

Skid Steer Daily Inspection Checklist

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Complete before every shift. Take the machine out of service and report any safety-critical defect immediately.

OPERATOR NAME

MACHINE / UNIT #

DATE

HOURLY METER

1 Walkaround: Exterior & Leaks

- ☐ No fresh drips or puddles under the machine (hydraulic, engine oil, coolant, fuel)
- ☐ Frame, panels, and guards free of cracks, dents, or loose fasteners
- ☐ Safety decals and warning labels present and legible

2 Tires, Tracks & Undercarriage

- ☐ Tire pressure correct; no cuts, sidewall bulges, or missing lug nuts (wheeled)
- ☐ Track tension correct; no excessive wear or embedded debris (tracked)
- ☐ No cracks visible in frame or drive motor housing
- ☐ Undercarriage clear of built-up mud, rock, or debris

3 Engine Fluids, Filters, Belts & Hoses

- ☐ Engine oil level and condition OK (checked cold)
- ☐ Coolant level OK (checked cold, cap not opened)
- ☐ Hydraulic fluid level OK; no leaks at reservoir or lines
- ☐ Air filter/service indicator checked; housing clear of debris
- ☐ Belts free of cracks, fraying, or looseness
- ☐ Hoses free of dry rot, bulges, or abrasion
- ☐ Fuel/water separator drained

4 Loader Arms, Bucket & Attachments

- ☐ Pivot pins and cylinder mounts show no excessive play
- ☐ Bucket/attachment cutting edge free of cracks, bends, or heavy wear
- ☐ Quick-attach coupler fully locked with both pins engaged
- ☐ Auxiliary hydraulic couplers free of leaks or damage

5 Cab & Operator Safety Equipment

- ☐ ROPS/FOPS structure undamaged at mounting points
- ☐ Seat secure; seatbelt latches and retracts without damage
- ☐ Cab glass, mirrors, and backup camera lens clean
- ☐ Lift-arm support device present and usable

6 Startup: Safety & Operating Systems

- ☐ Interlock/seat bar stops lift and tilt when unseated or unbuckled
- ☐ Horn, backup alarm, and work lights/strobes function
- ☐ Steering responds normally; parking brake holds
- ☐ Lift, lower, dump, and curl cycle smoothly at low speed
- ☐ No fault codes displayed on startup

DEFECTS FOUND / NOTES

INSPECTION RESULT

☐ Pass ☐ Fail – out of service

OPERATOR SIGNATURE

DATE

Reminder: Daily pre-shift checks catch what changed since yesterday. Pair this checklist with your manufacturer's hour-based maintenance schedule (commonly at 50, 100, 250, 500, and 1,000 hours) to catch what wears down over time.