

## **WARNING DITCH WITCH SK350 TRACK SKID STEER LOADER SAFETY**

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced, or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

**DANGER CRUSH HAZARD: Never allow your feet or any other body parts under the Operator's Platform they could become trapped and crushed.**

**⚠️ WARNING:** Operating, servicing, and maintaining this equipment can expose you to chemicals including engine exhaust, carbon monoxide and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize your exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, do not idle the engine except as necessary, operate and service your equipment in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing your equipment. For more information go to [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

### **WARNING!**

- Never operate power equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication, or any substance that could affect your ability or judgment. Be alert! If you get tired while operating this equipment, take a break. Tiredness may result in loss of control.
- Provide adequate ventilation when operating this equipment. Internal combustion engines consume oxygen and give off deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- **DANGER:** This equipment has multiple pinch points that can cause dismemberment or death. Keep hands, feet and all other body parts clear at all times.

**Operating Weight 1,660 Lbs. Maximum properly loaded bucket capacity 350 Lbs.**

**Do Not operate this tractor on more than a 15-degree slope.**

**Never operate or drive across a slope only up or down it.**

**Warning: Side slope operation, misuse and overloading the bucket will cause this Loader to Rollover. The Equipment Protection Plan does not cover damage from Rollover or to Tracks. Renter is responsible for tow and recovery services should the Loader become stuck or rolled over. A Tool Shed does not provide any tow or recovery services.**

**GAS ONLY!**

**Check Oil and Fluid Levels Daily.**

### **TRACKS**

**Please note that it is far more likely for a track to come off when this loader is used on a hill side. If this occurs, we may not be able to safely put the track back on without the unit being moved to flat ground. The customer is responsible for moving the excavator to flat ground.**

**NEVER TOUCH A LEAKING HYDRAULIC HOSE IT CAN PIERCE YOUR SKIN! Escaping hydraulic oil under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate your skin, causing serious personal injury. If injured by escaping fluid, obtain medical treatment immediately!**

**Warning metal conducts electricity. Do Not use this Tractor where it may come into contact with power lines or other electric circuits. Failure to comply to this warning will result in serious personal injury or death. Keep appropriate distances from High Voltage lines. Never use the Tractor as a ground for welding.**

**Always wear eye protection whenever operating this equipment.**

Most loader equipment accidents can be avoided by following simple safety precautions. These safety precautions, if followed at all times, will help you operate this loader safely.

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Improper use of a loader can cause serious injury or death.
- **Always keep the bucket or attachment as low as possible whenever moving this loader! Only raise the bucket when you are in position to dump the load & never raise it when you are on any slope! Moving this loader with the bucket or attachment elevated will cause the loader to flip over causing major injuries or death!**
- Do not lift or carry anybody on the loader or in the bucket or attachment.
- Do not walk or work under a raised loader or bucket or attachment unless it is securely blocked or held in position.
- Move and turn tractor at low speeds.
- Avoid loose fill, rocks, and holes: They can be dangerous for loader operation or movement.
- Be extra careful when working on inclines.
- Avoid overhead wires and/or obstacles when loader is raised.
- Allow for the loader's length when making turns.
- Stop the loader gradually when lowering or lifting.
- Use caution when handling loose loads.
- Lower loader bucket to the ground when parking or servicing.
- Visually check for hydraulic leaks and broken, missing, or malfunctioning parts before using.
- It is the loader renter's responsibility to be certain anyone operating the loader is aware of the safe way of operating the loader.
- Operate up and down slopes with heavy end of unit uphill. Weight distribution changes based on attachments and load. For example, an empty bucket makes the rear of the unit the heavy end while a full bucket makes the front of the unit the heavy end. Most Ditch Witch-approved attachments make the front of the unit the heavy end. Avoid starting, stopping, or turning on slopes. If you must turn, keep the heavy end of the unit uphill. Do not park unit on slope without lowering attachment to the ground, returning all controls to neutral position, turning ignition switch to STOP, and applying parking brake.

**The operator's manual is located in the black plastic box on top of the hood.  
Read and understand it before operating this tractor.**

## **REFUELING & MAINTENANCE**

**Warning:** The Customer is responsible for all damages resulting from lack of fuel or lubrication. Check the motor oil, coolant, and hydraulic oil every time you refuel the equipment.

### **REFUELING**

### **Regular Unleaded Gas Only**

Stop the engine and shut off electrical equipment while filling the fuel tank. Use extra caution when fueling a hot engine. Always ground the fuel nozzle against the filler neck to avoid sparks. **NEVER SMOKE** while handling fuels.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment,

**DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!!**

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**