GENERAL INFORMATION

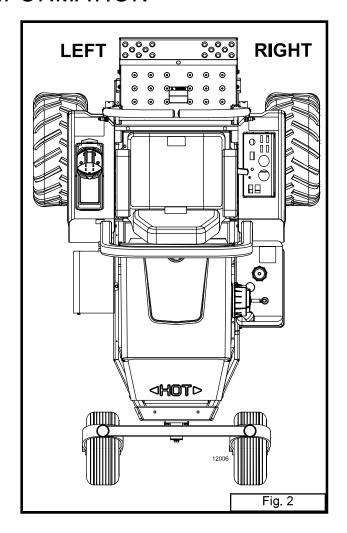
The purpose of this manual is to assist the operator in maintaining and operating GRASSHOPPER tractors. Read it carefully. It furnishes information and instructions that will help you achieve years of dependable performance.

These operating and maintenance instructions have been compiled from extensive field experience and engineering data. Some information may be general in nature due to unknown and varying conditions. However, through experience and these instructions you should be able to develop operating procedures suitable to your particular situation.

The illustrations and data used in this manual were current at the time of printing, but due to possible in-line production changes your machine may vary slightly in detail. **GRASS-HOPPER** reserves the right to redesign and change the machine as necessary without notification.

A WARNING

Some illustrations in this manual show the equipment with safety shields removed to provide a better view. The mower should never be operated with any safety shielding removed.



Throughout this manual, references are made to right and left directions. These are determined by standing at the rear of the equipment and facing the direction of forward travel.

Mower blade rotation is clockwise as viewed from the top of mower.

MEASUREMENT CONVERSION

Measurements expressed in this manual are decimal values. Use the chart below if you are unsure of a measurement to obtain the fractional equivalent.

Conversion Table - Inches					
Decimal	Fraction	Decimal	Fraction		
0.062	1/16	0.562	9/16		
0.125	1/8	0.625	5/8		
0.187	3/16	0.687	11/16		
0.250	1/4	0.750	3/4		
0.312	5/16	0.812	13/16		
0.375	3/8	0.875	7/8		
0.437	7/16	0.937	15/16		
0.500	1/2	1.000	1		

BOLT SIZE AND TIGHTENING RECOMMENDATIONS

The chart below lists the correct tightening torque for bolts used on Grasshopper equipment. When bolts are to be tightened or replaced refer to this chart to determine the grade of bolt and proper torque (except when specific torque values are assigned in the manual text).

Bolt Head Markings



SAE Grade 5 (3 radial dashes) SAE Grade 8 (6 radial dashes)

Recommended Torque in Foot Pounds						
Bolt Diameter in Inches						
Decimal	Fraction	SAE Grade 2	SAE Grade 5	SAE Grade 8		
0.250	1/4	6	11	14		
0.312	5/16	13	21	25		
0.375	3/8	23	38	55		
0.437	7/16	37	55	80		
0.500	1/2	57	85	120		
0.562	9/16	82	125	180		
0.625	5/8	111	175	230		
0.750	3/4	200	300	440		
0.875	7/8	280	450	720		
1.000	1	350	680	1035		