

Safety Report

Remember - Our motto is:

Safety First!

On the following pages please be sure to document and support with photos the precautions you took during the restoration. For instance - did you take any specific precautions before painting and/or sand-blasting?

Also include all safety features that appear on your newly restored tractor such as decals, lights, etc. Provide details to support any photos you include.



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On our farm, we use a motto a lot like that at school ag shop. The motto is "Safety is #1." Throughout the restoration process, I always remembered safety. Some of the daily things that I did to be safe were

- I always wore safety glasses.
- I wore shaded glasses when using the torch.
- I wore chemical resistant plastic gloves when working with solvents.

Sometimes these steps take time to become a habit, but they are very important.



There are also some larger safety measures I took during the restoration. These steps included

- I always blocked up the rear axle while working on it to make sure it didn't tip over
- I picked up all heavy parts either with the cherry picker or our bobcat.
- I wore the proper protective gear while sandblasting.
- I removed all the flammable solvents from the room when I was welding or using the torch.
- I always wore a canister respirator, long sleeves and latex gloves while painting.
- I also set up an exhaust fan in the window to remove as many fumes as possible from the room while I was painting.

Some examples are pictured on the next page.

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At the time my tractor was built, the safety standards were not as strict as they are today.. I have only one safety decal that goes on the power shaft shield. This is a part that got lost or broken when the tractor was being used.

I made my tractor safer by making several repairs. These included

- The seat pin hole was worn where all the pressure is exerted. I built up the hole and drilled it out again and put a new pin in. I paid special attention to this area because I have heard several stories about when the pin broke, the hole wore too thin and broke or something in the seat broke and the operator was killed or hurt severely when his implement ran over him.



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- I put new brake pads on and repaired some brake shoes.



- I repaired the steering wheel shaft where it was worn.
- I put a bushing in the clutch handle.
- I patched a hole in the air intake breather.



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- The gas tank mount was broken, so I welded it back together.



It is not possible to show pictures of everything I did to be safe, but I have shown a few examples of what I did for my safety and to make my tractor safe and keep it from breaking. I know I will always remember that "Safety is #1".