

Operation and Maintenance Manual

Pipelay attachment for D5H LGP, D6M LGP, and D6N LGP

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Foreword

Machine Description

The sideboom equipment is attached to a Caterpillar D5H LGP, D6M LGP, or D6N LGP tractor. The primary use of this machine is for petroleum-product pipeline-construction, urban and residential water and gas line installation, and medium duty bulldozing.

The operator should read, understand, and follow both the tractor and the pipelayer operating and maintenance instructions. The operator must comply with all pipelayer procedures, regulations, and safety precautions.

This equipment is to be operated by qualified personnel only.

The daily service/inspection procedure should be performed before start-up.

Operate all pipelayer controls with no load, until familiar with machine operation.

Note: Refer to the Caterpillar operation manual for detailed information on the specific operation of the tractor unit.

Safety

Certain conditions and precautions are peculiar to pipelaying operations. The following represents the minimum considerations for safe operations.

Warning Signs and Labels

Make sure that all of the warning signs are legible. Clean or replace the warning signs if you cannot read the words. Replace the illustrations if the illustrations are not visible. Use a cloth, water, and mild soap to clean the warning signs. Do not use solvent, gasoline, or other harsh chemicals to clean the warning signs. Do not use pressure washers to clean the warning signs.

Replace any warning sign that is damaged, or missing. If a warning sign is attached to a part that is replaced, install a warning sign on the replacement part.

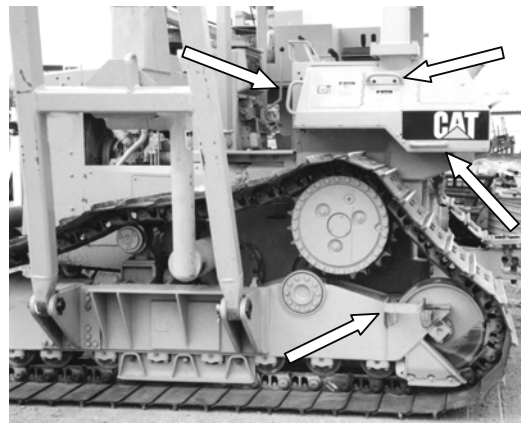
General Hazard Information

To prevent cable from slipping off the drum, a minimum of five full-wraps of cable must remain on the winch drum at maximum working extension of the hook or boom.



Mounting and Dismounting

Do not attempt to mount or dismount the machine between the machine and any object that may move.



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Figure 1: Canopy access.



Figure 2: Cab access.

Get on the machine only at locations that have steps and/or handholds. Get off the machine only at locations that have steps and/or handholds. Before getting on the machine, clean the steps and handholds. Inspect the steps and handholds. Make all necessary repairs.

Face the machine whenever getting on or off the machine. Maintain three-point contact with the steps and with the handholds.

Note: Three-point contact can be two feet and one hand. Three-point contact can also be one foot and two hands.

Do not get onto or off a moving machine. Never jump off the machine. Do not try to get onto or off of the machine while carrying tools or supplies. Use a hand line to pull equipment onto the platform. Do not use any controls as handholds when entering or exiting the operator compartment.

Ground personnel must be kept clear at all times and only approach the machine when signaled to do so by the operator.

Alternate Exit (Cab models only)

In machines that are equipped with cabs, the rear window serves as an alternate exit. To remove the rear window, pull the ring and push out the glass.

Remove the O-ring seal from the glass support seal. This will provide enough clearance so that the seal can hinge. Now the glass can pass outward.

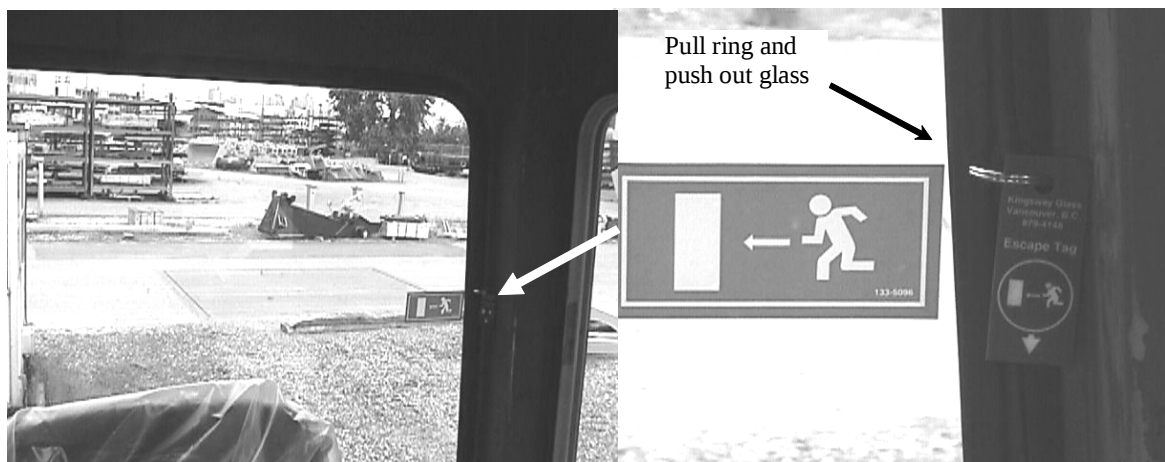


Figure 3: Alternate exit.

Operating with Cab Doors Open

When the pipelayer winches are in operation, the right side cab door must be kept closed. Failure to do so could cause damage to the right cab access door and possibly result in personal injury.



Figure 4: Cab door open operation warning; located on inside cab door.

Switch to Dozer Mode When Dozing

This machine is equipped with hydraulic cylinder-rams that automatically extend to lockout the tractor's equalizer bar in pipelayer mode, and automatically retract in dozing mode. The blade remains active while in pipelayer mode—with its operational speed reduced—to allow it to be moved to clear obstacles or to improve vision. **NO DOZING SHOULD BE DONE IN PIPELAYER MODE, SWITCH TO DOZER MODE WHEN DOZING.** Dozing in pipelayer mode—with the lockout cylinders extended—will damage the cylinders to the point where they will no longer provide adequate support for the sideboom during lifting. The suspended load may shift unexpectedly causing injury or death to personnel working around it; the entire machine may unexpectedly tip, resulting in personal injury or death. Before switching to dozer mode, lower any suspended load to the ground. **NO LOAD IS TO BE SUPPORTED OR CARRIED BY THE SIDEBOOM IN DOZER MODE.** Refer to the sections on Lockout Cylinders and on Draw Works Controls in this manual, for operating procedures.

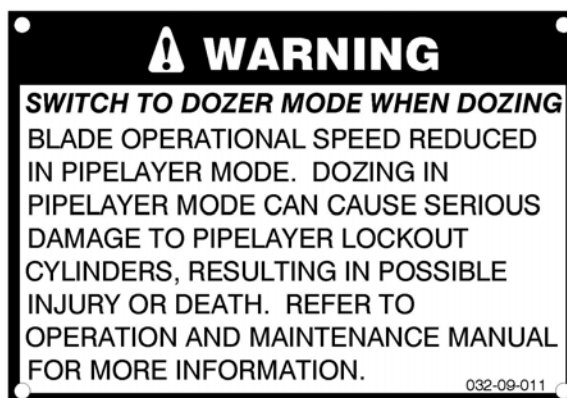


Figure 5: Mode control position warning; located by dozer-blade control.



Figure 6: Lower loads before switching to dozer mode warning; located on winch control box.

Lifting Capacity

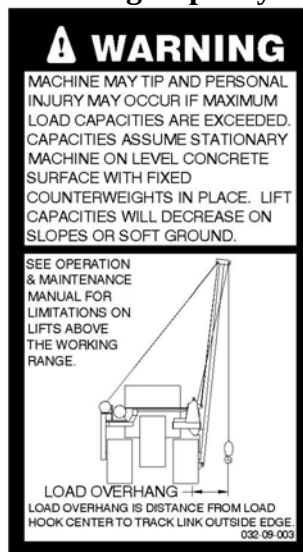


Figure 7: Tip warning decal; located on left side of machine, near operator seat.



The VEI pipelayer-attachment lift-capacity chart was developed by VEI for standard equipment tractor models with no additional attachments installed: D5H LGP with an LGP 5PPAT blade, D6M LGP with an LGP 6VPAT blade, and D6N LGP with an LGP 6VPAT blade. Installation of additional equipment or other options may reduce the tipping characteristics of the machine below those given in the VEI chart.

Machine may tip and personal injury may occur, if maximum load capacities are exceeded. Capacities assume stationary machine on level concrete surface with fixed counterweights (if required) in place. Lift capacities will decrease on slopes or soft ground.

The unit is rated for lifting capacities in accordance with SAE recommended practice SAE J743, and ANSI/ASME B30.14. Capacity ratings are established on a level concrete surface with fixed counterweights (if required) in place, the load hanging vertically from the hook and balanced by the weight of the pipelayer components.

No additional counterweight is required with the specified blade installed. Optional, additional counterweight is available to operate the unit with the blade removed.

Wire rope limitations, soil conditions, and slope of terrain reduce actual capacity. All lifts must be made with the load line vertical, and the boom centerline directed toward the load.

Except for test purposes, no sideboom shall be loaded beyond the maximum load capacity. See the warning decal and lifting capacity chart located on the machine for maximum load capacity ratings. When exceeding the ratings, follow American National Standards ANSI B30.14-1979 Section 14.2. In addition, the following requirements must be met:

1. An inspection before and after the lift reveals no defects in the wire rope cable.
2. The maximum load capacity of the sideboom is not exceeded.
3. The load must be handled in a manner and at speeds minimizing tipping effects.
4. The lift and inspections are made under controlled conditions under the direction of a competent person.

D5H Lift Chart

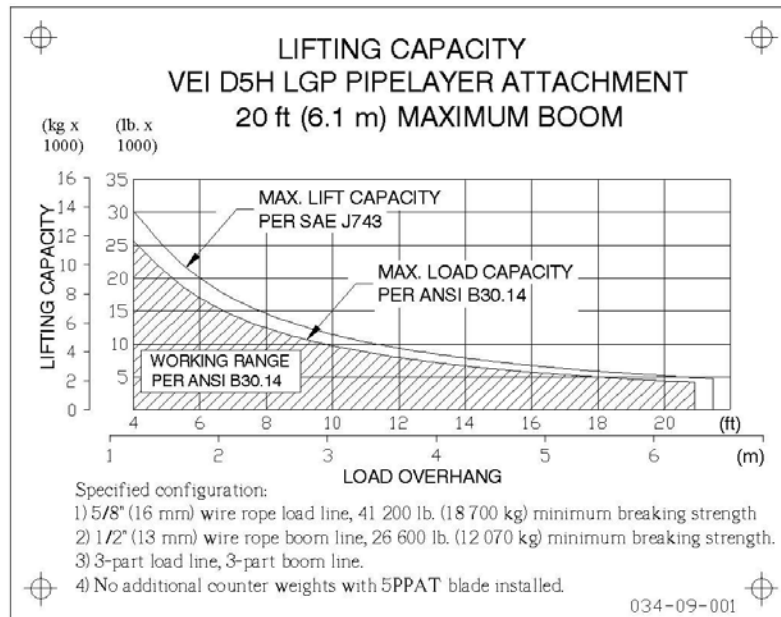


Figure 8: D5H LGP lift capacity chart; located on left side of machine, near operator seat.

D6M Lift Chart

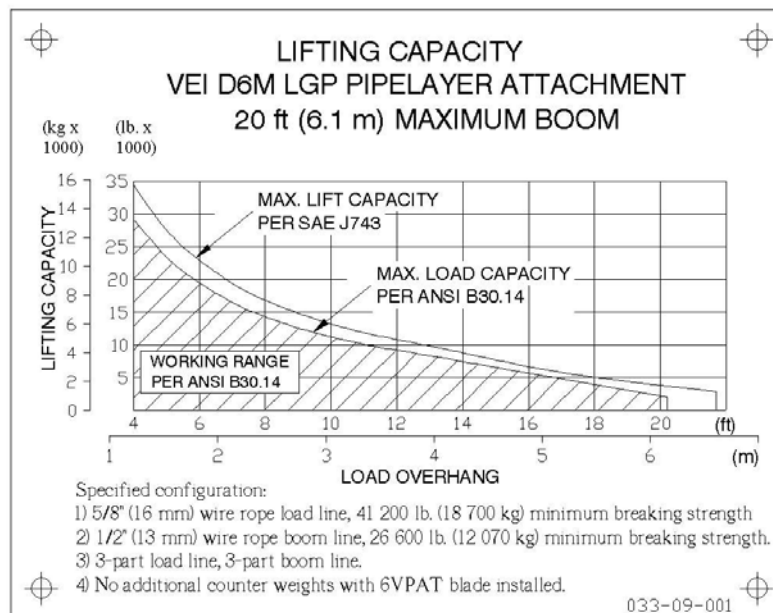


Figure 9: D6M LGP lift capacity chart; located on left side of machine, near operator seat.

D6N Lift Chart (MODIFIED - 24-in Track Shoe)

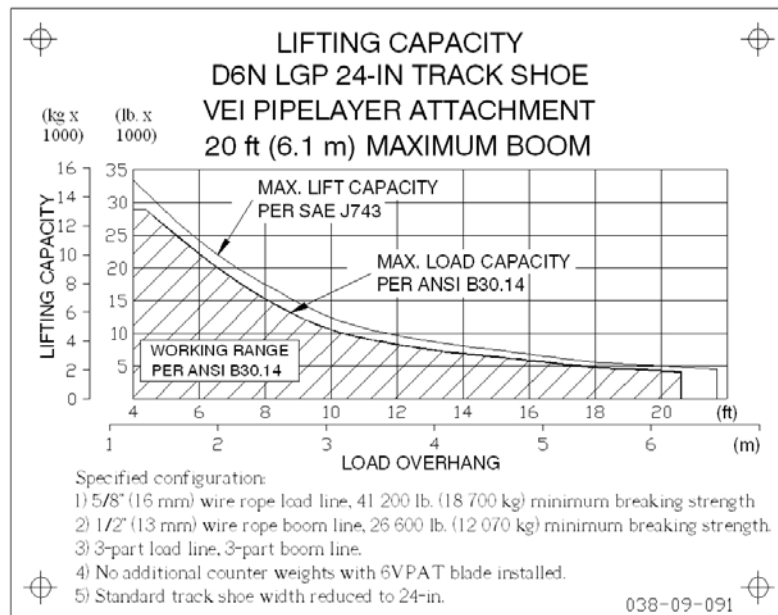


Figure 10: D6N LGP (24-in Track Shoe) lift capacity chart; located on left side of machine, near operator seat.

Offset Jib

An optional Offset Jib can be bolted to boom heads to enable use with welding-shacks. See the *Rigging – offset jib* section for the correct installation instructions. When the offset jib is installed, the maximum load is reduced.

Electric Power Lines

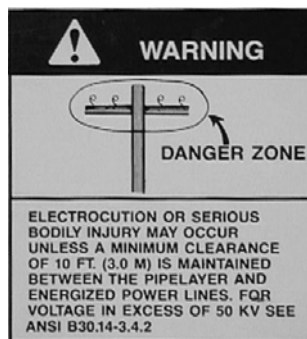


Figure 11: Electrocution warning; located on left side access door of machine.

Electrocution or serious bodily injury may occur unless a minimum clearance is maintained between the machine or the load being handled, and energized power lines. See the following chart, and refer to ANSI B30.14-3.4.2:

Minimum Distances

WHEN OPERATING NEAR LINES

Normal Voltage (Phase to Phase)	Minimum Required Clearance
Up to 50 kV	3.05 m (10 ft)
Over 50 to 200 kV	4.06 m (15 ft)
Over 200 to 350 kV	6.10 m (20 ft)
Over 350 to 500 kV	7.62 m (25 ft)
Over 500 to 750 kV	10.67 m (35 ft)
Over 750 to 1000 kV	13.72 m (45 ft)

WHILE IN TRANSIT WITH NO LOAD

Normal Voltage (Phase to Phase)	Minimum Required Clearance
Up to 0.75 kV	1.22 m (4 ft)
Over 0.75 to 50 kV	1.83 m (6 ft)
Over 50 to 345 kV	3.05 m (10 ft)
Over 345 to 750 kV	6.10 m (20 ft)
Over 750 to 1000 kV	7.62 m (25 ft)

Wire Rope

The wire rope must be evenly spooled onto the drum, or serious damage with resulting loss of strength may result. Keep hands, etc., away from moving wire rope, sheaves, and blocks. Wear protective gloves when handling wire rope. Replace wire rope that is corroded, kinked, worn, or has broken strands.

Precise rules for replacement cannot be given since many variable factors are involved. Continued use is a matter of good judgment on the part of an authorized person. Consult ANSI B30.14 for further details.

Collision Avoidance

The pipelayer attachment structures and the boom may extend considerable distance from the tractor. The operator must be aware of boom position and attachment structure clearance at all times. Ground personnel must be kept clear at all times and only approach the machine when signaled to do so by the operator.

Pinch Points

Wire ropes, sheaves, blocks, winch drums, the boom, and suspended loads all move during operation. Personnel must keep clear of the pinch points these elements create to avoid serious injury or death.



Figure 12: Pinch points.

Folding Boom Lock-Pins

Two lock-pins are required to fix the folding boom in the extended position. Install one lock-pin at **each** of the two elbow joints, and latch the retainer rings. Refer to the section on extending the folding boom in this manual for more information.

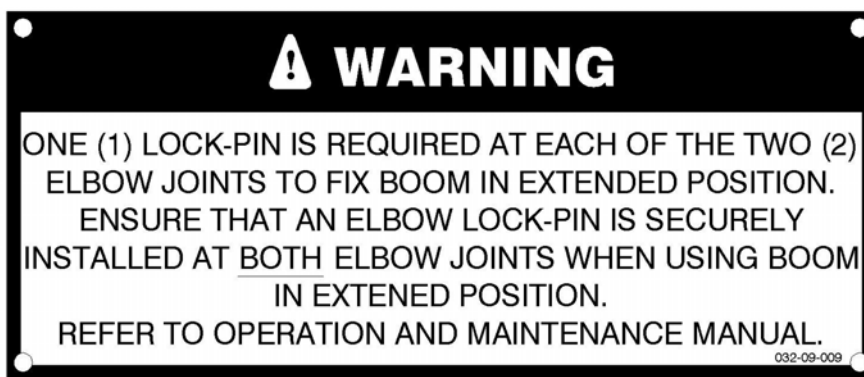


Figure 13: Folding boom lock-pin warning; located at both elbow joints on folding boom.

Hand Signals

Standard hand signals, similar to those outlined in ANSI B30.14, should be followed.

Machine Parking



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Figure 14: Parking machine.

- Park on level surface. If necessary to park on a grade, block the machine.
- Apply the service brake to stop the machine.
- Move the transmission control lever to "**NEUTRAL**" and the speed control to "**LOW IDLE**".
- Engage the parking/secondary brake.
- Lower any load to the ground.
- Refer to the tractor's operation manual for the specific procedures regarding engine shut down and/or other implement attachments.

High Hydraulic System Pressure

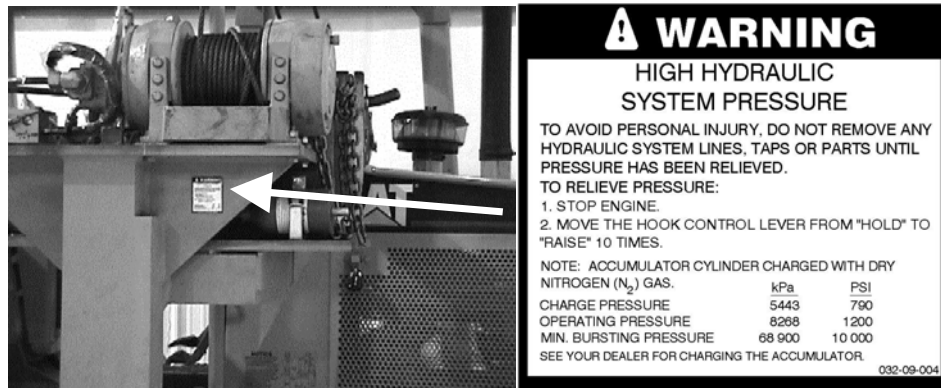


Figure 15: High pressure warning decal; located on front, outside edge of winch base.

NOTE: The hydraulic implement system and some machine controls are "**LIVE**" for as long as the accumulator holds a charge, even if the engine is not running. This pressure charge will take approximately four hours or more to bleed off.

To relieve the accumulator charge, with no load on the hook and the engine stopped, move the *hook control* lever from "**HOLD**" to "**RAISE**" 10 times.

Always move the *mode control* lever to the "**LOCKED**" position before shutting off the engine or immediately after the engine quits running to prevent unintentional load release or, after the engine is restarted, draw works operation.

NOTE: Refer to the **SAFETY SECTION** of the Operation and Maintenance Manual of the specific tractor for additional hydraulic system information.

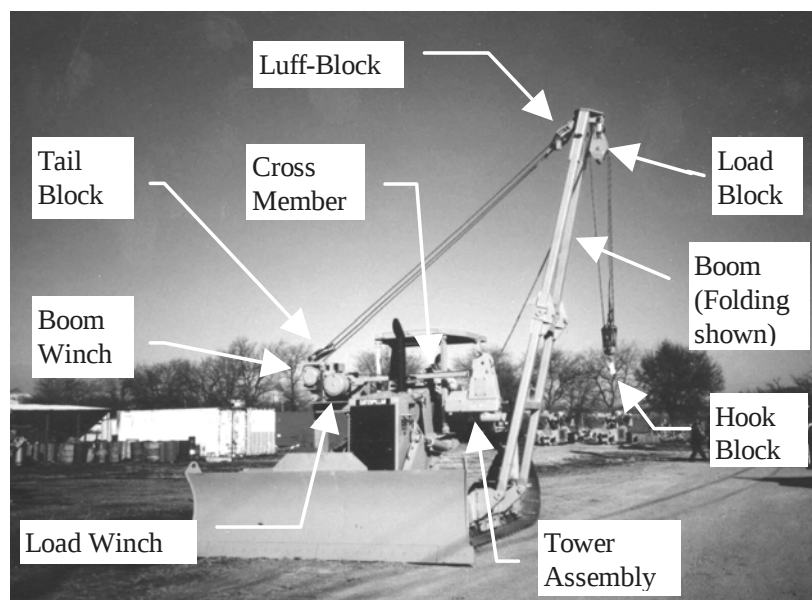
Electrical Storm Injury Prevention

When lightning is striking or threatening to strike near the vicinity of the machine, the operator should **never** attempt the following procedures:

- Mount the machine.
- Dismount the machine.

If you are in the operator's station during an electrical storm, stay in the operator's station. If you are on the ground during an electrical storm, stay away from the vicinity of the machine.

Components and Specifications



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Figure 16: Pipelayer main components.

VEI D5H LGP, D6M LGP, D6N LGP PIPELAYER (All values approximate)			
	D5H LGP	D6M LGP	D6N LGP
Maximum tip load at 1.2m (4ft)	13 702 kg (30 208 lb.)	15 664 kg (34 533 lb.)	16 333 kg (36 008 lb)
Folding boom length (extended)	5.5 m (18 ft)	5.5 m (18 ft)	5.5 m (18 ft)
Rigid boom length	6.1 m (20 ft)	6.1 m (20 ft)	6.1 m (20 ft)
Operating Weight – Power Shift	19 876 kg (43 818 lb.)	21792 kg (48 0436 lb.)	22 675 kg (49 990 lb)
Length (with blade)	5329 mm (209.8 in)	5329 mm (209.8 in)	5329 mm (209.8 in)
Width (blade and boom removed) – calculated	3412 mm (134.3 in)	3406 mm (134.1 in)	3409 mm (134.2 in)
Width (blade removed, folding boom folded)	3614 mm (142.3 in)	3614 mm (142.3 in)	3614 mm (142.3 in)
Height (less boom)	ROPS CAB 3186 mm (125.4 in)	3266 mm (128.6 in)	ROPS CAB 3197 mm (126 in)
Height (folding boom folded)	3657 mm (144 in)	3666 mm (144.3 in)	3666 mm (144.3 in)
Height (rigid boom vertical)	6839 mm (269.2 in)	6850 mm (269.7 in)	6850 mm (269.7 in)
Height (folding boom vertical)	6299 mm (248 in)	6310 mm (248.4 in)	6310 (248.4 in)

NOTE: Refer to the **GENERAL SECTION** of the *Operation And Maintenance Manual* of the specific tractor for additional information.

Lockout Cylinders

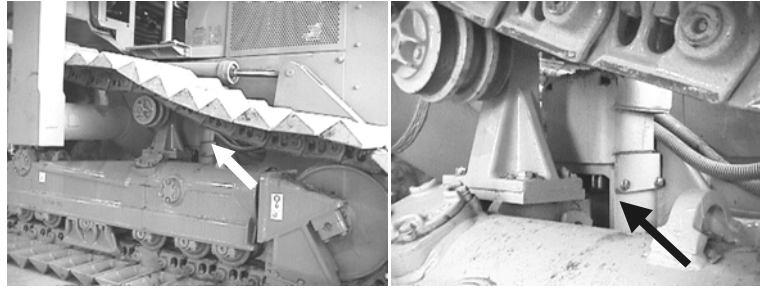


Figure 17: Equalizer bar lockout cylinder (one per side), shown deployed.

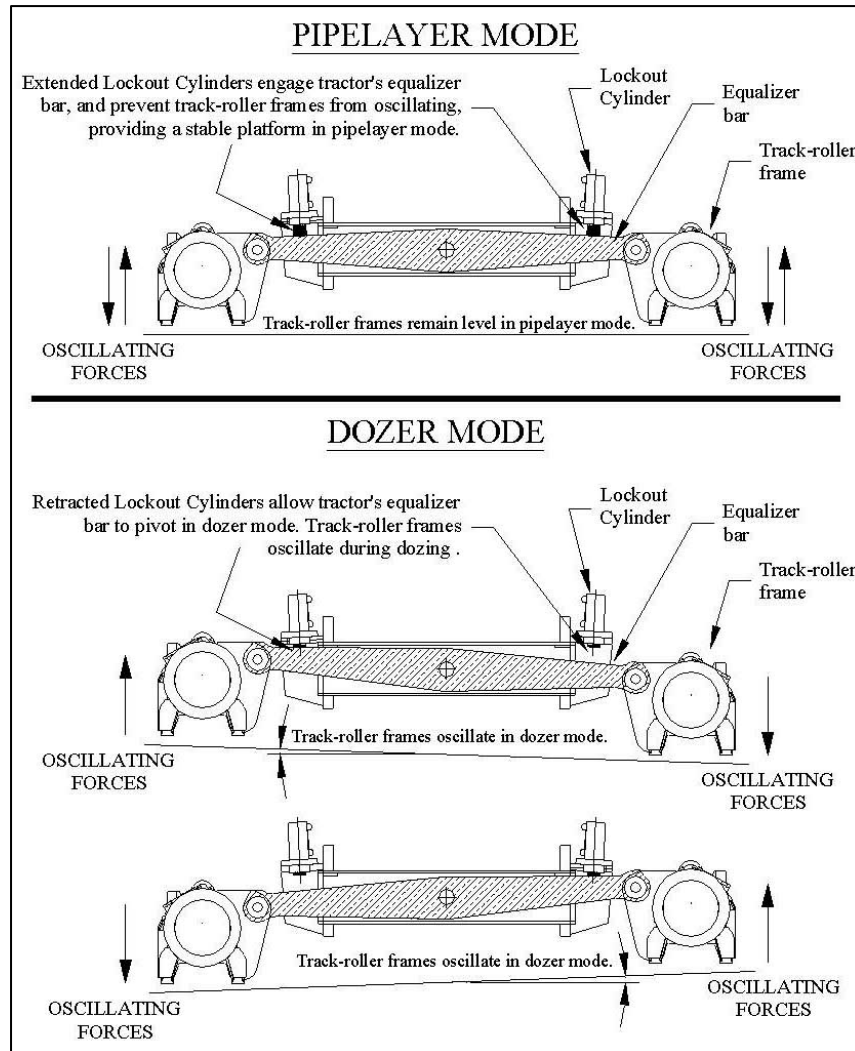


Figure 18: Lockout cylinder operational concept.

NOTE: NO DOZING SHOULD BE DONE IN PIPELAYER MODE, SWITCH TO DOZER MODE WHEN DOZING. Dozing in pipelayer mode—with the lockout cylinders extended—will damage the cylinders to the point where they will no longer provide adequate support for the sideboom during lifting. The suspended load may shift unexpectedly causing injury or death to personnel working around it; the entire sideboom may unexpectedly tip, resulting in personal injury or death. Before switching to dozer mode, lower any suspended load to the ground. **NO LOAD IS TO BE SUPPORTED OR CARRIED BY THE SIDEBOOM IN DOZER MODE.** Dozer-blade function speeds are significantly reduced in pipelayer mode.

The VEI pipelayer locks out the tractor's equalizer bar with hydraulically actuated cylinders. These cylinders automatically deploy in pipelaying mode, and automatically retract in dozing mode as controlled through the *mode control lever*. When deployed, they extend to contact the equalizer bar, preventing any upward movement and provide a stable-lifting platform. The cylinders will retract if the maximum rated tip load is exceeded.

The *lockout cylinders* will not automatically level the tractor when initially deployed. By only allowing the equalizer bar to move down toward the level position, the tractor levels out through normal maneuvering. Pipelaying operations can occur as soon as the pipelaying mode is selected. While the tractor may initially feel unbalanced until it has been maneuvered about enough so that the equalizer bar levels out, the unit is stable as soon as the cylinders are deployed.

It is strongly recommended that the tractor be maneuvered about a short distance after the *mode control lever* is switched back to the dozing mode, before commencing dozing, to allow the *lockout cylinders* to hydraulically release and retract.

Draw Works Controls

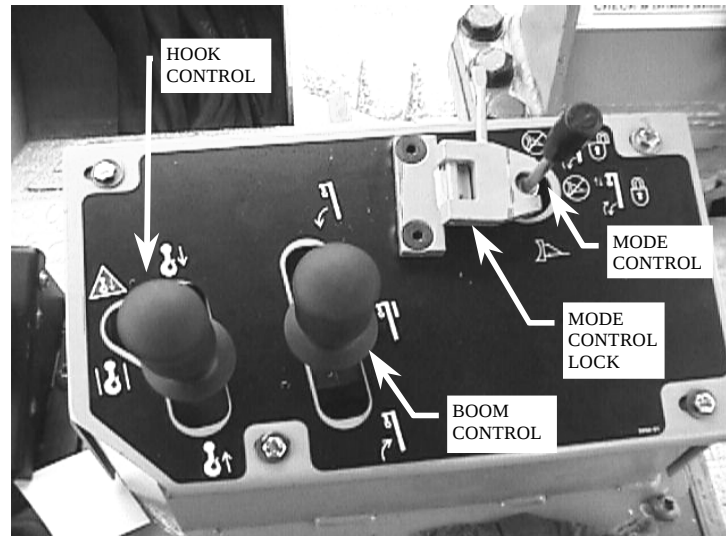


Figure 19: Draw works control box.

Mode control lever

The position of the lever selects the function (Pipelayer or Dozer) of the machine. The mode control is detented, and the lever will remain in position once released. It must be physically moved to the desired function.

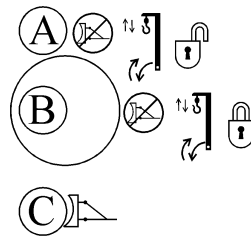
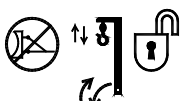
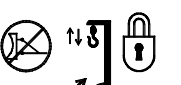


Figure 20: Mode control positions.

Limited Dozer Functions

In order to prompt the operator not to carry out any bulldozing in Pipelayer Mode, the dozer-blade function speeds are significantly reduced in both of the pipelayer modes. To regain full blade-function speeds for dozing, ensure that no load is supported from the sideboom and switch the Pipelayer Mode control to Dozer Mode.

- A)  **PIPELAYER MODE—WINCH CONTROLS UNLOCKED:** Move the lever to this position to operate the unit in the pipelayer mode. The winch controls function, the equalizer *lockout cylinders* are deployed. The blade controls' function speed is significantly reduced. **DO NOT CARRY OUT ANY BULLDOZING** in this mode. See the section on *lockout cylinders* in this manual for more information.
- B)  **PIPELAYER MODE—WINCH CONTROLS LOCKED:** To prevent accidental actuation of the winch controls while in pipelayer mode, move the lever to this position and flip the mode lock to engage the lever and lock it in position. While the winch controls do not function, the equalizer *lockout cylinders* are deployed so that a load can be supported or carried by the sideboom. The blade controls' function speed is significantly reduced. **DO NOT CARRY OUT ANY BULLDOZING** in this mode. See the section on *lockout cylinders* in this manual for more information.

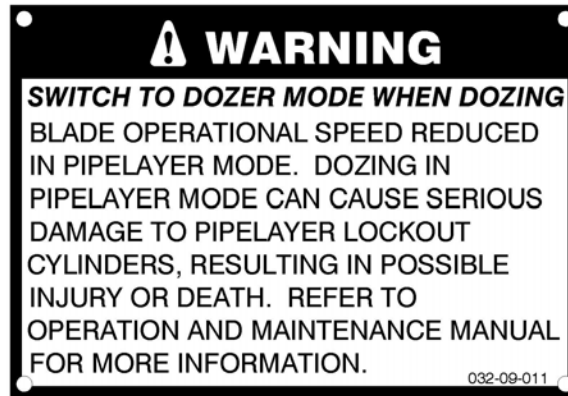


Figure 21: Mode control position warning; located by dozer-blade control.



Figure 22: Lower loads before switching to dozer mode warning; located on winch control box.

- C)  **DOZER MODE—WINCH CONTROLS LOCKED:** Before switching to dozer mode, lower any suspended load to the ground. **NO LOAD IS TO BE SUPPORTED OR CARRIED BY THE SIDEBOOM IN DOZER MODE.** Move the lever to this position to operate the unit as a bulldozer. The winch controls do not function, and the equalizer *lockout cylinders* are retracted. The blade controls function at full speed.

Hook Control Lever

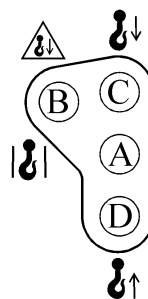


Figure 23: Hook control positions.

- A)  **HOLD:** The lever self centres to this position whenever it is released. In this position, the load winch brake will set, and the hook will stop and remain at the position it is in.



Figure 24: Quick drop still live warning; located on winch control box.

- B)  **EMERGENCY LOWER (Quick Drop):** Move the *hook control* lever to this position to lower the load fast in an emergency. The load winch's quick drop brake will release, and the hook will move down under the weight of the load. The lever will return to the "**HOLD**" position when released, the load winch quick drop brake will set and the hook will stop and remain at the position it is in.

NOTE: Quick drop is only available in pipelayer mode—winches unlocked.

- C)  **LOWER:** Move the lever to this position to lower the hook with controlled winch power. The further the lever is pushed away from "**HOLD**", the faster the hook will lower. The closer the lever is toward "**HOLD**", the slower the hook will lower. When the lever is released, it will return to the "**HOLD**" position, the winch brake will set, and the hook will stop and remain at the position it is in. Hook winch line speed varies with engine throttle setting. Hook control is smoothest at engine speeds faster than idle.

- D)  **RAISE:** Move the lever to this position to raise the hook. The further the lever is pulled away from "**HOLD**", the faster the hook will raise. The closer the lever is toward "**HOLD**", the slower the hook will raise. When the lever is released, it will return to the "**HOLD**" position, and the hook will stop and remain at the position it is in. Hook winch line speed varies with engine throttle setting. Hook control is smoothest at engine speeds faster than idle.

Boom Control Lever

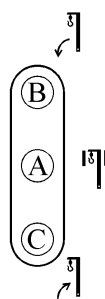


Figure 25: Boom control positions.

- A)  **HOLD:** The lever self centres to this position whenever it is released. In this position, the boom winch brake will set, and the boom will stop and remain at the position it is in.

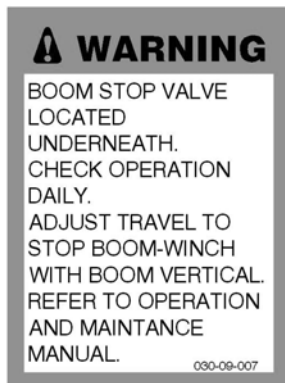
- B)  **LOWER:** Move the lever to this position to lower the boom. The further the lever is pushed away from "HOLD", the faster the boom will lower. The closer the lever is toward "HOLD", the slower the boom will lower. When the lever is released, it will return to the "HOLD" position, and the boom will stop and remain at the position it is in. Boom winch line speed varies with engine throttle setting. Boom control is smoothest at engine speeds faster than idle.

- C)  **RAISE:** Move the lever to this position to raise the boom. The further the lever is pulled away from "HOLD", the faster the boom will raise. The closer the lever is toward "HOLD", the slower the boom will raise. When the lever is released, it will return to the "HOLD" position, and the boom will stop and remain at the position it is in. Boom winch line speed varies with engine throttle setting. Boom control is smoothest at engine speeds faster than idle.

Boom Stop Valve



The Boom Stop system stops the boom winch from hauling-in when the boom is vertical, preventing overloading of key machine components. Defeating the boom stop valve could result in serious equipment damage, personnel injury, or even death. Its operation must be check and verified daily.



The Boom Stop valve is a safety device that is intended to automatically stop the boom winch from hauling-in when the boom is vertical, preventing overloading of key machine components. Refer to the Operation and Maintenance manual, Boom Stop Valve Adjustment, for correct operation and adjustment. Check its function daily.

Folding Boom



Extending or stowing the folding boom must be done with the machine on level ground.

Extending

1. Unhook stowing chain from top of folded boom and stow in the clip on the winch frame.



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Figure 26: Stowing chain unclipped from boom.

2. Provide support for the lower boom section so that it will be slightly below horizontal when unfolded, by either of the following means:
 - a) Block to ground.
 - b) Chain to left-hand frame.

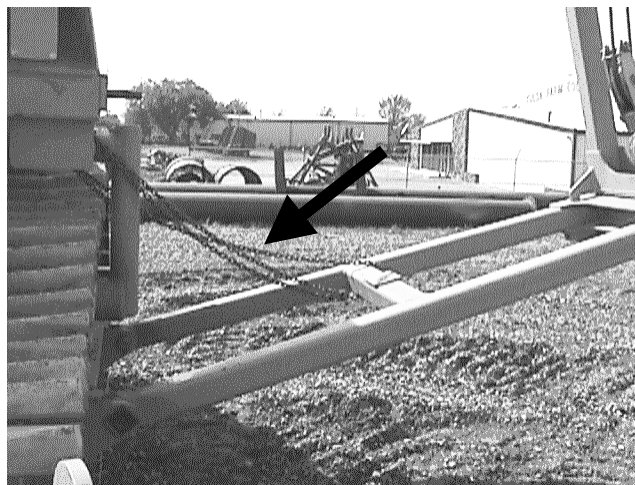


Figure 27: lower folding boom section chained for support.

3. Begin to unfold the boom using the hook and boom winches together. Haul in (raise) on the hook winch and pay out (lower) on the boom winch. Keep only enough slack in the boom line so that it closely follows the unfolding boom.

4. After the upper folded section goes over centre (hook line vertical), the boom line will support the folded boom. To unfold the boom further, pay out (lower) on the boom winch and pay out (lower) on the hook winch. Keep only enough slack in the hook line so that it closely follows the unfolding boom.



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Figure 28: Extending folding boom over centre.

5. Unfold the boom until the lower section rests on the support that was set-up in step 1. Continue to unfold until the top section is straight with the lower section.
6. Two lock-pins are required to fix the folding boom in the extended position. Remove the boom-elbow lock-pins from their stowing holes in the lower boom section at the uppermost cross-member. Install one lock-pin at **each** of the two elbow joints, and latch the retainer rings.



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Figure 29: Boom-elbow lock-pin installed at elbow joint.

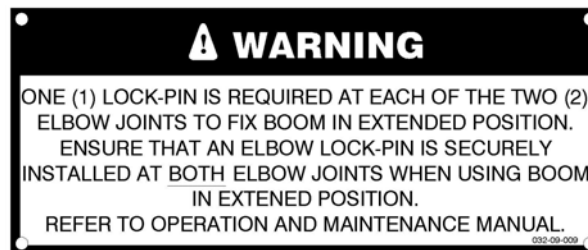


Figure 30: Folding boom lock-pin warning: Located at both elbow joints on folding boom.

7. Raise the boom and remove the support. The boom is now ready for use.

Stowing

1. Lower the boom to approximately the horizontal position.
2. Provide support for the lower boom section by either of the following means:
 - a) Block to ground.
 - b) Chain to winch frame (Figure 27 above in extending section).
3. Slacken off the boom and hook lines.
4. Remove the boom-elbow lock-pins and store them in their stowing holes in the lower boom section at the uppermost cross-member.
5. Begin to fold the boom using the boom and hook winches together. Haul in (raise) on the boom winch and follow with the hook winch. Keep only enough slack in the hook line so that it closely follows the folding boom.
6. When the upper section is close to 90° with the lower section, hook the hook block into the stowing bracket at the bottom of the upper boom section.

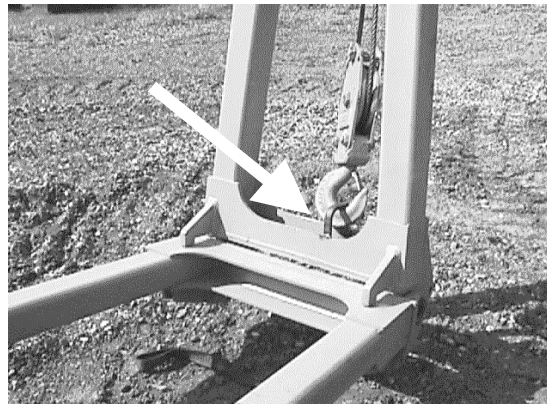


Figure 31: Hook block in folding boom stowing bracket.

7. Once the upper boom section is perpendicular (at a 90° angle) to the lower section, the entire boom rotates about the boom pivot pin on the track roller frame bracket. Continue to haul in (raise) on the boom winch and pay out (lower) on the hook winch. Keep only enough slack in the hook line so that it closely follows the folding boom.
8. Keep a watchful eye on the hook line tension. As the boom continues to fold and goes over centre, hauling in (raising) on the hook line will tighten it, increasing the stress on the boom. As soon as this point is reached, the hook line must be played out (lowered) to continue to closely follow the boom.



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Figure 32: Stowing folding boom over centre.



Failure to pay out (lower) the hook line after the boom goes over centre could result in serious damage and possible injury or death.

9. Slowly pay out (lower) the hook winch and haul in (raise) on the boom winch to continue to fully fold the boom. Keep only enough slack in the hook line so that it closely follows the unfolding boom.

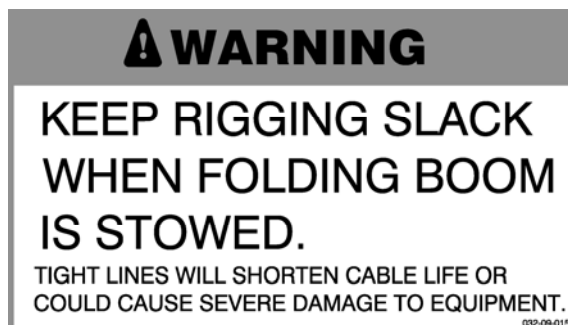
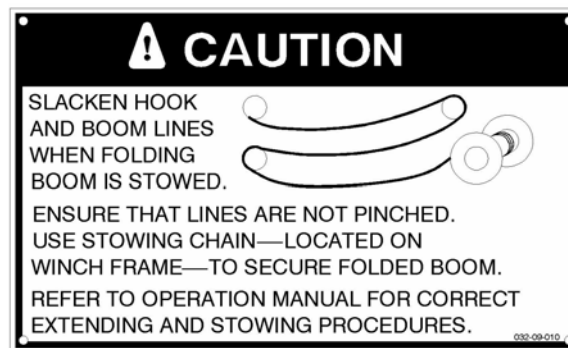


Figure 33: Slacken lines on stowed folding boom; Located on winch guard to right of operator.

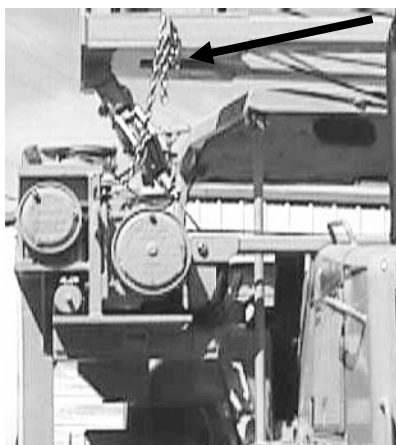
10. With the boom completely folded, pay out (lower) both the boom and hook lines to leave enough slack—approximately two to three feet—so that the boom is not over stressed during dozing or transport. Ensure that blocks, etc., do not pinch the cables.



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Figure 34: Folding boom folded.

11. Secure the top of the folded boom with the stowing chain attached to the winch frame. Leave enough slack in the chain so that the boom will be able to move as the track roller frames oscillate, but keep the length short enough so that the top section of the boom cannot bounce excessively.



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Figure 35: Folding boom secured to stowing chain.

12. Move the *mode control* lever to **dozer mode** to lockout the winches to prevent accidental operation of the draw works while the boom is folded, and to allow the track roller frames to oscillate for dozing operations.

Boom Removal and Installation (Folding and Rigid booms)

- Folding boom should be locked in the extended position.
- Lower the boom onto blocks.
- Remove the cotter pin and block-pin from the load-block. Lower the load-block to the ground. Replace the pins in the boom.
- Draw in the load cable in order to pull the load and hook blocks to the machine. Lift the load and hook blocks, and fasten them to the machine for shipping. The weight of the load-block is approximately 48.5 kg (107 lb.). The weight of the hook-block is approximately 38 kg (85 lb.).
- Raise the boom to the horizontal position. Block up the boom. Remove the cotter pin and the pin from the luff-block. Lower the luff-block to the ground. Replace the pins in the boom.
- Draw in the cable for the boom in order to pull the luff-block to the machine. Lift the luff-block and fasten it to the machine for shipping. The weight of the luff-block is approximately 27 kg (60 lb.).

- Connect a lifting cable to the boom. Remove the boom-pin pivot shafts from the track roller frame and lift the boom from the machine. The weight of the rigid boom is approximately 544 kg (1200 lb.). The weight of the folding boom is approximately 680 kg (1500 lb.).
- Replace the pivot shims and the boom-pin pivot shafts in the track roller frame.
- Boom installation is the reverse order. Reinstall boom pivot shims in such away as to centre the boom in the track roller frame bracket.

Maintenance and Lubrication

General

- Follow tractor manufacture's maintenance and lubrication instructions for tractor service as required.
- Follow tractor and/or winch manufacture's lubrication instructions for the pipelayer hydraulic system.

Lubricant Viscosities

System	Oil Viscosity	Ambient (outside) Temperatures			
		°C		°F	
		Min	Max	Min	Max
Boom winch gear train.	SAE 80W90	-30	+50	-22	+122
Hook winch gear train	SAE 80W90	-30	+50	-22	+122
Hydraulic system	See tractor operation and maintenance manual				

Refill Capacities

System	Refill Capacities (approximate)		
	Liters	US Gal.	Imperial Gal.
Hydraulic tank	32	8.5	7.0
Hydraulic system (includes tank)	78.4	20.7	17.0
Boom winch gear trains	1.5	0.4	0.3
Hook winch gear trains	3.8	1.0	0.8

Pipelayer Service Intervals

Wire rope cable

Visually inspect all running ropes that are in continuous service at least once per working day. Inspect all ropes at least once a month. Keep a dated report of the condition of the rope on file in a location that is available to designated personnel. A designated person shall perform all inspections. Perform a close inspection of sections of the rope that are normally hidden during the visual inspection and maintenance inspection; this includes parts of the rope that pass over the sheaves, as these points are the sections of rope that are most likely to fail. Note any deterioration that results in a notable loss of the original strength, as outlined below.

Inspect the cable on a daily basis for the following conditions:

- Inspect the cable for a reduction in the diameter of the cable below the nominal diameter. A reduction in the diameter of the cable can occur because of: the loss of core support, internal corrosion, external corrosion, wear of the outside wires.
- Inspect the cable for broken outside wires. Check for the degree of distribution of the broken outside wires. Check for the concentration of outside broken wires.
- Inspect the cable for worn outside wires.
- Inspect the cable for corroded end connections, for cracked end connections, for worn end connections, or for improperly applied end connections.
- Inspect the cable for kinks, for sections of cable that are crushed, for cuts in the cable, or for any strands that have come loose.

Excessive wear or broken wires may occur in sections that are in contact with saddles, equalizer sheaves, or with other sheaves, and where rope travel is limited. Take care to inspect the ropes at these locations.

When a machine is shutdown for a month or more, inspect all rope thoroughly. When a sideboom machine has been in storage for a month or more, inspect all ropes thoroughly. A designated, authorized person should perform the inspection.

The authorized person's approval is required for further use of the rope. A dated report on the condition of the rope should be kept on file.

Take care in the inspection of rope that is resistant to rotation.

Any new poured socket or swaged socket assembly that is used as a standing rope or guy, shall be proof tested to the lift capacity of the sideboom machine or to the manufacturer's recommendation. Never give the cable a rating that is greater than 50 percent of the component wire rope's nominal strength or of the structural strand's nominal strength.

Note: For additional information on the proper maintenance and on inspection of the cable, refer to "American National Standards Institute ANSI/ASME B30.14"

Service Intervals

Note: Before each consecutive interval is performed, all maintenance from the previous interval must be performed. Perform the following servicing at EVERY interval they occur; for example, the 10 hour and 50 hour service are also performed at the 200 hour interval, etc.

10 Hours Service Interval or Daily

- Check hydraulic oil level as per tractor's operation/maintenance manual.
- Check hoses and fittings for leaks.
- Check controls for proper operation of boom and hook.
- Check for correct function of boom stop valve.
- Check lockout cylinders for leaks, loose fittings, and loose or damaged bolts, etc. Ensure that the guards and cylinders are securely in place. Ensure that the cylinders extend in pipelayer mode and retract in dozer mode (it may be necessary to move the dozer to allow the cylinders to unlock and retract).
- Check pipelayer structures and components for loose bolts.
- Inspect the hook for any distortion, bends, twists, etc. Inspect the hook for any wear, cracks, nicks, or gouges. Refer to American National Standard Institute ANSI/ASME B30.1
- Inspect blocks, and yokes for wear or damage.
- Inspect wire rope for proper spooling, wear, broken or damaged wires, corrosion, and damage at end connections; replace as required per specifications in rigging section.
- Inspect folding boom-elbow lock-pins for wear or damage, replace as required.
- Inspect the folding boom-elbow lock-pin bores at the lower and upper boom sections' elbow-joints for excessive elongation, repair as required.
- Grease fairlead sheave, tail block, load block, luff-block, and hook block bearings.
- Grease boom-pin pivot shafts.
- Check to ensure that area between tractor tracks and pipelayer-tractor attachment structures are free from dirt, debris, ice, snow, etc.

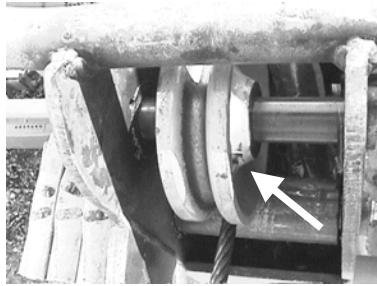
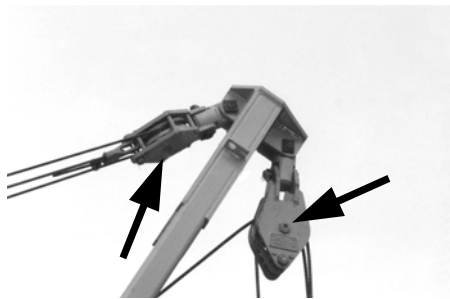


Figure 36: Fairlead sheave grease nipple.



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Figure 37: Tail block grease nipple.



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Figure 38: Load and luff-block grease nipples.



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Figure 39: Hook block grease nipple.

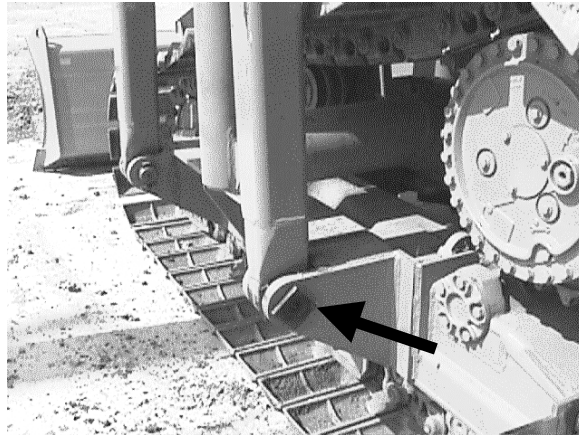


Figure 40: Boom-pin pivot shaft grease nipples (one on forward and rear).

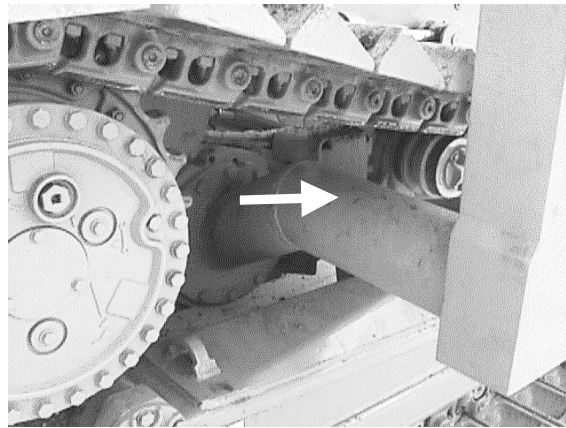


Figure 41: Attachment structures free from debris.

50 Hours Service Interval or Weekly

- Lightly lubricate wire rope with recommended engine or hydraulic oil.
- Inspect the wear of the nylon bushing at the outer end of the boom kick-out rod. If boom kick-out plate on boom will soon wear through the bushing to make direct contact with the tower when the boom is vertical, then the bushing should be replaced immediately.
- Check for adequate clearance between boom luff-block and tail block with folding boom folded. If clearance is less than 13 mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ -in) repair the luff-block stowing plate in the head of the boom as indicated below.
- Check track tension to ensure that the tracks are not too loose. Loose tracks can damage the pipelayer attachment structures.

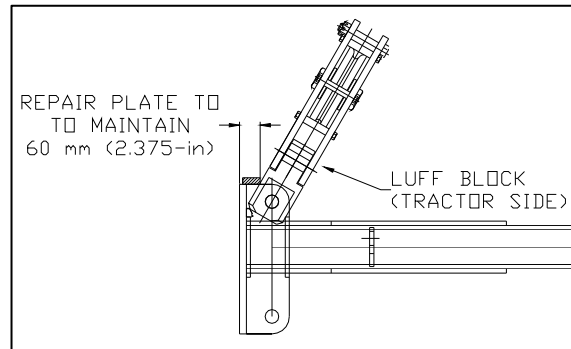
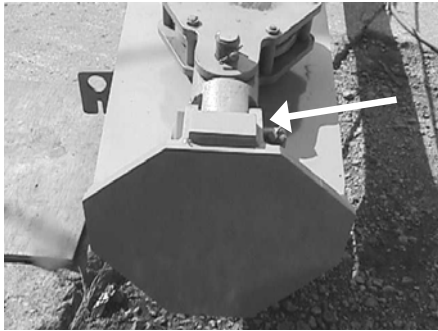


Figure 42: Luff-block stowing plate in the head of the boom.

200 Hours Service Interval or Monthly

- Inspect the wear of the inner boom stop bushing on the kick-out rod, inside the boom stop valve compartment in the tower. Move the boom in to verify the alignment of the kick-out rod with the boom stop valve through the complete contact-travel range of the two. If the centre of the kick-out rod is misaligned with the centre of the boom stop valve plunger by more than 4.8 mm ($\frac{3}{16}$ -in), throughout the entire 10 mm ($\frac{3}{8}$ ”) contact travel range of the rod with the valve, replace BOTH the inner boom stop bushing AND the outer kick-out rod nylon.



Figure 43: Check inner and outer boom stop bushings.

500 Hours Service Interval or 3 Months

- Change hydraulic system filter element.
- Change winches' gear train oil (SAE 80W90).

2000 Hours Service Interval or 1 Year

- Change hydraulic system oil.

Wire Rope

- Lightly lubricate wire rope with engine oil.

Accumulator

- Accumulator to be charged with dry nitrogen (N₂) gas, by qualified personnel; refer to High Hydraulic System Pressure safety section for charge pressure.

Boom stop Valve Adjustment

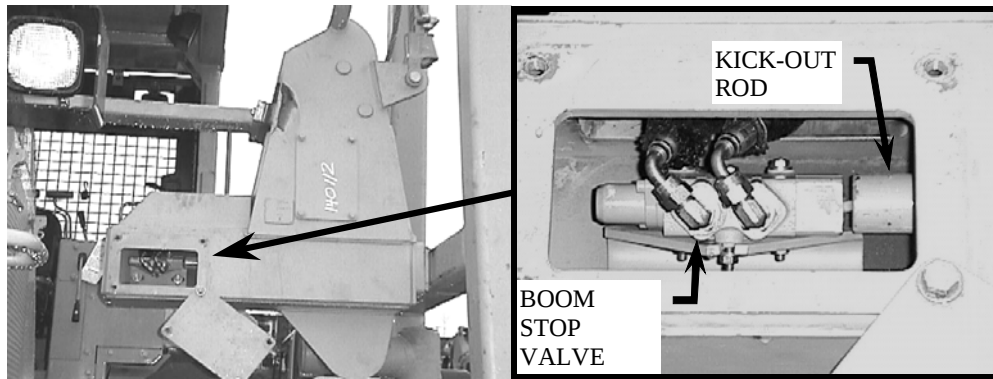


Figure 44: Boom stop valve located in tower.

- Raise the boom vertical so that it is **JUST** in contact with the tower; the boom kick-out rod is fully retracted into the tower, with the kick-out disc bushing against the tower. Do not over tighten the lines to the point that the boom or left structures are overly stressed.
- Remove the boom stop valve access panel from the tower.
- Loosen the boom stop valve nuts.
- Move the valve so that it just contacts the boom kick-out rod.
- Move the valve an additional 10 mm (3/8-in) towards the boom.
- Tighten the valve in position with the valve nuts.
- Replace the boom stop valve access panel from the tower.

Air Conditioner Filter Access (Cab models only)

Lower the boom all the way to the ground. The cross member unbolts from the tower and swings up to allow access to the air conditioner filter access panel. The tower houses extra length for the hydraulic control hoses that run through the cross member. Ensure that the extra hose length is neatly stowed in the tower, out of the way of the load line when the cross member is reinstalled.

NOTE: The cross member must be completely reinstalled, and the mounting bolts tightened, prior to operating the draw works.

Winch Train Oil Change

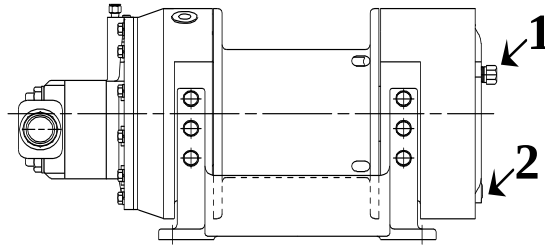


Figure 45: Winch train oil ports.

- Place a suitably large container (at least 4 liters or 1 US gallon) under the drain plug (2) to collect drained oil.
- Remove the fill plug (1) and the drain plug (2), and allow the oil to drain into the container.
- After all of the oil has drained from the winch drive train, install the drain plug (2).
- Fill the winch with new oil until level with the bottom of the fill plug port.
- Install the fill plug (1).
- Dispose of used oil in an environmentally sound manner (e.g. take to a recycling centre).
- Check winch train oil level after 24 hours. Add oil to top off level if necessary.

Hydraulic System Oil - Change

Refer to the specific tractor Operation and Maintenance Manual "Hydraulic System Oil - Change" for complete requirements and procedures.



At operating temperature, the hydraulic tank is hot and under pressure. Hot oil and components can cause personal injury. Do not allow hot oil or components to contact skin. Remove the filler cap only when the engine is stopped, and the filler cap is cool enough to touch with your bare hand. Remove the filler cap slowly in order to relieve pressure.

NOTICE

Care must be taken to ensure that fluids are contained during performance of inspection, maintenance, testing, adjusting and repair of the product. Be prepared to collect the fluid with suitable containers before opening any compartment or disassembling and component containing fluids.

Dispose of all fluids according to local regulations and mandates.

Operate the machine in order to warm the oil.

Park the machine on level ground. Lower the bulldozer blade to the ground and apply slight downward pressure. Engage the parking brake and stop the engine.

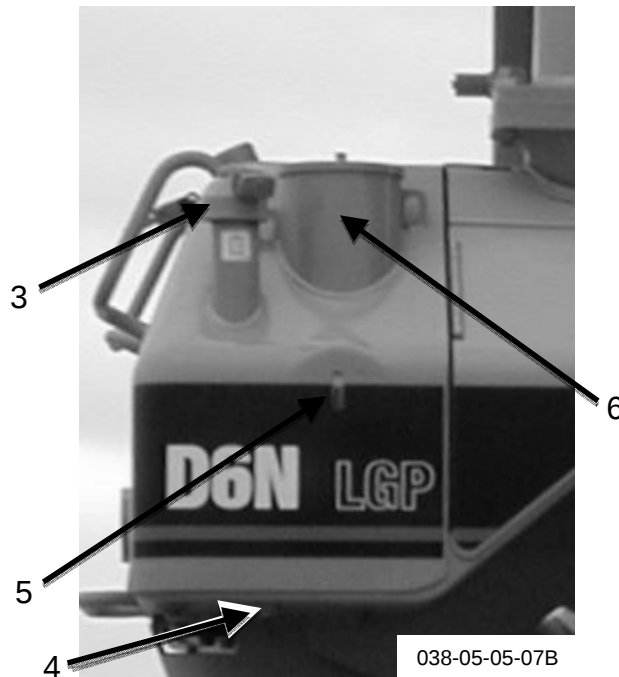
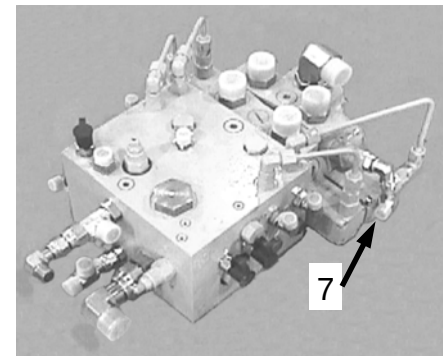
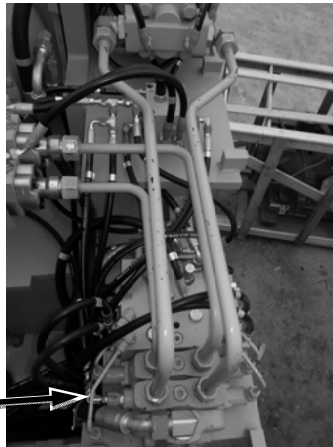


Figure 46: Hydraulic tank filler cap

Remove the hydraulic tank filler cap (3) slowly in order to relieve any pressure.

1. Wash the filler strainer and the filler cap in a clean nonflammable solvent.
2. Remove oil drain plug (4).
3. Attach a hose to a 1 inch NPT pipe nipple. This 1 inch NPT pipe nipple should have a length of 100 mm (4 inch).
4. Install the pipe nipple into the drain plug opening.
5. Rotate the pipe nipple clockwise in order to open the internal drain valve. Allow the oil to drain into a suitable container.
6. Remove the pipe nipple. The valve for the hydraulic tank will close.
7. Clean drain plug (4) and install drain plug (4). Tighten drain plug (4) to a torque of 68 ± 7 Nm (50 ± 5 lbft).
8. See the Operation and Maintenance Manual, Maintenance and Lubrication section, "Hydraulic System Oil Filter – Replace". Change the hydraulic system filter (6).
9. Install the filler strainer.
10. See the Operation and Maintenance Manual, "Lubricant Capacities (Refill)" in order to determine the amount of hydraulic oil that is needed to fill the hydraulic oil tank. Fill the hydraulic oil tank.
11. Inspect the filler cap gasket. Install a new gasket if damage or wear is evident. Install the filler cap.
12. Start the engine. Run the engine for a few minutes. Check for leaks.

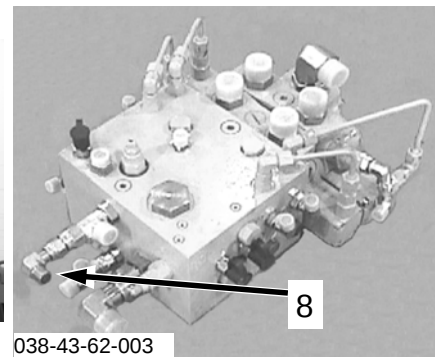
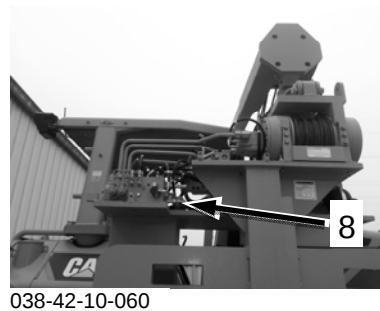
13. Flush the boom stop PX line at the main control manifold "PX" connection (7), slowly raise the boom winch up. Do not allow the boom (if installed) to contact the boom kickout rod or the left-hand frame. Lower the boom if required. Continue to cycle the boom winch up until the old oil in the lines is fully flushed out with new oil. Tighten the PX connection (7).



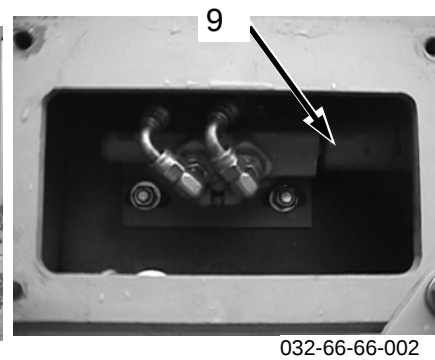
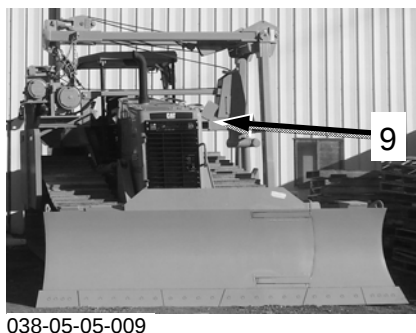
"PX" on Main Control Valve

Figure 47: Flushing Boom Stop PX line

Flush the boom stop drain line connection (8) at the return manifold. Manually actuate the boom stop valve (9) while slowly raising the boom winch, the winch should not turn. Flush the boom stop drain line until the old oil in the lines is fully flushed out with new oil. Tighten the boom stop drain line connection (8).



Boom Stop Drain line at Return Manifold



Manually actuate the Boom Stop Valve

Figure 48: Flushing Boom Stop Drain line

14. Maintain the oil level to the "FULL" mark in sight gauge (5). Add oil, if necessary. Stop the engine.

Hydraulic System Oil Filter - Replace

! WARNING

At operating temperature, the hydraulic tank is hot and under pressure. Hot oil and components can cause personal injury. Do not allow hot oil or components to contact skin. Remove the filler cap only when the engine is stopped, and the filler cap is cool enough to touch with your bare hand. Remove the filler cap slowly in order to relieve pressure.

1. Slowly remove the hydraulic tank filler cap (3) in order to relieve the system pressure.
2. Open the access door that is located at the rear of the tractor.

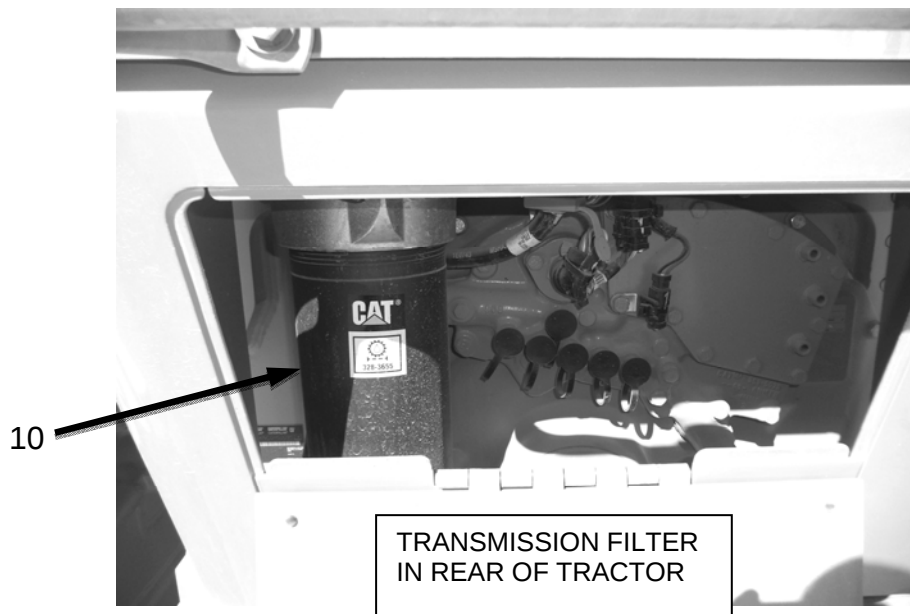


Figure 49: Filter locations

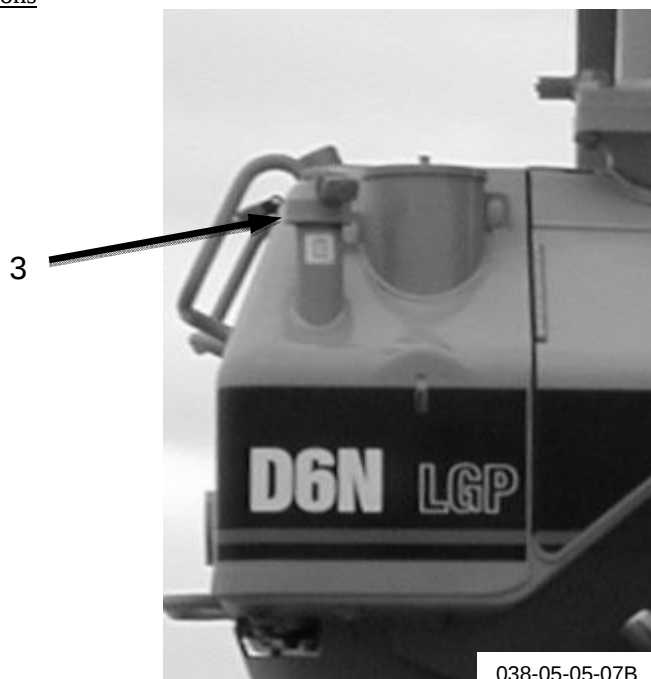


Figure 50: Filter locations

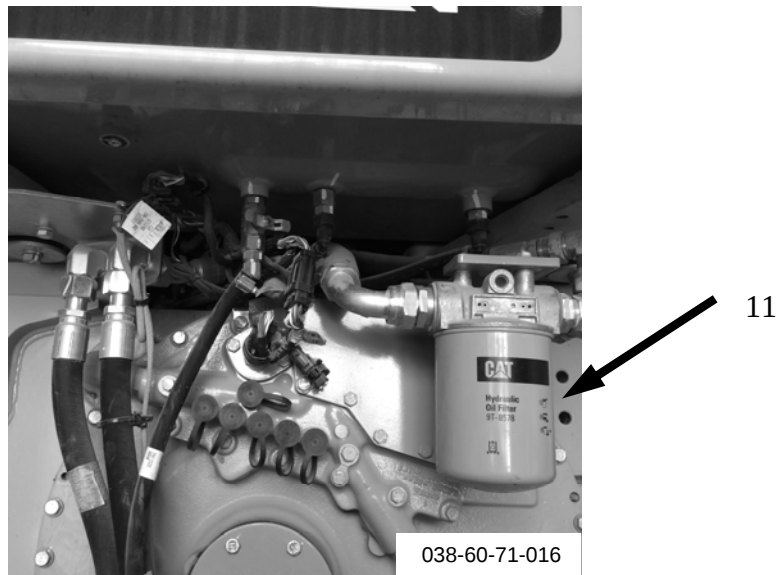


Figure 51: Filter location

- (1) Transmission oil filter
- (2) Hydraulic system filter
- (3) Hydraulic Tank filler cap

3. Remove filter (10 & 11).

Note: Remove case drain hydraulic filter (10). Discard the used filter. Remove the hydraulic system filter (11). Discard used filter. Replace both of the filters at the same time.

- 4. Inspect the seal on the filter housings for filter (10 & 11). If the seals are damaged or worn, install new seals. Install a new filter element into the filter housing for (10 & 11).

Hydraulic System Oil Level – Check

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The hydraulic tank is on the right rear corner of the machine.

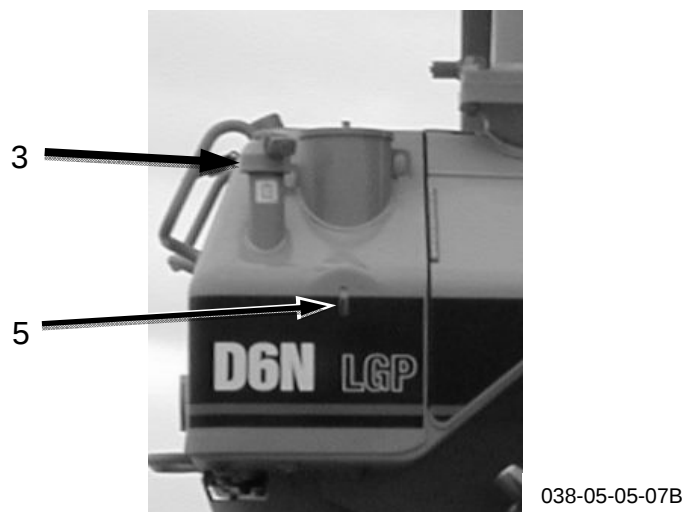


Figure 52: Hydraulic Tank

1. Maintain the oil level to the “FULL” mark in sight gauge (5).
2. If the hydraulic system requires additional hydraulic oil, remove filler cap (3) and add oil. Clean filler cap (3) and install filler cap (3).

Hydraulic System Oil Sampling

Refer to the tractor’s operation and maintenance manual for the specific procedures regarding Hydraulic System Sampling.

Oil Filter Inspection

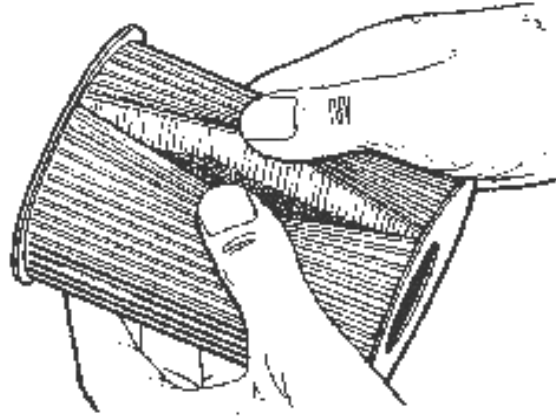


Figure 53: Oil filter.

Use a Filter Cutter - CAT# 4C-5084, or similar to cut the filter element open. Spread apart the pleats and inspect the element for metal and other debris. An excessive amount of debris in the filter element can indicate a possible failure.

If metals are found in the filter element, a magnet can be used to differentiate between ferrous metals and nonferrous metals. Ferrous metals would indicate wear on steel parts and on cast iron parts. Non ferrous metals would indicate wear of the brass or aluminum part of the hydraulics such as main bearings, pump sleeves, etc.

Small amounts of debris may be found in the filter element. This could be caused by friction and normal wear. Consult your Caterpillar dealer in order to arrange for further analysis if an excessive amount of debris is found.

Using an oil filter element that is not recommended by Caterpillar could result in severe damage. This could result in larger particles in unfiltered oil. These particles could enter the system and cause damage.

Rigging

! WARNING

Do not use wire rope that is kinked, frayed, or has worn spots. Wear gloves when handling wire rope.

Wire Rope Specifications

Line	Length	Specification	Size dia.
Load line	39.18 m (126.1 ft)	637IWRC USA made [41 200 lb. (18 700 kg) minimum breaking strength]	5/8-in (16 mm)
Boom line	39.6 m (130 ft)	637IWRC USA made [26 600 lb. (12 070 kg) minimum breaking strength]	1/2-in (13 mm)

Unroll the wire rope from the spool, never lift it off in loops.

Note: Weld, braze, or seize ends of wire rope before installing to prevent fraying.

Load Winch Line Installation

- Lower the boom to the ground and support the boom.
- Unwind the load line from the winch drum.
- Disconnect the wire rope anchor from the load drum.
- Unroll the new load line wire rope from the spool, never lift it off in loops.
- Weld the wire rope ends to prevent fraying.
- Install the wire rope ferrule to the load winch drum; follow the PULLMASTER winch rigging procedures outlined in appendix.
- Spool half of the wire rope evenly across the load winch drum.
- Reeve the wire rope cable from the load winch drum under the tower fairlead sheave on the left structure, over the upper load-block on the boom, under the hook-block sheave, then back to the second sheave in the load-block, and back down to the hook-block. Secure the line to the line terminator on the hook-block, as per Crosby instructions outlined in the appendix.

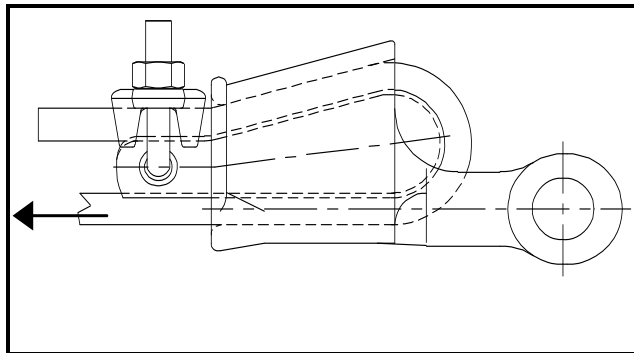


Figure 54: Line terminators.



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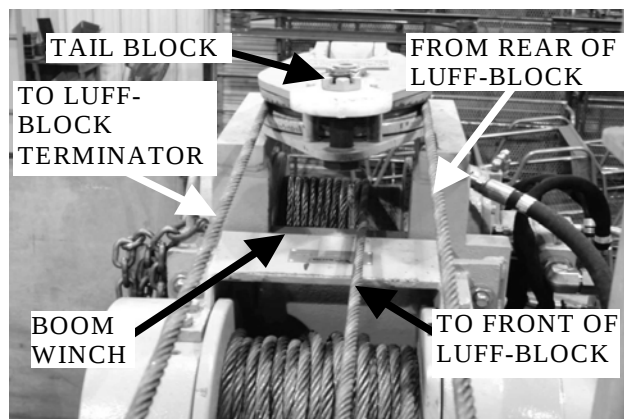
Figure 55: Load line terminator.

Note: Weld, braze, or seize end of cable before inserting cable into socket.

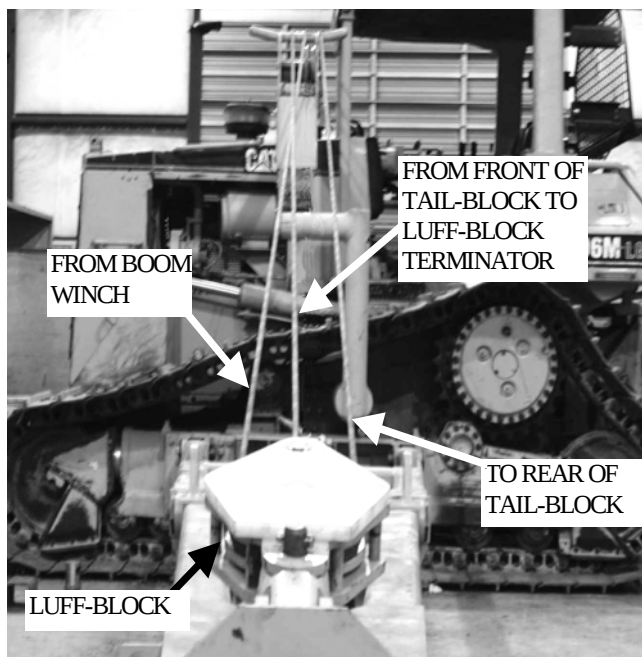
Boom Winch Line Installation

- Lower the boom to the ground and support the boom.
- Unwind the boom line from the winch drum.
- Disconnect the wire rope anchor from the boom drum.

- Unroll the new boom line wire rope from the spool, never lift it off in loops.
- Weld the wire rope ends to prevent fraying.
- Install the wire rope ferrule to the boom winch drum; follow the PULLMASTER winch rigging procedures outlined in the appendix.
- Spool half of the wire rope evenly across the boom winch drum.
- Reeve the wire rope from the boom winch drum to the front side of the luff-block sheave on the boom, through the luff-block and back to the rear side of the tail-block. Through the tail-block and back to the luff-block. Secure the line to the line terminator on the luff-block, as per Crosby instructions outlined in the appendix.



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Figure 56: Boom line rigging.

Welding Package Offset Jib Installation

An optional 9 ft (2.743 m) 4500 lb (2040 kg) MAX LIFT Offset Jib is available for installation onto the combo-unit. It bolts onto the top of the boom-head.

with both the Luff-block (the block that controls the boom angle) and the load-block (the block that supports the hook-block) at the Jib's upper attachment points.

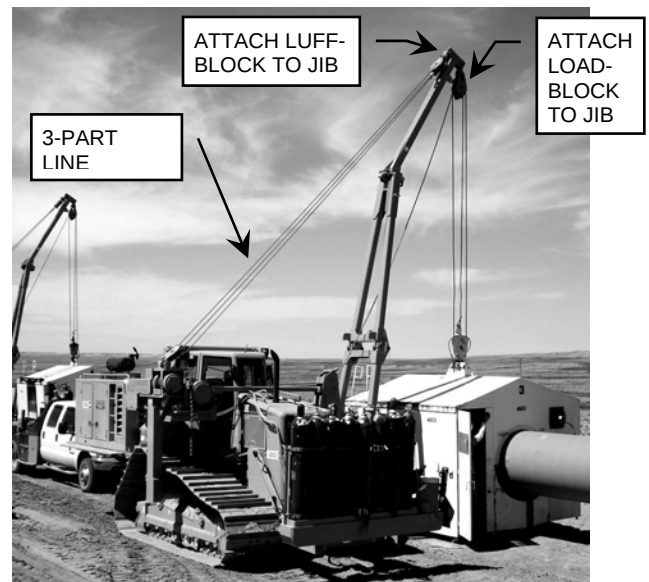
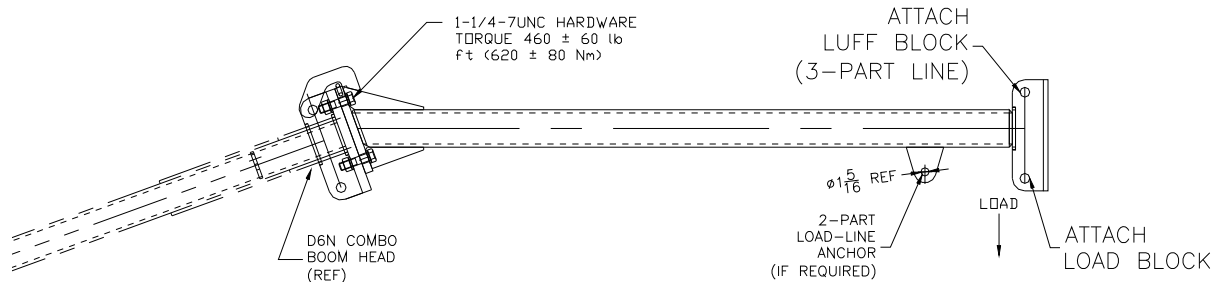


Figure 57: Offset Jib installation.

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Appendix: Rigging Anchor procedures