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OPERATOR'S MANUAL



This Operator's Manual is an integral part of the safe operation of this machine and must be maintained with the unit at all times. READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the Safety and Operation Instructions contained in this manual before operating the equipment. *C01-Cover*



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SAFETY SECTION

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General Safety Instructions and Practices

A careful operator is the best operator. Safety is of primary importance to the manufacturer and should be to the owner/operator. Most accidents can be avoided by being aware of your equipment, your surroundings, and observing certain precautions. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Read and understand these Safety Messages before assembling, operating or servicing this Implement. This equipment should only be operated by those persons who have read the manual, who are responsible and trained, and who know how to do so responsibly.



The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is used throughout this manual and on decals which are attached to the equipment. The Safety Alert Symbol means: "ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!" The Symbol and Signal Word are intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this equipment.

Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all---remember safety is up to YOU. Only YOU can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, WILL result in DEATH OR VERY SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, COULD result in DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, MAY result in MINOR INJURY.



Identifies special instructions or procedures that, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of the machine, attachments or the environment.

NOTE: *Identifies points of particular interest for more efficient and convenient operation or repair.* (SG-1)

READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following Safety Messages. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in the Safety Messages. Always use good common sense to avoid hazards. (SG-2)



Always maintain the safety signs in good readable condition. If the safety signs are missing, damaged, or unreadable, obtain and install replacement safety signs immediately. (SG-5)



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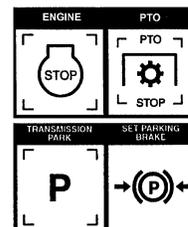
Never operate the Tractor or Implement until you have read and completely understand this Manual, the Tractor Operator's Manual, and each of the Safety Messages found in the Manual or on the Tractor and Implement. Learn how to stop the tractor engine suddenly in an emergency. Never allow inexperienced or untrained personnel to operate the Tractor or Implement without supervision. Make sure the operator has fully read and understood the manuals prior to operation. (SG-4)



Operate this Equipment only with a Tractor equipped with an approved roll-over-protective system (ROPS). Always wear seat belts. 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. (SG-7)



BEFORE leaving the tractor seat lower the implement, set the parking brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



Never allow children to operate, ride on, or come close to the Tractor or Implement. Usually, 16-17 year-old children who are mature and responsible can operate the implement with adult supervision, if they have read and understand the Operator's Manuals, been trained in proper operation of the tractor and Implement, and are physically large enough to reach and operate the controls easily. (SG-11)



Do not mount or dismount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped. (SG-12)



Do not modify or alter this Implement. Do not permit anyone to modify or alter this Implement, any of its components or any Implement function. (SG-8)



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The operator and all support personnel should wear hard hats, safety shoes, safety glasses, and proper hearing protection at all times for protection from injury including injury from items that may be thrown by the equipment. (SG-16)



PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO LOUD NOISE MAY CAUSE PERMANENT HEARING LOSS! Tractors with or without an Implement attached can often be noisy enough to cause permanent hearing loss. We recommend that you always wear hearing protection if the noise in the Operator's position exceeds 80db. Noise over 85db over an extended period of time will cause severe hearing loss. Noise over 90db adjacent to the Operator over an extended period of time will cause permanent or 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.* (SG-17)



Always read carefully and comply fully with the manufacturer's instructions when handling oil, solvents, cleansers, and any other chemical agent. (SG-22)



KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING ELEMENTS to prevent entanglement and possible serious injury or death. (SG-24)



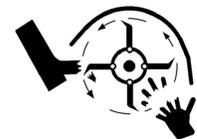
Never allow children to play on or around Tractor or Implement. Children can slip or fall off the Equipment and be injured or killed. Inadvertent contact with controls can cause the Implement to shift or fall crushing themselves or others. (SG-25)



Be sure you have adequate knowledge of the property you will be working on. Take time to make yourself aware of any area underwater or underground lines or cables. Contact with buried lines or cable could result in serious injury or death. (STL-1)



Do not put hands or feet under Tiller deck. Blade Contact can result in serious injury or even death. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the decks are securely blocked up. (STL-3)



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Extreme care should be taken when operating near loose objects such as gravel, rocks, wire, and other debris. Inspect the area before tilling. Foreign objects should be removed from the site to prevent machine damage and/or bodily injury or even death. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator. Stop operating immediately if blades strike a foreign object. Repair all damage and make certain rotor and blades are in good condition before resuming operation. (STL-5)

Equipment Operation Safety Instructions and Practices



DO NOT use drugs or alcohol immediately before or while operating the Tractor and Implement. Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. Before operating the Tractor or Implement, an operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to operate the Equipment safely. NEVER knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness or coordination is impaired. Serious injury or death to the operator or others could result if the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. (SG-27)



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Operate the Tractor and/or Implement controls only while properly seated in the Tractor seat with the seat belt securely fastened around you. Inadvertent movement of the Tractor or Implement may cause serious injury or death. (SG-29)



Do not operate the implement while wearing loose fitting clothing. Entanglement of the clothing with the rotating elements can result in serious injury or even death. Stay clear of all rotating elements at all times. (SSP-03)



Start tractor only when properly seated in the Tractor seat. Starting a tractor in gear can result in injury or death. Read the Tractor operators manual for proper starting instructions. (SG-13)



Never run the Tractor engine in a closed building or without adequate ventilation. The exhaust fumes can be hazardous to your health. (SG-23)



Do not exceed the rated PTO speed for the Implement. Excessive PTO speeds can cause Implement driveline or blade failures resulting in serious injury or death. (SG-26)



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There are obvious and hidden potential hazards in the operation of this Implement as in all power-driven or pulled equipment. **REMEMBER!** This machine is often operated in rough terrain conditions that include grass, weeds, gullies, holes, slopes, hidden obstructions and the like. Serious injury or even death may occur unless care is taken to assure the safety of the operator and bystanders in the area. Do not operate this machine with anyone in the immediate area. Stop operating if anyone comes within 25 feet of the equipment. (STL-4)



Many varied objects, such as wire, cable, rope, or chains, can become entangled in the rotating parts of the Implement. These objects could then swing outside the housing at greater velocities than the blades. Such a situation is extremely hazardous and could result in serious injury or even death. Inspect the area for such objects before working in the area. Remove any such objects from the site. Never allow the implement to contact such objects. (STL-6)

Transporting Safety Instructions and Practices



This Implement may be wider than the Tractor. Be careful when operating or transporting this equipment to prevent the Implement from running into or striking sign posts, guard rails, concrete abutments or other solid objects. Such an impact could cause the Implement and Tractor to pivot violently resulting in loss of steering control, serious injury, or even death. Never allow the Implement to contact obstacles. (S3PT-12)



Be particularly careful when transporting the Implement with the Tractor. Turn curves or go up hills only at a low speed and using a gradual steering angle. Rear mounted implements move the center of gravity to the rear and remove weight from the front wheels. Make certain, by adding front ballast, that at least 20% of the tractor's weight is on the front wheels to prevent rearing up, loss of steering control or Tractor tip-over. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces to prevent loss of steering control which could result in property damage or possible injury. Do not transport unless 3-Point lift lever is fully raised and in the latched transport position. Dropping implement in transport can cause serious damage to the tractor and/or Implement and possibly cause the operator or others to be injured or killed. (S3PT-02)



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Maintenance and Service Safety Instructions and Practices



The rotating parts of this machine continue to rotate even after the PTO has been turned off. The operator should remain in the operator's seat for 60 seconds after the brake has been set, the PTO disengaged, the tractor turned off, and all evidence of rotation has ceased. (S3PT-10)

“Wait a minute...Save a life!”



Never crawl under a raised Implement supported solely by the Tractor 3-Point hitch. Release of the control lever or mechanical failure will result in the Implement falling and possible injury or death. Always securely block up the Implement before crawling underneath to perform repairs and service. (S3PT-19)



Do not operate this Equipment with hydraulic oil or fuel leaking. Oil and fuel are explosive and their presence could present a hazard. Do not check for leaks with your hand! High-pressure oil streams from breaks in the line could penetrate the skin and cause tissue damage including gangrene. To check for a hose leak, SHUT the unit ENGINE OFF and remove all hydraulic pressure. Wear oil impenetrable gloves, safety glasses and use cardboard to check for evidence of oil leaks. If you suspect a leak, REMOVE the HOSE and have it tested at a Dealer. If oil does penetrate the skin, have the injury treated immediately by a physician knowledgeable and skilled in this procedure. (SG-15)



Make sure the PTO shield, integral driveline shields, and input shields are installed when using PTO-driven equipment. Always replace any shield if it is damaged or missing. (S3PT-8)



Relieve hydraulic pressure prior to doing any maintenance or repair work on the Implement. Place the Implement on the ground or securely blocked up, disengage the PTO, and turn off the tractor engine. Push and pull the Remote Cylinder lever in and out several times prior to starting any maintenance or repair work. (S3PT-09)



Always disconnect the main PTO Driveline from the Tractor before performing service on the Implement. Never work on the Implement with the tractor PTO driveline connected and running. Rotating Parts, Blades or Drivelines could turn without warning and cause immediate entanglement, injury or death. (S3PT-11)



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Never work under the Implement, the framework, or any lifted component unless the Implement is securely supported or blocked up to prevent sudden or inadvertent falling which could cause serious injury or even death. (SG-14)



Never attempt to lubricate, adjust, or remove material from the Implement while it is in motion or while tractor engine is running. (SG-20)



Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order. (SG-21)



Perform service, repairs and lubrication according to the maintenance section. Ensure the unit is properly lubricated as specified in the lubrication schedule and all bolts and nuts are properly torqued. Failure to properly service, repair and maintain this Implement in good operating condition could cause component failure and possible serious injury or even death. (SG-35)



Use caution and wear protective gloves when handling sharp objects such as blades, knives, and other cutting edges. Be alert to worn component surfaces which have sharp edges. Sharp surfaces can inflict severe laceration injuries if proper hand protection is not worn. (SG-37)



Operating, servicing and maintaining this equipment can expose you to chemicals including gasoline, diesel fuel, lubricants, petroleum products, engine exhaust, carbon monoxide, and phthalates, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, do not idle the engine except as necessary, service your vehicle in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing your vehicle. Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. This website, operated by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, provides information about these chemicals and how individuals may be exposed to them.



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Transport only at speeds where you can maintain control of the equipment. Serious accidents and injuries can result from operating this equipment at high speeds. Understand the Tractor and Implement and how it handles before transporting on streets and highways. Make sure the Tractor steering and brakes are in good condition and operate properly.



Before transporting the Tractor and Implement, determine the proper transport speeds for you and the equipment. Make sure you abide by the following rules:

Test the tractor at a slow speed and increase the speed slowly. Apply the Brakes smoothly to determine the stopping characteristics of the Tractor and Implement. As you increase the speed of the Tractor the stopping distance increases. Determine the maximum transport speed not to exceed 20 mph (30 kph) for transporting this equipment.

Test the equipment at a slow speed in turns. Increase the speed through the turn only after you determine that the equipment can be operated at a higher speed. Use extreme care and reduce your speed when turning sharply to prevent the tractor and implement from turning over. Determine the maximum turning speed for you and this equipment before operating on roads or uneven ground.



Only transport the Tractor and Implement at the speeds which allow you to properly control the equipment.

Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes or worn tires. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases: use extreme care and reduce your speed. When operating in traffic always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy. (SG-19)



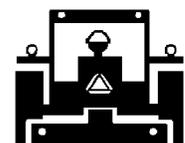
Only tow the Implement behind a properly sized and equipped Tractor which exceeds the weight of the Implement by at least 20%. DO NOT tow the Implement behind a truck or other type of vehicle. Never tow the Implement and another Implement connected in tandem. Never tow the Implement at speeds over 20 MPH. (STI-06)



Your driving vision may be reduced or impaired by the tractor, cab, or implement. Before driving on public roadways identify any limited vision areas, and make adjustments to your operating position, mirrors, and the implement transport position so that you can clearly see the area where you will be traveling, and any traffic that may approach you. Failure to maintain adequate vision of the public roadway and traffic can result in serious injury or even death. (STI-10)



Make certain that the "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the Equipment use the Tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations. (SG-6)



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In wet conditions where there is a likelihood of material collecting on the Implement, make certain that this material is removed before traveling on public roadways. (STL-7)

Storage and Parking Safety Instructions and Practices



Never leave the Tractor and Implement unattended while the Implement is in the lifted position. Accidental operation of lifting lever or a hydraulic failure may cause sudden drop of unit with injury or death by crushing. To properly park the implement when disconnecting it from the tractor, lower the stand and put the retaining pin securely in place, or put a secure support under the A-Frame. Lower the implement carefully to the ground. Do not put hands or feet under lifted components. (S3PT-1)



Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches. (S3PT-15)



To prevent tipping of Implement when stored in folded position, use carrying wheels or adequate stands on center frame. (S3PT-6)

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Bush Hog products are designed utilizing specifically matched system components to ensure optimum equipment performance. These parts are made and tested to Bush Hog specifications. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce equipment performance, void warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine Bush Hog parts for economy and safety. (SPBH-2)

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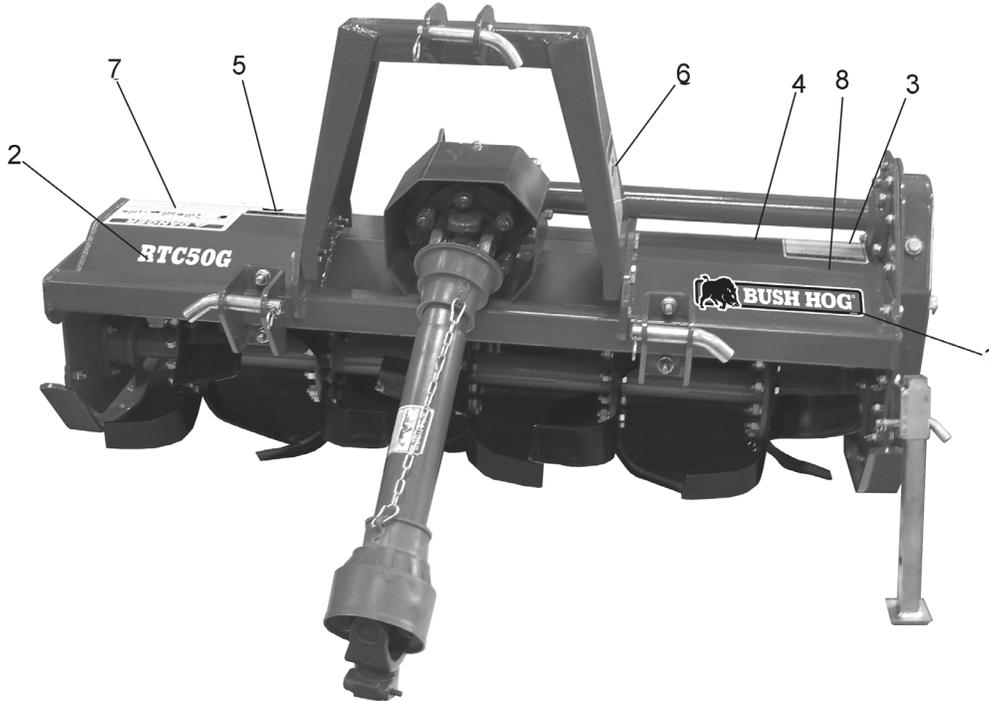
In addition to the design and configuration of this Implement, including Safety Signs and Safety Equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the machine. Refer also to Safety Messages and operation instruction in each of the appropriate sections of the Tractor and Equipment Manuals. Pay close attention to the Safety Signs affixed to the Tractor and Equipment. (SG-18)

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Decal Location



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ITEM	PART NO.	QTY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1.	50058089	1	LOGO	Bush Hog
2.	50074034	1	NAME	RTC50GModel Decal
3.	50074029	1	WARNING	Prevent Serious Injury
4.	50074030	1	WARNING	Crushing Hazard
5.	50074031	1	DANGER	Rotating Tines
6.	50074032	1	DANGER	Rotating Driveline Hazard
7.	50074033	1	DANGER	Multi-Hazard
8.	D960	1	WARNING	P65 Warning.CA.gov



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Decal Description



50074029 Warning Decal



50074030 Warning Decal



50074031 Danger Decal



50074033 Danger Decal



50074032 Danger Decal



D960 Warning Decal

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FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

This section is intended to explain in broad terms the concept and effect of federal laws and regulations concerning employer and employee equipment operators. This section is not intended as a legal interpretation of the law and should not be considered as such.

Employer-Employee Operator Regulations

U.S. Public Law 91-596 (The Williams-Steiger Occupational and Health Act of 1970) OSHA

This Act Seeks:

“...to assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources...”

DUTIES

Sec. 5 (a) Each employer-

- (1) shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees;
- (2) shall comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under this Act.
- (b) Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant to this Act which are applicable to his own actions and conduct.

OSHA Training Requirements

Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations Part 1928.57(a)(6). www.osha.gov

Operator instructions. At the time of initial assignment and at least annually thereafter, the employer shall instruct every employee who operates an agricultural tractor and implements in the safe operating practices and servicing of equipment with which they are or will be involved, and of any other practices dictated by the work environment.

Keep all guards in place when the machine is in operation;

Permit no riders on equipment

Stop engine, disconnect the power source, and wait for all machine movement to stop before servicing, adjusting, cleaning or unclogging the equipment, except where the machine must be running to be properly serviced or maintained, in which case the employer shall instruct employees as to all steps and procedures which are necessary to safely service or maintain the equipment.

Make sure everyone is clear of machinery before starting the engine, engaging power, or operating the machine.

Employer Responsibilities:

To ensure employee safety during Tractor and Implement operation, it is the employer's responsibility to:

1. Train the employee in the proper and safe operation of the Tractor and Implement.
2. Require that the employee read and fully understand the Tractor and Implement Operator's manual.
3. Permit only qualified and properly trained employees to operate the Tractor and Implement.
4. Maintain the Tractor and Implement in a safe operational condition and maintain all shields and guards on the equipment.
5. Ensure the Tractor is equipped with a functional ROPS and seat belt and require that the employee operator securely fasten the safety belt and operate with the ROPS in the raised position at all times.
6. Forbid the employee operator to carry additional riders on the Tractor or Implement.
7. Provide the required tools to maintain the Tractor and Implement in a good safe working condition and provide the necessary support devices to secure the equipment safely while performing repairs and service.
8. Require that the employee operator stop operation if bystanders or passersby come within 300 feet.

Child Labor Under 16 Years of Age

Some regulations specify that no one under the age of 16 may operate power machinery. It is your responsibility to know what these regulations are in your own area or situation. (Refer to U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment Standard Administration, Wage & Home Division, Child Labor Bulletin #102.)

Operation



Before attaching the rotary tiller to the tractor, check the unit to ensure there is oil in the top and side gearbox. See Maintenance section for lubricant specifications.

Before beginning operation, check oil and grease points.

Oil level: Top gearbox 1 1/2" from the end of the dip stick.

When sitting slightly tilted forward, oil should at the bottom of the fill plug on the side gearbox cover.

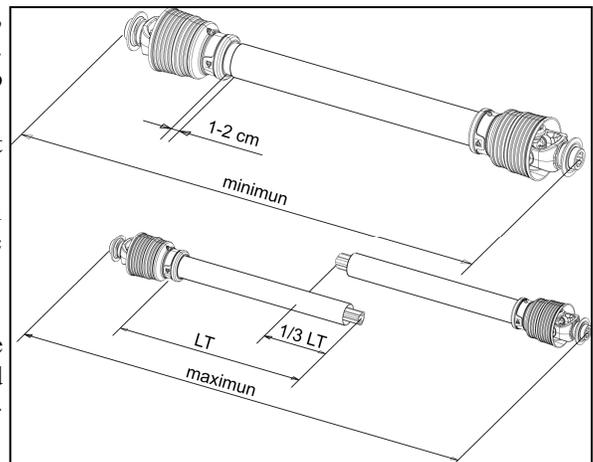
Grease: Right Rotor bearing, PTO shaft Cross & Bearings

Attaching to the tractor

1. With the Rotary Tiller on a level surface, back the Cat. 1 tractor so the tractor lift arms are even with the unit's lower hitch pins. Lower or raise the tractor hitch arms until the 7/8" bushing in the arm is inside the clevis of lower hitch points. **Be sure nothing is between the tractor and the tiller before backing up.**
2. Insert the lower hitch pin through the lower hitch blocks and the tractor arm. The YCT series tillers have adjustable lower hitch blocks that can be slide to facilitate usage on larger tractors.
3. Secure the lift arm in place by using a 7/16" lynch pin or other fastener.
4. Repeat with the other arm.
5. Connect the driveline to the tractor's PTO output shaft. Secure it in place.
6. Connect the tractor top link to the upper hitch point of the rotary tiller.
7. Start the tractor and slowly raise the tiller. Check for drawbar interference. Be sure that the PTO driveline does not bottom out when lifting the machine to it's maximum height. If it does appear that it could bottom out, it is necessary to shorten the PTO driveline. (See Shortening a PTO Driveline section). Ensure that in the working position there is an overlap of a minimum of 1/3 the length of each profile.

Shortening a PTO Driveline

1. With the implement attached to the tractor's three point hitch, and the PTO driveline not installed, separate the PTO driveline. Attach the implement end to the implement and the other end to the tractor PTO input shaft.
2. Raise the implement by using the tractor's hydraulic 3-point hitch to it's maximum lift height.
3. Hold the half shafts next to each other and mark them so each end is approximately 1/2" from hitting the end of the telescopic profiles.
4. Shorten the inner and out guard tubes equally.
5. Shorten the inner and outer profiles by the same length as the guard tubes. Using a rattail file, round off all sharp edges and burrs. Grease the telescopic profile generously before reassembling.



Do not shorten too much, the proper overlap is a minimum of 1/3 the length of each profile.



Caution: Slip Clutches may become hot. Do Not Touch. Keep the slip clutch area clear of an material that may catch fire.

Slip clutches have adjustable torque settings. The torque setting varies with the different compression of each spring. All the springs should have an equal amount of compression.

IMPORTANT: Do not over-tighten the compression nuts as this may impair performance or cause premature wearing of the slip clutch.

Slip Clutch adjustments

Slip Clutch must be adjusted before first use or after a storage period.

1. Using a marker, scribe a line across the exposed edges of the clutch plate and friction discs.
2. Back off compression nuts to free friction discs by turning each nut *exactly* 2 revolutions.
3. Start the tractor and run the driveline at a low idle to slip the friction discs. This will remove the dirt, corrosion and surface floss from the clutch plate faces.
4. Disengage PTO, shut down tractor and wait for all components to come to a complete stop.
5. Inspect the clutch and ensure that the scribed markings on the disc and plates have changed position. If any two marks are still aligned, this is an indication that these discs have not slipped. It may be necessary to completely disassemble the clutch to free them up.
6. After ensuring all discs are free, tighten the compression nuts, uniformly, *exactly* 2 revolutions to reset the clutch original pressure.

Working Depth Adjustment

The working depth is controlled by raising or lowering the side skids. If the skids are raised, the working depth increases. By lowering the skids, the tilling depth will decrease.

Tailgate adjustment

The tailgate can be adjusted to help smooth and compact the tilled ground. Release the chain and secure to the desired height.



Start up

After making the necessary adjustments, lower the rotary tiller until the blades are a couple of inches from the ground. Engage the PTO and slowly lower the tiller to begin working.

Removal and Storage

After finishing, remove the rotary tiller from the tractor.

1. Put the PTO driveline in a safe location so it will not become damaged.
2. Clean and dry the equipment.
3. Replace any damaged or worn parts.
4. Check all bolts and nuts for tightness.
5. Lubricate and protect the machine from the elements.



FOLLOWING OPERATION

- Following operation, or when unhitching, stop the tractor or towing vehicle, set the brakes, disengage the PTO and all power drives, shut off the engine and **remove the ignition keys**.
- Store the unit in an area away from human activity.
- Do not park equipment where it will be exposed to livestock for long periods of time. Damage and livestock injury could result.
- Do not permit children to play on or around the stored unit.
- Make sure all parked machines are on a hard, level surface and engage all safety devices.
- Wheel chocks may be needed to prevent unit from rolling.



PERFORMING MAINTENANCE

- Good maintenance is your responsibility. Poor maintenance is an invitation to trouble.
- 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.
- Be certain all moving parts on attachments have come to a complete stop before attempting to perform maintenance.
- Always use the proper tools or equipment for the job at hand.
- Use extreme caution when making adjustments.
- Never replace hex bolts with less than grade five bolts unless otherwise specified.
- After servicing, be sure all tools, parts and service equipment are removed.
- 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 claim responsibility for use of unapproved parts and/or accessories and other damages as a result of their use.
- If equipment has been altered in any way from original design, the manufacturer does not accept any liability for injury or warranty.

MAINTENANCE

8 hours	Grease the Rotor support (<i>GP grease</i>) Grease PTO shaft cross & bearings (<i>GP grease</i>) Check Hardware for tightness
16 hours	Check oil level in center gearbox (<i>90wt</i>) Check oil level in side gearbox (<i>140wt</i>) Check Hardware for tightness
200 hours	Replace oil in center gearbox (<i>90wt</i>) Replace oil in side gearbox (<i>140wt</i>) Check Hardware for tightness

Replacing Blades

In order for the tiller to perform optimally, make sure the tiller blades are in good working condition and their bolts and nuts tight. Always replace the blades with the bolt head against the blade and the washer and nut on the flange side to help prevent the blades from loosening.

When several blades are to be replaced, replace them one blade at a time in order maintain the scroll pattern on the rotor.

Note: To determine Left or Right Blades, hold the blade by the bolt hole end and the cutting edge facing downward. If the blade curves to the left it is a left hand blade, curving to the right indicates a right hand blade.

INTRODUCTION

LIMITED WARRANTY

Bush Hog warrants to the original purchaser of any new RTXG tiller, purchased from an authorized Bush Hog dealer, that the equipment be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year for non-commercial use with a (5) year Limited Center and Side Gear Box Warranty, (Year 1 parts and labor, Years 2-5, parts only). For commercial and state and municipalities use, the warranty period is ninety (90) days from date of retail sale. The obligation of Bush Hog to the purchaser under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement of defective parts.

Replacement or repair parts installed in the equipment covered by this limited warranty are warranted for ninety (90) days from the date of purchase of such part or to the expiration of the applicable new equipment warranty period, whichever occurs later. Warranted parts shall be provided at no cost to the user at an authorized Bush Hog dealer during regular working hours. Bush Hog reserves the right to inspect any equipment or parts which are claimed to have been defective in material or workmanship.

DISCLAIMER OF IMPLIED WARRANTY & CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

Bush Hog's obligation under this limited warranty, to the extent allowed by law, is in lieu of all warranties, implied or expressed, INCLUDING IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE and any liability for incidental and consequential damages with respect to the sale or use of the items warranted. Such incidental and consequential damages shall include but not be limited to: transportation charges other than normal freight charges; cost of installation other than cost approved by Bush Hog; duty; taxes; charges for normal service or adjustment; loss of crops or any other loss of income; rental of substitute equipment, expenses due to loss, damage, detention or delay in the delivery of equipment or parts resulting from acts beyond the control of Bush Hog.

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY SHALL NOT APPLY:

1. To vendor items which carry their own warranties, such as engines, tires, and tubes.
2. If the unit has been subjected to misapplication, abuse, misuse, negligence, fire or other accident.
3. If parts not made or supplied by Bush Hog have been used in connection with the unit, if, in the sole judgement of Bush Hog such use affects its performance, stability or reliability.
4. If the unit has been altered or repaired outside of an authorized Bush Hog dealership in a manner which, in the sole judgement of Bush Hog, affects its performance, stability or reliability.
5. To normal maintenance service and normal replacement items such as gearbox lubricant, hydraulic fluid, worn blades, or to normal deterioration of such things as belts and exterior finish due to use or exposure.
6. To expendable or wear items such as teeth, chains, sprockets, belts, springs and any other items that in the company's sole judgement is a wear item.

NO EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE OF BUSH HOG IS AUTHORIZED TO CHANGE THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IN ANY WAY OR GRANT ANY OTHER WARRANTY UNLESS SUCH CHANGE IS MADE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY BUSH HOG'S SERVICE MANAGER, 2501 GRIFFIN AVE., SELMA, ALABAMA 36703.

Record the model number, serial number and date purchased. This information will be helpful to your dealer if parts or service are required.

MODEL NUMBER: _____

SERIAL NUMBER: _____

MAKE CERTAIN THE WARRANTY HAS BEEN FILED WITH BUSH HOG SELMA, ALABAMA

DATE OF RETAIL SALE: _____



TO THE OWNER/OPERATOR/DEALER

To keep your implement running efficiently and safely, read your manual thoroughly and follow these directions and the Safety Messages in this Manual. The Table of Contents clearly identifies each section where you can easily find the information you need.

The OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (1928.51 Subpart C) makes these minimum safety requirements of tractor operators:

REQUIRED OF THE OWNER:

1. Provide a Roll-Over-Protective Structure that meets the requirements of this Standard; and
2. Provide Seat belts that meet the requirements of this paragraph of this Standard and SAE J4C; and
3. Ensure that each employee uses such Seat belt while the tractor is moving; and
4. Ensure that each employee tightens the Seat belt sufficiently to confine the employee to the protected area provided by the ROPS

REQUIRED OF THE OPERATOR:

1. Securely fasten seat belt if the tractor has a ROPS.
2. Where possible, avoid operating the tractor near ditches, embankments, and holes.
3. Reduce speed when turning, crossing slopes, and on rough, slick, or muddy surfaces.
4. Stay off slopes too steep for safe operation.
5. Watch where you are going - especially at row ends, on roads, and around trees.
6. Do not permit others to ride.
7. Operate the tractor smoothly - no jerky turns, starts, or stops.
8. Hitch only to the drawbar and hitch points recommended by the tractor manufacturer.
9. When the tractor is stopped, set brakes securely and use park lock, if available.

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- Keep children away from danger all day, every day...
 - Equip tractors with rollover protection (ROPS) and keep all machinery guards in place...
 - Please work, drive, play and live each day with care and concern for your safety and that of your family and fellow citizens.



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**RTC50G
ROTARY TILLER**