

Sidewalk tractor daily inspection checklist



Check	OK	Issue	N/A	Note
Engine off — the walkaround				
Block heater cord unplugged and stowed before anything else; driving off plugged in tears out the cord and the outlet with it.				
Articulation and steering cylinders pins and bushings greased, no play at the joint, cylinder rods clean, no cracked welds or loose mounts.				
Tires, chains, or tracks cuts and tread, chains tight with no broken cross-links; on tracks, tension and no packed ice in the undercarriage.				
Hoses no chafing where they bend at the articulation and run to the front mount; look for leaks, never feel for them.				
Fluids engine oil, hydraulic oil, coolant, and fuel at their marks; fresh snow under the machine shows any drip.				
Glass, mirrors, and door glass clear of frost and cracks, mirrors there and set, door latching and sealing.				
Seat belt present, latching, retracting, and not frayed or frozen stiff.				
Front attachment and spreader				
V-blade edges and trip cutting edges inside their wear limit, bolts tight, and each wing trips and returns instead of sitting frozen.				
Blower auger, impeller, chute auger and impeller free of ice and debris, shear bolts present and the right ones, chute and deflector turning.				
Broom bristles worn evenly, core not showing, nothing wound into the broom.				
Attachment mount and pins pins in and retained, locks engaged, no cracks at the mount or the front frame.				
Mounted spreader hopper free of caked salt, conveyor or auger and spinner turn freely, gate opens and closes fully.				
Engine on — the function checks				
Heater, defroster, and wipers full heat, the windshield clear before you leave, wipers and washer working.				
Lights, beacon, backup alarm, horn headlights, work lights, beacon, alarm, and horn all working; most routes run in the dark.				
Service and park brakes the machine stops straight and holds on a grade with the park brake set.				
Steering full lock both ways with no lag or play: play in the steering is play on the sidewalk.				
Attachment functions blade lifts and angles, blower spins up and chute turns, broom turns; spreader spins and the gate answers.				
Gauges and warning lights nothing lit that shouldn't be; hour meter reading noted.				
Around the machine				
The route curbs, posts, hydrants, doorways, low signs, and anything new since last night now buried under the snow.				
People on foot where you'll meet them: bus stops, school entrances, building doors at shift change.				
Icy grades ramps and slopes where the machine could slide; plan to spread before you climb and go down slowly.				

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Add your operator's manual items				

Unit

Hour meter

Date

Operator

Signature