



IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE



For Owners/Operators of POST HOLE DIGGERS

SAFETY is a primary concern in the design, manufacture, sale, and use of post hole diggers. As manufacturers of post hole diggers, we want to confirm to you, our customers, our concern for safety. We also want to remind you about the simple, basic, and common sense rules of safety when using a post hole digger. Failure to follow these rules can result in severe injury or death to operators or bystanders.

IT IS ESSENTIAL that everyone involved in the assembly, operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of this equipment be aware, concerned, prudent, and properly trained in safety. The majority of accidents involve entanglement on the driveline or auger. This entanglement risk becomes greater when you replace our shear bolts with bolts longer than those specified by the manufacturer. This improper replacement occurs most often on machines that are loaned or rented to someone who has not read the owner's manual and is not familiar with a post hole digger.

Our current production machines include, as standard equipment, guards or shields for auger adapters, drivelines, pinions, and safety signs. Older machines can be retrofitted to add these new guards or shields and, of course, safety signs. If you have an older machine which does not have standard safety equipment, please contact your dealer about bringing your machine up to the current level of safety.

Below are some of the most important safety rules to be understood and followed by anyone who works with post hole diggers:

Before operating a post hole digger, an operator must read and understand all the information in the owner's manual and in the safety signs attached to the product. A person who has not read or understood the owner's manual and safety signs is not qualified to operate the digger.

If you do not have an owner's manual or current production safety signs, contact the manufacturer or your dealer immediately.

- ▶ Post hole diggers are designed for one-man operation. You must always dig holes while sitting in the tractor seat. Never operate the digger with anyone near, or in contact with, any part of the implement, PTO driveline, or auger. Accidents have occurred when more than one person is in the immediate area of the operating equipment. Be sure no one else, including bystanders, is near you when you operate this product.
- ▶ Do not operate the digger unless all shields and guards are in place.
- ▶ Never replace the shear bolt or auger retaining bolt with one longer than those supplied and specified by the manufacturer. See your owner's manual.
- ▶ Do not use the digger unless the auger point and cutting edges are intact and in good working order.

Following these simple, basic safety rules, as well as others identified in the owner's manual and in product safety signs, will help minimize the possibility of accidents and increase your productivity in using this product. Be careful and make sure that everyone who operates the digger knows and understands that it is a very powerful piece of machinery, and if used improperly, serious injury or death may result. **The final responsibility for safety rests with the operator of this machine.**



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