

IMPORTANT LEAF LOADER SAFETY INFORMATION

TO THE OPERATOR

Prior to using a vacuum leaf loader, you must be properly trained in the full operation of the machine. This would include but not be limited to a complete review of the operating and safety manual and a complete understanding of all safety procedures including the safety decals and information on the machine. If there is something you do not understand, ask your supervisor to explain it to you. If you require additional manuals or decals, please contact your dealer or the manufacturer

Make sure all the manufacturers' protective guards, shields, and screens are in good repair, in place, and securely fastened. Damaged, missing, or weakened safety components can create a hazardous situation for the operator. NEVER remove or modify any safety components on the leaf loader.

Wear all the protective clothing and personal safety devices issued to you or called for by the job conditions. This may include hard hat, safety shoes, safety glasses or goggles, heavy gloves, hearing protection, reflective clothing or wet weather gear. Remember, you are responsible for your safety and that of your co-workers. Good safety practices protect you and the people around you.

NEVER ride on any part of the leaf loader or trailer when operating the machine or at any time. Never modify the machine for riders in any way. Prior to leaving the garage to collect leaves, be certain that all operators can ride safely in the truck or vehicle being used to trailer the leaf machine. If your leaf machines have been altered to accommodate riders, remove these alterations immediately as this can result in serious injury or death. A "NO RIDERS" decal should be placed on the tow bar of the trailer. Please request these free of charge from your dealer or use the web contact form to request them from Tarrant Manufacturing.

CAUTION – BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE OR APPLYING POWER TO THE MACHINE, BE SURE THE SUCTION HOSE ASSEMBLY OR STEEL SUCTION ELBOW/SHROUD ASSEMBLY AND THE COMPLETE DISCHARGE ASSEMBLY ARE SECURELY IN PLACE IN THE OPERATION MODE OVER THE SUCTION AND DISCHARGE OPENINGS IN THE SUCTION CASE. MAKE SURE ALL SAFETY INTERLOCK SWITCHES ARE PROPERLY CONTACTED AND IN GOOD REPAIR.

NEVER PLACE ANY PART OF YOUR BODY OR CLOTHING NEAR THE SUCTION OPENING, ENGINE, OR BELT GUARD AREA. BE SURE THE BELT GUARD IS PROPERLY SECURED. SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY COULD RESULT BY NOT FOLLOWING PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

CAUTION – SHOULD THE MACHINE DEVELOP EXCESSIVE VIBRATION DURING OPERATION, IMMEDIATELY SHUT THE MACHINE DOWN AND DO NOT RE-START THE MACHINE UNTIL THE CAUSE OF THE VIBRATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTED.

CAUTION – UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY SUCTION ASSEMBLY SAFETY INTERLOCK SWITCH BE TAMPERED WITH, BYPASSED, OR DISABLED. SAFETY INTERLOCK SWITCHES SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN PROPER WORKING ORDER. SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY COULD RESULT FROM IMPROPER SAFETY INTERLOCK SWITCH MAINTENANCE.

CAUTION – NEVER DISCONNECT ANY SUCTION ASSEMBLY OR GET NEAR THE SUCTION CASE INLET OPENING WITHOUT FIRST COMPLETELY STOPPING THE SUCTION IMPELLER AND SHUTTING DOWN AND POSITIVELY LOCKING OUT THE POWER SOURCE. NOT FOLLOWING THESE PROCEDURES COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY.

CAUTION – NEVER INSPECT OR PERFORM MAINTENANCE ON THE SUCTION IMPELLER WITHOUT FIRST SHUTTING DOWN AND POSITIVELY LOCKING OUT THE POWER SOURCE AND BE SURE THE SUCTION IMPELLER HAS COMPLETELY STOPPED ROTATING. NOT FOLLOWING THESE PROCEDURES COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY.

CAUTION – KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY FROM THE SUCTION SHROUD OPENING AND LEAF INGESTER MECHANISM AT ALL TIMES. BE SURE THE POWER SOURCE IS SHUT DOWN AND POSITIVELY LOCKED OUT AND THE SUCTION IMPELLER HAS COMPLETELY STOPPED ROTATING BEFORE INSPECTING THE SUCTION SHROUD OR LEAF INGESTER MECHANISM.

CAUTION – PERSONNEL OPERATING THIS EQUIPMENT SHOULD WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES. THIS EQUIPMENT PRODUCES HIGH DECIBEL NOISE WHICH COULD DAMAGE HEARING OVER LONG TERM EXPOSURE. AS WITH ANY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OF THIS NATURE, EYE PROTECTION SHOULD ALWAYS BE WORN TO PROTECT AGAINST FLYING DEBRIS.

CAUTION – ALL MACHINES EQUIPPED WITH A HYDRAULICALLY OPERATED DUMPING LEAF BOX (ALL TM, TC MACHINES). THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED. NO PERSONNEL IS PERMITTED ON TOP OF THE MACHINE. TM MACHINES EQUIPPED WITH TOP SCREENING CAN NOT SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF A PERSON. ALSO, OSHA DOES NOT PERMIT A PERSON AT AN ELEVATED HEIGHT WITHOUT THE USE OF PROPER FALL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT. PRIOR

TO DUMPING THE LOAD IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE CLUTCH ACTUATING LEVER IS IN THE “OFF” POSITION AND THE SUCTION IMPELLER HAS COME TO A COMPLETE STOP. THE OPERATOR(S) MUST BE SURE THE MACHINE WILL CLEAR ALL OVERHEAD OBSTRUCTIONS (POWER LINES, TREE LIMBS, ETC.) PRIOR TO DUMPING.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.