

When In Doubt, Always Defer to Safety Recommendations



Mahindra technician Brian Hargrove illustrates an operator's primary responsibility: familiarizing oneself with the safety recommendations.

Mahindra designs safety into every piece of equipment it manufactures, installing safety devices to protect the operator and the equipment itself.

"Owners should not allow anyone to perform modifications on a tractor that will impair the safety functions, including bypassing or disabling neutral safety switches," said Charles Huff, national service manager for Mahindra NA.

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One important safety device on some Mahindra tractors is the seat switch, which stops the machine if the operator isn't seated. If that switch is disabled, the tractor could continue to move when the operator steps off the machine.

Another neutral safety switch is the PTO switch, which prevents the tractor from cranking up if the PTO is in gear. If that switch is disabled, the implement could start turning the moment the tractor starts, endangering anyone close by.

"If a tractor comes into our shop with a safety switch bypassed, our technicians will reactivate the safety switch before performing any repairs. We do that for your safety and our employees' safety," added Huff.

Huff has more safety tips for Mahindra owners:

- Keep PTO shields in place at all times, and stay clear of the rotating shaft. When working around the tractor, avoid loose-fitting clothes that could get caught in any moving parts.
- Never look for a leak by feeling around with your hands. Be especially careful around high-pressure fluids, which are under so much pressure they can be injected through your skin. If any fluids do get in your body, seek medical attention.
- Disconnect the battery ground cable before working on the electrical system or welding on the tractor.
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"If you have kids or grandkids, don't allow them to ride on the tractor or any implement," Huff added. "They'll typically want to ride in the bucket of the front-end loader, but it's not worth jeopardizing their safety."

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