FM LOG LOADER SAFETY TIPS

In forests around the world, Log Loaders are working to move trees in reforesting and building projects. Read and learn from the Operation & Maintenance Manual. Machine safety begins with conducting a pre-operation walkaround before every shift. Report any broken or non-working parts to the maintenance manager or the proper person on the worksite. Follow these tips for safety.

Watch for overhead wires and obstacles when the grapple is raised.

Once logs are loaded, make certain the load is restrained to prevent the logs from moving unexpectedly.

Carry the load low to maintain stability and visibility. However, make sure the load is high enough to avoid contact with the ground.

Buckle the seat belt. Always stay seated while operating the controls.

Never swing a load over a truck cab or workers.

Avoid turning on an incline. Do not make sharp turns. Back downhill then turn uphill.

Never overload the grapple. Learn the load limits listed in the Operation & Maintenance Manual.

Mount and dismount the truck only at locations with steps and/or handholds. Always use three points of contact.

Be careful to avoid any ground condition which could cause the machine to tip. Tipping can occur when working on hills, banks or slopes. Tipping can also occur when crossing ditches, ridges or other unexpected obstructions.

An unstable condition can exist if a heavy load is swung over an end or over a side. The most stable lifting position is over a corner of the machine.



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