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SKID-STEER SAFETY

The SAE standard SAE J1388 was developed for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) addressing skid steer loaders. The SAE standard contains design guidelines that address machine rollovers and the hazards of pinning between the lift arms and frame and between the bucket and frame.

Skid-Steer Loaders are valuable tools on almost any job-site. When used in the right application, a skilled operator can achieve better production in a full work-day with a skid-steer loader than an average operator can accomplish on a full-size loader that costs three times more to purchase. And although, manufacturers have designed safety into every aspect of a modern skid-steer, before every use of a skid-steer loader on a job-site, there are several guidelines that must be considered to ensure that every worker and every project is free of injury and accident-free.

Operating Safely—

- 1) If you are an employer, make sure that your workers understand all manufacturers' warnings and instructions before they operate skid steer loaders. Train workers to use the following safe operating procedures:
- 2) Operate the loader from the operator's compartment—never from the outside.
- 3) Stay seated when operating the loader controls.
- 4) Work with the seat belt fastened and the restraint bar in place.
- 5) Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the cab while operating the loader.
- 6) When possible, plan to load, unload, and turn on level ground.
- 7) For maximum stability, travel and turn with the bucket in the lowest position possible.

- 8) Never exceed the manufacturer's recommended load capacity for the machine.
- 9) Operate on stable surfaces only.
- 10) Avoid traveling across slopes; travel straight up or down with the heavy end of the machine pointed uphill.
- 11) Always face the direction of travel.
- 12) Keep bystanders away from the work area.
- 13) NEVER modify or bypass safety devices.

Enter and Exit the Machine Safely—

- 1) Enter only when the bucket or other attachment is flat on the ground—or when the lift-arm supports are in place. Use supports supplied or recommended by the manufacturer.
- 2) When entering the loader, face the seat and keep a three-point contact with hand-holds and steps.
- 3) Keep the area around the control levers and foot pedals clean and free of debris. Ensure that the operator has a full range of motion at all times. •