Operate Safely

Watch Out For Hazardous Working Conditions

Be alert for hazards. Know where you are at all times. Watch for branches, cables and doorways. Watch for unstable soil.

Use caution when working along docks, runways, banks and slopes. Keep away from the edge of drop-offs or gullies.

Use caution when working beneath an overhang or next to a high bank. Be careful not to undercut a high bank or overhang causing material to fall on your machine or a collapse of the bank.

WARNING! Extreme caution should be used when working along the top of banks or slopes. Watch for loose areas or overhangs. Keep away from the edge. The edges could collapse or a slide could occur causing serious injury or death.

Stay alert! Cave-ins are hazardous.

Use caution in backfilling or other activities near an excavation. Do not get too close to the wall. The combined weight of your machine and the load could cause the wall to collapse.

If necessary when working under hazardous conditions, use a second person to warn of dangers. Make certain they do not get too close to the loader.
Safe Shut Down

Properly shutting down a compact tool carrier can help prevent accidents from occurring when the compact tool carrier is left unattended. Shut down the compact tool carrier following the specific procedures in the manufacturer’s operator’s manual. These procedures will normally include:

— Come to a full stop on a level surface.
— Set the parking brake.
— Lower the lift arms and place the attachment flat on the ground.
— Place the controls in NEUTRAL (or PARK) including the auxiliary hydraulic control.
— Reduce engine speed.
— Shut off the engine.
— Cycle all hydraulic controls to relieve trapped pressure in the system.
— Remove the ignition key.

Lower Attachments Before Leaving the Machine

Shut Engine Off, Remove Key
Load and Unload Your Machine

Loading and Unloading the Compact Tool Carrier

When transporting the compact tool carrier, follow the manufacturer’s recommendations for loading and unloading.

Precautions
— Keep bystanders out of the loading and unloading area.
— Load and unload on a level surface.
— Block transport vehicle so it does not move.
— Use ramps of adequate size and strength, low angle and proper height.
— Block or support the rear of trailer.
— Keep trailer bed and ramps free of clay, oil, ice, snow and other materials that can become slippery.
— Keep heavy end uphill. (A heavy attachment may result in the need to travel up ramps in forward position.)
— Chain and block the compact tool carrier securely for transport. Use tie-down points as marked on the compact tool carrier by the manufacturer. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions in the operator’s manual for tie-down procedures.
Perform Maintenance Safely

Maintain Your Equipment

Be sure to maintain your equipment according to manufacturer’s instructions. Regularly check the operation of the protective and safety devices.

Do not perform any work on a compact tool carrier unless you are authorized and qualified to do so.

If you have been authorized to do maintenance, read the operator’s and service manuals. Study the instructions; check the lubrication charts; examine all the instruction messages on the compact tool carrier. Maintenance can be dangerous unless performed properly. Be sure you have the necessary skill, information, correct tools and equipment to do the job correctly.

IMPORTANT! Do not modify equipment or add components not approved by the manufacturer. Use parts, lubricants and service techniques recommended by the manufacturer.

Prepare Yourself

Wear personal protective clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) issued to you or called for by job conditions.

You may need:
— Hard hat
— Safety shoes
— Safety glasses, goggles or face shield
— Apron and gloves
— Hearing protection
— Welding helmet or goggles
— Respirator or filter mask

Wear whatever is needed—don’t take chances.

Keep hands—and clothing—away from all moving parts. Don’t tempt fate with dangling ties, loose sleeves, rings, watches, or long hair.