

### Walk Around

During this part of the course your instructor will discuss and demonstrate various points you should be aware of when you operate a Bobcat compact tractor.

1. Your instructor will display the Operation & Maintenance Manual, and explain the sections contained in the manual. Your instructor will also display the AEM Agricultural Tractor Safety Manual, and explain that it also provides safe operating practices that every operator should be aware of and follow.
  - Every operator, new and experienced alike, should read these manuals entirely.
  - Your instructor will emphasize the daily checks and services and the maintenance schedule found in the Operation & Maintenance Manual.
2. Your instructor will advise that Bobcat dealers are the source for **continued operator training**, video demonstrations, publications, review of job requirements and recommended compact tractor, attachment and implement usage.



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3. Your instructor will point out and review all the **machine signs (decals)** found on the compact tractor, loader and attachments/implements. In addition, your instructor will point out the Operator's Handbook and explain its purpose.
4. Your instructor will show how to enter and exit the compact tractor.

Here are some key points that are explained:

- Loader arms fully lowered and the attachment flat on the ground.
- Three-point hitch or mid-mount implement fully lowered.
- Parking brake engaged.
- Disengage PTO system (rear and mid).
- Place all controls in NEUTRAL.
- Engine off.
- Make sure all rotating PTO components are stopped before exiting the compact tractor.

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- Next, your instructor will demonstrate use and maintenance of **seat belt** and **Roll Over Protective Structure (ROPS)**.

Here are some key points that are explained:

- For tractors equipped with a foldable, two-post ROPS, put the ROPS in the UP and LOCKED position and fasten seat belt for rollover protection.
- The seat belt must be adjusted so that it fits snugly.
- Properly inspect and maintain the seat belt and the retractor.
- The ROPS meets ASABE/SAE/OSHA standards and regulations. Point out the ROPS tag on the compact tractor.
- For height-restricted applications that require the foldable ROPS to be in the lowered position, DO NOT fasten the seat belt. There is no rollover protection with the ROPS in the lowered position.
- For tractors equipped with a cab enclosure ROPS, always fasten the seat belt when operating the compact tractor.
- If equipped with a cab enclosure ROPS, point out that the two doors and rear window are exits.
- NEVER modify the ROPS; it is there to protect the operator.

Two Post ROPS

Cab Enclosure ROPS

