

TECHNICAL MANUAL

**OPERATOR' S, UNIT, INTERMEDIATE
(DS) AND INTERMEDIATE (GS)
MAINTENANCE MANUAL**

FOR

**ENGINE, DIESEL,
CATERPILLAR, MODEL 3508
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Do not operate this product unless you have read and understood the instructions. Improper operation is dangerous and could result in injury or death.

The servicemen or mechanic may be unfamiliar with many of the components and systems of this product. This makes it important to use caution when performing service work. A knowledge of the system and/or components is important before the removal or disassembly of any component.

Because of the size of some components, the serviceman or mechanic should check the weights noted in this Manual. Use proper lifting procedures when removing any components.

Following is a list of basic precautions that should always be observed.

1. Read and understand all Warning plates and decals before operating, lubricating or repairing this product.
2. Make sure the work area around the product is made safe and be aware of hazardous conditions that may exist.
3. Always wear protective glasses and protective shoes when working. In particular, wear protective glasses when a hammer or sledge is used for pounding to make repairs. Use welders gloves, hood/goggles, apron and other protective clothing appropriate to the welding job being performed. Do not wear loose-fitting or torn clothing. Remove all rings from fingers when working on machinery.

4. If an engine must be started to make pressure or speed checks, be sure all guards and shields are installed. To help prevent an accident caused by parts in rotation, work carefully around machinery that has been put into operation.
5. If an engine has been running and the coolant is hot, loosen the filler cap slowly and let the pressure out of the cooling system, before any caps, plugs or lines are removed or disconnected.
6. Corrosion inhibitor contains alkali. Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Do not take internally. In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and water. For eyes, flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. **CALL PHYSICIAN. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
7. Do not smoke when an inspection of the battery electrolyte level is made. Never disconnect any charging unit circuit or battery circuit cable from the battery when the charging unit is operating. A spark can cause an explosion from the flammable vapor mixture of hydrogen and oxygen that is released from the electrolyte through the battery outlets. Do not let electrolyte solution make contact with skin or eyes. Electrolyte solution is an acid. In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and water. For eyes, flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. **CALL PHYSICIAN. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
8. Disconnect battery and discharge any capacitors before starting any repair work. Hang "Do Not Operate" tag in the Operator's compartment or on the controls.
9. Do not work on anything that is supported only by lift jacks or a hoist. Always use blocks or proper stands to support the product before performing any service work.
10. Relieve all pressure in air, oil or water systems before any lines, fittings or related items are disconnected or removed. Be alert for possible pressure when disconnecting any device from a system that utilizes pressure. Do not check for pressure leaks with your hand. High pressure oil or fuel can pierce the skin.

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13. Make sure all fuel injection lines and pressure oil lines have enough clearance to prevent contact with any other component. Do not put any fuel or oil lines close to a hot component.
14. To avoid back injury use a hoist or get help when lifting components which weigh 50 lb. (23 kg) or more. Make sure all chains, hooks, slings, etc., are in good condition and are of the correct capacity. Be sure hooks are positioned correctly. Lifting eyes are not to be side loaded during a lifting operation.
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18. Always use tools that are in good condition and be sure you understand how to use them before performing any service work. Use only Caterpillar replacement parts.
19. Reinstall all fasteners with same part number. Do not use a lesser quality fastener if replacements are necessary.
20. Repairs which require welding should be performed only with the benefit of the appropriate reference information and by personnel adequately trained and knowledgeable in welding procedures. Make reference to "Techniques of Structural Repair Course" form number JEG03719. Determine type of metal being welded and select correct welding procedure and electrodes, rods or wire to provide a weld metal strength equivalent at least to that of parent metal.
21. Before doing electrical work, disconnect battery. Do not damage wiring during removal operations. Reinstall the wiring so it is not damaged nor will it be damaged in operation by contacting sharp corners, or by rubbing against some object or hot surface. Do not connect wiring to a line containing fluid.
22. Be sure all protective devices including guards and shields are properly installed and functioning correctly before starting a repair. If a guard or shield must be removed to perform the repair work, use extra caution. After the repair is completed, reinstall any guard or shield that was removed.

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Most accidents involving engine operation and maintenance are caused by failure to observe basic safety rules or precautions. An accident can often be avoided by recognizing potentially hazardous situations before an accident occurs.

Read and understand all safety precautions and warnings before operating or performing lubrication and maintenance on this engine.

Basic safety precautions are outlined in the "Safety" section of this guide and in the description of operations where hazards exist. WARNING labels have also been put on the engine to provide instructions and to identify specific hazards which if not heeded could cause bodily injury or death to you or other persons. These warnings in the guide and on the engine labels are identified by the symbol



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