

Safety Tips – Preventative Maintenance

1. SOLVENTS

Use only cleaning fluids and solvents that are known to be safe. Certain types of fluids can cause damage to components such as seals etc. and can cause skin irritation. Solvents should be checked that they are suitable not only for the cleaning of components and individual parts but also that they do not affect the personal safety of the user.

2. HOUSEKEEPING

Many injuries result from tripping or slipping over, or on, objects or materials left lying around by a careless worker. Prevent these accidents from occurring. If you notice a hazard, don't ignore it, remove it. A clean hazard free place of work improves the surroundings and daily environment for everybody.

3. FIRSAID

In the type of work that mechanics are engaged in, things such as dirt, grease, fine dust etc. all settle upon the skin and clothing. If a cut, abrasion or burn is disregarded it may be found that a septic condition has formed within a short time. What appears at first to be trivial could become painful and injurious. It only takes a few minutes to have a fresh cut dressed but it will take longer if you neglect it.

4. CLEANLINESS

Cleanliness of the loader hydraulic system is essential for optimum performance. When carrying out service and repairs, plug all hose ends and components before component connections to prevent dirt entry.

Clean the exterior of all components before carrying out any form of repair. Dirt and abrasive dust can reduce the efficiency and working life of a component and lead to costly replacement. Use of a high pressure washer or steam cleaner is recommended.

5. FIRE

Fire has no respect for persons or property. The destruction that a fire can cause is not always fully realized. Everyone must be constantly on guard.

- Extinguish matches, cigars, cigarettes etc. before throwing them away.
- Work cleanly, disposing of waste material into proper containers.
- Locate the fire extinguishers and ensure all personnel know how to operate
- Do not panic; warn those near and sound an alarm.
- Do not allow or use an open flame near the loader fuel tank, battery or component parts.