

# MIDSTATE ATTACHMENTS



## TO THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF THIS IMPLEMENT

Please read this manual “before” unpacking or using this implement for the first time. This manual provides you with the necessary instructions to safely install and use your attachment. Do not let other people use this attachment without first being instructed how to safely use it.

YOUR NEW MSATTACHMENTS BUSH HOG IS DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED TO CUT NEARLY ALL TYPES OF BRUSH, GRASSES, SHURBS, AND SMALL TREES OVER A WIDE VARIETY OF TERRAINS. WHEN ATTACHED TO YOUR SKID LOADER, IT IS HIGHLY MANEUVERABLE FOR CLOSE CUTTING IN TIGHT AREAS.

**Low Flow Machines Only - 11-24gpm**

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR EXPERIENCE AND PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONTACT MSATTACHMENTS AT 1-866-811-5319

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THANK YOU FOR BUYING A MSATTACHMENTS BRUSH HOG



# Importance of Safety


Accidents can be very costly to human life and property. As the operator is the #1 safety device on all types of vehicles or equipment, it is important that the operator read, learn and know all safety recommendations for this product. The user is responsible to his family, friends and co-workers to operate in a safe manner. Ensure that everyone who operates or assists in the operation or maintenance of this product read and understand all the elements required to safely operate this piece of equipment.


This attachment has spinning blades that include additional dangers.


Throughout this manual you will find safety notes which are very important to read and understand before operating this piece of equipment. These classifications alert you to situations that could be harmful to you or bystanders. When you see these alerts in the manual, carefully read and follow all instructions and also protect other workers from the same danger.


## Operator Safety Training Tips


It is the responsibility of the operator using this attachment to be acquainted with the safe operation. In addition to reading this manual, it is important that the operator read the skid steer's operation manual and follow its manufacturer's recommendations!


 Before lifting or lowering the cutter, make sure the area is clear of bystanders or objects.


 Machinery parts sometimes have sharp edges. Wear work gloves when moving parts. Always use caution around cutter blades as they often are very sharp.


 Never use drugs or alcoholic drinks when operating or servicing this piece of equipment.


 Always wear the proper personal protection equipment when servicing or operating this piece of equipment. Never service or operate this attachment with bare feet, sandals, or other light footwear.


 Always use eye protection during operation. Mount this attachment on a skid steer equipped with thermoplastic polycarbonate door panel and side panels.


 Speed Kills! Operate this implement at a safe working speed. When transporting the implement, keep a safe speed to avoid losing control of the attachment or prime mover.


 Keep proper clearance between the implement and objects (utilities, tree stumps, large rocks, buildings, etc.). Contacting these objects with the implement or prime mover could cause a loss of control or damage to the implement or property.


 Before each operation of this implement, check all hardware (bolts, nuts, pins, etc.) for their proper location and tightness.


 Stop the engine on the skid steer and set the brake to avoid the implement rolling forward or backwards while you are exiting the prime mover.

 Store this implement in an area not frequented by children.

 Allow no riders on this attachment. Keep all bystanders clear of attachment during operation.

 Always replace worn, torn or missing safety decals before operating.


 Never operate the cutter when bystanders are within 300 feet (91.44 m) of the work area.

 Cut only during daylight or well-lit artificial light.


## Skid Steer Requirements

Your Brush Cutter should only be used on a skid steer with a lift capacity of at least 1100 lbs. and with a weight of at least 6500# with the bucket removed. Low Flow only machines, not to exceed 24gpm. A skid steer equipped with tracks will provide superior stability in this application.

To protect the operator from any flying debris, it is important that the skid steer should be equipped with a thermoplastic polycarbonate windshield or similar material, and similar protection on the sides of the operator's cab.

 **DANGER** Make sure your skid steer is in good working condition. Follow the operating instructions found in the manual that accompanied your skid steer. Failure to do so could result in Minor or Serious Injury.

## Connecting Cutter to Skid Steer

 **DANGER** Never enter the area underneath the coupler or any part of the attachment when it is in the raised position to avoid an accident that will result in Death or Serious Injury.

Verify that the hydraulic hoses are clear from the front of the attaching plate on the attachment and that the mounting plate is free from dirt and debris.

When clear, move the skid steer to proximity of attachment plate. Tilt skid steer coupler forward to align coupling point with the upper part on the attachment plate and raise the coupler slightly.

When the top edge of the coupler is seated in the top part of the coupler plate, roll the skid steer tilt function back until the attaching plate is flat against the skid steer coupler. Lock down the coupler levers. Note: If your skid steer is equipped with a hydraulically operated coupler, activate the coupler lock at this time.

PLEASE NOTE:

Attachment and Machine-side Couplings must be

**FREE OF DEBRIS  
BEFORE INSTALLING.**

Failure to comply will void  
warranty.

## Pre-Operation Walkaround Inspection

Before every use, it is important to perform a short inspection and certain maintenance on your brush cutter.

- ✓ Check that all shields and guards are in place.
- ✓ Look for loose bolts and tighten them if necessary.
- ✓ Check that all safety decals are in place and can be read. Replace them if necessary.
- ✓ Check that blades are in good condition. Sharpen or replace them, if necessary.
- ✓ Take care of our environment. Repair any hydraulic leaks.

## Cutter Boom Controls

Your brush cutter is designed to run off the skid steer loaders auxiliary hydraulic system, and is activated and deactivated by a control in the operator's cab. Consult your skid steer operator's manual for precise instructions on how to activate and deactivate the auxiliary circuit.

Height and tilt functions of the brush cutter are operated with the control handles or pedals in the cab. Consult your skid steers operator's manual for precise instructions regarding these functions.

Wipe off any dirt or dust  
**NOTICE** male or female hydraulic flat-face couplers with a clean rag before attaching hoses, to keep contaminants from entering the hydraulic system.

Never operate this cutter  
**NOTICE** e case drain hose connected to the case drain circuit on the prime mover.

Connect the attachment hydraulic hoses to the auxiliary supply couplers located on your skid steer loader lift arm.

Attach the safety chain to a secure place on the skid steer unit to limit the height that the cutter can be raised.

Check the surrounding area for bystanders and clear them before starting the skid steer or attachment.

Before operating the attachment, always visually inspect and verify that the coupler lock pins are fully engaged through the latch slots on the attachment plate.

## Engaging Cutter the First Time

If this is your initial startup with this attachment on this machine, check the skid steer's hydraulic oil level and add oil, if necessary, before and after doing steps 1- 3 below.

1. With the skid steer engine RPMs just above idle, slowly engage the auxiliary hydraulic flow to the cutter head. Use your machine's auxiliary hydraulic flow lever or switch, activate the auxiliary flow to the brush cutter.
2. Allow the cutter to run for 30 seconds to purge the air from the system. Turn off the cutter drive, allowing it to come to a complete stop.
3. Lower the cutter attachment to the ground and shut off the skid steer's engine and exit the operator's compartment.
4. Check the skid steers hydraulic oil level, and add oil if necessary.
5. Inspect the cutter hydraulic plumbing for any noticeable leaks. Correct these leaks before continuing.
6. Restart the skid steer. With the attachment raised off the ground and the engine throttle set just above idle, engage the cutter drive circuit to start cutter. Allow cutter to come up to speed before increasing engine speed.

## Starting the Cutter

**CAUTION** Moving or engaging the cutter with bystanders in the area could result in Death or Serious Injury. Before engaging cutter hydraulics, always make sure the area is clear of bystanders.

Engage the cutter drive hydraulics with the prime mover's engine at a low rpm. Slowly raise the skid steer engine's rpm to the correct and desired cutter speed. Use the skid steer's hand throttle to set the speed; never use a foot throttle when using the cutter.

**\*BLADES SHOULD ALWAYS TURN COUNTER CLOCK WISE FOR PROPER DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS FORM FRONT RIGHT CORNER OF MOWER\***

If the cutter ever creates a vibration when ramping up speed, turn the cutter attachment to the off position and investigate cause. Refer today Troubleshooting section in this manual.

## Stopping the Cutter

When stopping the cutter, raise the cutter slightly and lower the skid steer's engine RPM to an idle, and allow the cutter to slow down. After the cutter has slowed down you may turn the auxiliary hydraulics to the "off" position.

**⚠ DANGER** Never operate the cutter when bystanders are within 300' (91.44 m) of your work area. Flying debris could result in Death or Serious Injury.

## Getting Familiar with the Attachment

**▲ DANGER** Be cautious when operating on un-level ground surfaces. A machine roll over could result in Minor or Serious Injury. Always wear your seat belt when operating this type of machinery.

Before starting the skid steer engine with this cutter attached, make sure you are knowledgeable and comfortable with the operation of the brush cutter controls as outlined in the previous and following sections of this manual.

When operating the cutter, set the skid steer throttle at a speed that will produce the required flow. Refer to your skid steer manual or call your local skid steer dealer for additional help.

To begin with, learn what the cutter head looks like in a level cutting position when you are seated in the skid steer. Knowing what a level cutter head looks like will help you avoid damage to the cutting blades by cutting too close to the ground surface.

The correct ground speed for cutting with this attachment can be monitored by sound and feel and depends on the material density. If the skid steer engine is bogging down or if the cutter speed is turning too slow because of too much load, the ground speed should be decreased.

Listen and feel for any strange vibration when working the cutter. A bad vibration felt when cutting could indicate a damaged cutting blade, or material trying to be cut at too fast a pace. Slow down the skid steer ground speed to see if vibration stops. If it does not, stop the cutter, turn off the skid steer engine and investigate cause of vibration. Refer to the Troubleshooting section in this manual for further instructions.

Always be aware of your surroundings. While watching the cutter, also pay attention to what obstacles or terrain are in front of the cutter and prime mover's wheels. Maintain a safe speed while cutting.

**CAUTION** Cutting tree branches with the cutter in an elevated position could result in Death or Serious Injury if the skid steer becomes unstable. Never raise the cutter more a few feet off the ground when working on slopes or uneven terrain.


### Adjusting Cutter Height & Level


Use the skid steer loader lift to adjust the elevation of the cutter. The fore & aft leveling can be accomplished by using the skid steer's attachment tilt cylinders.


**NOTICE** When cutting dense or heavy material, you may want to adjust the level of the cutter deck so the front of the cutter is approximately 1" (25mm) lower than the back of the cutter. This will assist the processing of the material and will avoid material "balling" under the deck.

**CAUTION** Use care when operating on uneven terrain or any type of sloped surface. Keep your cutter low to the ground when working in these conditions to avoid a roll over that could result in Minor or Serious Injury.

### **Before Cutting**

 Inspect the area to be cut and make sure it is free of any utilities, rocks, fence posts, or any other objects that you do not want to cut or that would damage the cutter.

 Determine a safe cutting pattern before the start of the cut. Stop the forward progress of the skid steer loader.

 Do not enter into an area to be cut before the cutter rotation come up to the operating speed.

### **Cutting Tips**

**CAUTION** Never operate this attachment when bystanders are in proximity of the work area that could result in Minor or Serious Injury from flying debris.

1. Always inspect work area before starting the cutter. Locate and mark any utilities, steel posts, rocks or any other objects that could be damaged or would damage the cutter during operation. Never assume the work area is safe and never skip the inspection part before start of operation.

2. Operate at a safe slow-paced speed that will allow you to watch the area ahead of the cutter & loader.

3. Make sure you are operating the skid steer's engine at an rpm that will produce the volume of oil flow required for this attachment.  
**Cutting Ground Level Vegetation**

4. Raise the rear of the brush cutter approximately 4" (102 mm) above ground level. The deck should be slightly sloping downward away from the operator.

5. Your rotary brush cutter is capable of cutting and mulching small trees and other vegetation of up to 3" (76mm) in diameter. Learn and realize which way the tree is likely to fall so it does not end up crashing onto you in the skid steer.

**CAUTION** Do not operate the cutter if you (the operator) can see the cutter blade. If the operator can see the cutter blade, the back of the cutter is raised **TOO HIGH** and should be lowered to avoid debris being thrown back at the operator and causing Minor or Serious Injury.

### **Cutting Above Ground Level Vegetation**

6. Tilt the front of the deck approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground level, but do not raise the rear of the deck. Drive slowly into the vegetation and use the hydraulic tilt to bend or push the vegetation forward.

Allow the cutter blade to cut the vegetation. Lower the front of the deck as you continue to mulch the material. Back drag the cutter to further minimize the size of the debris.

7. If the cutter speed slows down, reduced your travel speed and allow cutter to reach the proper rotating speed. Mowing too fast in thick material could result in balling of material underneath the cutter deck resulting in a loss of cutting efficiency.

8. Never use your cutter to push, pull, lift or move any type of object or vehicle. Do not use this attachment to “push” down trees without the cutter being used.

9. Always allow cutter to come up to operating speed before moving attachment into the material you want to cut.

## **Maintaining your Attachment**

### *Lubrication Check & Add*

The use and maintenance of proper lubrication is critical to the successful operation and performance of the engineered bearing housing. Fill Plug located at the front top center of the Motor.

And the smaller screw is the fill level indicator. Level the cutter attachment. Remove the plugs shown. The oil level is to be at bottom of the plug. If oil level is low, add 80-90W gear oil lubricant.

Replace and tighten the plugs.

### *Before Every Use*

Check that all fasteners (nuts, bolts, pins, keepers) are in their right place and are tight.

Inspect and replace any worn, torn or missing safety decals.

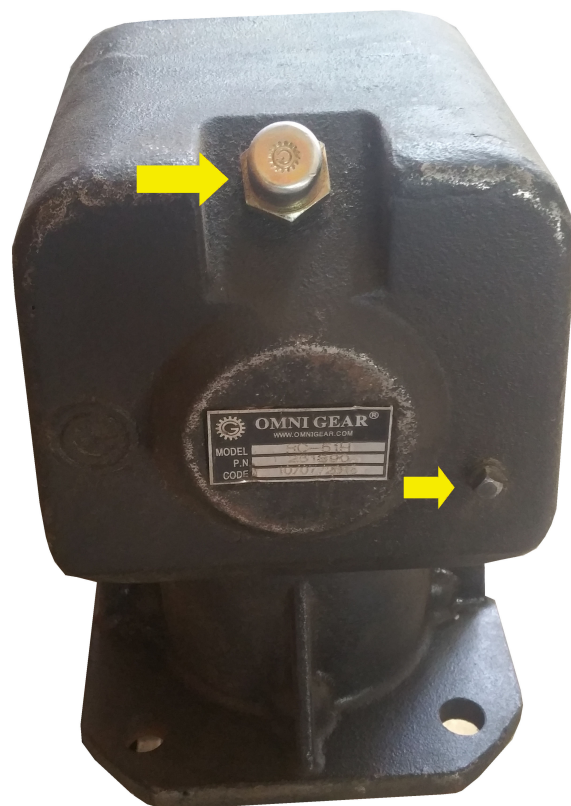
Investigate the location of any oil leaks and repair.

Check the hydraulic oil level in the skid steer. Add the recommended oil, if necessary.

### *Every Week*

Check the condition of the blades by raising the cutter attachment off the ground and tilt the attachment forward to the 90° position. Lower the attachment to the ground.

Inspect the cutter blades and remove and sharpen them if necessary. Sharp cutter blades will cut more efficiently than dull blades.





## After Every Season

Inspect the implement for any loose or worn parts that may need to be replaced prior to the next cutting season.

Visually inspect the cutting blades. Sharpen or replace them, if necessary.


Clean, sand & repaint any area that looks worn or scratched to prevent further rusting. Use an equipment-paint found at your local hardware store or building center.

Store your implement in a shed or cover with a water-proof tarp to protect it from the weather. Store in an area not frequented by children.

## Blade Holder Removal & Installation


*Removal:*

Tilt the skid steer's tool cylinder all the way back to place the attachment in a near vertical position. Secure the front of the cutter with an overhead hoist or prop a 4" x 4" under the front or lean the cutter head against a large tree to support it in the raised position.

 This is very dangerous, and should use extreme caution. Ensure attachment is securely supported.

Remove the bolt and nut from each blade. Remove blades then sharpen or replace blades as needed. When re-installing blades. The flat side of the bolt faces down, and the washer/nut faces the under carriage. The offset bend in the blades should face down.

The stump jumper is attached using a spline shaft coupler. A castle nut with carter pin secures the stump jumper to the motor/gearbox assembly.

 **Blades can be very sharp and could cause Minor or Serious Injury if mishandled. Always wear protective gloves and footwear.**

## Warranty

MSattachments warrants each new product to be free from defects in material and workmanship.

For 90 days from the date of purchase, when the attachment has been maintained and lubricated in accordance with the operating and maintenance instructions in the Owners Manual, MSattachments will replace any defect in material or workmanship in this product. This warranty excludes blades, which are expendable and become worn during normal use.

Repairs of the motor, gearbox or couplers because of alteration, an accident, or operator abuse or negligence, including the failure to maintain and operate the equipment according to instructions contained in the Owner Manual, or if repairs have been made with others than obtainable through MSATTACHMENTS. Disassembly of motor will void motor warranty.

Our obligation under this warranty shall be limited to repairing and replacing, free of charge to the original purchaser, and part that in our judgment shows evidence of a defect, provided the is routed through the dealer and distributor from whom the purchase was made, transportation charges prepaid.

This warranty shall not be interpreted to render us liable for injury or damages of any kind. This warranty does not extend to any loss incurred for labor, supplies, substitute machinery rental, or any other reason.

This warranty is subject to any existing condition of supply which may directly affect our ability to obtain material or manufacture replacement parts.

**SAFETY NOTE:** IF you are not immediately replacing the carrier, remove the strut and lower the unit to the ground. **DO NOT** leave the MSATTACHMENTS unattended in a raised position.

**GEARBOX/MOTOR INSTALLATION**

Visually verify that the loader lock down pins and engaged through the MSATTACHMENTS quick tach. Tilt the front of the Brush Hog up and securely support the deck. The MSATTACHMENTS Must be blocked up to avoid injury should a hydraulic failure occur or should the tilt or lift pedal/lever be accidentally activated by someone in the operator cab.

Replace the motor/gearbox hub.

Reinstall the motor/gearbox in the reverse order of the removal and tighten 4 gearbox nuts/bolts. Torque to 120 ft lbs. This is most easily accomplished with two persons.

Reinstall blade carrier: slide blade barrier hub onto gearbox shaft. Hold blade carrier in position while installing castle nut. Torque to 200ft-lbs., and then tighten further until the slots in the castle nut align with the hole in the gearbox shaft.

Reinstall motor cover.

**NOTE:** New replacement motor/gearbox are shipped without gear lube. Fill gearbox with 80-90w gear lube to level of the small 1/4" plug in side of gearbox. Do not fill all the way to the top of the gearbox. The check valve arrow should be facing to the right side of the motor, if you are standing behind the machine.

**Note:** disassembly of motor will void warranty. **SAFETY SHIELDING - ALWAYS KEEP THE MOTOR COVER AND FRONT CHAIN CURTAIN IN PLACE AND IN A GOOD STATE OF REPAIR.**



Part #	Decription	Price Each
1	Hydraulic Hose 74" Long	
2	Motor Cover	
3	Motor/Gear Box (Direct Drive)	
4	Blade Inspection Cover	
	Blade- Bolt, Nut, & Washer	
	Rear Lift Limit Saftey Chain	

\*All Items priced with out shipping charges.\*

	Motor Seal Kit	
	Castel Nut	
	Blades x 3	
	Stump Jumper Blade Carrier	
	Quick Disconnect (Male Coupling)	
	Quick Disconnect (Female Coupling)	

