

Before Operating

Failure to follow warnings or instructions can cause serious injury or death.

The Operation and Maintenance Manual, Operator's Handbook, Safety Manual and machine signs (decals) provide proper operation and maintenance instructions.



The Service Schedule chart on the machine provides service and maintenance instructions. Check fluid levels, lubricate and grease excavator as required. Check for leaks, broken or damaged parts before operating. **Never smoke when fueling!**



Always fasten seat belt snugly for restraint and lower the control console.



Know the location and function of all safety features and interlocks, gauges and operating controls.

See the Operation and Maintenance Manual or Operator's Handbook for information on how to operate auxiliary hydraulics.

 **Wear proper clothing and use personal protection equipment as required for the job.**

 **Servicing**
Service and repair work should be done only by qualified service personnel.

Transporting the Excavator and Attachment



Always drive up the ramp with heavy end uphill (boom, dipper, etc.).

Engage slew lock and secure excavator and attachments using tie-downs and chains. Use towing vehicle and trailer of adequate capacity.

Options and Accessories

Additional machine options and accessories are available (i.e. motion alarms, enclosures, falling object guards, etc.).

Operator Training



The Bobcat Compact Excavator Operator Training Course and a 10-minute safety video are available in English and Spanish. Check out the training resources link at www.bobcat.com.

This brochure is also available in Spanish.

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- **Safety rules for Bobcat compact excavators.**
- **Know the equipment and the worksite before you operate.**
- **Remember: safe operation begins with the operator.**



RENT IT SAFELY

Know the Worksite

- Understand and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- Call local utilities before you dig: 1-888-258-0808. Know the location of underground gas, water and electrical lines.
- Inspect work area for holes, drop-offs or unstable ground.
- Know the weight limitations of operating surfaces and clearances.

Changing and Using Attachments



Make sure attachment is securely fastened to excavator. Check that X-Change® system (if equipped) is securely engaged.



The attachment signs (decals) and Operator's Handbook provide operating and maintenance instructions. **Failure to follow warnings and instructions can cause serious injury or death.**



Use only approved attachments for the compact excavator.

While Operating

- Start excavator with steering levers and hydraulic controls in neutral. **Keep bystanders away.**



Move steering levers and pedals smoothly. Hydrostatic drive systems are responsive. Excavator will move immediately when controls are activated. Check blade location before moving travel control levers or pedals. Excavator will move in the direction of the blade when steering levers are moved away from the operator.



Keep your attachment low when traveling. **Never carry riders.**



Do not exceed the rated lift capacity. Read and understand the lift capacity chart on the excavator.

- **Keep bystanders away from the maximum swing area. Never lift a load over another bystander.**



Always look in the direction of travel before moving the excavator or rotating the house swing (slew).

Keep bystanders away from the work area.



Do not swing loads on a slope. Swing loads low and slowly. Do not travel across or up slopes that are over 15 degrees. Do not travel down or back up slopes that exceed 25 degrees. Keep boom centered.

- **Keep hands and feet on controls or footrests.**



Never operate excavator's controls from the ground. Always sit in the operator's seat when activating the controls.

Getting On and Off Safely



Before leaving the excavator:

- 1 Lower the attachment to the ground.
- 2 Stop the engine.
- 3 Remove the key to prevent unauthorized starting.



Use the grab-handles, track and skid-resistant surfaces when getting on or off the excavator.

Do not jump off the excavator.