

ADUCTED™
FORKSTER

For Utility Loaders



Operators Manual

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IMPORTANT: Read this manual carefully. It contains information about your safety and the safety of others. Also, become familiar with the controls and their proper use before you operate this product.

Introduction

We want you to be completely satisfied with your new product. Please contact your local authorized service dealer for help with service, genuine replacement parts, or other information you may require.

Whenever you contact your dealer or the factory, always know the model number and serial number of your product. These numbers will help the dealer or service representative provide information about your product. You will find the model and serial number on the plate located on the back of the FORKSTER™.

For your convenience write the product model and serial number in the spaces below.

Model No: _____

Serial No. _____

The warning system in this manual identifies potential hazards and has special safety messages that may help you and others avoid personal injury or even death. DANGER, WARNING and CAUTION are signal words used to identify the level of hazard. However, regardless of the hazard, always be extremely careful when operating this product.

DANGER signals an extreme hazard that will cause serious injury or death if recommended precautions are not followed.

WARNING signals a hazard that may cause serious injury or death if recommended precautions are not followed.

CAUTION signals a hazard that may cause minor or moderate injury if recommended precautions are not followed.

Two other words are also used to highlight information. “Important” calls attention to special mechanical information and “Note” emphasizes general information worthy of special attention.

The left and right side of the machine is determined by standing in the normal operator’s position.

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Safety

Improper use or maintenance by the operator or owner can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions and always pay attention to the safety alert symbols CAUTION, WARNING, or DANGER. Failure to comply with the instruction(s) may result in personal injury or death.

Safe Operating Practices

This product is capable of amputating hands and feet. Always follow safety instructions to avoid serious injury or death.

 DANGER 	
POTENTIAL HAZARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There may be overhead power, cable and/or telephone lines in the work area.
WHAT CAN HAPPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shock, explosion or load shifting may occur.
HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark the property or work area for overhead obstructions and provide a route past or around it.

General Operation

- Read and follow all instructions in the traction unit and attachment operator's manual, in the video, and on the machine before starting and placing the unit into operation.
- Allow only responsible adults who are familiar with the instructions to operate the machine.
- Do not operate the machine or attachments while wearing sandals, tennis shoes, sneakers or shorts. Always wear long pants and substantial shoes. Wearing safety glasses, safety shoes, hearing protection and a hard hat are advisable and may be required by some local ordinances and insurance regulations.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before operating the machine. Stop the machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers on attachments or on the traction unit.
- Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Do not place feet under the platform.
- Slow down before turning. Sharp turns on any terrain may cause loss of control.
- Never leave a running machine unattended. Always lower loader arms, stop the engine, and remove the key before dismounting.
- Do not exceed the units rated operating capacity, as the machine may become unstable resulting in loss of control.
- Do not carry a load with arms in a raised position. Always carry loads close to the

ground. Do not step off the platform with the load raised.

- Never jerk the control levers, use a steady motion.
- Keep hands, feet, hair and loose clothing away from any moving parts while the engine is running.
- Stop the engine before leaving the operator's position.
- Operate only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine onto a trailer or truck.
- Do not touch the equipment or attachment parts, which may be hot from operation. Allow the equipment to cool before attempting to maintain, adjust or service.

Slope Operation

Slopes are a major factor related to loss of control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. All slopes require extra attention.

DO

- Operate up and down slopes greater than 5 degrees, not across.
- Operate up and down slopes with the heavy end of the machine uphill. Weight distribution may change. If the wheels of the FORKSTER™ are not running on the ground, the rear of the machine is the heavy

end. If the FORKSTER™ wheels are running on the ground with a load, the front end of the machine is the heavy end.

- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc. from the work area. Watch for holes, ruts or bumps, as uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Use slow speed. Before starting, put the pump selector valve in slow (turtle) position so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weight or counterweights to improve stability.
- Use only Kaltec approved attachments. Attachments can change the stability and the operating characteristics of the machine. Warranty may be voided if used with unapproved attachments.
- Keep all movement on slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction proceed slowly straight down the slope.
- Check carefully for overhead clearances (branches, doorways, electrical wires, etc) before driving under any object and do not contact them.
- Keep the load as low as possible when moving from one location to another.

DO NOT

- Do not operate the machine on hillsides or slopes exceeding 15 degrees.
- Avoid turning on slopes. If you must turn, turn slowly and keep the heavy end of the machine uphill.
- Do not operate near drop-offs, ditches or embankments. The machine could suddenly turn over if a wheel goes over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.
- Do not operate on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.
- Do not park the machine on a hillside or slope without lowering the loader arms and attachment to the ground and chocking the wheels.
- Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.

Children

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and/or the work activity. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them. The following requirements must be followed to prevent injury to children.

- Keep children out of the work area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn the machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and while backing, look behind and down for small children.
- Never carry children on the Forkster or the traction unit. They may fall off and be seriously injured and/or interfere with safe machine operation.

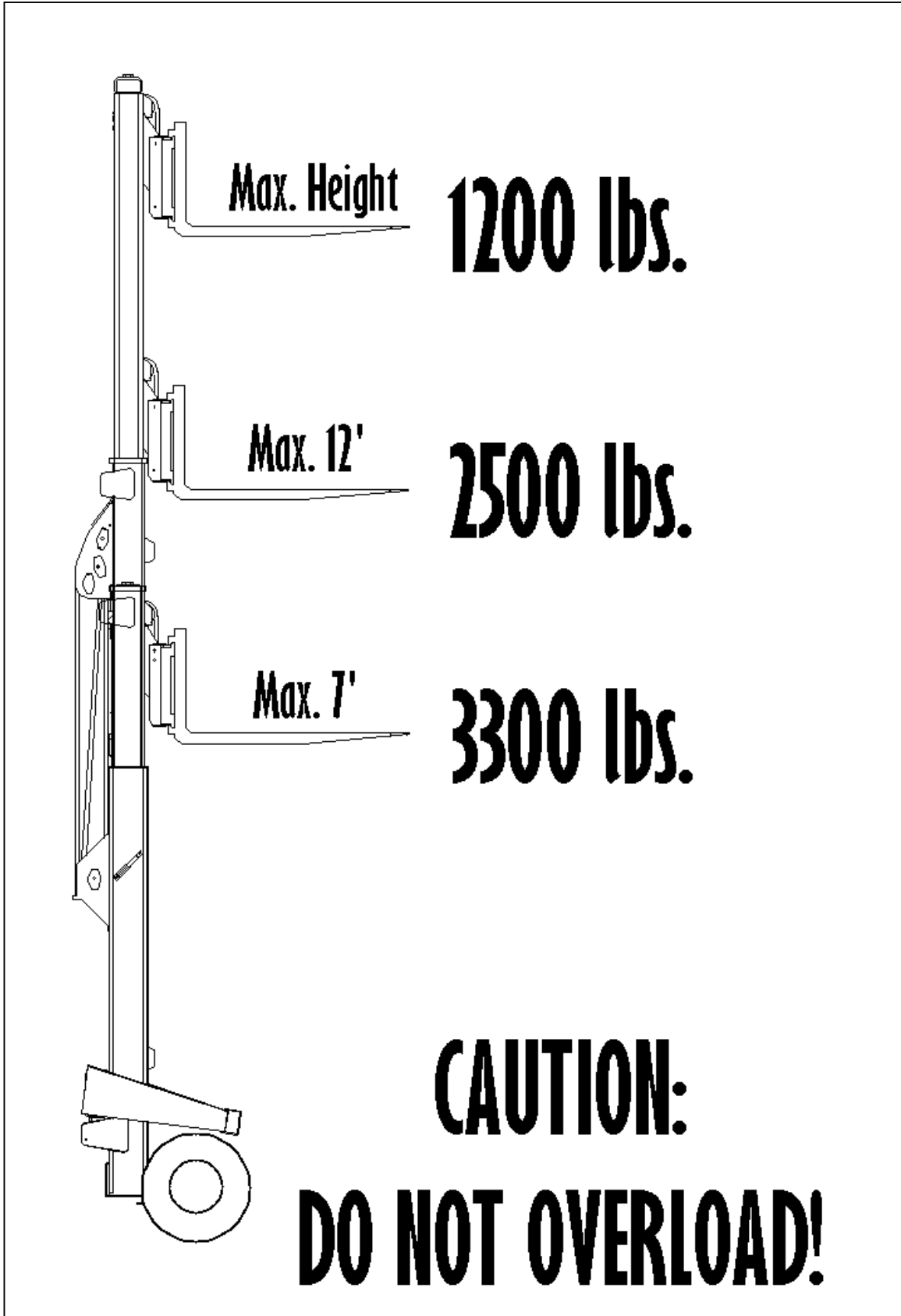
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, the end of a fence or other objects that may obscure vision.

Service

- On gasoline powered units, stop the engine and disconnect spark plug wires before performing any service, repairs, maintenance or adjustments.
- On diesel powered units, stop the engine and remove the ignition key before performing any service, repairs, maintenance or adjustment.
- Perform all maintenance with the Forkster mast in the lowered position. If any maintenance or repair work requires the mast to be in the raised position, secure the mast in the raised position mast hydraulic cylinder locks.
- Never run a machine inside a closed area.
- Keep nuts and bolts tight. Keep equipment in good condition.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check safety systems for proper operation before each use.
- Keep the machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up. Immediately clean up oil or fuel spillage. Allow the machine to cool before storing.
- Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object. Make repairs, if necessary, before restarting.
- Use only genuine replacement parts to ensure that original standards are maintained.
- Keep body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high-pressure hydraulic fluid. Use cardboard or paper to find hydraulic leaks. Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate skin and cause injury. Fluid accidentally injected into the skin must be surgically

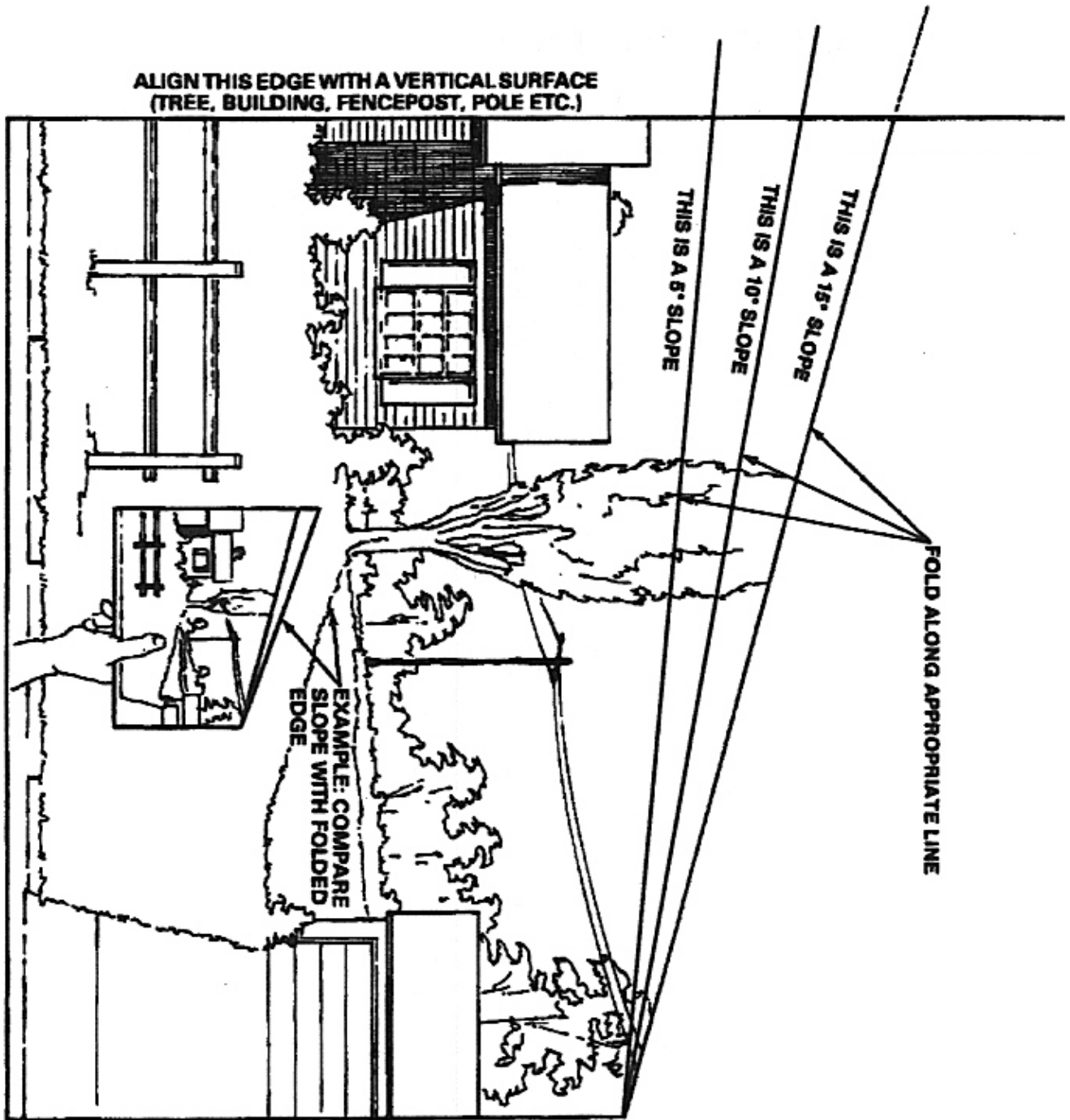
removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this form of injury or gangrene may result.

Capacity Chart



Slope Chart

Read all safety instructions



Specifications

General Specifications

Overall Width	93" min to 136" max
Overall Length	32" from attachment receiver to front of tires
Overall Height	101" min to 208" max
Weight	1800 lbs. Base Unit
Capacity (Weight)	3300 lbs. to 7 feet 2500 lbs. to 12 feet 1200 lbs. to Max lift
Max. Fork Height	15.2'
Length of Forks	48"
Turn Radius	67"
Hydraulic Hose Fittings	½" Male Pipe

Note: Specifications and design are subject to change without notice.

FORKSTER™ Installation Instructions

Loose Parts

Description	Qty	Use
Mast	1	Install on traction unit
Right Outrigger	1	Install on Mast
Left Outrigger	1	Install on Mast
Outrigger Pin	2	Lock Outrigger to Mast
Outrigger Safety Key	2	Lock Outrigger Pin in Mast
Fork	2	Mount on Mast
Warranty Registration Card	1	Read before use
Operator's Manual	1	Read before use

Installing the FORKSTER™ on the Traction Unit

IMPORTANT: Before connecting any attachments to the traction unit, visually inspect and remove any dirt or debris from the mount attachment plate.

- Shift all hydraulic speed controls to the slowest speed available.
- Lower the Traction Unit loader arms to the lowest position.
- Tilt the loader attachment plate forward.
- Drive forward, centering the loader attachment plate into the FORKSTER™ receiver.
- Position the top edge of the loader attachment plate under the upper lip of the FORKSTER™ receiver.
- Raise the loader arms slightly while tilting the traction unit attachment plate into the FORKSTER™ receiver. Use caution to

assure the bottom of the FORKSTER™ main lifting mast does not have more than 10 inches of ground clearance.

- Tilt the traction unit attachment plate top back until contact is made between the bottom of the loader attachment plate and the bottom of the FORKSTER™ receiver.

Stop engine

- Rotate the attachment locks into the locked position. Visually inspect that the attachment plate and FORKSTER™ receiver are aligned and locked.
- Move the auxiliary hydraulic valve forward, backward, and then into the neutral position to relieve hydraulic pressure at the hydraulic couplers.

IMPORTANT: Remove all foreign material from the hydraulic couplers before connecting them. Store dust covers in a clean place during unit operation.

WARNING

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate skin and cause injury.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- A doctor familiar with this form of injury must surgically remove fluid accidentally injected into the skin within a few hours or serious medical complications may result.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Keep body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high-pressure hydraulic fluid.
- Use cardboard or paper to find the hydraulic leaks, never use hands.

Connect the attachment hydraulic couplers to the traction unit. Pull on the hydraulic couplers to confirm the hydraulic connections are secure.

Start engine.

- Test the attachment locks by tilting the traction unit attachment plate and raising the front wheels of the traction unit off the ground. The attachment connection should be secure. If the attachment connection is not latched, repeat the latching process.
- Slowly tilt the FORKSTER™ all the way back to the traction unit. Observe the necessary clear area for possible pinch points.
- Do not lean over the traction unit or assume any unusual positions that can cause possible injury.
- Operate with the FORKSTER™ tires on the ground until you have gained sufficient

operator experience to understand the mounted unit stability and operating characteristics.

CAUTION

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Tilting the FORKSTER™ backward may cause you to come into contact with the upper mast.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- You could be pinched.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Keep the mast as low as possible at all times. Tilt the mast slowly with hands on the controls. Do not lean over the machine or assume unusual positions.

Removing the FORKSTER™ from the Traction Unit

- Move the FORKSTER™ to a level storage area.
- Lower the forks to the bottom of the main mast leaving approximately 6 inches of ground clearance with the forks.
- Shift all hydraulic speed controls to the slowest speed available.



Stop engine

- Move the auxiliary hydraulic valve forward, backward, and then into the neutral position to relieve hydraulic pressure at hydraulic couplers.

IMPORTANT: Remove all foreign material from the hydraulic couplers before disconnecting them. Place dust covers over the hydraulic connections when not in use.

Disconnect the auxiliary hydraulic connectors.

FORKSTER™ main mast is resting on the ground.

 **CAUTION** 

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- If ambient temperatures increase the hydraulic hoses may become pressurized in storage.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Increasing ambient temperature or exposure to the sun may cause the system hydraulic oil to expand and burst the hoses or make disconnecting the couplers difficult.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD



- Do not leave the attachment hoses connected together during storage.

- Store hydraulic hoses by inserting hydraulic couplers into the end of the right hand stabilizer arm.
- Rotate the attachment locks to the unlocked position.

Start engine

- Tilt the loader attachment plate forward.
- Slowly lower traction unit arms while tilting the traction unit attachment plate away from the FORKSTER™ receiver.
- Keep the top edge of the loader attachment plate under the upper lip of the FORKSTER™ receiver.
- Slowly back the traction unit away from the FORKSTER™ while tilting the traction unit attachment plate forward until the

Operation

 **DANGER** 

POTENTIAL HAZARD



- There may be overhead power, cable, and/or telephone lines in the work area.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Shock, explosion, or load shifting may occur

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Mark the property or work area for overhead obstructions and provide a route past them.

 **WARNING** 

POTENTIAL HAZARD



- When going up or down hill, the machine could overturn if the heavy end is toward the downhill side.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Someone may be pinned or seriously injured by the machine if it overturns.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Operate up and down slopes with the heavy end of the machine uphill.



 **WARNING** 

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- When the engine is off, attachments in the raised position can gradually lower.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Someone nearby may be pinned or injured by the attachment as it lowers.

 **CAUTION** 

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- If you step off the platform with the load raise, the machine could tip forward.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Someone nearby may be pinned

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Lower the forks before stepping off the platform

Operating Tips

Always use the traction unit to lift and move the FORKSTER™.

Operation Checklist

For safe operation complete the following activities before, during and after operating the FORKSTER™.

Before Operation:

- Read the FORKSTER™ Installation Instructions.
- Visually and mechanically test the attachment locks and hydraulic system for proper operation.
- Visually check the forks for wear or damage.
- Cycle the FORKSTER™ lift to check for loose, missing or broken components.

During Operation:

- Take time to practice operation of the FORKSTER™. Become familiar with how the FORKSTER™ works and how to best use it in the environment where you work. Begin by using it without carrying a load. When you are comfortable with the handling characteristics, start by lifting, hauling and positioning light loads. As you practice, you will become experienced moving heavy loads efficiently.
- Only operate the FORKSTER™ from the traction unit operator's position.
- Do not stand on top of, or lean over the traction unit during operation.
- Do not allow any riders on the traction unit or the FORKSTER™.
- Move all loads slowly, increasing speeds only after you are thoroughly familiar with the traction unit and FORKSTER™ operation.
- Always carry loads in the lowest possible position.
- Only raise the load after you have arrived at your destination.
- Do not allow loads to be lifted over personnel or property.

- Avoid sudden moves that will cause loads to shift.
- Carry all loads as close to the main mast as feasible.
- Do not overload.
- Machine relief settings are for ideal loading and level terrain. Reduce loads to allow use in a wide range of conditions.
- Carry loads with the mast tilted slightly back and the load level.
- As a safety feature, hydraulic pressure is required to lower the mast. The mast will not lower if the traction unit is not running or a hose is accidentally disconnected.
- Use narrow wheel setting only in narrow travel position.

After Operation:

- Lower the mast to allow for ground clearance in the travel position.
- Check for broken worn and missing components.
- Check for hydraulic leaks, worn and frayed hoses.

Operating the FORKSTER™

- Select the wheel setting. Wheel width settings can be made easily with the traction unit by lifting the FORKSTER™ slightly to relieve wheel ground contact pressure. Pull pin and slide stabilizer arm to the desired setting. Insert pin at the desired position.
- Drive to the work location.
- Using slow hydraulic control movements, tilt the mast and forks slightly forward to allow the forks to enter the pallet or slide under the load.
- Raise the mast a few inches to lift the load.
- Tilt the mast slightly back to level the load and help prevent the load from shifting forward.

- Drive to your destination carrying the load as low as feasible.
- You may increase steering effectiveness by increasing the weight on the traction unit front wheels. To do this, lift the loader arms.
- Lift the load to the desire height.
- Slowly move the load forward into position.
- Tilt the mast forward a few inches to level the load.
- Slightly lower the mast. Hydraulic pressure must be used to lower the mast.
- Slowly back away from the load. Carefully observe that the load does not become caught or entangled with the FORKSTER™ and be inadvertently pulled off the supporting structure.
- Lower the mast to a low travel position.

Troubleshooting



Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<p>FORKSTER™ does not operate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hydraulic coupler not completely connected. 2. Auxiliary hydraulic valve on the traction unit is not fully engaged. 3. Hydraulic fluid level is low. 4. Damaged hydraulic coupler. 5. Obstructed hydraulic hose. 6. Pinched hydraulic hose. 7. Auxiliary hydraulic valve on the traction unit is not opening. 8. Bent piston rod. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check and tighten all couplers. 2. Engage the valve. 3. Fill the traction unit hydraulic tank. 4. Check couplers and replace any that are defective. 5. Find and remove the obstruction. 6. Replace the hose. 7. Repair the valve. 8. Contact your Authorized Dealer.
<p>FORKSTER™ is operating slowly</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hydraulic oil is cold. 2. Engine speed is too slow. 3. Speed adjustment valve is set too slow. 4. Pinched hydraulic hose. 5. Speed adjustment valve is leaking oil. 6. Damaged Cylinder. 7. Damaged hydraulic pump. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allow the engine to warm the oil before operating. 2. Increase the throttle speed of the traction unit. 3. Adjust the speed adjustment valve to obtain the desired speed. 4. Replace the hose. 5. Contact your Authorized Dealer. 6. Contract your Authorized Dealer. 7. Contract your Authorized Dealer.
<p>FORKSTER™ fails to hold load.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Damaged hydraulic hose. 2. Damaged cylinder. 3. Damaged control valve. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace the hose. 2. Contact your Authorized Dealer. 3. Contact your Authorized Dealer.
<p>Hydraulic oil leakage.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Damaged hydraulic hose. 2. Damaged hydraulic system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace the hose. 2. Contact your Authorized Dealer.

Control valve sticking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dirty hydraulic oil. 2. Damaged or dirty valve. 3. Damaged cylinder. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change the hydraulic oil. 2. Contact your Authorized Dealer. 3. Contact your Authorized Dealer.
FORKSTER™ operation is spongy or erratic.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hydraulic fluid level is low. 2. Air in the hydraulic system. 3. Hydraulic oil is cold. 4. Pinched hydraulic hose. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill the traction unit hydraulic tank. 2. Extend the cylinders as far as possible and hold in extended position for several seconds. 3. Allow the engine to warm the oil before operating. 4. Unpinch / replace the hose.
Chain does not run evenly.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slide lowers erratically. 2. Chains do not operate smoothly. 	<p>Lubricate slides.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lubricate chains.

Maintenance

Service Interval Chart

Service Operation	Each Use	5 Hours	25 Hours	200 Hours	Storage Service	Notes
Chipped surfaces – paint					X	
Grease Mast Slide				X		
Check Tire Pressure				X		
Tighten Wheel Bolts			X			
Lubricate Chain			X			
Grease Spindles				X		

**CAUTION**

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- If you leave the key in the ignition switch, someone could start the engine

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Accidental starting of the engine could seriously injure you or other bystanders.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Remove the key from the ignition switch before you do any maintenance.

Grease Type

- SAE Multipurpose EP Grease with a maximum of 5% molybdenum disulfide.
- SAE Multipurpose EP Grease

How to Grease Mast

1. Fully extend the mast.
2. Stop the engine and remove the key.
3. Pump grease onto the upper mast covering approximately 12 inches. Place grease on the top of the lower mast contact slide.
4. Start the engine. Cycle mast up and down.
5. Repeat as necessary to obtain grease coverage of the mast slide area.

How to lubricate the chain

1. Spray chain lube or 10W30 motor oil on the chain links.
2. Cycle the mast up and down.

Storage

- Before long-term storage, wash the machine with mild detergent and water to remove dirt and grime from the entire machine.
- Check and tighten all bolt, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is damaged or worn.
- Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces. (Paint is available from your Authorized Service Dealer.)
- Store the FORKSTER™ in a clean, dry garage or storage area. Cover it to protect it and keep it clean.

The Kaltec of Minnesota Product Line One Year Limited Warranty

Kaltec of Minnesota warrants your FORKSTER™ to be free from defects in materials or workmanship for the period of 12 months from the date of purchase or 18 months from the date of manufacture whichever occurs first. Where a warrantable condition exists, Kaltec will repair or replace free of charge for the original purchase price any part or parts and labor manufactured by Kaltec and found upon examination by Kaltec to be defective in material or workmanship. Extended warranties beyond the above warranty may be purchased when available for specified equipment. See your dealer or contact Kaltec for specific availability and cost.

Owner Responsibilities:

As the product owner, you are responsible for required maintenance and adjustments stated in your Owner's Manual. Failure to perform required maintenance and adjustments can be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim.

Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service:

You are responsible for notifying Kaltec of Minnesota as soon as you believe a warrantable condition exists. You may contact us at:

Kaltec of Minnesota
307 Chelsea Rd.
Monticello, MN 55362
Tel: (763) 295-2360
Fax: (763) 295-2365
E-Mail: sales@forkster.com

Maintenance Parts:

Parts scheduled for replacement as required maintenance ("Maintenance Parts"), are warranted for the period of time up to the scheduled replacement time for that part.

Items/Conditions not covered:

Not all product failures or malfunctions that occur during the warranty period are defects in materials or workmanship. The items/ Conditions listed below are not covered by this warranty:

- Product failures which result from the use of non-Kaltec replacement parts, or from installation and

use of add-on, modified, or unapproved accessories are not covered.

- Product failures that result from failure to perform required maintenance and/or adjustments are not covered.
- Product failures that result from operating the product in an abusive, negligent or reckless manner are not covered.
- This warranty does not apply to parts subject to consumption through use unless found to be defective. Examples of parts which are consumed, or used up, during normal product operation include, but are not limited to, tires, bearing surfaces, chains, etc.
- This warranty does not apply to failures caused by outside influence. Items considered to be outside influence include, but are not limited to, weather, storage, practices, contamination, use of unapproved coolants, lubricants, additives, or chemicals, etc.
- This warranty does not apply to normal "wear and tear" items. Normal "wear and tear" includes, but is not limited to, worn painted surfaces, scratched decals or windows, etc.

Other Legal Disclaimers:

The above remedy of product defects through repair by an authorized distributor or dealer is the purchaser's sole remedy for any defect. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state.

There is no other express warranty. All implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for use are limited to the duration of the express warranty.

Some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

Kaltec of Minnesota is not liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages in connection with the use of the product, including any cost or expense of providing substitute product or service during periods of malfunction or non-use.

Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.