
3. Replace and repair broken fittings immediately.
4. If fittings will not take grease, remove and clean thoroughly. Also clean lubricant passageway. Replace fitting if necessary.

### 6.1.3 SERVICING INTERVALS

The period recommended is based on normal operating conditions. Severe or unusual conditions may require more frequent lubrication or oil changes.

#### 8 Hours or Daily

1. Check condition of aerating components. Straighten or replace any bent or broken parts.
2. Check for entangled material. Remove entangled material.



**Tines**



**Knives**

**Fig. 23 AERATING COMPONENTS**

## At The Beginning And End Of The Season

1. Grease pivoting shaft of aerating wheel assembly.



Fig. 22 AERATING WHEEL PIVOT SHAFT



## 6.2 MAINTENANCE

By following a careful service and maintenance program for your machine, you will enjoy many years of trouble-free service.

### 6.2.1 TINE REPLACEMENT

Each gage wheel can be equipped with hollow tines that core the surface to allow water to penetrate the grass material. They must be maintained in good condition to perform as required. Bent tines must be straightened and broken ones replaced. To maintain tines, follow this procedure:

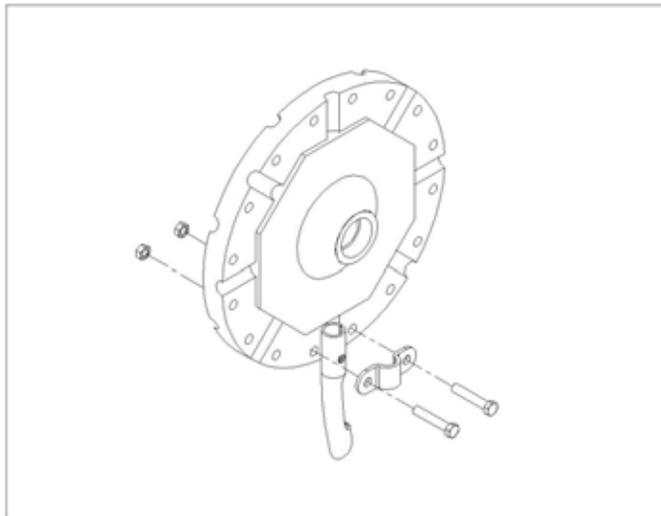
1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Stop machine in an open area that provides access from the back.
3. Unhook from tractor and tilt forward.
4. Loosen the 2 bolts securing the tine clamp.
5. Remove old tine and replace with a new one.
6. Make sure the evacuating hole faces up. Align pin hole in tine with hole in aerating wheel.
7. Tighten bolts to secure tine in place.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Always use prevailing torque nuts as hardware to prevent coming loose.



**Tines**



**Schematic**

**Fig. 25 CHANGING TINES**

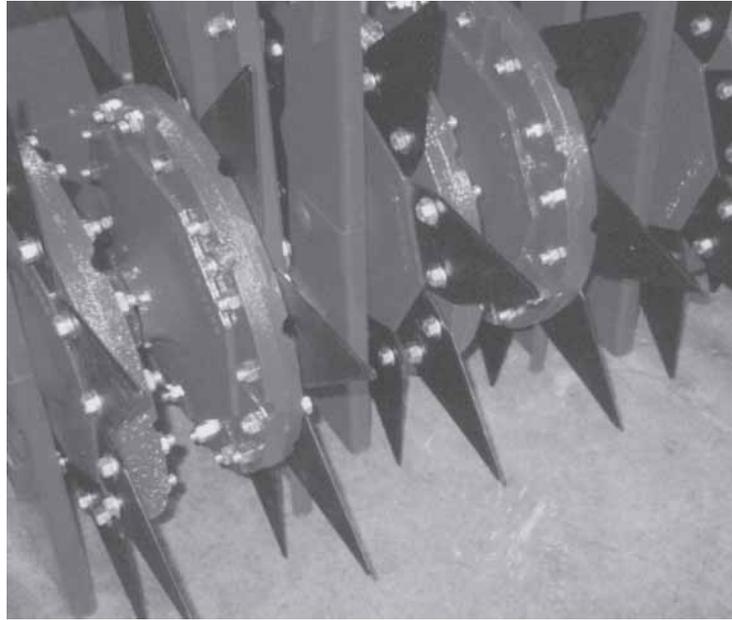
## 6.2.2 KNIFE REPLACEMENT

Each gage wheel can be equipped with knives that cut the surface to allow water to penetrate the grass material. They must be maintained in good condition to perform as required. Bent knives must be straightened and broken ones replaced. To maintain knives, follow this procedure:

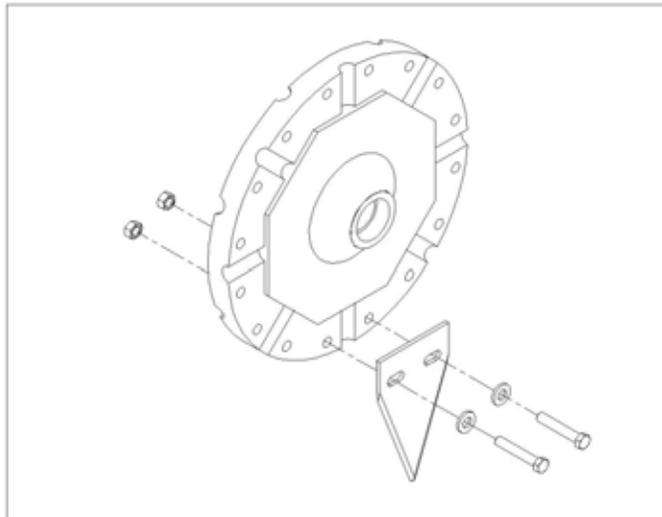
1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Stop machine in an open area that provides access from the back.
3. Leave in transport configuration.
4. Remove the 2 bolts securing the tine knife.
5. Remove old knife and replace with a new one.
6. Tighten bolts to secure knife in place.

### **IMPORTANT**

Always use prevailing torque nuts as hardware to prevent coming loose.



**Knife**



**Schematic**

**Fig. 26 CHANGING KNIVES**

# 7 TROUBLE SHOOTING

The AgriMetal Aerator is a set of rotating wheels with tines or knives on the perimeter for penetrating the grass surface. It is a simple system that requires minimal maintenance.

In the following Trouble Shooting section, we have listed many of the problems, causes and solutions that can help you to solve the problems that you might encounter.

If you encounter a problem that is difficult to solve, even after having read through this trouble shooting section, please call your local distributor or dealer. Before you call, please have this Operator's Manual and the serial number of your machine at hand.

<b>PROBLEM</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>SOLUTION</b>
Cores don't come out.	Plugged tine.	Clean tine.
	Bent/broken tine.	Straighten or replace tine.
	Tine opening facing forward.	Turn tine so opening faces rearward.
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Does not penetrate soil.	Bent/broken knife.	Straighten or replace knife.
	Hard ground.	Add weight to tray.
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Imperfect core holes.	Bent/broken tine/knife.	Straighten or replace tine/ knife.
	Driving too fast.	Slow down.
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# 8 SPECIFICATIONS

## 8.1 MECHANICAL

- Frame:** All Steel welded construction 6 pairs of individual floating arms hold 2 75# cast iron wheels each.
- Cast Wheels:** Hold 8 or 16 tines each and have sealed ball bearings.
- Aerating Width:** 72" (1.8 m).
- Aerating Wheels:** 12 cast iron with sealed bearings.  
Aerating Wheel Axle (1").
- Tines:** Choice of 3/4" closed spoons or 6" slicing knives.
- Hitch: Pull-Type:** Drop pin tow-type with hydraulic lift cylinder standard, optional hand pump for tractors without hydraulics.  
3 Point Hitch: Cat I N.
- Tractor Requirements:** 20 HP and up.
- Operating Speed:** Up to 10 MPA (1-6 km).
- Transport Speed:** Up 25 MPH.
- Standard:** 8 tines per wheel (96 total).
- Optional:** 16 tines per wheel (192 total).
- Optional:** 8 or 16 slicing knives (96 to 192 total).
- Coring Depth:** Up to 4" (102 mm).

<b>Pull-Type</b>	
<b>Machine Dimension:</b> Machine Width: 95" (241 cm) Machine Length: 96" (244 cm) Machine Height: 38" (97 cm) Machine Weight: 1625 lbs (739 kg)	<b>Shipping Dimension:</b> Width: 27" (69 cm) Length: 96" (244 cm) Height: 46" (117 cm) Weight: 1725 lbs (784 kg)

<b>3 Point Hitch</b>	
<b>Machine Dimension:</b> Machine Width: 80" (203 cm) Machine Length: 46" (117 cm) Machine Height: 44" (112 cm) Machine Weight: 1490 lbs (677 kg)	<b>Shipping Dimension:</b> Width: 27" (69 cm) Length: 84" (214 cm) Height: 46" (117 cm) Weight: 1595 lbs (725 kg)

**SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

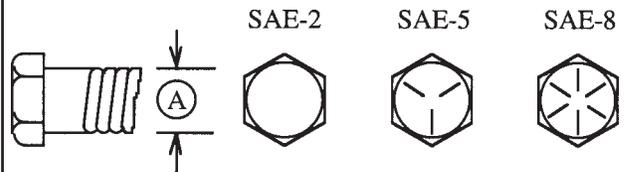
## 8.2 BOLT TORQUE

### CHECKING BOLT TORQUE

The tables shown below give correct torque values for various bolts and capscrews. Tighten all bolts to the torques specified in chart unless otherwise noted. Check tightness of bolts periodically, using bolt torque chart as a guide. Replace hardware with the same strength bolt.

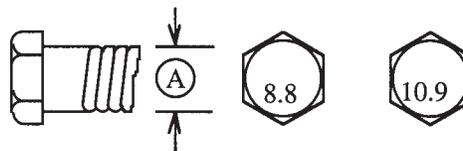
### ENGLISH TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

Bolt Diameter "A"	Bolt Torque *					
	SAE 2		SAE 5		SAE 8	
	N.m	(lb-ft)	N.m	(lb-ft)	N.m	(lb-ft)
1/4"	8	(6)	12	(9)	17	(12)
5/16"	13	(10)	25	(19)	36	(27)
3/8"	27	(20)	45	(33)	63	(45)
7/16"	41	(30)	72	(53)	100	(75)
1/2"	61	(45)	110	(80)	155	(115)
9/16"	95	(70)	155	(115)	220	(165)
5/8"	128	(95)	215	(160)	305	(220)
3/4"	225	(165)	390	(290)	540	(400)
7/8"	230	(170)	570	(420)	880	(650)
1"	345	(225)	850	(630)	1320	(970)



### METRIC TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

Bolt Diameter "A"	Bolt Torque*			
	8.8		10.9	
	(N.m)	(lb-ft)	(N.m)	(lb-ft)
M3	.5	.4	1.8	1.3
M4	3	2.2	4.5	3.3
M5	6	4	9	7
M6	10	7	15	11
M8	25	18	35	26
M10	50	37	70	52
M12	90	66	125	92
M14	140	103	200	148
M16	225	166	310	229
M20	435	321	610	450
M24	750	553	1050	774
M30	1495	1103	2100	1550
M36	2600	1917	3675	2710



Torque figures indicated above are valid for non-greased or non-oiled threads and heads unless otherwise specified. Therefore, do not grease or oil bolts or capscrews unless otherwise specified in this manual. When using locking elements, increase torque values by 5%.

\* Torque value for bolts and capscrews are identified by their head markings.

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