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**SKID STEER LOG GRAPPLE
MODELS LX5300
OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

**SPARTAN EQUIPMENT
SKID STEER LOG GRAPPLE
INSPECTION REPORT**

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DEALER INSPECTION REPORT

SAFETY

- Check For Hydraulic Leaks
- Check That Cylinder Extends Freely
- Check That Grapple Claws Move Freely
- Fasteners Tight
- Lubricate Machine
- Lock Pins Engaged in Face Plate

- All Decals Installed
- Guards and Shields Installed and Secured
- Review Operating and Safety Instructions

I have thoroughly instructed the buyer on the above described equipment which review included the Operator's Manual content, equipment care, adjustments, safe operation and applicable warranty policy.

Date _____

Dealer's Rep. Signature _____

The above equipment and Operator's Manual have been received by me and I have been thoroughly instructed as to care, adjustments, safe operation and applicable warranty policy.

Date _____

Owner's Signature _____

SERIAL NUMBER LOCATION

Always give your dealer the serial number of your Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Log Grapple when ordering parts or requesting service or other information.

The serial number plate is located where indicated. Please mark the numbers in the spaces provided for easy reference.



SERIAL NUMBER LOCATION

Model Number Grapple

Serial Number

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1 INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your choice of a Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Log Grapple to complement your log moving operation. This equipment has been designed and manufactured to meet the needs of a discriminating buyer for the efficient moving of logs.

Safe, efficient and trouble free operation of your Log Grapple requires that you and anyone else who will be operating or maintaining the machine, read and understand the Safety, Operation, Maintenance and Trouble Shooting information contained within the Operator's Manual.



This manual covers the Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Log Grapple, Model LX5300. Use the Table of Contents and Index as a guide to locate required information.

Keep this manual handy for frequent reference and to pass on to new operators or owners. Call your Spartan Equipment dealer, distributor or the factory if you need assistance, information or additional copies of the manuals.

OPERATOR ORIENTATION - The directions left, right, front and rear, as mentioned throughout this manual, are as seen from the Skid Steer driver's seat and facing in the direction of travel.

2 SAFETY

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This Safety Alert symbol means
ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT!
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!



The Safety Alert symbol identifies important safety messages on the Spartan Equipment Log Grapple and in the manual. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of personal injury or death. Follow the instructions in the safety message.

Why is SAFETY important to you?

3 Big Reasons

Accidents Disable and Kill
Accidents Cost
Accidents Can Be Avoided

SIGNAL WORDS:

Note the use of the signal words DANGER, WARNING and CAUTION with the safety messages. The appropriate signal word for each message has been selected using the following guide-lines:

DANGER - Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is to be limited to the most extreme situations typically for machine components which, for functional purposes, cannot be guarded.

WARNING - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury, and includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

CAUTION - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

If you have any questions not answered in this manual or require additional copies or the manual is damaged, please contact Spartan Equipment at 1.888.888.1085.

SAFETY

YOU are responsible for the **SAFE** operation and maintenance of your Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Log Grapple. **YOU** must ensure that you and anyone else who is going to operate, maintain or work around the Log Grapple be familiar with the operating and maintenance procedures and related **SAFETY** information contained in this manual. This manual will take you step-by-step through your working day and alerts you to all good safety practices that should be adhered to while operating the Log Grapple.

Remember, **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also the people around you. Make these practices a working part of your safety program. Be certain that **EVERYONE** operating this equipment is familiar with the recommended operating and maintenance procedures and follows all the safety precautions. Most accidents can be prevented. Do not risk injury or death by ignoring good safety practices.

Log Grapple owners must give operating instructions to operators or employees before allowing them to operate the machine, and at least annually.

The most important safety feature on this equipment is a **SAFE** operator. It is the operator's responsibility to read and understand ALL Safety and Operating instructions in the manual and to follow these. Most accidents can be avoided.

A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the machine. An untrained operator exposes himself and bystanders to possible serious injury or death.

Do not modify the equipment in any way. Unauthorized modification may impair the function and/or safety and could affect the life of the equipment.

Think SAFETY! Work SAFELY!

2.1 GENERAL SAFETY

1. Read and understand the Operator's Manual and all safety signs before operating, maintaining, adjusting or unplugging the Log Grapple.



2. Have a first-aid kit available for use should the need arise and know how to use it



3. Have a fire extinguisher available for use should the need arise and know how to use it.



4. Do not allow riders.

5. Wear appropriate protective gear. This list includes but is not limited to:

- A hard hat
- Protective shoes with slip resistant soles
- Protective goggles, glasses or face shield
- Heavy gloves
- Protective clothing



6. Install and secure all guards before starting.



7. Wear suitable ear protection for prolonged exposure to excessive noise.

8. Place all controls in neutral, stop Skid Steer engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging.


9. Clear the area of people, especially small children, before starting.

10. Review safety related items annually with all personnel who will be operating or maintaining the Log Grapple.

2.2 EQUIPMENT SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Safety of the operator and bystanders is one of the main concerns in designing and developing a machine. However, every year many accidents occur which could have been avoided by a few seconds of thought and a more careful approach to handling equipment. You, the operator, can avoid many accidents by observing the following precautions in this section. To avoid personal injury or death, study the following precautions and insist those working with you, or for you, follow them.
2. In order to provide a better view, certain photographs or illustrations in this manual may show an assembly with a safety shield removed. However, equipment should never be operated in this condition. Keep all shields in place. If shield removal becomes necessary for repairs, replace the shield prior to use.
3. Replace any safety sign or instruction sign that is not readable or is missing. Location of such safety signs is indicated in this manual.
4. Never use alcoholic beverages or drugs which can hinder alertness or coordination while operating this equipment. Consult your doctor about operating this machine while taking prescription medications.
5. Under no circumstances should young children be allowed to work with this equipment. Do not allow persons to operate or assemble this unit until they have read this manual and have developed a thorough understanding of the safety precautions and of how it works. Review the safety instructions with all users annually.
6. This equipment is dangerous to children and persons unfamiliar with its operation. The operator should be a responsible, properly trained and physically able person familiar with farm machinery and trained in this equipment's operations. If the elderly are assisting with work, their physical limitations need to be recognized and accommodated.
7. Use a Skid Steer equipped with a Roll Over Protective Structure (ROPS) and a seat belt.
8. Never exceed the limits of a piece of machinery. If its ability to do a job, or to do so safely, is in question - DON'T TRY IT.
9. Do not modify the equipment in any way. Unauthorized modification result in serious injury or death and may impair the function and life of the equipment.
10. In addition to the design and configuration of this implement, including Safety Signs and Safety Equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the machine. Refer also to Safety Messages and operation instruction in each of the appropriate sections of the Skid Steer and machine Manuals. Pay close attention to the Safety Signs affixed to the Skid Steer and the machine.

2.3 SAFETY TRAINING

1. Safety is a primary concern in the design and manufacture of our products. Unfortunately, our efforts to provide safe equipment can be wiped out by a single careless act of an operator or bystander.
2. In addition to the design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of this equipment.
3. It has been said, "The best safety feature is an informed, careful operator." We ask you to be that kind of an operator. It is the operator's responsibility to read and understand ALL Safety and Operating instructions in the manual and to follow these. Accidents can be avoided.

4. Working with unfamiliar equipment can lead to careless injuries. Read this manual, and the manual for your Skid Steer, before assembly or operating, to acquaint yourself with the machines. If this machine is used by any person other than yourself, or is loaned or rented, it is the machine owner's responsibility to make certain that the operator, prior to operating:
 - a. Reads and understands the operator's manuals.
 - b. Is instructed in safe and proper use.
5. Know your controls and how to stop Skid Steer engine and machine quickly in an emergency. Read this manual and the one provided with your Skid Steer.
6. Train all new personnel and review instructions frequently with existing workers. Be certain only a properly trained and physically able person will operate the machinery. A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the machine. An untrained operator exposes himself and bystanders to possible serious injury or death. If the elderly are assisting with farm work, their physical limitations need to be recognized and accommodated.

2.4 SAFETY SIGNS

1. Keep safety signs clean and legible at all times.
2. Replace safety signs that are missing or have become illegible.
3. Replaced parts that displayed a safety sign should also display the current sign.
4. Safety signs are available from your authorized Distributor or Dealer Parts Department or the factory.

How to Install Safety Signs:

Be sure that the installation area is clean and dry.

Be sure temperature is above 50°F (10°C).

Determine exact position before you remove the backing paper. (See Section 3).

Remove the smallest portion of the split backing paper.

Align the sign over the specified area and carefully press the small portion with the exposed sticky backing in place.

Slowly peel back the remaining paper and carefully smooth the remaining portion of the sign in place.

Small air pockets can be pierced with a pin and smoothed out using the piece of sign backing paper.

2.5 PREPARATION

1. Never operate the Skid Steer and machine until you have read and completely understand this manual, the Skid Steer Operator's Manual, and each of the Safety Messages found on the safety signs on the Skid Steer and machine.

2. Personal protection equipment including hard hat, safety glasses, safety shoes, and gloves are recommended during as-



sembly, installation, operation, adjustment, maintaining, repairing, removal, or moving the implement. Do not allow long hair, loose fitting clothing or jewelry to be around equipment.

3. **PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO LOUD NOISE MAY CAUSE PERMANENT HEARING LOSS!**

Skid Steers with or without equipment attached can often be noisy enough to cause permanent, partial hearing loss. We recommend that you wear hearing protection on a full-time basis if the noise in the Operator's position exceeds 80db. Noise over 85db on a long-term basis can cause severe hearing loss. Noise over 90db adjacent to the Operator over a long-term basis may cause permanent, total hearing loss. **NOTE:** Hearing loss from loud noise (from Skid Steers, chain saws, radios, and other such sources close to the ear) is cumulative over a lifetime without hope of natural recovery.



4. Operate the machine only with a Skid Steer equipped with an approved Roll-Over-Protective Structure (ROPS). Always wear your seat belt. Serious injury or even death could result from falling off the Skid Steer ---particularly



during a turnover when the operator could be pinned under the ROPS or the Skid Steer.

5. Clear working area of stones, branches or hidden obstacles that might be hooked or snagged, causing injury or damage.
6. Operate only in daylight or good artificial light.
7. Be sure machine is properly mounted, adjusted and in good operating condition.
8. Ensure that all safety shielding and safety signs are properly installed and in good condition.

2.6 OPERATING SAFETY

1. Please remember it is important that you read and heed the safety signs on the Log Grapple. Clean or replace all safety signs if they cannot be clearly read and understood. They are there for your safety, as well as the safety of others. The safe use of this machine is strictly up to you the operator.
2. All things with moving parts are potentially hazardous. There is no substitute for a cautious, safe-minded operator who recognizes potential hazards and follows reasonable safety practices. The manufacturer has designed this Skid Steer Log Grapple to be used with all its safety equipment properly attached, to minimize the chance of accidents. Study this manual to make sure you have all safety equipment attached.
3. Read and understand operator's manual before starting. Review safety instructions annually.
4. If a safety shield or guard is removed for any reason, it must be replaced before the machine is again operated.
5. Personal protection equipment including hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, safety shoes, and tight gloves are recommended during assembly, installation, operation, adjustment, maintaining, repairing, removal, or moving. Do not allow long hair, loose fitting clothing, or jewelry to be around moving parts.
6. Always use two people to handle heavy, unwieldy components during assembly, installation, removal or moving.
7. Never place any part of your body, fingers, hands, feet, etc. where it would be in danger if movement should occur during assembly, installation, operation, maintaining, repairing, removal or moving. Keep others away.
8. Keep hydraulic lines and fittings tight, in good condition and free of leaks.
9. Never place any part of your body where it would be in danger if movement should occur during assembly, installation, operation, maintenance, repairing or unplugging.
10. Turn machine off, stop engine, remove ignition key, set park brake and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging.
11. Do not run machine inside a closed building to prevent asphyxiation from engine exhaust.
12. Never use alcoholic beverages or drugs which can hinder alertness or coordination while operating this equipment. Consult your doctor about operating this machine while taking prescription medications.
13. Do not allow riders on the machine or Skid Steer at any time. There is no safe place for any riders
14. Before you operate the machine, check over all pins, bolts, connections and hydraulic components to be sure all are securely in place and tight. Tighten or replace any leaking, damaged or worn parts immediately.
15. Do not allow anyone who is not familiar with the safety rules and operation instructions to use this machine.
16. Never allow children to operate or be around this machine.
17. Do not operate on slopes or hillsides. Sloping terrain can cause logs to roll or slip.
18. Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and snagged or entangled in the machine. Do not operate on slippery, wet, muddy or icy surfaces. Good footing prevents slipping and tripping.
19. Do not exceed a safe travel speed when transporting.

2.7 HYDRAULIC SAFETY

1. Make sure that all the components in the hydraulic system are kept in good condition and are clean.
2. Replace any worn, cut, abraded, flattened or crimped hoses and metal lines.
3. Stop engine or motor, disconnect spark plug wire or unplug power cord, and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or cleaning.
4. Do not attempt any makeshift repairs to the hydraulic lines, fittings or hoses by using tapes, clamps or cements. The hydraulic system operates under extremely high-pressure. Such repairs will fail suddenly and create a hazardous and unsafe condition.
5. Wear proper hand and eye protection when searching for a high-pressure hydraulic leak. Use a piece of wood or cardboard as a backstop instead of hands to isolate and identify a leak



6. If injured by a concentrated high-pressure stream of hydraulic fluid, seek medical attention immediately. Serious infection or toxic reaction can develop from hydraulic fluid piercing the skin surface.
7. Before applying pressure to the system, make sure all components are tight and that lines, hoses and couplings are not damaged.

2.8 STORAGE SAFETY

1. Store the unit in an area away from human activity.
2. Do not permit children to play on or around the stored machine.
3. Store the unit in a dry, level area. Support the frame with planks if required.

2.9 TRANSPORT SAFETY

1. Comply with state and local laws governing safety and transporting of machinery on public roads.
2. Check that all the lights, reflectors and other lighting requirements are installed and in good working condition.
3. Do not exceed a safe travel speed. Slow down for rough terrain and cornering.
4. Be sure the grapple is attached positively to the Skid Steer with the lock pins fully engaged.
5. Do not drink and drive.
6. Be a safe and courteous driver. Always yield to oncoming traffic in all situations, including narrow bridges, intersections, etc. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
7. Never allow riders on the machine.

2.10 MAINTENANCE SAFETY

1. Good maintenance is your responsibility. Poor maintenance is an invitation to trouble.
2. Follow good shop practices.

Keep service area clean and dry.
Be sure electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded.
Use adequate light for the job at hand.



3. Make sure there is plenty of ventilation. Never operate the engine of the towing vehicle in a closed building. The exhaust fumes may cause asphyxiation.
4. Before working on this machine, shut off the engine, set the brakes, and remove the ignition keys.
6. Never work under equipment unless it is blocked securely.
7. Use personal protection devices such as eye, hand and hearing protectors, when performing any service or maintenance work.
8. Where replacement parts are necessary for periodic maintenance and servicing, genuine factory replacement parts must be used to restore your equipment to original specifications. The manufacturer will not be responsible for injuries or damages caused by use of unapproved parts and/or accessories.
9. A fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be kept readily accessible while performing maintenance on this equipment.



10. Periodically tighten all bolts, nuts and screws and check that all cotter pins are properly installed to ensure unit is in a safe condition.
11. When completing a maintenance or service function, make sure all safety shields and devices are installed before placing unit in service.

2.11 SIGN-OFF FORM

Spartan Equipment follows the general Safety Standards specified by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Anyone who will be operating and/ or maintaining the Skid Steer Log Grapple must read and clearly understand ALL Safety, Operating and Maintenance information presented in this manual.

Do not operate or allow anyone else to operate this equipment until such information has been reviewed. Annually review this information before the season start-up.

Make these periodic reviews of SAFETY and OPERATION a standard practice for all of your equipment. We feel that an untrained operator is unqualified to operate this machine.

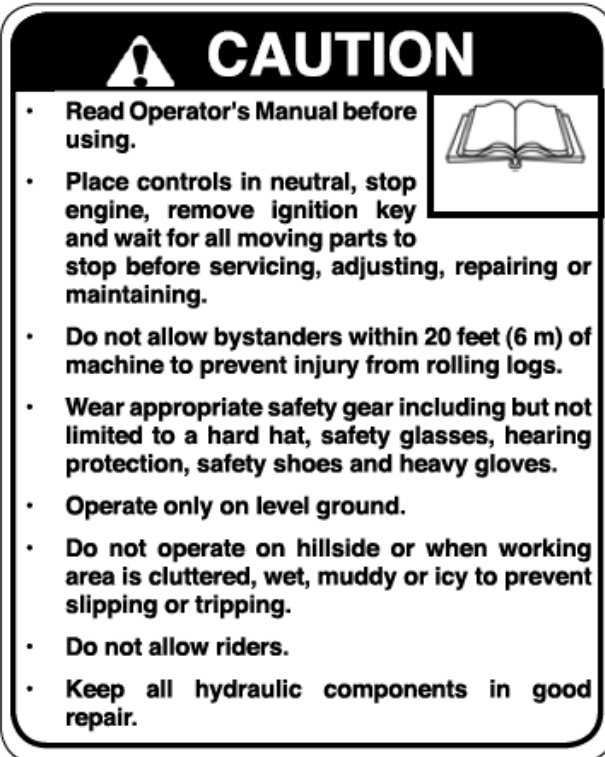
SIGN-OFF FORM

DATE	EMPLOYEES SIGNATURE	EMPLOYERS SIGNATURE

3 SAFETY SIGN LOCATIONS


The types of safety signs and locations on the equipment are shown in the illustration below. Good safety requires that you familiarize yourself with the various safety signs, the type of warning and the area, or particular function related to that area, that requires your SAFETY AWARENESS.

A



CAUTION

- Read Operator's Manual before using.
- Place controls in neutral, stop engine, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or maintaining.
- Do not allow bystanders within 20 feet (6 m) of machine to prevent injury from rolling logs.
- Wear appropriate safety gear including but not limited to a hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, safety shoes and heavy gloves.
- Operate only on level ground.
- Do not operate on hillside or when working area is cluttered, wet, muddy or icy to prevent slipping or tripping.
- Do not allow riders.
- Keep all hydraulic components in good repair.



B



DANGER



**GRAPPLE HAZARD
KEEP AWAY**

To prevent serious injury or death from moving boom/grapple:

- Lower and close grapple, place all controls in neutral, stop engine, set park brake, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or maintaining.
- Stay back at least 20 ft. (6m) when grapple is operating.
- Keep others away.

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REMEMBER - If safety signs have been damaged, removed, become illegible or parts replaced without signs, new signs must be applied. New signs are available from your authorized dealer.

4 OPERATION



OPERATING SAFETY

Read Operator's Manual before using.

Place controls in neutral, stop engine, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or maintaining.

Do not allow bystanders within 20 feet (6 m) of machine to prevent injury from rolling logs

Wear appropriate safety gear including but not limited to a hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, safety shoes and heavy gloves.

Operate only on level ground.

Do not operate on hillside or when working area is cluttered, wet, muddy or icy to prevent slipping or tripping.

Do not allow riders.

Keep all hydraulic components in good repair.

4.1 TO THE NEW OPERATOR OR OWNER

The Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Log Grapple is designed to grab, lift or pull any kind of wood or log. Be familiar with the machine before starting.

In addition to the design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment. It is the responsibility of the owner or operator to read this manual and to train all other operators before they start working with the machine.

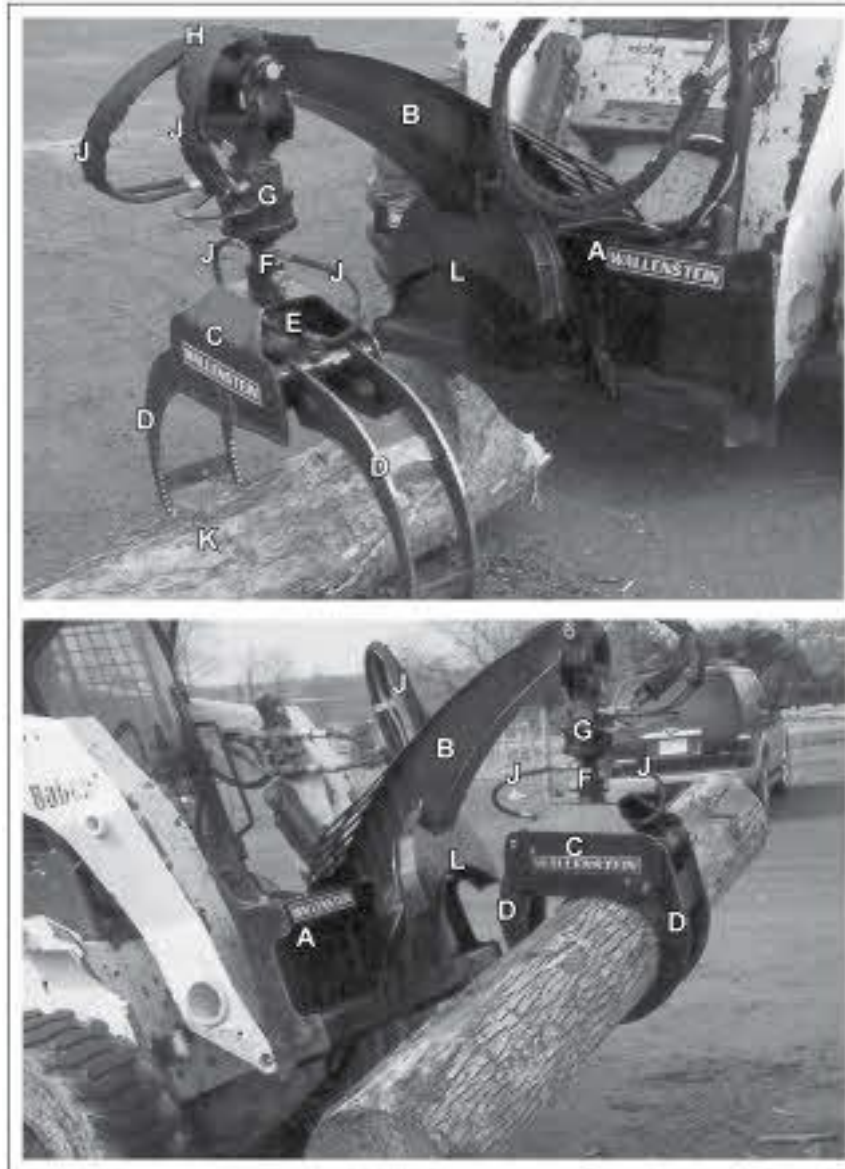
It is the responsibility of the owner or operator to read this manual and to train all other operators before they start working with the machine. Follow all safety instructions exactly. Safety is everyone's business. By following recommended procedures, a safe working environment is provided for the operator, bystanders and the area around the work site. Untrained operators are not qualified to operate the machine.

Many features incorporated into this machine are the result of suggestions made by customers like you. Read this manual carefully to learn how to operate the machine safely and how to set it to provide maximum field efficiency. By following the operating instructions in conjunction with a good maintenance program, your Skid Steer Log Grapple will provide many years of trouble-free service.

4.2 MACHINE COMPONENTS

The Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Log Grapple consists of a grapple on the end of a frame that mounts to the loader on a Skid Steer for grasping and picking up wood or logs. Hydraulic power from the

Skid Steer is routed through a double acting valve to control the cylinder position. The grapple is designed to pivot and swivel to align the log behind the skid frame.



- A Mounting Frame
- B Main Frame
- C Grapple Frame
- D Grapple Claws
- E Hydraulic Cylinder
- F Pivot
- G Swivel Motor
- H Control Harness
- J Hydraulic Hose
- K Log(s)
- L Log Pivot Fulcrum

Fig. 1 MACHINE COMPONENTS

**DANGER**

MISSING SHIELD HAZARD

- Install and secure all shields before operating to prevent serious injury or death from exposed hazard.
- Keep hands, feet, hair and clothing away from moving parts.

4.3 MACHINE BREAK-IN

Although there are no operational restrictions on the Skid Steer Log Grapple when used for the first time, it is recommended that the following mechanical items be checked:

A. After Operating For 1 and 5 Hours:

1. Check all nuts, bolts and other fasteners. Tighten to their specified torque level.
2. Check hydraulic system for leaks. Tighten all leaking fittings and replace any leaking components.
3. Then go to the service schedule as defined in the Maintenance Section.

4.4 PRE-OPERATION CHECKLIST

Efficient and safe operation of the Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Log Grapple requires that each operator reads and understands the operating procedures and all related safety precautions outlined in this section. A pre-operation checklist is provided for the operator. It is important for both the personal safety and maintaining the good mechanical condition of the Log Grapple that this checklist is followed.

Before operating the machine and each time thereafter, the following areas should be checked off:

1. Use only a small Skid Steer of less than 60 horsepower on the machine.
2. Check that the grapple is properly attached to the Skid Steer. Be sure retainers are used on the mounting pins.
3. Check the grapple claws. Be sure they are not bent or broken. Repair or replace as required.
4. Check for entangled material. Remove this material.
5. Check for hydraulic leaks. Tighten fittings or replace components to stop leaks.

4.5 ASSEMBLY

The machine is shipped from the factory in a partially disassembled configuration and attached to a pallet that provides easy moving and handling. Always use tools, equipment and fork lifts of appropriate size and capacity for the job. Always use 2 men when lifting, moving and assembling the machine.

When the machine is shipped, follow this procedure when preparing for the customer:

1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Use a forklift to lift the pallet/machine from the truck. Carry the load close to the ground as it is moved to the assembly area and positioned.
4. Remove the strapping and tie downs.

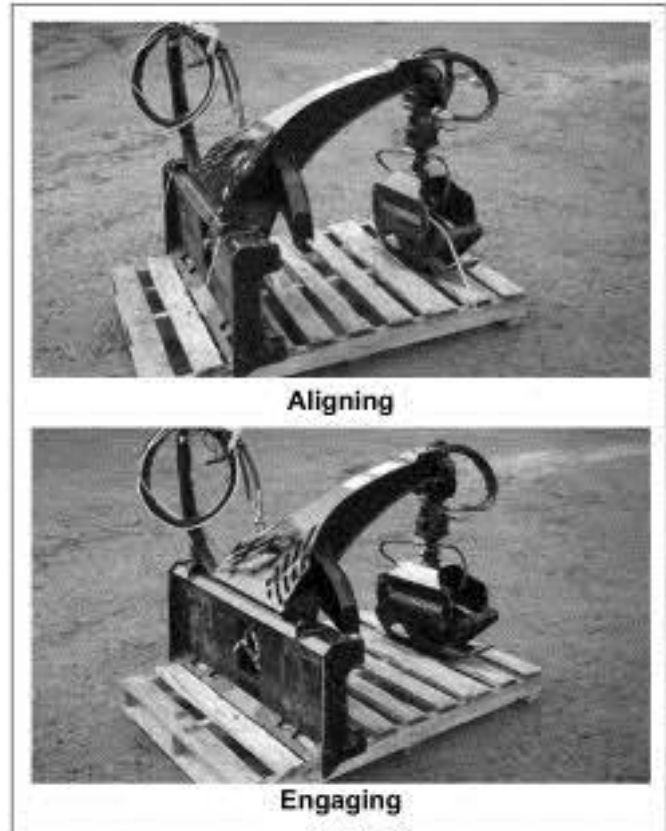


Fig. 2 SHIPPING CONFIGURATION (typical)

5. Attach Skid Steer to the frame.

6. Engage loader lock pins.

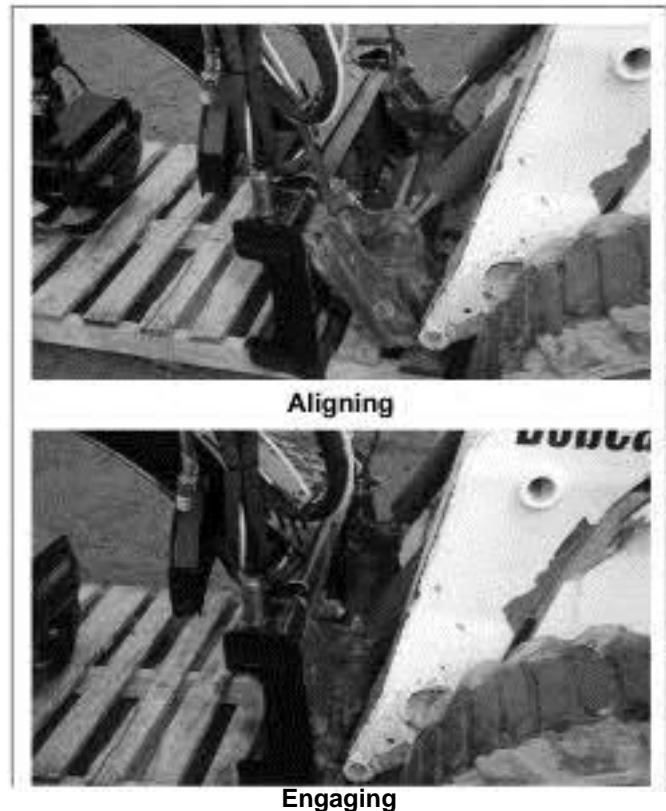


Fig. 3 ATTACHING

7. Lift the frame.



Fig. 4 LIFTING

4.6 EQUIPMENT MATCHING

To insure the safe and reliable operation of the Log Grapple, it is necessary to use a Skid Steer with the correct specifications. Use the following list as a guide in selecting a Skid Steer to use on the machine.

1. **Horsepower:**

Although horsepower is not required to operate the Log Grapple, it does establish the total weight for machine stability. Do not exceed the Log Grapple power specifications.

2. **Hydraulic System:**

The Skid Steer hydraulic system must be capable of 5 gpm (19 lpm) at 2000 psi (13,800 kPa).

Table 1: Model vs. Skid Steer HP

Model	Recommended Skid Steer Horsepower
LX5300	25 - 50



Fig. 5 SKID STEER (typical)

4.7 CONTROLS

Always review the "controls" section of the Skid Steer operator's manual to be familiar with the location, settings and function of the controls. Be familiar with the controls before starting.

1. **Hydraulic Controls:**

The hydraulic systems on the machine are controlled with a priority valve system. Move the switch up and hold to provide oil to the grapple pivot hydraulic motor. Release the switch and oil will flow to the claw hydraulic cylinder.



Fig. 6 SWITCH

4.8 ATTACHING/UNHOOKING SKID STEER

When attaching log grapple to a Skid Steer, follow this procedure:

1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Make sure there is enough room and clearance to safely drive up to the log grapple.
3. Drive slowly and align the loader face plate to the back of the grapple frame.



Fig. 7 ALIGNING



Top Lip

4. **Tilt** the face plate forward and drive into the frame with the top of the face plate mating into the upper lip.



Tilting



Engaged

Fig. 8 FACE PLATE

5. Engage the loader face plate lock pins.

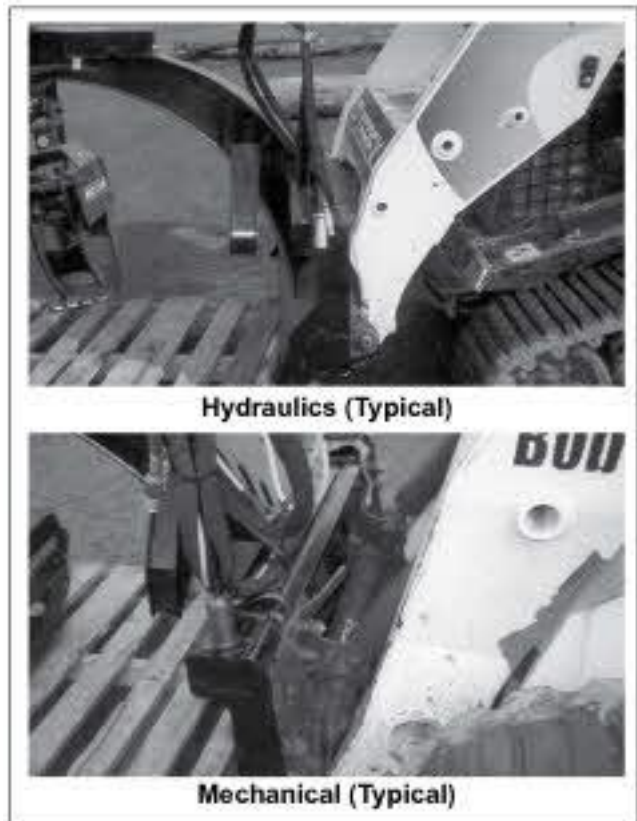


Fig. 9 LOCK PINS

6. Connect the hydraulics:

NOTE

Clip the plastic ties securing the hoses for shipping if this is the first time the grapple is mounted.

- Use a clean rag or paper towel to clean the dirt from the couplers on the hose ends and on the skid steer.
- Connect the hoses to the skid steer couplers. Be sure the couplers are securely seated.
- Route and secure the hoses along the frame with clips, tape or plastic ties to prevent binding and pinching. Be sure to provide slack for tilting.

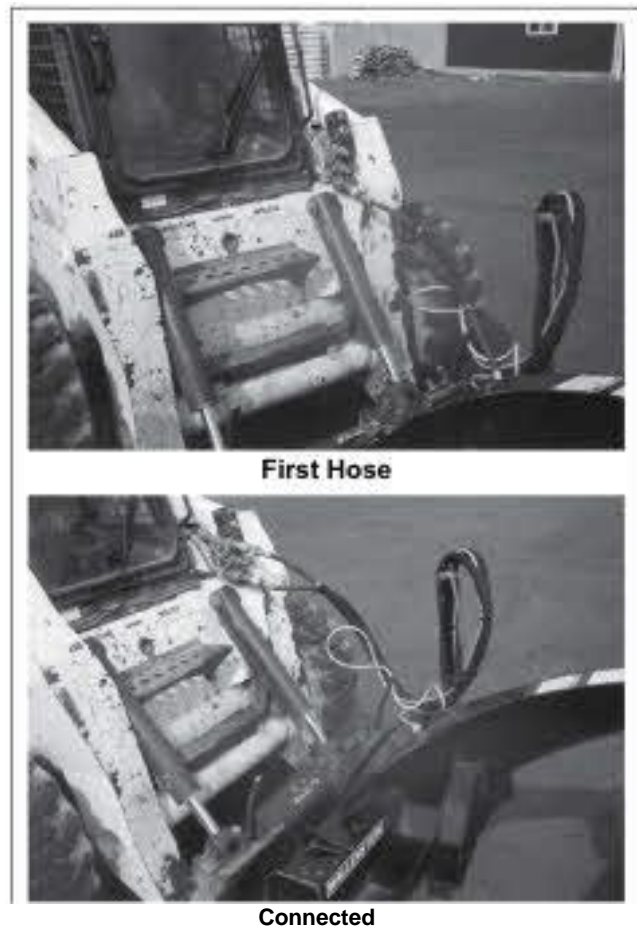


Fig. 10 HYDRAULICS

7. Install the Hydraulic Controller in the cab:

- a. Clip the plastic ties securing the wiring harness to the mast for shipping if this is the first time the grapple is mounted.
- b. Secure in the cab in a position convenient to the operator.
- c. Route and secure the hoses along the frame with clips, tape or plastic ties to prevent binding and pinching. Be sure to provide slack for tilting.

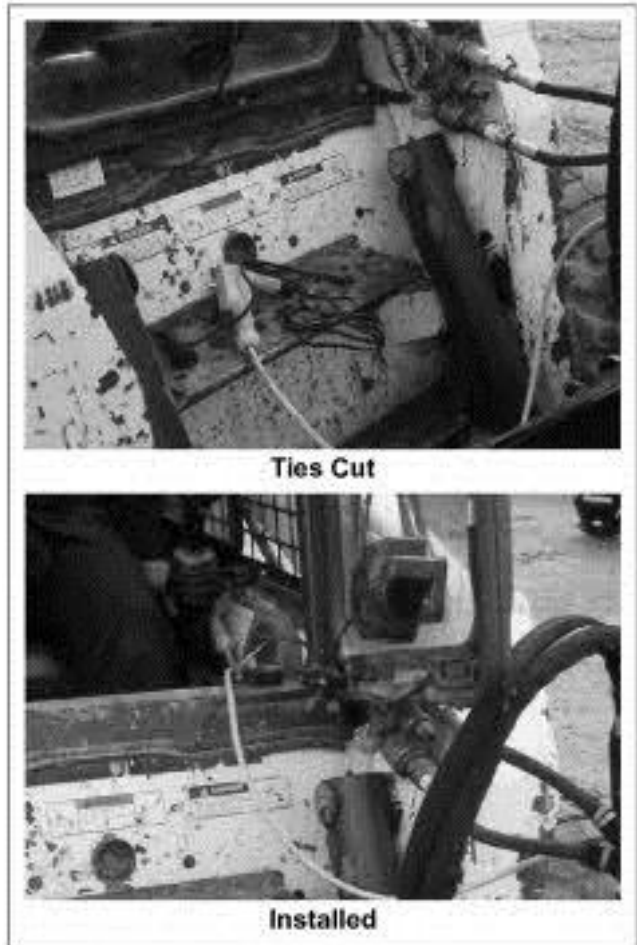


Fig. 11 HYDRAULIC CONTROLLER

8. Raise the grapple.



Fig. 12 MOUNTED

9. Reverse the above procedure when unhooking.

10. Place planks or boards under the frame for extra support if required.

4.9 FIELD OPERATION

OPERATING SAFETY

Read Operator's Manual before using.

Place controls in neutral, stop engine, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or maintaining.

Do not allow bystanders within 20 feet (6 m) of machine to prevent injury from rolling logs.

Extend stabilizers to support frame during loading and unloading.

Wear appropriate safety gear including but not limited to a hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, safety shoes and heavy gloves.

Operate only on level ground.

Do not operate on hillside or when working area is cluttered, wet, muddy or icy to prevent slipping or tripping.

Do not allow riders.

Keep all hydraulic components in good repair.

Spartan Equipment Log Grapples attach to a Skid Steer and use the Skid Steer hydraulics to open and close the grapple claws. However the operator has the responsibility of being familiar with all operating and safety procedures and following them.

Each operator should review this section of the manual at the start of the season and as often as required to be familiar with the machine. When using, follow this procedure:

1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Review and follow the Pre-Operation Checklist (Section 4.4).
3. Attach the machine to the Skid Steer (Section 4.8).
4. Review the location and function of controls on the Skid Steer.
5. Review the work site and plan the operation before starting.
6. Drive to the work site and position the grapple appropriately for the application.

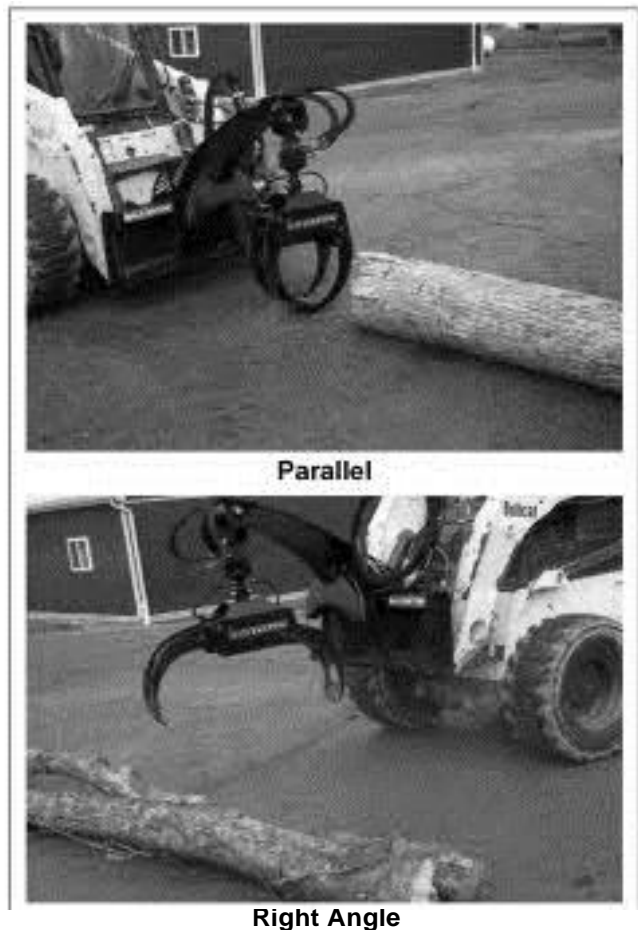


Fig. 13 POSITIONING

7. Starting:

- a. Align the Skid Steer and grapple with the logs, poles or wood.
- b. Back the grapple claws over one end of the log.
- c. Open the grapple claws and lower the grapple over the log.



Positioning

- d. Close the grapple.



Closing

- e. Raise the loader and log.



Lifting

Fig. 14 STARTING

8. Stopping:

Lower the loader to the ground and open the claws when stopping. Turn engine off.



Fig. 15 STOPPING

9. **Log Placement:**

The grapple can be used in many ways to lift or move logs. Some typical uses include lifting one end and dragging or moving as desired or moving forward and placing the log pivot frame over the end of the log to lift the entire log.

a. Single log.

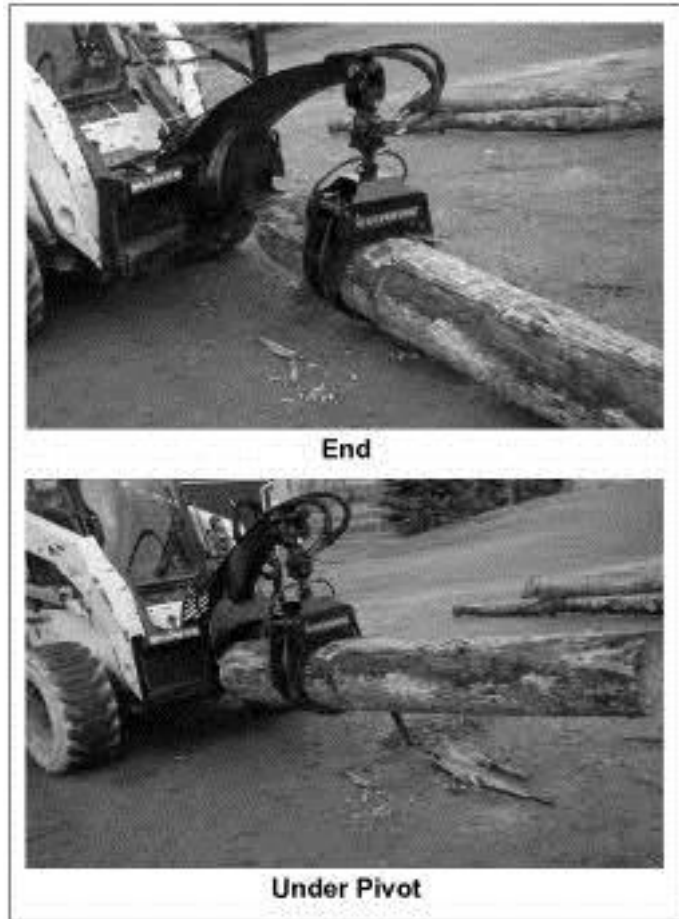


Fig. 16 SINGLE LOG

b. Multiple logs.

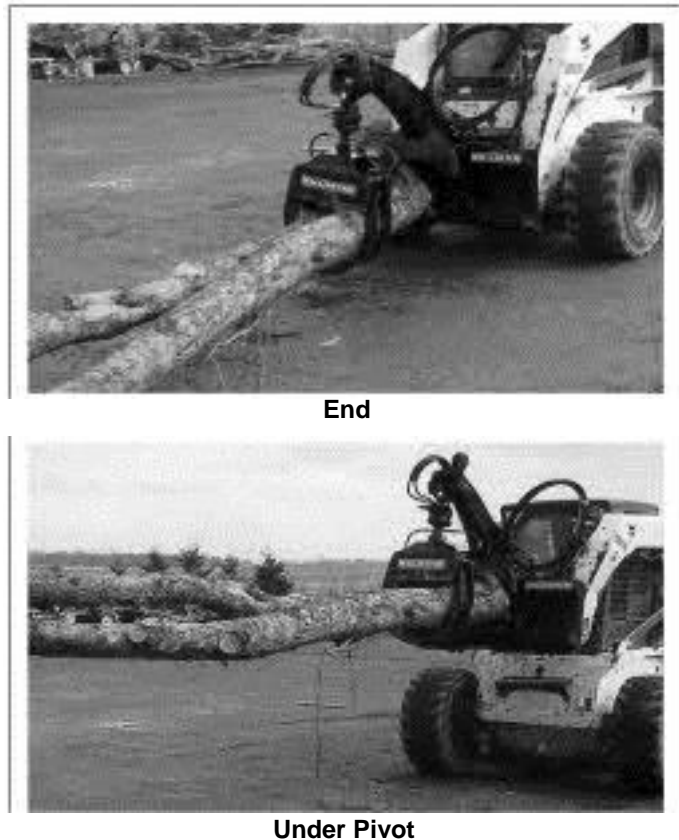


Fig. 17 MULTIPLE LOGS

10. Log Fulcrum:

The machine is designed with a ledge on the frame next to the mounting frame that can be used as a fulcrum to lift the entire log or tree.

To utilize the lift feature provided by the fulcrum, follow this procedure:

- a. Fully open the claws.
- b. Position the loader in the down position until the grapple frame is just above the ground.
- c. Drive forward until the log or wood butts against the frame.
- d. Stop forward motion.
- e. Close claws.
- f. Slowly raise loader to determine if the skid steer has sufficient stability to lift/move the log without tipping forward.



Fulcrum



Positioning



Lifting

Fig. 18 LOG FULCRUM

11. Applications:

The machine can be used in many ways/ applications including but not limited to:

a. Dragging or towing.



Dragging/Towing

b. Lifting.



Lifting

c. Piling or loading.



Piling - Single



Piling - Multiple

Fig. 19 APPLICATIONS

12. **Grapple Rotation:**

The grapple is designed with a hydraulic motor between the frame and the claw assembly. Use the motor to position the claws at right angles to the log/tree to allow the claws to grasp the material. Use the selector switch and hydraulic control in the cab to turn, rotate or position the claw assembly as required.



Parallel



Right Angle



Parallel



Right Angle

Fig. 20 GRAPPLE ROTATION

13. **Log Size:**

The jaws of the Log Grapple do not open as large as the inside portion of the claws. Do not overload the frame. Measure the size of the log ahead of time to determine if the log is too large.

a. Jaw width.

b. Claw width.

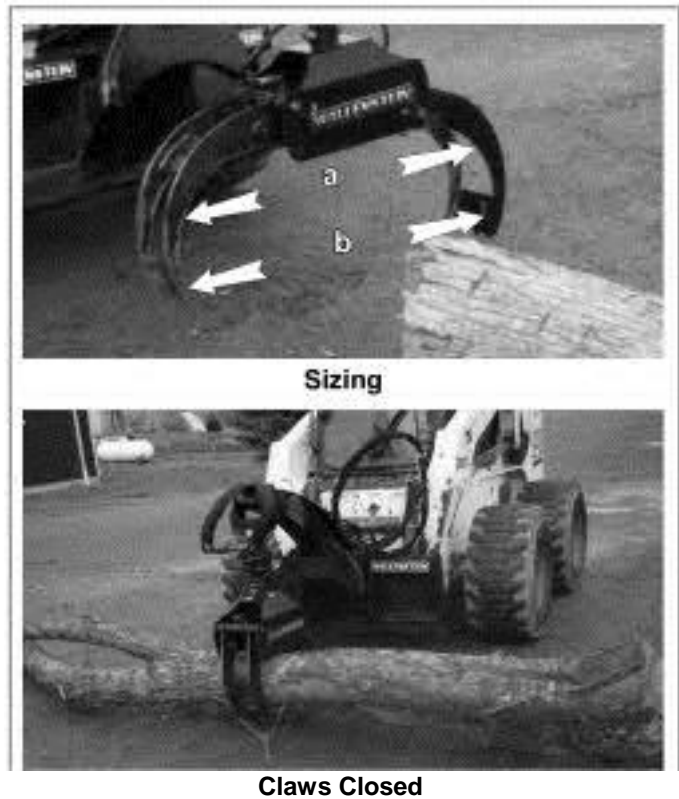


Fig. 21 LOG SIZE

14. **Stability:**

Skid Steer machines are designed with a short wheel base to allow for a small turning radius. A short wheel base does not provide for a heavy counterbalance feature when lifting a large/long log or tree. Lift slowly and carefully the first time to determine the stability of the system. Carry load close to the ground to keep the machine's center of gravity as low as possible.

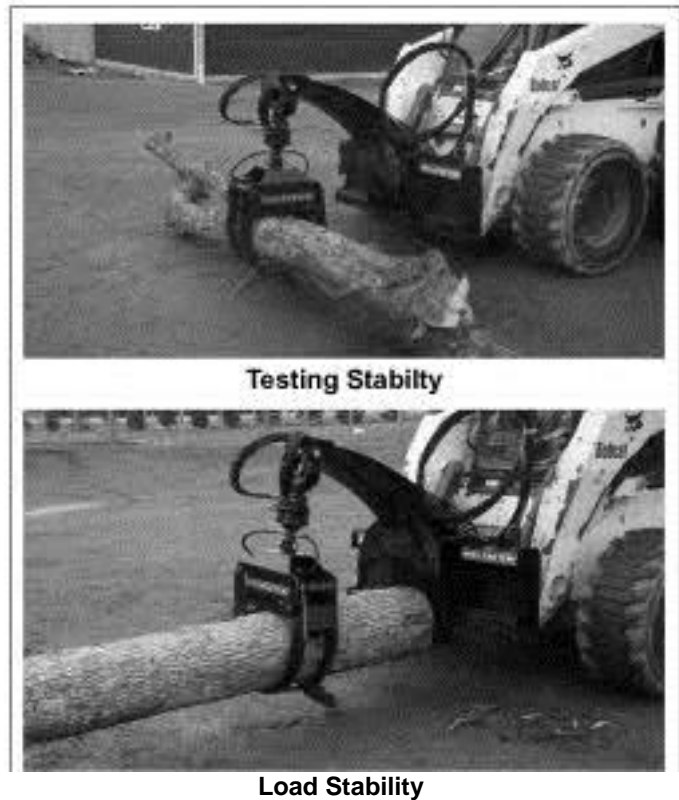


Fig. 22 STABILITY

15. **Balancing:**

When picking up a load at right angles to the skid steer, **lift slowly** at first to check that the load is balanced from side to side. Re-position grapple to balance load as required.



Single



Multiple

Fig. 23 BALANCING

16. **Operating Hints:**

- a. Do not overload the machine by trying to pick up a log that is too heavy. Use an alternative method to move the log.
- b. Skid Steer power units are designed with a short wheel base to allow for sharp turns. As a result they do not have a large weight to counterbalance a log that is being lifted. Lift carefully and slowly to determine if the unit has sufficient stability before moving load.
- c. Do not exceed the recommended size of the Skid Steer for the grapple. A Skid Steer that is too large can overload the frame and cause failures.
- d. Use the fulcrum frame to fully lift each log or tree.



Fig. 24 STABILITY



Fig. 25 LIFTING

4.10 TRANSPORTING



TRANSPORT SAFETY

Read Operator's Manual before using.

Place controls in neutral, stop engine, remove ignition key and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or maintaining.

Do not allow bystanders within 20 feet (6 m) of machine to prevent injury from rolling logs.

Extend stabilizers to support frame during loading and unloading.

Wear appropriate safety gear including but not limited to a hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, safety shoes and heavy gloves.

Operate only on level ground.

Do not operate on hillside or when working area is cluttered, wet, muddy or icy to prevent slipping or tripping.

Do not allow riders.

Keep all hydraulic components in good repair.

When transporting the machine, review and follow these instructions:

1. Be sure all bystanders are clear of the machine.
2. Be sure that the machine is securely attached to the Skid Steer with the lock pins fully engaged.
3. Keep the loader and grapple low when moving or transporting.
4. Clean the SMV emblem, lights and reflectors and be sure they are working.
5. Be sure you are in compliance with all applicable lighting and marking regulations when transporting. Check with your local authorities.
6. Be sure your machine can clearly be seen by overtaking and oncoming traffic.
7. Keep to the right and yield the right-of-way to allow faster traffic to pass. Drive on the road shoulder if permitted by law.

8. Do not allow riders.

9. Always use hazard flashers on the Skid Steer when transporting unless prohibited by law.

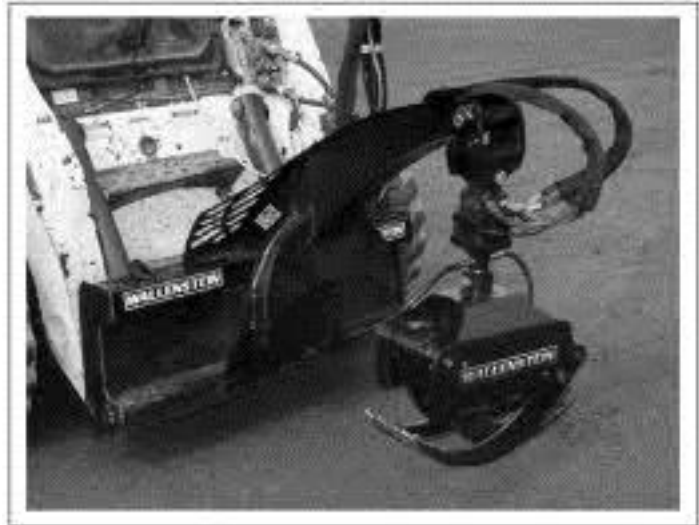


Fig. 26 TRANSPORTING

4.11 STORAGE



STORAGE SAFETY

Store the unit in an area away from human activity.

Do not permit children to play on or around the stored machine.

Store the unit in a dry, level area. Support the frame with planks if required.

After the season's use, the machine should be thoroughly inspected and prepared for storage. Repair or replace any worn or damaged components to prevent any unnecessary down time at the start of next season. To insure a long, trouble free life, this procedure should be followed when preparing the unit for storage:

1. Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children.
2. Thoroughly wash the machine using a pressure washer to remove all dirt, mud, debris and residue.
3. Inspect the cylinder and grapple for damage or entangled material. Repair or replace damaged parts. Remove all entangled material.
4. Touch up all paint nicks and scratches to prevent rusting.
5. Move to storage area.
6. Select an area that is dry, level and free of debris.
7. Fully retract the cylinder ram.
8. Unhook from Skid Steer.
9. If the machine cannot be placed inside, cover with a waterproof tarpaulin and tie securely in place.
10. Store the machine in an area away from human activity.
11. Do not allow children to play on or around the stored machine.

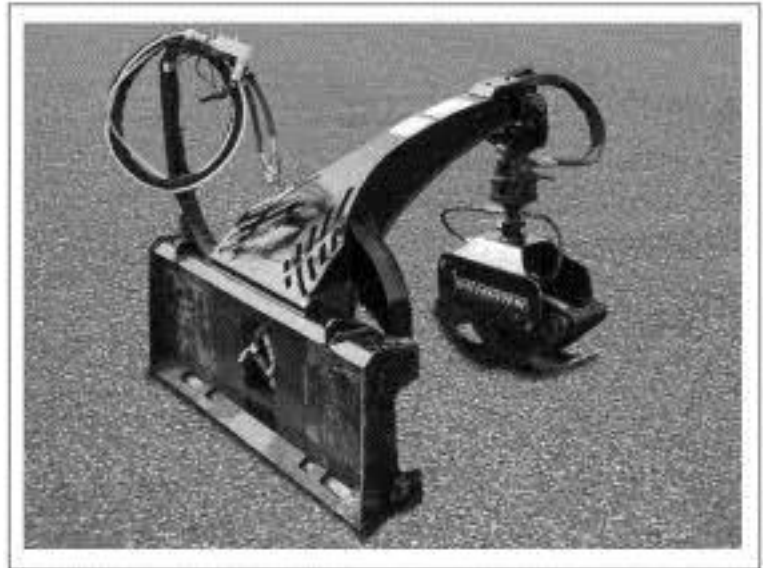


Fig. 27 STORED

5 SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE



MAINTENANCE SAFETY

Follow ALL the operating, maintenance and safety information in the manual.

Support the machine with blocks or safety stands when working beneath it.

Follow good shop practices.

Keep service area clean and dry.
Be sure electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded.
Use adequate light for the job at hand.

Make sure there is plenty of ventilation. Never operate the engine of the towing vehicle in a closed building. The exhaust fumes may cause asphyxiation.

Use only tools, jacks and hoists of sufficient capacity for the job.

Make sure all guards are in place and properly secured when maintenance work is completed.

Keep hands, feet, hair and clothing away from moving or rotating parts.

Clear the area of bystanders, especially small children, when carrying out any maintenance and repairs or making any adjustments.

5.1 SERVICE

5.1.1 FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS

1. **Grease:**
Use an SAE multi-purpose high temperature grease with extreme pressure (EP) performance. Also acceptable is an SAE multi-purpose lithium base grease.
2. **Storing Lubricants:**
Your machine can operate at top efficiency only if clean lubricants are used. Use clean containers to handle all lubricants. Store them in an area protected from dust, moisture and other contaminants.

5.1.2 GREASING

Use the Maintenance Checklist provided to keep a record of all scheduled maintenance.

1. Use a hand-held grease gun for all greasing.
2. Wipe grease fitting with a clean cloth before greasing to avoid injecting dirt and grit.
3. Replace and repair broken fittings immediately.
4. If fittings will not take grease, remove and clean thoroughly. Also clean lubricant passage. Replace fitting if necessary.

5.1.3 SERVICING INTERVALS

The period recommended is based on normal operating conditions. Severe or unusual conditions may require more frequent servicing.

8 Hours or Daily

1. Grease the pins.
 - a. Pivot pin.
 - b. Swivel pin.
 - c. Grapple pin.

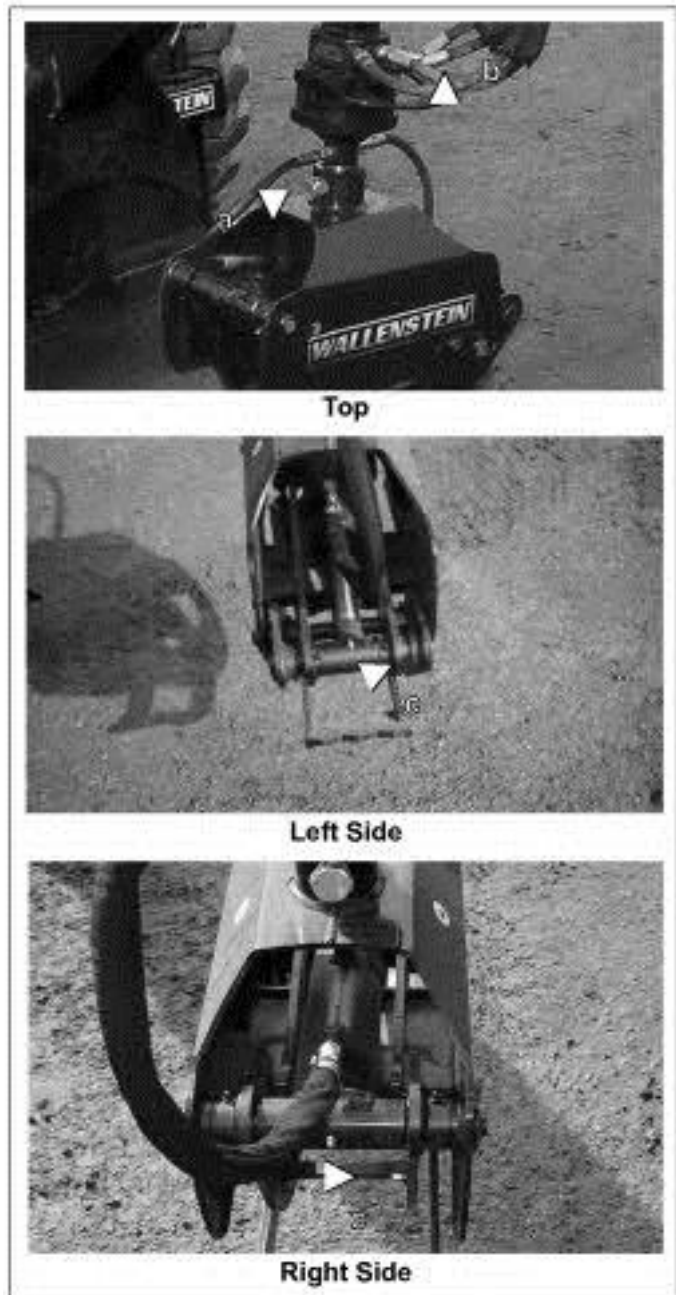


Fig. 28 PINS

Annually

1. Wash and clean machine.

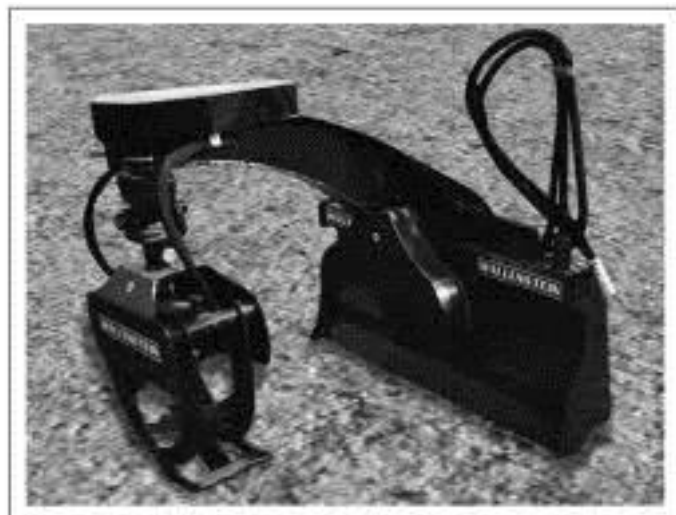


Fig. 29 MACHINE

5.1.4 SERVICE RECORD

See Lubrication and Maintenance sections for details of service. Copy this page to continue record.

ACTION CODE: G GREASE CL CLEAN

MAINTENANCE	HOURS														
	SERVICED BY														
8 Hours or Daily															
G Pivot Pin															
G Swivel Pin															
G Grapple Pins															
Annually															
CL Machine															

6 TROUBLE SHOOTING

The Spartan Equipment Skid Steer Mounted Log Grapple uses Skid Steer hydraulic power to open and close a grapple to hold and lift logs. It is a simple and reliable system that requires minimal maintenance.

In the following section, we have listed many of the problems, causes and solutions to the problems that you may encounter.

If you encounter a problem that is difficult to solve, even after having read through this trouble shooting section, please call your local dealer, distributor or Spartan Equipment. Before you call, please have this Operator's Manual and the serial number from your Log Grapple ready.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Grapple claws don't move.	No oil.	Use a different remote outlet. Check Skid Steer oil level. Top up as required.
Grapple claws move in wrong direction.	Hydraulic hoses reversed.	Reverse hoses.

7 SPECIFICATIONS

7.1 MECHANICAL

Model	LX5300	SSLX485
Overall Length/Width	48 in / 33 in	54 in / 33 in
Total Weight	220lb	260lb
Grapple Rotation	180°	180°
Grapple Opening	27 in	37 in
Skid Steer Category	Cat 1	Cat 1
Max. Boom Lift Capacity	1500lb	1800lb
Recommended Skid Steer Size	20 - 35 hp	30 - 50 hp

SPECIFICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

7.2 HYDRAULIC FITTING TORQUE

Tightening Flare Type Tube Fittings *

1. Check flare and flare seat for defects that might cause leakage.
2. Align tube with fitting before tightening.
3. Lubricate connection and hand tighten swivel nut until snug.
4. To prevent twisting the tube(s), use two wrenches. Place one wrench on the connector body and with the second tighten the swivel nut to the torque shown.

Tube Size O O	Nut Size Across Flats	Torque Value-		Recommended Turns To Tighten (After Finger Tightening)	
		(N.m)	(lb-ft)	(Flats)	(Turn)
3/16	7/16	8	6	1	1/6
1/4	9/16	12	9	1	1/6
5/16	5/8	16	12	1	1/6
3/8	11/16	24	18	1	1/6
1/2	7/8	46	34	1	1/6
5/8	1	62	46	1	1/6
3/4	1-1/4	102	75	3/4	1/8
7/8	1-3/8	122	90	3/4	1/8

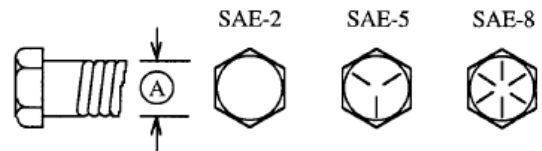
- The torque values shown are based on lubricated connections as in reassembly.

7.3 BOLT TORQUE

CHECKING BOLT TORQUE

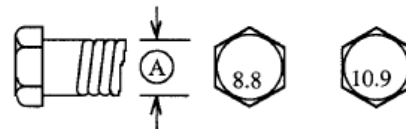
IMPERIAL TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

Bolt Diameter "A"	Bolt Torque*					
	SAE 2 (N.m) (lb-ft)		SAE 5 (N.m) (lb-ft)		SAE 8 (N.m) (lb-ft)	
1/4"	8	6	12	9	17	12
5/16"	13	10	25	19	36	27
3/8"	27	20	45	33	63	45
7/16"	41	30	72	53	100	75
1/2"	61	45	110	80	155	115
9/16"	95	60	155	115	220	165
5/8"	128	95	215	160	305	220
3/4"	225	165	390	290	540	400
7/8"	230	170	570	420	880	650
1"	345	225	850	630	1320	970



METRIC TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

Bolt Diameter "A"	Bolt Torque*			
	8.8 (N.m) (lb-ft)		10.9 (N.m) (lb-ft)	
M3	.5	.4	1.8	1.3
M4	3	2.2	4.5	3.3
M5	6	4	9	7
M6	10	7	15	11
M8	25	18	35	26
M10	50	37	70	52
M12	90	66	125	92
M14	140	103	200	148
M16	225	166	310	229
M20	435	321	610	450
M24	750	553	1050	774
M30	1495	1103	2100	1550
M36	2600	1917	3675	2710



Torque figures indicated above are valid for non-greased or non-oiled threads and heads unless otherwise specified. Therefore, do not grease or oil bolts or capscrews unless otherwise specified in this manual. When using locking elements, increase torque values by 5%.

* Torque value for bolts and capscrews are identified by their head markings.

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