

Moving, Stopping and Steering

To move the machine:



WARNING

To prevent inadvertent actuation of implements or steering while swiveling seat, turn off implement controls, slide seat all the back, tilt steering wheel all the way forward and raise steering wheel to highest position. Failure to do so could cause serious injury or death to personnel.



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Do not release the seat Swivel Release Lever while operating the machine, inadvertent actuation of implements or steering may occur. Failure to do so may cause serious injury or death to personnel.

1. Make sure that the area is clear of obstructions and/or personnel. It is possible for several people to stand under or near the machine, out of sight of the operator. It is recommended that you sound the horn before moving the machine.



CAUTION

This machine cannot be stopped instantly. The stopping distance varies, depending on load and speed. To avoid collisions, be sure to allow ample stopping distance.

2. Ensure the engine is at idle RPM (no throttle).



CAUTION

Never attempt to operate with the hand throttle instead of the foot throttle. The hand throttle is to be used for warm-up only.

3. Place the De-clutch control in the ON position.
4. Apply the brake pedal.
5. Lift the carriage, if required, to clear any obstructions you might encounter.
6. Release the parking brake and put the transmission range selector into 1st gear.



CAUTION

It is recommended that you operate the Log-stacker in 1st gear only, until you become familiar with the machine and all of its operating characteristics.

7. Place the shift lever into the “forward” or “reverse” position on the right hand control lever. Moving the lever not only selects the direction of travel, but also shifts the transmission from neutral to “in gear”.
8. Release the brake pedal.
9. Depress the throttle pedal slowly and smoothly. Avoid sudden or jerky starts. Depress the pedal just enough to begin moving slowly.

NOTICE

Always brake to a full stop when changing directions. Drivelines are not strong enough to withstand the forces created when tons of vehicle and load are reversed suddenly. Keep the speed low until you feel comfortable with the machine.

Steering (with steering wheel)

With the operator facing the front, turning the wheel clockwise will turn the machine right, while turning the wheel counterclockwise will turn the machine left.

Practice moving the machine around the yard. Make several practice stops to develop a “feel” for the brakes. Practice driving and steering in forward and reverse. Always use the brakes to slow and stop the machine, never gear down.

NOTE: It is recommended that you keep the de-clutch in the ON position for normal operation. If a downgrade is encountered, the De-clutch control may be placed in the OFF position, and the transmission will remain in gear while braking.

Steering (with Joystick steering option)

There are steering controls located on both the RH & LH Joysticks. With the operator facing the front, moving either steering slider to the right, will turn the machine to the right, while moving either slider to the left, will turn the machine to the left. Releasing the slider will maintain the current steering angle.

The sliders are proportional. The farther the slider is pushed, the faster the turn radius will be reduced. The slider must be moved in the opposite direction to return to straight travel.