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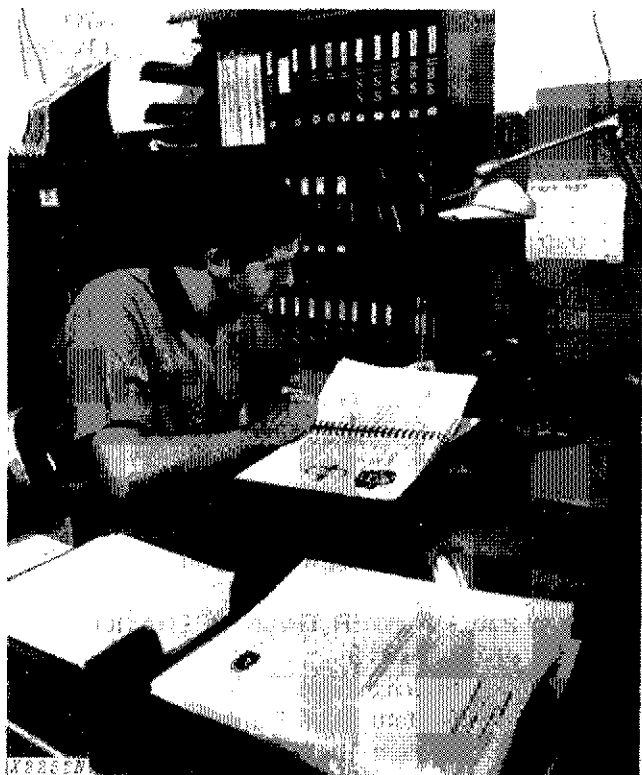
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## INTRODUCTION



*Use FOS Manuals for Reference*

This technical manual is part of a twin concept of service:

- **FOS Manuals—for reference**
- **Technical Manuals—for actual service**

The two kinds of manuals work as a team to give you both the general background and technical details of shop service.

*Fundamentals of Service (FOS) Manuals* cover basic theory of operation, *fundamentals* of trouble shooting, *general* maintenance, and *basic* types of failures and their causes. FOS Manuals are for training new men and for reference by experienced men.

*Technical Manuals* are concise on-the-job service guides containing only the vital information needed for a specific machine.

When a serviceman should refer to a FOS Manual for more information, a FOS symbol like the one at the left is used in the TM to identify the reference.



*Use Technical Manuals for Actual Service*

Some features of this technical manual:

- *Table of contents at front of manual*
- *Exploded views showing parts relationship*
- *Photos showing service techniques*
- *Specifications grouped for easy reference*

This technical manual was planned and written for you—a journeyman mechanic. Keep it in a permanent binder in the shop where it is handy. Refer to it whenever in doubt about correct service procedures or specifications.

Using the technical manual as a guide will reduce error and costly delay. It will also assure you the best in finished service work.

### SI UNITS OF MEASURE

Because John Deere sells its products world-wide, U.S. units of measure are shown with their respective Metric equivalents throughout this technical manual. These equivalents are the SI (International System) Units of Measure.

# Section 10 GENERAL

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## Group 05 SPECIFICATIONS

### ENGINE

Make .....	Onan
Model .....	NHC-MS3406C
Fuel .....	Gasoline (Regular)
Cooling System .....	Air
Cylinders .....	2
Displacement .....	60 cu. in. (983.2 cm <sup>3</sup> )
Bore .....	3.56 in. (90.4 mm)
Stroke .....	3.0 in. (76.2 mm)
Horsepower .....	23 hp (17.1 kW)
Maximum Governed rpm .....	3200 rpm
Maximum Torque .....	41 ft-lbs (56 Nm) @ 2200 rpm
Electrical System .....	12-Volt with 20 amp flywheel and regulator
Battery .....	12-volt — 60 amp hr. Cold cranking amps rating @ 0°F — 500 @ -20°F — 380
Ignition System	
Point Gap .....	0.020 in. (0.58 mm)
Spark Plug	
Gap .....	0.025 in. (0.64 mm)
Type .....	Resistor

### HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Pump Capacity .....	7.5 gpm (28.4 L/min) @ 3600 rpm gear type
Control	
Main Valve: Dual pedal, two-spool control valve	
Auxiliary Valve: Single pedal, single-spool control valve	
Relief Valve Setting	
Main Valve: 1750 psi (120 bar) (123 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	
Auxiliary Valve: 1600 psi (112.5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) (110 bar)	
Filters	
Hydrostatic .....	10 micron
Hydraulic .....	100 mesh screen
Hydraulic Cylinders	
Lift (Double Acting):	
Bore Diameter .....	2 in. (50.8 mm)
Rod Diameter .....	1 in. (25.4 mm)
Stroke .....	22 in. (558.8 mm)
Tilt (Double Acting):	
Bore Diameter .....	2-1/2 in. (63.5 mm)
Rod Diameter .....	1-1/4 in. (31.8 mm)
Stroke .....	13-1/8 in. (333.4 mm)

### DRIVE SYSTEM

Two hydrostatic pumps with variable angle swashplate and two hydrostatic motors with fixed angle swashplate. Forward, rearward and turning movements are controlled by a T-bar control lever.

### TRAVEL

Speed ..... 0-4 mph  
(0-8 km/h)

Turning ..... 360° in its own length

### FLUID CAPACITY

Fuel Tank ..... 8 U.S. Gallons (30.4 L)  
Engine Lubricating Oil ..... 4 U.S. Quarts (3.8 L)  
Hydraulic/Hydrostatic Reservoir ..... 11 U.S. Gallons (41.8 L)  
Chain Case Reservoir ..... 1-1/2 U.S. Gallons (5.7 L)

### TIRES

Size	Operating Pressure
27x8.50-15	30 psi (2 bar) (2 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )

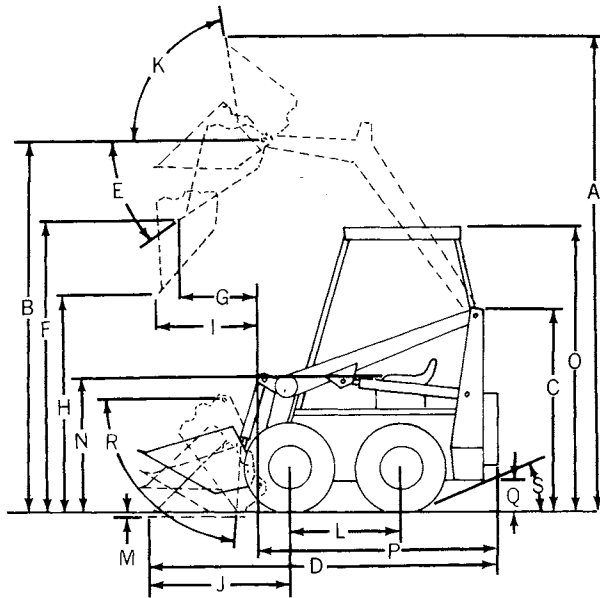
### ATTACHMENTS

Auxiliary hydraulic valve kit, cylinder rod stops, earth bucket, utility bucket, pallet fork, utility fork, grapple, and SMV emblem.

### OPERATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

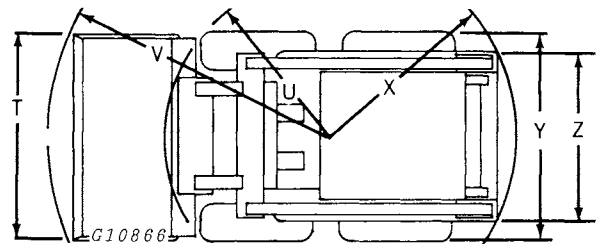
Operating weight ..... 2825 lbs. (1 281.4 kg)  
Tipping load (SAE with 47 in. [1 194 mm] bucket) ..... 1400 lbs. (635 kg)  
Load Rating (1/2 SAE tip-up) ..... 700 lbs. (317.5 kg)  
Lift capacity to maximum height ..... 1300 lbs (590 kg)  
Raising time to full height (full) ..... 5 seconds  
Lowering time (empty) ..... 3 seconds  
Dumping time (full) ..... 2.5 seconds  
Rollback time (full rollback) ..... 2.5 seconds

**DIMENSIONS**



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Fig. 1-Height and Length



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Fig. 2-Width

Specifications are in accordance with IEMC Standards  
 Dimensions are with 27x8.50-15 Tires and 47-Inch (1 194 mm) Earth Bucket

A - Overall height (lift arms raised).....	125 in. (3 175 mm)
B - Height to hinge pin (maximum).....	98 in. (2 489.2 mm)
C - Overall height.....	54 in. (1 372 mm)
D - Overall length (with bucket).....	102 in. (2 591 mm)
E - Dump angle.....	38°
F - Dump height.....	73 in. (1 854.2 mm)
G - Reach at maximum height.....	18 in. (457.2 mm)
H - Specified height.....	51.5 in. (1 308.1 mm)
I - Reach (specified height).....	27 in. (685.8 mm)
J - Reach (bucket on ground).....	26 in. (600.4 mm)
K - Maximum rollback (fully raised).....	86°
L - Wheelbase.....	30.75 in. (781 mm)
M - Digging depth (above ground).....	9/16 in. (14.3 mm)
N - Height to seat.....	33.5 in. (851 mm)
O - Overall height (with operator guard).....	74 in. (1 880 mm)
P - Overall length (less bucket).....	80 in. (2 032 mm)
Q - Ground clearance.....	6.75 in. (171.45 mm)
R - Maximum grading angle (bucket).....	108°
S - Angle of departure.....	23°
T - Bucket width.....	47 in. (1 194 mm)
U - Clearance circle, front (less bucket).....	35 in. (889 mm)
V - Clearance circle, front (with bucket).....	61 in. (1 549.4 mm)
X - Clearance circle, rear.....	47 in. (1 194 mm)
Y - Overall width (less bucket).....	45.5 in. (1 156 mm)
Z - Tread (27x8.50-15 tires).....	37 in. (940 mm)

**BUCKET AND FORK SPECIFICATIONS**

Item	Width	Length	Capacity		Weight
			SAE Struck	SAE Heaped	
Earth Bucket	47 in. (1 193.8 mm)	-----	-----	6 cu. ft. (0.14 m <sup>3</sup> )	150 lbs. (68 kg)
Light Material Bucket	52 in. (1 321 mm)	-----	9 cu. ft. (0.25 m <sup>3</sup> )	11 cu. ft. (0.31 m <sup>3</sup> )	162 lbs. (72 kg)
Utility Bucket	47 in. (1 193.8 mm)	-----	7 cu. ft. (0.20 m <sup>3</sup> )	9 cu. ft. (0.25 m <sup>3</sup> )	147 lbs. (66.68 kg)
Pallet Fork and Frame	30 in. (965.2 mm)	36 in. (914.4 mm)	-----	-----	220 lbs. (99.79 kg)
Utility Fork	39 in. (990.6 mm)	28 in. (711.7 mm)	-----	-----	155 lbs. (70.31 kg)



# Group 10

## LUBRICATION AND PERIODIC SERVICE

### LUBRICANTS

#### Engine Oil

If oil other than Torq-Gard Supreme™ is used, it must conform to the following specifications:

**Single Viscosity Oils**

API Service CD/SD  
MIL-L-2104C\*  
Series 3\*

**Multi-Viscosity Oils**

API Service CC/SE  
CC/SD or SD MIL-L46152

Select oil viscosity depending on the highest expected prevailing temperature for the fill period.

Air Temperature	John Deere Torq-Gard Oil	Other Oils	
		Single Viscosity Oil	Multi-Viscosity Oil
Above 32°F (0°C)	SAE 30	SAE 30	Not recommended
-10°F to 32°F (-23°C to 0°C)	SAE 10W-20	SAE 10W	SAE 10W-30
Below -10°F (-23°C)	SAE 5W-20**	SAE 5W**	SAE 5W-20**

\*As further assurance of quality, the oil should be identified as suitable for API Service Designation SD.

\*\*Some increase in oil consumption may be expected when SAE 5W-20 or SAE 5W oils are used. Check oil level more frequently.

#### Hydrostatic Fluid

Use John Deere All-Weather Hydrostatic Fluid or an equivalent Type "F" Automotive Automatic Transmission Fluid.

#### Greases

Use John Deere Multi-Purpose type lubricant or equivalent SAE multipurpose-type grease for all grease fittings.

### LUBRICATION



**CAUTION: Stop engine before lubricating loader.**

Replace missing grease fittings.

#### SYMBOLS



Lubricate with John Deere Multi-Purpose Lubricant or an equivalent SAE multipurpose-type grease at the hourly intervals indicated on the symbols.



Lubricate periodically with John Deere PT508 or equivalent oil.

#### LUBRICATION CHART

Component	5 Hours or Daily	Reference
1. Grapple Cylinder Pivot Points	Lubricate grease fittings.	See page 10-10-3.
2. Lift Arm and Cylinder Pivot Points	Lubricate grease fittings.	See page 10-10-3.
3. Tilt Cylinder and Quik-Tatch Pivot Points	Lubricate grease fittings.	See page 10-10-3.
	<b>100 Hours or Quarterly</b>	
4. Lift Arm Stop Pins	Lubricate guide rails and lock shafts.	See page 10-10-3.

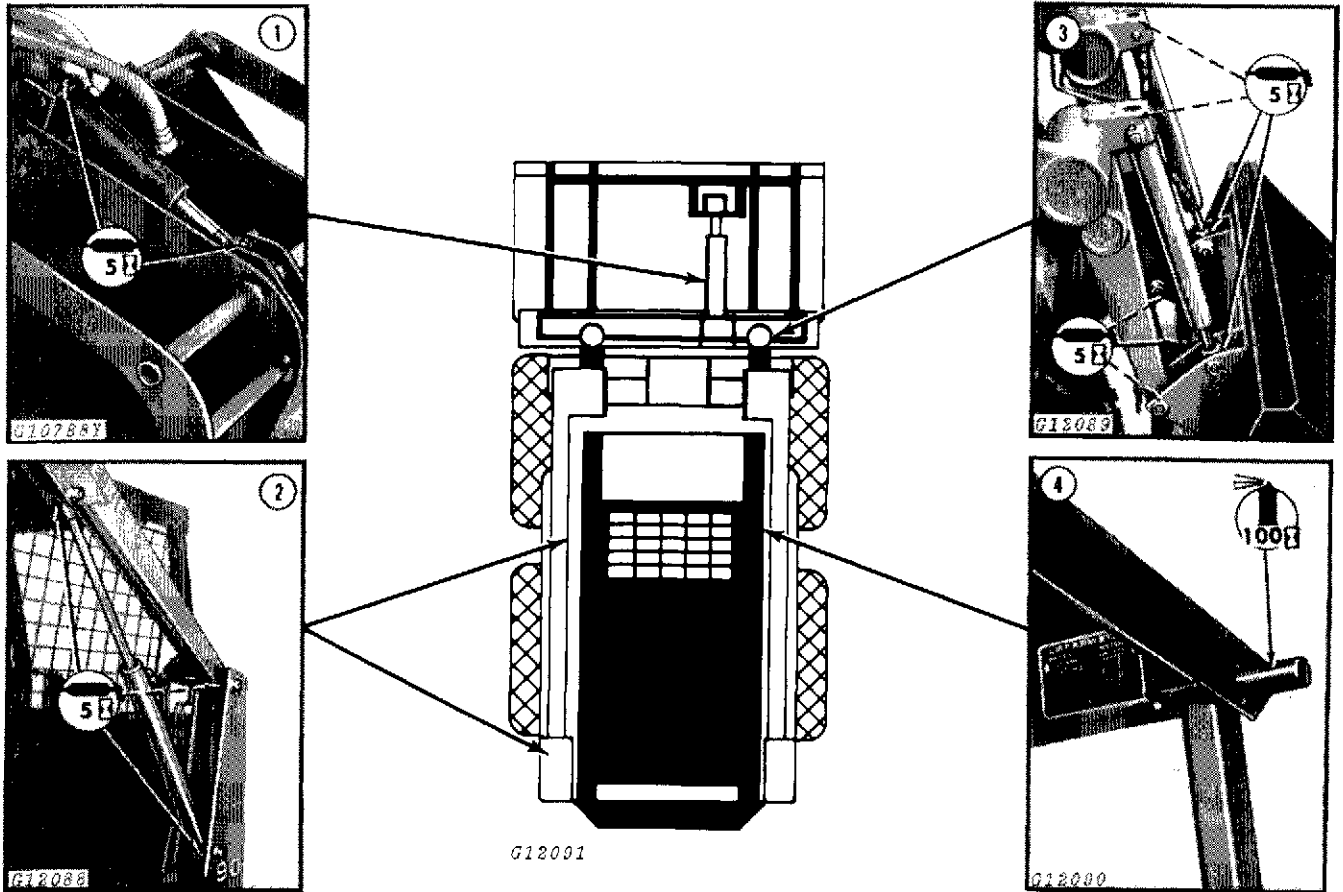


Fig. 1-Lubrication Points

## PERIODIC SERVICE

Component	As Required	Reference Page
1. Fuse	Replace.	10-10-5
2. Hydraulic Pump Drive Belt	Check tension.	10-10-5
3. Hydrostatic Pump Drive Belt	Check tension.	10-10-5
<b>10 Hours or Daily</b>		
4. Air Cleaner	Check element.	10-10-7
5. Engine Crankcase Oil	Check oil level.	10-10-7
6. Hydraulic/Hydrostatic System Reservoir	Check level.	10-10-8
7. Brakes	Check tension.	10-10-8
8. Fuel Tank	Check fuel level.	10-10-8
<b>50 Hours or Weekly</b>		
9. Tires	Check inflation.	10-10-8
10. Engine Air Cleaner	Check element.	10-10-8
<b>100 Hours</b>		
11. Ignition Points and Condenser	Replace.	10-10-9
12. Spark Plugs	Clean and regap.	10-10-10
13. Engine Crankcase Oil and Filter	Drain. Replace filter and refill.	10-10-10
<b>200 Hours</b>		
14. Hydraulic Pump Drive Belt	Check tension.	10-10-11
15. Hydrostatic Pump Drive Belt	Check tension.	10-10-11
16. Hydrostatic System Filter	Replace element.	10-10-11
17. Chain Case Breathers	Remove and clean.	10-10-11
18. Chain Case Reservoir	Check level.	10-10-12
19. Drive Chains	Check and adjust.	10-10-12
<b>500 Hours</b>		
20. Fuel Filter	Replace filter	10-10-13
21. Hydrostatic Pump Mounting Bolts	Check tightness.	10-10-13
22. Engine Cooling System	Clean air passages.	10-10-13
23. Engine Combustion Chambers	Remove deposits.	10-10-13
<b>1000 Hours or Annually</b>		
24. Engine Speed	Check rpm.	10-10-14
25. Engine Valve Tappets	Adjust clearance.	10-10-14
26. Fuel Tank	Drain and refill.	10-10-14
27. Crankcase Breather	Remove and clean.	10-10-14
28. Hydraulic/Hydrostatic System Reservoir and Strainer	Drain, inspect strainer and refill.	10-10-14
29. Battery	Clean terminals.	10-10-15
30. Chain Case Reservoir	Drain chain case.	10-10-16

## AS REQUIRED

## 1. Fuse

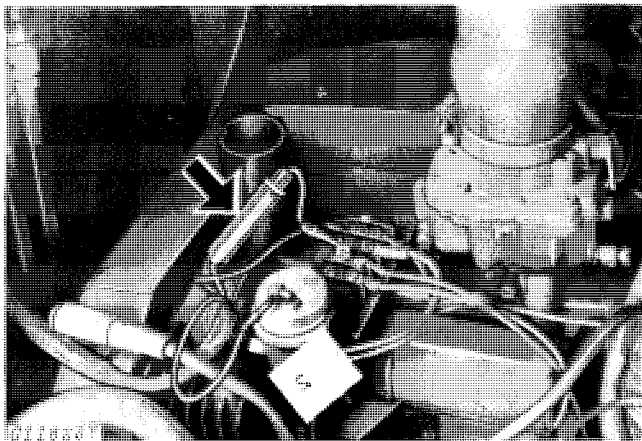


Fig. 2-Fuse

A 30-amp starter solenoid fuse is located on the left-hand side of the carburetor in the engine compartment.

A burned out starter solenoid fuse indicates a dead short in the wiring harness.

## 2. Hydraulic Pump Drive Belt

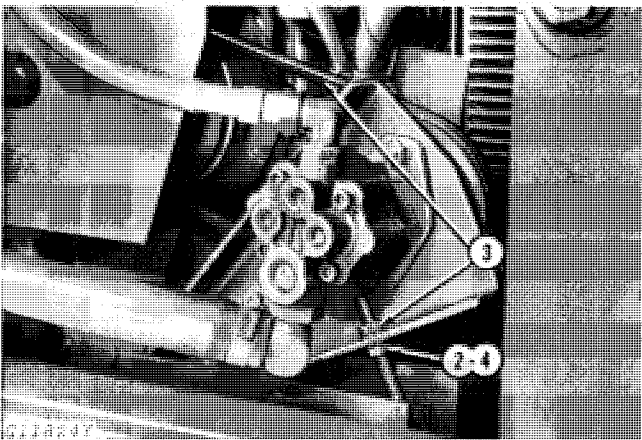


Fig. 3-Hydraulic Pump Drive Belt

1. (Not illustrated.) Open rear guard grille.
2. Loosen bottom lock nut on pump bracket.
3. Tighten top adjustment nut until belt has 3/8-inch (10 mm) deflection at 20 pounds (9 kg) pressure midway between sheaves.
4. Tighten bottom lock nut.

## 3. Hydrostatic Pump Drive Belt

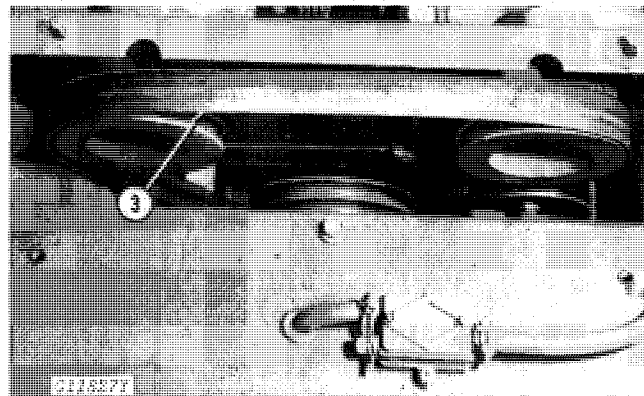


Fig. 4-Checking Belt Tension

1. (Not illustrated.) Remove seat.
2. (Not illustrated.) Remove screen.
3. With clutch lever engaged, check belt tension midway between pump sheaves.

Belt deflection should be 1/2-inch (15 mm) at 20 pounds (9 kg) pressure.

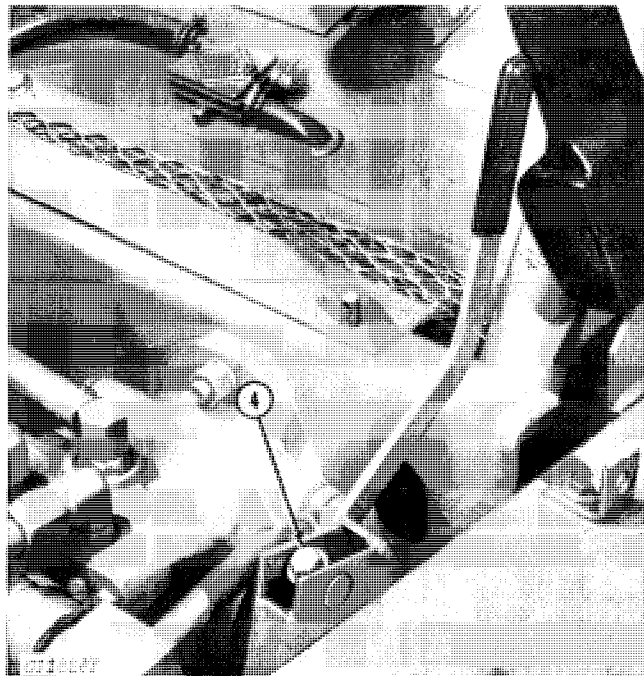


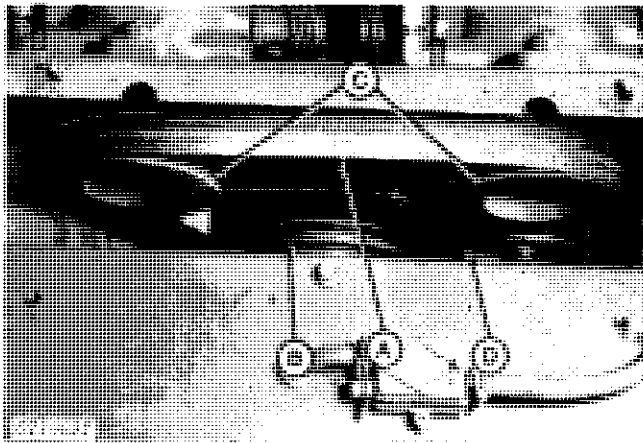
Fig. 5-Adjusting Belt Tension

4. Tighten adjustment screw at the base of the clutch lever until correct deflection is reached.

**NOTE:** Check drive belt for signs of wear or damage and replace if necessary.

AS REQUIRED—Continued

Belt Replacement



- A—Drive Belt
- B—Drive Pulley
- C—Pump Pulleys
- D—Drive Clutch Pulley

Fig. 6-Belt Replacement

*NOTE: Drive clutch must be disengaged. Install drive belt (A) under drive pulley (B).*

Route drive belt (A) over two pump pulleys (C) to inside of drive clutch pulley (D).

Pulley Alignment

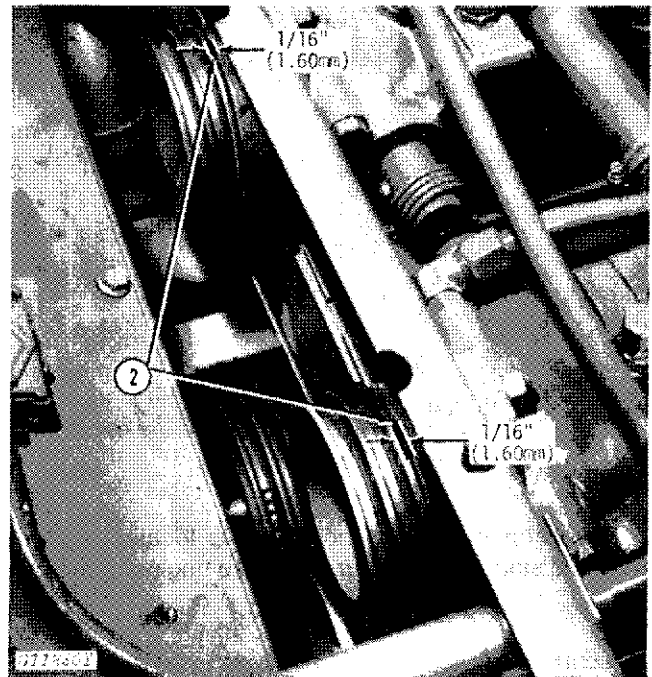


Fig. 7-Pulley Clearance

1. (Not illustrated.) Remove drive belt.
2. Clearance from pump pulley to bearing casting should be maintained at 1/16 inch (1.60 mm).

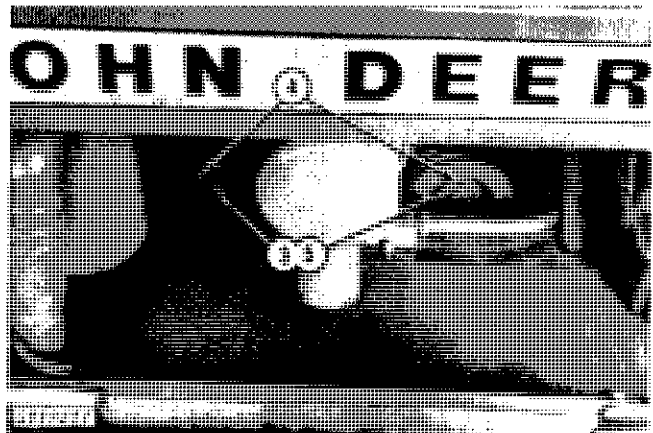


Fig. 8-Adjusting Pulley

3. If adjustment is necessary remove two cap screws from pulley.
4. Loosen pulley by installing screws into opposite set of tapped holes.
5. Locate pulley 1/16 inch (1.60 mm) from bearing casting and replace screws in original set of recessed holes.

*NOTE: Engine mounting bolts can be loosened to position engine pulley.*

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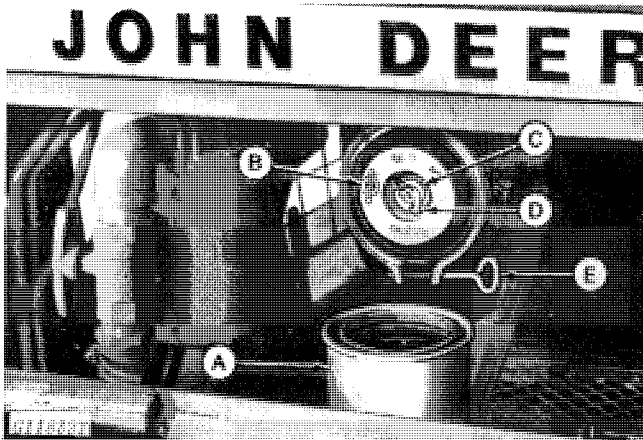


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## 10 HOURS OR DAILY

## 4. Air Cleaner



A—Dust Cap  
B—Element  
C—Gasket  
D—Wing Nut  
E—Clamp

Fig. 9-Air Cleaner

Check connections from air cleaner to carburetor.

**IMPORTANT: Replace element after six cleanings or annually, whichever comes first.**

Tap bottom plate of element lightly against palm of hand. If this method does not clean properly, use compressed air (under 30 psi [2.1 bar] 2.1 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) OSHA regulations.

**IMPORTANT: Do not rupture element.**

**CAUTION:** Never wash element in fuel oil, gasoline or solvents. Do not oil element.

Wash element in warm water and non-sudsing detergent.

Rinse thoroughly.

Shake dry or use compressed air under 40 psi (2.8 bar) and allow to dry 24 to 72 hours.

**IMPORTANT: Protect element from freezing until dry.**

Inspect element. Hold the large end of element toward a bright light and look for holes or cracks. Replace if necessary.

When replacing dust cap make certain arrow on cap is pointing upward.

**IMPORTANT: Do not operate engine without element in place. Under no circumstances use a wet or damp element! Replace the element after not more than six washings or annually, whichever occurs first.**

## 5. Engine Crankcase Oil

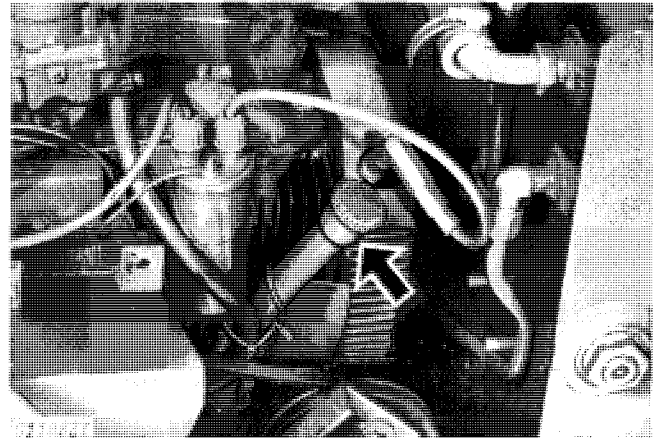


Fig. 10-Checking Oil Level

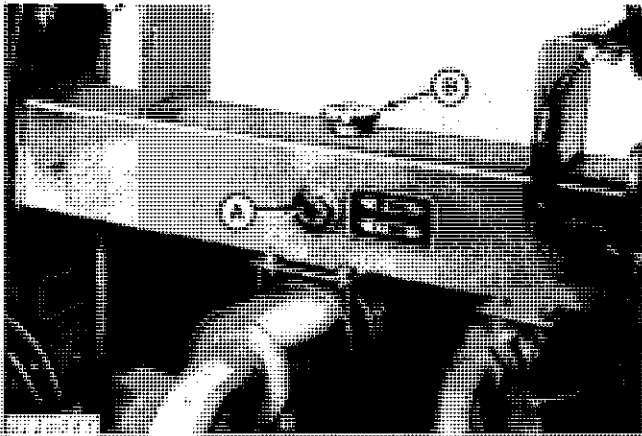
Check crankcase oil level with loader on a level surface and engine stopped.

Add oil as needed to mark on dipstick. See page 10-10-1 for proper viscosity.

**IMPORTANT: Do not overfill.**



## 6. Hydraulic/Hydrostatic System



A—View Gauge B—Filler Spout

Fig. 11-Checking Fluid Level

Check oil level through view gauge (A).

**CAUTION:** Loosen cap slowly to allow pressure to escape.

Remove fill cap and add All-Weather Hydrostatic Fluid or an equivalent Type "F" Automotive Transmission Fluid through filler spout (B) until level is at top of view gauge.

## 7. Brakes

Check tension by depressing brake pedal. If travel is more than 4 inches (102 mm), adjustment is necessary.

### Brake Adjustment

1. (Not illustrated.) Remove operator's seat.
2. (Not illustrated.) Remove floor plate.

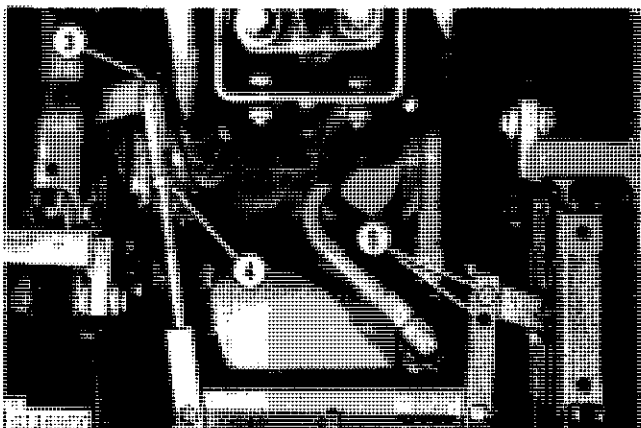


Fig. 12-Setting Pedal Travel

3. Remove cotter and clevis pin from linkage.
4. Loosen linkage nut and rotate clevis clockwise to tighten.

Check brake pedal for the correct travel setting of 1-1/4 inches (92 mm) to 2 inches (51 mm).

5. If more take-up is required, move pin to forward hole in linkage.

**NOTE:** If above procedure is unsuccessful, or brake is pulling to the left or right, brake pad replacement may be required.

### Brake Pad Replacement

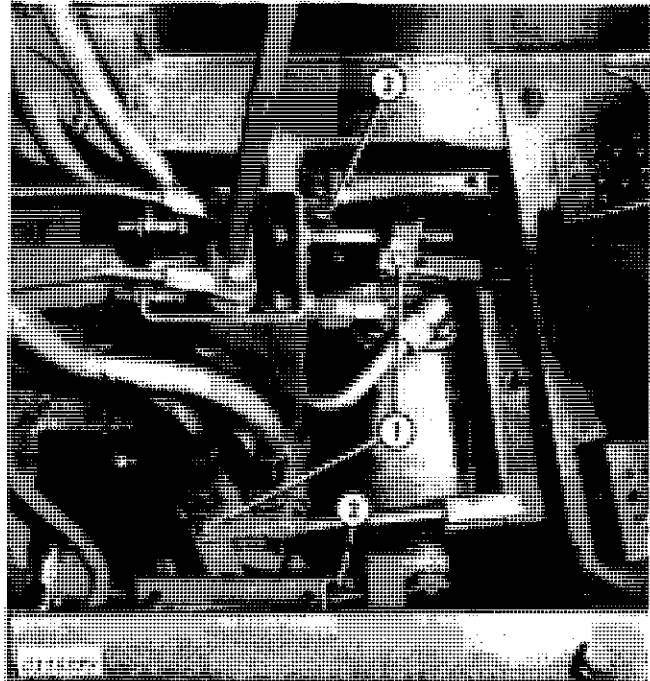


Fig. 13-Replacing Pad

1. Remove clevis and cotter pins from brake linkage.
2. Remove shoulder bolts from brake housings. Remove and replace brake pads.

## 8. Fuel Tank

Fill fuel tank with regular gasoline having an octane rating of 90 at the end of each day to prevent moisture from forming in tank.

### 50 HOURS OR WEEKLY

## 9. Tires

Check and inflate tires if necessary to 30 psi (2 bar) (2 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>).

## 10. Engine Air Cleaner

Remove air cleaner and tap it lightly on a hard surface to remove loose dirt particles.