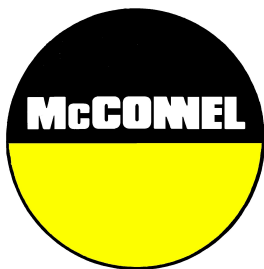


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# MAGNUM ELITE

## FLAIL MOWER/SHREDDER

### Models 190, 225, 245 & 270



### Operator Manual



# IMPORTANT

## VERIFICATION OF WARRANTY REGISTRATION



### Dealer Warranty Information & Registration Verification

It is imperative that the selling dealer registers this machine with McConnel Limited before delivery to the end user – failure to do so may affect the validity of the machine warranty.

To register machines; log onto <https://my.mcconnel.com> and select 'Machine Registration' which can be found in the 'Warranty' section of the site. **Confirm to the customer that the machine has been registered by completing the verification form below.**

<b>Registration Verification</b>	Serial No. <input type="text"/>
Dealer Name: .....	
Dealer Address: .....	
Customer Name: .....	
Date of Warranty Registration: ...../...../.....	Dealer Signature: .....

### Note to Customer / Owner

Please ensure the section above has been completed and signed by the dealer to verify your machine has been registered with McConnel Limited.

**IMPORTANT:** During the initial 'bedding in' period of a new machine it is the customer's responsibility to regularly inspect all nuts, bolts and hose connections for tightness and re-tighten if required. New hydraulic connections occasionally weep small amounts of oil as the seals and joints settle in – where this occurs it can be cured by re-tightening the connection – *refer to torque settings chart below*. The tasks stated above should be performed on an hourly basis during the first day of work and at least daily thereafter as part of the machine's general maintenance procedure.

CAUTION: DO NOT OVER TORQUE HYDRAULIC FITTINGS AND HOSES

### Torque Settings for Hydraulic Fittings

Hydraulic Hose Ends		
BSP	Setting	Metric
1/4"	18 Nm	19 mm
3/8"	31 Nm	22 mm
1/2"	49 Nm	27 mm
5/8"	60 Nm	30 mm
3/4"	80 Nm	32 mm
1"	125 Nm	41 mm
1.1/4"	190 Nm	50 mm
1.1/2"	250 Nm	55 mm
2"	420 Nm	70 mm

Port Adaptors with Bonded Seals		
BSP	Setting	Metric
1/4"	34 Nm	19 mm
3/8"	47 Nm	22 mm
1/2"	102 Nm	27 mm
5/8"	122 Nm	30 mm
3/4"	149 Nm	32 mm
1"	203 Nm	41 mm
1.1/4"	305 Nm	50 mm
1.1/2"	305 Nm	55 mm
2"	400 Nm	70 mm



# WARRANTY POLICY

## WARRANTY REGISTRATION

All machines must be registered, by the selling dealer with McConnel Ltd, before delivery to the end user. On receipt of the goods it is the buyer's responsibility to check that the Verification of Warranty Registration in the Operator's Manual has been completed by the selling dealer.

### 1. LIMITED WARRANTIES

- 1.01. *All mounted machines supplied by McConnel Ltd are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship from the date of sale to the original purchaser for a period of 12 months, unless a different period is specified.*  
*All Self Propelled Machines supplied by McConnel Ltd are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship from the date of sale to the original purchaser for a period of 12 months or 1500 hours. Engine warranty will be specific to the Manufacturer of that unit.*
- 1.02. *All spare parts supplied by McConnel Ltd and purchased by the end user are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship from the date of sale to the original purchaser for a period of 6 months. All parts warranty claims must be supported by a copy of the failed part invoice to the end user. We cannot consider claims for which sales invoices are not available.*
- 1.03. *The warranty offered by McConnel Ltd is limited to the making good by repair or replacement for the purchaser any part or parts found, upon examination at its factory, to be defective under normal use and service due to defects in material or workmanship. Returned parts must be complete and unexamined. Pack the component(s) carefully so that any transit damage is avoided. All ports on hydraulic items should be drained of oil and securely plugged to prevent seepage and foreign body ingress. Certain other components, electrical items for example, may require particular care when packing to avoid damage in transit.*
- 1.04. *This warranty does not extend to any product from which McConnel Ltd's serial number plate has been removed or altered.*
- 1.05. *The warranty policy is valid for machines registered in line with the terms and conditions detailed and on the basis that the machines do not extend a period of 24 months or greater since their original purchase date, that is the original invoice date from McConnel Limited.*  
*Machines that are held in stock for more than 24 months cannot be registered for warranty.*
- 1.06. *This warranty does not apply to any part of the goods, which has been subjected to improper or abnormal use, negligence, alteration, modification, fitment of non-genuine parts, accident damage, or damage resulting from contact with overhead power lines, damage caused by foreign objects (e.g. stones, iron, material other than vegetation), failure due to lack of maintenance, use of incorrect oil or lubricants, contamination of the oil, or which has served its normal life. This warranty does not apply to any expendable items such as blades, belts, clutch linings, filter elements, flails, flap kits, skids, soil engaging parts, shields, guards, wear pads, pneumatic tyres or tracks.*
- 1.07. *Temporary repairs and consequential loss - i.e. oil, downtime and associated parts are specifically excluded from the warranty.*
- 1.08. *Warranty on hoses is limited to 12 months and does not include hoses which have suffered external damage. Only complete hoses may be returned under warranty, any which have been cut or repaired will be rejected.*
- 1.09. *Machines must be repaired immediately a problem arises. Continued use of the machine after a problem has occurred can result in further component failures, for which McConnel Ltd cannot be held liable, and may have safety implications.*
- 1.10. *If in exceptional circumstances a non McConnel Ltd part is used to effect a repair, warranty reimbursement will be at no more than McConnel Ltd's standard dealer cost for the genuine part.*

- 1.11. *Except as provided herein, no employee, agent, dealer or other person is authorised to give any warranties of any nature on behalf of McConnell Ltd.*
- 1.12. *For machine warranty periods in excess of 12 months the following additional exclusions shall apply:*
  - 1.12.1. *Hoses, exposed pipes and hydraulic tank breathers.*
  - 1.12.2. *Filters.*
  - 1.12.3. *Rubber mountings.*
  - 1.12.4. *External electric wiring.*
  - 1.12.5. *Bearings and seals*
  - 1.12.6. *External Cables, Linkages*
  - 1.12.7. *Loose/Corroded Connections, Light Units, LED's*
  - 1.12.8. *Comfort items such as Operator Seat, Ventilation, Audio Equipment*
- 1.13. *All service work, particularly filter changes, must be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's service schedule. Failure to comply will invalidate the warranty. In the event of a claim, proof of the service work being carried out may be required.*
- 1.14. *Repeat or additional repairs resulting from incorrect diagnosis or poor quality previous repair work are excluded from warranty.*

***NB Warranty cover will be invalid if any non-genuine parts have been fitted or used. Use of non-genuine parts may seriously affect the machine's performance and safety. McConnell Ltd cannot be held responsible for any failures or safety implications that arise due to the use of non-genuine parts.***

## **2. REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES**

- 2.01. *The warranty is not effective unless the Selling Dealer registers the machine, via the McConnell web site and confirms the registration to the purchaser by completing the confirmation form in the operator's manual.*
- 2.02. *Any fault must be reported to an authorised McConnell Ltd dealer as soon as it occurs. Continued use of a machine, after a fault has occurred, can result in further component failure for which McConnell Ltd cannot be held liable.*
- 2.03. *Repairs should be undertaken within two days of the failure. Claims submitted for repairs undertaken more than 2 weeks after a failure has occurred, or 2 days after the parts were supplied will be rejected, unless the delay has been authorised by McConnell Ltd. Please note that failure by the customer to release the machine for repair will not be accepted as a reason for delay in repair or submitting warranty claims.*
- 2.04. *All claims must be submitted, by an authorised McConnell Ltd Service Dealer, within 30 days of the date of repair.*
- 2.05. *Following examination of the claim and parts, McConnell Ltd will pay, at their discretion, for any valid claim the invoiced cost of any parts supplied by McConnell Ltd and appropriate labour and mileage allowances if applicable.*
- 2.06. *The submission of a claim is not a guarantee of payment.*
- 2.07. *Any decision reached by McConnell Ltd. is final.*

## **3. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

- 3.01. *McConnell Ltd disclaims any express (except as set forth herein) and implied warranties with respect to the goods including, but not limited to, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.*
- 3.02. *McConnell Ltd makes no warranty as to the design, capability, capacity or suitability for use of the goods.*
- 3.03. *Except as provided herein, McConnell Ltd shall have no liability or responsibility to the purchaser or any other person or entity with respect to any liability, loss, or damage caused or alleged to be caused directly or indirectly by the goods including, but not limited to, any indirect, special, consequential, or incidental damages resulting from the use or operation of the goods or any breach of this warranty. Notwithstanding the above limitations and warranties, the manufacturer's liability hereunder for damages incurred by the purchaser or others shall not exceed the price of the goods.*
- 3.04. *No action arising out of any claimed breach of this warranty or transactions under this warranty may be brought more than one (1) year after the cause of the action has occurred.*

#### **4. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 4.01. McConnel Ltd may waive compliance with any of the terms of this limited warranty, but no waiver of any terms shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other term.*
- 4.02. If any provision of this limited warranty shall violate any applicable law and is held to be unenforceable, then the invalidity of such provision shall not invalidate any other provisions herein.*
- 4.03. Applicable law may provide rights and benefits to the purchaser in addition to those provided herein.*

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## **FLAIL MOWER INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

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A daily equipment inspection of the tractor and mower should be conducted before the equipment is used. You may use the inspection sheets to assist with these daily inspections. Any damaged or missing guards should be repaired or replaced before operating the mower. Failure to repair the damaged shield can result in objects being thrown from the mower and possibly hitting the operator or bystander.

### **Inspect the Mower for Safe Operating Condition**

- Make sure the driveline guards and shielding are in place and in good repair.
- Inspect the chain guards, flexible and/or solid deflector thrown object shielding to assure that they are in place on the front and rear of the mower deck and in good repair. Repair or replace any damaged or missing thrown object shields.
- Ensure the mower cutting height is set high enough to reduce the possibility of the mower blades contacting the ground. Actual height will be dependent on the ground conditions. Increase the height when working in rough or undulating conditions.
- Inspect for broken, chipped, bent, missing, or severely worn blades. Replace damaged blades before operating the mower. Ensure the blade retaining bolts and fasteners are secure and tight.
- Lubricate the driveline universal joints and telescoping members daily.
- Inspect the wheel lug bolt/nuts to assure that they are tight.
- If mower is equipped with pneumatic tires, make sure they have the required air pressure.
- Inspect for worn or damaged decals and safety instructions. Replace unreadable, damaged or missing safety decals.
- Follow the operator's manual(s) inspection and maintenance instructions for lubricating parts, and keeping thrown object shielding, driveline guards, rotating parts shields, mower blades and decals in good repair.

### **Inspect the Tractor for Safe Operating Condition:**

- Inspect the controls, lights, SMVs (Slow Moving Vehicle sign), seat belts, and ROPS to assure that they are in place and in good working order.
- Be sure the tires, wheels, lug bolts/nuts are in good condition.
- Make sure the tractor brakes and steering are in proper operating condition.
- Follow the operator's manual(s) inspection and maintenance procedures for keeping the tractor in good and safe condition before operating.

The inspection sheet on the following page should be kept in this book as a record. A second sheet is included for you to cut out and photocopy or the inspection sheets can be downloaded from our website at;

<http://www.mcconnel.com/support/aftersales/default.aspx?nav=After Sales>







# FLAIL MOWERS PRE-OPERATION Inspection

Mower ID \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Shift: \_\_\_\_\_

## WARNING



Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, with the key removed, all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Make sure the mower is resting on the ground or is securely blocked up and supported and all hydraulic pressure has been relieved.

Item	Condition at start of shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
The Operator's Manual is in the Canister on the mower		
All Warning Decals are in place, clean and legible		
The Hyd. Cylinder pins are tight and correctly secured		
The Hyd Cylinder hose connections are tight		
There are no oil leaks		
There are no damaged hoses		
Flails are not missing chipped, broken or excessively worn		
The Flail bolts are tight		
The Front & Rear Flaps are fitted and in good condition		
The Skid shoes are in good condition & tight		
The Rotor Bearings are in good condition and greased		
The Roller bearings are in good condition and greased		
There are no cracks or holes in flail casing		
The drive line/gearbox shaft guard is in good condition		
The drive line/gearbox shaft guard is correctly secured		
Driveline telescoping members & u-joints are lubricated		
Driveline yokes are securely attached to tractor & mower		
All linkage mounting pins are securely fastened		

Operators Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or MOWER**



# TRACTOR PRE-OPERATION Inspection

Power Arm ID \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Shift: \_\_\_\_\_

## WARNING



Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, the key is removed all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Any implement attached to the tractor is firmly on the ground.

Item	Condition at start of shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
The flashing lights function properly.		
All lights are clean and working correctly		
All cab windows are clean and wipers working correctly		
The SMV sign, where required, is clean and visible.		
The tyres are in good condition with correct pressure.		
The wheel nuts are tight.		
The tractor brakes are in good condition.		
The steering linkage is in good condition.		
There are no visible oil leaks.		
The hydraulic controls function properly.		
The ROPS or ROPS cab is in good condition.		
The seatbelt is in place and in good condition.		
The 3-point hitch is in good condition.		
The drawbar/pick up hook is secure & in good condition		
The PTO master shield is in place.		
The engine oil level is full.		
The brake fluid level is full.		
The power steering fluid level is full.		
The fuel level is adequate.		
The engine coolant fluid level is full.		
The radiator & oil cooler are free of debris.		
The air filter is in good condition		

Operators Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Operators Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or MOWER**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Read this manual before fitting or operating the machine or accessory. Whenever any doubt exists contact your local dealer or the McConnell Service Department for assistance.

**Only use 'Genuine McConnell Parts' on McConnell machinery and equipment.**

DEFINITIONS: *The following definitions apply throughout this manual;*

### **⚠ DANGER**

**DANGER:** Alerts to a hazardous situation which will result in death or serious injury if not observed carefully.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**WARNING:** Alerts to a hazardous situation which could result in death or serious injury if not observed carefully.

### **⚠ CAUTION**

**CAUTION:** Alerts to a hazardous situation which could result in damage to the machine and/or equipment if not observed carefully.

### **NOTICE**

**NOTICE:** Specific or general information considered important or useful to emphasise.

**LEFT HAND (LH) & RIGHT HAND (RH):** *These terms are applicable to the machine when fitted to the tractor and viewed from the rear; these terms also apply to tractor references.*

### **SERIAL PLATE**

*All machines are equipped with a serial number plate containing important information relating to the machine including a unique serial number used for identification purposes.*

*Note: Images in this manual are provided for instruction and informational purposes only and may not show components in their entirety. In certain instances images may appear different to the actual machine; where this occurs the general procedure will be basically the same. E&OE.*

## MACHINE & DEALER INFORMATION

Record the serial number of your machine on this page and always quote it when ordering parts. Whenever information concerning the machine is requested remember to also state the make and model of tractor to which the machine is fitted.	
Machine Serial Number:	Installation Date:
Machine Model Details:	
Dealer Name & Branch:	
Dealer Address:	
Dealer Telephone No:	
Dealer Email Address:	



## MACHINE DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE OF USE

The Magnum Elite series of machines are '3-point linkage' tractor mounted mid-sized flail mower/shredders suitable for tractors of 50HP and above. Designed primarily for the mulching of grasses, brambles, bushes, branches, vines, and general crop residues their tough construction and choice of working widths of 1.9m, 2.2m, 2.4m or 2.7m with offsetting capability of up to 400mm make them ideal for both agricultural users and general contractors alike.

*These machines should only be used to perform tasks for which they were designed – use of the machine for any other function may be both dangerous to persons and damaging to components and is therefore not advisable.*



## MACHINE IDENTIFICATION

Each machine is fitted with an identification plate which includes the following information:

1. Machine (Model Code)
2. Machine Serial No.
3. Machine Weight

When ordering spares or replacement parts from your local dealer it is important to quote Machine Code and Serial Number as stated on the identification plate so the machine and model can be quickly and correctly identified.

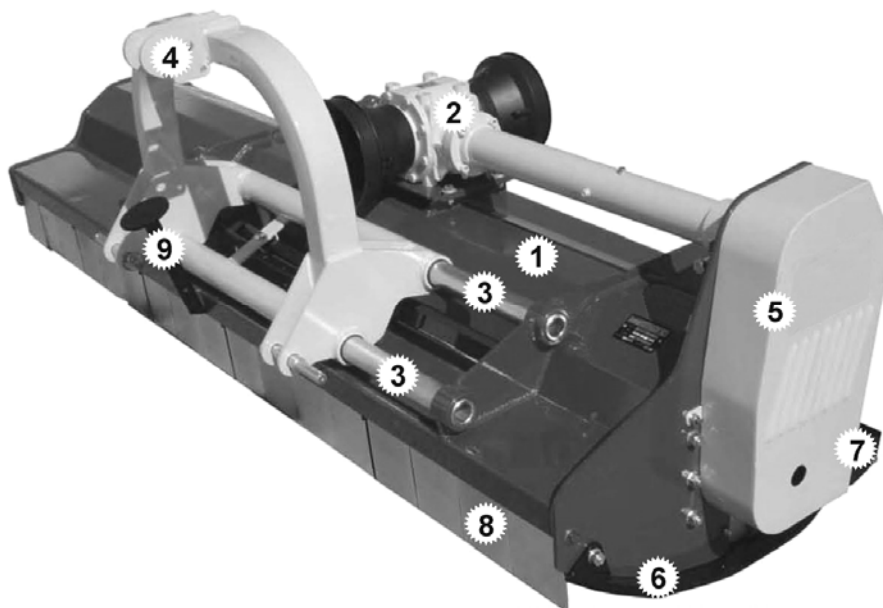


**Machine Identification Plate**

## TECHNICAL DATA

### COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION

1. Frame
2. Gearbox
3. Sliding Tubes
4. 3-Point Linkage
5. Belt Drive / Belt Guard
6. Skid
7. Rear Roller
8. Protection Flaps
9. Stand Leg



### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SPECIFICATION	ELITE 190	ELITE 225	ELITE 245	ELITE 270
Working Width (mm)	1920	2270	2420	2720
Tractor Power Requirement (HP)	50	60	74	80
PTO Speed (RPM)	540	540	540	1000
Hammer Blades (No.)	24	28	30	34
Y-Blades (No.)	48	56	60	68
Machine Weight (kg)	410/430	462/487	495/515	525/545
Offset Capability (mm)	400	400	400	400
Linkage (Type)	3-point Cat 2	3-point Cat 2	3-point Cat 2	3-point Cat 2
Machine Width (mm)	2080	2430	2630	2880

### OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

The following options are available on these machines:

- **Front Linkage**
- **Hammer Flails**
- **Y-Blade Flails**

The cutting capability of the each particular type of flail will be dependant on the sort and hardness of the material being cut, but in general the following cutting thicknesses apply:

**Y-blade flails** – for materials up to a maximum of 30mm diameter.

**Hammer flails** – for materials up to a maximum of 45mm diameter.

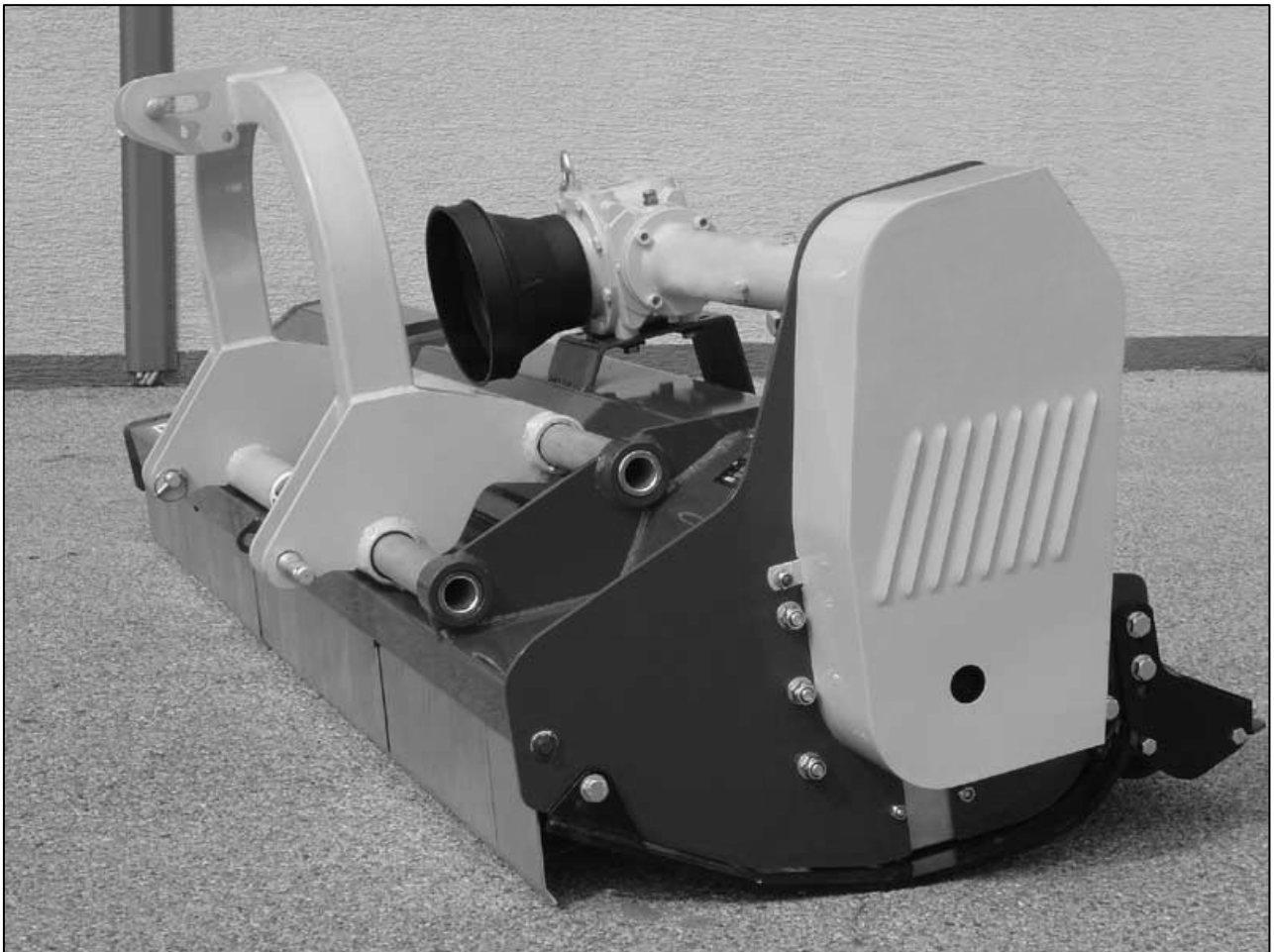
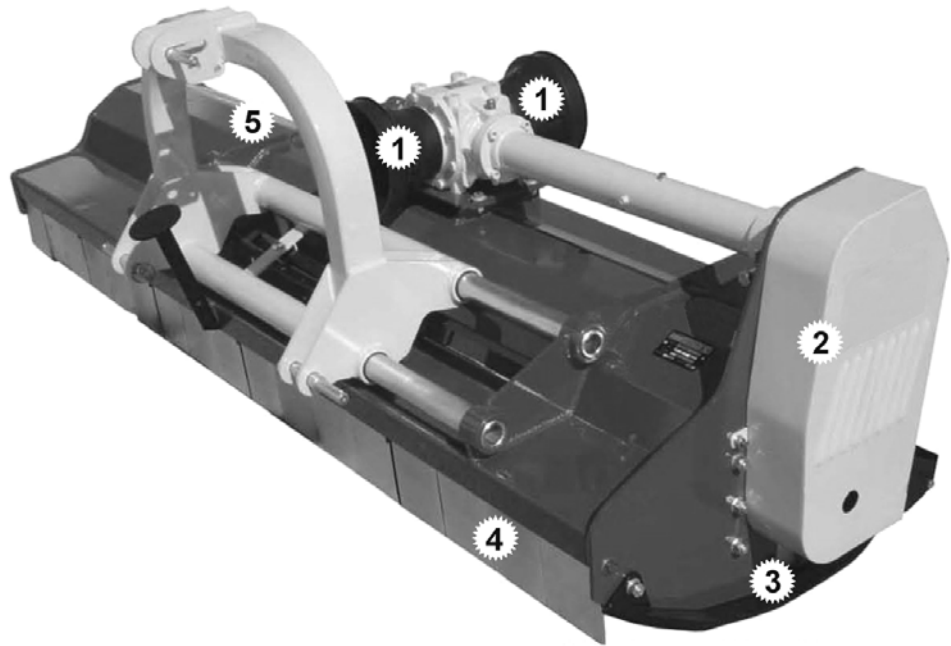
### NOISE LEVEL

The sound level of this machine, as measured at the operator's ear, is within the range of 70 to 90 dB when the rear window of the tractor is open. We recommend that ear protectors are worn and the tractor windows kept closed at all times when operating this machine.

# SAFETY FEATURES

## LOCATION OF MACHINE SAFETY FEATURES

- 1. PTO Shaft Shields
- 2. Drive Belt Guard
- 3. Side Skids
- 4. Protection Flaps
- 5. Safety Decals



## SAFETY INFORMATION

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### General safety rules:

- ▲ Always read and follow the instructions for the use and maintenance of the machine before carrying out any work operations or servicing tasks.
- ▲ Improper use of the machine is both highly dangerous to persons and damaging to the machine components – only use the machine for its designated task.
- ▲ Both operators and the maintenance fitters should be familiar with the machine and fully aware of dangers surrounding improper use or incorrect repairs.
- ▲ Before starting, checks to both tractor and machine must be carried out as regards: functionality, road safety, accident prevention rules.
- ▲ Even when using the machine correctly, stones or other objects may be thrown a long distance. Therefore nobody must stand within the danger area. Special attention must be paid when working near roads or buildings.
- ▲ Use tractor's fitted with safety cabs.
- ▲ The condition of flails and of machine guards must be checked before beginning the daily work - they must be replaced if damaged or missing before you use the machine.
- ▲ During checks or repairs, make sure nobody could start the machine by mistake.
- ▲ Never wear loose or fluttering clothes.
- ▲ Never carry passengers on the tractor.
- ▲ Never carry passengers on the machine.
- ▲ Never connect the power takeoff with the engine running.
- ▲ Never approach the machine until the rotor has completely stopped.
- ▲ Do not enter the working zone of the PTO shaft. It is dangerous to approach the rotating parts of a machine.
- ▲ Keep the PTO shaft guard in good condition.
- ▲ Before starting, check the surrounding area for the likely presence of children and/or animals.
- ▲ Do not stand near the machine when it is operating.
- ▲ The PTO shaft must be assembled and disassembled only with the engine stopped and the starting key removed.
- ▲ Before connecting the power takeoff, check that the speed and the rotational direction correspond to those of the machine.
- ▲ Immediately replace missing or damaged safety decals.
- ▲ Before leaving the tractor with the machine attached, proceed as follows:
  1. Disconnect the power takeoff,
  2. Put the machine steadily on the ground using the tractor's hydraulic lift.
  3. Apply the hand brake and, if the ground is steeply sloping, wedge the tractor.
  4. Remove the starting key.

## Transportation Safety

- ▲ In transport, reduce speed, especially on bumpy roads, the weight of the machine may render driving difficult and damage the machine itself.
- ▲ Ensure the levers that operate the hydraulic lift are locked, to avoid the lowering of the machine during transport.
- ▲ When driving on public roads, respect all road rules in force.
- ▲ Never transport the machine with the rotor running, even for short distances.

## Operating Safety

- ▲ Pay special attention when working with the machine not to touch fixed objects such as road drain, walls, shafts, kerbs, guard rails, tracks etc. This could cause the breakage of the flails, which would be thrown out of the machine at very high speed.
- ▲ If wires, ropes or chains should become entangled in the rotor stop immediately to prevent damage or dangerous situations; stop the rotor and the tractor, take out the starting key. Put working gloves on; clear the rotor with the aid of pliers or shears. Do not try to disentangle by inverting the rotational direction of the rotor.
- ▲ Do not use the machine when excessive vibration is experienced, as this may cause breakage and serious damage - find the cause of the vibration and eliminate it before using the machine again.

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Although the information given here covers a wide range of safety subjects, it is impossible to predict every eventuality that can occur under differing circumstances whilst operating this machine. No advice given here can replace 'good common sense' and 'total awareness' at all times but will go a long way towards the safe use of your McConnel machine.

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## SAFETY DECALS



1. **WARNING:** Read the manual first.
2. **WARNING:** Keep bolts tight.
3. **DANGER:** Crush hazard – do not crawl under machinery.
4. **DANGER:** Crush hazard – do not stand between machinery.
5. **DANGER:** Crush hazard – keep clear of raised machinery.
6. **DANGER:** Risk of flying objects – keep your distance.
7. **DANGER:** Rotating shaft hazard – keep your distance.
8. **DANGER:** Rotating components – keep your distance.
9. **WARNING:** Remove starting key before accessing machine.

## VEHICLE / TRACTOR PREPARATION

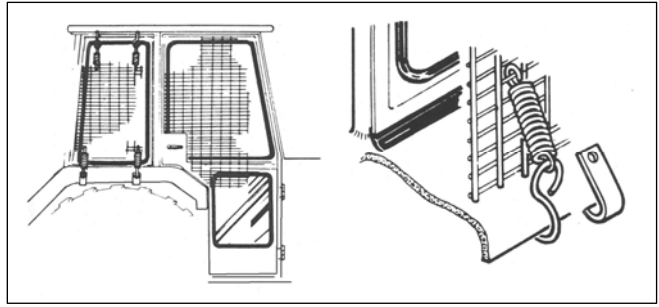
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We recommend vehicles are fitted with cabs using 'safety glass' windows and protective guarding when used with our machines.

Fit Operator Guard (part no. 73 13 324) using the hooks provided. Shape the mesh to cover all vulnerable areas.

Remember the driver must be looking through mesh and/or polycarbonate glazing

when viewing the machine in all positions - unless the vehicle/ cab manufacturer can demonstrate that the penetration resistance is equivalent to, or higher than, that provided by mesh/polycarbonate glazing. If the tractor has a roll bar only, a frame must be made to carry both mesh and polycarbonate glazing. The operator should also use personal protective equipment to reduce the risk of serious injury such as; eye protection (mesh visor to EN1731 or safety glasses to EN166), hearing protection to EN352, safety helmet to EN297, gloves, filter mask and high visibility clothing.



### Vehicle Ballast

It is imperative when attaching 'third-party' equipment to a vehicle that the maximum possible stability of the machine and vehicle combination is achieved – this can be accomplished by the utilisation of 'ballast' in order to counter-balance the additional equipment added.

Front weights may be required for rear mounted machines to place 15% of total outfit weight on the front axle for stable transport on the road and to reduce 'crabbing' due to the drag of the cutting unit when working on the ground.

Where a machine works to the side of the tractor rear weights may be required to maintain a reasonable amount of rear axle load on the opposing wheel.

All factors must be addressed in order to match the type and nature of the equipment added to the circumstances under which it will be used - factors that effect stability are:

- Centre of gravity of the tractor/machine combination.
- Geometric conditions, e.g. position of the cutting head and ballast.
- Weight, track width and wheelbase of the tractor.
- Acceleration, braking, turning and the relative position of the cutting unit during these operations.
- Ground conditions, e.g. slope, grip, load capability of the soil/surface.
- Rigidity of implement mounting.

### Suggestions to increase stability:

- Increasing rear wheel track - *a vehicle with a wider wheel track is more stable.*
- Ballasting the wheel; it is preferable to use external weights but liquid can be added to around 75% of the tyre volume – water with anti-freeze or the heavier Calcium Chloride alternative can be used.
- Addition of weights – care should be taken in selecting the location of the weights to ensure they are added to a position that offers the greatest advantage.
- Front axle locking, check with tractor manufacturer.

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The advice above is offered as a guide for stability only and is not a guide to vehicle strength. It is therefore recommended that you consult your vehicle manufacturer or local dealer to obtain specific advice on this subject, additionally advice should be sought from a tyre specialist with regard to tyre pressures and ratings suitable for the type and nature of the machine you intend to fit.

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## ATTACHING THE MACHINE TO THE TRACTOR

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Attachment of the machine to the tractor should always be performed on a firm level site.

Before attachment always ensure:

- The machine is in good condition.
- All safety guards are in good working condition and correctly fitted.
- All flails are correctly fitted and undamaged.
- Lubrication points are well greased and the gearbox oil level is correct.
- Drive belts are tensioned correctly.
- The tractor PTO rpm and direction of rotation correspond to that of the machine.

### ATTACHMENT OF THE MOWER

Drive the tractor 'squarely' up to the machine.

Position the tractors lower linkage at a height where it is approximately in line with the lower linkage points (A) on the machine – *refer to photo below*.

Drive tractor slowly towards the machine until the lower linkage points correspond.

Fit linkage pins and secure with spring clips.

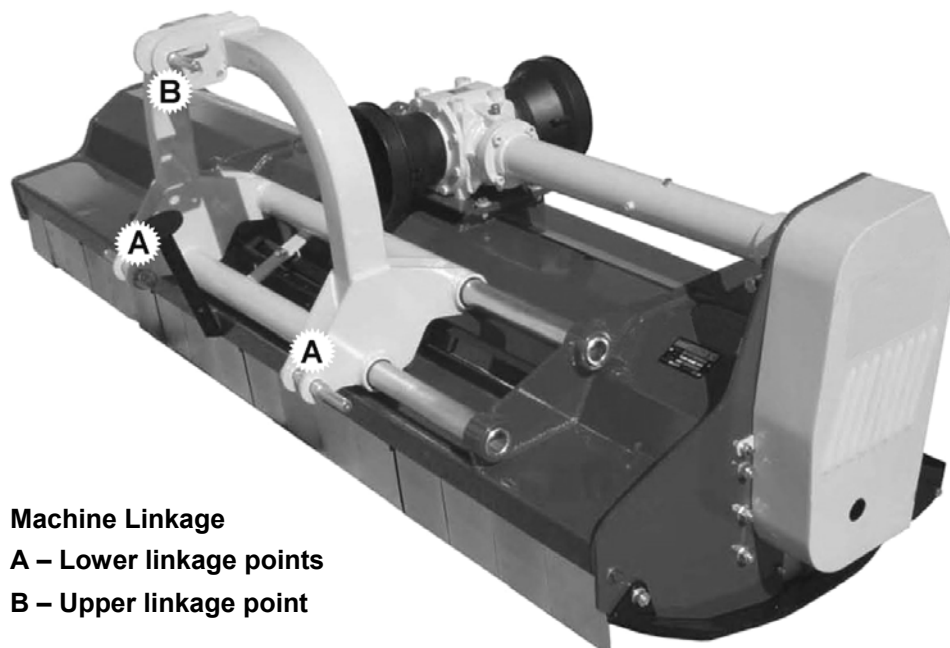
Fit top link to upper linkage point (B) – *this may be floating or fixed depending on the work terrain - refer to set up and adjustment page for specific details on this subject*.

Raise the machine slightly on the tractors hydraulics – adjust top link to bring the machine into the perpendicular position.

Fit check chains and/or stabilisers to tractor lower links to centralise and secure the machine in position.

Fit PTO Shaft and attach torque chains – *refer to following page for details of shaft measurement*.

Attach hydraulic hoses - *hydraulic sideshift models only*.



**Machine Linkage**  
**A – Lower linkage points**  
**B – Upper linkage point**

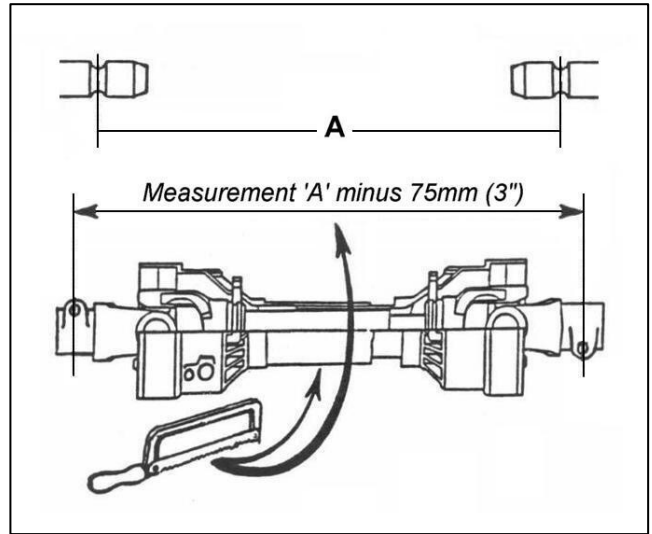
# PTO SHAFT

## PTO SHAFT MEASUREMENT

Measure the PTO shaft and cut to the dimension shown – the finished length of the PTO shaft should be 75mm (3") less than the measured distance 'A' - between tractor shaft and gearbox stub shaft - to enable fitting.

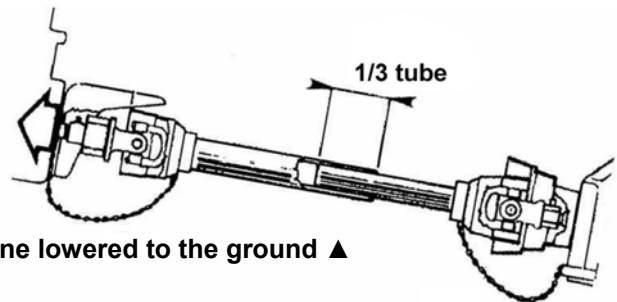
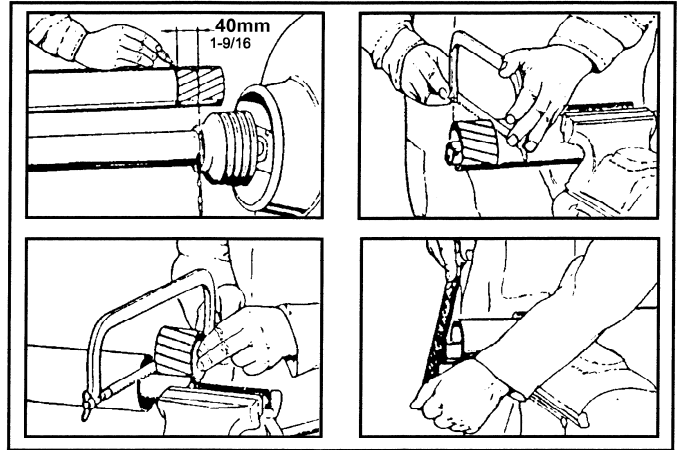
NOTE: For subsequent use with different tractors measure again, there must be a minimum shaft overlap of 150mm (6").

Fit PTO in position and attach the torque chains to a convenient location to prevent the shaft guards from rotating.

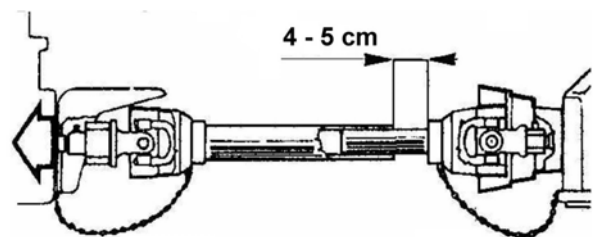


## PTO SHAFT LENGTH ADJUSTMENT

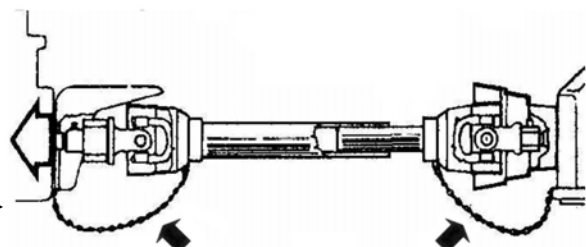
1. Shorten outer plastic tube to 40mm less than the shortest envisaged shaft length.
2. Remove the marked tube.
3. Remove same length from inner plastic tube and metal shaft profiles (inner and outer).
4. De-burr all edges and remove 'swarf' to ensure smooth operation.



Approximate overlap length of PTO shaft with machine lowered to the ground ▲



Approximate gap length of PTO protection tube with machine in working position ▲



Fit torque chains to shaft guards to prevent rotation ▶



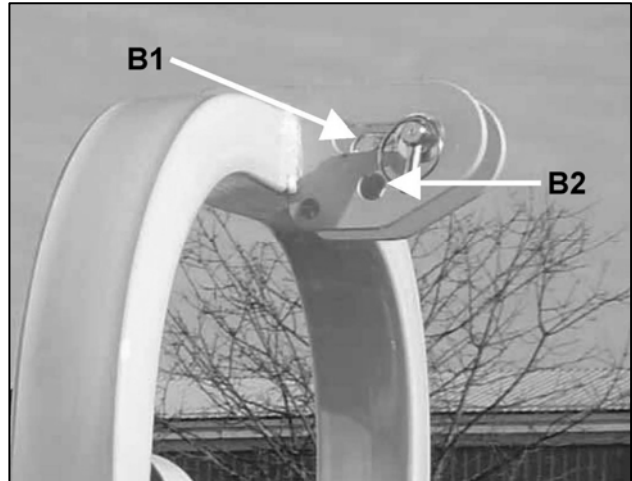
## TOP LINKAGE

The machine's top linkage point (B) has two working modes; floating and fixed – refer to photo below.

### Top linkage working positions ►

**Floating position** (B1) should always be used when working on hilly or uneven terrain to protect the machine and linkage from damage.

**Fixed position** (B2) may be used when working on even level terrain such as playing fields and other similar areas that present a lower degree of stress on the linkage.



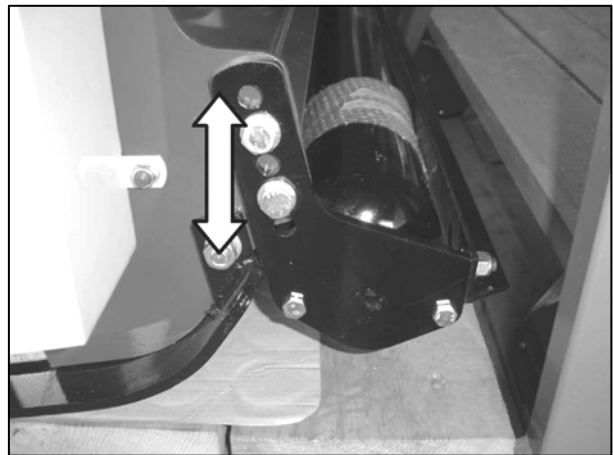
### WARNING:

Always use top linkage floating position (B1) when working on hilly, sloping or undulating terrain.

## SETTING UP AND ADJUSTMENT

The height of cut is dependent on working conditions and volume of material. The cutting height can be regulated with the hydraulic system on the tractor and/or rear roller adjustment – see photo opposite.

The minimum height of cut should be between 1 – 3cm.



**NOTE:** The machine must always run on the rear roller not the side skids – side skids are a protection feature and in normal working conditions remain clear of the ground.

Do not allow the rotor flails to contact the ground - set roller height to allow a minimum flail to ground clearance of 1 to 3cm.

## OFFSETTING

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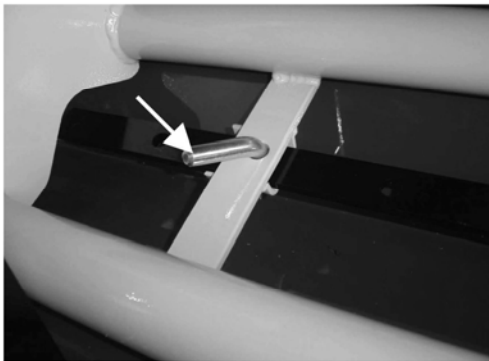
The machine can be placed into an offset position to allow for work beyond the width of the tractor – *depending on the particular specification of the machine offsetting operation will either be manual or hydraulic.*

Manual adjustment is performed by removal of the locking pin and physically sliding the unit sideways before replacing the pin when the desired offset position is achieved.

On machines fitted with hydraulic offset, adjustment to the required position can be carried out from the tractor cab by operation of the hydraulic sideshift ram.

In both cases the machines must be raised clear of the ground to allow for free sideways movement.

**DANGER:** Ensure the machine is switched off and the rotor stationary when moving manual machines into the offset position – never attempt to perform this procedure with the machine running.



Manual Offset Model – Locking pin



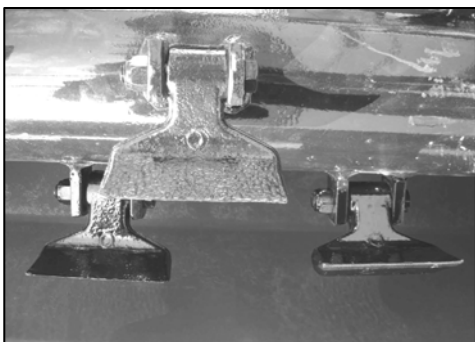
Hydraulic Offset Models – Ram location

## FLAILS

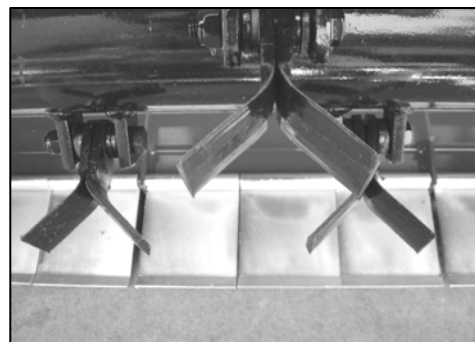
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As standard, the machine is equipped with Hammer type flails, but as an option can be fitted with Y-blade flails. The hammer type flails are more suited to harder working with the ability to cut materials up to 45mm ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ " ) diameter. Y-blade flails can cut up to 30mm ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ " ) diameter material – *these figures are under normal use and may differ depending on the type and nature of the material being cut.*

The design of the mower is such that during work the rotor unit cuts the material and projects it upwards into the frame, as the material falls back into the rotor it is cut again several times until it is small enough to be discharged from the rear of the machine.



Hammer Flails



Y-Blade Flails

The rotor unit should be inspected on a daily basis prior to work to check for damaged or missing flails – *always replace damaged or missing flails immediately.* Flail bolts should be checked for tightness on a regular basis and re-tightened as required before attempting to use the machine.

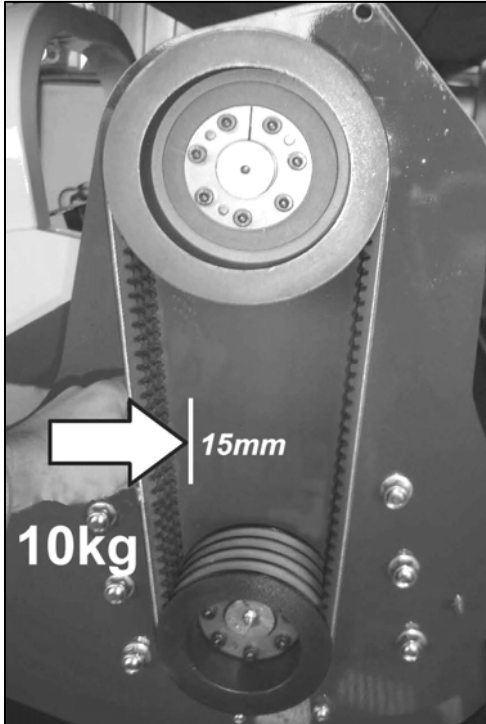
**WARNING:** Checking of rotor components should only be carried out with tractors engine switched off, starting key removed and the PTO shaft disconnected. Always 'prop up' the machine using suitable supports before attempting to inspect or work on components underneath it.

## DRIVE BELTS

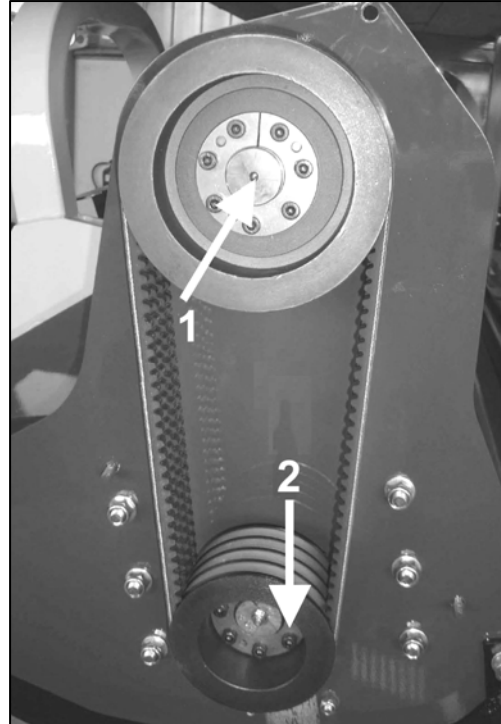
### BELT TENSION

It is important for both optimal machine performance and long lasting belt life that belts are correctly tensioned at all times. Tension is correct when a force of 10 kg exerted on the belts at their mid-point between the upper and lower pulleys deviates the belts by 15mm. If the belts require tensioning follow the procedure stated below.

**After an initial first 2 hours of work check belt tension and taper locks (indicated 1 & 2 in the photo below right) – tighten if required. Torque setting for Taper Locks = 45Nm.**



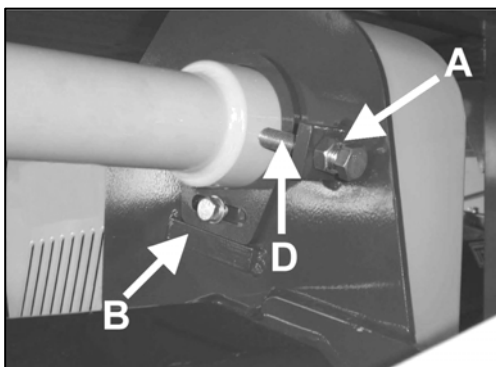
**Belt Tension – 15mm deviation under 10kg pressure at mid-point of belt run**



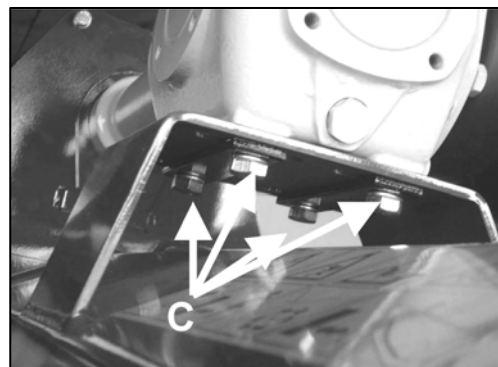
**Taper Locks – check tightness on new machines after initial 2 hours of work**

### BELT ADJUSTMENT

Adjustment of the belt tension is performed by loosening the adjuster locking nut (A) and slackening half-shaft lock bolt (B) along with the four gearbox mounting bolts (C) – refer to photos below. Adjuster bolt (D) can then be turned to increase or decrease belt tension until belt deviation matches the required measurement – see above. Belt tensioning should be performed when the belts are cold. Re-tighten bolts 'B' and 'C' and locknut 'A' when belt tension is correct.



**Location of Belt Tension Adjusters**



**Location of Gearbox Mounting Bolts**

**WARNING: Checking of belts and drive components should only be carried out with tractors engine switched off, starting key removed and the PTO shaft disconnected. Never attempt to run the machine with the belt guard removed – Replace guard after tensioning before starting the machine.**

## PRE-OPERATIONAL CHECKS

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Before commencing work with the machine the following checks should be performed:

- Make a visual inspection of the machine to ensure it is in good operational condition.
- Check all safety guarding is in position and in full working order.
- Check rotor for missing or damaged flails and replace if required.
- Check all greasing points are well lubricated.
- Check gearbox oil level.
- Check belt tension and adjust if required.
- Check PTO speed and direction match that of the machine.

## OPERATION

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Ensure that the operator is suitably qualified to use a machine of this nature and that they have fully read and understood this manual - they should be aware of all safety aspects relating to the safe use of the machine. It is advisable that all 'first time' operators practice using the machine in a clear safe area prior to work in order to familiarise themselves with its operation.

**After the initial first 2 hours of work with a new machine, nuts and bolts should be checked for tightness and the drive belts inspected and re-tensioned if required – refer to belt section for details.**

Prior to starting work the area should be checked for dangerous objects such as large stones, wood, wire, glass etc. – hazardous objects should be removed from the area prior to operation with the machine. The location of unmovable or natural hazards should be noted, or if necessary 'marked', to indicate to the operator that the area should either be avoided or additional caution adopted whilst working around the hazard.

### STARTING WORK

With the machine switched off, lower it into a position approximately 10cm above the ground, start the machine and allow it to build up to the correct working speed before gently lowering it onto the ground - the machine is now in its work position and forward travel can begin.

### FORWARD SPEED

The forward working speed will depend on the working conditions and nature of the material being cut. Optimal speed will be in the region of 3-8 km/h (2-5 mph).



Optimal forward working speed 3-8 km/h



Raise the machine before turning or reversing

### REVERSING & TURNING

When reversing or turning the unit the machine must always be lifted clear of the ground to avoid damage.

### TRANSPORT

The following must be observed at all times when transporting the machine:

- Machine must always be switched off.
- Machine must be raised.
- Speed must be kept to a minimum especially on bumpy roads or terrain.
- Always abide with local laws and road regulations.
- Be aware of the machines width.

## DETACHMENT & STORAGE

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### **DETACHING THE MACHINE**

- Removal of the machine should be performed on a firm level site. The procedure for detachment is as follows:
- Gently lower the machine fully to the ground.
- Switch off the tractor and remove its starting key.
- Remove the PTO driveshaft.
- 'Chock' the rear roller to prevent movement of the machine during the detachment procedure and whilst in storage.
- Detach hydraulic hoses where applicable.
- Remove the top link and both pins from the lower attachment points.
- Carefully and slowly drive the tractor clear of the machine.
- Clean and lubricate the machine in preparation for next use.

### **STORAGE**

For extended periods of storage it is advisable that the machine be kept in a clean dry environment protected from the elements to avoid risk of corrosion. The machine should be thoroughly cleaned and lubricated prior to storage. At this point it is good practice to check the machine for worn or damaged components - any parts that require replacing should be ordered and fitted at the earliest opportunity so the machine is fully prepared for the next seasons work.

## MAINTENANCE

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All maintenance, cleaning and repair operations must be performed with the machine firmly lowered to the ground and detached from the tractor or with the PTO disconnected, engine switched off and starting key removed. For any repairs or maintenance that requires access from underneath, the machine should be firmly and safely raised and propped using suitable purpose designed supports capable of bearing the machines full weight. Care should be adopted at all times when working with or under a raised machine.

### MAINTENANCE TASKS

The following preventative maintenance tasks should be performed at the timescales stated to both maximise efficiency and prolong the working life of the machine.

#### After first 2 hours of work - new machine or machine fitted with new belts.

- ✓ Check all nuts and bolt for tightness – *retighten if required.*
- ✓ Check belt tension and taper lock tightness – adjust / tighten if required (*refer to belt section for details of adjustment*).

#### After every 8 hours of work

- ✓ Check all nuts and bolt for tightness – *retighten if required.*
- ✓ Check belt tension and adjust if required – *refer to belt section for details of adjustment.*
- ✓ Check wear and condition of flails – *replacing missing, or damaged flails immediately.*
- ✓ Check condition of safety guards – *repair or replace if not performing their function.*
- ✓ Lubricate grease points – *see below for locations of the machines grease points.*
- ✓ Check gearbox and half-shaft oil level – *top up if required.*
- ✓ Check rotor – *remove foreign objects that may be fouling or lodged in the rotor.*
- ✓ Check frame and 3-point hitch – *ensure all components are in a safe working condition.*

#### After every 100 hours

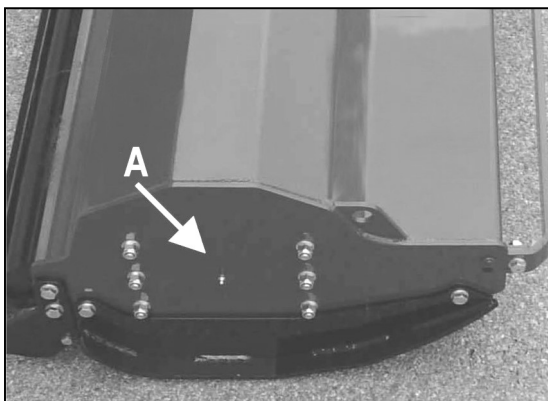
- ✓ Grease PTO driveshaft – *separate telescopic drive and apply grease to internal shaft.*

#### Every 12 months

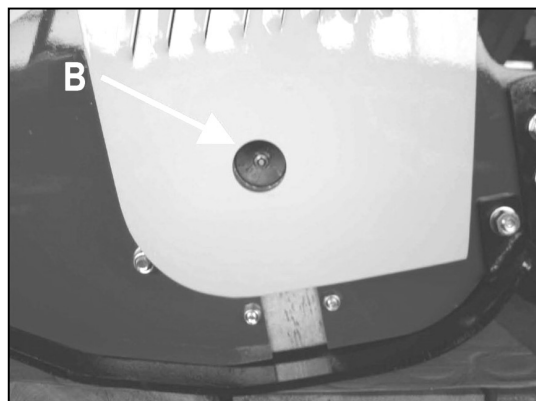
- ✓ Change gearbox and half-shaft oil

### Grease Points

Lubricate the grease points indicated below using type LIS 3 grease.



A. Rotor Shaft Bearing (Free end)



B. Rotor Shaft Bearing (Drive end)

## GEARBOX LUBRICATION

The photos opposite shows the lubrication access points for the gearbox and half-shaft – lubricant level should be checked on a daily basis during work and topped up only if required.

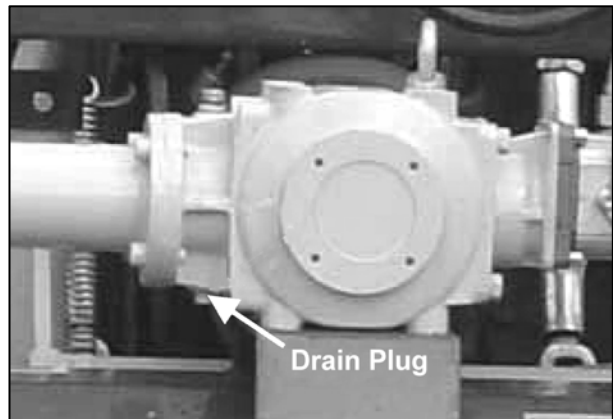
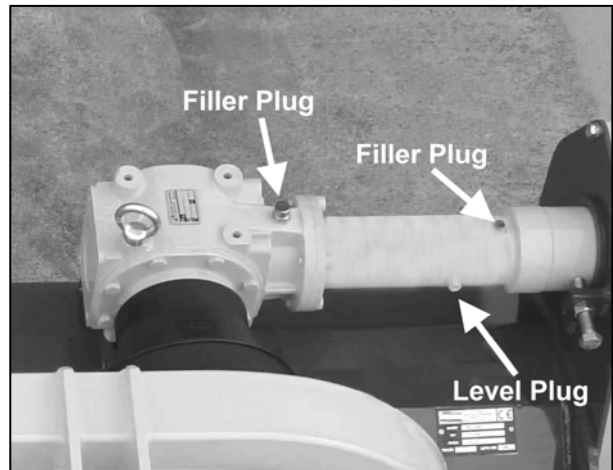
Checking of the lubricant level is performed by removal the level plug on the half-shaft – the lubricant should be inline with the bottom of the plug aperture. 'Topping up' of the lubricant is performed via the filler plugs (*shown opposite*) to a point where the oil starts to 'dribble' out of the level plug. Replace and tighten all plugs before using the machine.

Gearbox and half-shaft lubricant should be replaced annually.

The drain plug for changing the lubricant is located on the bottom of the gearbox as indicated in the photo opposite.

### Capacity & Lubricant Type

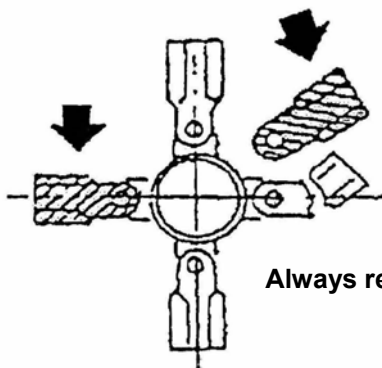
2.0 Litres - SAE90



## FLAIL REPLACEMENT

The rotor and flails should be inspected for wear or damage on a regular basis – missing, damaged or worn flails should be replaced immediately. When replacing a flail the diametrically opposite flail should also be replaced at the same time in order to maintain rotor balance.

**DANGER:** Machine and tractor should be switched off and the starting key removed at all times when inspecting or maintaining the machine – Never work on a machine that is switch on and running.



**Always replace flails in opposing pairs**

## ROTOR VIBRATION

If vibration of the rotor is experienced the machine should be stopped immediately – this is often a sign that a flail is either missing or severely damaged, if this is the case do not use the machine until the problem has been rectified. If vibration continues, or occurs for no apparent reason, the rotor must be checked and, if necessary, rebalanced before using the machine again. Contact your local dealer for further advice or assistance on this subject.



## PTO SHAFT LUBRICATION

The PTO shaft should be lubricated on a regular basis using lithium based grease – each end of the shaft has 2 greasing points; one for lubrication of the universal joint and one for lubricating the rotating fixing ring of the shaft shield – access to the lubrication points is gained by releasing the shaft shield from its fixing ring and sliding it back along the body of the driveshaft – *the procedure and lubrication frequency is illustrated below.*



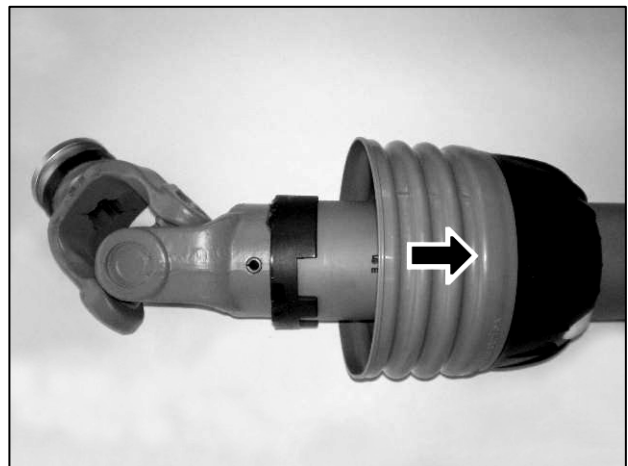
Shaft shield fixing clasps



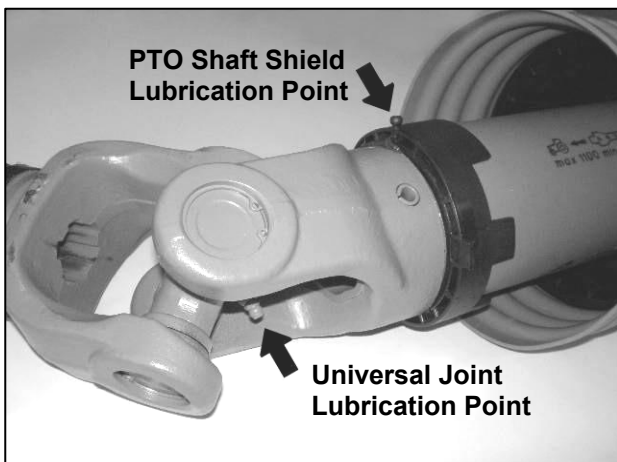
Insert screwdrivers into the clasps



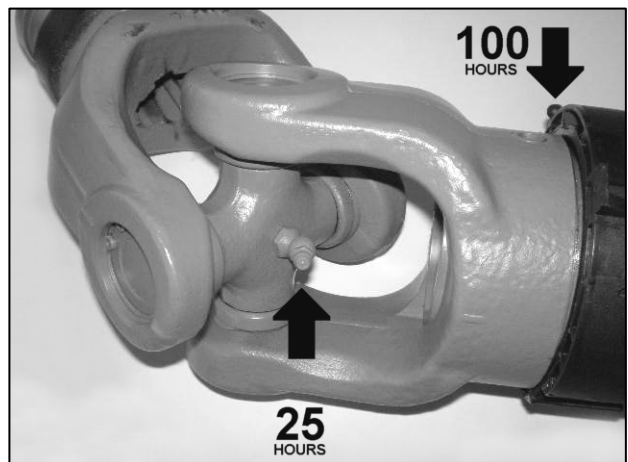
Pry clasps open to release the shield



Slide shield back to reveal universal joint



Location of lubrication points



Recommended lubricating frequency

Slide the shaft shield back into place after lubrication ensuring the clasps relocate correctly in the fixing ring – always fit torque chains to the shields to stop them from rotating with the shaft during operation.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

<b>PROBLEM</b>	<b>POSSIBLE CAUSES</b>	<b>REMEDIES</b>
<b>Irregular Cut</b>	Worn, bent or broken flails	<i>Replace flails</i>
	RPM too low	<i>Increase RPM</i>
	Machine not level to the ground	<i>Correct mounting on tractor</i>
	Clogged material caused by excessive forward speed	<i>Reduce forward speed</i>
<b>Noise</b>	Loose bolts	<i>Check and tighten bolts</i>
	Damaged components	<i>Repair or replace</i>
<b>Noisy gearbox</b>	Lack of lubrication	<i>Top up oil to correct level</i>
	Worn gears	<i>Replace worn components</i>
	Worn bearings	<i>Replace worn components</i>
<b>Vibration</b>	Broken, worn or missing flails	<i>Replace flails</i>
	Rotor out of balance	<i>Balance or replace rotor</i>
	Worn rotor bearings	<i>Replace rotor bearings</i>
<b>Excessive backlash in joints</b>	Worn pins	<i>Replace pins</i>
<b>Tight bearings</b>	Bearings dirty or ungreased	<i>Clean and grease</i>
	Violent lowering down of machine	<i>Lower machine gently</i>
<b>Belts overheating</b>	Belts slipping on pulleys	<i>Tension belts</i>
	Flails contacting the ground	<i>Raise cutting height</i>
	Working speed too high	<i>Reduce working speed</i>

### Machine Disposal

Disposal of this machine and any of its component parts must be performed in a responsible and inoffensive manner respecting all current laws relating to this subject. Materials forming this machine that must undergo differentiated division and disposal are:

- Steel
- Mineral Oil
- Rubber
- Plastic





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