# **1** INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your choice of an AgriMetal Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum 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 Tuff Vac 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 PTO powered 5000 model. Difference 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 Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum 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 at 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 Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum. YOU must ensure that you and anyone else who is going to operate, maintain or work around the Tuff Vac 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 Tuff Vac.

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.

- Tuff Vac 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

 Read and understand the Operator's Manual and all safety signs before operating, maintaining, adjusting or unplugging the Tuff Vac.



- 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.
- 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
  - Wet weather gear
  - Hearing protection
  - Respirator or filter mask
  - Hearing Protection
- 5. Install and secure all guards before starting.
- 6. Do not allow riders.
- 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 operating or maintaining the Tuff Vac.



# 2.2 EQUIPMENT SAFETY GUIDELINES

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Tractor and machine Manuals. Pay close attention to the Safety Signs affixed to the Tractor and the machine.

# 2.3 SAFETY TRAINING

- 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.
- 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 tractor, 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.
- Know your controls and how to stop tractor, engine, and machine quickly in an emergency. Read this manual and the one provided with your tractor.
- 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

 Never operate the tractor and machine until you have read and completely understand this manual, the Tractor Operator's Manual, and each of the Safety Messages found on the safety signs on the tractor and machine.

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



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

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

Tractors 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 longterm 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 OPERATING SAFETY

- Please remember it is important that you read and heed the safety signs on the Tuff Vac. 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.
- 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 Tuff Vac 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.
- 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 jewelry 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 tractor and machine while implement is in operation.
- 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 walk or work under a raised machine, discharge door or attachment unless it is securely blocked or held in position. Do not depend on the tractor hydraulic system to hold the machine or attachment in place.
- 11. A heavy load can cause instability of the tractor. Use extreme care during travel. Slow down on turns and watch out for bumps. The tractor may need front counterweights to counterbalance the weight of the machine.
- 12. 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.
- Do not allow riders on the machine or tractor at any time. There is no safe place for any riders.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Keep all hydraulic lines, fittings and couplers tight and free of leaks before using.
- 16. Do not allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.
- 17. Never allow children to operate or be around this machine.
- Do not reach into blower openings when the engine is running. Install and secure access covers before starting engine.
- 19. Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and snagged or entangled in the machine.
- 20. Keep hands, feet, hair, jewelry, and clothing away from all moving and/or rotating parts.
- 21. Do not stand behind machine when the discharge door is open and blower is running.
- 22. Keep hands and feet away from pick-up head when engine is running. Keep others away.

#### 2.7 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.
- At all times, when driving the tractor 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. Always use a tractor of more than 40 horsepower, more than 3500 lbs. to transport machine.
- 6. Always install transport locks, pins or brackets before transporting.
- 7. Use a drawbar pin with provisions for a retainer. Install the retainer.
- 8. Do not drink and drive.
- 9. Attach safety chain between tractor and machine before transporting.
- 10. 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 tractor's weight is on the front wheels to maintain safe steerage. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces.
- 12. Never allow riders on either tractor or machine.
- 13. Install lighting bar before transporting.

#### 2.8 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.

## 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.



- Make sure there is plenty of ventilation. Never operate the engine of the towing vehicle 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.
- 6. Never work under equipment unless it is blocked securely.
- 7. Always use personal protection devices such as eye, hand and hearing protectors, when performing any service or maintenance work.

- 8. 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.
- 9. A fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be kept readily accessible while performing maintenance on this equipment.



- 10. Periodically tighten all bolts, nuts and screws and check that all cotter pins are properly installed to ensure unit is in a safe condition.
- 11. When completing a maintenance or service function, make sure all safety shields and devices are installed before placing unit in service.

# 2.10 HYDRAULIC SAFETY

- 1. Always place all tractor hydraulic controls in neutral before disconnecting from tractor or working on hydraulic system.
- 2. Make sure that all components in the hydraulic system are kept in good condition and are clean.
- 3. Replace any worn, cut, abraded, flattened or crimped hoses.
- Do not attempt any makeshift repairs to the hydraulic fittings or hoses by using tape, clamps or cements. The hydraulic system operates under extremely high-pressure. Such repairs will fail suddenly and create a hazardous and unsafe condition.
- 5. Wear proper hand and eye protection when searching for a highpressure hydraulic leak. Use a piece of wood or cardboard as a backstop instead of hands to isolate and identify a leak.



6. If injured by a concentrated high-pressure stream of hydraulic fluid, seek medical attention immediately. Serious infection or toxic reaction can develop from hydraulic fluid piercing the skin surface.

# 2.11 TIRE SAFETY

- Failure to follow proper procedures when mounting a tire on a wheel or rim can produce an explosion which may result in serious injury or death.
- 2. Do not attempt to mount a tire unless you have the proper equipment and experience to do the job.
- 3. Have a qualified tire dealer or repair service perform required tire maintenance.
- 4. When replacing worn tires, make sure they meet the original tire specifications. Never undersize.

# 2.12 SIGN-OFF FORM

AgriMetal follows the general Safety Standards specified by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Anyone who will be operating and/ or maintaining the Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum must read and clearly understand ALL Safety, Operating and Maintenance information presented in this manual.

Do not operate or allow anyone else to operate this equipment until such information has been reviewed. Annually review this information before the season start-up.

Make these periodic reviews of SAFETY and OPERATION a standard practice for all of your equipment. We feel that an untrained operator is unqualified to operate this machine.

A sign-off sheet is provided for your record keeping to show that all personnel who will be working with the equipment have read and understand the information in the Operator's Manual and have been instructed in the operation of the equipment.

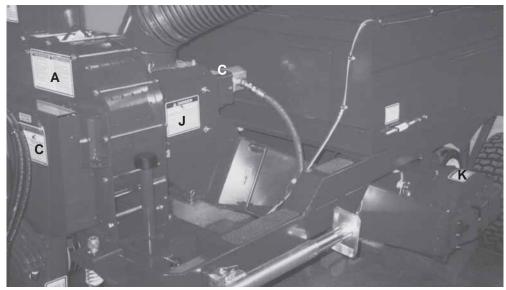
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#### SIGN-OFF FORM

# **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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- 1.
   Read Operator's Manual before starting.
   1.

   2.
   Keep guards and shields in place and access doors closed.
   2.

   3.
   Keep hands, feet, hair and clothing away
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- 3. Keep hands, feet, hair and clothing away from moving parts.
- Stop engine, place all controls in neutral, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging the machine.
- 5. Do not climb on the machine or place hands in any opening when the engine is running.
- 6. Keep people and pets a safe distance from the machine.
- Keep hydraulic lines and fittings tight, in good condition and free of leaks.
- 8. Do not smoke when refuelling.

entering compartment.

- Block up machine securely before working under it.
- 10. Keep all electrical wires and connections dry and in good repair.
- Keep hands and feet away from pick-up head when engine running. Keep others away.
   Install lock pin through frame before

13. Review safety instructions annually.

des éléments mobiles.
4. Arréter le moteur, placer tous les contròles à la position "neutre", enlever la clé du contact et attendre que toutes les pieces soient au point mort avant de faire tout ajustement, réparation ou de débloquer la machine.
5. Ne pas grimper sur la machine et ne jamais se placer les

marche.

- mains dans toute ouverture lorsque celle-ci est en marche.
- 6. Garder les gens et les animaux à une distance sécuritaire de la machine.

Lire attentivent le manuel d'opération avant la mise en

Garder les mains, pieds, cheveux et vétements éloignés

Garder tous les écrans protecteurs en place.

**ATTENTION** 

- 7. Garder tout boyau et fixation hydraulique en bonne condition et sans fissure.
- 8. Ne jamais fümer lors du plein d'essence.
- Immobiliser la machine de façon sécuritaire avant de travailler sous celle-ci.
- 10. Garder toute connection et fil électrique au sec et en bonne condition.
- Garder les mains et les pieds éloignés du bec d'aspiration lorsque le moteur est en marche. Garder les gens éloignés.
- Toujours installer la barrure de sécurité sur la porte de déchargement avant de se placer entre la porte et la machine.
- 13. Reviser annuellement le manual d'opération.

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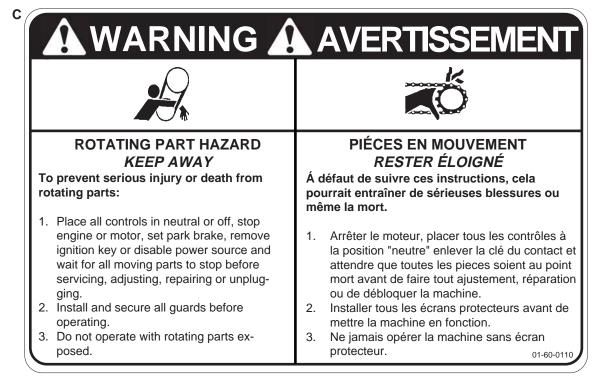
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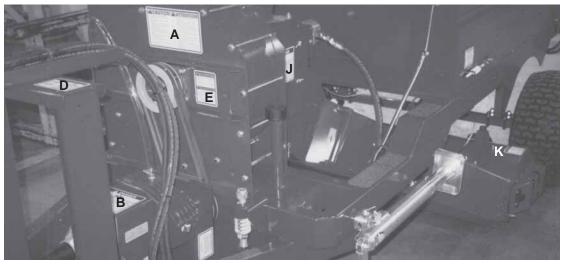


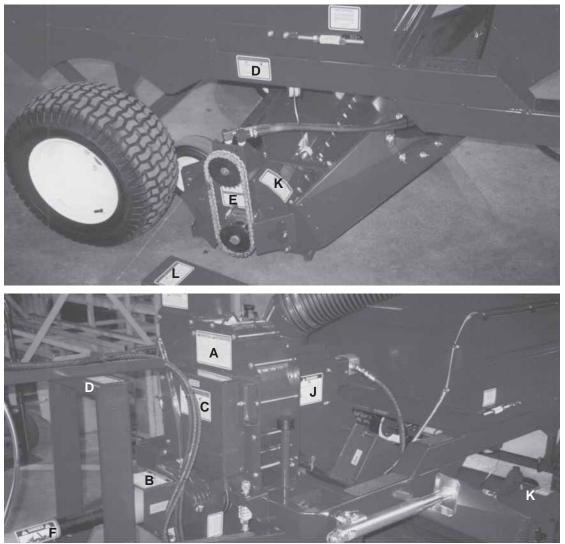
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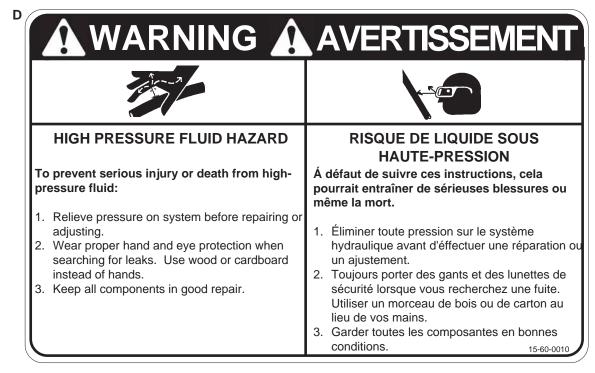
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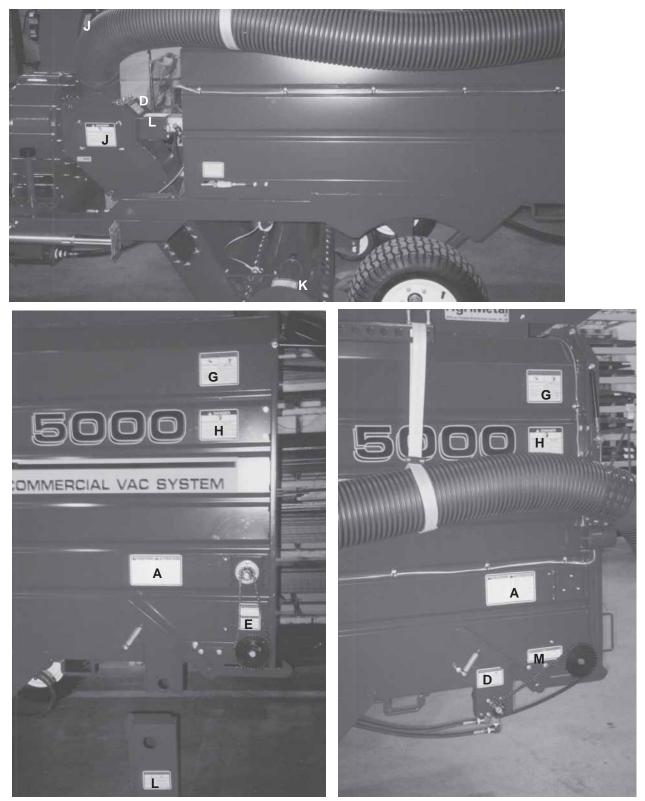
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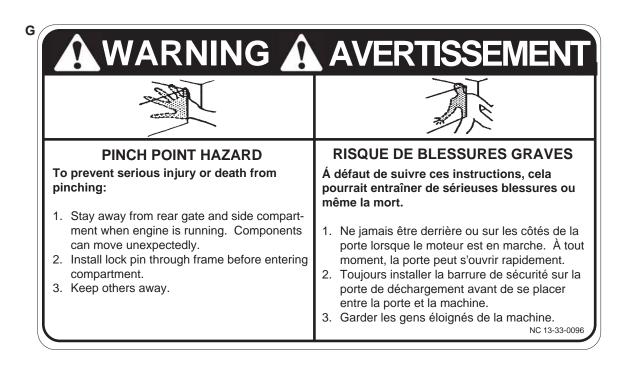


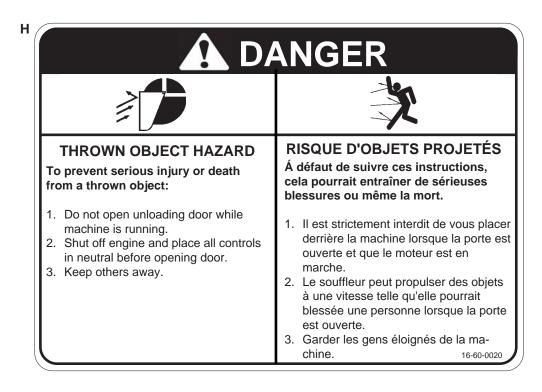
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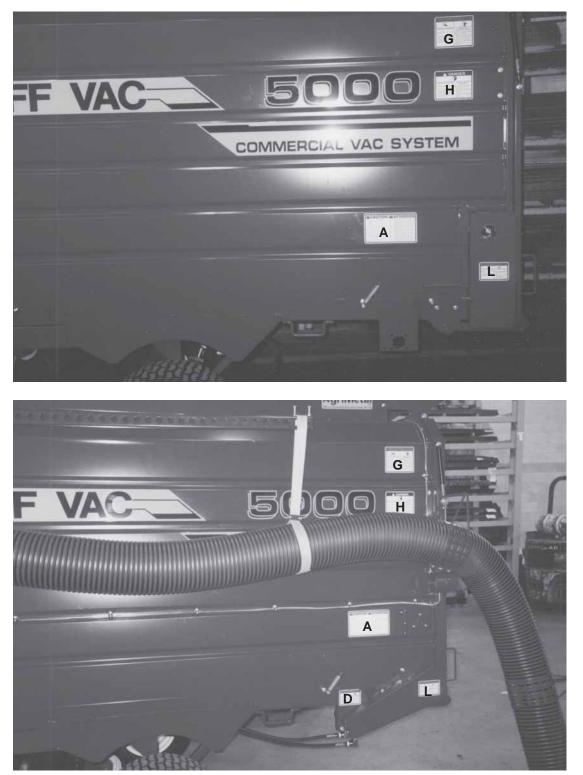
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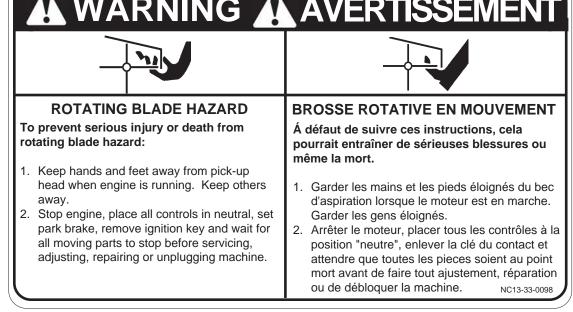


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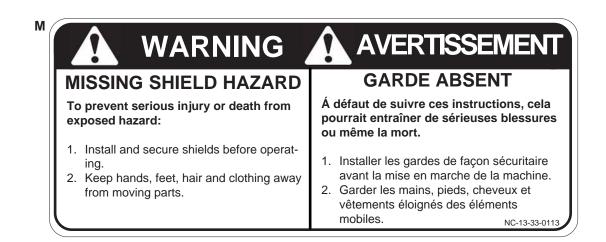
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# 4 ASSEMBLING

#### 4.1 MACHINE ASSEMBLY



Fig. 1 SHIPPING CONFIGURATION

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:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders especially small children before starting.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Remove the pallet tiedowns.
- 4. Open the discharge door.

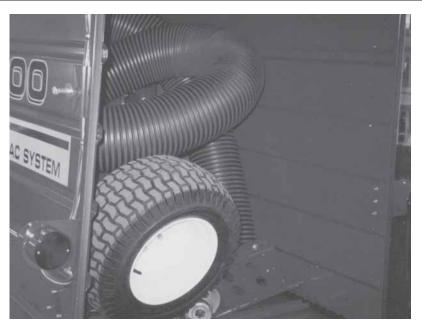


Fig. 2 OPEN DOOR

5. Unload the components from the compartment and lay-out.



Fig. 3 COMPONENT LAY-OUT

6. Mount the tires to the axle. Tighten bolts to their specified torque.

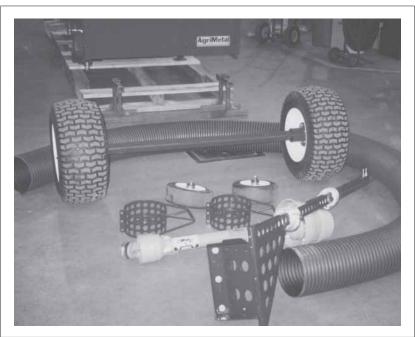


Fig. 4 AXLE/TIRES

7. Place stands under the rear frame.

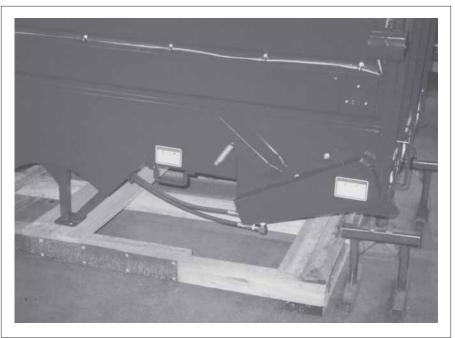


Fig. 5 STANDS

- 8. Use an appropriate lifting device to raise the front of the frame.
- 9. Raise the frame.
- 10. Remove the pallet.



Fig. 6 RAISE FRAME

11. Move the axle assembly under the frame.



Fig. 7 AXLE ASSEMBLY

12. Use the U bolts to mount the axle to the frame. Tighten the bolts to their specified torque.



Fig. 8 AXLE MOUNTED

- 13. Position the frame angle to allow the door to swing freely.
- 14. Remove the gas cylinder from the discharge door.



Fig. 9 GAS CYLINDER

- 15. Take the discharge door off by removing the hinge bolts.
- 16. Lower the front of the frame.



Fig. 10 DOOR REMOVED

17. Use a long boom on a forklift or other lifting device to extend into the compartment.

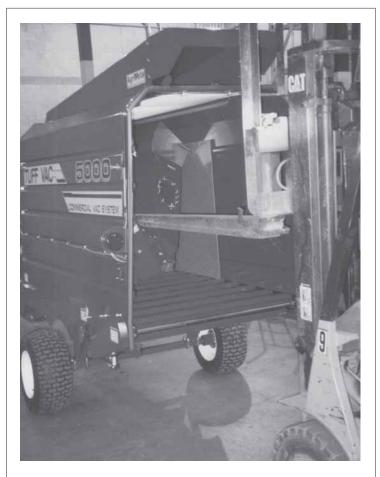


Fig. 11 BOOM



Fig. 12 ATTACHING

18. Attach the pick-up head assembly to the boom.

- 19. Raise the assembly slowly and carefully until it clears the sides and bottom.
- 20. Slowly back out of the box.



Fig. 13 REMOVING

21. Mount the wheels to the pick-up head assembly. Tighten axle bolts to their specified torque.



Fig. 14 WHEELS

22. Move the pick-up head assembly around to the front of the frame

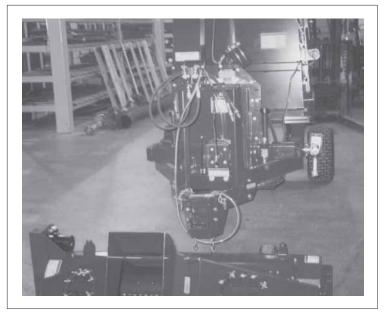


Fig. 15 FRONT

23. Raise the frame and roll the pick-up head assembly under the frame.

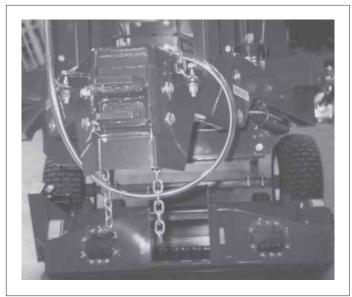


Fig. 16 PICK-UP HEAD

24. Support the frame with a safety stand.

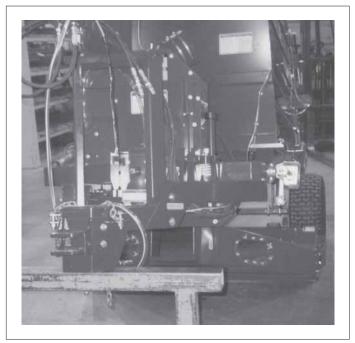


Fig. 17 SAFETY STAND



Fig. 18 ALIGNING

26. Raise the pick-up head discharge and slide into the blower intake.

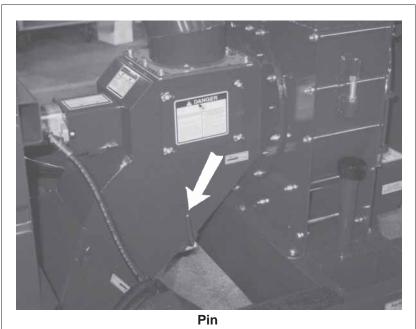
#### IMPORTANT

Use 2 hoists with sufficient lift capacity and stability to lift the frame and pick-up head while you manoeuver them into position.



Fig. 19 ASSEMBLING

27. Install the hinge pin and retainer.



28. Remove safety stand and lower frame. Support on the jack stand.

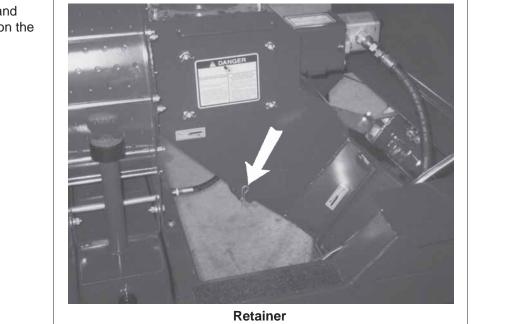
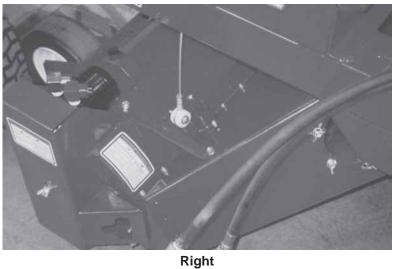


Fig. 20 HINGE PIN

29. Connect the head lift cables.



Left



- Fig. 21 LIFT CABLES
- Fig. 22 HOSE INSTALLATION

30. Connect the hydraulic hoses to the head hydraulic motor. Be sure to connect the same colors together.

#### NOTE

Be sure to apply teflon tape to the threads to prevent leaks.

- 31. Remount the discharge door to the frame.
  - a. Install the top hinge bolts.

#### NOTE

Use the washers as spacers to eliminate the side loads on the hinge anchor bracket.

- b. Connect the air cylinder.
- c. Tighten fasteners to their specified torque.



Hinge Bolts

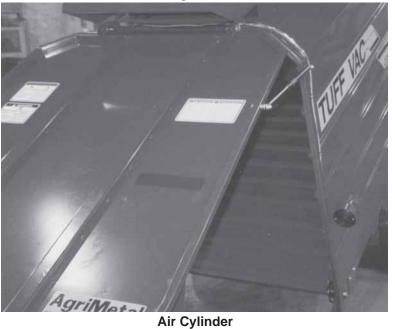


Fig. 23 DISCHARGE DOOR

32. Attach the hose arm anchor bracket.

#### NOTE

It will take 2 people to install the hose arm to the frame. One inside the box and the outside.

a. Remove hardware from bracket.

- b. Mount bracket to frame.
- c. Tighten fasteners to their specified torque.



Inside



Fig. 24 HOSE ARM

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Fig. 22 HOSE INSTALLATION

- 33. Remove the shipping plastic and tape from the hose straps and extend.
- 34. Loosen strap clamp hardware and move the clamp up.

35. Thread the hose through the straps.



Fig. 26 THREADING

- 36. Remove the hose clamps from the blower intake tube.
- 37. Thread both hose clamps over the end of the hose.
- 38. Push the end of the hose over intake tube and secure with the hose clamps.

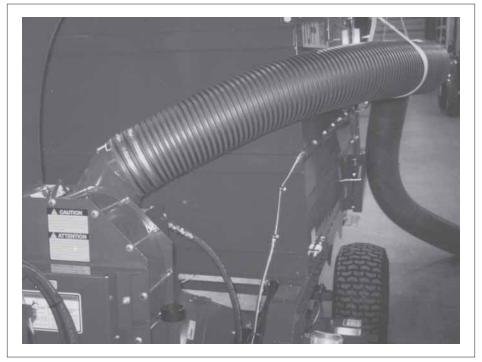


Fig. 27 HOSE/INTAKE TUBE

- 39. Swing the hose arm against the frame and adjust the straps so they hang straight down.
- 40. Slide the strap clamp down to the hose and tighten clamping hardware to its specified torque.



41. Repeat with the other strap.

Inboard Strap

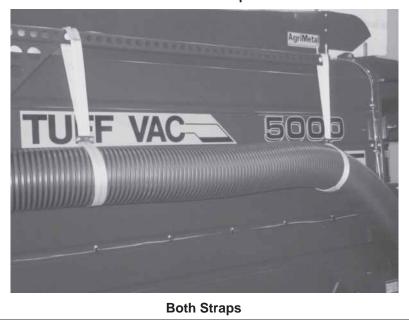


Fig. 28 STRAPS

- 42. Loosen the tube handle clamping hardware.
- 43. Slide one handle over the tube until it can be hung on the hanger support bolt.



44. Tighten clamping hardware to its specified torque.

Hardware

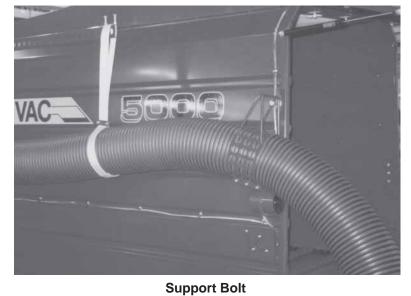
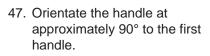


Fig. 29 TUBE HANDLE

- 45. Remove the hardware from the second handle.
- 46. Slide the handle over the tube and position the handle at a comfortable distance from first handle.





Installing



Fig. 30 SECOND HANDLE

48. Install the optional pick-up head stationary brush.



Fig. 31 STATIONARY BRUSH

# 4.2 OPTIONAL HYDRAULIC UNLOAD DRIVE

An optional hydraulic unload drive system can be installed on the machine or it can be ordered on the unit from the factory. When installing this option in the field, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders especially small children.
- 2. Open the shipping carton and lay-out the components.
- 3. Remove the guard over the manual unload drive system.
- 4. Remove the roller chain and drive sprocket.



Machine is shown with guard removed for illustrative purposes only. Do not operate machine with guard removed.

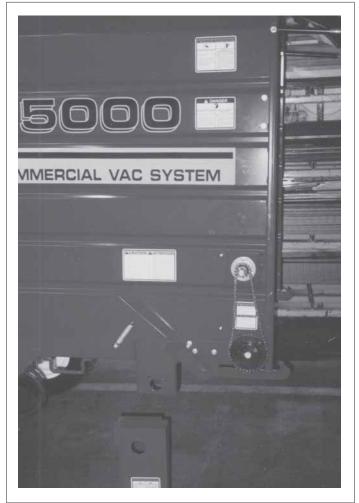


Fig. 32 GUARD REMOVED

- Attach the hydraulic motor to its mounting bracket. Tighten mounting bolts to their specified torque.
- 6. Insert key into keyway and install sprocket.

7. Thread roller chain around the sprockets and connect.

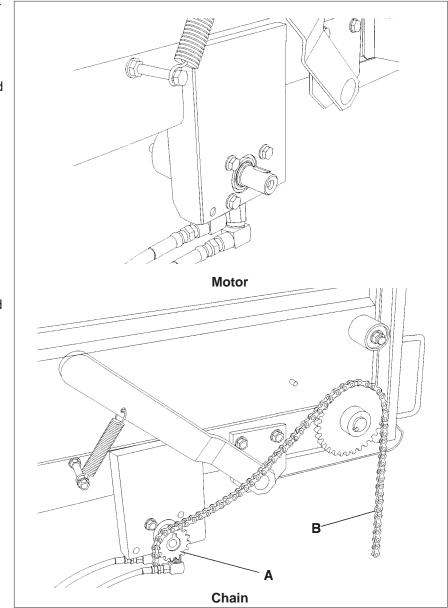


Fig. 33 DRIVE

8. Use a straightedge to align the sprockets. Secure sprocket on shaft with set screw.

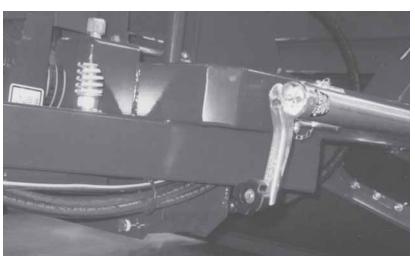


Fig. 34 ALIGNING

9. Route the hydraulic hoses through the loops on the frame and secure with plastic ties.

## NOTE

Be sure to provide sufficient hose slack across the hitch to allow for turning.



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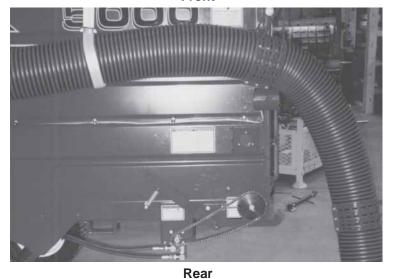


Fig. 35 HOSE ROUTING LOOPS

10. Install and secure the guard over the drive system.



Fig. 36 INSTALLED

# 5 **OPERATION**

# **OPERATING SAFETY**

- Please remember it is important that you read and heed the safety signs on the Tuff Vac. Clean or replace all safety signs if they cannot be clearly read and understood.
- 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 riders on the machine or tractor at any time. There is no safe place for any riders.
- Do not allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.

- Never allow children to operate or be around this machine.
- Do not reach into blower openings when the engine is running. Install and secure access covers before starting engine.
- 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, jewelry, and clothing away from all moving and/or rotating parts.
- Do not stand behind machine when the discharge door is open and blower is running.
- Keep hands and feet away from pick-up head when engine is running. Keep others away.

## 5.1 TO THE NEW OPERATOR OR OWNER

AgriMetal Tuff Vac Debris Vacuums are designed to efficiently pick up material from the ground and collect it in the machine compartment. A variety of material can be gathered and transported to the unloading area. Grass clippings, leaves and others debris can easily be picked up.

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 Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum will provide many years of trouble-free service.

# 5.2 MACHINE COMPONENTS

The AgriMetal Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum is a large trailer with a blower on the front. The blower creates a vacuum to pick up debris through the pick-up head or a flexible hose. The material is blown into the containment chamber at the rear. The unit is unloaded by opening the rear door and manually or hydraulically conveying the material out. Power is provided through a PTO from the tractor. A hydraulic pump behind the blower supplies pressurized oil to turn the pick-up head. The tractor provides hydraulic power to raise or lower the pick-up head and unload.

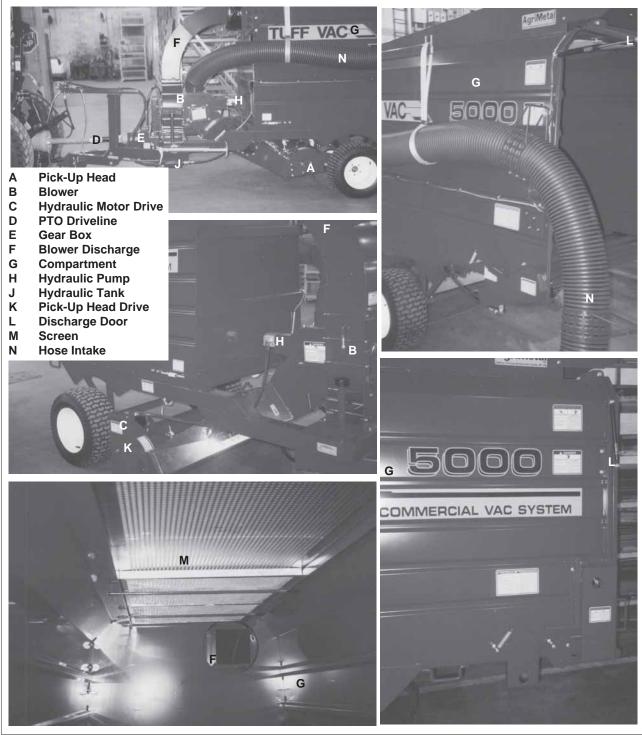


Fig. 37 PRINCIPLE COMPONENTS

## 5.3 BREAK-IN

Although there are no operational restrictions on the Vacuum 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. Check alignment of pulleys and sprockets. Align as required.
- 2. Check belt and chain tension. Adjust as required.
- 3. Torque all fasteners and hardware.
- 4. Check hydraulic components for leaks. Tighten any leaking component or fitting.
- 5. Check that the PTO driveline shield turns freely.
- 6. Check condition of blower bearings.
- Check the pick-up head rotor for entangled material. Remove any entangled material.
- 8. Check tire pressure. Inflate as required.
- 9. Check oil level in hydraulic reservoir. Top up as required.

### B. After operating for 10 hours:

- 1. Repeat steps 1 through 9 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 Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum requires 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 Vacuum and each time thereafter, the following areas should be checked off:

- 1. Lubricate the machine per the schedule outline in the Maintenance Section.
- 2. Check the tension and alignment of all belts and pulleys. Adjust tension and align as required.
- 3. Check the pick-up head rotor. Remove any twine, wire or other material that has become entangled.
- 4. Check that all bearings turn freely. Replace any that are rough or seized.
- 5. Make sure that all guards and shields are in place, secured and functioning as designed.
- 6. Check for hydraulic leaks. Tighten any leaking fittings.
- 7. Check that the PTO driveline turns freely and that the driveline can telescope easily.
- 8. Check the oil level in the gear box and hydraulic reservior, add as required.

## 5.5 EQUIPMENT MATCHING

The Tuff Vac PTO model is designed to be used with a turf tractor and operated at a speed of 540 PTO RPM. The following tractor specifications must be maintained when selecting a power unit.

### 1. Horsepower:

It is recommended that the turf tractor have a minimum of 40 PTO horsepower. This will provide sufficient power for the blower with enough power remaining for tractive needs. When operating in soft or hilly conditions, it is recommended that the power level be increased by 25%.

### 2. Drawbar:

The drawbar must be set to provide a dimension of 14 inches between the end of the tractor shaft and the center of the drawpin. Consult the tractor manual on adjustment procedures.

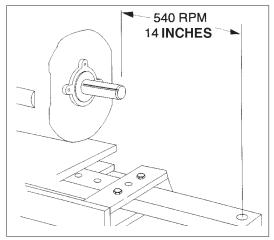
#### 3. Tires:

Use only turf tires on the power unit to prevent marking the surface.

### 4. PTO Shaft:

The turf tractor must be equipped with a 6 spline 1 3/8 inch PTO shaft when used with a PTO powered machine. It should never be operated faster than 540 RPM. Use an accurate hand-held tachometer to check the speed if there is doubt about RPM. Never operate the tractor at maximum RPM but only at rated PTO speed.

Do not use shaft adapters when operating. It changes the drawbar dimensions and can lead to over speeding. It is not recommended that the machine be used with imported tractors that have a variable speed PTO. This can also lead to over speeding.





## 5.6 MACHINE SETTINGS

The Tuff Vac pick-up head assembly must be set prior to using in order to obtain the best performance in the field.

## 5.6.1 PICK-UP HEAD HEIGHT

To set pick-up head assembly height, follow this procedure:

- 1. Move the machine to a hard level surface such as concrete or pavement.
- 2. Run the tractor and lower the pickup head down to the ground.
- 3. Use the gage wheels to set the height of the pick-up head.
  - a. Loosen the wheel mounting bolts.
  - b. Move wheel to the desired height.
  - c. Tighten mounting bolt to its specified torque.
  - d. Repeat with the other wheel.
- 4. Select the operating height appropriate for your application.

## NOTE

Set the gage wheel height so the rotor finger tips just disturb the surface and break the debris loose so it will be picked up by the flow of air.

- a. On a surface with long coarse grass, set up 1 inch (25 mm) above the surface.
- b. On a short firm surface, set to just contact the surface.
- c. Set appropriate for the operating conditions.

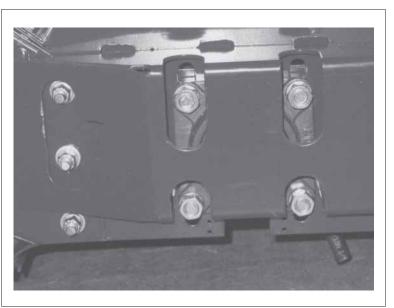


Fig. 39 LOWERED



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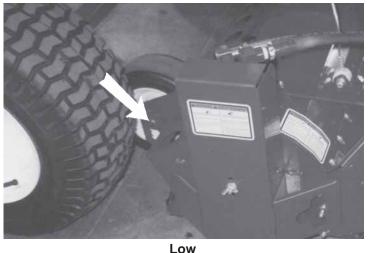


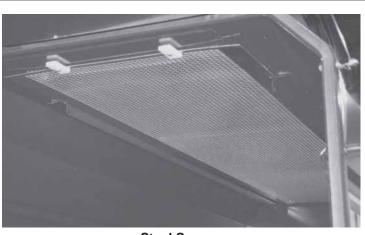
Fig. 40 WHEELS

## 5.6.2 SCREENS

The machine can be equipped with the standard metal screen or the optional mesh screen in the top of compartment.

When screens are changed, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- 2. Open the rear door.
- 3. Slide the mesh screens into the lower channels below the steel screen. Use a plastic mallet to tap into position if required.



Steel Screen



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4. Secure with the anchor rod under the squares.

# 5.7 CONTROLS

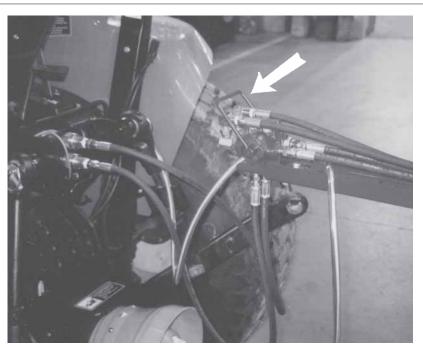
Before starting to work, all operators should familiarize themselves with the location and function of the controls.

- 1. **Hydraulic Selector Valve:** A selector valve is mounted on the front frame that allows the operator to direct the oil from the tractor hydraulic system to the pick-up head lift or unloading system.
  - Pull the control handle forward to direct the oil to the pick-up lift system. Use the control lever on the tractor to raise or lower the head.

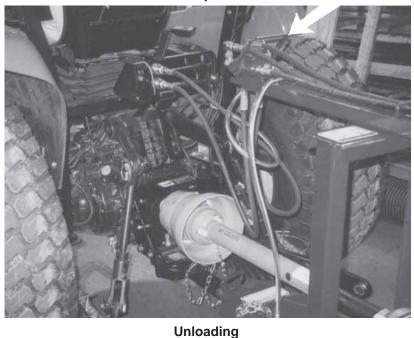
 Push the control handle back to direct the oil to the unloading circuit. Place the control lever on the tractor into detent to empty the compartment.

## NOTE

This system generally is used when the tractor is only equipped with one remote hydraulic circuit.



Pick-Up Head



- 2. **Guillotine Plate/Baffle:** The blow intake air flow is controlled by a moveable baffle and plate.
  - a. Open the baffle and insert the plate when using the pick-up head.
  - b. Close the baffle and remove the plate when using the hose.



Installed

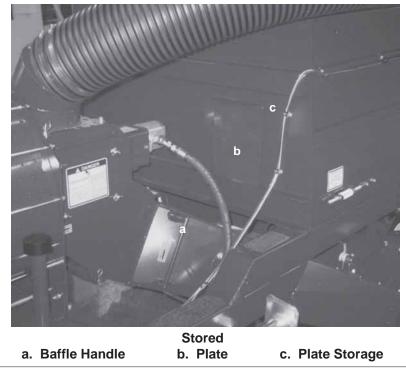


Fig. 43 GUILLOTINE PLATE/BAFFLE

# 5.8 ATTACHING/UNHOOKING

The Tuff Vac should always be located on a level, dry area that is free of debris and other foreign objects. When attaching the machine to a tractor, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- 2. Make sure there is enough room and clearance to safely back up to the machine.
- 3. Attach the PTO driveline to the machine if it was removed for storage.
- 4. While backing up, align the hitch with the drawbar.

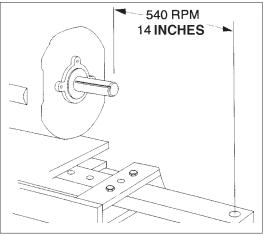


Fig. 44 DRAWBAR DIMENSION

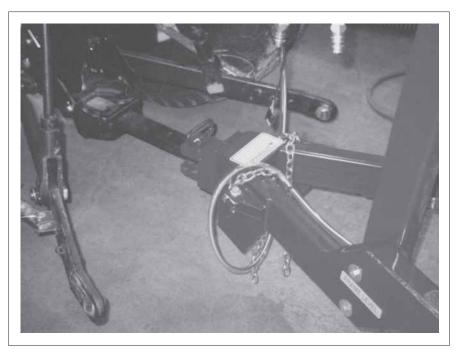


Fig. 45 DRAWBAR PIN

### NOTE

The CV joint is always next to the tractor.

5. Be sure the drawbar dimension is set at 14 inches (358 mm) between the end of the tractor PTO shaft and the center of the drawbar pin.

Refer to the tractor manual for adjustment procedures.

- Stop tractor, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- 7. Use a drawbar pin with provisions for a mechanical retainer. Install the retainer.

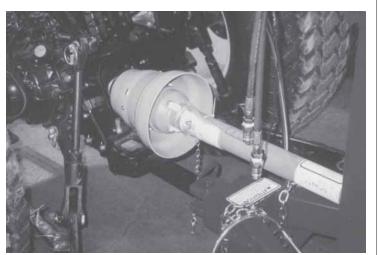
### 8. Attach the PTO Driveline:

- a. Check that the driveline telescopes easily and that the shield rotates freely.
- b. Attach the driveline to the tractor by twisting the lock ring retracting the lock pin, slide the yoke over the shaft and push on the yoke until the lock pin clicks into position. Pull on the yoke to be sure it is locked in position.
- c. Attach PTO shaft guard anchor chain to the tractor frame to prevent the shield from turning.

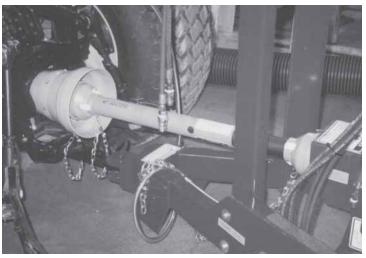
### IMPORTANT

Always attach both the CV joint and shaft tube anchor chains to the frame to secure the guards.

9. Check that there is sufficient clearance between the PTO driveline and the top of the drawbar pin to allow the shaft to move down when the unit goes over the crest of a hill.



Yoke



Anchor Chains

Fig. 46 DRIVELINE

### 10. 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.

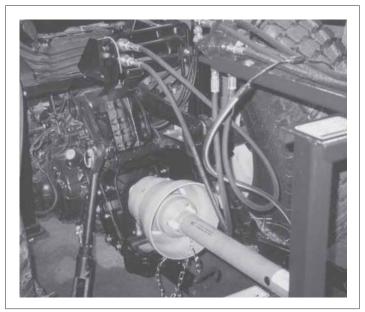
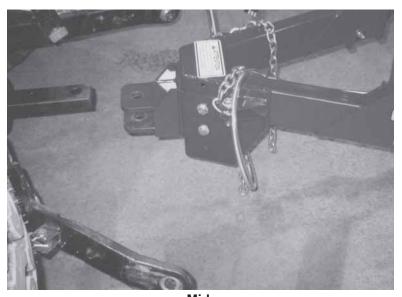


Fig. 47 HYDRAULIC HOSES

11. Connect the wiring harness to the tractor. Be sure to secure to the hitch and provide sufficient slack when turning.



Fig. 48 WIRING HARNESS





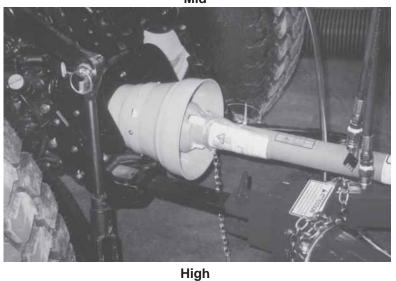


Fig. 49 CLEVIS POSITIONS

12. Use a level on the side to level the frame. Move the hitch clevis to change frame angle. Tighten mounting bolts to their specified torque if the clevis position is changed.

- 13. Attach the safety chain around the drawbar cage to prevent unexpected separation.
- 14. Pull anchor pin on jack and rotate 90°. Repin to secure.
- 15. Check that the frame is level. Move the clevis on the hitch if required.
- 16. Raise the 3 point hitch arms to their fully up position to prevent interference when turning.
- 17. Reverse the above procedure when unhooking from the tractor.

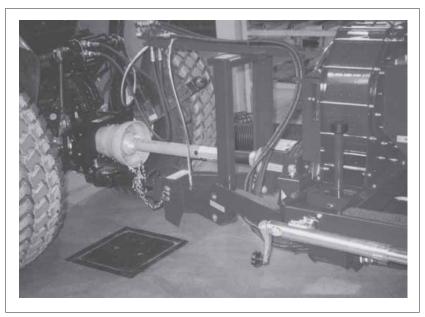


Fig. 50 SAFETY CHAIN/JACK

# **OPERATING SAFETY**

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- 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 riders on the machine or tractor at any time. There is no safe place for any riders.
- Do not allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.

- Never allow children to operate or be around this machine.
- Do not reach into blower openings when the engine is running. Install and secure access covers before starting engine.
- 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, jewelry, and clothing away from all moving and/or rotating parts.
- Do not stand behind machine when the discharge door is open and blower is running.
- Keep hands and feet away from pick-up head when engine is running. Keep others away.

Although the Tuff Vac is easy to use, each operator should review this section to familiarize himself with the detailed safety and operating procedures. When using 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 tractor (see Section 5.8). Be sure the frame is level.
- 4. Close and securely latch the rear door.
- 5. Raise the pick-up head to its fully up position.
- 6. Be sure the hose is attached to its anchor bracket if so equipped.

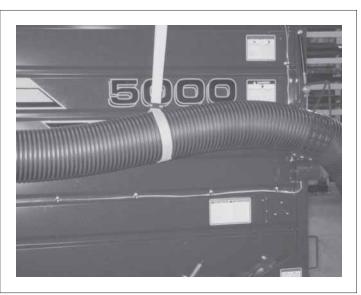


Fig. 51 ANCHOR BRACKET

- 7. Transport to the working area (refer to Section 5.13).
- 8. Be sure the pick-up head is set at a height appropriate for the application.

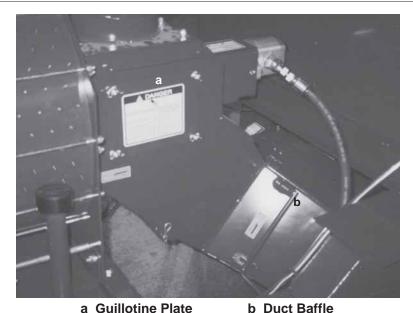
- Use the duct baffle and guillotine plate to select the operating mode: hose or pick-up head.
- 10. Close the rear door to be sure the door is securely latched before starting to work.
- 11. Start tractor engine.
- 12. Place throttle at low idle.
- 13. Slowly engage PTO.
- 14. Increase engine speed to the rate PTO speed of 540 RPM.
- 15. Move forward to pick up debris or set park brake and use the hose.

### 16. Travel Speed:

Set the travel speed appropriate for the job being done. Travel faster if all the debris is being picked up. Slow down if some debris is not being picked up.

### 17. Pick-Up Head Height:

- a. Use the slots on the pickup head wheel shaft frame to set the height.
- b. Loosen the axle bolt and slide or tap the wheel to the desired position.
- c. Tighten axle bolt to its specified torque.
- d. Always set the height of the wheels the same.
- e. Set the height so the fingers just touch the debris and break it loose so it can be picked up.



a Guillotine Plate b Fig. 52 DUCT BAFFLE/PLATE



High



Fig. 53 PICK-UP HEAD

### 18. Rotor:

Wire impregnated sweeping brushes are supplied from the factory as standard equipment.



Fig. 39 ROTOR

### 19. Screens:

Each machine is equipped from the factory with a steel screen mounted in the channels above the compartment. An optional mesh screen is available that slides into the channel below the steel screen.

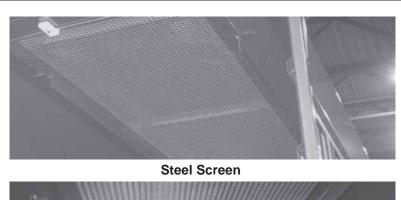
Determine the type of screen required for the application.

- a. Use the steel screen for wet conditions or when picking up leaves.
- b. Use the mesh screen for dry conditions or when the debris is small and fine.

## NOTE

It may be necessary to use a wood or plastic hammer to tap the screen segments into position.

- c. Open the rear discharge door to access the screens.
- d. Always install the mesh screen in the bottom channel and secure with the anchor rods.
- e. Always close and latch the rear access door before starting to work.





Mesh Screen

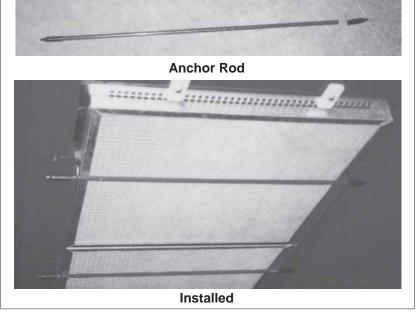


Fig. 55 SCREENS

### 20. Discharge Door:

Do not open the discharge door if anyone is next to the back of the machine. The blower moves a large amount of air through the machine that carries trash and debris with it. This debris can be propelled fast enough to injure anyone in its path.

Stop the blower whenever anyone must be next to discharge door or inside compartment.



- Le souffleur peut propulser des objets à une vitesse telle qu'elle pourrait blessée une personne lorsque la porte est ouverte.
   Cordor les gens éleignée de la maghine
- 3. Garder les gens éloignés de la machine.



Inside



**Discharge Door** 

Fig. 56 COMPARTMENT

# WARNING

### PINCH POINT HAZARD

To prevent serious injury or death from pinching:

- Stay away from rear gate and side compartment when engine is running. Components can move unexpectedly.
- 2. Install lock pin through frame before entering compartment.
- 3. Keep others away.

# AVERTISSEMENT

## **RISQUE DE BLESSURES GRAVES**

Á défaut de suivre ces instructions, cela pourrait entraîner de sérieuses blessures ou même la mort.

- Ne jamais être derrière ou sur les côtés de la porte lorsque le moteur est en marche. À tout moment, la porte peut s'ouvrir rapidement.
- Toujours installer la barrure de sécurité sur la porte de déchargement avant de se placer entre la porte et la machine.
- 3. Garder les gens éloignés de la machine.

21. Hose:

Set the engine to run at rated PTO RPM .

- Always set the park brake on the tow tractor before using the hose.
- b. Close the pick-up head baffle.
- c. Remove the guillotine plate from the hose intake duct and stow.
- d. Remove the hose from its storage position.
- e. Use the handles to direct the hose as required.
- f. Stow the hose when the work is done.

### 22. Slopes:

The machine can have a high center of gravity that can lead to tipping on slopes or hills. It is recommended that the machine always be operated up or down slopes rather than across. On steep slopes with a machine that is almost full, it is recommended that additional loading be done when driving down the hill. Do not risk getting stuck or tipping over.

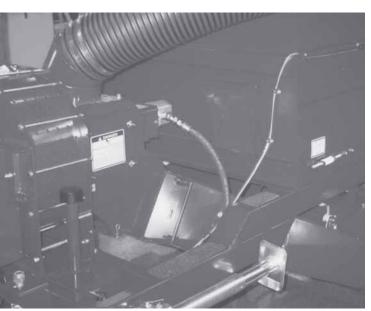
### 23. Turning:

The PTO powered model is designed with a constant velocity (CV) universal joint in the driveline. The CV joint allows turns of up to 45° during operation. Sharper turns will overload the joint and destroy the driveline. Do not turn sharper than 45°.

# **IMPORTANT**

This machine is equiped with a constant velocity PTO shaft which allows turns of up to 45° with the PTO engaged. Sharper turns will destroy the PTO shaft.

Cette machine est équipée d'une prise de force munie d'un joint double qui permet des virages jusqu'à un angle de 45°. Un braquage plus prononcé que 45° lorsque celle ci est engagée endommagera la prise de force.



Intake



Stowed



Using



### 24. Unplugging:

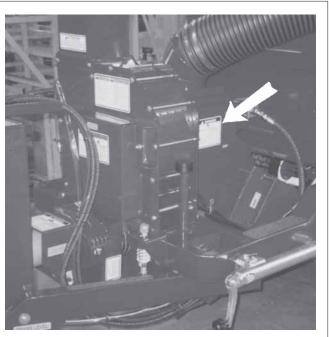
Follow this procedure when unplugging.

- a. Stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop moving.
- b. Remove access doors and clean out ducts and blower.
- c. Install and secure access doors.

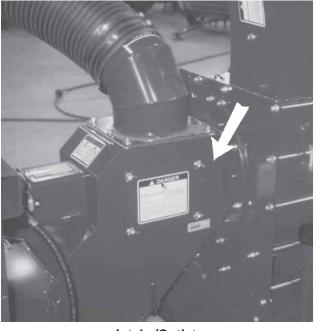


faire tout ajustement, réparation ou de débloquer la machine.

3. Ne jamais opérer sans portes d'accès.



Intake



Intake/Outlet

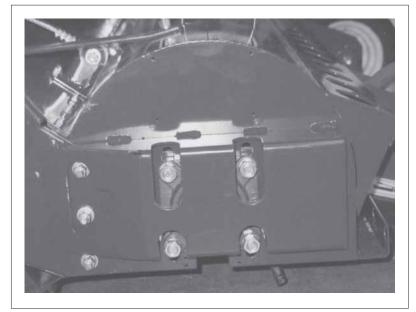
Fig. 58 ACCESS DOORS

25. Filled:

The operator will know when the compartment is full. The sound of the machine will change and it will not pick up more debris. Take to the unloading area.

### 26. Operating Hints:

 a. Use the rotor bearing position to set the height of the rotor fingers above the ground. Adjustment will be required as the fingers wear during use. Be sure to tighten the bearing housing mounting bolts to their specified torque.



### Fig. 59 FINGER HEIGHT

 Install the optional brush on the front of the pick-up head to assist in loosening the debris.



Fig. 60 BRUSH

c. The blower is designed with a replaceable liner on the outer panel. As soon as dust is seen coming out of a hole in the outer panel, replace the liner.

### NOTE

If the liner is not replaced immediately, the outer panel and impeller will wear rapidly and have to be replaced.

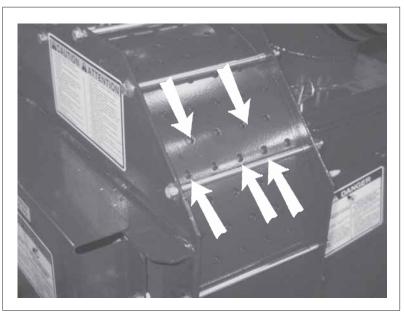


Fig. 61 INSPECTION HOLES

d. Use the clear panels on each side of pick-up head duct to observe the flow of material into the blower. Use the access doors at the top of the duct for clean-out if plugged.



Stop engine, place all controls in neutral, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before unplugging.



Right

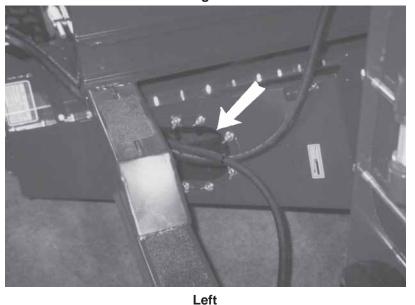
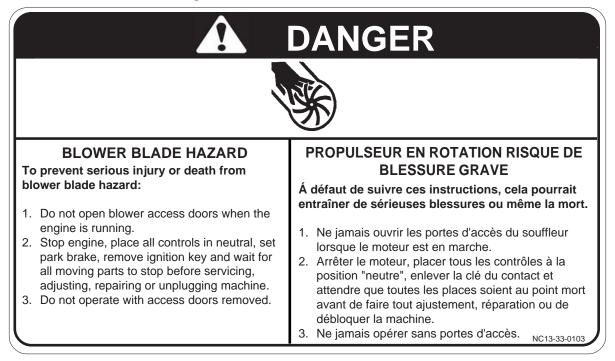


Fig. 62 PANELS



# 5.10 UNLOADING MATERIAL

The operator will know when the compartment is full from the change in the sound of the blower and the fact that the machine will stop picking up material.

Follow this procedure when unloading the compartment:

- 1. Slow the engine speed to 1/4 throttle.
- 2. Raise the pick-up head to its fully up position.
- 3. Transport to the unloading area.
- 4. Stop the tractor forward motion and set park brake.
- 5. Move latching lever down to open discharge door.
- 6. On the manual unload model, use the handle on the left rear corner to turn the conveyor chain.
- 7. On the hydraulic unload model:
  - a. Increase engine speed to 1/4 throttle.
  - Move the hydraulic selector valve forward to place in the unload mode.
  - c. Place the hydraulic control lever in detent and unload.
- Monitor debris discharge and move ahead if necessary to provide space for the debris to slide out of the compartment.
- Always increase throttle to rated PTO speed of 540 RPM for at least 30 seconds to clean debris from filter screen when the material is out of the box.
- 10. Decrease engine RPM to low idle and disengage PTO.

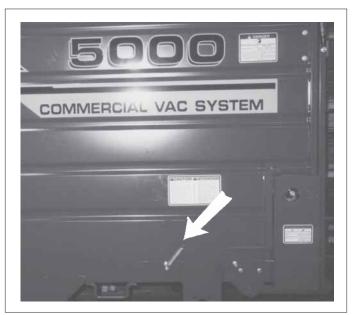


Fig. 63 LATCHING LEVER



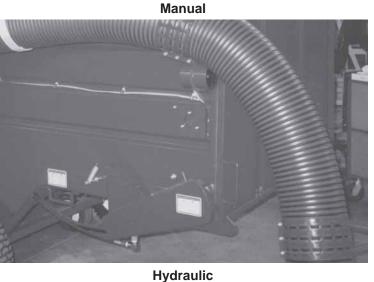


Fig. 64 UNLOADING TYPES

- 11. Set park brake, stop engine and remove ignition key.
- 12. Close and latch discharge door.



Fig. 65 UNLOADING

# 5.11 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 tractor 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.
- Always use a tractor of more than 30 horsepower to transport machine.
- Always install transport locks, pins or brackets before transporting.

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 Tuff Vac during transport. Always use a turf tractor of more than 40 horsepower when transporting.
- 3. Insure that the machine is securely attached to the tractor with a mechanical retainer through the drawbar pin. Always use a safety chain between the tractor and machine.
- 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. Install the optional lighting bar before transporting on a public road.

- Use a drawbar pin with provisions for a retainer. Install the retainer.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Attach safety chain between tractor and machine before transporting.
- 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 tractor's weight is on the front wheels to maintain safe steerage. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces.
- Never allow riders on either tractor or machine.
- Install lighting bar before transporting.

- 5. Always use hazard flashers on the tractor when transporting unless prohibited by law.
- 6. Raise the pick-up head.

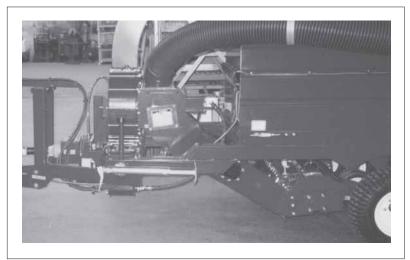


Fig. 66 HEAD RAISED

- 7. Secure the flexible hose handle on the hose storage bracket.
- 8. Do not allow riders.



Fig. 67 PICK-UP HOSE BRACKET

- Never exceed a safe travel speed. Never travel faster than 20 mph (32 km/h). The ratio of the tractor weight to the loaded machine weight plays an important role in defining acceptable travel speed. The following table summarized the weight ratio to travel speed.
- 10. Always shift to a lower gear when going down hill to use the engine as a restraining force.
- 11. Apply the brakes carefully to prevent jackknifing.
- 12. Never disengage tractor drivetrain and coast down hills. Always keep tractor in gear.

### Table 1 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

# 5.12 STORAGE

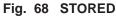
# STORAGE SAFETY

- 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. Support the frame with planks 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. Make sure all the water drains out of the compartment.
- Lubricate all grease points to remove any water residue from washing.
- Coat the roller chains and coupler between the blower and hydraulic pump with a good quality chain lubricant to prevent rusting.
- 5. Remove any material that has become entangled around any moving part.
- Run the machine for a couple of minutes at low RPM to dry the inside of the blower. Direct the intake air to flow through the pickup head and hose (if so equipped) to dry them also.
- 7. Touch up all paint nicks and scratches to prevent rusting.
- 8. Move the machine to its storage area.
- 9. Store in a dry, level spot.





- 10. Store in an enclosed building if possible. If space is not available, cover with a waterproof tarpaulin and tie down securely.
- 11. Unhook from the tractor (see Section 5.8).
- 12. Place planks under the jack for added support if required.
- 13. Store in an area away from human activity.
- 14. Do not allow children to play around the stored unit.

# 6 SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

# MAINTENANCE SAFETY

- Review the Operator's Manual and all safety items before working with, maintaining or operating the machine.
- 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.
- 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.
- Before applying pressure to a hydraulic system, make sure all components are tight and that hoses and couplings are in good condition.
- Relieve pressure from hydraulic circuit before servicing or disconnecting from tractor.
- Keep hands, feet, hair and clothing away from moving and/or rotating parts.
- Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children, when carrying out any maintenance and repairs or making any adjustments.
- Place stands or blocks under the frame before working beneath the machine.
- Before resuming work, install and secure all guards when maintenance work is completed.
- Do not enter compartment unless lock pin is installed through frame.
- Keep safety signs clean. Replace any sign that is damaged or not clearly visible.

## 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. Gear Box Oil:

Use an SAE 85W90 multi-viscosity oil meeting the American Petroleum Institute (API) classification of SF, SG, SH or SJ for normal operating temperatures.

Gear Box Capacity: As specified on gear box.

#### 3. Hydraulic Oil:

Use an Armory 32 type oil or any equivalent hydraulic oil.

Reservoir: 8 US gal (30.4 liter)

### 4. 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.

### 4 Hours or After Each Load

 Clean screen. With the back door open, run blower at rated PTO speed for 30 seconds to clean screen.

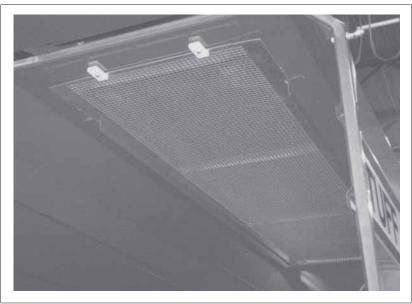


Fig. 69 SCREEN (TYPICAL)

### 8 Hours or Daily

1. Grease PTO driveline (4 locations).

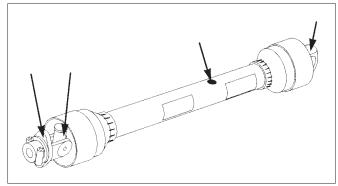


Fig. 70 PTO DRIVELINE

### 20 Hours

- 1. Grease PTO driveline (1 location).
- 2. Grease pick-up head wheels with one shot of grease (2 locations).

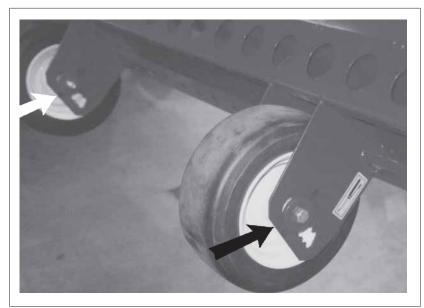


Fig. 71 PICK-UP HEAD WHEELS (TYPICAL)

3. Check hydraulic reservoir oil level. Be sure oil level is in the middle of the sight glass.

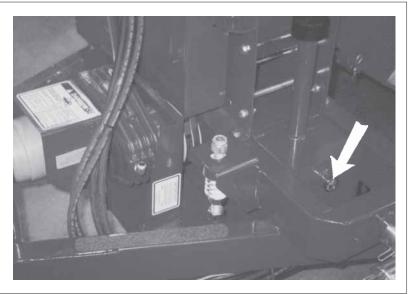


Fig. 72 SIGHT GLASS

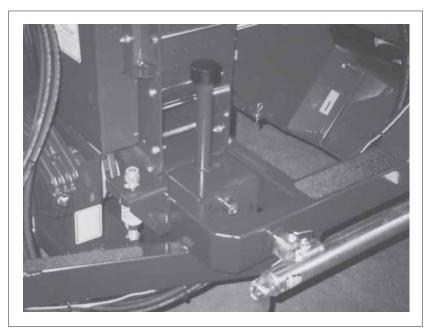
4. Check input gear box oil level.



Fig. 73 LEVEL PLUG

### 40 Hours or Monthly

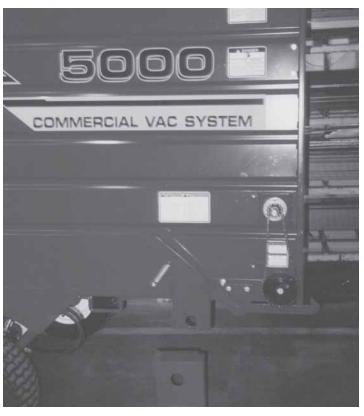
 Check blower drive belt tension. Be sure spring length is 5 inches (125 mm).



2. Check unloading chain tension.



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Manual

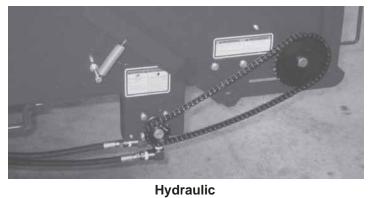


Fig. 75 UNLOADING CHAIN TENSION



Fig. 76 PICK-UP HEAD CHAIN TENSION

3. Check pick-up head drive chain tension.

4. Grease gear box mount pivot.

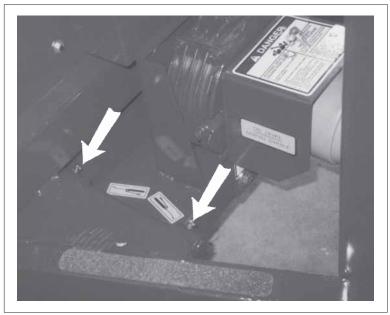
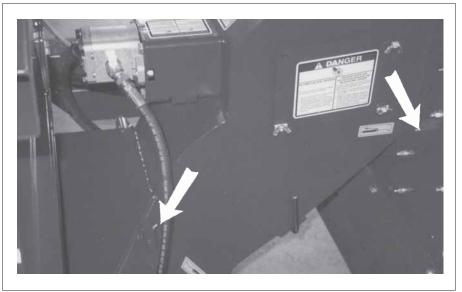


Fig. 77 GEAR BOX MOUNT PIVOT

5. Grease intake baffle bushing.



- Fig. 78 INTAKE BAFFLE BUSHING
- 6. Grease blower housing swivel.

#### 200 Hours or Annually

- 1. Apply a light coat of oil to the roller chains:
  - a. Hydraulic pump input coupler.



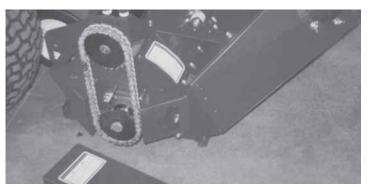


b. Pick-up head input drive.



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c. Manual unload drive.



Pick-Up Head Drive



Manual Unload Drive



Fig. 81 ROLLER CHAIN

d. Hydraulic unload drive.

2. Change hydraulic system oil.

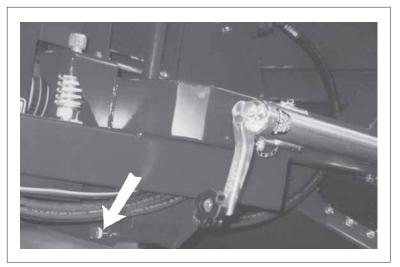


Fig. 82 DRAIN PLUG

3. Change gear box oil.



Fig. 83 GEAR BOX

4. Clean screens.

## IMPORTANT

Always keep screen clean. It is recommended that the blower be run at rated PTO RPM for 30 seconds after the box is emptied to clean screen.

Annually or whenever the unit will not create a vacuum, remove screens and wash or blow out thoroughly.



Steel

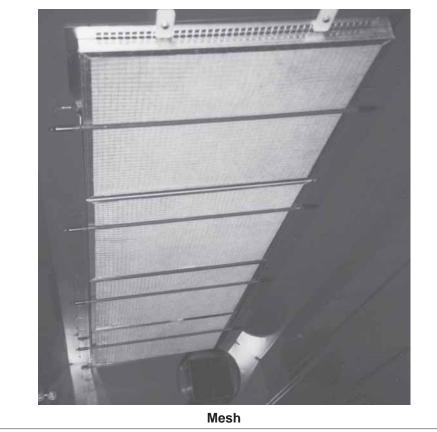


Fig. 84 SCREENS

5. Check the tension and alignment of the unloading drag conveyor.

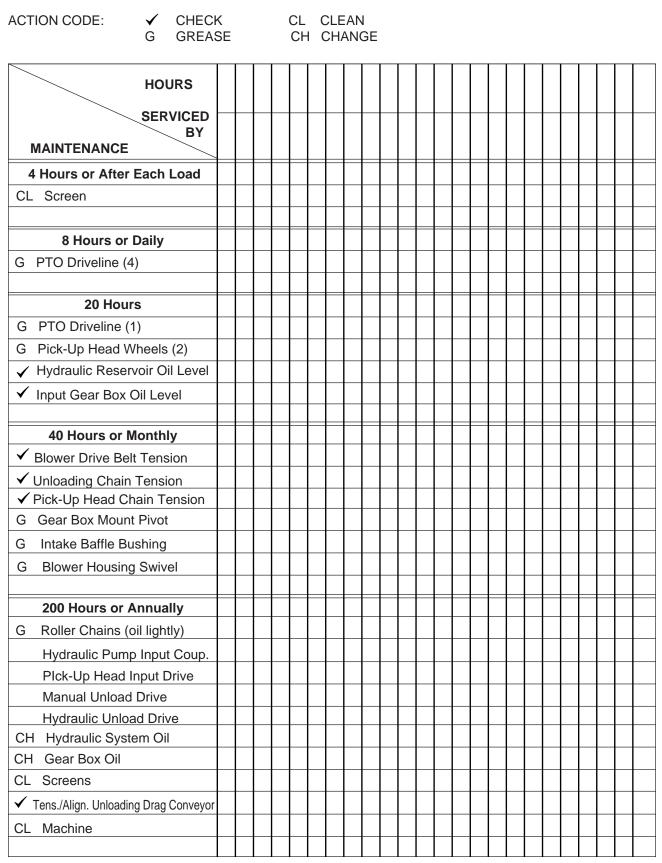


Fig. 85 UNLOADING DRAG CONVEYOR

6. Clean machine.

## 6.1.4 SERVICE RECORD

See Lubrication and Maintenance sections for details of service. Copy this page to continue record.



# 6.2 MAINTENANCE

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

## 6.2.1 BLOWER DRIVE BELT TENSION AND ALIGNMENT

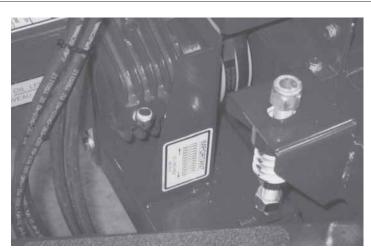
A set of V belts transmits rotational power to the blower. They must be kept properly tensioned and the pulleys aligned to obtain the expected performance and life.

To check the tension and alignment, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- 2. Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- 3. Measure the length of the gear box tension spring. It should be 5 inches (125 mm) for the belt to be properly tensioned.
- 4. Remove guard over belt, release tensioner and replace belt when required.
- Lay a straight edge across the pulley faces to check the alignment. Adjust alignment if pulley faces vary more than 1/32 inch (.7 mm).



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Spring

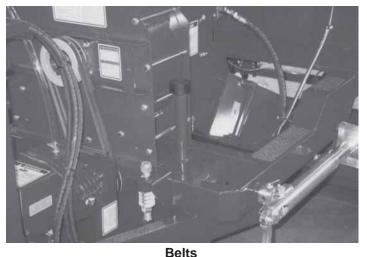


Fig. 86 TENSION SPRING

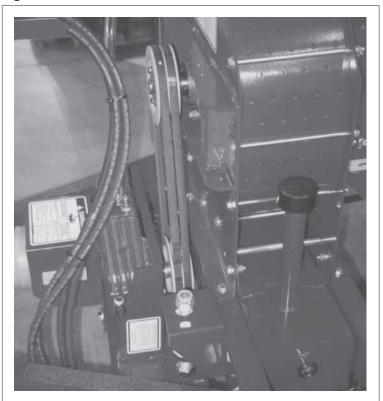


Fig. 87 PULLEY ALIGNMENT

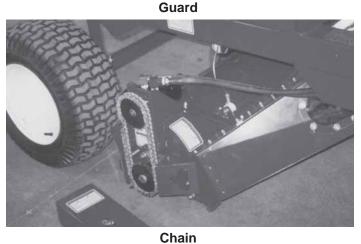
## 6.2.2 PICK-UP DRIVE CHAIN TENSION AND SPROCKET ALIGNMENT

A roller chain transmits rotational power from the hydraulic motor to the rotor. It must be kept properly tensioned and the sprockets aligned to obtain the expected performance and life.

To check the tension and alignment, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- 3. Remove the guard from the drive system.
- Check the tension of the chain. It should move no more than 1/2 inch (12 mm) when properly tensioned.
- 5. Loosen the housing drive motor, remove old chain and replace with new chain. Retighten motor drive housing.







 Lay a straight edge across the sprocket faces to check the alignment. Adjust alignment if sprocket faces vary more than 1/32 inch (.7 mm).

# WARNING

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Fig. 89 ALIGNMENT

# 6.2.3 MANUAL UNLOAD DRIVE CHAIN TENSION AND SPROCKET ALIGNMENT

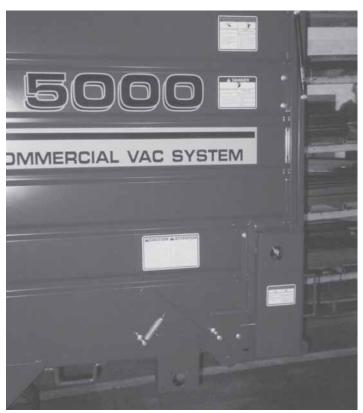
A roller chain transmits rotational power from the crank arm sprocket to the unloading chain. They must be kept properly tensioned and the sprockets aligned to obtain the expected performance and life.

To check the tension and alignment, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- 2. Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- 3. Remove the guard from the drive system.
- Check the tension of the chain. It should be able to move 1/2 inch (12 mm) on the loose side when properly tensioned.
- 5. Remove connector link to remove and replace chain.



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Guard



Chain

Fig. 90 DRIVE ASSEMBLY

 Lay a straight edge across the sprocket faces to check the alignment. Adjust alignment if sprocket faces vary more than 1/32 inch (.7 mm).

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Fig. 91 ALIGNMENT

# 6.2.4 HYDRAULIC UNLOAD DRIVE CHAIN TENSION AND SPROCKET ALIGNMENT

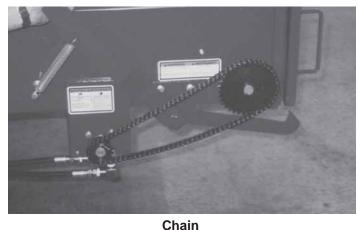
A roller chain transmits rotational power from the hydraulic motor to the unloading chain. They must be kept properly tensioned and the sprockets aligned to obtain the expected performance and life.

To check the tension and alignment, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- 2. Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- 3. Remove the guard from the drive system.
- 4. Check the tension of the chain. It should deflect 1/2 inch (12 mm) on the loose side when properly tensioned.
- 5. Remove connector link to remove and replace chain.



Guard





 Lay a straight edge across the sprocket faces to check the alignment. Adjust alignment if sprocket faces vary more than 1/32 inch (.7 mm).

# WARNING

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Fig. 93 ALIGNMENT

# 6.2.5 UNLOADING CONVEYOR TENSION AND ALIGNMENT

A sliding conveyor is located on the bottom of the compartment and is used to move the material out when unloading.

To check the tension and alignment of the unloading conveyor, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- 2. Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- Check the length of the tension springs on the front corners. Each should be 2 1/4 inches (60 mm). Adjust the adjusting bolt as required to set the tension.



Fig. 94 TENSION SPRING (TYPICAL)

 Check the position of the chain in the box. It should be centered between the sides. Adjust springs to align.

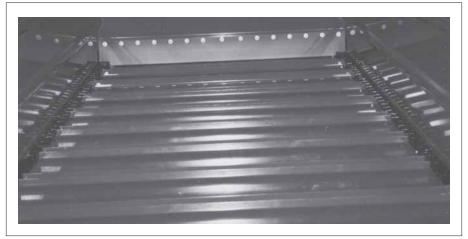


Fig. 95 CENTERED

## 6.2.6 ROTOR FINGER LENGTH

The rotor is equipped with rubber fingers that contact the debris during operation. Their height or length must be adjusted to compensate for wear.

To adjust finger length, follow this procedure:

- 1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
- 2. Place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- 3. Check the length of the finger and the height above the surface.

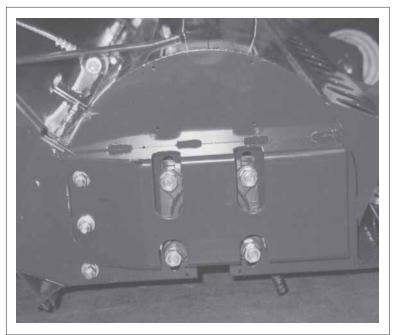
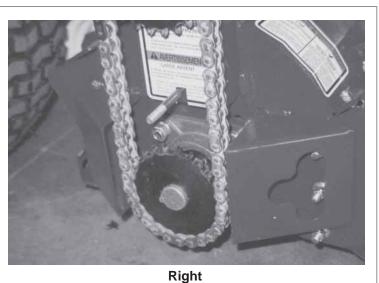


Fig. 96 ROTOR

4. Loosen the rotor bearing housing bolts and slide or tap the assembly into the desired position. Tighten housing bolts to their specified torque. Set both ends the same height.



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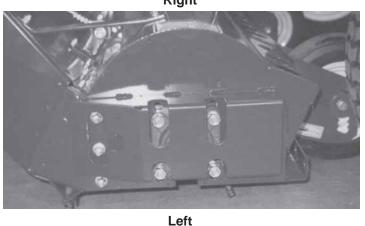


Fig. 97 BEARING BOLTS

# 7 TROUBLE SHOOTING

The AgriMetal Tuff Vac Debris Vacuum is a large portable compartment with a rotor for picking up trash and debris. 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.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
No trash is being picked up.	No suction.	Use baffle and guillotine plate to direct air flow to pick-up or hose as directed.
		Compartment full. Empty machine.
	No suction.	Clean screen.
	No suction to hose.	Move baffle and guillotine plate to hose intake duct.
	Screen plugged.	Clean screen.
	Pick-Up head to high.	Lower pick-up head.
	Brush too high.	Adjust.
Machine vibrates.	Blower out of balance.	Stop machine. Inspect impeller. Repair or replace as required.
	Blower worn out.	Replace the wear liner or impeller.
	Debris tangled in brush.	Remove material from brush.
Discharge door comes open.	Door is not latched.	Push latching lever up to securely latch discharge door.

# 8 SPECIFICATIONS

# 8.1 MECHANICAL

TUFF VAC	РТО
VACUUM NOZZLE WIDTH	60" (152 cm)
MACHINE LENGTH	180" (457 cm)
MACHINE WIDTH	68" (170 cm)
MACHINE HEIGHT	94" (239 cm)
MACHINE WEIGHT	2398 lbs. (1090 kg)
IMPELLER SIZE	18" x 6" (46 x 15 cm)
NO. OF BLADES	8 - (1" thick - 25 mm)
HYDRAULIC BRUSH HEAD	Standard
HYDRAULIC LIFT PICKUP HEAD	Optional
DOUBLE SWIVEL PICKUP HEAD	Standard
HYDRAULIC UNLOADING CONVEYOR	Optional
HYDRAULIC DOOR CONTAINER	N/A 5 cu. yard (3.83 m³
OPTIONAL HAND PICKUP HOSE	8" x 16' (20 mc x 4.8 m)
нітсн	Adjustable draw bar
TIRES	(2) turf saver 23 x 10.5 - 12
IMPELLER RPM	3726 RPM
RECOMMENDED HP AT PTO	40 HP

# SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

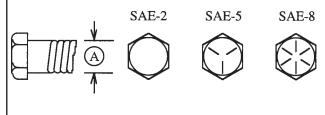
# 8.2 BOLT TORQUE

#### 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.

Bolt Diame	ter SA	AE 2		Torque *	S/		
			SF		SF	SAE 8	
"A"	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)	

#### **ENGLISH TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS**



#### METRIC TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

Bolt	Bolt Torque*					
Diameter "A"	8 (N.m)	.8 (lb-ft)	1( (N.m)	).9 (lb-ft)		
M3	.5	.4	1.8	1.3		
M4	3	2.2	4.5	3.3		
M5	6	4	9	7	.4	
M6	10	7	15	11		$\wedge$
M8	25	18	35	26	[   ////{A ()	(10.9)
M10	50	37	70	52		10.9
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.

# 8.3 HYDRAULIC FITTING TORQUE

### TIGHTENING FLARE TYPE TUBE FITTINGS \*

- 1. Check flare and flare seat for defects that might cause leakage.
- 2. Align tube with fitting before tightening.
- 3. Lubricate connection and hand tighten swivel nut until snug.
- 4. To prevent twisting the tube(s), use two wrenches. Place one wrench on the connector body and with the second tighten the swivel nut to the toque shown.
- \* The torque values shown are based on lubricated connections as in reassembly.

Tube Size OD	Nut Size Across Flats			Recom Turns To (After Tighte	o Tighten Finger
(in.)	(in.)	(N.m)	(lb-ft)	(Flats)	(Turn)
3/16	7/16	8	6	1	1/6
1/4	9/16	12	9	1	1/6
5/16	5/8	16	12	1	1/6
3/8	11/16	24	18	1	1/6
1/2	7/8	46	34	1	1/6
5/8	1	62	46	1	1/6
3/4	1-1/4	102	75	3/4	1/8
7/8	1-3/8	122	90	3/4	1/8

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