AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION REPAIR MANUAL
SUNDRAND HYDROSTATIC SYSTEMS
Hydrogear & Piston - Piston, 1965-1982

WHEEL HORSE
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

The following information will assist you with troubleshooting, assembly, and repair information, in light of changes made and experience gained since this manual was first published in 1974. It also contains special service information for 1978-82 model year Sundstrand units.

SERVICE AND REPAIR PARTS

- **Hydrogear Conversions** - Many hydrogear units (1966 to mid-1973) have been converted to the serviceable piston-piston transmission. Refer to the photos in this manual to identify the transmission in a particular tractor.

- **Complete Transmissions** - Complete replacement transmission assemblies are no longer available. Independent outside rebuilding service many be available. Refer to the latest issue of Service Bulletin 437 for information.

- **Repair Parts** - Use this manual to determine replacement part numbers for 1965 to mid-1973 hydrogear units (Pages 54-56) and mid-1973 to 1977 piston-piston units (Pages 60-62). Be sure to check parts price list to determine if all parts needed are still available before ordering parts.

  Piston-piston part numbers for 1978-82 model year tractors are contained in the particular tractor parts manual.


- **D-Series Driven Coupling Preload and Pump Alignment** - Refer to Service Bulletins 217 and 305 for special service information.

CONSTRUCTION CHANGES, 1978 AND LATER

- Sundstrand units on 1978 and later tractors differ from earlier units in that the motor shaft extends through the cover plate, for the mounting of a parking brake drum. Motor repair operations described in this manual still apply, except that the motor cover plate oil seal should be replaced during the repair process.
Part-way through the 1979 model year, the charge pressure relief valve on hydraulic lift models was changed from ball-type to cone-type. Both constructions are illustrated below, with part numbers given for the cone-type valve system.

**SERVICE NOTES**

- **Oil** - The recommended transmission oil is SAE 10W-30 or SAE 10W-40 engine oil. **IMPORTANT**: All 1972 and prior, and some 1973 models use automatic transmission fluid (Dexron II). **Determine type of oil in these units** - Do Not Mix engine oil and automatic transmission fluid. Units may have been changed to engine oil during prior overhauls. To convert to engine oil, the entire system - transmission, transaxle, hoses, hydraulic lift valve - must be totally cleaned of transmission fluid.

- **Pressure Checks** - Keep in mind an "unsealed" condition anywhere in the transmission will cause a low-or-no charge pressure condition. Troubleshooting charts and the lack of charge pressure seem to point to the pump section as the source of the problem. Experience shows most "loss of pressure" conditions to be due to: sticking acceleration or forward/reverse check valves, charge pressure relief valves, or a problem in the motor section. Motor section problems are most commonly snap ring, special retaining ring, or spiraloc retaining ring failure, causing the motor cylinder block to lose its spring preload against the valve plate.

- **Contamination** - Where dirt or failed parts have circulated through the system, it is essential the entire system be disassembled and flushed clean - both transmission sections, the transaxle, hydraulic valve, and hoses or hydraulic manifold. Residual contamination will quickly destroy the repaired unit.

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- **Valve Plates** - Note the difference between the pump and motor valve plates (Fig. 44). Ensure the correct valve plate is ordered when replacing, as the motor plate will fit in place of the pump plate, but will not function properly. Scratches in the brass surface of the plate that can be felt with a fingernail indicate an unserviceable valve plate. The cylinder block may also be unserviceable in this case.

- **Charge and Implement Valves** - Note the location of these valves, depending on whether the tractor has manual or hydraulic lift (Fig. 61). Using the appropriate valve parts in the correct hole permits setting up any piston-piston unit for either type of lift system.

- **Charge Pump** - Refer to the installation of the charge pump (Fig. 49). With the pump end cap positioned as shown, note that the dowel pin is down (nearest the sealing surface of the pump end cap). The charge pump can be put on upside-down, and will fail to function. Also note that the charge pump needle bearing, Fig. 54, must protrude above the housing surface, to hold the valve plate in place. Use care to prevent accidentally pressing the dowel pin into the housing. Be sure the valve plate notch is over the dowel pin on assembly, or the valve plate will be ruined.

- **Control Shaft/Stub Shaft** - On 1978 and later transmissions, the longer control shaft is used on both sides of the pump housing (Fig. 57). Using a later transmission on an earlier tractor may require cutting a clearance hole in the tractor's sheet metal for the longer shaft.

- **Acceleration Valves** - Original equipment valves are different (Fig. 68) and must not be exchanged during repair. However, the forward valve is used as the service replacement part for both locations. If an acceleration valve seems to be malfunctioning, ensure the metering plug hole is open (Fig. 70). If clogged, it will prevent the valve from closing. The hole is extremely small, and it may take a magnifying glass to see it.

- **Motor Section** - Note that the webbed section of motor housing must be "up" (Fig. 74), or motor will run opposite the intended direction.

**Special Assembly Note**

Ensure you use new retaining parts in the motor section (Items 23, 70, 73, 74, Pages 61-62), to ensure the integrity of the cylinder block attachment to the motor shaft. On assembly, make absolutely sure the cylinder block is locked securely on the motor shaft. Be sure the notch in the valve plate is over the dowel pin in the motor end cap.
FOREWORD

This service and repair manual has been compiled to provide authorized Wheel Horse service personnel with the proper procedures and techniques for servicing Wheel Horse automatic transmissions.

The following index lists all areas covered. It is advisable to read all of the introductory sections first to gain a proper understanding of the Wheel Horse automatic transmission.

The automatic transmission is a sophisticated piece of machinery. Maintain strict cleanliness control during all stages of service and repair. Even a small amount of dirt or other contamination can severely damage the system.

Although this manual deals primarily with the Sundstrand piston-piston type hydrostatic transmission, service and repair procedures for the older hydrogear type transmission have been included in a separate section.
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**PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION**

(Refer to the Neutral, Forward & Reverse Schematic Diagrams, Figs. 1 (Pg. 6), 2 (Pg. 7), 3 (Pg. 8).

Power is transmitted from the engine through a flexible coupling or belt and pulley arrangement to the pump shaft (shown at left of diagrams). Rotation of the input shaft causes the main pump cylinder block and the charge pump to turn, initiating the power transmitting function. Oil from the reservoir is drawn by the charge pump through the inlet strainer and forced, by way of the check valves, into the low pressure lines. Oil introduced by the charge pump fills the area in back of the cylinder block pistons, holding them against their swash plates in both the pump and the motor.

When the pump swash plate is in neutral the pump cylinder block pistons do not move in and out. Thus, in neutral, no oil is being pumped from the variable displacement pump.

Low pressure oil from the charge pump fills the complete system, including the area around the acceleration valves. These valves are held open by the spring between them. The acceleration valves remain open until high pressure oil is introduced behind one of them. Which valve depends on the direction of rotation as determined by the position of the pump swash plate.

**RELIEF VALVES**

Pressure from 70 to 150 PSI is controlled by the charge pressure relief valve. This exhausts the excess charge oil not needed to make up leakage to the oil filter and case reservoir. When an implement is used, the maximum charge pressure, from 550 to 700 PSI, is limited by the implement relief valve.

Some separated systems also incorporate a high pressure relief valve which serves to prolong the life of the hydrostatic unit. Located on the left side of the tractor above the transmission, this relief valve has been factory adjusted and will reset automatically if triggered.

**FORWARD TRAVEL**

In forward position the pump variable swash plate tilts and, as the cylinder block continues to rotate, the pistons cross over a valving plate under low pressure and advance up the swash plate. This in turn pushes them into the block, forcing the oil from the block under high pressure. At the bottom of their stroke, the pistons pass again to the low pressure side of the valving plate and are refilled by the charge pump with oil returning from the motor through the low pressure line. The high pressure oil (shown in black) closes the high pressure check valve and travels through internal passages to the inlet side of the piston motor.

In the motor, high pressure oil acting on the back of the piston forces the piston down the incline causing the block to rotate and turn the output shaft.

**REVERSE TRAVEL**

When the control handle is moved to the reverse position, the pump variable swash plate is tilted in the opposite position which changes the direction of oil flow. The high and low pressure circuits interchange causing the motor to rotate in the opposite direction.

**ACCELERATION VALVES**

The acceleration valves are placed in the circuit to limit vehicle acceleration to a safe rate. With the control lever in neutral, oil is under low pressure throughout the circuit. When the control lever is advanced, the circuit pressure increases, causing the oil on the high pressure side to bleed by the flats on the valve lands and into the low pressure side. This high pressure oil continues to bleed to the low pressure side, by-passing the piston motor and holding the acceleration rate to a safe level during the time it takes for the acceleration valve to close against its seat. The delay in closing the valve is due to the time it takes the high pressure oil to bleed through the small orifice in the acceleration valve metering plug and into the area behind the valve.

**PUSH VALVE**

When open, the push or free wheeling valve allows the oil to by-pass or flow from one side of the main circuit to the other. When pushing, the motor becomes a pump forcing the oil through the open valve and to the other side of the motor. The direction of oil flow depends on the direction the unit is pushed.

**NOTE:** On “B” and “C” series tractors, and similar prior models, the hydrostatic pump and motor are bolted together as a single unit. For purposes of description we will refer to such a transmission system as a “standard system”.

On “D” series tractors, and similar prior models, the pump and motor are separated incorporating a manifold between them. In this manual we refer to such a system as a “separated system”.

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VARIABLE PUMP–FIXED MOTOR CIRCUIT WITH ACCELERATION VALVES AND IMPLEMENT CIRCUIT

FROM CONTROL VALVE TO IMPLEMENT CONTROL VALVE

IMPLEMENT RELIEF VALVE (OPTIONAL)

CHARGE RELIEF VALVE

CHECK VALVES

FREE WHEELING VALVE

CYLINDER BLOCK ASSEMBLY

FREE WHEELING VALVE

VALVING PLATE

ACCELERATION VALVES

REVERSE

FORWARD

NEUTRAL

PUMP INPUT SHAFT

VARIABLE DISPLACEMENT PUMP

VALVING PLATE

VARIABLE SWASHPLATE

CYLINDER BLOCK ASSEMBLY

FILTER

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NEUTRAL POSITION

\[ \text{SUCTION FLOW} \]
\[ \text{CHARGE PRESSURE} \]
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VARIABLE PUMP–FIXED MOTOR CIRCUIT WITH ACCELERATION VALVES AND IMPLEMENT CIRCUIT

FROM CONTROL VALVE TO IMPLEMENT CONTROL VALVE

IM实PLMENT RELIEF VALVE (OPTIONAL)

CHARGE RELIEF VALVE

CHECK VALVES

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CYLINDER BLOCK ASSEMBLY

Cylinder - Piston Hydrostatic Transmission
FORWARD POSITION

VALving PLATE

ACCELERATION VALVES

Piston - Piston Hydrostatic Transmission
FORWARD POSITION

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FILTER

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FILTER

STRAINER

VARIABLE DISPLACEMENT PUMP

VARIABLE SWASHPLATE

PUMP INPUT SHAFT

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SUCTION FLOW

CHARGE PRESSURE

HIGH PRESSURE

CASE PRESSURE

ATMOSPHERE
VARIABLE PUMP—FIXED MOTOR CIRCUIT WITH ACCELERATION VALVES AND IMPLEMENT CIRCUIT

FROM CONTROL VALVE TO IMPLEMENT CONTROL VALVE

RESERVOIR

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Piston - Piston Hydrostatic Transmission

REVERSE POSITION
DIAGNOSIS

This trouble-shooting guide has been written to take into account both the most likely causes of service problems and the difficulty of checking certain parts of the system. To save time and expense, follow the sequence of steps as outlined in the trouble-shooting charts on the following pages. When the cause of the problem is found, repair or replace the parts involved.

NOTE: Whenever a problem occurs, always first check:

1. Transmission oil level.
2. Speed control linkage (page 19).
3. The push valve — make sure it is closed (page 5).

SPECIAL SERVICE NOTE: If the tractor drives in the wrong direction when the control lever is moved, the hydrostatic motor cover was incorrectly installed 180° off position by the supplier. Turn it to the correct position (see page 42, step 4).

TRACTOR WILL NOT OPERATE IN EITHER DIRECTION.
ENGINE Bogs DOWN OR STALLS.

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TRACTOR WILL NOT OPERATE IN EITHER DIRECTION.

TRACTOR CAN BE PUSHED WITH PUSH VALVE CLOSED.

- INSPECT PUSH VALVE
- NOT SEATED
  - REPAIR OR REPLACE

- INSPECT HYDROSTATIC VALVE PLATES
  - DEFECTIVE
    - REPAIR OR REPLACE

- INSPECT TRANSAXLE COUNTERSHAFT KEYS
  - SHEARED
    - REPLACE, THEN REPAIR SPEED CONTROL LINKAGE

- INSPECT MESH OF OUTPUT SHAFT GEAR AND GEAR IN TRANSAXLE
  - OUT OF MESH
    - REPAIR

SERVICE AREA
- Push Valve
- Motor valve plate
- Pump valve plate
- Countershaft keys
- Speed control linkage
- Transaxle gears

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TRACTOR CANNOT BE PUSHED WITH PUSH VALVE CLOSED.

- INSPECT SPEED CONTROL LINKAGE
  - OK
  - DEFECTIVE
    - REPAIR OR REPLACE

- INSPECT HYDROSTATIC PUMP SHAFT
  - NOT TURNING
    - REPAIR OR REPLACE

- INSPECT CONTROL SHAFT ROLL PINS
  - BROKEN
    - REPLACE

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- Speed control linkage
- Pump shaft
- Control shaft roll pins

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- INSPECT CONTROL LINKAGE
  - DEFECTIVE
  - REPAIR OR REPLACE

- INSPECT CHARGE CHECK VALVES
  - DEFECTIVE
  - REPLACE

- INSPECT ACCELERATION VALVES
  - DEFECTIVE
  - REPLACE

SERVICE AREA

- Speed control linkage
- Charge check valves
- Acceleration valves

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- Shaft seals
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- Inspect oil supply
  - Contaminated
    - Clean system and replace oil

- Test charge pressure
  - Low
    - Inspect charge relief valve
      - Defective
        - Inspect implement relief valve
          - Defective
            - Inspect motor cover thrust plate
              - Missing
                - Install thrust plate and replace cylinder block assembly
              - Locked up
                - Replace or repair
            - Inspect hydrostatic motor
              - OK
              - Inspect slipper retainers
                - Defective
                  - Inspect piston slippers
                    - Worn
                      - Replace cylinder block assembly
                    - OK
                      - Inspect cylinder block assembly
                        - Defective
                          - Inspect parking pawl
                            - Jammed
                              - Replace or repair
                            - OK
                              - Inspect transaxle gears
                                - Broken
                                  - Replace
            - OK
              - Inspect pump and motor valve plates
                - Defective
                  - Replace

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TRANSMISSION OVERHEATING.

- Inspect pump cooling fins
  - Dirty → Clean fins
  - OK → Replace entire hydrostatic unit

- Inspect push valve
  - Defective → Replace

- Check charge pressure
  - OK → Inspect acceleration valves
    - Defective → Replace

- Inspect charge relief valve
  - OK → Replace

- Inspect implement relief valve
  - Defective → Replace

- Inspect motor cover thrust plate
  - OK → Replace cylinder block assembly
  - Locked up

- Inspect slipper retainers
  - OK → Replace cylinder block assembly
  - Defective

- Inspect piston slippers
  - Worn → Replace cylinder block assembly
  - Defective

- Inspect cylinder block assembly
  - OK → Replace cylinder block assembly
  - Jammed

- Inspect transaxle gears
  - Broken → Replace
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SPEED CONTROL LINKAGE AND ADJUSTMENTS – Standard System

NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT

Place the tractor on a level surface with the engine running. Depress the brake pedal. The tractor should not creep and the rear wheels should be effectively locked. Some creeping on slopes is normal and cannot be completely prevented.

If the tractor creeps on a level surface while in neutral, adjust as follows:

1. Block the rear wheels off the ground.
2. Remove the access plate located in front of the seat.
3. With an allen wrench, loosen the set screws in the arm (see Fig. 4).
4. Depress the brake pedal and keep it depressed.
5. Start the engine and disengage the parking brake. Insert a short screwdriver through the hole in the nylon cam and rotate the eccentric cam pin until the rear wheels stop turning. This usually occurs at a point midway between forward and backward wheel rotation. **NOTE:** The lobe on the eccentric pin must be up for proper operation.
6. Retighten the set screw in the arm and replace the access plate.

1974 Models Only:

After neutral has been adjusted, check to see if the speed control rod is centered in the detent notch of the detent spring. This spring is located on the hood stand behind the belt guard. The spring incorporates slotted bolt holes so it may be adjusted as required to line up the neutral notch with the control rod.

FRICITION ADJUSTMENT

The speed control lever is friction loaded to hold any selected speed in either direction. If the lever does not remain where it is set during operation, friction may be increased by releasing the lock nut and tightening the collar-friction adjustment (see Fig. 5). This adjustment is made at the front of the seat.

1973 18 HP AUTOMATIC – NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT

An access hole is provided in the right console panel for the neutral adjustment.

SPEED CONTROL LINKAGE AND ADJUSTMENTS – Separated System

1973 18 HP AUTOMATIC – NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT

If the tractor creeps when in neutral, adjust as follows:

1. Block the rear wheels off the ground.
2. Loosen the lock screw holding the eccentric assembly (see Fig. 6).
3. Depress the brake pedal and keep it depressed during adjustment.
4. Start the engine and run at half throttle. Dis­engage the parking brake. Insert a screwdriver...
through the hole in the side panel and rotate the eccentric cam pin until the rear wheels stop. This usually occurs at a point midway between forward and backward wheel rotation. Retighten the lock screw holding the eccentric assembly.

To position the speed control lever at the neutral position of the console slot, depress the brake pedal and adjust the length of the shift rod arm by rotating it in its trunnion.

FRICITION ADJUSTMENT

The speed control lever is friction loaded to hold selected speed in either direction. If the lever does not remain where it is set during operation, the friction may be increased by tightening the adjusting nut through the access hole located in the right panel (see Fig. 6). The proper amount of friction is obtained when approximately 18 pounds of force at the handle moves the control lever.

PARKING BRAKE ADJUSTMENT

1. With the engine shut off, press and release the brake pedal.
2. Engage the parking brake by placing the lever in the rear notch of the access plate.
3. Check the need for adjustment by moving the speed control lever back and forth to determine if the linkage can be moved from neutral toward either the forward or reverse positions.
4. If the speed control lever can be moved with little effort toward either position as described in step 3, shorten the length of the parking brake lever rod. This adjustment is made by turning the nut on the rear of the rod against the trunnion.
FIG. 8. Brake, Speed Control Linkage, 1974 "D" Series
5. If the parking brake lever is loose in the disengaged position, adjust the length of the transmission brake lever rod until there is little play left before it begins to engage.

1974 "D" SERIES TRACTORS — NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT (FIG. 8)

1. Block the rear wheels off the ground.
2. Depress the brake pedal (item 6-20), and keep it depressed during adjustment.
3. Loosen the set screw (6-11). Start the engine and run it at half throttle.
4. Adjust the eccentric (6-09) until true neutral is reached. Check this by making certain the tires have stopped rotating. Be sure to check both tires. This usually occurs at a point midway between forward and backward wheel rotation.
5. Retighten the set screw.
6. Move the speed control lever into forward and reverse several times, depressing the pedal each time to make sure of the neutral setting. Then make a final check of the adjustment at full throttle.

LEVER POSITION ADJUSTMENT

If the speed control lever does not return to the neutral (center) position when the brake pedal is depressed, adjust as follows:

1. Remove the top cotter pin retaining the shift rod (6-44).
2. Rotate the shift rod (checking periodically) until the speed control lever is centered when the brake pedal is depressed.
3. Replace cotter pin and washer.

FRICION ADJUSTMENT — Speed Control Lever

A friction adjustment may be necessary on "D" series tractors if the speed control lever fails to maintain the selected speed.

1. Tighten the nut retaining the two friction washers (6-14B) on the speed control cam (6-12).
2. The proper adjustment is achieved when a pull of 24 to 28 lbs. is reached, measured near the top of the speed control lever.

**FRICION ADJUSTMENT — Parking Brake**

A friction adjustment may be necessary to maintain the position of the parking brake control in the disengaged position.

1. Tighten the nut securing the two friction washers (6-43) at the parking brake lever (6-36). Try pushing the tractor both forward and reverse to make sure the parking pawl is fully engaged.

**PARKING BRAKE ADJUSTMENT**

1. Engage the parking brake.
2. Adjust the trunnion (6-29) on the brake rod (6-25) until there is 3/4" clearance between the washer and trunnion (6-26) at the other (front) end of the rod.
3. Tighten the lock nut at the adjusting trunnion (6-25).

**1975 "D" SERIES TRACTORS — NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT**

An access hole is provided in the right console panel for the neutral adjustment.

If the tractor creeps when in neutral, adjust as follows:
1. Block the rear wheels off the ground.
2. Loosen the lock screw holding the eccentric assembly (Fig. 10).
3. Depress the brake pedal and keep it depressed during adjustment.

**FIG. 10. Transmission Neutral & Speed Control Lever Tension Adjustment**

4. Start the engine and run it at half throttle. Disengage the parking brake. Insert a screwdriver through the hole in the side panel and rotate the eccentric cam pin to a point midway between forward wheel rotation and backward wheel rotation. Retighten the lock screw holding the eccentric assembly.

5. Increase engine speed to full throttle. Move the speed control lever in both directions and return it to neutral with the pedal. Repeat several times. Recheck adjustment and readjust if required.

To position the speed control lever at the neutral position of the console slot, depress the brake pedal and adjust the length of the shift rod arm by rotating it in its trunnion.

**LEVER FRICTION ADJUSTMENT**

The speed control lever is friction loaded to hold selected speed in either direction. If the lever does not remain where it is set during operation, the friction may be increased by tightening the adjusting nut through the access hole located in the right panel (Fig. 10). The proper amount of friction is obtained when approximately 18 pounds of force at the handle moves the control lever.

**PARKING BRAKE ADJUSTMENT**

1. With the engine shut off, press and release the brake pedal.
2. Engage the parking brake by placing the lever in the top slot of the console panel.
3. Check the need for adjustment by moving the speed control lever back and forth to determine if the linkage can be moved from neutral toward either the forward or reverse positions.

**FIG. 11. Parking Brake Adjustment**

4. If the speed control lever can be moved toward either position, shorten the length of the parking brake arm assembly rod (see Fig. 11) by turning the nut against the trunnion.
PRESSURE TESTING

Use a 0 to 1000 lb. gauge for all pressure testing. Block the rear axle so the wheels are off the floor. All pressure testing should be performed at or near full throttle with the wheels turning. Turn the wheels by moving the speed control lever into forward or reverse.

CHARGE PRESSURE TEST

Charge pressure is an indication of transmission condition. Connect the pressure gauge as shown in Fig. 13 to the 1/4" pipe plug located between the implement hose ports. The alternate port (straight thread) just above this port may be used if it is more convenient.

With the engine running at 1/4 throttle the charge pressure should be 70 to 150 PSI. The pressure must never drop below 30 PSI under any condition. Always take pressure tests when the transmission oil is cold.
and again after the transmission has reached operating temperature. An appreciable drop in charge pressure as the temperature rises indicates internal leakage caused by worn parts resulting in loss of power. 

be 550 to 700 PSI when the piston has reached the end of its stroke.

**REPAIR PROCEDURES**

On "B" and "C" Series tractors and other standard system tractors, the hydrostatic pump and motor are bolted together as one unit. (Fig. 15). On the 1973 18 HP Automatic and all "D" Series tractors the pump and motor are separated to accommodate the design incorporating a manifold between the pump and motor.

**FIG. 14. Charge Pressure Test – Standard System**

**IMPLEMENT PRESSURE TEST**

Use the same gauge hook up as Charge Pressure Test.

If the tractor is equipped with a hydraulic lift, implement pressure should be checked. Pressure should

**FIG. 15. Hydrostatic Transmission – As Installed in a Standard System**

**FIG. 16. Pump and Motor – Separated**

**FIG. 17. Separation of Pump and Motor**

The pump and motor may be separated so that new seal rings may be installed between the pump and the motor housings, and to facilitate overhaul. Four bolts
fasten the two units together. Two of the bolts are accessible from the top, and go down through the pump into the motor housing. The other two are accessible from the gasket side of the motor (where it attaches to the transaxle), and go up through the motor into the pump housing. Because “Allen” type screws are used, a 3/8 inch hex Allen wrench is required.

Seal Ring Installation & Assembly of Pump to Motor

1. Place one small “O” ring in each of the two low pressure ports and one at the corner bolt hole that is counterbored to accept an “O” ring (see Fig. 18).

2. Place a large “O” ring in each of the two high pressure ports and then place a square section back-up ring on top of each of the large “O” rings, making sure they are centered exactly over the “O” rings (see Fig. 18).

3. Carefully mate the pump to motor using the bolts for alignment so the units will not have to be shifted once they are together. Shifting could disturb the seals and leaks may result.

4. Make sure the copper seal washer is placed under the head of the right side motor-to-pump-bolt (right side means as viewed looking at the motor and the transaxle gasket surface). Proper placement of this washer will assure that internal leaks will not occur in this area when the motor is bolted to the transaxle. (Fig. 19).

5. Tighten all four bolts evenly.

REMOVAL OF HYDROSTATIC UNIT FROM A STANDARD SYSTEM

1. Remove the left rear wheel and tire assembly.
2. Remove the tractor seat, fender, and tool box assembly.
3. Remove the foot rest bracket.
4. Remove the belt guard and remove the drive belt from the transmission pulley.
5. Remove the access pump.
6. Remove the two bolts and nuts at the top of the assembly and the two cap screws on the bottom. Carefully remove the pump and motor assembly from the transaxle making sure the cam block pin disengages from the cam block. Remove the old gasket and all traces of dirt and oil.

INSTALLATION OF HYDROSTATIC UNIT IN A STANDARD SYSTEM

1. Make sure the shipping plugs have been removed and that the motor to pump and pump to motor bolts are tight. Also make sure a copper washer is under the head of the front motor to pump bolt. (19).
2. Examine the motor to case mounting surfaces - clean as required and install a new gasket on the motor.
3. Place grease around the inside of the strainer flange and insert the strainer into the recess in the transaxle case. Make sure the grease holds the strainer in place; otherwise the strainer may slip down resulting in a cut gasket.
4. With the gasket in place, carefully install the pump and motor assembly on the transaxle making sure the cam block pin engages with the cam block so it will not damage the cam block and that the motor sits up flush against the transaxle. Secure the assembly at the top with the two 3/4” case bolts and nuts and the two 5/8” cap screws at the bottom. Tighten all four bolts evenly.
5. Install the access plate.
6. Install the drive belt on the transmission pulley and install the belt guard assembly.
7. Install the fastrest bracket.
8. Install the tractor seat, fender and tool box assembly and retain with the four 5/8” cap screws.
9. Install the left rear wheel and tire assembly.
10. Start tractor, test, and set the neutral adjustment as required.
REMOVAL OF HYDROSTATIC UNIT FROM A SEPARATED SYSTEM

MOTOR REMOVAL
1. Remove the nuts from the two bolts securing the top section of the motor to the transaxle. Remove the two 3/8" and two 3/4" cap screws that hold the manifold pad to the motor and tie up the manifold so it will clear the motor pad.

2. Jack the tractor up under the frame and remove the left rear wheel for working space. Place an oil drain pan under the motor and transaxle to catch oil as the motor is removed. To remove the motor, remove the top corner motor-to-case bolt nuts and the two lower motor-to-case cap screws which thread into the case.

PUMP REMOVAL
1. To remove the hydrostatic pump, disconnect the head lamp wires and remove the hood, grille and shroud assemblies. Disconnect and remove the battery and disconnect the PTO rod trunion from the clutch bar.

2. Disconnect the fuel and suction lines from the engine and the coil wire from the coil. Next, disconnect the throttle arm bolt joint and the choke wire assembly from the carburetor and engine.

3. Disconnect the cable from the starter and remove the four 1/2" bolts holding the engine to the frame.

4. Pull the engine straight forward until the coupling slides from the pump shaft spline.

5. It is not necessary to lift the engine from the frame. If, however, you would like to get it completely out of the way, disconnect the DC wire from the voltage regulator connector and the engine will be freed to move as desired.

6. Remove the right console panel, together with the battery supports.

7. Disconnect all three control rods. The upper forward rod is connected to the speed control lever linkage. The lower rod coming up from the bottom is connected to the brake pedal shaft arm at the bottom. At the top it is connected to the neutral plate so that when the brake pedal is pushed down, the control shaft is brought to neutral, just as it is when operated by the speed control lever. On some models, a third rod at the rear connects the neutral plate and the parking brake lever.

8. Remove the four 3/8" cap screws holding the front manifold pad to the pump pad. As the two rear screws have elastic stop nuts on the top, it will be necessary to hold them while removing the screws. An oil drain pan should be placed under this area, since there will be some oil loss. Where an "Allen" type screw is used, a 3/8" hex with a 3/8" drive socket is recommended. If none is available, one can be fabricated by welding a piece of 3/8" hex stock to a 3/8" drive socket.

9. Disconnect the hydraulic lift tubes, located at the top of the pump, from their fittings. Disconnect the temperature sending unit wire. Remove the two 5/8" bolts and nuts that hold the rear pump bracket to the steering gear support. After removing the bolt that attaches the front pump bracket to the left side panel, the pump and brackets may be removed. If a new pump is to be installed, carefully change the brackets and linkage from the old pump to the new pump.

INSTALLATION OF HYDROSTATIC UNIT IN A SEPARATED SYSTEM

PUMP INSTALLATION
Place a small amount of clean grease in the manifold plate seal ring recesses and on the seal rings themselves. Next, place a small o-ring in each of the low pressure port recesses and a large o-ring in each of the high pressure port recesses. Then place a square section type back up ring over the top of each of the large o-rings, centering them as closely as possible.

To facilitate alignment of the pump to the manifold pad, fabricate two aligning pins by cutting the heads off two 3/16" bolts to make two studs, each two inches long. Saw a screwdriver slot in the end and taper the ends as shown. Screw the aligning pins into the

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FIG. 20. O-ring Ports

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FIG. 21. Aligning Pins
Allow the pump bracket to rest on the steering gear brace. Install punches through the side panel holes and into the front bracket to hold the pump in position. Then, install the two 3/8" bolts and nuts and secure the rear pump bracket to the steering gear brace. Now install the left panel to the front bracket bolt and nut. Connect the hydraulic tubes to the pump fittings. Connect the temperature indicator wire to the sending unit.

Aligning studs and install the two front cap screws. Finally, tighten all four cap screws evenly.

Connect the three control rods to their respective levers.

Install the right side panel and battery supports.

FIG. 22. Temperature Sending Unit

Install the two rear manifold-to-pump cap screws from underneath. Place the 3/8" elastic stop nuts on top, but do not tighten at this time. Remove the two

FIG. 23. Manifold Installed

aligning studs and install the two front cap screws. Finally, tighten all four cap screws evenly.

Connect the three control rods to their respective levers.

Install the right side panel and battery supports.

FIG. 24. Control Rod Connections

Lubricate the pump spline with "moly" grease and slide the engine carefully to the rear. Engage the pump spline with the pump coupling, center the engine on the pump shaft and bolt the engine securely to the frame. Connect engine controls as required and install and connect the battery. Install the grille shroud and hood. After checking the oil level, filling as required, test the unit for proper operation. It may be that if the neutral and tension adjustments were disturbed during the operation, they will require readjustment.

FIG. 25. Side Panel Installation

FIG. 26. Pump Spline Engagement

MANIFOLD INSTALLATION

Install new seal rings on the front pad as follows:

Place a small amount of grease in the seal ring recesses and on the seal rings themselves. Place a small "o"-ring in each of the low pressure port recesses and a large "o"-ring in each of the high pressure port recesses. On top of each large "o"-ring place a square section type back up ring. Center it exactly on top of each of the "o"-rings.
FIG. 27. Ring Installation

Place a protective cardboard cover over the seal rings to hold them in place and keep the area free from dirt during installation.

FIG. 28. Protected Seal Rings

The following photograph shows the location of the seal rings and manifold attaching bolts at the hydraulic motor pad. **NOTE:** Two 7/16” bolts and washers are at the left side of the pad and two 3/8” bolts at the right side. Also note that the rear 1/2” bolt does not use a washer. The front 3/8” bolt, however, requires a special seal washer. Also, an o-ring is used at this corner between the manifold and the motor pad. These extra seals are required since this bolt goes down into a pressure area. If it is not sealed, there will be a major leak. Before installing seal rings, place a small amount of grease in each recess and on all seal rings. Place one small o-ring in each of the two low pressure ports and one at the right front bolt hole recess. Place a large o-ring in each of the high pressure ports and then place a square section back up ring exactly over the top of each of the large o-rings. Make sure no dirt or foreign matter falls into this area while installing the manifold.

Prior to installing the manifold examine it carefully for cracks around the tubing welds and make sure the clamp prevents the tubes from flexing. If the tubes can be moved in the clamp, remove the clamps and shape them as required to hold the tubes firmly. The following photograph shows the front of the manifold as it is inserted past the steering gear bracket turned to position it for attachment to the pump pad. Leave the protective cover on this pad while the rear of the manifold is being connected to the hydraulic motor.

FIG. 29. Ring and Bolt Locations

FIG. 30. Positioning the Manifold

FIG. 31. Rear Manifold Pad in Place
Carefully hold the manifold in place. Align the bolt holes in the manifold pad with the bolt holes in the motor and install all four bolts. Make sure that the special seal washer is under the head of the right front \(\frac{3}{4}\)" bolt. Do not completely tighten the bolts at this time. Just leave them snug so that the front of the manifold may be aligned without distorting the tubes.

Remove the protective cover from the front manifold pad and check to make sure all seal rings are in place. This can be done by flexing the tubes down just enough to feel if all the o-rings and back up rings are in place. Position the manifold pad so the bolt holes line up and install the two short front hex screws. Leave them loose at this time. Install the two longer bolts in the two rear holes, with the elastic stop nuts on top. Tighten all four bolts evenly, holding the nuts on the rear bolts as required. Now tighten all four of the rear manifold pad-to-motor bolts.

Install the seat pivot assembly. Insert the front bracket from the top under the fuel and hydraulic hose and in front of the parking brake lever. Turn the assembly as needed.

![FIG. 32. Manifold Installed](image1)

![FIG. 33. Spring and Block](image2)

![FIG. 34. Seat Pivot Installation](image3)

![FIG. 35. Motor Mounting Area](image4)

FIG. 32. Manifold Installed

Install the seat spring on its support and install the spring block on top of the spring.

FIG. 33. Spring and Block

FIG. 34. Seat Pivot Installation

Line up the adjustment handle at the rear of the spring block. Hold the front of the pivot assembly to line it up with the holes in the frame and install the seat pivot rod. Retain with o-rings at each end. Install the seat stop bar with its rubber cushions and bolt it to the seat pivot bar. Using the nylon bushings and hairpin cutters, reinstall the seat assembly. Reinstall the access plate and the parking brake lever knob.

MOTOR INSTALLATION

The following photograph of the transaxle shows the motor mounting area with the intake screen pulled out. The two cap screw holes on each side of the screen and the two tap corner holes are for the four bolts which retain the motor to the case.
The following photograph shows the acceleration valves and related parts removed from the motor. The valve at the right is complete. The valve shown at the left has had the metering plug and ball and spring removed.

NOTE: Two valves with the spring between them and the two plugs with o-ring seals make up the complete acceleration valve assemblies. To install, place the spring in the end of one of the valves and install the valve and spring assembly in one end of the motor housing bore. Install the other valve in the opposite end. Make sure that the spring is seated in the bores of the valves and install the two plugs.

![FIG. 36. Acceleration Valves](image)

Install two small o-rings in the two low pressure ports. A third small o-ring is installed around the right front bolt hole, located at the top left corner of the following photograph. Center a square section back up ring on top of each of the large o-rings and install them in the two large high pressure ports. When properly installed the bottom of the back up rings will be just below the top of the recess.

![FIG. 37. O-ring Installation](image)

Be very careful not to get dirt on the pad surface. To install the motor, line it up on the two top case bolts. Install the nuts on the two lower cap screws. Always use a new gasket.

![FIG. 38. Motor Installation](image)

After the motor has been secured to the transaxle check the seal rings to make sure they are in position. Next, release the back of the manifold if it was tied up during the motor removal. Line it up and install the two 3/8" bolts and the two 1/2" bolts. Make sure the special seal washer is under the head of the right front bolt.

![FIG. 39. Motor Installation Completed](image)
INSPECTION OF PARTS

All parts should be thoroughly cleaned and examined. After examining, cover all parts with a lint-free cloth while waiting for assembly. Oil all moving parts with 10W30 premium engine oil when assembling.

FIG. 40.

Pump and Motor Shafts

Examine the bearing and seal surfaces of the shafts. Scored or worn shafts must be replaced. Pay particular attention to the pump shaft seal area. A scratched seal area will cause an oil leak.

Cylinder Block Assemblies — General

Although the pump and motor cylinder block and piston assemblies look similar, they differ. Two cylinder block kits, one for the pump and one for the motor, are available, and should be used for replacement when the following conditions are found:

1. Cylinder bores out of round or scored.
2. Cylinder block face (valving surface) worn, scratched or scored.
4. Slipper edges rounded more than 1/2 inch.

When inspecting cylinder block assemblies always return pistons to their original cylinder bores.

FIG. 41.

Check to make sure the pistons move freely in their bores. Carefully remove each piston and check for scores on the piston barrels and on the cylinder bore walls. Replace with cylinder block kit if bores or barrels are scored.

Cylinder Block Face

Inspect the polished valving surface of the cylinder blocks. If the surface is scored replace with a cylinder block kit.

Pistons and Slippers

Scored piston barrels and slippers with edges rounded more than 1/2 inch must not be used. Replace with a new cylinder block kit. Slight scratches on slippers or slightly rounded edges may be removed by lapping. Use crocus cloth for finishing. Do not remove more than .005". Make sure that all slippers are within .002" thickness of each other.

Make sure the lubrication hole is open in the center of the slipper face. Use compressed air to open.

FIG. 43.
Slipper Retainers

Slipper retainers must be flat. Examine them carefully. If bent or worn, replace them.

Valve Plates

Clean valve plates and check both sides of the plates. Remove any burrs or foreign matter from the steel side of the plate. Check the bronze side of the plate for scratches and wear. This surface must be smooth and free from scratches. To check the surface, run your fingernail across the plate. If wear is felt, replace the plate.

**FIG. 44.**

Thrust Plates

Inspect both thrust plates (for the pump and motor swash plates) for flatness, scoring and imbedded material. Replace as required.

**FIG. 45.** Inspect Thrust Plates

Charge Pump Assembly

Inspect the rotor set (internal and external rotors), and the housing, for wear and scoring. Replace as required. Note: The rotor set is a matched unit. Always replace as an assembly. If the charge pump housing is worn or scored, it must be replaced.

Bearings (for replacement see Disassembly and Assembly section)

Examine the needle bearings in the pump and motor end caps and replace as required. Examine the ball bearings in the pump and motor housings and replace as required.
1. Pump Shaft Seal
2. Shaft Retaining Ring
3. Bearing
4. Bearing Retaining Ring
5. Pump Housing
6. Swash Plate
7. Thrust Plate
8. Cylinder Block & Piston Assembly
9. Valve Plate
10. Charge Pump Assembly

11. Gerotor Set
12. Pump End Cap Housing
13. Retaining Ring
14. Retaining Washer
15. Trunnion Shaft Seal
16. Trunnion Shaft
17. Roll Pin
18. Trunnion Shaft Needle Bearing
19. Control Shaft
20. Pump Shaft

**DISASSEMBLY & ASSEMBLY OF HYDROSTATIC PUMP**

1. Remove the four 3/16 socket-head cap screws that hold the finned aluminum pump housing to the pump end cap.

2. With the pump assembly held horizontally, carefully remove the finned aluminum pump housing, together with the input shaft, swashplate and cylinder block assembly. **Note:** Make sure the cylinder block and piston assembly does not drop off the input shaft. The valve plate may stick to the cylinder block and come out with it, or it may stick on the charge pump housing.

3. Remove the pump housing/pump end cap gasket.

4. Carefully slide off the cylinder block and piston assembly from the pump shaft. **Important:** If any of the pistons slip out, return them to their original cylinder bores. Place the cylinder block and pistons on a lint free towel so the valving surface and slippers will not be damaged. If the pump housing is to be disassembled to remove the shaft, trunnion or swash...
5. Remove the valve plate from the charge pump housing, noting that the steel surface fits against the charge pump housing and over a dowel pin to keep it from rotating.

6. Using a $\frac{3}{8}''$ 12-point socket, remove the two short and two long $\frac{3}{8}$-24 charge-pump-housing-to-end-cap bolts.

7. Remove the charge pump assembly from the pump end cap, being careful to keep the gerotor set together. Carefully note the position (dowel pin down) of the charge pump assembly in relation to the end cap.

8. Remove the $\frac{3}{8}''$ hex plug from the top left corner of the pump end cap. (Top left means viewed from the motor side of the end cap. See Fig. 51). If the unit is equipped for hydraulic lift operation, remove the charge ball valve and spring from the pump end cap (top view). If the unit is not equipped for hydraulic lift operation, there will be no spring and ball valve in this area (bottom view).
9. Remove the \( \frac{3}{8}'' \) hex plug from the top right corner of the pump end cap. (Viewed from the motor side of the pump end cap, see Fig. 52). If the unit is equipped for hydraulic lift operation, there will be shims located in the spring cavity of the plug. Do not lose these shims as they determine the amount of implement pressure. Remove the spring and cone valve. Do not mix up this implement valve spring with the charge valve spring removed from the top left corner.

10. Remove the two slotted pump check valve plugs together with their respective check valve balls and springs. (These valves are located in the passage just below the charge and implement valve passage.)

11. Remove the push or free-wheeling valve by unscrewing it from the housing.

12. Remove the split back-up ring and the "O" ring seal from the valve.

13. If the needle bearing in the charge pump housing is damaged, replace as follows:

   a. Using a \( \frac{3}{4}'' \) O.D. flat washer with two opposite edges ground to a width of \( \frac{1}{16}'' \) as a tool, insert it from the rotor side against the inside of the needle bearing. Then, pressing against the washer with an arbor, remove the needle bearing.

   b. To install the needle bearing, press it in place from the front side. Note: Always install needle bearings pressing on the heavy end, which may be easily identified. It is the end where the identification numbers are found. Press bearing to the correct depth \( -0.100'' \) should be left out of the bore.
PUMP HOUSING
DISASSEMBLY & ASSEMBLY

Disassembly

1. Remove the thrust plate from the swash plate assembly.

FIG. 55. Seal Removal

2. Remove the pump shaft seal.
   a. Use a sharp awl and puncture the seal retainer.
   b. Pry out the seal, being careful not to scratch or damage the shaft seal surface or the aluminum housing.

3. Using snap ring pliers remove the retaining ring from the shaft.

FIG. 56.

4. Remove the shaft by tapping on the input (both ends are splined) end and pushing it through the bearing.

5. Using a $\frac{3}{8}''$ punch, drive the swash-plate-to-trunnion-shaft roll pins out toward the closed end of the case. Note: One roll pin is used at the short stub shaft and two roll pins are used at the control shaft.

6. Remove the trunnion shaft retaining rings and washers. Drive the stub trunnion shaft in from the outside and remove. Drive the control shaft out from the inside using a long punch inserted through the removed trunnion shaft hole.

7. Remove the swash plate housing.

8. Pry out the trunnion seals, being careful not to damage the housing. Note: If examination of the trunnion shaft needle bearings and the pump shaft ball bearing shows them to be in good condition, steps 9 and 10 should not be performed.

9. Using a suitable arbor such as a socket, press or drive needle bearings out of the housing from the inside.
10. With snap ring pliers, remove the internal retaining ring that retains the pump shaft ball bearing in the pump housing, then remove the bearing by pressing it toward the inside of the housing.

Assembly of Pump Housing

1. Install pump shaft ball bearing in the front of the pump housing and retain with the internal tru-arc retaining ring.

2. Note: Only if needle bearings have been removed, install the two trunnion shaft needle bearings from the outside, pushing on the lettered end of the bearing. The bearings should be pressed in flush with the bottom of the seal bore so they will not interfere with the seal installation.

3. Install new trunnion shaft seals, pressing them in until they touch bottom. Oil the seal lips with 10W30 engine oil.

4. Insert the swash plate assembly into the case. Slide the trunnion shafts into each side, and into the swash plate housing. Line up the roll pin holes and install the roll pins. One roll pin is used at the short trunnion shaft and two roll pins are used at the control shaft. Drive the first pin in so it enters into the far side of the swash plate. Then drive the second roll pin down against the first pin until it is ¼” below the surface of the swash plate. Drive the single roll pin at the short trunnion side so that it is ¼” below the surface. See Fig. 57.

5. Install the trunnion seal washers and the retaining rings.

6. Install the pump shaft by tapping it through the bearing from the inside and retain it with the external snap ring.

7. Lubricate the pump shaft seal and install over the pump shaft with the lip side toward the pump. Press it in place so that it is flush with the outside of the housing.

Assembly of Pump Section

1. Install a new “O” ring seal and new back-up ring on the free wheeling valve, making sure the seal is toward the pump housing and the split back-up ring is toward the outside. Install the valve assembly.

FIG. 60. Pump End Cap Valves

2. Install both pump check valve balls and springs, together with their slotted plugs and “O” ring seals.

3. Viewed from the motor side of the pump end cap, install charge relief valve and implement valve parts.

FIG. 61. Pump End Caps

a. Models not equipped for hydraulic lift:
1. Install the hex head plug and new “O” ring seal in the top left corner of the pump end cap.
2. Install the cone valve, charge valve spring together with the hex head plug, and new "O" ring seal in the top right corner of the pump end cap.

b. Models equipped for hydraulic lift:

1. Install the 7/16" ball valve and spring together with the hex plug and "O" ring in the top left corner of the pump end cap.

2. Install the cone valve and spring in the top right corner of the pump end cap, then, making sure that the original shim pack is in the spring cavity of the plug, install the plug, "O" ring and shim assembly.

FIG. 62. Charge Pump Assembly

4. Install the gerotor set in the charge pump housing and install the pump housing and gerotor assembly on the pump end cap using new seal rings ("O" rings and back up rings) with the valve plate dowel pin toward the bottom. Install the two long and two short bolts and tighten evenly.

FIG. 63. Charge Pump Housing

5. Install the valve plate on the charge pump housing, centering it around the needle bearing with the steel face of the plate against the charge pump housing and the slot over the dowel pin to keep it from turning. Mounted properly, the plate should be flush against the housing so the cylinder block will operate on the bronze surface.

FIG. 64. Charge Pump Housing – With Valve Plate

6. Install a new pump-housing-to-end-cap gasket on the pump end cap.

FIG. 65.

7. Apply oil to the thrust plate and place it on the swash plate.
8. Lay the pump end cap on a flat surface and install the cylinder block with the piston and slipper assembly on the valve plate.

9. Center the charge pump gerarator drive so the pump shaft and spline can enter it.

10. Making sure the control shaft is on the correct side, carefully install the aluminum pump housing and shaft so the shaft spline enters the cylinder block and gerator drive. Install the four pump housing cap screws to align the pump, gasket and end cap. Push the pump housing in place (it may be necessary to turn the pump shaft to align it with the charge pump spline). After the housing and shaft are pushed in place, tighten the four bolts evenly.

**REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT OF ACCELERATION VALVES**

**NOTE:** Although the acceleration valves look similar, they are not alike. The forward valve, located at the rear of the end cap housing, incorporates wider relief flats on the valve lands than does the reverse valve, located at the front of the end cap housing.
1. Remove the 3/4" hex head plug from each side of the motor end cap.

2. Remove the first valve by pulling it out. Remove the second valve by pushing it out with the spring and remove the spring. **NOTE:** To simplify removal of the forward valve, located at the rear of the end cap housing, move the tractor about an inch and oil pressure will force the valve to pop out.

3. The acceleration valves may be disassembled for inspection and cleaning.

**Disassembly**

**a.** Carefully hold the valve body wrapped in a cloth to protect it. Remove the metering plug, ball and spring.

**Assembly**

**Important:**

- **a.** Make sure the small metering plug orifice in side of the metering plug is open. (Fig. 70).
- **b.** Seat the ball in the end of the metering plug and install the spring and metering plug.

4. Install the forward acceleration valve assembly (the one with the wider relief flats) in the bore at the rear of the end cap housing.

Insert the reverse acceleration valve assembly (the one with the narrow relief flats) together with the spring into the bore at the front of the end cap housing.

Make sure the spring seats in the spring cavity of each valve. When properly seated each valve will have approximately four or five threads exposed so the 3/4" hex plugs may be easily installed.

5. Install both plugs using new "O" ring seals and tighten securely.

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**DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY OF HYDROSTATIC MOTOR**

**Disassembly of Motor**

1. Remove the four 10-24 Allen head cap screws that retain the cover plate, and remove the cover plate.

2. Remove the large "O" ring seal from around the ball bearing.

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**FIG. 71.** Remove Snap Ring from Motor Shaft

3. Remove the snap ring from the end of the motor shaft.
FIG. 72. Hydrostatic Motor — Exploded View

1. Centering Pilot
2. “O” Ring
3. Motor End Cap
4. Valve Plate
5. Cylinder Block & Piston Assembly
6. Thrust Plate
7. Motor Housing
8. Bearing
9. “O” Ring
10. Retaining Ring
11. Housing Plate
12. Motor Shaft
13. Motor Shaft Retaining Clip

FIG. 73.

4. Remove the four 3/16 cap screws that retain the aluminum housing to the motor end cap (main iron housing) and remove the aluminum housing. Note the position of the housing. It must be installed with the webbed section up. If the cover is reversed, the unit will operate in the opposite direction.
5. Remove the housing-to-end cap gasket.
6. Remove the thrust plate from the fixed swash plate in the housing.
7. Remove the ball bearing from the aluminum housing.
8. Remove the two \( \frac{3}{4}'' \) cap screws that fasten the aluminum pilot (centering ring) to the motor end cap and remove the pilot.

9. Place the end cap, cylinder block and motor shaft assembly in a press, making sure the cylinder block and valve plate are seated on the end cap housing.

10. Press on the motor shaft until the motor shaft retaining spring clip pops loose from the retainer (in the center of the cylinder block). This pressing operation only requires moving the shaft a short distance. **CAUTION:** Do not press the shaft through the cylinder block at this time.

11. Remove the assembly from the press and remove the cylinder block.

12. Remove the spring retaining clip from the motor shaft.

13. Remove the motor shaft from the end cap housing.

14. Remove the motor valve plate.
FIG. 79. Remove Seal Retainer "O" Ring

15. Remove the "O" ring from the seal retainer insert at the output end of the motor end cap.

FIG. 80. Remove both Bearings and Seal Retainer

16. Bearing removal and replacement:

A. Removal —

If the motor end cap bearings are to be removed, they may be pressed out by using a suitable arbor placed against the seal retainer. Then press the seal retainer and both needle bearings out the cylinder block side of the end cap.

FIG. 81. Install first Needle Bearing with Seal Retainer

B. Installation —

Install the first needle bearing into the output end of the motor end cap with the lettered end of the bearing out. Press the bearing in to the flush point. Then press the seal retainer insert in until it is flush with the end cap.*

FIG. 82. Install second Needle Bearing

Install the second needle bearing into the cylinder block end of the end cap and, pressing against the lettered end, press it into the housing leaving .100" protruding from the face of the end cap. To obtain the .100" protrusion try using a \( \frac{3}{8}'' \) cotter pin or washer as a stop for the press.

* For convenience, the seal retainer may be pressed in with the bearing.
Assembly of Motor

1. Install a new "O" ring seal in the recess of the output shaft seal retainer.

2. Install the aluminum centering pilot on the output end of the motor end cap and retain with the two 3/4" cap screws.

3. Install the valve plate with the steel side toward the motor end cap, making sure it is centered over the needle bearing and over the end cap dowel pin.

4. Apply 10W30 oil to the bearing surfaces of the shaft and install the motor shaft with the gear at the output end of the motor end cap.

5. Install the motor shaft spring clip with the prongs toward the output gear.

6. Apply 10W30 oil on the valve plate surface, the cylinder block valving surface and through the valving ports into the cylinder bores.

7. Slide the cylinder block, pistons, slippers and slipper retainer assembly on the motor shaft. Push it in place until the spring retaining clip seats.

8. Install the ball bearing in the end of the aluminum housing with lettered end out.

9. Install the four 3/8-16 cap screws through the aluminum housing and install a new gasket over the bolts.

10. Install the thrust plate on the swash plate surface of the housing.

11. With the webbed side of the housing to the top, using the screws as a pilot, install the housing over the shaft and push it in enough to start the screws. Snug up the screws evenly until the housing is approximately 3/8" away from the end cap. Do not tighten at this time.

12. Install the bearing retaining ring on the end of the pump shaft.

13. Install the large "O" ring seal in the housing recess around the outside of the bearing.

14. Install the end cover and secure with the four Allen head screws and tighten evenly.

15. Push the housing up flush to seat against the end cap and tighten all four screws evenly.
DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY
OF CYLINDER BLOCKS AND
PISTON ASSEMBLIES

NOTE: Although the pump cylinder block and the
motor cylinder block assemblies are similar, they are
not alike.

Cylinder blocks and pistons are serviced as a kit.
However, they may be taken apart for cleaning and
inspection. Note the position of each piston so that
it may be returned to its original cylinder bore.

Disassembly

1. Remove the pistons, slippers and slipper re-
tainer assembly from the cylinder block. (See Fig. 88).

2. Make up a special spring compressor made
from a $3\times3$ long hex head bolt, nut, 3/8 SAE
washer and a 3/8” I.D. x 5/8” O.D. washer.

3. Center the 5/8” O.D. washer on the cylinder
block spring retainer. Insert the $3\times3$ bolt through
the washer and on through the cylinder block. Place
the 3/8 SAE washer and nut on the end of the bolt and
tighten the nut until the spring is compressed.

4. With the spring compressed, remove the spi-
rolac retaining ring.

5. Loosen and remove the compressor and remove
the outside retaining washer, spring, and inside spring
seat.

NOTE: The pump cylinder block incorporates a flat
washer for the inside spring seat. The motor cylinder
block incorporates a special spring seat retainer which
also serves as the stop for the motor shaft spring clip.
HYDROGEAR
SECTION
HYDROGEAR TROUBLE-SHOOTING CHART

CONDITION

HYDROGEAR OVERHEATS (NORMAL 180°F)

TRACTOR WILL NOT MOVE OR LACKS POWER IN ONE DIRECTION ONLY

TRACTOR WILL NOT MOVE OR LACKS POWER IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

HYDROGEAR NOISY

ERRATIC ENGAGEMENT, JERKY OR ABRUPT ACCELERATION AND BRAKING

POSSIBLE CAUSE

LOW OIL LEVEL

FAULTY CONTROL LINKAGE

MALFUNCTIONING VALVE IN CENTER SECTION

INTERNAL WEAR OR DAMAGE HYDROGEAR PUMP OR MOTOR

MECHANICAL LOCK UP OR BINDING CONDITION

DRIVE BELT SLIPPING

ENGINE LOSING POWER

AIR IN SYSTEM

CLOGGED OIL FILTER

AIR COOLING FINS CLOGGED WITH DEBRIS

PLASTIC PLUGS STILL IN HYDROGEAR INLET AND OUTLET PORTS

TEST OR CORRECTION

FILL TO PROPER LEVEL

REPAIR OIL LEAKS

REPAIR LINKAGE

CLOSE TOWING VALVE
TRY TO PUSH TRACTOR IF IT CAN BE PUSHED
OIL IS BEING BYPASSED

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OPEN TOWING VALVE
TRY TO PUSH TRACTOR IF IT WILL NOT PUSH,
SEPARATE HYDROGEAR FROM TRANSAXLE TO SEE WHICH IS FAULTY

CHECK DRIVE BELT

TEST ENGINE OPERATION

CLEAN COOLING FINS

REMOVE HYDROGEAR FROM TRANSAXLE
REMOVE PLUGS AND INSTALL HYDROGEAR
TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

This trouble shooting guide is designed to help determine if a Hydrogears can be repaired within the limits of authorized service procedures or if the assembly must be replaced.

First, listen carefully to the operator's description of the problem. Then operate the tractor to confirm the condition. Hydrogears transmission malfunctions usually show up in one of the following ways:

1. Tractor will not operate in either direction — includes conditions ranging from completely inoperative to lack or loss of power in both directions.
2. Tractor operates in one direction only — much the same as item 1, except that it applies to one direction only.
3. Erratic engagement — sharp, jerky, or abrupt acceleration and braking in one or both directions.
4. Transmission overheats — likely to accompany one of the other conditions listed. Normal temperature 180 degrees F.
5. Transmission noisy — noise may issue from either the Hydrogears or the transaxle.

PRELIMINARY CHECKS

Make it a practice in every case to perform the following preliminary checks. They will pinpoint some easily overlooked items and save the time and expense involved with unnecessary teardown.

1. Check oil level in reservoir and replenish if necessary.
2. Check control linkage to make sure it is properly connected and operates normally.
3. Close towing valve and try to push the tractor. If the tractor can be pushed, a malfunctioning valve is usually indicated.
4. Make sure the tractor can be pushed with the towing valve open. If it cannot be pushed, there may be a valve malfunction, seized gear, motor, or transaxle failure.
5. Check drive belt condition and fit. Make sure parking brake operation is normal.
6. Check for oil leakage at operating shafts, gasketed joints, filter base, etc. Replace gaskets and seals as necessary.
7. Check and correct air cooling fins clogged with dirt or clippings, or other apparent damage or trouble causing condition.

The trouble shooting chart indicates possible causes and test or corrective procedures for the five trouble conditions listed above. The Hydrogears Tune-Up procedures are recommended as a correction in several cases.

HYDROGEAR TUNE-UP

CAUTION: Cleanliness is one of the most important considerations during every step of the Hydrogears tune-up. Instead of repeating a cleanliness precaution throughout these instructions, this note at the beginning is intended to emphasize its importance. Exercise the utmost care at all times to prevent the introduction of dirt, clippings or any other foreign matter into the hydraulic system.

Remove the fender and tool box assembly to expose the center section of the Hydrogears as shown in Fig. 90. Thoroughly clean the center section of all dirt, clippings, etc. with a solvent that is not harmful to paint. Remove the drain plug at the bottom of the transaxle case and drain the fluid. Remove the oil filter for replacement.

![FIG. 90.](image)

Prepare a clean work area for inspecting the highly polished surfaces of the valves to be serviced. The parts to be removed are manufactured to close tolerances and are very critical to the proper operation of the Hydrogears. Handle them with care to avoid damage to the sealing surfaces.

Acceleration Relief Valves: Remove the forward dampening valve (item 2, Fig. 90) with a 1½" wrench on the hex head. Occasionally the acceleration valve piston and sleeve assembly (2 & 3, Fig. 91) remains on the dampening valve when removed. When this happens, separate them for inspection and cleaning.

If the piston and sleeve remained in the bore, remove the piston, (2, Fig. 91) two springs (4 & 5, Fig. 91), spring seat (6, Fig. 91), and relief valve cone (7, Fig. 91), using a small magnet to withdraw them from the bore.

The acceleration valve sleeve (3, Fig. 91), and relief valve seat (8, Fig. 91) may now be removed. This is best accomplished by inserting a stiff wire hook into the drain port in the side of the seat and pulling, (See Figs. 91, Fig. 11). The force necessary will depend on the radial press of the sealing "O" rings on the sleeve and seat.
HYDROGEAR SERVICE NOTE

PROBLEM: Tractor will not operate in either direction. Problem usually occurs suddenly, with little or no warning.

CAUSE: Internal plug (b) is either loose, or has fallen completely out of position.

SOLUTION:

1. **Remove the side socket head plug** (c) using a ½” Allen wrench.
2. **Insert the long arm of a ¼” Allen wrench** into the horizontal passage exposed in Step 1, across the large vertical passage, and determine if the internal plug is in place.
3. If the internal plug is in place but is loose, tighten it securely and replace the side plug.
4. If the internal plug is not in place, use a ½” Allen wrench to remove the top plug (a). The internal plug is usually found at the bottom of the large vertical passage. Retrieve it with a magnet.
5. Insert the internal plug through the horizontal passage, across the large vertical passage, and tighten it securely in place. Then reinstall both the side and top plugs.
NOTE: A large amount of iron or brass filings on the valves and the passages usually indicates internal damage to the pump or motor section of the Hydrogear. This is also true if there is evidence of severe contamination from an outside source. Because complete disassembly would be necessary to repair such damage or to clean out the contaminates, replacement of the complete Hydrogear assembly is advised. Moderate contamination can be flushed out through the valve ports with solvent.

The most critical area of the acceleration relief valve is the dampening valve portion (1, Fig. 91). Remove the "O" rings and discard them. Clean the valve thoroughly with solvent, and inspect for visual damage. If there are indications of damage to the pin or ball, or if the valve rattles when shaken, replace the dampening valve assembly.

Inspect the relief valve cone (7, Fig. 91) and mating seat (8, Fig. 91) for damage. Check the cone for uniformity of sealing pattern. Normal cones will show a shiny unbroken circle of contact approximately 9/6" from the point. Similarly, the mating seat should be free of nicks or signs of erosion. If the pattern is broken or the seat damaged, the cone and seat should be replaced. Remove "O" ring from the seat and discard. Clean the parts thoroughly with solvent and let them air dry.

Next examine the acceleration valve sleeve (3, Fig. 91) and piston (2, Fig. 91) for scoring or sticky operation. If either part is severely scored, both must be replaced. They are serviced as a matched set. Sticky piston operation can be corrected by lightly polishing the piston and bore of the sleeve with Crocus cloth. The piston-to-bore clearance is extremely close; therefore, the piston may not pass through the sleeve under its own weight. Remove the "O" rings from the sleeve and discard them. Wash piston and sleeve with solvent and air dry them.

Inspect the springs (4 & 5, Fig. 91) and spring seat (6) for damage and replace if necessary. Clean with solvent and dry.

Coat new "O" rings with transmission fluid and lightly coat the valves with petroleum jelly. Install new "O" ring seals taking care to avoid nicking their sealing surfaces on screw threads or edges of the valve grooves.

Press the acceleration valve sleeve (3, Fig. 91) over the "O" ring on the shoulder of the dampening valve (1, Fig. 91). The "O" ring end of the sleeve should be away from the dampening valve. Insert the piston (2, Fig. 91) closed end first, into the sleeve. Place the two springs (4 & 5, Fig. 91) in the open end of the piston and push the piston to the bottom of the sleeve. Insert the stem of the spring seat (6, Fig. 91) in the end of the springs. Place the cone (7, Fig. 91) in the relief valve seat (8, Fig. 91) and bring the open end of the seat and the open end of the acceleration valve sleeve together. Install all the parts into the bore of the center section at once time. See Fig. 93. Tighten dampening valve securely.

Repeat this operation on the reverse acceleration valve assembly (1, Fig. 90).

Check Valves (Forward and Reverse)
Remove the reverse check valve "O" ring plug (4, Fig. 90) with a wrench on the ½" hex head. Remove the spring (9, Fig. 91) and valve (10, Fig. 91) using a magnet or long nose pliers if needed. Check the spring for distortion. Replace it if damaged. Remove and discard the "O" ring from the plug.

Check the cone for uniformity of sealing pattern. A normal cone will have a shiny unbroken circle of contact approximately 9/6" from the point. The seat inside the center section should also be free of nicks or signs of erosion. If the contact pattern is broken, the cone should be replaced. If the seat is badly eroded, the Hydrogear assembly must be replaced.

Clean the parts in solvent and coat them with type "A" automatic transmission fluid. Install a new "O" ring on the plug (4, Fig. 90) using care not to damage the ring on the screw threads. Slip the spring over the shoulder of the valve and install the assembly into its bore in the center section. Install the hex head "O" ring plug and tighten securely.

Repeat this operation on the forward check valve assembly (3, Fig. 90).
Towing Valve

Remove the 5/8″ hex head "O" ring plug (5, Fig. 90). Remove the spring (11, Fig. 91) and valve (12, Fig. 91) using a magnet to withdraw them from the bore.

NOTE: There may be shims inside the plug to control valve spring tension. Take care not to lose them.

Remove and discard the "O" ring from the plug. Check the spring for distortion. Replace if damaged. Check the nose of the valve for continuous sealing pattern and replace it if damaged. Check the seat in the center section for nicks or signs of erosion. If it is badly eroded, the Hydrogear assembly must be replaced.

Clean the parts with solvent and coat them with type "A" automatic transmission fluid. Install a new "O" ring on the plug (5, Fig. 90) using care not to damage it on the screw threads. Install the spring in the valve and insert the assembly, valve first, into its bore on top of the center section. Install the hex head "O" ring plug and tighten securely.

Towlng Valve (If applicable)

Back out the 1″ hex shoulder plug (6, Fig. 90). Pull the valve assembly (14, Fig. 91) out of the bore. The force required will depend on the radial press of the sealing rings on the barrel of the valve.

Remove and discard the "O" rings and the Teflon back up ring (13, Fig. 91). Clean the valve with solvent, dry, and coat with type "A" automatic transmission fluid. Install the Teflon back up ring (13, Fig. 91) in the top groove of the valve. Install an "O" ring alongside the back up ring in the same groove on the side away from the valve stem. Install the second "O" ring in the bottom groove. From top to bottom of the valve, the rings stack up in this order: Teflon ring, "O" ring, "O" ring.

Place the washer (15, Fig. 91) around the bore in the center section and, with a twisting motion, insert the valve into the bore. Start the hex shoulder plug threads and rotate the valve while drawing it into place with the plug. Tighten the plug securely.

Implement Relief Valve (If so equipped)

Remove the 1/8″ hex head "O" ring plug (7, Fig. 90). Remove the spring (16, Fig. 91) and valve (17, Fig. 91) using a magnet to withdraw them from the bore. Remove and discard the "O" ring from the plug. Check the spring for distortion. Replace if damaged.

Clean the parts with solvent and coat them with type "A" automatic transmission fluid. Install a new "O" ring on the plug (7, Fig. 90) using care not to damage it on the screw threads. Insert the spring in the valve and install the assembly, valve first, into its bore on the front of the center section. Install the hex head "O" ring plug and tighten securely.

Install new oil filter. Install the drain plug in the bottom of the transaxle. Fill to proper level with type "A" automatic transmission fluid. Approximately four quarts will be required.

Block the tractor up with the rear wheels off the ground. Run the engine at low speed and operate the Hydrogear in forward and reverse to circulate fluid through the system and to check for leaks. Recheck the fluid level and add as necessary.

Adjust neutral position. Lower rear wheels to the ground. Reinstall the fender and tool box assembly.

Run the tractor to thoroughly test operation of the Hydrogear.

HYDROGEAR

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

Removal

If the transmission has been contaminated either with metal filings or other foreign matter, the fluid must be changed and the oil filter replaced. The transaxle must also be flushed thoroughly before a new Hydrogear assembly is installed.

Support rear of tractor with rear wheels off the floor. Remove the left rear wheel. If tractor has tail light, disconnect wire and bring it forward of the tool box. If the tractor has a hydraulic lift, disconnect the hoses from the Hydrogear and move them forward out of the way. Remove the instruction plate (located in front of the seat) by removing four mounting screws.

Remove the four tool box to transmission bolts and remove the fender, seat and tool box as an assembly.

NOTE: On 1965, 1966 and 1967 models it is also necessary to remove the fan guard. The 1968 and 1969 models will also require the removal of the two belt guard-to-tool box bolts.

Remove the belt guard and drive belt. To do this on 1968 and 1969 models, the R.H. float rest must be removed. Remove the cooling fan from the drive pulley, if so equipped, and remove the pulley.

Clean all dirt and clippings off the Hydrogear and surrounding area with solvent and compressed air to keep the interior of the transaxle free of foreign matter when the Hydrogear is separated from the transaxle.

Place a drain pan beneath the Hydrogear.
FIG. 94.

Remove three cap screws and two nuts which secure the Hydrogear to the transaxle (Fig. 94). Slide the Hydrogear rearward to disengage the cam block pin from the cam block and lift the assembly off the transaxle (Fig. 95).

FIG. 95.

Remove the strainer (Fig. 96) and clean with solvent and compressed air. The strainer contains a magnet to retain metal particles circulated by the fluid.

Installation

Clean the gasket surface on the side of the transaxle. Make sure the strainer is in place in the transaxle. Coat the gasket surface with petroleum jelly to hold the gasket in place and position a new gasket on the Hydrogear.

If a new Hydrogear assembly is being installed, remove the plastic plugs from the inlet and outlet ports of the new unit.

Position the Hydrogear assembly on the transaxle with the cam block pin engaged in the cam block. Start three cap screws and two nuts on the through bolts and tighten until snug. Then, in rotation, tighten the nuts and screws securely.

FIG. 96.

Reinstall and align the pulley, fan (if so equipped), and drive belt.

Fill the reservoir to proper level with fresh, type "A" automatic transmission fluid. Run the engine and Hydrogear at low speed to circulate fluid throughout the system and to check for leaks. Recheck the fluid level and add as necessary.

Install belt guard, R.H. foot rest (1968 and 1969 models), and the fender, seat, and tool box assembly. Connect tail light if so equipped.

NOTE: To facilitate installation of hydraulic lift hoses (see following paragraph) leave the tool box assembly loose enough to be shifted at this time.

If a new Hydrogear assembly is being installed on a tractor which is equipped with a hydraulic lift, transfer the implement relief valve from the replaced Hydrogear to the new assembly (Fig. 97), and connect the hydraulic hoses. Complete the tightening of tool box assembly.

FIG. 97.

Install the left rear wheel, adjust neutral position at the cam block, and install the instruction plate.

Lower the rear of the tractor to the floor and test operation of the Hydrogear.
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**PUMP SHAFT SEAL REPLACEMENT**

Replacement of the pump shaft seal (Fig. 91), is accomplished without removing the Hydrogear assembly from the tractor.

Raise the seat. Remove the fan guard and fan on 1965, 1966, and 1967 models. On 1968 and 1969 models, remove the belt guard. To do this it will also be necessary to remove the R.H. foot rest on these models.

Loosen the belt tension by setting the parking brake, and remove the belt from the shaft pulley. Remove the pulley and Woodruff key from the input shaft.

**NOTE:** It is extremely important not to damage the shaft or the soft aluminum housing. The following steps should be done very carefully.

Slide a small hook tool or screw driver along the shaft into the lip seal. Tip the tool until it contacts the outer metal edge of the seal and pry outward gently. Change position of the tool and repeat the process until the seal has been worked out of the housing. Discard the seal.

Inspect the shaft and polish out any nicks or burrs that could cut or damage a new seal. Do not let any particles enter the pump.

Coat the sealing lip with automatic transmission fluid and slide the seal over the shaft. Align the seal to the aluminum housing. A thin coat of gasket shellac on the seal O.D. will aid in sealing the steel seal to the pump housing.

Place a tool approximately the size of the seal O.D. over the metal face of the seal (the input pulley hub can be used) and press the seal into the housing until the seal is flush with the edge of the housing.

Check oil level and replenish as necessary.

Align and install the pulley, belt, and fan if so equipped. Install the belt guard or fan guard depending on model.

Test operation and check for leaks.

END OF HYDROGEAR SECTION
THE TRANSAXLE

This section is written in general terms to cover all automatic transmissions currently being used by Wheel Horse.

REMOVAL OF TRANSAXLE COMPLETE WITH HYDROSTATIC UNIT

Jack the tractor up and place jack stands under the frame. Remove both rear wheel and tire assemblies. Remove the tractor seat and fender assembly by removing the hardware holding it to the transaxle. Remove the drive belt from the transmission. Remove any access plates. Drain the transmission oil through the transaxle drain plug if desired.

Place a jack under the transaxle and remove the cap screws holding it to the frame. Lower the jack and remove the entire transaxle assembly.

REMOVAL OF HYDROSTATIC UNIT FROM THE TRANSAXLE

If the transmission oil has not been drained, place the entire assembly in an oil drain pan. Remove the two 3/8" top corner motor-to-case bolts and nuts, and the two lower cap screws that thread into the case.

Carefully remove the hydrostatic unit from the transaxle allowing the oil to drain as it is removed. Make certain that the control cam comes free from the cam pin (ball stud). Now the magnetic strainer is accessible.

FIG. 98. Hydrostatic Unit, Gasket, Strainer and Transaxle

Remove the strainer and wash with solvent whenever servicing the transaxle. Check the magnet at the end of the strainer for metal particles.

If metal particles are found, carefully inspect the internal parts of the hydrostatic unit for damage.

TRANSAXLE DISASSEMBLY

The transmission case is held together with six bolts.

Disassembly may be made from either side, leaving the gears intact in the opposite side. NOTE: It is not necessary to remove the hydrostatic unit if only the transaxle is being serviced.

FIG. 99. Split Transaxle and Gasket

1. Remove both wheel hubs by loosening the lock nuts and set screws. Slide the hubs from the axle. A special wheel puller may be required.
2. Remove the woodruff keys and file any rough edges from the key slots and the ends of the axle.
3. Remove the six bolts holding the transmission case halves together.
4. Lightly tap the half to be removed with a plastic or rawhide mallet to break the seal. Slide the case-half off the axle carefully to avoid damaging the oil seals.
5. Remove the old gasket and carefully clean the sealing surfaces.

FIG. 100. Disassembled Transaxle
6. Carefully slide the differential assembly out of the case.

7. Remove gear assembly consisting of Nos. 103395, 101887 and 102781. Also remove large gear No. 101885 intact.

8. Slide gears off of the No. 5965 shaft.

9. Remove the four nuts and bolts from the differential assembly. The unit may now be separated allowing the replacement of the bull gear, pins, pinion gears or the differential cases. Note the position of the pinion gears. Adjacent pinions are installed in opposite directions (teeth up or teeth down). Therefore, the positions of diagonally opposite pinions are the same (see photo).

10. The axle gears may be separated from the axle by removing the snap ring. **NOTE**: During reassembly, tighten all bolts securely in sequence.

**PARKING BRAKE AND OIL FILTER**

1. To replace the oil filter, remove by turning counter-clockwise. This throw-away filter should be replaced every year, or every 100 operating hours.

2. To remove the parking brake lever, drive out the roll pin using a 1/8" punch. Slip the brake lever off the shaft.

3. Remove the parking pawl from inside the transmission case. **NOTE**: During reassembly the parking pawl should be pointing toward the rear and the parking brake lever toward the front when installing the roll pin.
CAUTION

For proper operation it is vitally important to keep the interior of the transmission as free of dirt and foreign matter as possible.

Exercise caution when servicing the unit to prevent damage to all seals, bearings, and other internal parts.

Transmission oil capacity is a total of five quarts on most tractors, six quarts on "D" series tractors. Normally, one quart is retained in the hydrostatic unit, leaving four quarts to be added. Run the tractor for a minute, then check oil level. Add oil if necessary. Use only 10W30 automotive engine quality oil.

TRANSAXLE GASKET INSTALLATION

1. Block the tractor under the frame.

2. Loosen the lock nut and set screw on the right hand side and remove the entire tire, wheel and hub assembly. Remove the woodruff key and file any rough edges from the key slot and the end of the axle.

3. Remove the tractor seat and fender assembly by removing the hardware holding it to the transaxle. Remove the footrest bracket and the belt guard assembly, and remove the drive belt from the transmission. Remove any access plates.

4. Disengage the spring from the parking brake. Remove the rear hitch.

5. Remove the two cap screws holding the right half of the transmission case to the frame.

6. Remove the six nuts from the bolts holding the transmission halves together. Do not remove the bolts securing the hydrostatic unit.

7. Slide the transmission half off the axle. Carefully clean all machined surfaces of dirt. Take care to keep any foreign matter from entering the system. Replace the gasket.

8. Carefully reinstall the transmission half to prevent damage to the axle seal. Tighten all nuts securely in rotation.

FIG. 104. Transmission Half and New Gasket

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