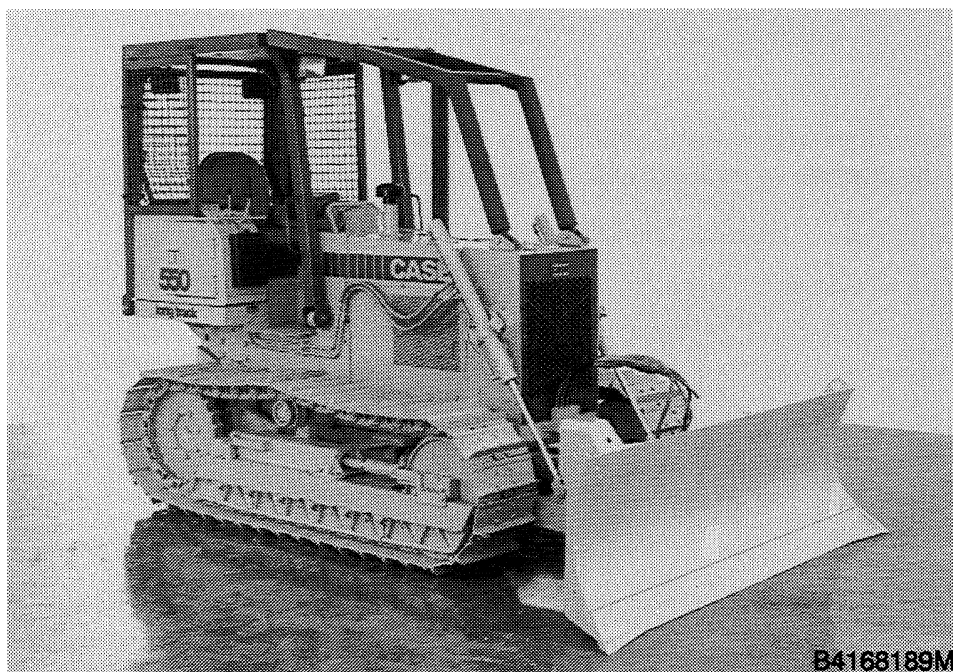


TO THE OWNER _____

TO THE OWNER OF A CASE CRAWLER

Read this manual before you start the engine or operate the machine. If you need more information, see your Case dealer.

Your dealer can give you assistance with Case Company approved service parts. Your dealer has technicians with special training who know the best methods of repair and maintenance for your machine.



Call your dealer if you need any assistance or information.

TO THE OWNER _____

AFTER DELIVERY CHECK

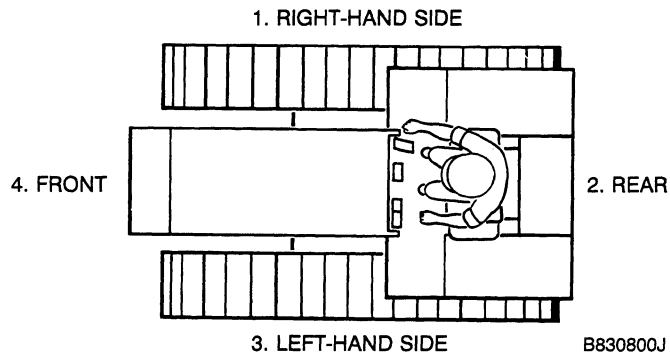
Two copies of the After Delivery Check are in the back of this manual. One copy is for you and one copy is for the dealer. Make sure that your J I Case dealer does the After Delivery Check after the first 20 hours of machine operation.

NOTE: *Your cost for this check will be for filters, oil, or other accessories. If the dealer comes to your machine, there can also be a cost for the time and distance.*

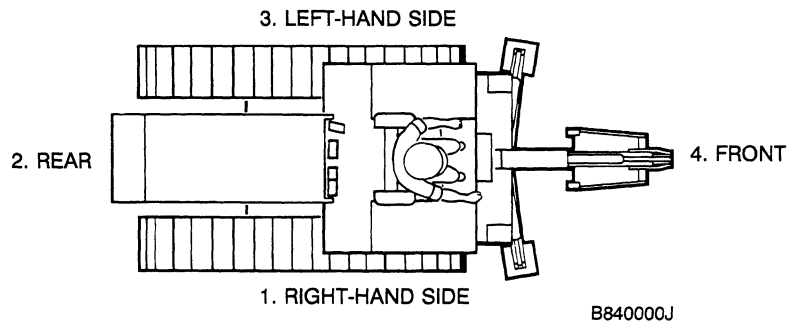
RIGHT, LEFT, FRONT, AND REAR SIDES OF THE MACHINE

Right-hand and left-hand, when used in this manual, indicate the right and left sides of the machine as seen from the operators seat.

Basic Machine, Dozer, and Ripper



Backhoe



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IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS/MACHINE COMPONENTS _____

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Write your machine model number, Product Identification Number (P.I.N.) and serial numbers on the lines provided below. If needed, give these numbers to your J I Case dealer when you need parts or information for your machine.

Make a record of the numbers. Keep the record and your Manufacturer's Statement of Origin in a safe place. If the machine is stolen, report the numbers to your local law enforcement agency.

MACHINE MODEL NUMBER 550 _____

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____

ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER _____

TRANSMISSION SERIAL NUMBER _____

TORQUE CONVERTER _____

ROPS CANOPY SERIAL NUMBER _____

BACKHOE _____

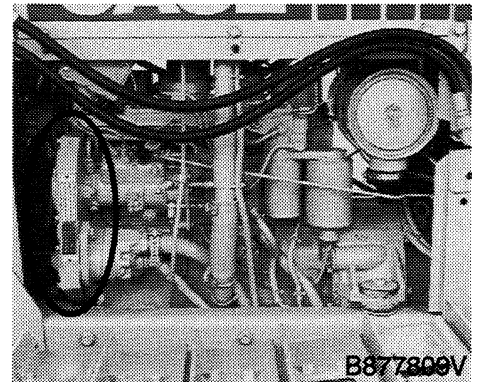
BACKHOE BUCKET _____

RIPPER _____

DOZER BLADE _____

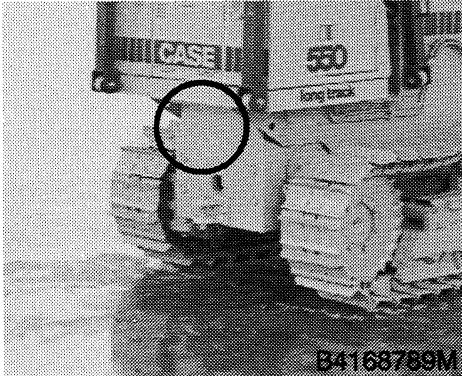
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(P.I.N.)**

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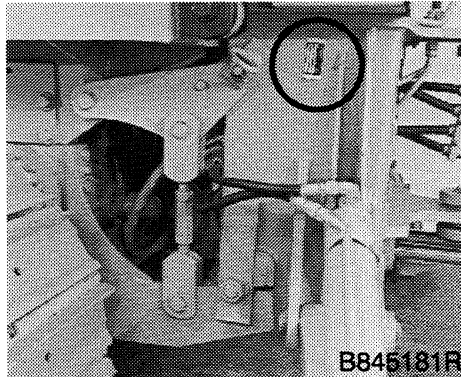


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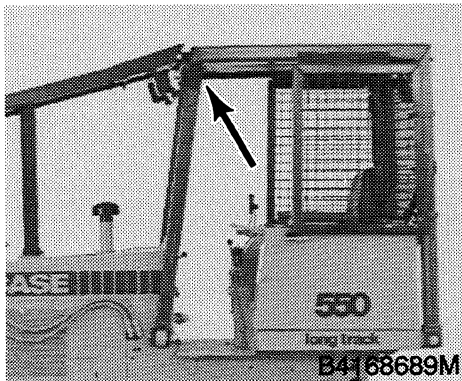
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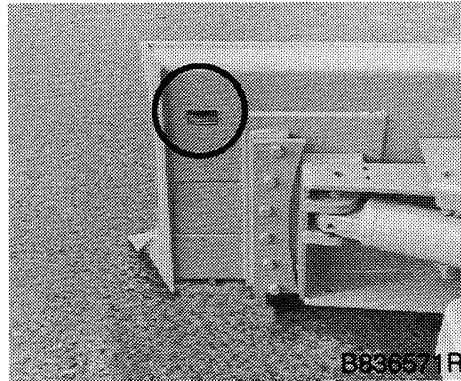
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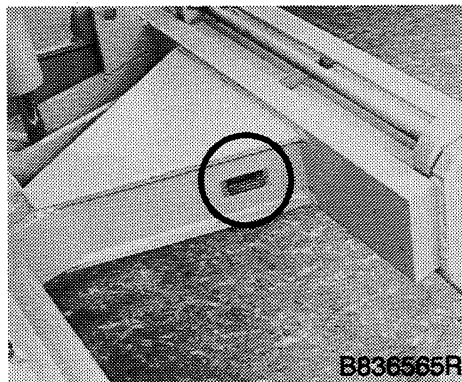
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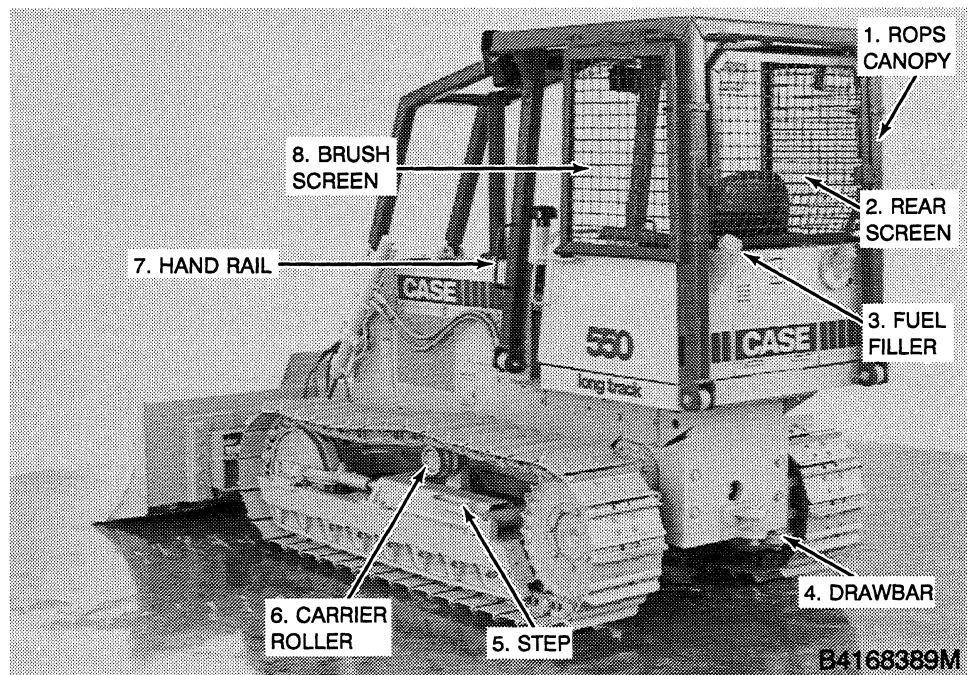
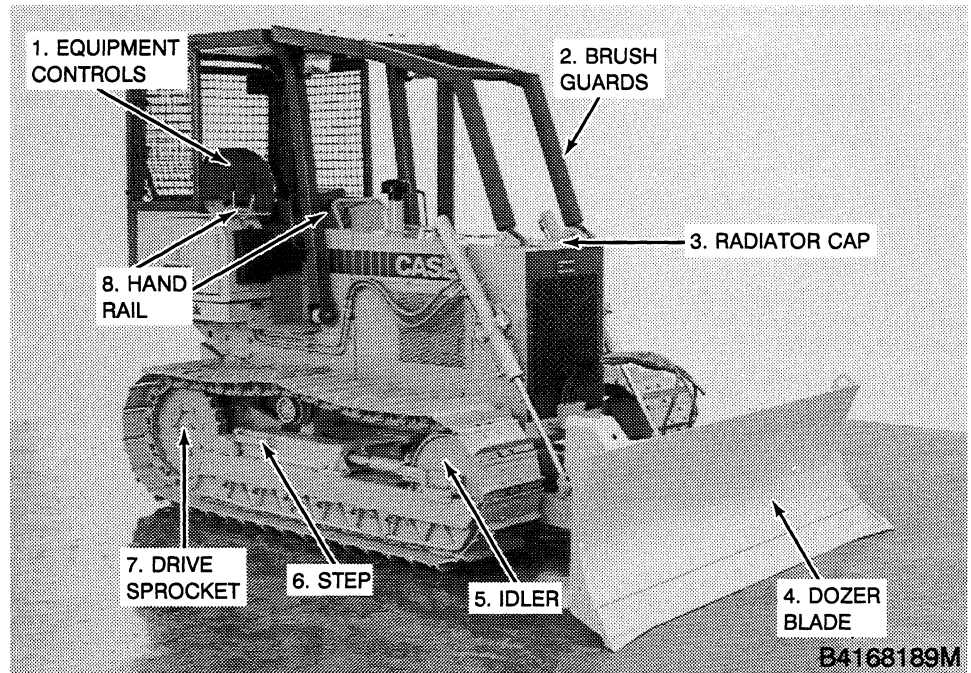
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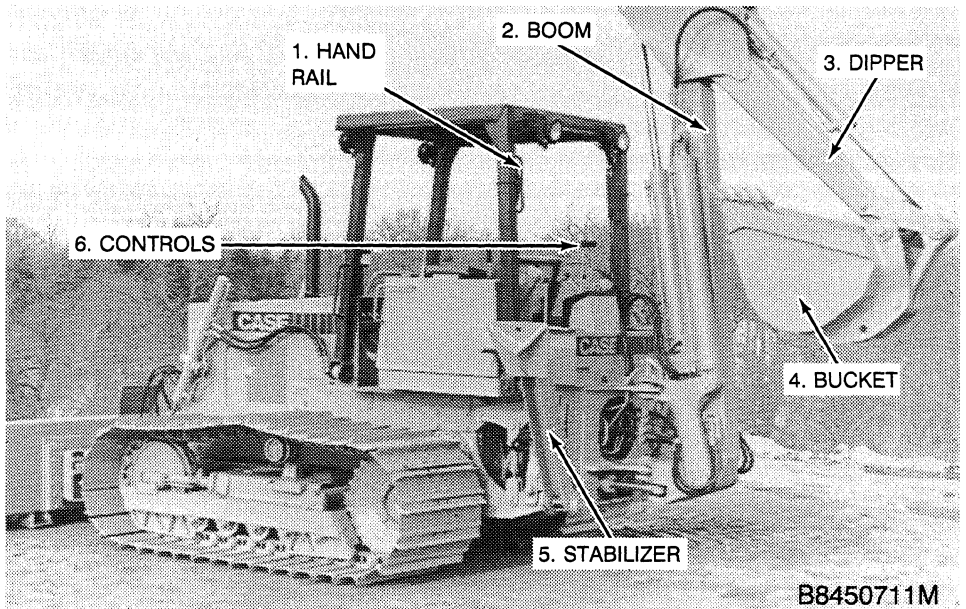
Ripper



IDENTIFICATION OF MACHINE COMPONENTS

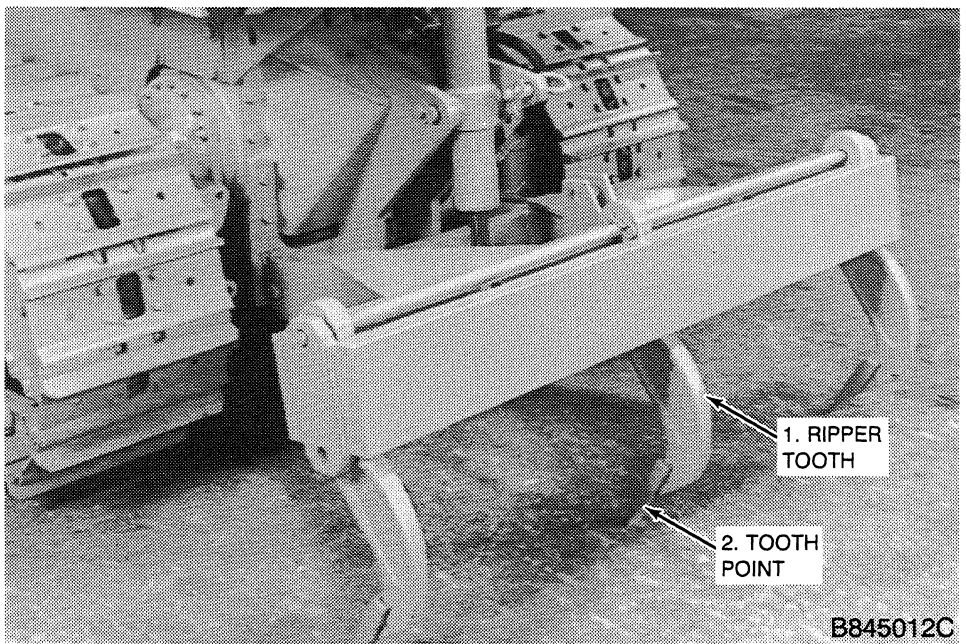


Backhoe



NOTE: Backhoe shown on 450C Machine.

Ripper

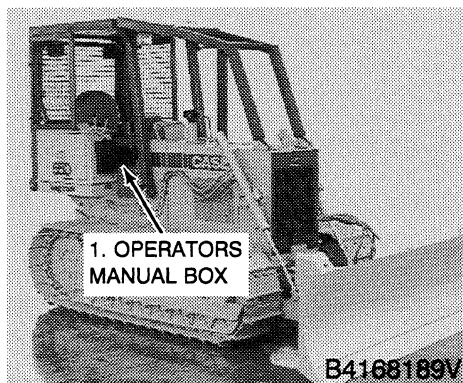


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 **SAFETY RULES** 

Most accidents involving machine operation and maintenance can be avoided by following basic safety rules and precautions. Read and understand all the safety messages in this manual, the safety manual, and the safety decals on the machine before you operate or service the machine. See your J I Case dealer if you have any questions.



READ THIS MANUAL COMPLETELY and make sure you understand the characteristics of speed, stability, brakes, and steering of this machine.

Do not remove this manual or the safety manual from the machine. See your J I Case dealer for additional manuals. Also see the inside of the rear cover of this manual.

The safety information given in this manual does not replace safety codes, insurance needs or, federal, state, and local laws. Make sure your machine has the correct equipment according to these rules or laws.

IMPORTANT: *Safety messages in this section point out situations which can be encountered during the normal operation and maintenance of your machine. These safety messages also give possible ways of dealing with these conditions.*

Additional safety messages are used in the text of the manual to show specific safety hazards.

SAFETY/DECALS/HAND SIGNALS

⚠ BEFORE OPERATION ⚠

Avoid loose fitting clothing, loose or uncovered long hair, jewelry and loose personal articles.

Always face the machine and use the hand rails and steps when getting on. Do not rush.

Different jobs will require different protective equipment. Items such as hard hats, protective shoes, heavy gloves, reflector type vests, respirators, and ear protection can be required. Know and use the equipment that is required before you start the job.



Be prepared for emergencies. Always have a first aid kit and a good fire extinguisher with you and know how to use them.

Know the hand signals used on your job. Follow the instructions of the flagman, signs, etc. See page 20.

Remove all loose objects from the operators area and from the machine. Loose objects can jam controls and cause accidents.

Check that all doors, guards, and covers are installed correctly and closed.

Before you start the engine, always fasten the seat belt.

Foreign material or grease on the steps and hand rails can cause an accident. Keep the steps and hand rails clean.

Make sure the parking brake is applied and the transmission controls are in NEUTRAL before starting the engine.

Before you start each day, walk around the machine and check for oil or fluid leaks. Replace all broken or missing parts and do the required lubrication and maintenance as shown in this manual. Clean all trash and debris from the machine.

Engine exhaust fumes can cause death. If you operate this machine in an enclosed area, use good ventilation to replace the exhaust fumes with fresh air.

Make sure all persons are away from the machine and give a warning before you start the engine.

Know the rules, laws, and safety equipment necessary for transporting this machine on a road or highway.