

Bobcat/Kubota Loader/Skid Steer – Instructions for Use

SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users. Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.

Required Safety Equipment



Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Ensure fuel tank is full (diesel)
- Check correct engine and hydraulics oil levels
- Check correct radiator and reserve tank water levels
- Ensure grease points lubricated
- Check for hydraulic and engine oil leaks
- Check rubber track tension
- Check the work area for underground services and overhead obstructions
- Always keep machine level (i.e. side to side) and on firm non slippery undulating surfaces
- Do not allow inexperienced persons to operate unit
- Do not leave machine running and unattended
- Always place bucket on ground when unattended
- Keep people well away from the work area
- Keep all body parts within cab area while operating
- Always keep seat belt fastened
- Do not use in confined areas
- Take extreme caution when turning on slopes
- Do not overload machine
- Always travel at a safe speed for the job
- Do not allow people to ride on machine



Starting Procedure

1. Fasten seat belt snugly
2. Lower the seat safety bar/bars.
3. Ensure park brake is on
4. Make sure the controls are in the neutral (centre) position
5. Place throttle at approx. half position
6. Turn ignition to "On" (check warning lights are on)
7. Turn key to preheat for approx 10-20 seconds (cold start)
8. Turn ignition key to start
9. When engine is running check warning lights are off
10. Move throttle lever to idle position and allow machine to warm up for five minutes

When Operating

- Move throttle lever to increase engine RPM to a speed that feels comfortable to you
- Release the park brake
- Familiarise yourself with the operation of the levers
- Do not travel with the bucket raised up high

Stopping and After Use

- Park the machine in a safe place and on level ground
- Lower the lift arms and put the bucket on the ground
- Decrease engine speed and allow engine to idle for three minutes to cool engine and hydraulics
- Engage the park brake
- Switch off ignition
- Raise the seat safety bar
- Unfasten seat belt and remove