

A Safe Workplace

A Workplace Safety and Health Manual for Your Community

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PPE Required: Safety glasses, steel toe boots

Warning:

1. Read and understand the manufacturer's manual prior to operating the machine.
2. Contact the manufacturer for a replacement manual if you do not have a copy.
3. Pay attention to all safety precautions and warnings before operating, or performing lubrication and maintenance.
4. Only trained and authorized competent personnel may operate an ice resurfacer.
5. Improper machine operation and maintenance is dangerous and **could result in injury or death.**
6. Never attempt any repairs or adjustments while the machine is moving or is running unless otherwise specified.
7. Only use tools, procedures and work methods recommended by the manufacturer.
8. Circle the ice resurfacer to check the machine prior to mounting.

Safe Operation

Mounting and Dismounting

1. Mount and dismount the ice resurfacer only where steps and/or handholds are provided.
2. Face the machine and use the three (3) point contact method when mounting and dismounting. See *Getting On or Off Equipment (3 point method) Procedure* (section II1-C, G-1). Use extra care when wet or slippery conditions exist.
3. Never get on or off a moving ice resurfacer. Never jump off the machine.
4. Do not try to climb on or off the ice resurfacer when carrying tools or supplies.

Before Operating the Ice Resurfacer

1. Operate the machine only from the operator's station. Fill out inspection sheet.
2. Adjust the seat so that full pedal travel can be obtained with the operator's back against the seat back.
3. If the ice resurfacer is equipped with a lighting system, make sure all lights are working properly.
4. Make sure no one is working on, underneath or close to the ice resurfacer before turning on the key or beginning to move the machine. Make sure the area is free of personnel.
5. Do not move the machine or move any of the controls if there is a "**Do Not Operate**" or similar warning tag attached to the start switch or controls.

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6. Move the all controls lever to **neutral**.
7. Clear all personnel from the machine and the area.
8. Clear all obstacles from the path of the ice resurfacer. Beware of hazards such as curbs, blocks, posts, wire, cans, etc..
9. Make sure the horn and all other warning devices are working properly.
10. Check for proper operation of all controls.

Operation

1. Always observe floor load limits and overhead clearances.
2. Start, turn and brake smoothly. Slow down for turns, slippery or uneven surfaces. Use extreme caution when turning or on inclines. Watch out for pedestrians and obstructions, check overhead clearances.
3. Do not allow anyone to stand or pass under the elevated portion of any machine.

Parking

1. Park the ice resurfacer in authorized area only.
2. Move the transmission control lever
3. Turn the key switch **off** and remove the key.
4. If possible, park the machine on a flat and level surface. If the machine is parked on any kind of grade, the wheels must be blocked with wheel chocks to prevent the vehicle from rolling away after it has been parked.
5. Store in well ventilated area.

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Safety Tips

1. Keep all guards in place and in good repair, never disable guards or other safety devices.
2. Never carry a passenger/rider.
3. Never operate in an unsafe manner.
4. Do not smoke while operating or fuelling gas driven tools.
5. Obey all safety rules when refueling the machine.
6. Make sure you can read and understand all the safety signs. Clean or replace them if you cannot read the words or see the pictures.
7. Never cover, hide or remove any safety label.
8. See *Powered Mobile Equipment Procedure* (section III-E, VLE-18) for general instructions to operate powered and mobile equipment.