

Snow equipment pre-season checklist



Check	OK	Issue	N/A	Note
Wheel loaders with pushers				
Pusher box moldboard, side panels, and the welds between them. A bent or cracked section opens up under load.				
Cutting edges and trip edge edge wear against the wear limit, missing or loose bolts, and a trip edge (or trip springs) that trips and returns freely instead of rusting in place.				
Side-panel wear shoes a shoe worn through grinds the panel itself.				
Coupler and pins the coupler locks fully onto the pusher, the locking pins or wedges engage, and the indicator, where there is one, shows locked.				
Lift arms, cylinders, and hoses hoses that sat all summer crack at the bends; look for chafing where they cross the frame. Look for leaks; never feel for them.				
Articulation joint pins and bushings greased, and the articulation lock stowed for work.				
Tires and chains cuts and tread; chains fitted, with tensioners and repair links on hand.				
Cab heater and defroster at full output, wipers and washer, glass and mirrors, door seals. The operator spends a long shift in there, in the dark.				
Lights, beacon, backup alarm, and horn every one of them. The work happens at night, next to traffic and people on foot.				
Skid steers and compact track loaders				
Tracks or tires track tension, rollers and idlers turning, and no packed debris left to freeze solid in the undercarriage; tire cuts and pressure.				
Lift arms, pins, and bushings grease them, and check the pivots for play.				
Quick-attach levers or pins fully engaged through the attachment plate, every time the attachment changes.				
Attachments the blade's cutting edge and angle cylinders; the blower's auger, impeller, shear bolts, and chute rotation; the broom's bristle wear.				
Auxiliary hydraulics couplers clean, capped, and not weeping.				
Seat bar and interlocks lower the bar and confirm the lift and drive interlocks work.				
Cab heater, door seal, and wipers on an enclosed cab; work lights front and rear.				
Sidewalk tractors				
Front attachment the V-blade's cutting edges and trip, or the blower's auger, impeller, and shear bolts.				
Mounted spreader, if fitted hopper, conveyor or auger, spinner, and gate move freely and aren't caked with last spring's salt.				
Articulation, steering, and tracks or tires play in the steering is play on the sidewalk.				
Mirrors, lights, beacon, and backup alarm sidewalks mean people on foot.				
Cab heat, defrost, and wipers				

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Backhoes and graders on snow duty				
Backhoe loaders treat the loader end like any loader with a pusher or blade, check that the boom and swing locks hold the backhoe end for travel, and make sure the stabilizers stow fully.				
Graders moldboard and cutting edges, the front plow mount, and the wing if fitted (wing post, hinge pins, and its hydraulics); wear on the circle and drawbar; chains.				
The units working alongside them				
Spreaders spinner, conveyor or auger, gate, and controls; the drive motor or engine serviced; last season's material cleaned out.				
Brine units pump, hoses, nozzles, and valves flushed and tested; the tank clean.				
Light towers engine serviced, the mast raises and lowers, every lamp works, and the outriggers deploy.				
Cold-weather fluids, fuel, and batteries				
Coolant tested for freeze protection, not assumed.				
Fuel water drained from the separators, and the tank kept full to limit condensation.				
Batteries load-tested, with the terminals clean and tight.				
Block heaters and cords they heat, and the cords aren't cut or crushed.				
Grease every point on the lube chart, before the first storm packs them with slush.				
Add your operator's manual items				

Unit	Hour meter	Date	Operator	Signature
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