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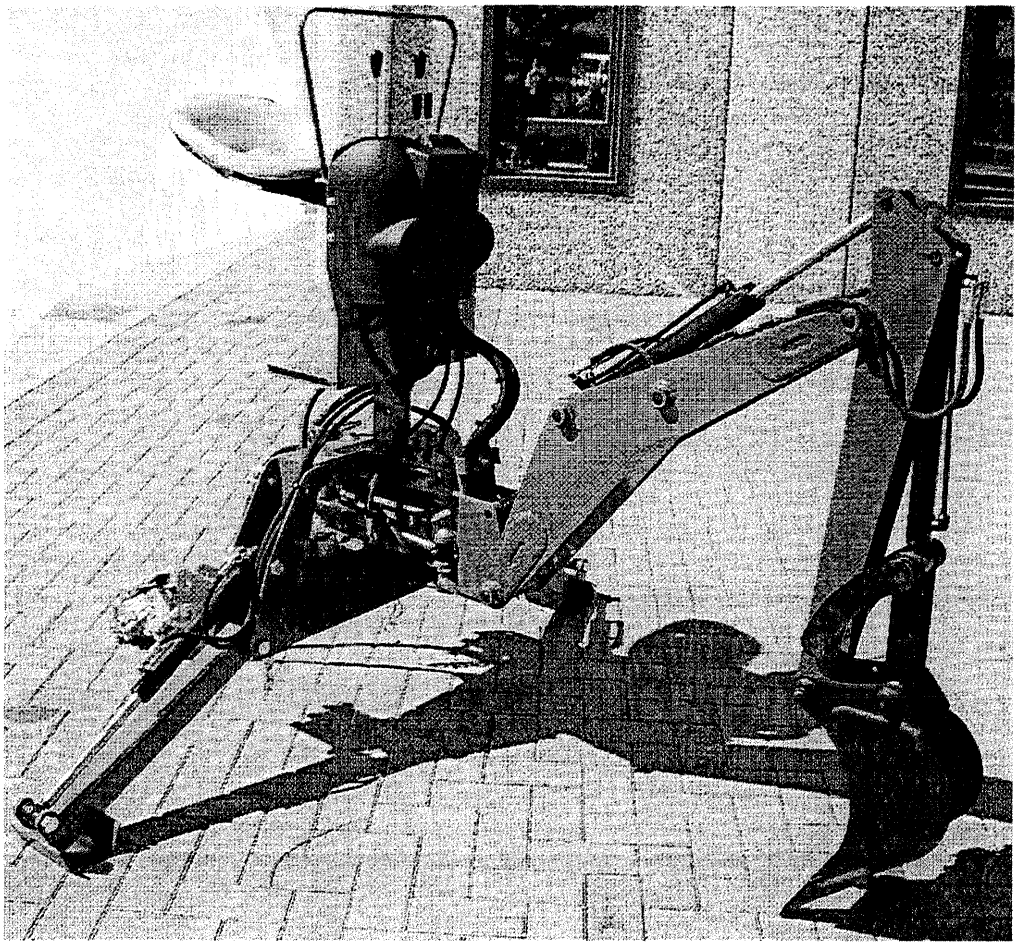

# BACKHOE
# BK 200-230-300

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## A1 Preliminary information

All the backhoes are provided with a copy of this manual. The instructions included in it are good for all the models of the **series DIG - DIG** and L, except if otherwise specified.
The reading of this manual is mandatory for all those people (operators) who use the backhoe and must be done before any use. Unfamiliarity with the machine, an improper use of it and the disregard of the safety rules could cause serious accidents to the operator and/or damages to the backhoe. Both of them can be avoided by observing meticulously the instructions contained in this manual.

## A2 Warranty

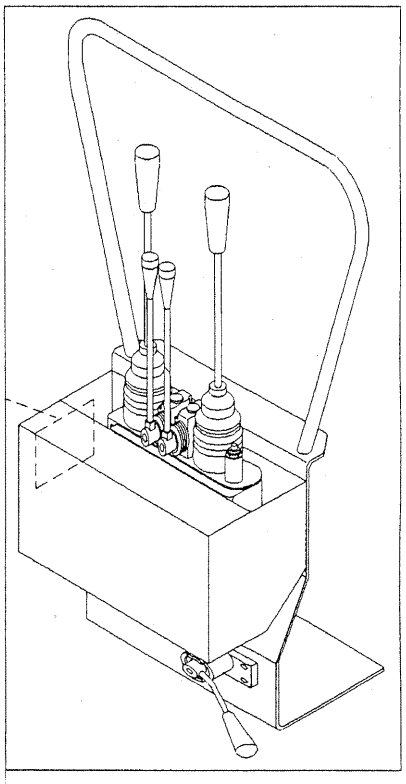
The manufacturer warrants new machinery to be free from defects in material and workmanship at the time of delivery to the original purchaser if correctly set up and operated according to this Operator's Handbook.
The manufacturer undertakes to repair or replace free of charge any defective part which should be returned by the purchaser (freight prepaid) and found to be defective on inspection authorized by the manufacturer during the warranty period.
This warranty shall be valid for 6 (six) months from the delivery of the goods to the original purchaser.
If the customer is unable to return the defective part to the manufacturer, the manufacturer cannot be held responsible for any cost due for repair or replacement of any part of the machine. He shall only supply the part(s) required for such repair and/or replacement.
The warranty shall be considered null and void when it is evident that the machine has been improperly used or at least repaired without authorization.
The manufacturer shall not be held responsible for any obligation or agreement reached by any manufacturer employers, agents or dealers who do not comply with the above warranty. The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for the subsequent damages. This warranty replaces any other warranty, either explicit or implied, as well as any other obligation of the manufacturer.

## A3 Information about the manual

This manual must be carefully preserved, undamaged in all parts of it and kept on the operating machine for any reading. If there are misunderstandings when reading the manual, it is advisable to get in touch with the Manufacturer who, besides supplying the appropriate explanations, will see to improve the manual, making it more comprehensible, and sending the modified pages to the Customer.
Indications contained in this manual:
the indications **right/left** identify any component as seen from the backhoe driver's seat;
the writing **IMPORTANT** points out that the treated matter must be absolutely known by the operator;
the writing **Note** points out that the treated matter can make easy the job carried out by the operator.

## A4 Identification

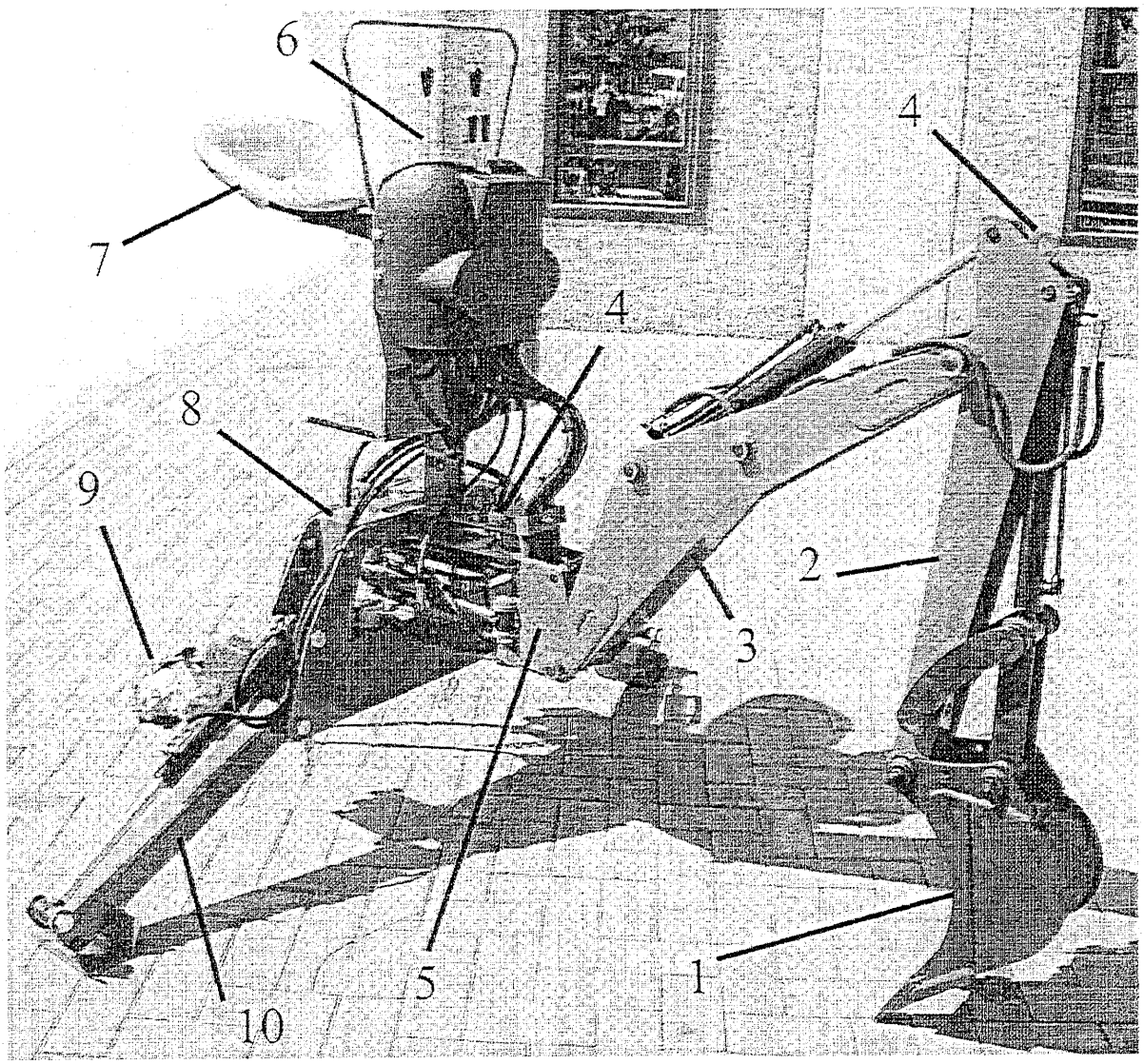
Each backhoe is identifiable through Manufacturer's name, model and serial number. Such data are punched on a special metallic nameplate located well in sight on the backhoe chassis. On the nameplate they are also stamped the year of construction, the weight in kg and the operating pressure in bar.

**IMPORTANT: it's absolutely forbidden to alter and/or erase the information punched on the identification plate or those punched on the machine's components.**

## A5 Standard equipments

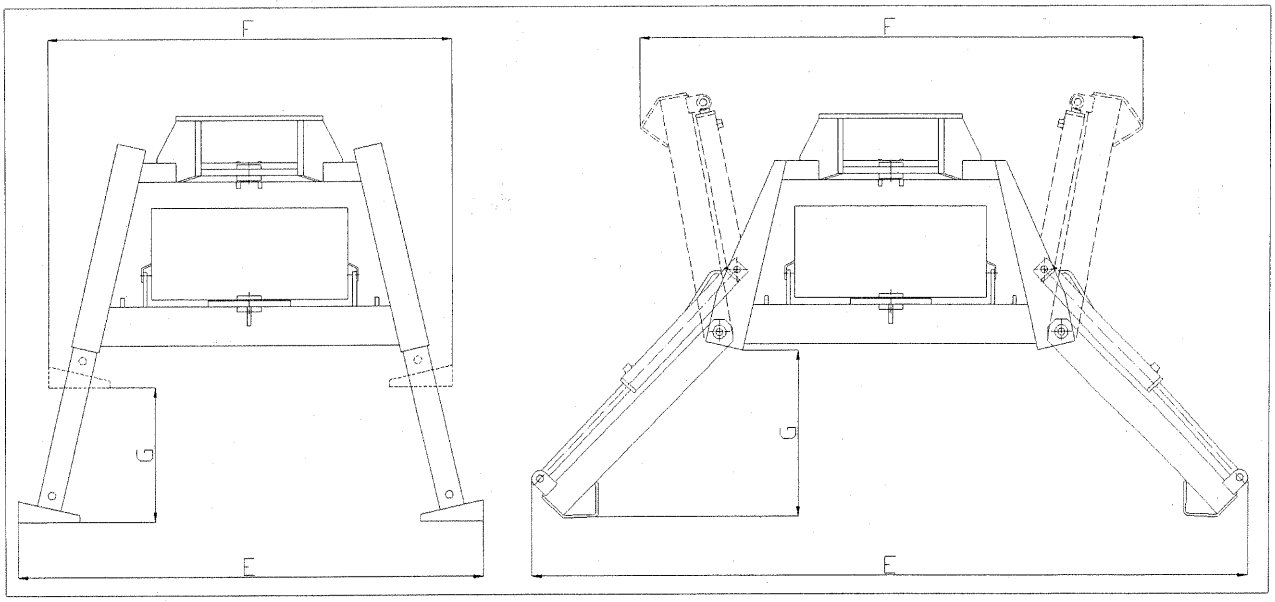
| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Bucket |
| 2 | 2nd arm |
| 3 | 1st arm |
| 4 | Lifting hooks |
| 5 | Revolving group |
| 6 | Control distributor |
| 7 | Seat |
| 8 | Frame |
| 9 | Pump/multiplier group |
| 10 | Stabilizers |



## **A6** Technical data

| **Technical data** | | **BK 200** | **BK 230** | **BK 300** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | mm / inch | 1800 / 70.9" | 2200 / 86.6" | 2700 / 106.3" |
| B | mm / inch | 1900 / 74.8" | 2300 / 90.5" | 3100 / 122" |
| C | mm / inch | 2600 / 102.4" | 2900 / 114.2" | 3700 / 145.7" |
| D | mm / inch | 2750 / 108.3" | 3050 / 120" | 3850 / 151.6" |
| E | mm / inch | 2160 / 85" | 2160 / 85" | 2600 / 102.4" |
| F | mm / inch | 1460 / 57.5" | 1460 / 57.5" | 1600 / 63" |
| G | mm / inch | 550 / 21.7" | 550 / 21.7" | 550 / 21.7" |
| Ripping force at the tooth | (kg)/(lbs) | 2000 / 4400 | 2200 / 4850 | 2900 / 6390 |
| Rotation angle | | 180° | 180° | 180° |
| Pump max capacity | (l/min)/(gal/min) | 15 / 4 | 20 / 5.3 | 38 / 10 |
| Working pressure | (Bar)/(PSI) | 180 / 2570 | 180 / 2570 | 180 / 2570 |
| Tank capacity | (l)/(gal) | 25 / 6.6 | 25 / 6.6 | 50 / 13.2 |
| Digging Bucket | (mm)/(inch) | 250 - 400 / 9.8" - 15.7" | | 250-600 / 9.8"-23.6" |
| Weight with bucket | (Kg)/(lbs) | 350 / 770 | 380 / 840 | 730 / 1610 |
| Tractor min. weight | (Kg)/(lbs) | 1000 / 2200 | 1100 / 2425 | 2500 / 5510 |
| Tractor min. power* | (Hp) | 18 | 20 | 70 |

*Note: tractor specific characteristics permitting, refer to the use and maintenance manual of the tractor to check if the tractor is fit for the backhoe installation.*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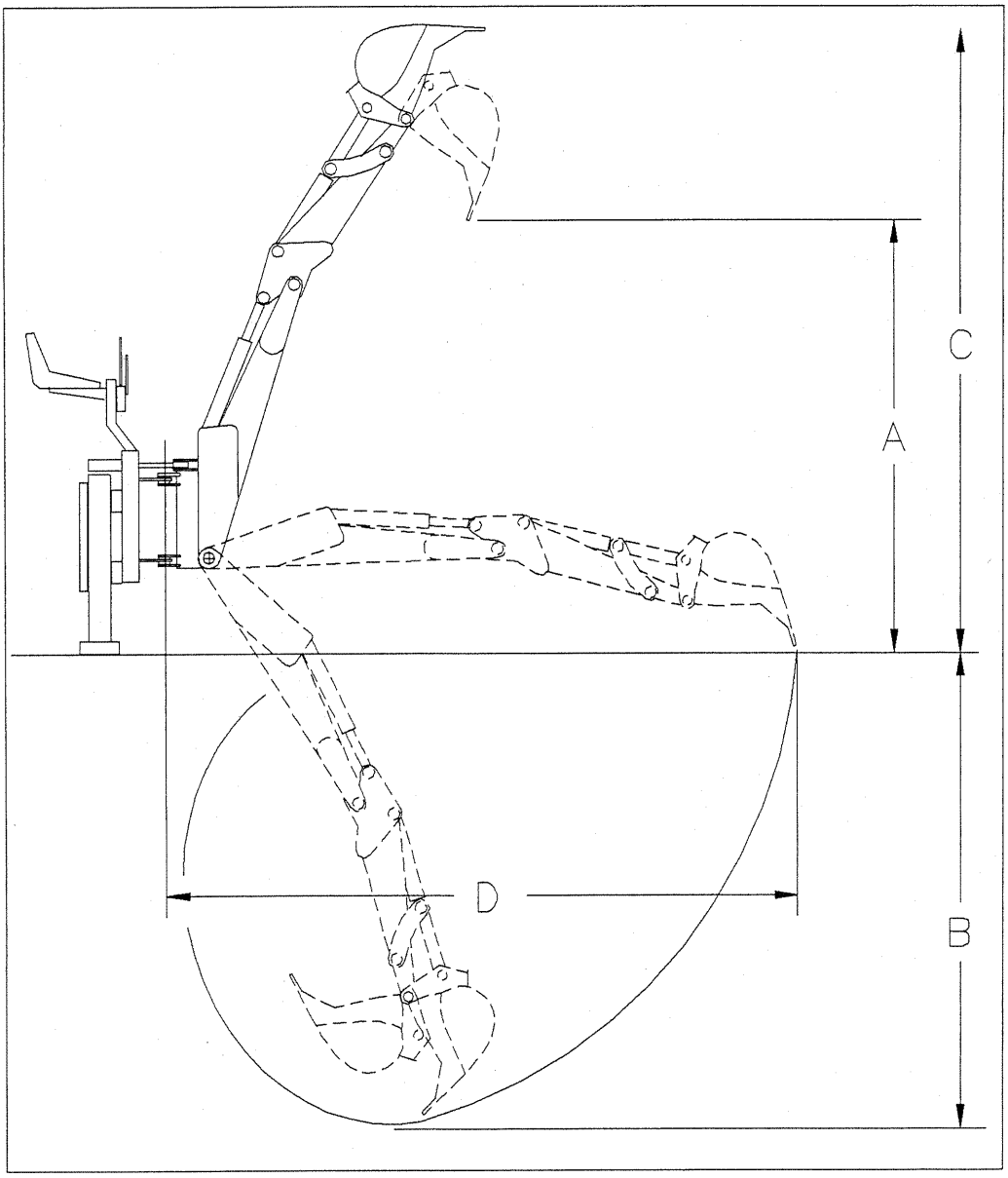
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## B1 General rules

The disregard of the most basic safety rules causes most of the work accidents. Most of them could be avoided by arranging the appropriate safety measures in advance.
Therefore, it is mandatory to read this manual and follow meticulously the instructions in it contained before using the backhoe. The use of this equipment is to be entrusted to of age and qualified personnel who will be trained for this job. Therefore, the Manufacturer is not answerable for accidents caused by the operator carelessness or by the disregard of safety rules.

## B2 Safety conditions for transport, installation and use

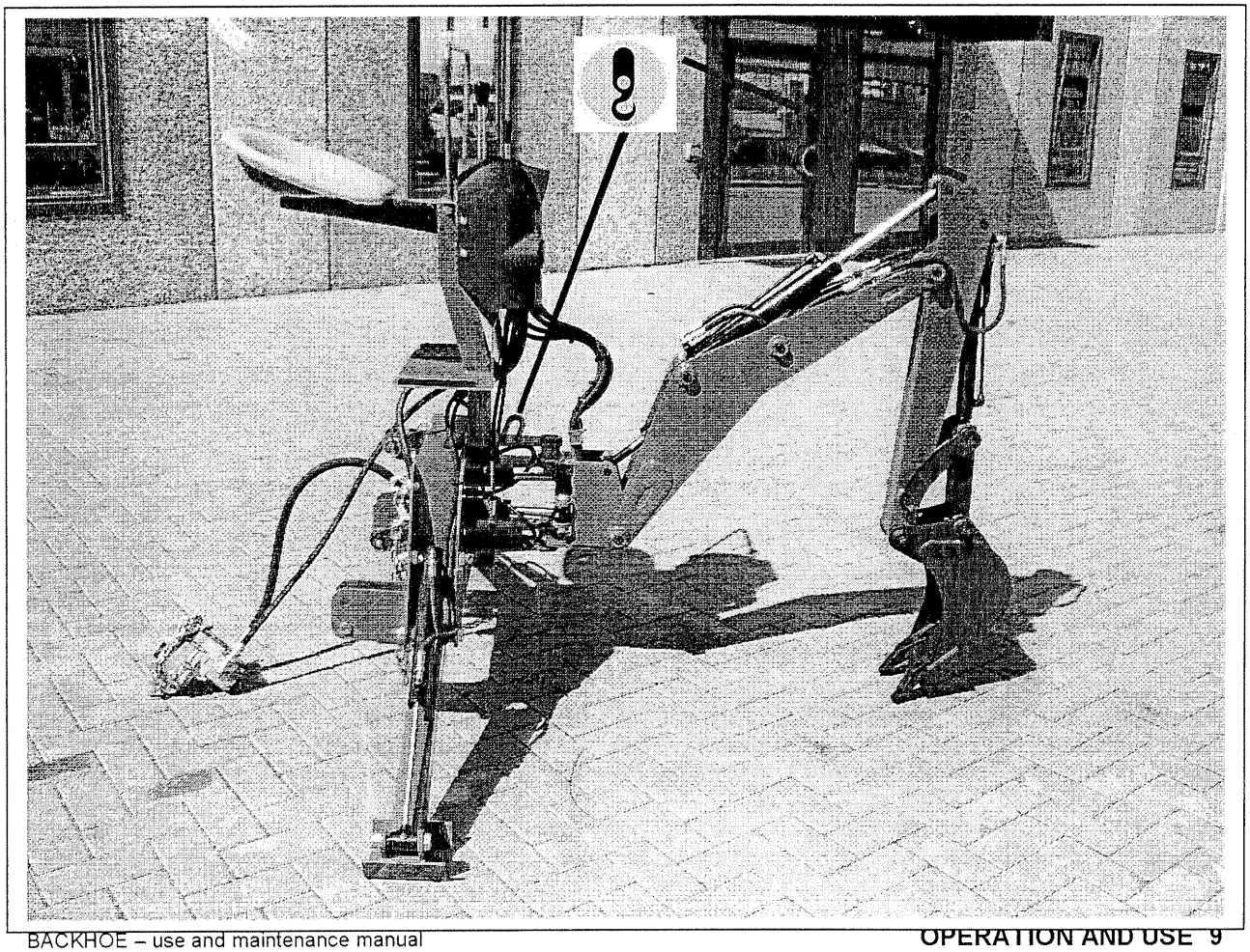
### B2.1 Transport by motor vehicle

A backhoe, either delivered by the Manufacturer or received by the Customer, has to be set up to transport configuration (as shown in figure) so as to make it steady on any sort of vehicle. For both the series it is gotten as follows:
figure: serie B - BA

a. shift the moveable-chassis to the middle of the slide guides;
b. lower the stabilizing feet completely;
c. lower the 2nd arm (jack fully extended) completely;
d. unfold completely the bucket (jack completely retracted);
e. lower the bucket to get it to lay on the ground so it will be the third point of support (the other two are the stabilizing feet) of the backhoe.

At this point, the backhoe is ready to be lifted by a crane and laid on the vehicle. For such operation it is necessary to use a crane with characteristics and slings fit to sustain its weight which is indicated on the identification nameplate.

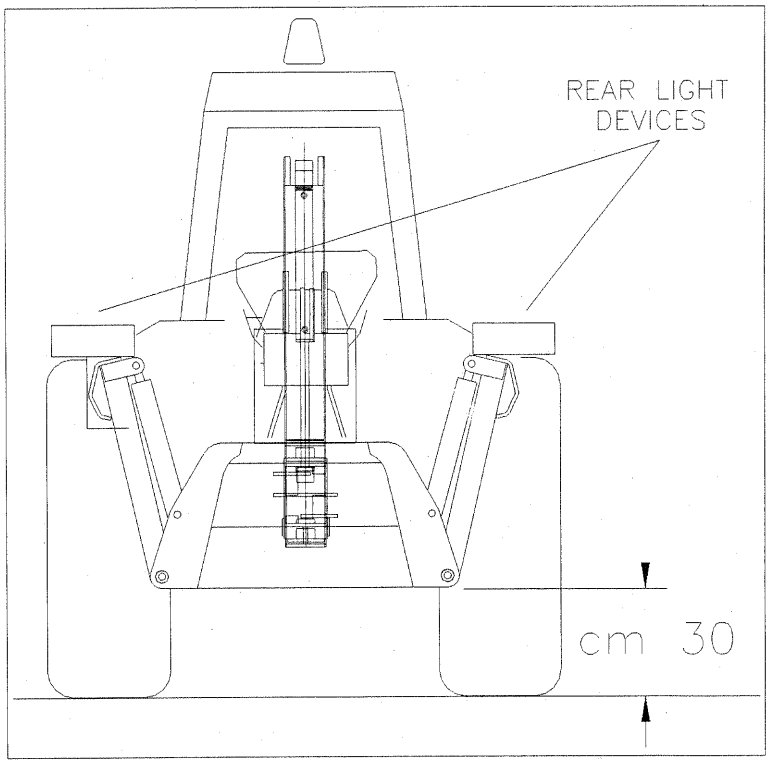
**Note:** *as shown in the figures, the hooking points to lift varies from a series to the other and are easy to be noticed because an adhesive label located near them shows a hook which underlines their use.*



## B2.2 Transport by tractor

A specific transport configuration has to be kept by the backhoe installed on the tractor when it is to be carried on road or to a different workplace. This configuration is necessary because the backhoe weight, which affects the tractor steadiness, will be evenly distributed on the whole frame. Further information on the tractor steadiness and, in the event this is uncertain, on the need of putting some ballast, will be furnished after. The transport configuration for both the series is set up as follows:

a. shift the moveable-chassis, making it to slide to the limit stop (completely on the right or on the left) of the proper slides;
b. fold back the bucket completely (the jack is fully extended) as shown in figure;
c. lower the 2nd arm completely (the jack is fully extended) and rotate the revolving group of 90° toward the fixed chassis;
d. lower the 1st arm as much as it is necessary for getting the bucket fastened to the slide with the proper chain, as shown in figure. This precaution is required for avoiding any possible involuntary motion of all the jacks. Close to the two fastening points (on the bucket and on the slide) it has been attached an adhesive label which shows a padlock to underline that those points are used for locking the machine;




e. lift the backhoe by means of the tractor lift system so as to make the lowest point be at least 30 cm above ground. Then, lock the lift control lever and put out the power takeoff;
f. before moving, the operator has to check that the tractor rear light devices are visible and not covered by the backhoe shape as shown in figure. In the event they were not visible, see to place some other ones in a visible position. This is required for the road circulation;
g. **IMPORTANT: the defective efficiency of the hydraulic stabilizers could cause their lowering while driving the tractor, creating dangerous conditions. Always check the perfect efficiency of the stabilizing jacks, distributor and relative system.**

## B2.3 Installation

The backhoe is normally installed on farm tractors, using their universal three-point attachments located on the back. For correct installation refer to chapter 10. Tractors must obligatory be

provided with protective Roll-bar or cabs furnished with ROPS or FOPS type approval as indicated by the rules in force.
It is possible the installation of the backhoe on carriages or excavators provided they have the safety protections in accordance to the rules and the required characteristics specified by the Manufacturer.

**IMPORTANT: the customer is bound to check if the installation of the required backhoe model is possible by referring to the use and maintenance manual of the tractor.**

In order to circulate on road, it is important to observe the following obligations:
- the machine must always be set to transport configuration;
- attach the specific signs to highlight the machine rear dimensions and, therefore, the tractor dimensions. For this purpose it is better to remember that:
  a. the FRONT OVERHANG must not exceed 60% of the length of the unballasted tractor;
  b. the BACK OVERHANG must not exceed 90% of the length of the unballasted tractor;
  c. ALTOGETHER THE LENGTH must not exceed the double length of the unballasted tractor;
  d. the WIDTH of the backhoe must be less than 2.5 m;
  e. the SIDE PROJECTION of the backhoe must be less than 1.6 m with respect to the longitudinal symmetrical line of the tractor. In case the maximum width of the backhoe was greater than 2.5 m or the side projection was greater than 1.6 m, it is necessary ANAS (National Road Board) permission (for the state roads) or Region permission (for the others);
  f. panels signalling the backhoe dimensions must be attached on the three visible sides and must be retroreflecting and fluorescent, yellow and red striped and type approved;
- tractor visual warning and lighting devices must be repeated in a different position if the backhoe dimensions hid them from sight;
- tractor flashing light device must be in operation;
- when the devices are repeated, they must have their own switch;
- the backhoe control unit must be protected with a special small chassis with the purpose to avoid unintentional setting at work of the levers;
- tractor power takeoff must be put out with the lever locked;
- TOTAL MASS must not be greater than 30% of the tractor NORMAL one which is indicated on its logbook;
- the MASS transmitted on the road by the driving axle, in static conditions, must not be less than 20% of the NORMAL MASS;
- speed must be reduced, above all on rough roads;
- comply with the rules of the road in force in each Country.

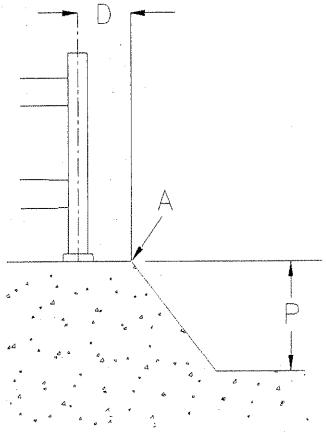
### B2.4 Use

The backhoe must perform only the jobs which it has been planned and built for: excavation and earthwork. These jobs must be carried out only with accessories provided by the Manufacturer. Therefore, it is forbidden both the use of the backhoe in a different manner respect to the allowed one and the employment of implements which the Manufacturer has not planned for use (orange-peel bucket, magnet, grab bucket, etc.). Besides, the backhoe technical characteristics must not be altered for changing its performances. In both situations, machine warranty and Manufacturer's liability will be void.
Before using the backhoe it is necessary to survey the workplace. If there are electric lines near there, ask the competent authority for information about their rated voltage.
If it is not possible to de-energize them, work keeping them at the following safety distances:

| Voltage | min. distance (m) |
|---|---|
| up to 1000 v (1kv) | 1 |
| over 1 kv and up to 110 kv | 3 |
| over 110 kv and up to 220 kv | 4 |
| over 220 kv and up to 380 kv | 5 |

**IMPORTANT: if it is not possible to know the rated voltage of the line, always keep at a distance of 5m.**

Ask the competent corporation if there are water or gas piping in the area where the backhoe is going to be used. In this case, work with the greatest caution, at low speed and, anyway, in the presence of technicians appointed by the competent corporations. Use the backhoe in the same way if you find out sewers or other utilities.
The backhoe has been designed for working between -5 to +40°C. Beyond this range of temperature, the Manufacturer is not answerable for accidents or a defective working of the backhoe.




It is important to select the ground where the stabilizers are to be placed. It has to be free from obstructions and able to bear stresses caused by the stabilizers and by the backhoe at work.
Near slopes or ditches, the safety distance is empirically calculated on the basis of the type of the ground in the following way:

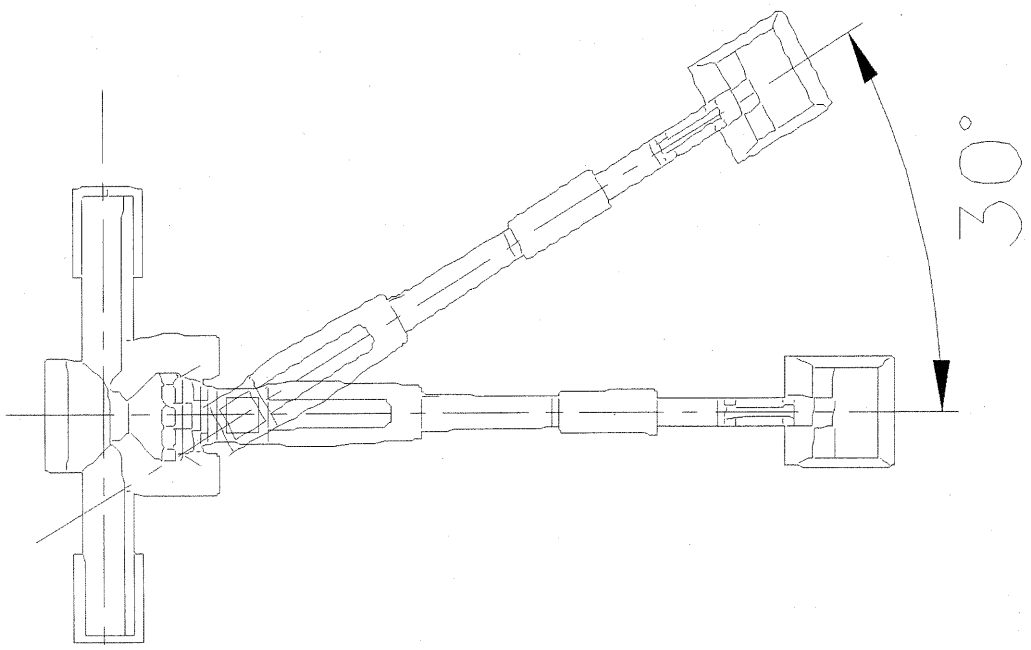
- if the ground is solid, **D** (minimum safety distance) is to be equal to **P** (depth of the ditch):

**D = P**

- if the ground is loose or subject to landslides, **D** (minimum safety distance) is to be equal to **P** (twice the depth of the ditch):
**D = 2P**

**Note:** *the minimum safety distance is measured from the edge of the ditch A, as shown in figure.*

IMPORTANT:
- **the operator must never use the backhoe with the stabilizers raised from the ground;**
- **he must check that the ground which he is going to work on, doesn't have a slope above 10%;**
- **he must be sure that the whole machine is placed on the ground in a steady manner;**
- DANGER OF OVERTURNING:
**for operations performed with the arm rotated over 30° with respect to the direction of the tractor, as shown in figure, it is mandatory to perform them only on even surfaces, paying the greatest attention. In fact, wrong operations, especially if the surface is not even, may get the backhoe overturned. Therefore, it is advisable to use the arm always lined up to the direction of the tractor.**



## B3 People safety precautions

### B3.1 General instructions

Before and while using the machine, the following precautions are to be observed by the operator:

- **before getting off the tractor, put on the parking brake, shift the gear lever into neutral position and lock the hydraulic lift lever in neutral position;**
- do not use the backhoe if you do not know how it works. Before using the machine the operator must learn the control of all the levers and their operational sequences. However, even an experienced operator must check the machine controls before the use;
- before putting on the power takeoff, make sure that the number of revolutions is 540 per minute;
- do never leave the tractor power on (with possible use of the backhoe) and, anyway, when you stop it, carry out all the operations which ensure it safety and stability (see paragraph relating to the parking of the tractor). If it is necessary to stop working for a short time, besides the before mentioned precautions for the tractor, it is necessary to check that the backhoe is well-placed on the ground;
- no people or animals must be carried on the backhoe;
- no one is to be allowed to get in and stay in the backhoe working area;
- on the basis of the noise heard from the backhoe driver's seat, consider the necessity to use ear protections (earplugs, ear protectors, etc.). In this regard, refer to the use and maintenance manual of the tractor as well.

### B3.2 Personnel qualifications

The person who uses or sets at work the backhoe must be qualified and must necessarily answer to the following requirements:

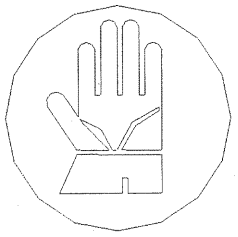
**physical characteristics:** good eyesight, coordination and ability to perform confidently all the operations required for the use;

**mental characteristics:** ability to understand and apply the established norms, rules and safety precautions. Moreover, he must be careful and wise for his own safety and for that of the others. He must wish to perform the job correctly and in a responsible way;

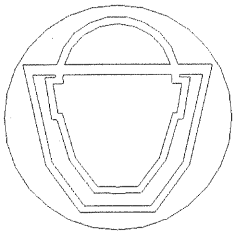
**training:** he must have read and studied this manual, possible illustrations and schemes attached, notices and warning signs. He must be skilled and qualified in all the aspects of use and maintenance.

### B3.3 Working clothes

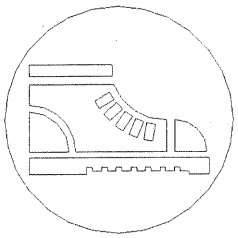
When working but especially when performing maintenance or repairs, it is to be used the following accident prevention items and garments:



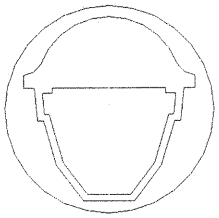
protective gloves;



face shields for eyes and face protection;



safety shoes;



helmet.

## B3.4 Pictograms

Besides the indications included in this manual, the personnel is helped by some adhesive labels which, attached on varied parts of the machine, show the safety rules to be observed. Labels are different in shape and colours according to the requirement. So, the person who works must know that round-shaped signals stand for **obligation** (light blue and white colours) or **prohibition** (red, white and black colours), whereas triangular-shaped ones give warning of **danger** (yellow and black colours). Other rectangular-shaped labels in addition to warnings of danger or prohibition give further information on the safety rule to be observed.
Safety requirements shown on the labels attached on the backhoe are:

**a.** danger of serious bodily lesions. Mark out the backhoe working area with a white/red striped identification tape on the basis of the turning movement of the 1° arm;

**b.** (signal in addition to the previous one) danger of serious bodily lesions. The presence of people inside the working area when the machine is working is extremely dangerous;

**c.** danger of crushing and/or shearing upper limbs. Use a lot of caution;

**d.** it is mandatory to read or refer to the use and maintenance manual;

**e.** it is forbidden to perform lubrications, adjustments, repairs or cleaning of the machine when it is in use. If necessary, proceed with a lot of caution;

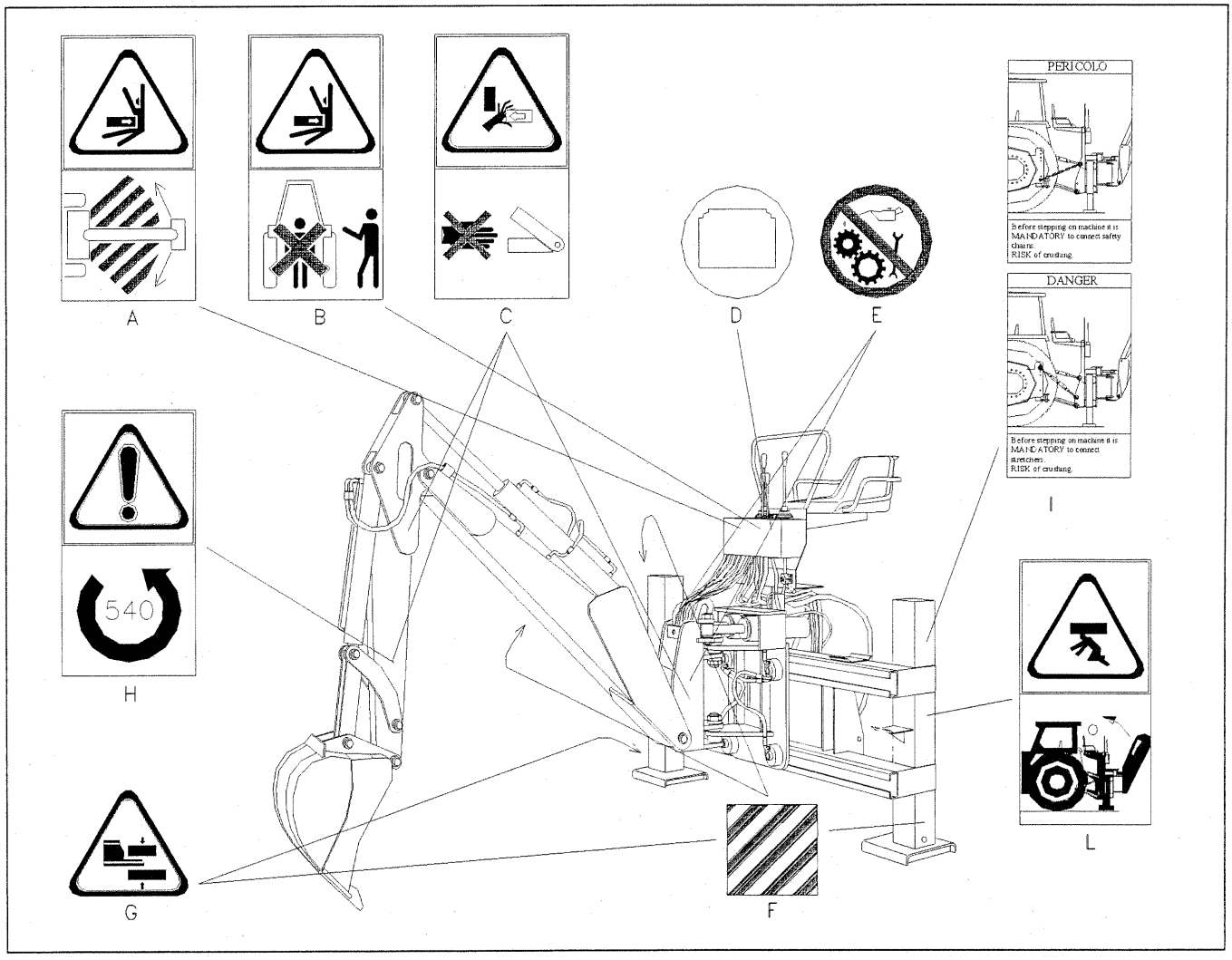
**f.** (only when circulating on the road) reflecting panels to signal the back of the tractor and, therefore, the rear dimensions of the backhoe;

**g.** danger of crushing and/or shearing lower limbs. Use a lot of caution;

**h.** pay attention to the number of revolutions shown on the tractor and, therefore, to the power takeoff outlet. It must be 540 rpm;

**i.** danger of crushing operator. Work only with backhoe well placed on terrain and well connected and blocked to tractor;

**l.** danger of crushing. Make sure backhoe is well blocked and connected to tractor and does not rise and detach itself from ground.




**IMPORTANT: It is mandatory to replace adhesive labels before they become illegible. In the event one of them does, the operator is not allowed to use the backhoe until a new one is stuck.**

**B4 Prohibitions of use (additional)**

The use of the backhoe is forbidden:

- in fire risk areas;
- in places with a corrosive atmosphere or with dusts harmful for the operator's health;
- in rooms with low ceilings and/or closed spaces;
- next to masonry walls which do not allow enough safety conditions for the planned movements of the backhoe;
- under plants or other hindrances. A wrong move could make the whole tractor to be lifted, pushing it toward hanging hindrances.

## C1 Preliminary information

Backhoes can be installed on all the tractors provided they have a three-point attachment. In order to carry out the installation it is necessary to put it within an area of even surface prepared for the operation. The operator who performs the job must be acquainted with the safety rules relative to the installation and must work with the greatest attention and caution.

IMPORTANT:

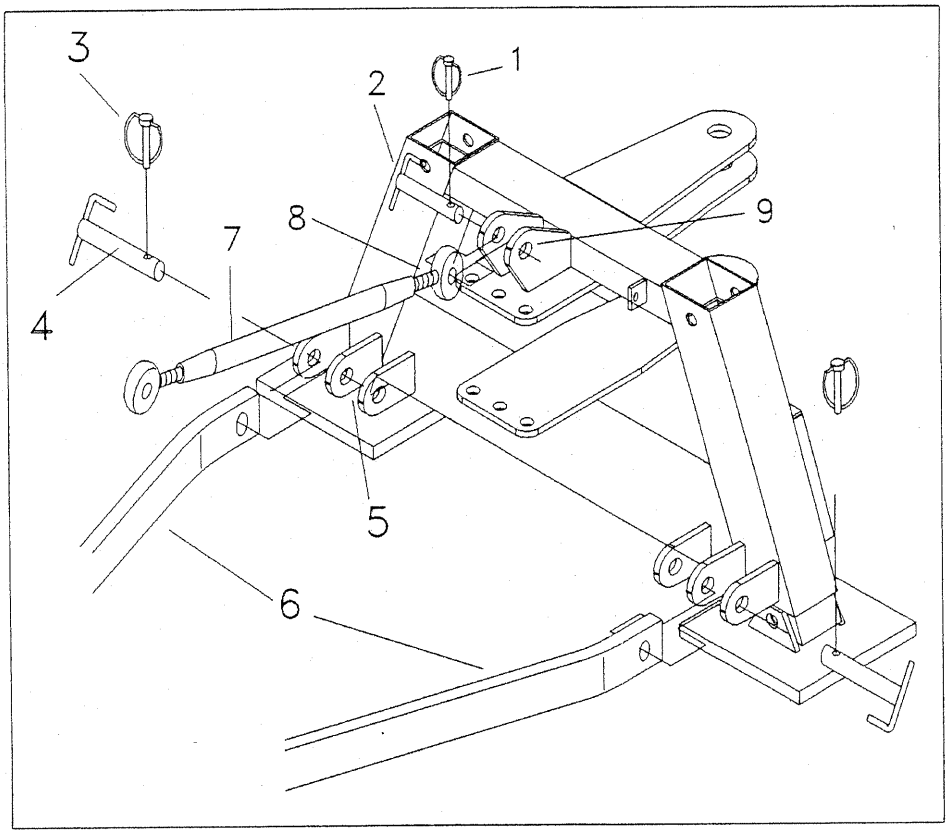
- **the alignment of the holes of the tractor attachments with those matching on the backhoe chassis (operation called centering), must never be done by hand but by using a suitable tool.**
- **at the end of the installation procedure, fill in the card enclosed at the end of this manual, cut it as shown and send it to** the Manufacturer.

## C2 Installation on the three-point attachment

First of all, the operator has to lower the tractor hydraulic lift completely and then he has to drive to the backhoe slowly to perform the centering. At the end of the manoeuvre, the operator stops the tractor, leaves the lift in the low position, locking its control lever, puts the parking brake on, disengages, in the event, the traction control system and draws out the keys from the dashboard.

The installation on the tractor is the same for all the backhoe models of our own production. For this reason, the following installation steps are right for both the series DIG - DIG and L.

Once off the tractor, the operator inserts the lift arms (**6**) into the respective backhoe chassis attachments (**5**) and secures them, one at a time, with the lockpins (**4**) which he makes fast with the safety-pins (**3**). After that, he inserts the adjustable tie rod (**7**) into the proper seat on the tractor (**maximum tractive power point**) and makes it fast with a lockpin and a safety pin.




Then, he unscrews or screws the adjustable backhoe tie rod body, letting free the screw nut (**8**), as much as it perfectly meets its seat on the backhoe chassis (**9**). He fastens the tie rod with the lockpin (**2**) and makes it fast with the safety-pins (**1**). Afterwards, he adjusts the tie rod by screwing or unscrewing its body as much as to get the backhoe chassis be **PERFECTLY VERTICAL**, and after that, tightens the lock nut.

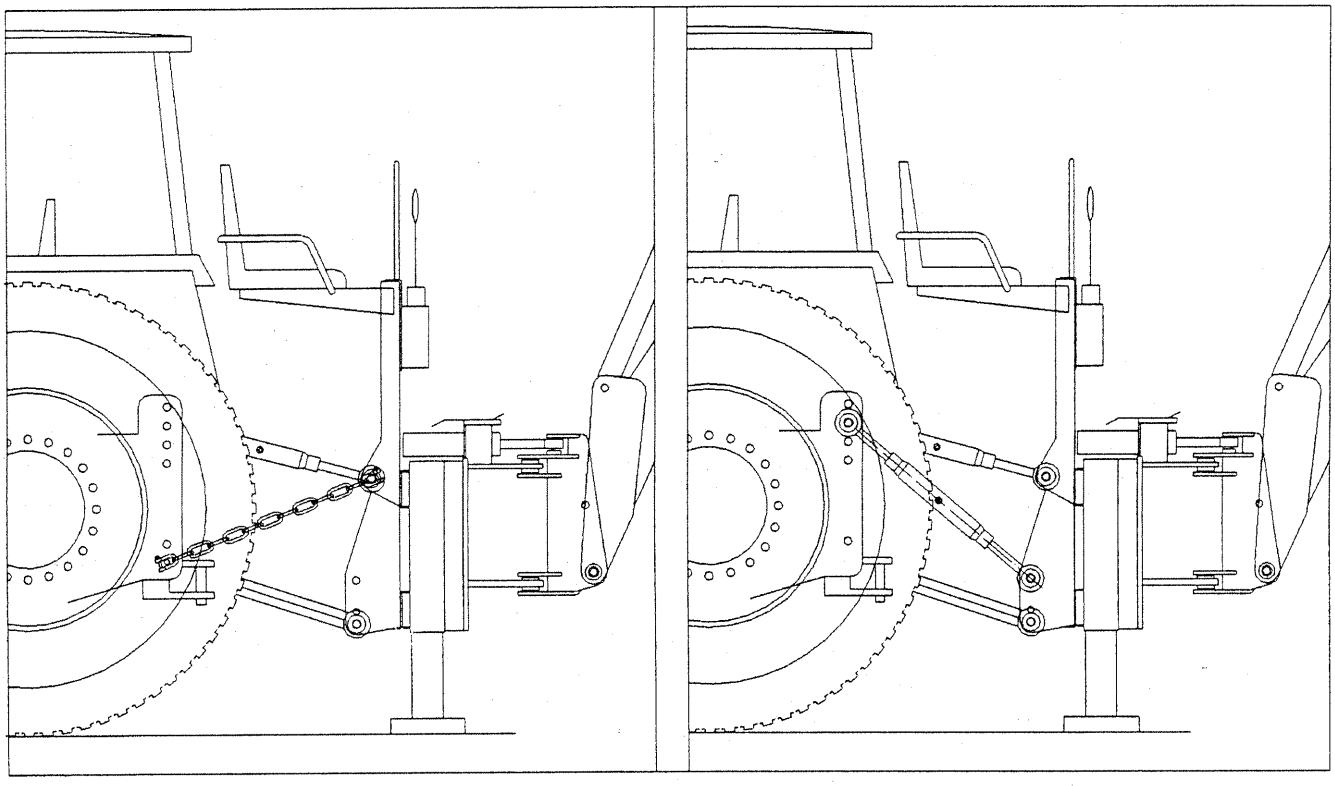
At last, he fastens the hydraulic lift arms with the tie rods or chains they are equipped with.

At the end of the backhoe installation on the tractor three-point attachment, he absolutely has to check the coupling configuration.

### C3 Installation of additional struts / tie rods

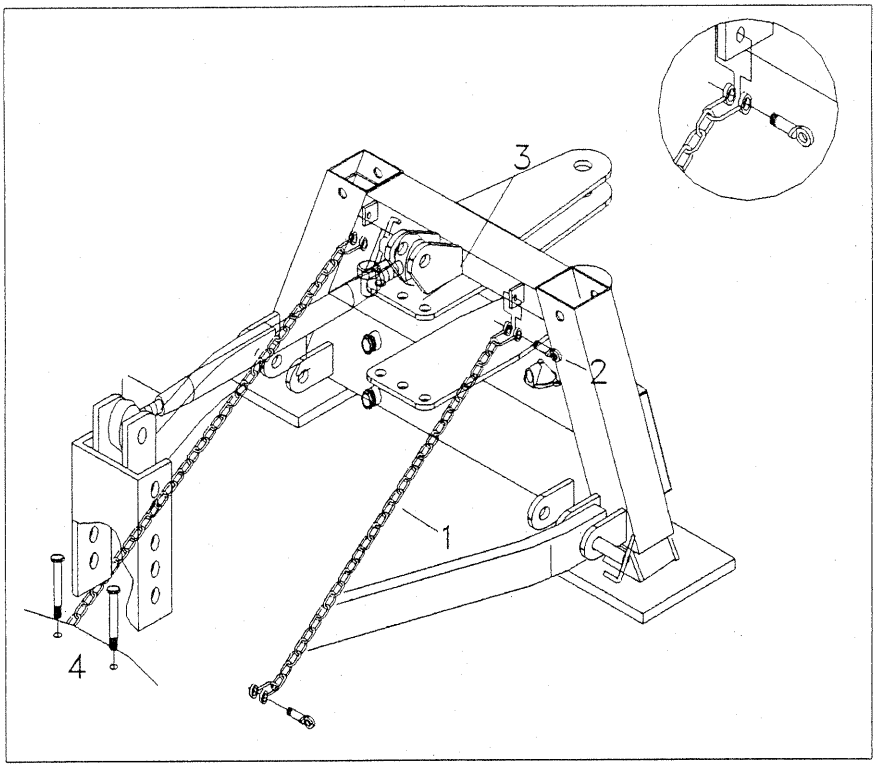
Before performing the installation of the struts/tie rods it is necessary to operate the tractor hydraulic lift to lift the backhoe as high as the stabilizing feet are 25 cm above the ground.

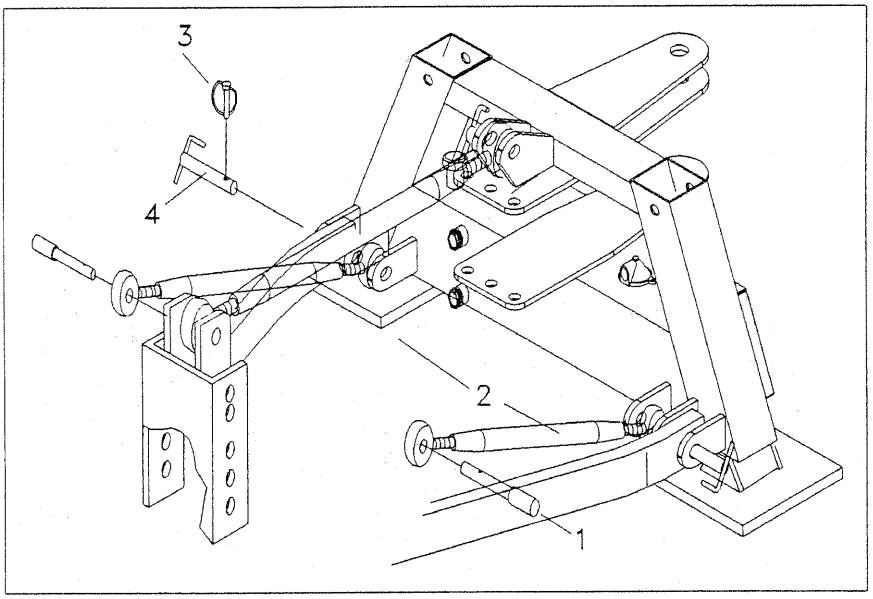
**DANGER OF CRUSHING**:
Before mounting on backhoe or carrying out any operations it is mandatory to install chains or safety tie rods in order to avoid movements between backhoe and tractor. In case of omission danger of crushing to operator is possible.



According to the backhoe model, the installation of the struts/tie rods is as follows:

the two struts/tie rods (**2**) are to be coupled to the inside lower holes of the backhoe external side attachments and to the upper holes of the tractor central support (as shown in figure). On the backhoe, remove the safety-pins (**4**) and pull out, one by one, the lockpins (**3**) enough to insert the screw nuts of the 2 struts into the respective seats. Insert the lockpins completely so as to lock them with the safety-pins. On the tractor, instead, place the struts, one by one, to the central support, lining up the respective holes and insert the through bolts or the lockpins (**1**) which the tractor is equipped with. Lock the bolts or the lockpins with the respective safety-pins.




the two struts/tie rods (**2**) are to be coupled to the upper holes of the backhoe external side attachments and to the lower holes of the tractor central support (as shown in figure). After having placed the screw nuts of the 2 tie rods into the respective seats on the backhoe, insert, one by one, the lockpins (**3**) and lock them with the safety-pins (**4**). On the tractor, instead, place the tie rods, one by one, to the central support, lining up the respective holes and insert the through bolts or lockpins (**1**) which the tractor is equipped with.

**IMPORTANT: after the installation of the struts/tie rods check that the following conditions are respected:**

- **the vertical angle formed by the strut/tie rod respect to the horizontal plane (ground level) is to be greater than or equal to 30°;**
- **the horizontal angle formed by the strut/tie rod respect to the vertical plane is to be less than or equal to 20° as planned with the maximum inclination of the ball joint**

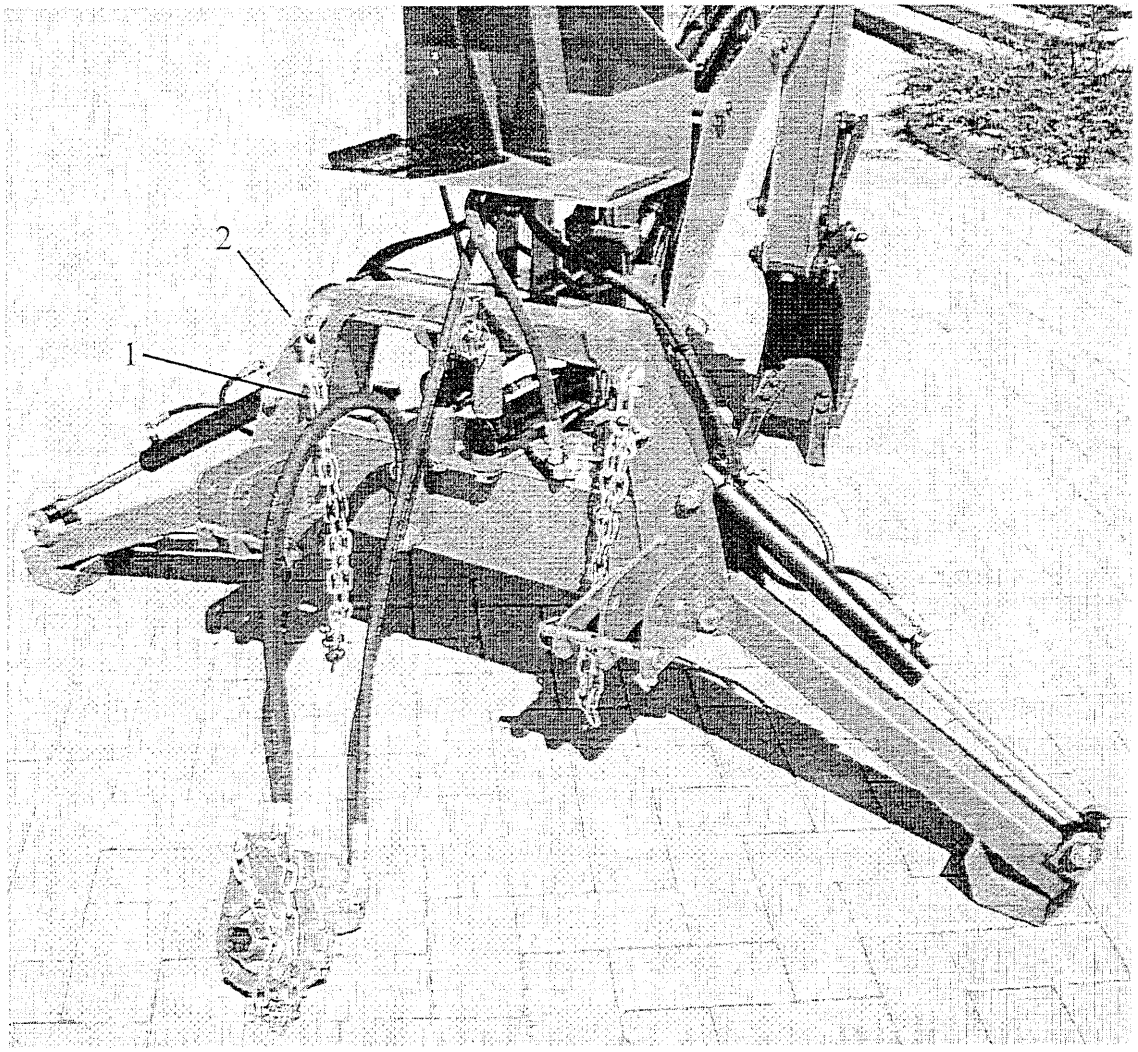
## C4 Installation of fixing devices in alternative to struts

In the case, on the tractor, it is not possible the strut installation, the Customer can chooses if substitute it with chains o with a tie-rod support, designed on purpose by the Manufacturer.

1. **chains –** (**1**) are to be coupled to the lateral holes of the backhoe three-point attachment (**3**), as shown in figure, and to the tractor structure (**4**). The drawing, shown in figure, is indicative because each tractor is equipped with own attachments that are not of standard type. However, the chains, either on the backhoe or on the tractor, are locked by a shackle (**2**), so as shown in figure;

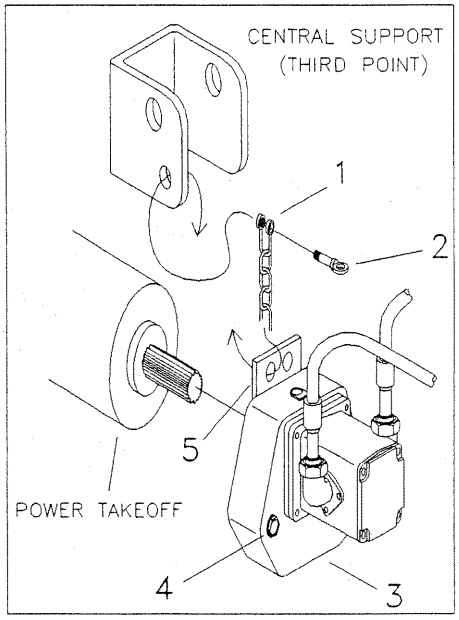
   **chains –** chains (**1**) are to be coupled to the upper holes of the backhoe lateral attach-ments (**3**) and to the tractor structure (**4**). The drawing, shown in figure, is indicative because each tractor is equipped with own attachments that are not of standard type.

However, the chains, either on the backhoe pins or on the tractor, are locked by a shackle (**2**), so as shown in figure;




## C5 Installation of fixed fastenings

The backhoe/tractor coupling can also be made by installing fixed fastenings. The design and carrying out of a fixed fastening require a personalized study which takes into account tractor and backhoe technical characteristics as well as an appropriate analysis of the risks for such coupling, considering all the rules in force. Therefore, the Manufacturer can supply a personalized fixed fastening and the required instructions for the use and the installation which can be carried out only by qualified personnel. It is clear that the fixed fastening is furnished only on Customer's demand.




## C6 Backhoe with autonomous hydraulic system

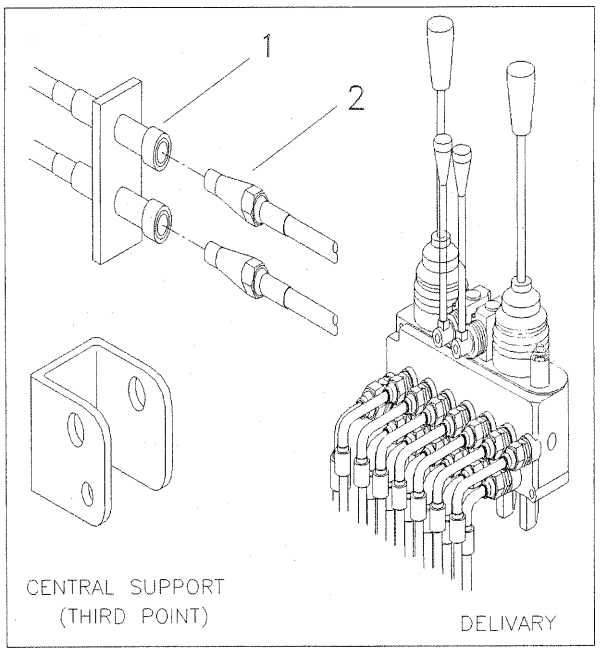
All the backhoe models are generally provided with autonomous hydraulic system equipped with tank, filters

and pump/multiplier group. In order to activate the backhoe hydraulic circuit it is necessary that its pump/multiplier group is joined to the tractor power takeoff. Therefore, as first thing to do, it is necessary to check that this is ready to work with a speed of 540 rpm and with a right-hand rotation.
**Warning: the installation must be carried out with the engine off.**

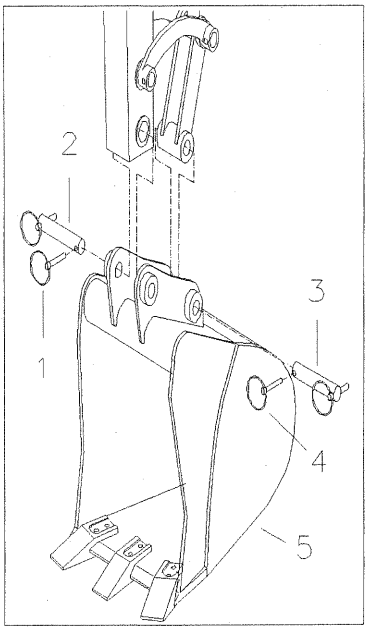
Join the pump/multiplier group (**3**) to the tractor power takeoff and make it fast by fastening the special plate (**5**) with the chain (**1**) to a fixed point of the tractor (generally next to the 3rd attachment, as shown in figure). The chain locked with a safety device (**2**) will help to prevent the rotation and the disengagement of the group.
**IMPORTANT: when a backhoe is installed for the first time it is advisable that it runs idle for some minutes. The activation of all the jacks allows performing the bleeding of the air left in the hydraulic circuit.**
**Note:** *check that no oil dripping or leaks occur, otherwise proceed to stop them.*

## C7 Backhoe without autonomous hydraulic system

Every backhoe can use directly, in alternative to the autonomous hydraulic system, the tractor auxiliary one. In this case, the backhoe hydraulic circuit, through quick coupling pipes, will be connected to the tractor auxiliary one.




On Customer's explicit demand, the Manufacturer will provide the backhoe equipped with quick coupling pipes. For this type of connection it is necessary that the tractor auxiliary circuit has a double-acting distributor. It would be better if the specific lever stopped on DELIVERY position instead of returning automatically to neutral position.
**IMPORTANT: if the circuit of the tractor has a distributor with two-way and three positions lever, with the possibility to reverse the flow, it is necessary to know the DELIVERY position if it is not indicated. As you find it out seeing the use and maintenance manual of the tractor, mark and lock the lever in that position. That's because, if the oil circulation direction is accidentally reversed the backhoe hydraulic circuit will be seriously damaged.**
Before performing the connection it is advisable to clean both the inlet connections and the quick couplings with a rag. Generally, inlet connections on the tractors are always female type (as shown in figure) and located one above the other, in vertical direction, so as that the one (above) will be the delivery pipe inlet and the other (below) will be the return pipe inlet. On the backhoe, instead, the delivery pipe will always be connected on the side of the distributor pressure relief valve (as shown in figure).
Insert the quick couplings (**2**) of the delivery and return pipes of the backhoe hydraulic circuit into the respective inlets (**1**) located on the back of the tractor.
**IMPORTANT: when a backhoe is installed for the first time it is advisable that it runs idle for some minutes. The activation of all the jacks allows performing the bleeding of the air left in the hydraulic circuit.**



**Note:** *check that no oil dripping or leaks occur, otherwise proceed to stop them.*

### C8 Bucket replacement

Before this operation it is necessary to carry out the following steps:

- on the tractor: switch off the engine and put on the parking brake;
- on the backhoe: operate the 2nd arm control lever slowly in order that the resulting fall of pressure in the hydraulic circuit gets the bucket to settle on the ground because of gravity.

At this point, you can go on to its removal. Pull out the two cotter pins (**1** and **4**) with a hand and always with a hand, pull out, one by one, the two lockpins (**2** and **3**).

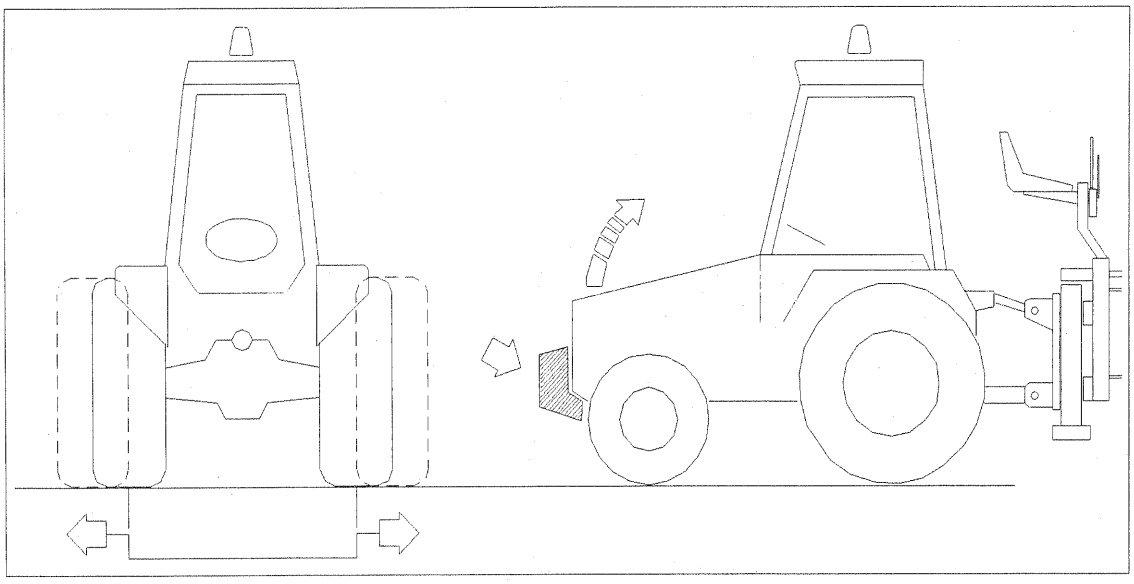
Start up the tractor, get on the backhoe and slowly operate the control lever of the 2nd arm which, lifting, will get free from the bucket (**5**).

**IMPORTANT: it could happen that the bucket remains attached to the 2nd arm and then it falls. For this reason it is necessary that nobody stops near the backhoe during this operation.**

Move the 2nd arm to above the attachment points of the bucket which has been selected for the use. Move the 2nd arm slowly as far as the backhoe attachments meet the bucket ones. Stop the tractor to complete the installation. Insert the lockpins (**2** and **3**), one by one, and lock them with the cotter pins (**1** and **4**).

### C9 Tractor balancing

Some tractors become less steady and safe because of the load supported after the installation of the backhoe. This is the cause of unbalances with possible overturnings particularly while moving. In order to avoid this trouble it is necessary to distribute the loads on the machine (tractor/backhoe) so as to get the needed steadiness. This operation consists of putting the ballast on the front of the tractor and/or setting the driving wheels to the maximum track, as shown in figure. For this job it is



### C10 Removal

In order to remove the backhoe from the tractor, perform the instructions reported in this chapter backwards.

### C11 Storage

- Park the machine in a secluded and safe place and on an even and solid surface;
- remove the tie rods if they are still installed and keep them;
- lower the stabilizing feet completely and set up the backhoe to transport-by-motor-vehicle configuration (see paragraph B2.1);
- lower the tractor hydraulic lift and put the stabilizing feet on the ground;
- remove the backhoe from the tractor;
- lock levers 2 and 3 (see paragraph D2.2) with the special stop so as to avoid that an accidental activation of them results in a jack release and a subsequent move and fall of the backhoe.
- cover it with a tarpaulin.

## D1 Use

### D1.1 General instructions

- As said before, the backhoe must be used only by an operator qualified and trained for its use and operation. Accordingly, he must know perfectly the instructions reported in this manual, those stamped on all the adhesive labels, how the controls work and all the safety rules for his own and the others' safety and for the backhoe safeguard. For the best use and operation of the backhoe, it is necessary to keep to the programmes of maintenance planned by the Manufacturer and described below;

- before activating the power takeoff, it would be better to check the multiplier hydraulic oil level (see 'Maintenance' section) and make sure that the area surrounding the backhoe is free from people, animal and things. **Warning: do not put the power takeoff on when the engine is off.** Start up the tractor engine and put on the power takeoff leaving it to run at a low number of revolutions.

IMPORTANT:

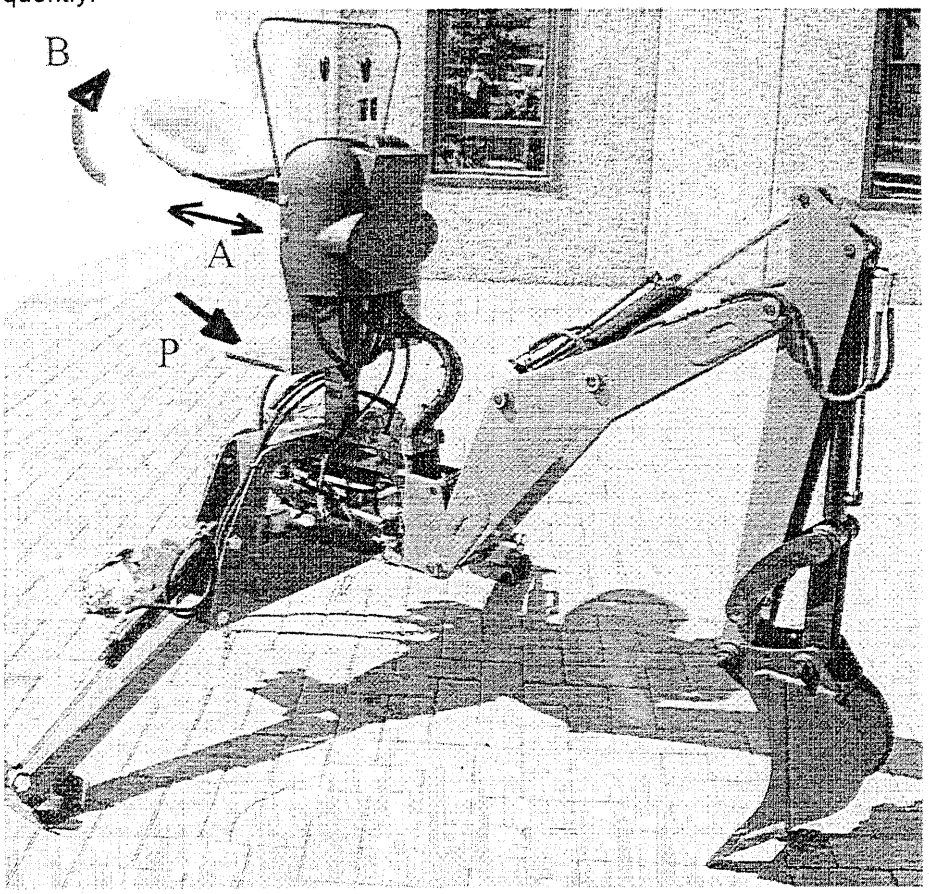
- **before getting off the tractor, put on the parking brake, shift the gear lever into neutral position and lock the hydraulic lift lever in neutral position;**
- **for safety reason, it is forbidden to move the tractor using the thrust of the backhoe arm.**

### D1.2 Get on the backhoe

In order to get on the backhoe, the operator has to use the specially designed footrests installed on the chassis or made easily visible by black adhesive bands, as shown in figure. Do not use other parts of the chassis as foothold or handhold. Hold yourself up with your hands to the seat and the bar of protection of the levers. Footrests must always be kept free from grease, oil and mud.

### D1.3 Seat adjustment

Once on the backhoe, the first thing for the operator to do is to adjust the seat so as to get a comfortable, safe and, therefore, ergonomic position. The seat can slide horizontally on the support (**A**) below and/or be adjusted in its inclination (**B**) by means of a screw located under it. It is advisable to keep the seat always free from grease, oil and mud and to test its integrity frequently.



### D1.4 Backhoe stabilization

When the tractor engine is on and the backhoe is ready to work, operate, one by one, the stabilizer control levers until the stabilizing feet are firmly placed on the ground. The lowering of the stabilizing feet causes the rising of the back of the tractor, so it is advisable not to unload excessively the back wheels. Along the slopes, for safety reasons, it is advisable to place the machine in longitudinal direction with the tractor below. Remember, finally, that the slope must not be over 10% for safety reasons and for stability.

### D1.5 Working speed

Backhoe working speed depends on the number of revolutions of the tractor engine which determines the oil delivery in the pump/multiplier group. At the beginning, it is advisable to speed up the engine to 900 rpm. At this speed rate, check the controls, familiarizing with the levers, then speed it up to 1300 rpm. At this point you can start to work.

### D1.6 Excavation

**This job is to be performed after having stabilized the backhoe.** Extend both the 1st and the 2nd arm so as to get an angle of 120° between them. Unfold the bucket completely and lower it to the ground. The excavation is gotten with a combined action, bucket / 2nd arm: the folding of the bucket allows it to penetrate and pick up, while the lowering of the 2nd arm lifts the bucket with the load.

***NOTE:*** *operate first the bucket and then the 2nd arm. Manoeuvres different from the described one are absolutely forbidden.*

For a correct way of working it is advisable not to insist on one control only but to alternate them continually so as to distribute the stress on the ground evenly. This will improve the bucket penetration.

**IMPORTANT: DANGER OF OVERTURNING - the excavation process should not cause the detachment of the stabilizers from the ground. If this had to happen it could cause the machine overturning. Therefore, it is forbidden to perform earthworks with the stabilizers not firmly placed on the ground.**

### D1.7 Moveable-chassis sliding

The arms/bucket group can be shifted along the whole slide-frame by sliding the moveable-chassis on which the group is installed along the proper slide guides. According to the type of locking, the sliding is performed as follows:

- mechanical locking:
  loosen the four self-locking nuts that lock the sliding of the moveable-chassis and, therefore, of the arms/bucket group; turn the arm to the direction where you want it to slide. Unfold the bucket and place it firmly against the ground. Perform a pulling action on the bucket by moving both the arms so as to get the moveable-chassis to shift.
  Lock its sliding by tightening the four self-locking nuts;

- hydraulic locking:
  turn the flow switch located below the distributor to 'OPEN' position to switch off the four cylinders which prevent the arms/bucket group and, therefore, the moveable-chassis on which the group is installed, from sliding. Turn the arm to the direction where you want it to slide; unfold the bucket and place it firmly against the ground. Perform a pulling action on the bucket by moving both the arms so as to get the moveable-chassis to shift.
  Lock its sliding by turning the flow switch back to 'CLOSED' position and make any jack go to the limit stop.

### D1.8 Use in cold weather

The use of the backhoe in cold weather with temperatures between - 20° and 5°C requires the following steps:

- use a hydraulic oil fit to such temperatures. It is advisable to refer to a lubricant chart to chose it;

- before beginning to work, make the pump run idle for about 5 minutes so as to bring both the oil and the pump/multiplier group to the operative temperature. Subsequently, make all the controls run idle as well, for some minutes, so as to bring the hydraulic system to the operative temperature.

## D2 Operation

### D2.1 Control distributor

The backhoe is put into operation by a control distributor which is installed on the chassis (as shown in figure) and easily run from the driver's seat. The distributor is equipped with an anti-shock valve, a control stick, and a pressure relief valve. Some types of distributors are also provided with a sliding-stop switch of the moveable-chassis.

### D2.2 Control levers

Control levers can be shifted into two or four positions and are self-returning: when they are released they get back to the initial or neutral position automatically. The shifting of a lever into a certain position allows the performing of a precise operation as the unfolding of the bucket. All the operations described below with the relative shifting of the levers are shown on an adhesive label placed on the chassis close to the control distributor. Generally, there are four levers. When the backhoe is provided with additional piping to feed an implement different from the bucket, the levers are five. Levers and controls activated by them are the following:

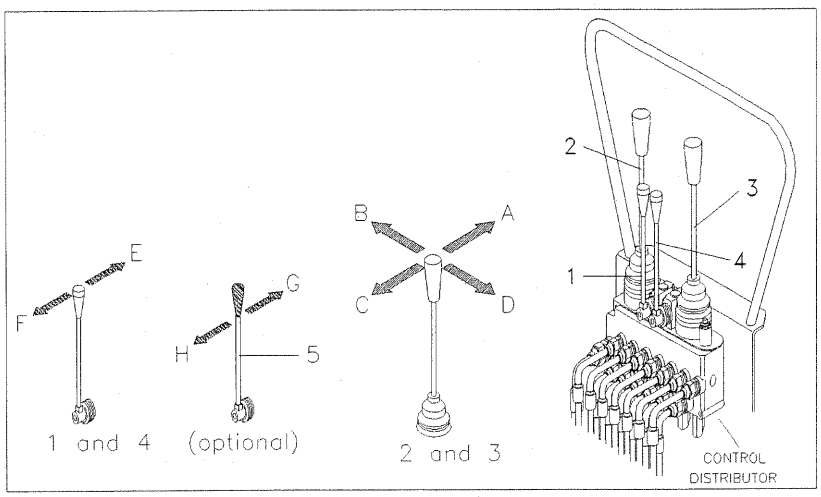
1 right stabilizer:
- e. stabilizer lowering
- f. stabilizer lifting

2 1st arm and bucket
- a. arm lifting
- c. arm lowering
- b. bucket folding - opening
- d. bucket unfolding - closing

3 2nd arm and rotation from right to left:
- a. arm closing
- c. arm opening
- b. arm rotation to the right
- d. arm rotation to the left

4 left stabilizer:
- e. stabilizer lowering
- f. stabilizer lifting

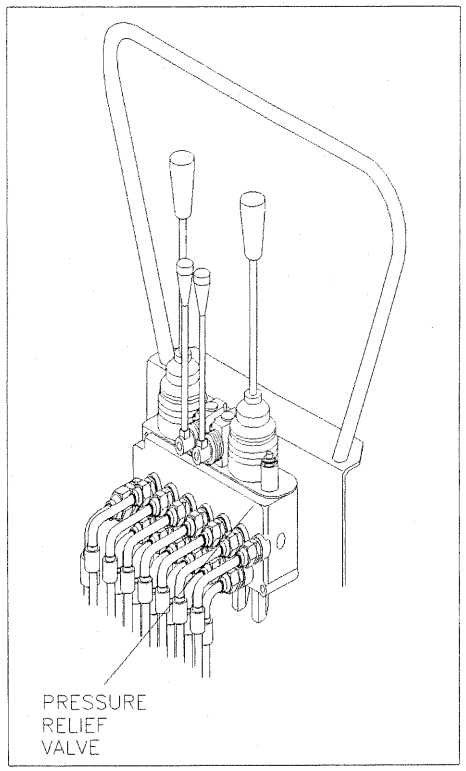
5 implement (optional)
- e. activation
- f. deactivation



***NOTE:*** *moderate shifts of the levers allow to perform little and gradual movements. With levers at the limit stop it is allowed the highest speed of movement. Do not keep long the levers at the limit stop so as to avoid overheating the hydraulic oil.*
**IMPORTANT: in order to get the highest operation efficiency and the highest safety level it is necessary to shift the control levers gently. In such way you will get slow, jerkless or bumpless movements.**

## D2.3 Pressure relief valve

Setting or possible corrections are performed only by the Manufacturer who seals the valve (with red varnish or with a lead seal) to avoid it to be tampered.



# MAINTENANCE

## E1 Maintenance warnings

After some operation tests, the Manufacturer has arranged some programmes of maintenance for the backhoe. If they are regularly followed and scrupulously performed by the Customer, they will keep the machine efficiency and working capability unchanged, saving it from any working trouble.
The operator must be **qualified and trained** for carrying out such operations and has to observe what is the following:
- once repairs and maintenance tasks begin, they must be completed and never postponed;
- he must not rely on his memory but he must always read the instructions reported in this manual;
- before any operation, however, the operator must attach a fully visible warning poster, **"MAINTENANCE IN PROGRESS"**, both on the backhoe and on the tractor, for his safety and for preventing damages to the machine;
- any operation is to be performed on an even surface, tractor stopped (wedges under the wheels), hand brake on, power takeoff switched off, engine off, keys drawn out from the dashboard and backhoe firmly placed on the ground and in vertical position. In the event you have to carry out maintenance tasks on a disassembled backhoe, it is necessary that it be set up to transport-by-motor-vehicle configuration (see paragraph B2.1) with the relative safety locking procedures (see paragraph C10 'Storage');
**- it is absolutely forbidden to carry out repairs or maintenance tasks while the engine is on and the hydraulic system is working;**
- the use of tools to perform maintenance tasks is subordinate to the relative accident prevention rules. Anyway, do not use tools in an improper way, as for instance, using petrol to clean or a pair of pliers in place of an adjustable wrench;
-use only original spare parts or products approved by the Manufacturer.
At the end of maintenance tasks or repairs, clear the workplace of water, oil, grease, greasy rags, tools or other material.
IMPORTANT:
**- be very careful when checking leaks of fluid under pressure, because it, escaping through nearly invisible small holes, can pierce the skin and cause serious infections. Therefore, it is necessary to proceed with a lot of care, using protective gloves and goggles with side protections. Provide yourself with a piece of cardboard or wood to look for leaks;**
**- some parts of the backhoe are made of special steel having a high elastic limit. Therefore, it is forbidden to perform workings like welding, drilling or grinding. If necessary, ask for the Manufacturer permission. He will also supply instructions for the operation.**

## E2 Planned maintenance

### E2.1 Daily check

Carry out the following checks every day before beginning to work:
- check the integrity of all the adhesive labels;
- check the self-acting return of the control levers. **This check is to be performed only with the backhoe installed on the tractor;**
- check the integrity of all the pipes (hydraulic oil dripping or leaks);
- check the hydraulic oil level of both pump/multiplier group and tractor/operating machine (see relative maintenance manual);
- check the presence of the cotter pins on all the pins;
- check the state of the whole carpentry;
- supply all the grease nipples located on the backhoe with grease, using the special grease gun. Lubricate the slide guides of the moveable-chassis with a brush (all the grease supply points are shown in the paragraph about lubricants).

### E2.2 Monthly check or after 150 operation hours

Perform the following checks after a month or after 150 operating hours:
- check the integrity of all the adhesive labels;
- check all the pipes (connection tightening, braiding integrity and hydraulic oil dripping or leaks);
- check the hydraulic oil level of both pump/multiplier group and tractor/operating machine (see relative maintenance manual);
- clean the hydraulic oil filter;

- check the presence and the integrity of the fastening and safety devices;
- check the tightening of the bolts which lock the various parts of the backhoe;
- check the state of the whole carpentry;
- carry out a backhoe operation test and check, by means of the hearing, that there are not suspicious noises.

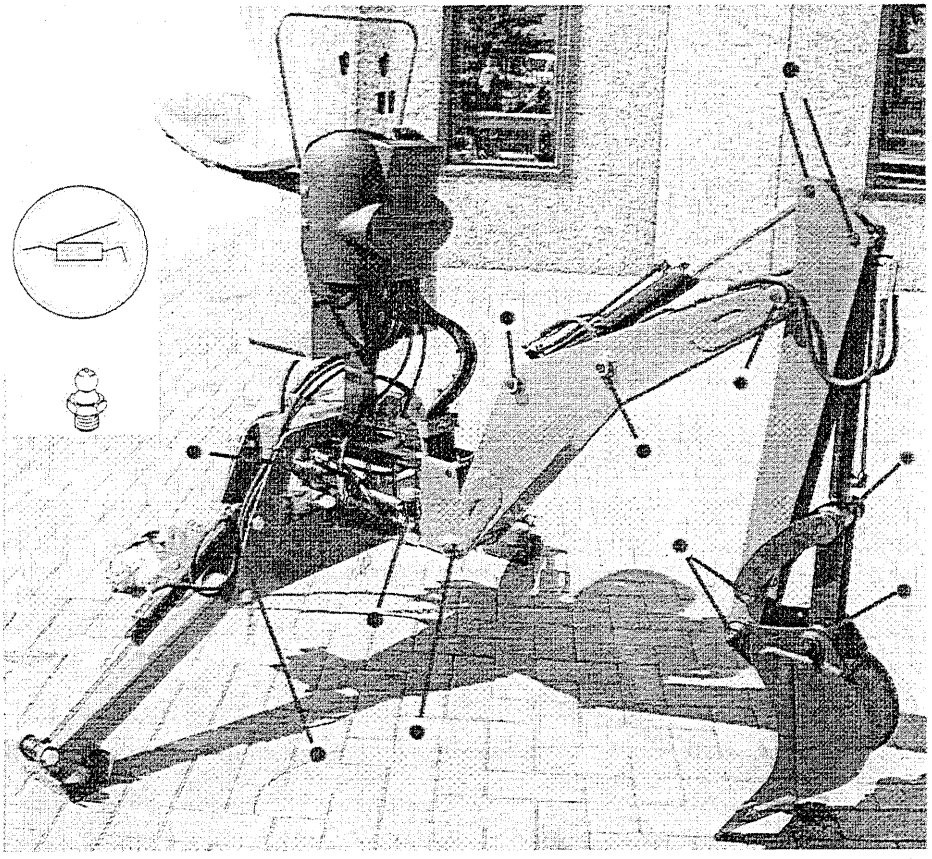
### E2.3 Yearly check or after 1200 operation hours

Perform the following checks after a year or after 1200 operating hours:
- check all the pipes (connection tightening, braiding integrity and hydraulic oil dripping or leaks);
- replace completely the bush-cutter hydraulic oil and filter (see the paragraph about lubricants to carry out such task);
- check the self-acting return of the control levers and the working of all the operations;
- check the tightening of the bolts which lock the various parts of the bush-cutter;
- check the state of the whole carpentry;
- get an operation and safety test of the hydraulic system performed by a repair shop authorized by the Manufacturer. During this test it will be checked that there are not suspicious noises.

## E3 Lubrication

### E3.1 Grease supply points

Before supplying with grease the above said points (grease nipples) located on the backhoe and shown in figure, it is necessary, first, to clean them from possible traces of dust and, then, to inject grease by using the grease gun. Lubricate the slide guides, too, using a brush. When the task is completed, remove surplus grease with a rag. Use only the type of grease recommended by the Manufacturer.

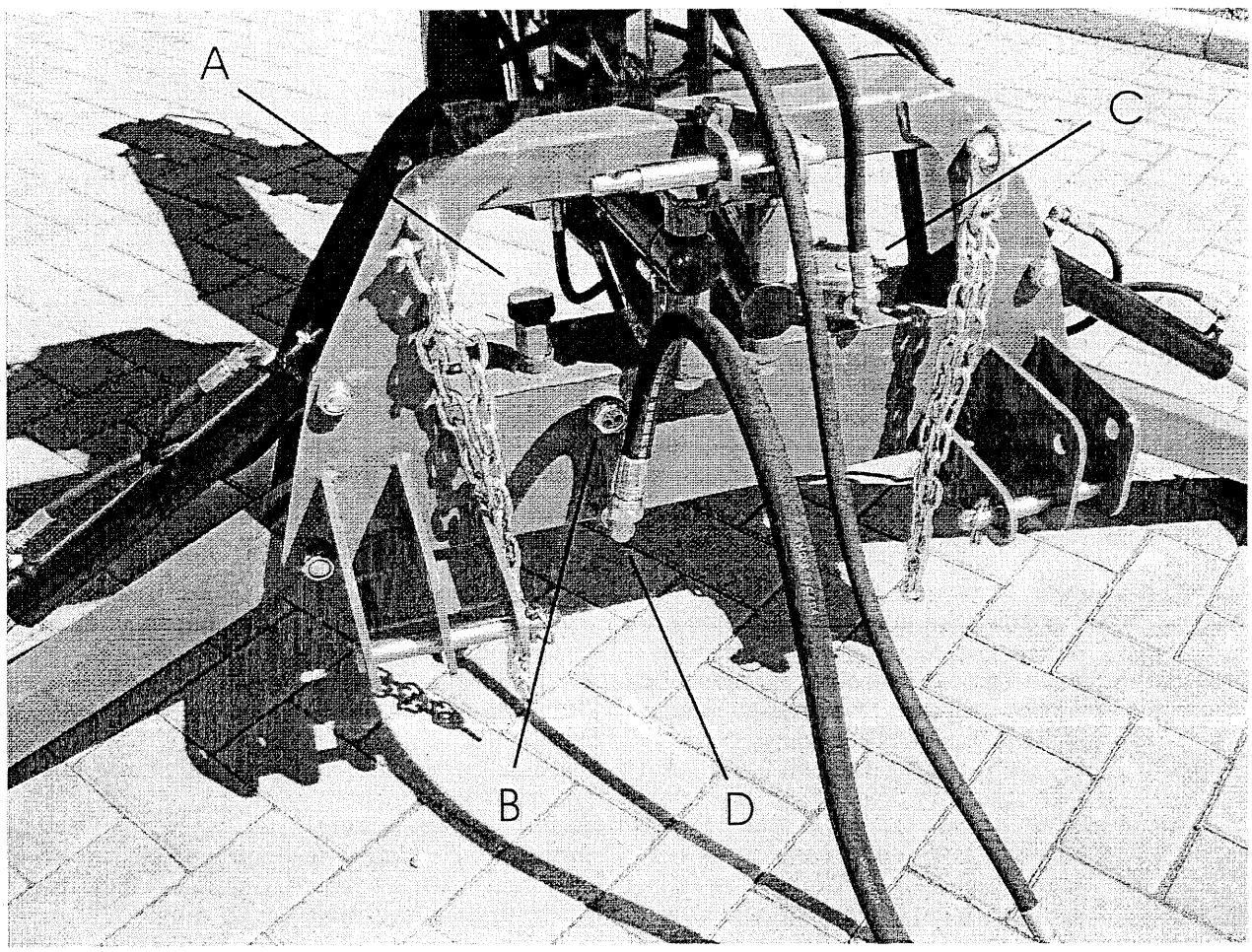


- Grease supply points

Note: this picture intends to show the places where the grease nipples of both the series are located.

### E3.2 Tank oil level check

All the jacks installed on the backhoe are double-acting: should they be completely extended or retracted, the quantity of hydraulic oil in the tank remains nearly unchanged. Therefore, checking the oil level in the tank is a task that can be performed at any moment. Such check is to be carried out looking through the level cap which is transparent and installed on the side of the tank, as shown in figure. If the oil covers the red indicator in the middle of the cap, its quantity inside the tank is enough. Otherwise, restore the level by adding more oil, following the instructions described afterwards.




A: OIL TAP
B: IOIL LEVEL
C: FILTER
D: OIL DISCHARGE

### E3.3 Tank oil level recovery or oil replacement

**Level recovery**: as for recovering the oil level all it takes is to unscrew the oil inlet cap and pour oil in the tank by using a funnel. When you can see, through the level cap, that the fluid has reached the red indicator, stop supplying and screw the oil inlet cap.

**Oil replacement**: provide yourself with an enough capacious container and place it under the tank where the outlet plug is located. Unscrew the oil inlet cap and then the outlet plug to allow the hydraulic oil to flow out completely. As the task is over, screw the outlet plug after having replaced the relative gasket. Begin to fill the tank with the oil recommended by the Manufacturer by using a funnel. When you can see, through the level cap, that the fluid has reached the red indicator, stop supplying and screw the oil inlet cap.

## E3.4 Multiplier oil level check

In order to perform this check, it is necessary to keep the pump/multiplier group perfectly vertical, as shown in figure.
If the oil covers the red indicator in the middle of the cap, his quantity is enough. Otherwise, restore the level following the instructions described afterwards.
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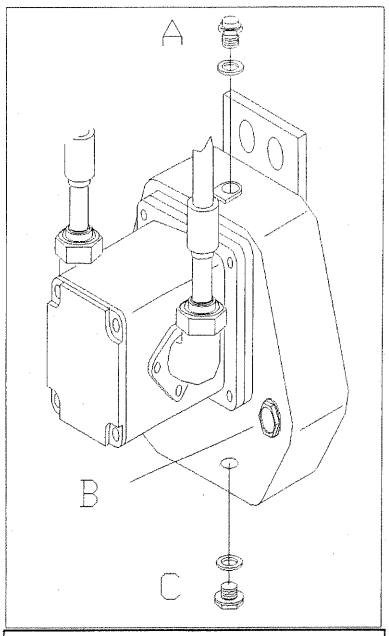
B: OIL LEVEL
C: OIL DISCHARGE




A: OIL TAP
B: OIL LEVEL
C: OIL DISCHARGE

## E3.5 Multiplier oil level recovery or oil replacement

**Oil recovery**: as for recovering the oil level, after having checked it, all it takes is to unscrew the oil inlet cap and pour oil in the multiplier by using a funnel. When you can see, through the level cap, that the fluid has reached the red indicator, stop supplying and screw the oil inlet cap;

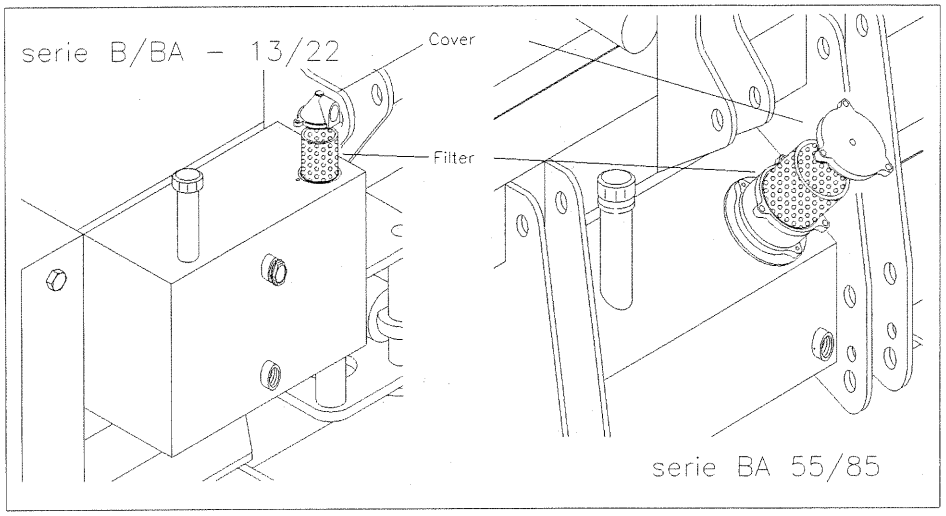
**Oil replacement**: provide yourself with a small container (capacity 3 l.) and place it under the multiplier outlet plug. Unscrew the oil inlet cap and then the outlet plug to allow the hydraulic oil to flow out completely. As the task is over, screw the outlet plug after having replaced the relative gasket. Begin to fill the multiplier with the oil recommended by the Manufacturer by using a funnel. When you can see, through the level cap, that the fluid has reached the red indicator, stop supplying and screw the oil inlet cap.

**Note:**
*- in any case it is advisable to carry out the drain of the oil when it is hot so as to get the emptying easy. So it would be better to carry out the task soon after the end of the work. Before beginning this operation, however, set up the backhoe as described in paragraph F1;*
*- when recovering the level do not mix different type of oils but always use the same type that is in the tank or in the multiplier carter;*
*- when replacing the hydraulic oil it is possible to use a different type provided that it has the same characteristics of that recommended by the Manufacturer.*

**IMPORTANT: To avoid pollution it is absolutely forbidden to disperse oils, lubricants, filter cartridges or other harmful materials in the environment. Comply strictly with the provisions of the law in force in each Country for the disposal of the liquid or solid substances.**

## E3.6 Hydraulic oil filter check and replacement

The hydraulic oil tank is equipped with a device (shown in figure) for the purification of the fluid in it contained. Such device is provided with a high filtering power cartridge (filter) which purifies the oil when it comes back (releasing phase) to the tank.



As for checking the filter it is necessary to remove the cover, unscrewing the screws, and pull it out from his seat (as shown in figure). If the filter is little dirty all it takes is cleaning it by blowing in compressed air (max 2 bar); if it had to be very dirty, instead, it is necessary to replace it. Use only a new filter and of the same type.

**IMPORTANT: When using the compressed air it is required to wear goggles with side protections and not to direct the jet of air toward the face or toward people who are in the area.**

## E4 Troubleshooting

If machine working troubles come out, contact the Manufacturer immediately.

| FAILURES OR TROUBLES | CAUSES | SOLUTIONS |
|---|---|---|
| No response of controls | Hydraulic hoses are disconnected<br>Power takeoff is off<br>Subsidiary circuit is not connected<br>Hydraulic pump is damaged<br>Lack of oil | connect hoses<br>connect power takeoff<br>put subsidiary circuit on<br>replace pump<br>add oil |
| Stick-slip-motion of cylinders | Air in the hydraulic system | check the oil level in the tank<br>make the machine run idle for some minutes, using, one after the other, all the jacks so as to get the remained air ejected<br>tighten intake pipe connections |
| Arms and/or stabilizers are in motion without operating the levers | Worn-out cylinder gaskets | - replace gaskets<br>- check distributor wear |
| Oil overheating | Filter is dirty<br>Hoses are squeezed<br>Lack of oil | - replace filter<br>- check and replace them<br>- add oil |
| Oil leakage | Loose connection<br>Worn-out gasket | - tighten connection<br>- replace gasket |

| FAILURES OR TROUBLES | CAUSES | SOLUTIONS |
|---|---|---|
| Insufficient penetration of the bucket | Worn-out hydraulic pump | Replace pump |
| | Oil shortage | Restore oil level |
| | Out-of-setting or worn-out pressure relief valve | Get the setting checked in an authorized repair shop |
| | Filter is dirty | Clean filter |
| | Oil leakage | Find out and stop it |
| | Worn-out cylinder gasket | Replace gasket |

**Note:** *for failures or inconveniences not dictated in the table, it's advisable to contact the Manufacturer*

## DEMOLITION

### F1 Differentiated subdivision of materials and disposal

When the backhoe is put out of service, those parts which could become dangerous for people and environment are to be made harmless.

The machine materials which are to be subjected to differentiated subdivision are the following:

- steel
- hydraulic oil
- rubber
- plastic
- electric wires (optional models).

The disposal of the aforesaid material must be done in compliance with the provisions of the law in force in each Country.

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City.....

Post Code..... Province..... Tel.....

Test/Delivery date:.....

The installer declares, under its own responsibility, as follows:

1) it has performed the installation following carefully the rules and instructions described in this manual;
2) it has performed handling, stability and working tests proving the machine to be working perfectly;
3) it has verified, during these tests, the backhoe compatibility with the tractor, the assembled machine conformity and the compliance with the safety rules;
4) it has considered the interaction between the tractor and the backhoe in all the possible uses;
5) it has verified that there are no further dangerous conditions besides those already included in this manual.

Customer Installer

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Customer copy

## _ TEST/DELIVERY REPORT CARD

The installer: .....

Road..... n..... City.....

Post Code..... Province..... Tel.....

(or installer stamp)

Test/delivery report card..... n..... date.....

Backhoe type and model:.....

Serial number.....

Information about the tractor on which the backhoe is installed.

Make..... Model.....

The installer declares, under its own responsibility, that it has performed the installation following carefully the rules and instructions described in this manual;

**WARNING**

Warranty requests will be considered only if this Test/Delivery report card will be filled up by the Customer, in every part of it, immediately after the delivery of the backhoe and sent to the Manufacturing firm.

Installer

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(signature and stamp)

Installer copy

## TEST/DELIVERY REPORT CARD

USER: Farmer..... Third party tenant.....

Surname ..... Name.....

Road..... n.....
City.....

Post Code..... Province..... Tel.....

Test/Delivery date:.....

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Customer

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Installer

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Installer

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Manufacturer copy

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Installer

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(signature and stamp)

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