

Common mistakes when renting a excavator

- Fully read manual before operating.
- Stump removal. It is very common that a root may hook a fitting or hose and damage it. This is something that is not covered under the damage waiver.
- The most force on the excavator is the "curl" of the bucket, we have seen people use this to try and pry a piece of cement, stump or frozen ground. Some of the adverse effects can be breaking a pin(s), or snapping the end of the bucket or a tooth and holder off. There again, this is outside of how the equipment is intended to be operated so damage waiver will not cover this.
- Rubber tracked units are not intended to be used on asphalt, cement or any rough surfaces that could snag and rip the tracks.
- Tracks can jump off, one of the big reasons we have seen over the years is driving diagonal on a hill. What will happen is material will pile up between the track and the rollers. Once on flat ground, make a turn and the machine will ride off the track as the tensioner will not be able to adjust fast enough. Drive straight up and down hills, not at an angle.
- If a track jumps off, contact general rental for instructions as to how to put the track on properly 763-295-2300. If the track is not put on properly damage could occur to the track.
- We have seen operators rip the drive lugs out of the tracks by using the blade for something other than back filling loose dirt. This is not intended to be a bulldozer. Strictly use to backfill loose dirt!
- Take note of cleanliness, return in the same shape to avoid cleaning fees.
- Excavator is full of fuel when leaving, return full, otherwise we charge by the gallon.