Retrieving Loose Logs

- 1. To obtain maximum load retrieval of loose logs, make sure the transmission is set to "Auto", and is in Second (or higher) gear.
- 2. Fully raise the hold-down arm.
- 3. Position the carriage so that the tines are level with the ground; low enough to get under logs, but not so low that the carriage drags on the ground.
- 4. Approach the pile with enough speed to utilize the machine's momentum to fill the carriage. (See Figure 4-9-1.)
- 5. As the tines engage the logs, feather the tilt and hoist functions as necessary to work the tines into the pile.
- 6. As forward motion begins to slow and the carriage starts to fill up, tilt the carriage forward to extend the reach of the hold-down arm.
- 7. Begin to close the hold-down arm. Continue to push into the pile until the hold-down arm engages the logs. Once engaged, stop the machine.
- 8. Use the hold-down arm to pull logs into the carriage.
- 9. Once the hold-down arm encounters resistance in the log deck, slowly tilt the carriage back and hoist the carriage, while continuing to close the hold-down arm.
- 10. Before backing from the pile, the operator should actuate the hold-down long enough for the carriage to close tightly to prevent logs from spilling. (See Figure 4-9-2).
- 11. Travel with the load as close to the ground as possible. Raise the load only enough to clear obstacles.



Figure 4-9-1



Figure 4-9-2

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