

MOCGA Tailgate Talk

R.O.P.S. Operator Safety



Introduction: Excavator rollover is a possibility on the jobsite. Also, unloading machines from trailers presents a rollover hazard as well. Trenches and hills combined with the high center of gravity of a machine with the bucket raised can lead to rollover. Older machines have no roll-bar system to protect the operator. If the machine rolled over, the operator can be either thrown or trapped beneath it. Serious injuries result from machine rollover and fatal injuries are a real possibility. Enforce a seat belt policy and review this document with operators.

BE SAFE!

- ✓ Per OSHA 1926.1002(b) ROPS is required on wheel-type tractors used in construction.
- ✓ ROPS, or Rollover Protective Structure, is a cab or frame that provides livable space for the tractor operator in the event of a rollover.
- ✓ All operators of tractors equipped with ROPS must wear seat belts. Without a seat belt, the operator will not be confined to the protective zone.
- ✓ Stay in the cab or in the seat. Wear your seat belt & don't jump! The machine could roll over on you!
- ✓ Avoid turning uphill when operating on slopes. If you must turn uphill, slow down and turn as gradually as possible.
- ✓ Operate front end loaders and transport front end loads with the bucket as low as possible.
- ✓ Raise the bucket only when necessary.
- ✓ Identify steep embankments, near ditches, around holes, and other areas prone to tractor rollovers. Instruct everyone who operates a tractor in these areas to use only tractors with ROPS and seatbelts.
- ✓ Establish a seat belt policy and "no rider" policy for tractors and equipment.

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KEEP R.O.P.S. UP AND IN THE LOCKED POSITION WHEN THE MACHINE IS IN USE.



ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT ON ANY MACHINE EQUIPPED WITH R.O.P.S.



READ ALL WARNING LABELS POSTED ON YOUR MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT.



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