

# Driving Rules

> **PERSONNEL CARRIER OPERATORS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD**

> **THE DRIVER MUST STAY** on the operator platform when the machine is moving.

> **NO ONE IS TO RIDE** with the operator.

> **ALWAYS MAKE SURE** that the transmission is in the neutral position before starting the engine.

> **EXHAUST AND ENGINE PARTS** are extremely hot during and directly after operation. Be very careful when working around the engine when it is running.

> **WHEN TRANSPORTING** a machine from one field to another, be sure the arms are folded together and watch for other vehicles. Never allow anyone to ride along. Be sure a slow-moving vehicle sign is in place.

> **IN THE CASE OF BAD WEATHER**, be prepared to implement your crew's emergency action plan. For example, in the event of lightning, be sure to get your crew off the machine and out of the field as soon as possible.

> **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT** requirements include safety glasses, gloves, a shirt, closed toe shoes, socks, and hearing protection. We strongly recommend you also wear a hat and liberally apply sunscreen often.

> **NOTIFY YOUR SUPERVISOR** immediately if you notice any problems with the machine.

# Basket Tips

> **ALL BASKETS** that are used in the front of the drive wheels shall have protective guarding across the back to prevent anyone from falling out. Dismount to the side by ducking under the handrail. Be cautious where you step and make sure you are on even ground before letting go of the rail.

> **WHEN ADJUSTING THE BASKET PLACEMENT** to center it between corn rows, there should be at least one person at the front of the basket to lift it and at least one person at the back of the basket to slide it.

> **WHEN ADJUSTING THE BASKETS FOR HEIGHT**, there should be one person at the front of the basket to lift and hold the basket, one person at the back of the basket to lift and hold the basket and a third person should handle the basket support pin to adjust the basket height. This person must be able to reach the support pin while standing on the ground.

> **WHEN ADJUSTING THE BASKETS**, never climb or stand on any part of the personnel carrier. It is a good idea to place workers of comparable height in the same basket.

**THE PERSONNEL CARRIER OPERATOR WILL BE TRAINED ON THE LOCATION POLICIES FOR:**

- ~ Personnel Carrier Driving Procedures
- ~ Folding & Unfolding Personnel Carriers
- ~ Turning Personnel Carriers in the field and crossing rough, bumpy or steep terrain
- ~ Fueling procedure, if applicable

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# PERSONNEL CARRIER SAFETY

DETASSELING FOR PIONEER MAY INVOLVE THE USE OF "PERSONNEL CARRIERS" — SPECIAL MACHINES DESIGNED

FOR WORKERS TO RIDE ON WHILE DETASSELING. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE SO THAT YOU WILL BE SAFE WHILE RIDING ON OR OPERATING THESE MACHINES.

*Following the safety rules in this brochure can help you remain safe and avoid the following injuries:*

- ~ Sprained ankles
- ~ Burns
- ~ Cuts and bruises
- ~ Pinched fingers

## Loading and Unloading

WORK WITH YOUR TEAM MEMBERS TO ALWAYS "EVENLY" LOAD AND UNLOAD THE BASKETS. Start by evenly loading the baskets closest to the tractor and then continue to evenly load the baskets farther away from the tractor. When unloading, start with evenly dismounting the baskets farthest away from the tractor and continue to evenly unload the baskets nearer to the tractor.

Workers who weigh the least should ride in the baskets farthest from the tractor in order to keep the machine more safely balanced. NEVER jump on or off personnel carriers.

## Caution

- > **WHENEVER LOADING OR UNLOADING** the baskets that have open backs, be careful not to bump your head on the basket support beam that is located directly above the open back of the basket.
  - > **DO NOT CLIMB ON OR SIT** on the support beam for any reason.
- > **FLOORS OF THE BASKETS** can become very slippery with mud or pulled tassels. Enter and exit the baskets slowly and carefully. Drop tassels on the ground, not the basket floor.
  - > **MACHINES ARE GUARDED** and marked for hazards such as pinch points or hot spots. **DO NOT** try to put your hands in or around these areas!
- > **WATCH OUT** for other personnel carriers, especially if they are travelling close together. It's important to make sure the arms don't strike each other as they pass in the field.
  - > **BE AWARE OF OTHER HAZARDS** in the field, especially uneven surfaces. Tree rows, pivots, and other vehicles may also cause obstructions.

## Proper Riding Techniques

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN MIND WHILE THE CARRIER IS IN OPERATION:

- > **ALWAYS STAND** with your feet on the floor of the basket. NEVER sit on the floor with your legs dangling from the basket.
  - > **DO NOT STAND OR SIT** on the basket railing, even if the machine stops.
  - > **NEVER GET ON OR OFF** the personnel carrier if it is moving.
    - > **NEVER STAND ON THE LADDER** of the personnel carrier if it is moving.
  - > **DON'T TRY TO TOUCH** passing equipment, people, or objects.

> **MACHINES WILL DRIVE** over uneven surfaces such as holes in the ground, mud, ruts, pivot tracks, or rocks. It is important to pay attention and to hang on tight to the baskets any time the machine feels unsteady. If you are driving the machine, be sure to warn workers of any upcoming hazards such as obstructions in the field (such as fence posts or parked vehicles).

> **BE CAUTIOUS** when changing speeds as well, and make sure workers are informed if you will be backing up for any reason.



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