



523Dxi GARDEN TRACTOR

MODEL NO. 73550-8900001 & UP

**SET UP
INSTRUCTIONS**

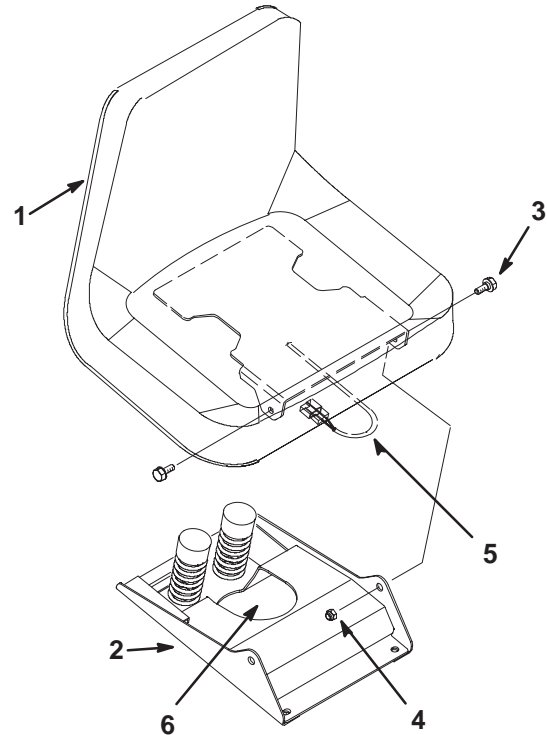
Loose Parts

Note: Use the chart below to identify parts for assembly.

DESCRIPTION	QTY.	USE
Steering Wheel	1	Installing the steering wheel
Boot Washer	1	
Nut	1	
Lock Washer	1	
Trim Cover	1	
Seat Assembly	1	Installing the seat
Shoulder Bolt – 5/16"	2	
Locknut – 5/16"	2	
Bolt – 1/4"-20 x .75" Long	2	Attaching the battery cables
Hex Nut – 1/4"-20	2	
Hitch Pin	1	Installing the drawbar hitch pin
Hairpin Cotter	1	
Flat Washer – .50" I.D.	2	
Key	1	Use in ignition switch
Operator's Manual	1	Read before operating the tractor
Engine Operator's Manual	1	Read before operating the tractor

Installing the Seat

1. Mount the seat to the seat base using two 5/16" shoulder bolts and lock nuts (Fig. 1).
2. Insert the seat switch wire through the center opening in the seat base (Fig 1).
3. Push the seat switch wire connector into the wire harness connector.



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Figure 1

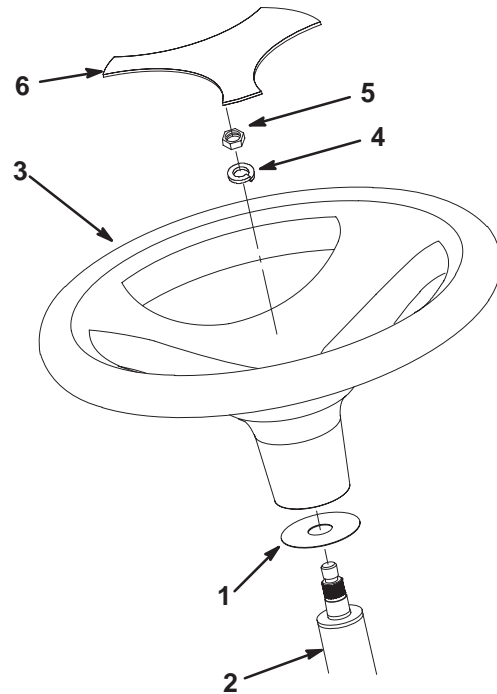
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| 1. Seat | 5. Seat switch wire connector |
| 2. Seat base | 6. Opening for seat switch wire |
| 3. 5/16" shoulder bolt (2) | |
| 4. 5/16" Locknut (4) | |

Installing the Steering Wheel

1. Install the boot washer onto the steering shaft (Fig. 2).
2. Remove the plastic trim cover from the steering wheel (Fig. 2).
3. Install the steering wheel onto the shaft, carefully aligning the splines (Fig. 2).

Note: There is no fixed straight ahead position on power steering models.

4. Secure the steering wheel to the shaft with a lock washer and nut (Fig. 2). Tighten the retaining nut to 45–50 ft–lbs.
5. Install the trim cover on the steering wheel.



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Figure 2

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| 1. Boot washer | 4. Lock washer |
| 2. Steering shaft | 5. Nut |
| 3. Steering wheel | 6. Trim cover |

Checking Front Wheel Toe-In

1. With the tractor on a level surface, check to make sure the front wheel toe-in is between 1/8" and 1/4". For instructions on adjusting toe-in, refer to the Maintenance section in Operator's Manual.

Checking Tire Pressure

Check front and rear tire pressure. The correct front and rear tire pressure is 12 psi (82.7 kPa).

Activating the Battery

DANGER

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid which is a deadly poison and it causes severe burns.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- If you carelessly drink electrolyte you could die or if it gets onto your skin you will be burned.

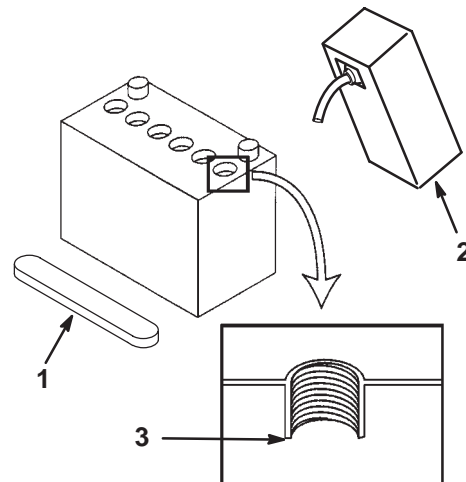
HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Do not drink electrolyte and avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear safety glasses to shield your eyes and rubber gloves to protect your hands.
- Fill the battery where clean water is always available for flushing the skin.
- Follow all instructions and comply with all safety messages on the electrolyte container.

1. Remove the battery from the tractor (refer to Removing the Battery in your tractor Operator's Manual).

Note: Never fill the battery electrolyte with the battery installed in the tractor.

2. Remove the cell cover from the battery. Slowly pour electrolyte into each cell until the electrolyte level is up to the lower part of the tube (Fig. 3). Use an electrolyte with a specific gravity of 1.265.



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Figure 3

1. Cell cover
2. Electrolyte
3. Lower part of tube

WARNING

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Charging battery produces gasses.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Battery gasses can explode.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Keep cigarettes, sparks and flames away from battery.

3. Leave the cell cover off and connect a 3–4 amp battery charger to the battery posts (Fig. 4). Charge the battery at a rate of 4 amperes or less for 4 hours (12 volts).

4. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the charger from electrical outlet, then disconnect the charger leads from the battery posts (Fig. 4).

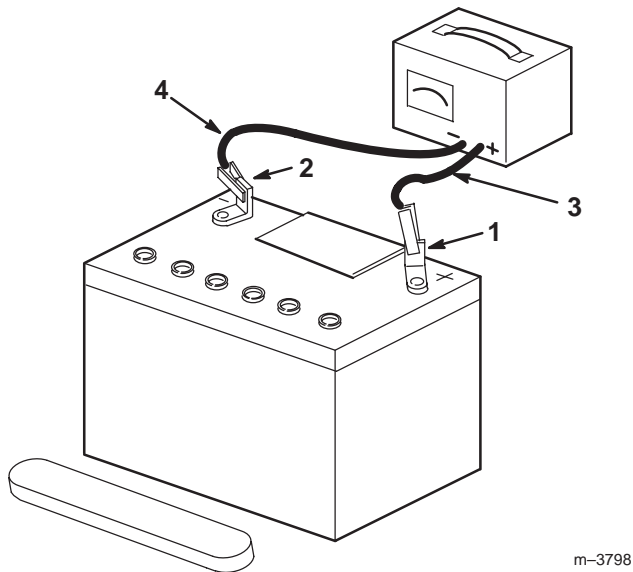


Figure 4

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| 1. Positive battery post | 3. Red (+) charger lead |
| 2. Negative battery post | 4. Black (-) charger lead |

5. Slowly pour electrolyte into each cell until the level is once again up to the lower part of the tube (Fig. 3), then install the cell cover.
6. Install the battery in the tractor and connect the battery cables (refer to Installing the Battery in your tractor Operator's Manual).

Note: Do not run the tractor with the battery disconnected.

Installing the Drawbar Hitch Pin

Insert the drawbar hitch pin into the drawbar hitch and secure it with a .50" I.D. flat washer and hairpin cotter (Fig. 5).

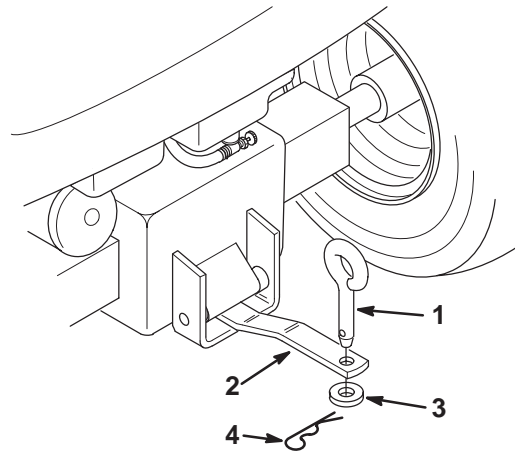


Figure 5

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| 1. Drawbar hitch pin | 3. .50" Flat washer |
| 2. Drawbar hitch | 4. Hairpin cotter |

Checking the Wiring and Fasteners

- Inspect the tractor for any loose electrical connections and secure them as required. Check the wire routing to make sure moving parts do not interfere with wires and cause a short.
- Assure all fasteners are tight.

Burnishing the Clutch

The following break-in procedure must be performed as part of predelivery service or when a new clutch is installed.

Note: There must be a PTO driven attachment installed to provide a load in order to burnish the clutch facings properly.

1. Run the engine at full throttle and engage the clutch bringing the load to full speed. Then disengage the clutch.
2. Let the load come to a full stop, then engage again.
3. Repeat these procedures (1 and 2) 5 times.

Test Driving the Tractor

1. Check the oil level in the crankcase (refer to Engine Oil in your tractor Operator's Manual for oil type, viscosity and crankcase capacity).
2. Check the oil level in the transaxle (refer to Transaxle Fluid in your tractor Operator's Manual for oil type, viscosity and capacity).
3. Check that the coolant level is between the two lines on the coolant recovery tank when the engine is cold (refer to Check the Cooling System in your tractor Operator's Manual).
4. Make sure all water is drained from the fuel filter (refer to Draining Water From The Fuel Filter/Water Separator in your tractor Operator's Manual).
5. Check to make sure all lubrication points have been greased as shown in the Maintenance section of tractor Operator's Manual.
6. Fill the tank with fresh diesel fuel with a minimum cetane rating of 40 and the proper grade for the ambient temperature conditions (refer to Adding Fuel in your tractor Operator's Manual) Open the fuel shutoff valve and check the fuel hose and fittings for leaks.
7. As applicable, check and test the operation of the following:
 - Engine and throttle controls
 - Gauges
 - Headlights and taillights
 - Indicator lights
 - PTO clutch and brake
 - Lift system
 - Service and parking brakes
 - Transmission controls
 - Steering
 - Tractor operation in forward and reverse
8. Test the operation of the safety interlock system (refer to the tractor Operator's Manual for the correct procedure).