



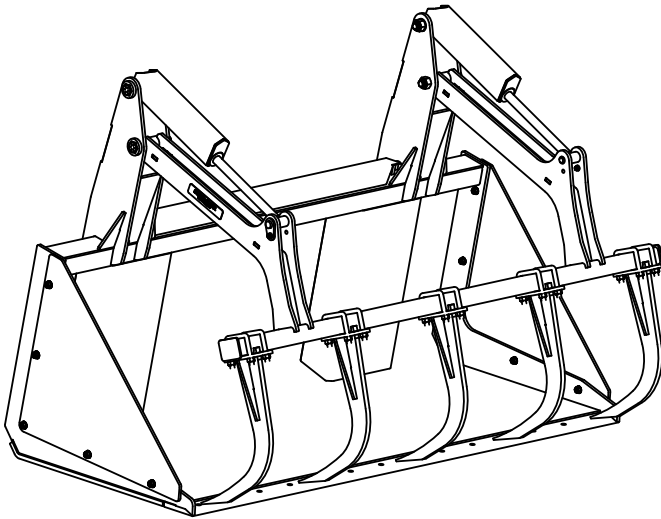
OPERATOR'S MANUAL

High Capacity Grapple

Model HCG72, HCG84, HCG96

Serial Number 22532-

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INTRODUCTION

Using This Manual

Your loader operator's manual contains instructions to safely operate the loader. Anyone who operates a loader with this attachment installed must first read, understand and follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual.

This manual contains instructions to safely operate and service the attachment. Anyone who operates or services the attachment must first read, understand and follow the instructions in this manual.

Additional operating or servicing information for the attachment may be provided online, in video, or in other publications. This additional information does not replace, and is not a substitute for reading and following, the instructions in this manual.

The safety alert symbol is shown in **WARNING** statements to alert users to hazards which could cause death or injury. Carefully read and follow the messages.

IMPORTANT notices alert users to instructions which, if not followed, could result in damage. Carefully read and follow the messages.

There may be times when the attachment and loader shown in this manual may not be your exact model. The model shown will be close enough to your attachment or loader to accurately convey the information.

The most current information available is included in this manual. The publisher may revise this manual at any time and is not required to notify users of revisions.

Replacement Manuals

Be sure to include this operator's manual if you sell or transfer ownership of the attachment.

Contact Messer Attachments LLC for a printed manual, or find a downloadable manual on our website.

Using This Attachment

The attachment is designed for transporting brush and roots, rocks, manure, and other materials.

The attachment is designed for installation on a full-size loader, connected to the loader's front auxiliary hydraulic couplers.

The manufacturer reserves the right to make improvements, and to discontinue or change specifications, models or design without notice and without incurring obligation.

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Loader Compatibility

Confirm your loader's Rated Operating Capacity (ROC) in the loader operator's manual. Confirm your attachment's ROC in SPECIFICATIONS in this manual.

Do not install the attachment on the loader if the combined weight of the attachment and attachment load will exceed the loader ROC during operation because this may cause difficulty in controlling the loader or may cause loader damage.

Do not exceed the attachment's ROC because this may damage the attachment.

Attachment compatibility with your loader should be confirmed before the initial purchase. If you receive the attachment as part of a later resale or transfer of ownership, contact the manufacturer to confirm the attachment is designed to be used with your loader before you install the attachment.

Product Misuse

Product misuse can cause accidents, injury and death.

The manufacturer of the attachment is not responsible for any harm or injury resulting from product misuse.

Product misuse includes operating or servicing the attachment without following the instructions in this manual and in the loader manuals, using the attachment in any way for which it was not designed, neglecting to confirm loader compatibility, and modifying the attachment.

Modifications

Do not modify the attachment in any way.

Manufacturer Contact

Call Messer Attachments LLC at (833) 352-3477, or see us at www.messerattach.com.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Identification Numbers

Record your product information to provide when you contact the dealer or manufacturer.

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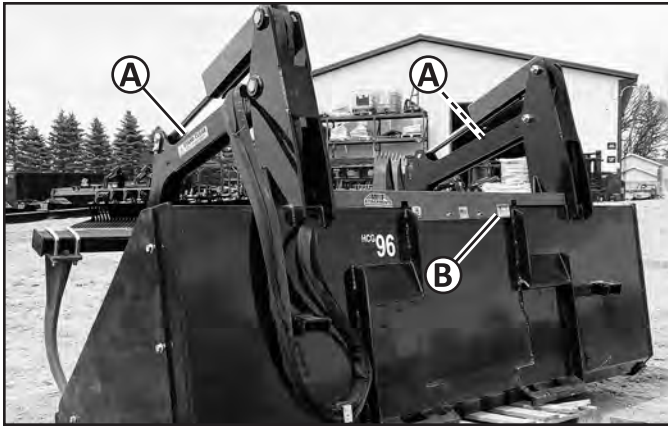
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SPECIFICATIONS

Model	HCG72	HCG84	HCG96
Width Overall	74"	86"	98"
Width Usable	72"	84"	96"
Height Bucket	32"	32"	32"
Height Overall	58"	58"	58"
Depth Overall	53.5"	53.5"	53.5"
Depth Bucket	42"	42"	42"
Opening	78"	78"	78"
Tooth Thickness	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"
Weight	1380 lbs.	1490 lbs.	1580 lbs.
# of Teeth	4	5	5
Material	1/4"	1/4"	1/4"
Struck Capacity (Cu. Ft)	27	31.5	36
Heaped Capacity (Cu. Ft)	34	39.5	45
Recommended Loader Capacity	2400+	2400+	2400+
Standard Cut Edge	5/8 x 6"	5/8 x 6"	5/8 x 6"

SAFETY DECALS

DECAL LOCATIONS



Location	Description	Part No.
A	Stand Clear Decal	96138
B	Warning Decal	96117

STAND CLEAR DECAL 96138



STAND CLEAR WHILE IN OPERATION

WARNING DECAL 96117



HIGH PRESSURE FLUID HAZARD
To prevent serious injury or death:

- Relieve pressure on system before repairing, adjusting or disconnecting.
- Wear proper hand and eye protection when searching for leaks. Use wood or cardboard instead of hands.
- Keep all components in good repair.

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Wear Protective Equipment

- Wear gloves to protect hands from burns if hydraulic couplers become hot during operation.
- Never wear sandals or other light footwear when operating or servicing the attachment. Wear protective footwear when handling blades or heavy parts.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing which may become entangled when operating or servicing the attachment.

Parking Safely

1. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to park the loader safely.
2. Fully lower the attachment to level ground.
3. Stop the loader engine and remove the key from the switch.
4. Do not leave the loader operator seat until the engine and all other moving loader and attachment parts have stopped.
5. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to exit the loader safely. Use the attachment step area if one is provided.

Operating Attachments Safely

- Always be aware of the weight of any loads you are transporting with an attachment. The weight of any load must not exceed the attachment's Rated Operating Capacity. The weight of the attachment combined with the attachment load must not exceed the loader's Rated Operating Capacity.
- Do not allow anyone to operate the attachment unless they have first read and understood the loader and the attachment operator's manuals.
- Do not allow anyone to operate the attachment unless they have first read and understood the safety and warning decals on the loader and on the attachment.
- The attachment owner is responsible for training others to safely operate the attachment, and is responsible for any injuries or harm which occurs while the attachment is being operated.
- If an area to step on the attachment has been provided, be sure to use it when entering and exiting the loader.
- Before operating, replace any worn or damaged safety decals.

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- Before operating, thoroughly inspect the attachment to be sure all hardware (bolts, nuts, etc.) is installed and tightened.
- Before operating, thoroughly inspect the attachment to be sure it is in working order. If the attachment is damaged or otherwise not in working order, do not operate until it has been repaired by a qualified technician.
- Before raising or lowering the attachment be sure the area is clear of bystanders.
- Do not operate the loader or the attachment if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medications which may cause drowsiness.
- Do not allow children to operate the loader or the attachment.
- Do not allow anyone who has not been trained to operate the loader or the attachment.
- Never allow riders on the attachment.
- Keep hands, feet or other objects away from underneath the attachment while operating.
- Fully lower the attachment to level ground when you are done operating.
- Never leave the attachment unattended while in a raised position.
- When transporting the attachment installed on the loader, travel at a slower speed to maintain control.

Servicing Safely

- Remove the attachment from the loader before servicing when instructed to do so in this manual.
- Do not allow anyone to service the attachment unless they have first read and understood the loader and the attachment operator's or service manuals.
- Do not allow anyone to service the attachment unless they have first read and understood the safety and warning decals on the loader and on the attachment.
- The attachment owner is responsible for training others to safely service the attachment, and is responsible for any injuries or harm which occurs while the attachment is being serviced.
- Before inspecting or servicing the attachment, follow the Parking Safely instructions in this manual.

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- Always securely block the attachment to prevent accidental release of the lifting mechanism when inspecting or servicing the attachment.

Hydraulic Fluid Safety

- Read and understand the hydraulic safety information in the loader operator's manual before operating or servicing the attachment.
- Use cardboard or a board when you check for a leak.
- Fluid in hydraulic hoses is under extreme pressure. If fluid is injected into your skin seek medical treatment immediately.
- Do not handle any hydraulic components until pressure has been relieved from the system.
- Inspect attachment hydraulic hoses and hose shields for damage or wear before attaching to the loader.

Safety Decals

Safety decals may be installed on the attachment to warn users of safety hazards:

- DANGER decals provide warnings about hazardous situations which will result in death or serious injury if not avoided.
- WARNING decals provide warnings about hazardous situations which could result in death or serious injury if not avoided.
- CAUTION decals provide warnings about hazardous situations which could result in injury if not avoided.

Read and understand all safety decals before operating or servicing the attachment.

See the Safety Decal Location illustration in this manual to confirm where decals are installed on the attachment.

Safety decals which are missing, worn or faded must be replaced. Replacement safety decal part numbers are included in this manual. Contact the attachment manufacturer for replacement decals.

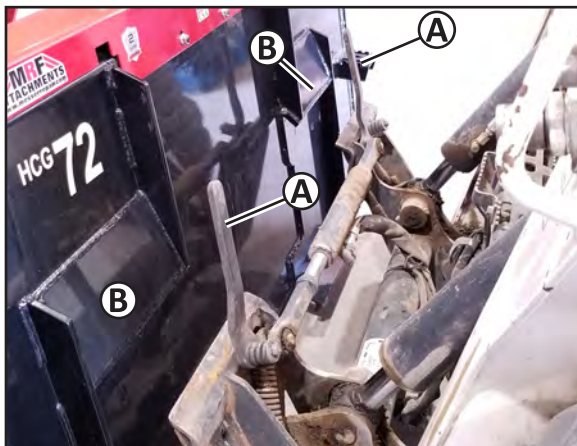
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Preparing for Installation

1. Check the loader and attachment hydraulic couplers to be sure the surfaces are clean before connecting.
2. Inspect the couplers for damage or wear and replace if needed for proper connection.

Installing the Attachment


1. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to install the attachment and exit the operator station safely.
2. Fully lower the loader lift arms.



 **WARNING**
AVOID INJURY!
Loader attaching plate levers which are operated manually may have spring tensioning. Firmly grasp the levers and move the levers slowly.

3. Move the loader attaching plate levers (A) to the unlocked (up) position either manually or by using the loader controls.

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 **IMPORTANT**
AVOID DAMAGE!
Attaching plate levers may be damaged if they strike the attachment. Be sure the attaching plate levers do not hit the attachment during installation.

4. Tilt the loader attaching plate forward, and drive the loader forward until the top edge of the loader attaching plate is under the top flange (B) of the attachment mounting frame.
5. Raise the loader lift arms slightly until the attaching plate is fully seated under the top flange.
6. Tilt the attaching plate backward to raise the front of the attachment.



7. Move the loader attaching plate levers (A) to the locked (fully down) position either manually or by using the loader controls.
8. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)

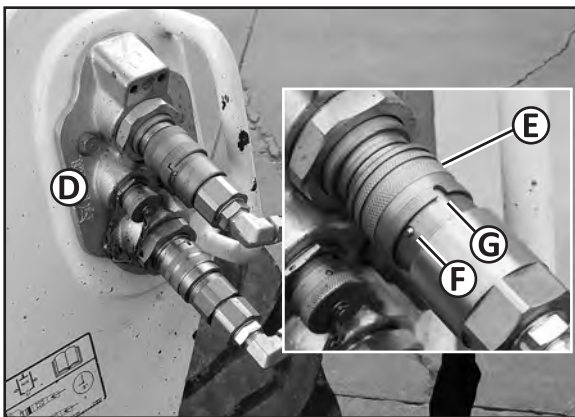
 **IMPORTANT**
AVOID DAMAGE!
The attachment may come off the loader if it is not secured to the attaching plate. The attaching plate pins or wedges must be extended into the attachment with the levers fully down.

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Picture Note: Wedge on right side of attachment shown. Check the wedges or pins on both sides of the attachment.

9. Check to be sure the loader attaching plate pins or wedges (C) extended into the holes in the bottom of the attachment mounting frame. If not, move the loader attaching plate levers to the unlocked (up) position and repeat installation.



10. Connect the attachment hydraulic hoses to the loader's front auxiliary couplers (D).
 - a. Install the male couplers into the female couplers and pull or push the sleeves (E) to be sure they are locked into place.
 - b. Rotate the coupler sleeves as shown so the ball (F) is outside the groove (G) to prevent the coupler disconnecting (Some sleeves may not have this locking mechanism).

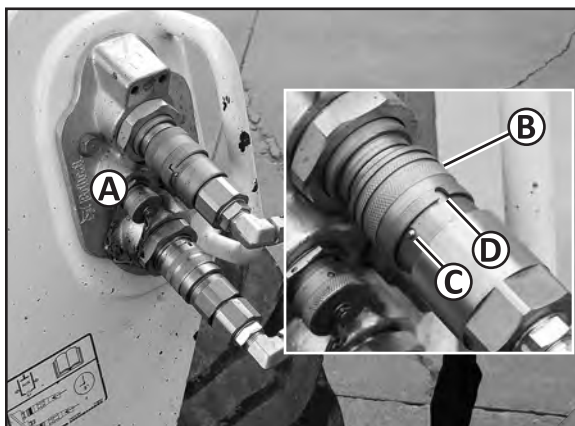
Removing the Attachment

1. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to remove the

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attachment and exit the operator station safely.

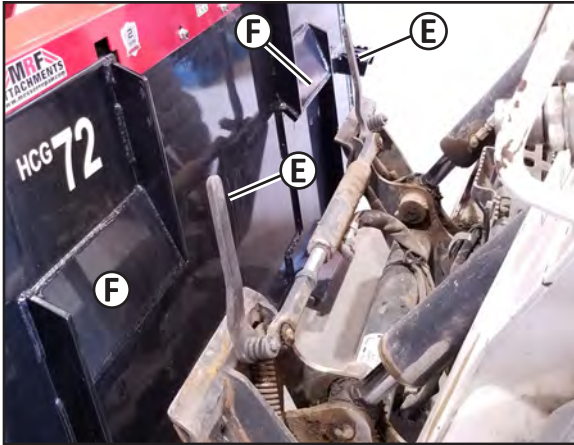
2. Fully lower the loader lift arms and the attachment to level ground.
3. Follow instructions in the loader operator's manual to relieve hydraulic pressure in the front auxiliary hydraulic coupler lines.
4. Stop the loader engine.



5. Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader's front auxiliary couplers (A).
 - a. Rotate the coupler sleeves (B) so the ball (C) is aligned with the groove (D) to allow the coupler to disconnect (Some sleeves may not have this locking mechanism).
 - b. Grasp and push or pull the sleeves to disconnect the couplers.
6. Install protective caps on the couplers if they are provided.



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7. Move the loader attaching plate levers (E) to the unlocked (up) position as shown either manually or by using the loader controls.
8. Tilt the loader attaching plate forward slightly and drive the loader backward until the top edge of the attaching plate clears the top flange (F) of the attachment mounting frame.

OPERATING

Pre-Operation Inspection

Before starting operation, inspect the area you will be operating in and inspect the attachment.

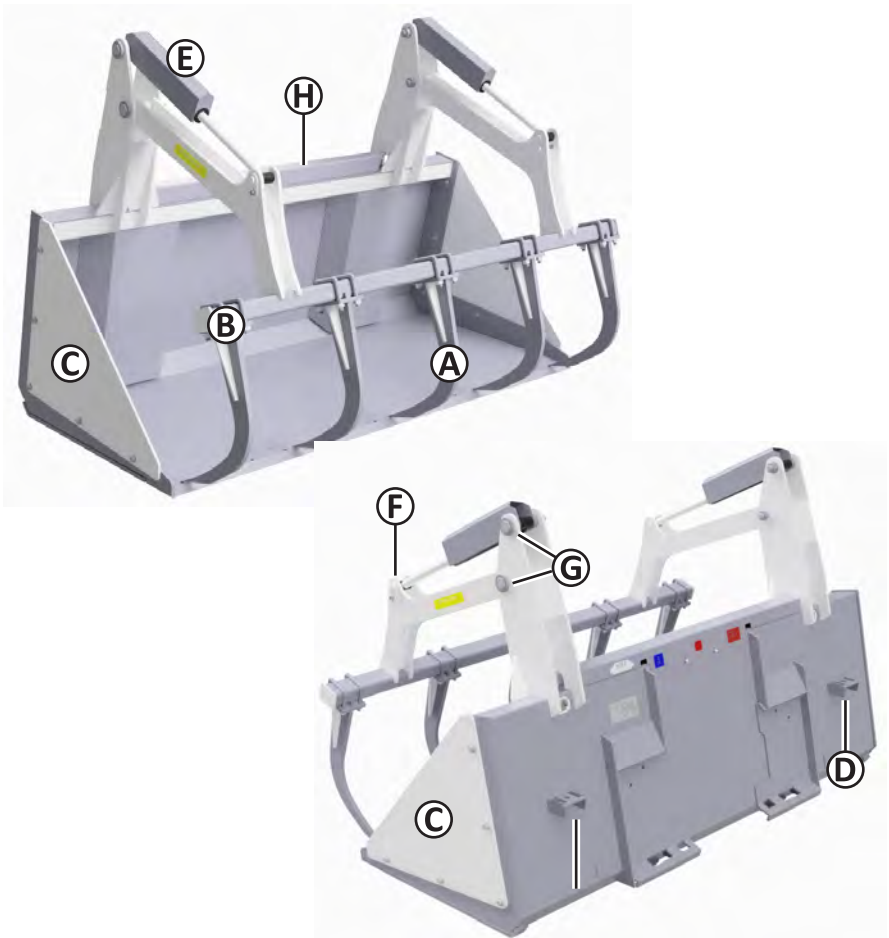
Inspect the Work Area

1. Confirm the area is clear of bystanders including animals. Establish a safety zone by keeping bystanders and animals beyond a 100 foot radius around the attachment when operating.

Inspect the Attachment

1. Inspect the attachment to be sure it is in working order. If the attachment is damaged or not in working order, do not operate until it has been repaired by a qualified technician.

Description



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A - Teeth

B - Grapple Weldment

C - Removable Sides

D - Step Areas

E - Cylinder Guards

F - Cylinder Rod End Pins

G - Mounting Bolts

H - Hose Guard

Theory of Operation

The loader's hydraulic controls are used to raise and tilt the High Capacity Grapple to load material into the bucket, and used to secure the material with the grapple weldment for transport.

Operation

1. Follow the instructions in the Installing and Removing section to install the attachment.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)
3. Perform the pre-operation inspection.



4. Remove both removable sides from the bucket if you will be transporting material which is longer than the bucket width.



5. Raise the grapple weldment (A).

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6. Tilt the attachment and drive forward to move the bucket into the material.
7. Lower the grapple weldment to secure the material in the bucket for transport.

Transporting the Attachment

On the Loader

Check to be sure the attachment is correctly installed on the loader before hauling the loader on a trailer or truck. Follow all loader, truck or trailer operator's manual instructions to safely haul the loader.

Hauling the Attachment

Follow all truck or trailer operator's manual instructions to securely fasten the attachment to the truck or trailer with straps or chains.

SERVICING

Service Intervals

Every 8 hours or daily:

- Grease the cylinder pin and mounting bolts.
- Inspect the attachment and hoses for damage and wear. Replace parts as needed.
- Check and tighten all hardware.

Lubrication

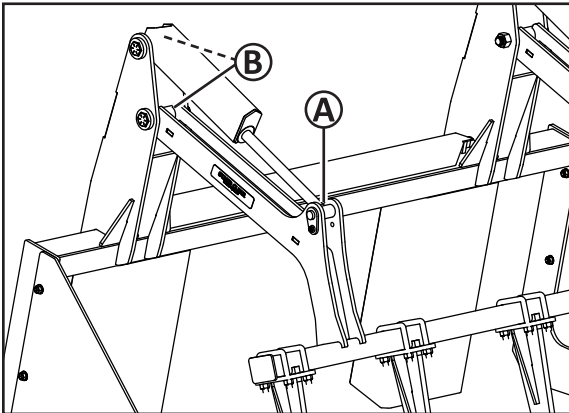
Recommended Grease

Standard Lithium

Lubricating the Mount Pins and Bolts



1. Remove the attachment from the loader.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)



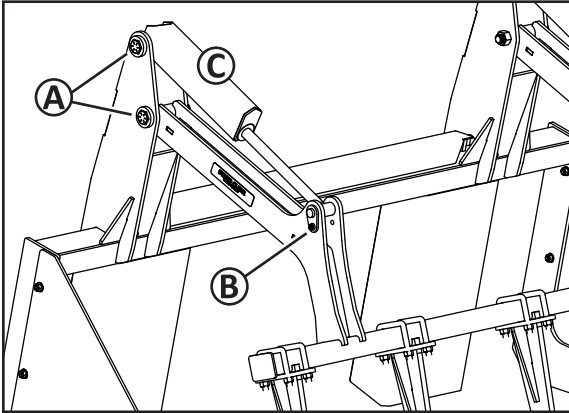
3. Lubricate the grease zerker (A) in the cylinder rod end and the two grease zerkers (B) in the mounting bolts on both sides of the attachment until grease appears in the joints.

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Removing the Cylinder Guard



1. Remove the attachment from the loader.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)



3. Remove the bolts (A) and mount pin weldment (B) attaching the cylinder to the attachment.
4. Remove the cylinder with the guard (C).
5. Remove the guard from the cylinder.

Removing the Hose Guard



1. Remove the attachment from the loader.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)

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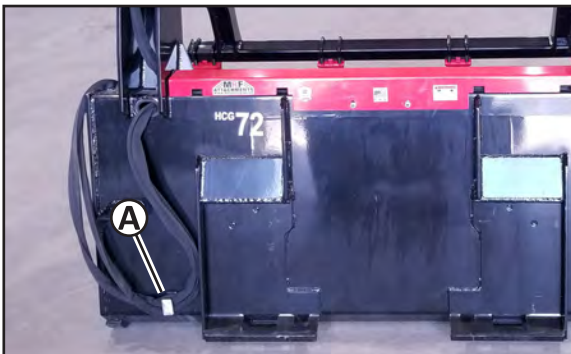


3. Remove the two nuts (A) and bolts attaching the hose guard to the frame to access the hoses underneath.

Replacing the Hydraulic Hoses



1. Remove the attachment from the loader.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)
3. Remove the hose guard.
4. Remove the cylinder guard.
5. Disconnect and remove the hydraulic hose from the cylinder.



6. Remove the hose retainer (A) and remove the hose.

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7. Connect the new hose to the cylinder.
8. Install the cylinder guard.
9. Install the hose guard.
10. Install the retainer with the hose.

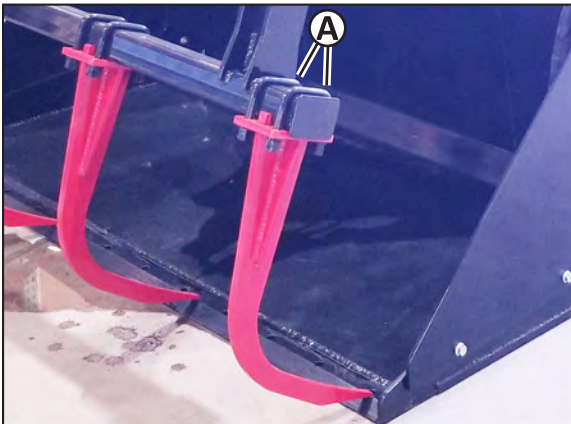
Replacing the Hydraulic Cylinders



1. Remove the attachment from the loader.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)
3. Remove the cylinder guard.
4. Disconnect and remove the hydraulic hoses from the cylinder.
5. Connect the new cylinder to the hoses.
6. Install the cylinder guard.

Replacing Teeth

1. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)



2. Remove the four locknuts and two u-bolts (A) attaching the tooth to the grapple weldment.
3. Install the new tooth with the u-bolts and locknuts.

SERVICING

Troubleshooting

Problem	Action
Grapple won't raise or lower.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="453 204 932 264">1. Check to be sure the attachment hydraulic couplers are fully connected.<li data-bbox="453 285 921 345">2. Check the attachment for hydraulic fluid leaks.<li data-bbox="453 367 932 459">3. See the loader operator manual to check loader hydraulic pressure and flow.<li data-bbox="453 480 942 540">4. Contact the attachment manufacturer about possible cylinder replacement.

WARRANTY

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