TECHNICIAN TIP

15 Warning Signs That It's Time To See A Technician



Your Mahindra tractor will typically provide a clear signal when it's time a technician should look at the machine as soon as possible. Charles Huff, national service manager for Mahindra USA, says some situations indicate a problem that could turn serious without prompt attention. If you've seen any of these signs in your tractor, please call our service department:

- 1) The service indicator light is on.
- 2) The oil pressure light flickers but does not stay on.
- 3) The temperature gauge goes above normal but not in the red. (Note: Never operate in the red.)
- 4) The clutch has no free play at the pedal.
- 5) The brake pedal has too much free play.
- 6) The brakes lock up or make a chattering noise.
- 7) Your tractor starts to lose power. For instance, you have to shift down, when going up a hill you used to climb without shifting.
- 8) The fuel injector pump sounds like something is hitting the side of the pump, or the injector leaks on the back side next to the engine.

- 9) The hydraulic pump makes an unusual noise, such as a grinding noise, which can be caused by cavitations or aeration of hydraulic fluid.
- 10) The 3-point hitch hunts, moving down for a short distance then coming back to its original position.
- 11) The front-end loader goes up slowly or the loader bucket rolls back slowly.
- 12) The hydraulic hoses are frayed.
- 13) Any hydraulic leak on the loader or tractor.
- 14) The tractor emits white smoke.
- 15) Acid comes out of the battery caps, which could indicate overcharging.

Some owners wait for a scheduled service interval to enquire about strange noises or other concerns they have about their tractor. While scheduled maintenance is a good time to take care of small problems, it's not a good idea to wait for some repairs. If you've noticed any of the above signs, our service department would be happy to look over your tractor, let you know what's causing the problem, and give you an estimate for repairs before the problem becomes more of an issue with your Mahindra.

