

# Operator's Manual

# KL480

## Tiller





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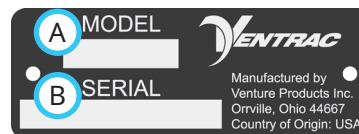
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# INTRODUCTION

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Venture Products Inc. is pleased to provide you with your new Ventrac tiller! We hope that Ventrac equipment will provide you with a ONE Tractor Solution.

## Product Description

The KL480 tiller is designed for soil preparation for gardens or yards. Twenty-four sequentially spaced tines provide smooth and efficient tillage. Adjustable skid shoes allow the operator to control the tilling depth.

Intermediate gear reduction provides quiet operation, while a #80 chain in a sealed lubrication final drive provides heavy-duty performance.

The tiller is equipped with a stand to allow the tiller to be stored in position for easy reattachment.

## Why Do I Need an Operator's Manual?

This manual has been created to help you gain the important knowledge of what is needed to safely operate and maintain your machine, and to avoid injury and product damage. It is divided into chapters for convenient reference of the appropriate information.

You must read and understand the operator's manual for each piece of Ventrac equipment you own. Reading the operator's manual will help you become familiar with each specific piece of equipment. If this manual becomes damaged or unreadable, it should be replaced immediately. Contact your local Ventrac dealer for a replacement.

When using a Ventrac attachment, be sure to read and follow the safety and operating instructions of both the power unit and the attachment being used to ensure the safest operation possible.

The information in this manual provides the operator with the safest procedures to operate the machine while getting the maximum use out of the unit. Failure to follow the safety precautions listed in this manual may result in personal injury and/or damage to the equipment.

# INTRODUCTION

## Using Your Manual

This manual identifies potential hazards and safety concerns to help you, as well as others, avoid personal injury and/or damage to the equipment.

Safety should always be the first priority when working on or operating equipment. Accidents are more likely to occur when proper operating procedures are not followed or inexperienced operators are involved.

### **SYMBOL DEFINITIONS**



This symbol identifies potential health and safety hazards. It marks safety precautions. Your safety and the safety of others is involved.

There are three signal words that describe the level of safety concern: Danger, Warning, and Caution.

### **SIGNAL WORD DEFINITIONS**

#### **DANGER**

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme cases.

#### **WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

#### **CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

This manual also uses two words to highlight information. **ATTENTION** calls attention to special mechanical information to prevent equipment damage and/or best practices for equipment service and care.

**NOTE** emphasizes general information that is worthy of special attention.

Note: Right-Hand and Left-Hand orientations may be referred to at different places throughout this manual. Right-Hand and Left-Hand is determined as if facing forward from the operator station.

## Manual Glossary

<b>Power Unit</b>	A Ventrac tractor or other Ventrac engine powered device that may be operated by itself or with an attachment or accessory.
<b>Attachment</b>	A piece of Ventrac equipment that requires a Power Unit for operation.
<b>Accessory</b>	A device that attaches to a Power Unit or Attachment to extend its capabilities.
<b>Machine</b>	Describes any "Attachment" or "Accessory" that is used in conjunction with a power unit.

# SAFETY

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## **General Safety Procedures for Ventrac Power Units, Attachments, & Accessories**



### **Training Required**

- The owner of this machine is solely responsible for properly training the operators.
- The owner/operator is solely responsible for the operation of this machine and for the prevention of accidents or injuries occurring to him/herself, other people, or property.
- Do not allow operation or service by children or untrained personnel. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Before operating this machine, read the operator's manual and understand its contents.
- If the operator of the machine cannot understand this manual, then it is the responsibility of this machine's owner to fully explain the material within this manual to the operator.
- Learn and understand the use of all the controls.
- Know how to stop the power unit and the attachments quickly in the event of an emergency.

### **Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- The owner is responsible for ensuring that all the operators use the proper PPE while operating the machine. Whenever you use the machine, use the following PPE:
- Certified eye protection and hearing protection.
- Closed toe, slip resistant footwear.
- Long pants or trousers.
- A dust mask for dusty conditions.
- Additional PPE may be required. Refer to the product safety procedures for any additional requirements.

### **Operation Safety**

- Secure long hair and loose clothing. Do not wear jewelry.
- Inspect the machine before operation. Repair or replace any damaged, worn, or missing parts. Be sure the guards and shields are in proper working condition and are secured in place. Make any necessary adjustments before operating the machine.
- Some pictures in this manual may show shields or covers opened or removed in order to clearly illustrate the instructions. Under no circumstance should the machine be operated without these devices in place.
- Alterations or modifications to this machine can reduce safety and could cause damage to the machine. Do not alter the safety devices or operate with the shields or covers removed.
- Before each use, verify that all the controls function properly and inspect all the safety devices. Do not operate if the controls or safety devices are not in proper working condition.
- Check the parking brake function before operating. Repair or adjust the parking brake if necessary.
- Observe and follow all of the safety decals.
- All the controls are to be operated from the operator's station only.

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- Always wear a seat belt if the machine has a roll cage/bar installed and in the upright position.
- Ensure the attachment or accessory is locked or fastened securely to the power unit before operating.
- Ensure that all bystanders are clear of the power unit and the attachment before operating. Stop the machine if someone enters your work area.
- Always be alert to what is happening around you, but do not lose focus on the task you are performing. Always look in the direction the machine is moving.
- Look behind and down before backing up to be sure of a clear path.
- If you hit an object, stop and inspect the machine. Make any necessary repairs before operating the machine again.
- Stop operation immediately at any sign of equipment failure. An unusual noise can be a warning of equipment failure or a sign that maintenance is required. Make any necessary repairs before operating the machine again.
- If equipped with a high/low range feature, never shift between high and low range while on a slope. Always move the machine to level ground and engage the parking brake before shifting range.
- Do not leave the machine unattended while it is running.
- Always park the machine on level ground.
- Always shut off the engine when connecting the attachment drive belt to the power unit.
- Never leave the operator's station without lowering the attachment to the ground, engaging the parking brake, shutting off the engine, and removing the ignition key. Make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before dismounting.
- Never leave the machine unattended without lowering the attachment to the ground, engaging the parking brake, shutting off the engine, and removing the ignition key.
- Only operate in well-lit conditions.
- Do not operate when there is a risk of lightning.
- Never direct the discharge of any attachment in the direction of people, buildings, animals, vehicles, or other objects of value.
- Never discharge material against a wall or obstruction. The material may ricochet back toward the operator.
- Use extra caution when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure your vision.
- Do not run the engine in a building without adequate ventilation.
- Do not touch the engine or the muffler while the engine is running or immediately after stopping the engine. These areas may be hot enough to cause a burn.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine. Operating the engine at excessive speeds may increase the hazard of personal injury.
- To reduce the hazard of fire, keep the battery compartment, engine, and muffler areas free of grass, leaves, excessive grease, and other flammable materials.

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## General Safety Procedures for Ventrac Power Units, Attachments, & Accessories



- Clear the working area of objects that might be hit or thrown from the machine.
- Keep people and pets out of the working area.
- Know the work area well before operation. Do not operate where traction or stability is questionable.
- Reduce speed when you are operating over rough ground.
- Equipment can cause serious injury and/or death when improperly used. Before operating, know and understand the operation and safety of the power unit and the attachment being used.
- Do not operate the machine if you are not in good physical and mental health, if you will be distracted by personal devices, or if you are under the influence of any substance which might impair your decisions, dexterity, or judgment.
- Children are attracted to machine activity. Be aware of children and do not allow them in the work area. Turn off the machine if a child enters the work area.
- Power units, attachments, and accessories are not designed or intended for travel on public roadways. Never operate or travel on public roads or highways.
- Operate with safety lights when operating near roadways.
- Slow down and be careful of traffic when operating near or crossing roadways. Stop before crossing roads or sidewalks. Use care when approaching areas or objects that may obscure vision.

### Keep Riders Off

- Only allow the operator on the power unit. Keep riders off.
- Never allow riders on any attachment or accessory.

### Operating On Slopes

- Slopes can cause loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. Be familiar with the emergency parking brake, along with the power unit controls and their functions.
- If the power unit is equipped with a fold down roll bar, it must be locked in the upright position when operating on any slope.
- Use low range (if equipped) when operating on slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Do not stop or start suddenly when operating on slopes.
- Never shift between high and low range while on a slope. Always move the power unit to level ground and engage the parking brake before shifting range or placing the power unit in neutral.
- Variables such as wet surfaces and loose ground will reduce the degree of safety. Do not drive where the machine could lose traction or tip over.
- Keep alert for hidden hazards in the terrain.
- Stay away from drop-offs, ditches, and embankments.
- Sharp turns should be avoided when operating on slopes.



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## General Safety Procedures for Ventrac Power Units, Attachments, & Accessories



- Pulling loads on hills decreases safety. It is the responsibility of the owner/operator to determine loads that can safely be controlled on slopes.
- Transport the machine with the attachment lowered or close to the ground to improve stability.
- While operating on slopes, drive in an up and down direction whenever possible. If turning is necessary while driving across slopes, reduce your speed and turn slowly in the downhill direction.
- Ensure a sufficient supply of fuel for continuous operation. A minimum of one-half tank of fuel is recommended.

### Truck Or Trailer Transport

- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into a truck or trailer.
- Use full width ramps for loading the machine into a truck or trailer.
- The parking brake is not sufficient to lock the machine during transport. Always secure the power unit and/or attachment to the transporting vehicle securely using straps, chains, cables, or ropes. Both the front and rear straps should be directed down and outward from the machine.
- Shut off the fuel supply to the power unit during transport on a truck or trailer.
- If equipped, turn the battery disconnect switch to the Off position to shut off electrical power.

### Maintenance

- Keep the safety decals legible. Remove all grease, dirt, and debris from the safety decals and instructional labels.
- If any decals are faded, illegible, or missing, contact your dealer promptly for replacements.
- When new components are installed, be sure that the current safety decals are affixed to the replacement components.
- If any component requires replacement, use only original Ventrac replacement parts.
- Always turn the battery disconnect to the Off position or disconnect the battery before performing any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive terminal last. Reconnect the positive terminal first and the negative terminal last.
- Keep all bolts, nuts, screws, and other fasteners properly tightened.
- Always lower the attachment to the ground, engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key. Make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before cleaning, inspecting, adjusting, or repairing.
- If the power unit, attachment, or accessory requires repairs or adjustments not instructed in the operator's manual, the power unit, attachment, or accessory must be taken to an authorized Ventrac dealer for service.
- Never perform maintenance on the power unit and/or attachment if someone is in the operator's station.
- Always use protective glasses when handling the battery.
- Check the fuel lines for tightness and wear on a regular basis. Tighten or repair them as needed.
- To reduce the hazard of fire, keep the battery compartment, engine, and muffler areas free of grass, leaves, and excess grease.

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## General Safety Procedures for Ventrac Power Units, Attachments, & Accessories



- Do not touch the engine, the muffler, or other exhaust components while the engine is running or immediately after stopping the engine. These areas may be hot enough to cause a burn.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing and do not store near an open flame.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine. Operating engine at excessive speeds may increase the hazard of personal injury.
- Springs may contain stored energy. Use caution when disengaging or removing springs and/or spring loaded components.
- An obstruction or blockage in a drive system or moving/rotating parts may cause a buildup of stored energy. When the obstruction or blockage is removed, the drive system or moving/rotating parts may move suddenly. Do not attempt to remove an obstruction or blockage with your hands. Keep your hands, feet, and clothing away from all power-driven parts.

### Fuel Safety

- To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive.
- Do not refuel the machine while smoking or at a location near flames or sparks.
- Always refuel the machine outdoors.
- Do not store the machine or fuel container indoors where the fumes or fuel can reach an open flame, spark, or pilot light.
- Only store fuel in an approved container. Keep out of the reach of children.
- Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place the containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Remove the machine from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, refuel the machine using a portable container, rather than from a fuel dispenser nozzle.
- Never remove the fuel cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow the engine to cool before refueling.
- Never remove the fuel cap while on a slope. Only remove the fuel cap when parked on a level surface.
- Replace the fuel tank cap and the container cap securely.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank. Only fill to the bottom of the fuel neck, do not fill the fuel neck full. Overfilling of the fuel tank could result in engine flooding, fuel leakage from the tank, and/or damage to the emissions control system.
- If fuel is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine. Move the power unit away from the fuel spill and avoid creating any source of ignition until the fuel vapors have dissipated.
- If the fuel tank must be drained, it should be drained outdoors into an approved container.
- Check the fuel lines for tightness and wear on a regular basis. Tighten or repair them as needed.
- The fuel system is equipped with a shut-off valve. Shut off the fuel when transporting the machine to and from the job, when parking the machine indoors, or when servicing the fuel system.

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## General Safety Procedures for Ventrac Power Units, Attachments, & Accessories



### Hydraulic Safety

- Make sure the hydraulic connections are tight and all hydraulic hoses and tubes are in good condition. Repair any leaks and replace any damaged or deteriorated hoses or tubes before starting the machine.
- Hydraulic leaks can occur under high pressure. Hydraulic leaks require special care and attention.
- Use a piece of cardboard and a magnifying glass to locate suspected hydraulic leaks.
- Keep your body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high pressure hydraulic fluid. Hydraulic fluid escaping under high pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury, leading to severe complications and/or secondary infections if left untreated. If hydraulic fluid is injected into the skin, seek immediate medical attention no matter how minor the injury appears.
- The hydraulic system may contain stored energy. Before performing maintenance or repairs on the hydraulic system, remove any attachments, engage the parking brake, disengage the weight transfer system (if equipped), shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key. To relieve pressure on the auxiliary hydraulic system, shut off the power unit engine and move the hydraulic control lever left and right before disconnecting the auxiliary hydraulic quick couplers.

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## KL480 Tiller Safety Procedures



- Call before you dig. If there is any possibility of buried utilities (cables, gas lines, etc.) in the area where you are working, the utilities must be marked prior to working. There should be a Call Before You Dig number listed in the service / information section of your local telephone directory, or you can find the number for your area online.
- Contact with rotating tines or other moving parts may cause personal injury. Keep your hands and feet away.
- The tiller tines are sharp. Wear leather gloves when working with the tiller tines.
- Shut off the PTO to stop the tiller tines whenever the tiller is lifted out of the ground.
- Prior to tilling, clear the work area of any rocks, branches, string, or other debris that may clog the tiller. If any debris becomes jammed in the tiller, engage the power unit's parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key before attempting to remove the debris.

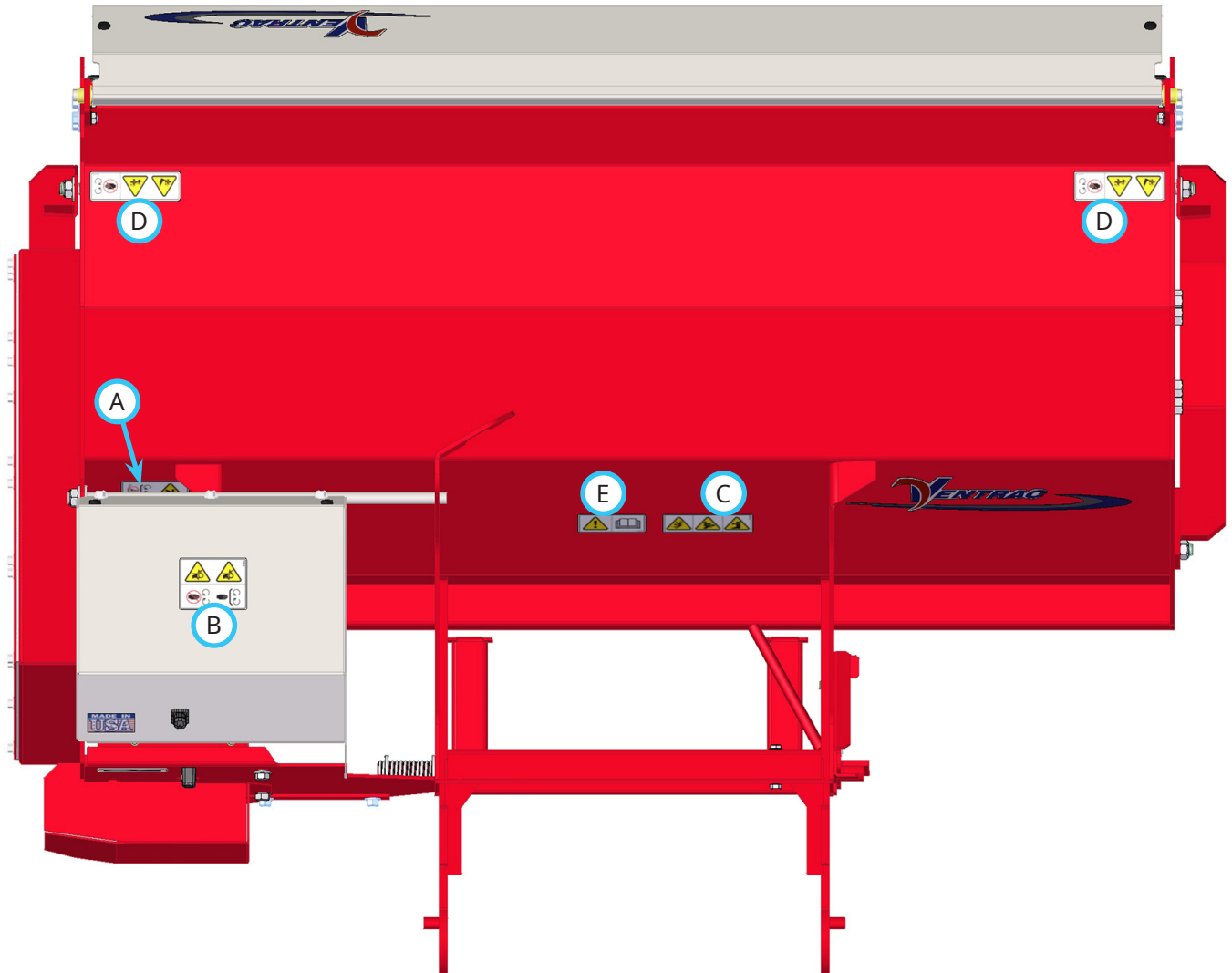
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## Safety Decals

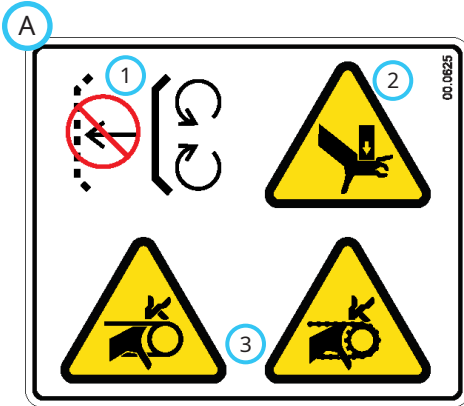
The following safety decals must be maintained on your attachment.

Keep all safety decals legible. Remove all grease, dirt, and debris from safety decals and instructional labels. If any decals are faded, illegible, or missing, contact your dealer promptly for replacements.

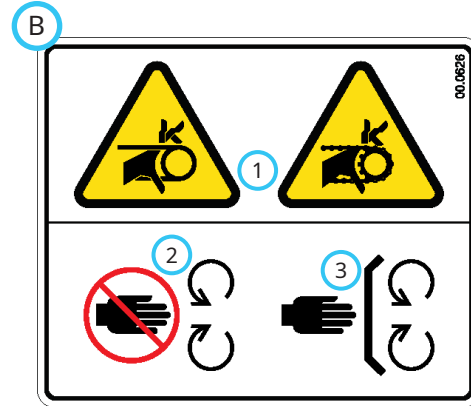
When new components are installed, be sure that current safety decals are affixed to the replacement components.



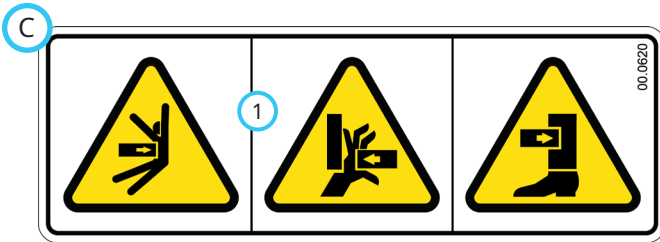
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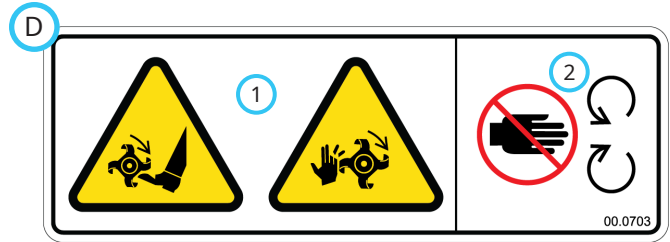
1. Shield missing - do not operate.
2. Pinching or crushing hazard.
3. Fingers or hand entanglement hazard.



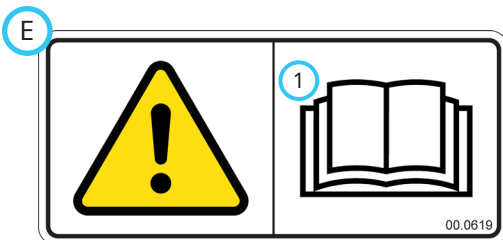
1. Fingers or hand entanglement hazard.
2. Stay away from moving parts.
3. Keep all guards and shields in place.



1. Pinching or crushing hazard.



1. Cutting or dismemberment hazard of hand or foot - rotating tine.
2. Stay away from moving parts.



1. Warning - Read the operator's manual.

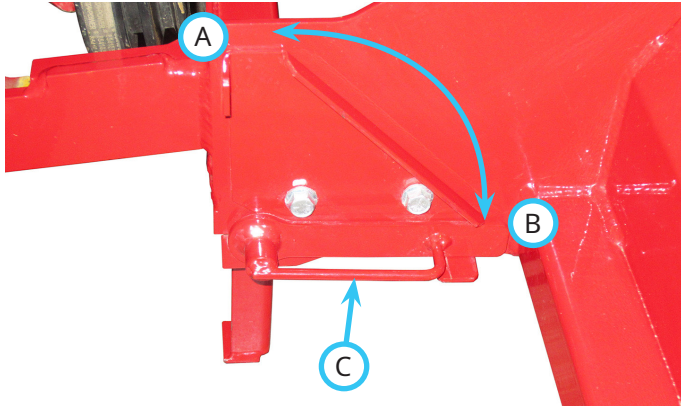
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B	Entanglement Hazard	00.0626	1
C	Pinching or Crushing Hazard	00.0620	1
D	Cutting/Dismemberment Hazard	00.0703	2
E	Read Operator's Manual	00.0619	1

## OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

### Jack Stand

The tiller is equipped with a jack stand to keep the hitch arms positioned for reattachment when the tiller is not in use.

Place the jack stand in the operating position (A) for tilling or transport.



Place the jack stand in the storage position (B) prior to detaching from the power unit.

The jack stand is spring loaded to keep it locked in the selected position. To change the jack stand position, pull out on the stand handle (C) and rotate to the desired position.

### Depth Gauge

The tiller is equipped with adjustable depth gauge skid shoes to provide control of the tilling depth.

To adjust the tilling depth:

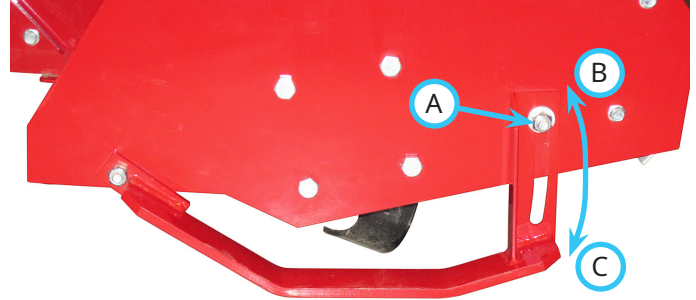
1. Park the power unit on a level surface and engage the parking brake.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Hydraulic drift or accidental release of hydraulic pressure could allow the tiller to lower and trap or crush a person or appendage.

Always support the tiller securely with blocks or jack stands when making adjustments with the tiller in the raised position.

2. Raise the tiller and support it securely with blocks or jack stands.
3. Shut off the power unit engine and remove the ignition key.
4. Loosen the left and right skid shoe adjustment bolts (A) slightly and move the front of each skid shoe in the desired position. For deeper tilling, move the front of the skid shoes up (B). For shallower tilling, move the front of the skid shoes down (C).



5. Check to make sure both the left and right skid shoes are set to the same position and tighten the adjustment bolts.

# GENERAL OPERATION

## Daily Inspection

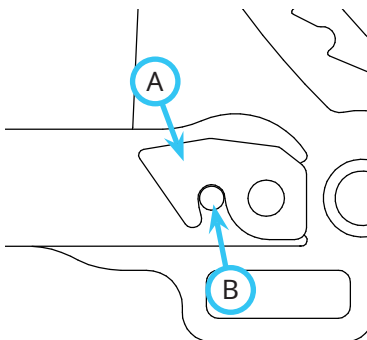
### **WARNING**

Always engage the parking brake, shut off the power unit engine, remove the ignition key, and ensure that all moving parts have come to a complete stop before inspecting the components, or attempting any repair or adjustment.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, with the engine shut off and all fluids cold.
2. Perform a visual inspection of both the power unit and the attachment. Look for loose or missing hardware, damaged components, or signs of wear.
3. Inspect the belts for damage or excessive wear. Refer to the Belt Inspection section of this manual.
4. Inspect the tiller tines for damage. Replace any bent or damaged tines.

## Attaching

1. Drive the power unit slowly forward into the hitch arms of the attachment. Align the lift arms of the power unit with the attachment hitch arms by raising or lowering the front hitch and complete the engagement.
2. Once completely engaged, move the front hitch latch lever\* to the locked position. The latch (A) must lock over the attachment's hitch arm pin (B).
3. Engage the parking brake\* and shut off the engine.
4. Place the attachment belt onto the PTO drive pulley on the power unit. Ensure the belt is properly seated in each pulley.
5. Engage the PTO belt tensioner rod\*.
6. Raise the tiller slightly and rotate the jack stand up to the operating position.



## Detaching

1. Park the power unit on a level surface and engage the parking brake.\*
2. Rotate the jack stand down to the storage position.
3. Lower the attachment to the ground.
4. Shut off the power unit engine.
5. Disengage the PTO belt tensioner rod\*.
6. Remove the attachment belt from the PTO drive pulley of the power unit.
7. Disengage the front hitch locking lever.\*
8. Restart the power unit and slowly back away from the attachment. A side to side movement of the steering wheel may aid in disengagement.

## Operating Procedure

Before operation, perform the daily inspection, shift the power unit into low range, and verify the tiller skid shoes are set for the desired tilling depth.

Mark out the work area to be tilled. For the best results, begin tilling on the right side of the work area and work to the left.

The tiller is designed to be used with the power unit traveling in reverse. Drive the power unit into the work area and position the tiller at the right edge of the area to be tilled. With the power unit's engine running between 2,000 and 2,500 RPM, engage the PTO switch, and adjust the throttle to the desired engine RPM. Slowly lower the tiller into the ground and begin to move the power unit in reverse. Continue lowering the tiller until the skid shoes contact the ground and place the power unit's primary SDLA lever in the float position.

Continue moving in reverse at an appropriate speed for the soil conditions. If the tiller belts begin to slip, reduce your ground speed or raise the depth of the tiller. When near the desired end of the row, slowly begin lifting the tiller out of the ground while the power unit is still moving to help minimize the ditch created at the end of the row.

Disengage the PTO, move the power unit to the left of the tilled row, and drive back to the starting point to begin the next pass.

\*Refer to power unit operator's manual for operation of power unit controls.



# GENERAL OPERATION

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## Clearing Debris From the Tiller

If a rock or piece of debris becomes jammed in the tiller, it may cause the belts to slip or the power unit engine to stall. If this occurs, shut off the PTO immediately.

### **WARNING**

Hydraulic drift or accidental release of hydraulic pressure could allow the tiller to lower and trap or crush a person or appendage.

Always support the tiller securely with blocks or jack stands when making adjustments with the tiller in the raised position.

1. Lift the tiller out of the ground and support it securely with blocks or jack stands.
2. Engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key.
3. Use a rod or other tool to remove the debris from the tiller tines and housing.
4. Check the tiller tines for damage before continuing operation of the tiller.

## Transport of the Attachment

Transport the attachment with the power unit front hitch and attachment fully raised to reduce wear of the equipment. Travel slowly when transporting over undulating and rough surfaces to maintain control of the power unit and to reduce the shock to the power unit and the attachment. Always disengage the power unit PTO before transporting the attachment.

## SERVICE

### **⚠ WARNING**

Always engage the parking brake, shut off the power unit engine, remove the ignition key, and ensure that all moving parts have come to a complete stop before inspecting the components, or attempting any repair or adjustment.

### **ATTENTION**

If any component requires replacement, use only original Ventrac replacement parts.

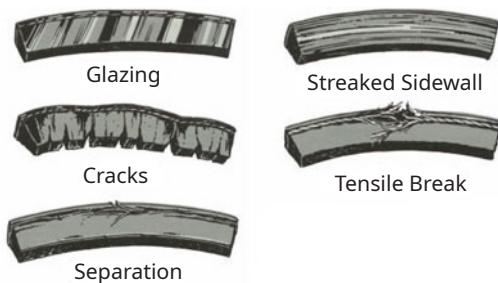
### **Cleaning and General Maintenance**

For best results, and to maintain the finish of the tiller, clean or wash the tiller to remove dirt and debris. Clear all dirt and debris from the rotor and tines after each use.

### **Belt Inspection**

Inspecting the drive belts of the attachment can prevent sudden belt failure by finding problems before they cause a belt to break.

Typical wear on a drive belt may result in the conditions shown in the diagram. If any of these conditions occur, the drive belt will require replacement.



### **Attachment Drive Belt Replacement**

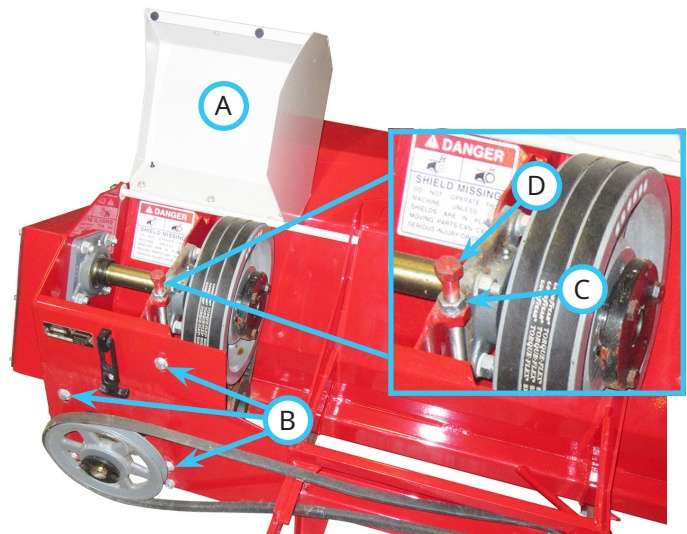
1. Detach the tiller from the power unit.
2. Remove the drive pulley shield (A) from the tiller.



3. Remove the old drive belt and install the new drive belt onto the drive pulley.
4. Reinstall the drive pulley shield.

### **Triple Drive Belt Replacement**

1. Detach the tiller from the power unit.
2. Open the belt and gearbox cover (A).

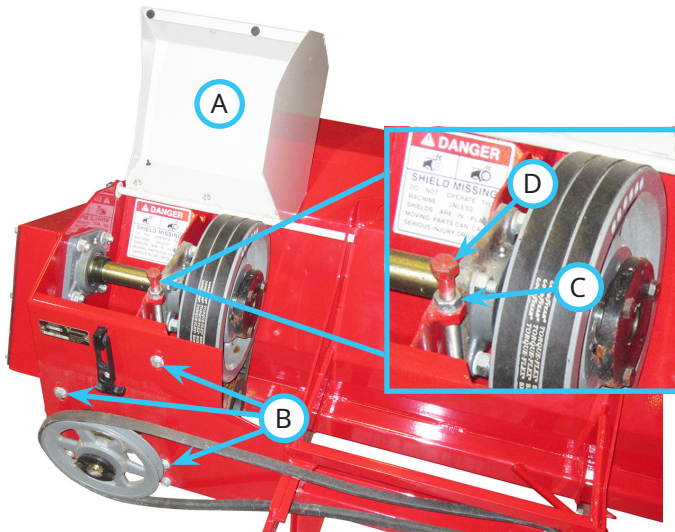


3. Remove the drive pulley shield from the tiller.
4. Loosen the three gearbox plate bolts (B).
5. Loosen the locking nut (C) on the belt adjustment bolt (D) and loosen the adjustment bolt.
6. Remove the old drive belts and install the new drive belts onto the gearbox and drive shaft pulleys. Replace all three intermediate drive belts at the same time.
7. Tension the belts following the instructions in the Triple Drive Belt Tension Adjustment section.
8. Tighten the three gearbox plate bolts. Torque to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs).
9. Reinstall the drive pulley shield.
10. Close and fasten the belt and gearbox cover.

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## Triple Drive Belt Tension Adjustment

1. Detach the tiller from the power unit.
2. Open the belt and gearbox cover (A).



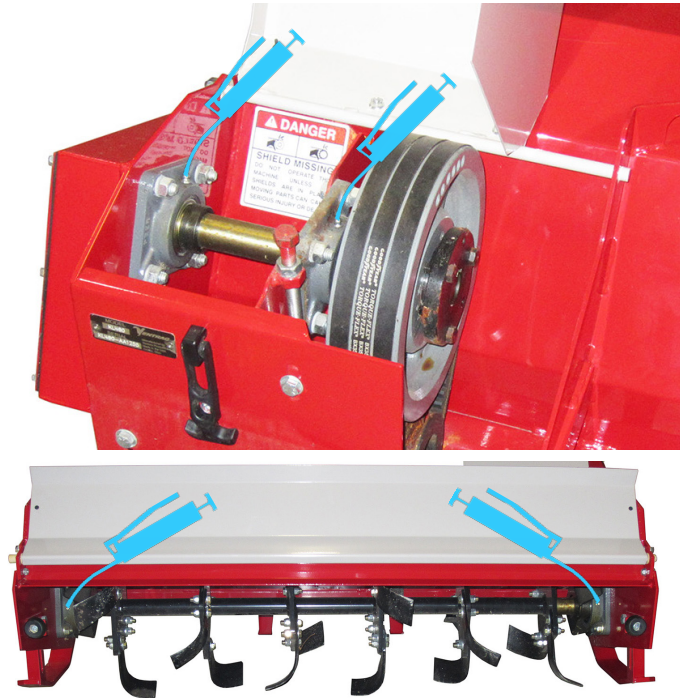
3. Remove the drive pulley shield from the tiller.
4. Loosen the three gearbox plate bolts (B).
5. Loosen the locking nut (C) on the belt adjustment bolt (D) and adjust the bolt until the belts are tight. NOTE: if the belts are overtightened, the triple pulleys may become misaligned. If this occurs, reduce the belt tension until the pulleys are aligned.
6. Tighten the locking nut on the belt adjustment bolt.
7. Tighten the three gearbox plate bolts. Torque to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs).
8. Reinstall the drive pulley shield.
9. Close and fasten the belt and gearbox cover.

## Lubrication Locations

Lubrication is required at the following locations using a lithium complex NLGI #2 grease.

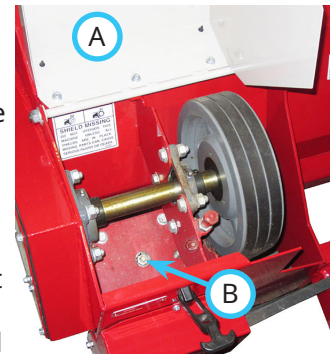
Wipe the grease fittings clean before applying grease to the grease fittings.

Refer to the maintenance schedule for service intervals and the amount of grease.



## Checking the Gearbox Oil Level

1. Place the tiller on a level surface.
2. Open the belt and gearbox cover (A).
3. Clean the top of the gearbox and remove the breather plug (B) from the top port.
4. Check the oil level in the gearbox. The oil level should be maintained at approximately half full. If the oil level is low, add 80-90 synthetic gear oil until the proper level is reached.
5. Reinstall the breather plug into the top port of the gearbox.
6. Close and fasten the belt and gearbox cover.

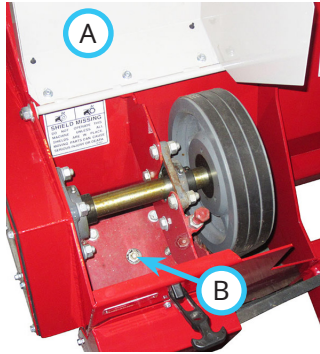


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## Changing the Gearbox Oil

1. Place the tiller on a level surface.
2. Open the belt and gearbox cover (A).
3. Clean the top and bottom of the gearbox.
4. Remove the breather plug (B) from the top port of the gearbox.
5. Place a drain pan beneath the gearbox.
6. Remove the pipe plug from the bottom port of the gearbox and allow the oil to drain.
7. Reinstall the pipe plug into the bottom port of the gearbox.
8. Add 80-90 synthetic gear oil until the proper level is reached.
9. Reinstall the breather plug into the top port of the gearbox.
10. Close and fasten the belt and gearbox cover.



## Storage

### Preparing the Attachment for Storage

1. Clean the attachment to remove accumulated dirt and debris.
2. Inspect for loose or missing hardware, damaged components, or signs of wear. Repair or replace any damaged or worn components.
3. Inspect the safety decals. Replace any decals that are faded, illegible, or missing.
4. Inspect the belts for signs of damage or wear and replace as needed.
5. Apply grease to all grease points and wipe off any excess grease.
6. Check the gearbox oil level.
7. Inspect the painted components for chips, scratches, or rust. Clean and touch up the surfaces as needed.

### Removing the Attachment from Storage

1. Clean the attachment to remove any accumulated dust or debris.
2. Inspect the attachment as instructed in the Daily Inspection section of this manual.
3. Test the attachment to ensure that all the components are working properly.

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## Maintenance Schedule

	# of locations	# of pumps	Daily	At 25 hours	At 50 hours	At 75 hours	At 100 hours	At 125 hours	At 150 hours	At 175 hours	At 200 hours	At 225 hours	At 250 hours	At 275 hours	At 300 hours	At 325 hours	At 350 hours	At 375 hours	At 400 hours	At 425 hours	At 450 hours	At 475 hours	At 500 hours	5 years or 500 Hrs
Grease and Lubrication: See Lubrication Section																								
Drive Shaft Bearing	2	1		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Main Rotor Bearing	2	1		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check the Gearbox Oil Level							✓				✓				✓				✓				✓	
Change the Gearbox Oil				✓								✓												✓
Inspection																								
Inspect for Loose, Missing, or Worn Components			✓																					
Inspect the Belts and Pulleys			✓																					
Inspect the Drive Chain							✓				✓				✓				✓				✓	
Inspect the Tiller Tine Bolts. Torque to 75 Nm (55 ft-lbs).				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inspect the Tiller Tines for Damage			✓																					
Inspect the Safety Decals			✓																					

## Maintenance Checklist

	# of locations	# of pumps	Daily	At 25 hours	At 50 hours	At 75 hours	At 100 hours	At 125 hours	At 150 hours	At 175 hours	At 200 hours	At 225 hours	At 250 hours	At 275 hours	At 300 hours	At 325 hours	At 350 hours	At 375 hours	At 400 hours	At 425 hours	At 450 hours	At 475 hours	At 500 hours	5 years or 500 Hrs
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# SPECIFICATIONS

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## Dimensions

Overall Height. . . . .	55.9 cm (22 inches)
Overall Length . . . . .	104 cm (41 inches)
Overall Width . . . . .	135 cm (53 inches)
Weight . . . . .	161 kg (356 pounds)
Tilling Width. . . . .	122 cm (48 inches)
Maximum Tilling Depth . . . . .	15.2 cm (6 inches)

## Features

- 24 high performance carbon tines
- Adjustable skid shoes
- A stand for supporting the tiller when detached from the power unit
- A leveler shield
- Intermediate gear reduction for quiet operation
- Sealed lubrication final drive (#80 chain)

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