



Mulcher/Gyro-Trac – Safe Work Procedures

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HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

The Gyro has a high speed-mulching drum mounted on the front of the machine. As a result, debris from this drum is thrown outwards at high speeds in all directions. The majority of the debris is thrown forward and to the left and right of the machine. Debris from the mulcher can be as small as splinters and as large as fire wood blocks.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

- The operator must have proper protection for eyes, face and body when outside cabin;
- The Gyro operator must have proper headgear when exiting the machine and be aware of overhead hazards created by flying debris;
- The operator must have a radio on the same frequency as the crew is operating;
- The Mulcher must be accompanied at ALL times with two slashers complete with support units i.e. Argo's;
- When the Gyro is cutting (drum is spinning), no one is allowed to be working within 100 metres in any direction of the machine;
- The operator must avoid cutting timber that is too large as per manufacture specifications for the particular machine they are operating;
- In the event timber must be cut by slashers they must follow "safe falling procedures" as per legislation and industry standards applicable to the province, which they are working;
- When cutting "dog legs", slashers must first cut a line of sight then retreat to a safe area (100metres) before mulcher resumes operation;
- Slashers and operators must follow the "industry recommended practice for dangerous tree control";
- When approaching a Gyro-Trac from any direction, notify by radio to operator that you are approaching. Confirmation from operator must be acknowledged and the machine put on standby mode (disengage drum) before proceeding further. NO EXCEPTIONS!;

- Operators will make radio checks with his support slashers every hour on the hour and slashers/operators will also maintain normal operating procedural radio checks with the Medic;
- All “system checks” must be made prior to commencement of operations. Should communication between support slashers and operator break down, operation must cease until communications are re-established;
- Caution: When doing repair and maintenance work on units, the key for power plant must be removed from ignition, to prevent drum from rotating. Serious injury may otherwise occur;
- Ensure keys are clearly marked identifying what they control.