

# OWNER/OPERATOR'S MANUAL

# **TRACTOR**

4200 VXD Serial # 1001-2928



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## **TO THE OWNER**

Congratulations on the purchase of a new VENTRAC **4200 VXD!** The purpose of this manual is to assist you in its safe and effective operation and maintenance.

With proper usage and care, the **Tractor** will provide many years of service. Please read and understand this manual entirely before using the **Tractor**. Keep this manual on file for future reference.

Always give Model and Serial # when ordering service parts.

Please fill in the following information for future reference:

Date of Purchase: Month	Day	Year	
Model Number:			
Serial Number:			
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## INTRODUCTION

#### Product Description Ventrac 4200 VXD

- The Ventrac Series 4200 VXD is a unique all wheel drive tractor that spreads its
  weight to four equal-sized flotation tires for excellent power, stability, traction, braking
  and maneuvering.
- Performance is enhanced by a sturdy articulated chassis frame which oscillates to conform to ground contour and turns with ease via a hydraulic power steering system.
- Hydrostatic transmission drive provides operator choice of speed, direction, attachment lift and auxiliary function (SDLA) through an integrated control system in "arm chair" position. Its position on the right side of the operator is always comfortable and accessible.
- Single high/low range selector lever enables operator to use low range for operating attachments and high range for transport.
- Front-end Minute Mount hitch and optional category 1 three-point rear hitch makes the Ventrac 4200 VXD a powerful mate for attachments and the master of many ground maintenance tasks.
- Proper maintenance and safe operation assures long, efficient, and productive performance and provides enjoyment and satisfaction for operator, owner and customers served by this versatile, functional, ingenious all wheel drive machine.



## INTRODUCTION

## **Ventrac 4200 VXD Specifications**

ENGINES: (26.5 TO 31 hp Range)	<b>Engine Displacement</b>
<ul> <li>Kawasaki: Gasoline, Model FD750D, 27 hp, 2 Cylinder, Liquid-Covanguard: Turbo Diesel, Model DM950DT, 31 hp, 3 Cylinder, Liquid-Covanguard: Diesel, Model DM950D, 26.5 hp, 3 Cylinder, Liquid-Covanguard: Gasoline, Model DM950G, 31 hp, 3 Cylinder, Liquid-Covanguard: Diesel, Model DM950G, 31 hp, 3 Cylinder, Liquid-Covanguard: Gasoline, Model DM950G, 31 hp, 3 Cylinder, Liquid-Covanguard: Diesel, Dies</li></ul>	uid-Cooled 953 (cc) poled 953 (cc)
Electrical: 450 cold cranking amp battery and 2	20 to 40 amp alternators
Powertrain: Sauer Sundstrand Series 15 Hydraulic pump Hydraulic Motors connected in series Two Peerless Series 2600 Dual-Range Transax Oil Cooler Dual Hydraulic Oil Filters (one 10 and one 25 m	
Tires: Standard Tire Titan HD 22 x 12 x 8 (2 Optional Bar Tire	21-inch actual diameter) ear Rawhide 21 x 11 x 8
Dimensions: Wheelbase:	79 inches 48 inches
Weight:	1400-1500 lbs.
Travel Speed: Standard Tires Low Range:	10 mph
Instrument Panel: Tachometer/Hourmeter, Engine coolant T Indicator, Voltmeter, Glow Plug Light (Diesel), PTO Switch & I	•
Roll Bar: Certified R.O.P.S.	

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#### **ATTENTION:**

This symbol identifies potential health and safety hazards. It marks safety precautions. Your safety and the safety of others is involved.

#### SIGNAL WORD DEFINITIONS

## **A** DANGER

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme cases.

## **A WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

## CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

## **A WARNING**

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

# CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning

Diesel engine exhaust and some of it's constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

# CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 Battery Warning

Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm.

WASH HANDS AFTER HANDLING!

## **SAFETY**



# General Safety Procedures for Ventrac Tractors, Attachments, & Accessories



Read and understand the operator's manual before operating this equipment.

Observe and follow all safety decals.

DO NOT let children or any untrained person operate the tractor or attachment. Make sure that all operators of this equipment are thoroughly trained in using it safely.

Never allow additional riders on the tractor or attachments.

DO NOT operate tractor or attachments if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication that may impair judgment or cause drowsiness, or if you are not feeling well.

Operate all controls from the operators seat only.

Before operating equipment, make sure all shields are in place and fastened.

Ensure the attachment or accessory is locked or fastened securely to the tractor (power unit) before operating. See tractor manual for locking procedure.

Ensure that all bystanders are clear of the tractor and attachment before operating. Be especially careful and observant if other people are present. Never assume that bystanders will remain where you last saw them.

Always look in the direction the tractor is moving.

Never direct the discharge of any attachment in the direction of people, animals, buildings, vehicles, or objects of value.

Immediately stop at any sign of equipment failure and correct the problem before continuing to operate. An unusual noise can be a warning of equipment failure.

Before adjusting, cleaning, lubricating, or changing parts on the tractor or attachment, engage the parking brake, lower the attachment to the ground, stop the engine, and remove the ignition key.

To prevent the risk of uncontrolled equipment movement on tractors equipped with 2 speed axles, always shift the transaxle range with the power unit stationary on level ground and with the parking brake engaged.

If equipment is to be left unattended, stop the engine, remove the key, and make sure the parking brake is engaged.

## **SAFETY**

## **Ventrac 4200 VXD Safety Procedures**

## **A WARNING**

Before making any repairs or adjustments, lower attachment to the ground, set parking brake, shut the engine off, and remove the key.

## **A WARNING**

Read and understand the operator's manual before operating this equipment.

## **Before Operating**

- · Check engine fluid levels before starting.
- Check brake action before operating and adjust or service as needed.
- Inspect machine before operating. Be sure shields and guards are in good condition and securely in place. Be sure hardware is tight and repair or replace parts that are missing, badly worn or damaged. Check that wheel nuts are tight several times during the first 100 hours of operation.

## **Safe Transport**

- When driving on public roads, use a Slow Moving Vehicle sign. You should have extra flashing warning lights installed. Check local traffic laws.
- Be careful around traffic when crossing roadways or operating near them.
- · Operate only during daylight or with good artificial light.

#### **Use Extra Care**

- Stay alert for holes, hidden objects, and uneven terrain.
- Use extra care when you come to shrubs, trees, or other objects that may block your vision.
- Clear from work area objects that may be thrown.
- If you hit an object, stop machine and check for damage.
- Avoid adverse ground conditions which can limit performance and stability of equipment and could result in serious injury or death.
- Stay away from drop-offs.
- DO NOT drive where machine could slide or upset.
- Wet grass increases risk of sliding on banks and slopes.
- **DO NOT** try to stabilize the tractor by putting your foot on the ground.
- When pulling loads or using attachments, use only the hitch points provided. Limit loads to those you can safely control.

## **SAFETY**

#### **Slopes**

- Use low range when on hills and slopes.
- Whenever possible, drive up and down a hill....dual wheels are recommended for mowing across slopes. Be careful when you change direction on a slope. Drive slowly.
- Make allowances in speed selection for hills, slopes, and rough terrain. If the operator becomes uncomfortable or unsure of the unit's stability, the operator should slow down or cease operation.
- When parking, stop the machine on a level surface whenever possible; block tractor tires if it must be parked in a location which is not level.
- Be sure to have plenty of fuel in tank to avoid unplanned engine shutdown.
- NEVER TURN ENGINE OFF ON A HILL OR SLOPE WITHOUT FIRST MAKING SURE THE PARKING BRAKE WILL HOLD THE TRACTOR IN PLACE. Before leaving the tractor, ensure that parking brake is set.

#### **Operator Personal Safety**

- Be careful around rotating drive lines. Do not wear loose fitting clothes and use appropriate safety equipment.
- · Wear earplugs or other protective device when needed.
- DO NOT operate tractor if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs or are not feeling well.
- Engine muffler may be hot; DO NOT touch!!
- The Roll Bar is provided for your protection. Always use seat belt with roll bar to minimize chance of injury from an accident. (See "Warning" on C-5 for fold down roll bar exceptions)
- Use caution when handling the battery. Shield eyes as explosive battery gases and acid can cause injury or blindness. Flush eyes immediately with water and seek medical attention. Keep sparks, flames and cigarettes away from battery and fuel tank area.
- Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before leaving operator's seat.
- Extreme sudden starts or stops can up-end the tractor. **Always use caution** when starting and stopping.

## **High/Low Shift Lever/Free Wheeling**

- Always make certain that the HIGH-LOW shift lever is completely set into the lock position at the ends of the shift stroke.
- Note that freewheeling or neutral occurs in the middle of the shift stroke.
- Towing is not recommended but in some cases the tractor may need to be pushed a short distance. Place High/Low shifter in freewheel/neutral position. Park brake is functional in freewheeling mode. Park Brake needs to be released if tractor is to be pushed or pulled.
- Use extreme caution in freewheel/neutral mode. NEVER freewheel on a slope!
   Never shift the HIGH-LOW lever while moving, unloading, or on a slope. See page C-2 for further instructions.

The VENTRAC 4200 VXD is an innovative all-wheel drive, Compact Articulated Tractor (CAT) (Figure 1). Its innovative design offers many advantages and some variables from conventional compact utility tractors. The differences make it VERY important for the operator to read and understand this operational manual in order to facilitate safe, enjoyable and effective operation of the VENTRAC 4200!

The first sight of the VENTRAC 4200 VXD reveals its low profile, four (4) identical drive tires and the articulated frame. Less obvious is the easy-to-use *Minute Mount* Front Hitch and PTO drive that makes frequent use of many different attachments a breeze!

The tractor is designed with a low bi-level foot platform, and openness between dash and fenders to make entering and exiting easy for the operator from either side; however, right side entering and exiting is somewhat restricted by the control levers. Always put the Control Selector (Figure 2) DOWN in PARK BRAKE position before leaving the tractor seat. This assures the neutral locking of the directional control and park brake engagement.



Figure 1



Figure 2

## **FRONT CONTROLS**

Most controls and gauges are directly in front of the operator (**Figure 3**). Decals reveal their position, function and motion.



Figure 3

The dash shows IMPORTANT operational and safety instructions. A manual choke pull is located in the right lower corner for gasoline engine models. Just below the dash on the right side is a three- (3) position **Control Selector (Figure 4)**.

- **1. DOWN** activates the park and emergency brake. ALWAYS return lever to this position when the tractor is not in use. The lever must be in this position to START the engine.
- 2. LEVEL causes the directional control lever beside the operator to have a spring-assist-to-neutral action. This position makes neutral easy to find and maintain. If the tractor creeps when in neutral, see "Neutral Adjustment" (Figure 50).
- **3. UP** puts the directional control lever beside the operator into easy shift mode. This position is recommended only for open area operation where travel speed and direction is relatively constant and control is very easy to maintain. Easy shift mode reduces operator arm fatigue.

(see Figure 49 for 3 position decal)

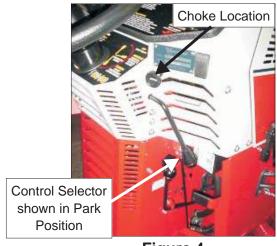


Figure 4

## **HIGH-LOW RANGE**

HIGH-LOW transaxle shift lever (Shown in Figure 5). Forward is LOW range. Back is HIGH range. NEVER SHIFT WHILE UNDER LOAD, MOVING, OR ON A SLOPE! The shift lever shifts both transaxles simultaneously. Sometimes engagement of the transaxle gears is prevented by gear misalignment. Moving the S.D.L.A lever slightly one way or the other will move gears enough to complete the engagement. Always make certain that the HIGH-LOW shift lever is completely set into the lock position at the ends of the shift stroke.

Note that freewheeling occurs in the middle of the shift stroke. Towing is not recommended but in some cases the tractor may need to be pushed a short distance. Park brake is functional in freewheeling mode. Use extreme caution in freewheel/neutral mode. Never freewheel on a slope! (See "Safety" on page B4)



Figure 5

#### NOTE:

- Low range is recommended for most pulling, pushing, and slow travel.
- High range is for transport and light duty tasks.

#### **REAR CONTROLS**

**S.D.L.A**. System—Speed, direction, lift, auxiliary

The primary lever with the large round knob (See Figure 6) is the directional control (sometimes called the Forward/Reverse lever, F/R). It has two distinct functions:

- I.) Operator must be seated to release the seat safety latch. Forward movement from the neutral position will cause the tractor to move forward. The farther the lever is moved, the faster the tractor will travel. Returning toward the neutral position will slow the tractor and in neutral it will stop. Note that the directional lever operates the same for reverse and always works equally well for starting and STOPPING! This shift-on-the-go feature with engine power and brake power to all four tires makes the VENTRAC 4200 VXD an amazing performer in many situations. Yet extreme caution is important to avoid unexpected and difficult situations that could cause serious injury or damage to operator or equipment. (See safety section)
- II.) The second function of the primary lever controls the hydraulic front hitch. Pulling the lever to the left toward the operator raises the hitch. Moving it to the first position to the right is to lower front hitch with down pressure. Second position to the right is a locking detent to engage float of the front hitch. Always use the float position for mowing and other tasks where flotation of the attachments is desired or necessary.

Directly behind the primary lever is a smaller lever (Figure 7) that controls the auxiliary hydraulic circuit. This lever activates attachments with functions that use hydraulic hoses connected to the front quick couplers. Move the lever left or right to activate the auxiliary circuit.

NOTE: A float kit for auxiliary function is available. See your dealer for this option.

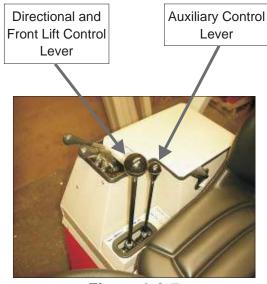
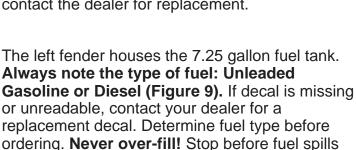


Figure 6 & 7

#### **FENDERS**

The right fender serves as a storage box. The cover opens outward. Operator should always close the cover before operating the tractor. Tractors with the 3-point hitch option have a modified cover and use the front part of the storage box for the hydraulic valve and hoses (See 3-point hitch section).

The VENTRAC 4200 operator's manual is stored in a holder inside the storage box (Figure 8). It should be kept in a plastic cover for protection and always be readily available to any and all operators. Attachment manuals should also be stored in the holder. If a manual is missing, contact the dealer for replacement.



## **A WARNING**

Never remove gas cap or add fuel while engine is running.

Allow engine to cool before refueling. Never refuel or drain the system indoors. Use only an approved container.

Do not smoke near fuel tanks.

over the fill opening.

A long slot in the left fender at the front inside corner serves as a fuel gauge (Figure 10). Always keep sufficient fuel in the tank to prevent an unexpected engine shut-off. When operating on slopes, fuel level should be kept at least half full.



Figure 8



Figure 9

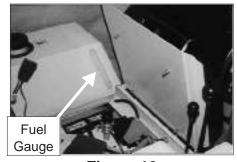


Figure 10

#### **SEAT**

The VENTRAC 4200 VXD has an adjustable seat — fore and aft. Each operator should adjust the seat for the greatest control and comfort in relation to the steering wheel as well as the directional control lever (Figure 11). The seat can also be tilted forward during nonuse for access underneath (Figure 12) or for keeping the seat dry in inclement weather.



Figure 12

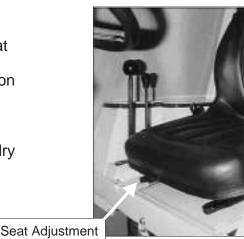


Figure 11

Lever

## **A WARNING**

- If tractor is equipped with a fold down roll bar, always operate in upright position whenever possible. Lower roll bar only when absolutely necessary to do a task, and return to upright position as soon as task is completed.
- Note: When in lowered position, do not use seat belt.

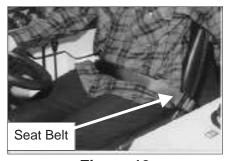


Figure 13

## **SEAT BELT/ROLL BAR**

Certified seat belt anchor—#OSHA 1928.51 Certified R.O.P.S. roll bar—#OSHA 1928.52

Always use the seat belt **(Figure 13)** with the roll bar. Operator must be seated to activate the front PTO. They are there for your protection!

The roll bar **(Figure 14)** is mounted with four 3/8 x 1– grade 5 hex bolts with 3/8 SF nuts on each side. (Torque to 30 FT/LBS.)

**Note:** Roll bar mounting flange is on the inside of fender panel. All VENTRAC 4200s are shipped with roll bar and hardware. Roll bar maybe furnished unmounted for shipping convenience. **Roll bar must be installed before operating tractor!** 



Figure 14

#### **BATTERY**

The battery is located under the seat. Tilting the seat forward gives access to the top of the battery. Before using jumper cables or connecting a battery charger, always check polarity (Figure 15). The RED cover means POSITIVE. The BLACK cover means NEGATIVE. The negative wire should always be connected to ground (the frame)!



Figure 15

#### STEERING RADIUS

The steering radius can be adjusted to three different settings (Figure 16). Note the three positions under the left front corner of the foot platform. Factory setting uses the inside hole. Dual wheels require the middle hole setting. The weather cab and loader require the outside hole setting. The outer settings reduce the turning radius. This prevents tire and frame interference.

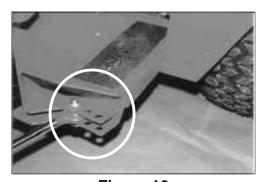


Figure 16

## **COUNTER WEIGHTS**

Four 42 pound counter weights are standard equipment on the VENTRAC 4200 VXD. Three 42 pound weights are standard on 3-point hitch models. The weights are mounted close-in as shown in **(Figure 17)** with retainer pin and clip. Counter weights improve stability and traction with front mount attachments.



Figure 17

#### RIGHT SIDE CONTROLS

At the right side of the operator and below the dash, is the PTO belt tension lever, the front hitch lock, and one weight transfer adjustment chain.

#### PTO BELT TENSION LEVER

The lever located on the side of the center column is the PTO belt tension lever (Figure 18-A). Raising the belt tension lever to the up position tightens the belt for implement operation. Lowering the belt tension lever to the down position releases the belt tension (Figure 19-A) allowing the operator to remove or install the PTO belt at the front of the tractor. This procedure should be done only with the engine shut-off and the park brake engaged.

#### MINUTE MOUNT FRONT HITCH LOCK

On the far right is the lever that locks and releases the attachment from the front hitch of the tractor. The stroke length is approximately 10". Up is "open" (Figure 19-C) and down is "lock" (Figure 18-C). Make certain that the lever is secured in the notch when in the down position. Note: The attachment must be fully engaged before the "lock" position can be secured.

The hitch lock lever has a safety latch (Figure 18-D) to prevent accidental release of the front hitch from the attachment. To release the hitch lock lever, lift up on the safety latch.

#### **WEIGHT TRANSFER**

(See page C-8)

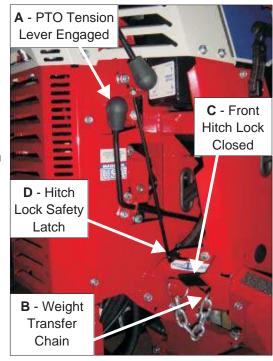


Figure 18

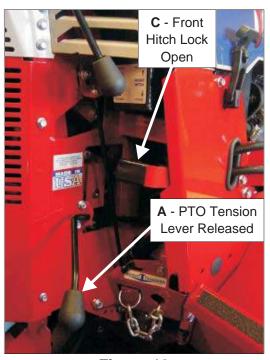


Figure 19

#### **WEIGHT TRANSFER**

The Ventrac integrated "weight transfer system" is designed to transfer some of the front attachment weight onto the tractor. Advantages of this system are: increased traction to the drive wheels, increased lifting capacity and it allows the attachment to float over the surface contours with less weight in contact with the ground. This is a valuable feature when using the mower, snow thrower, slip scoop, leaf blower and other attachments.

On the lower right hand side of the dash is a weight transfer chain (See pg. C-7, Figure 18-B). This chain engages or disengages the right extension spring. There is a corresponding weight transfer chain on the left side. This adjusts the left weight transfer spring. Note: The more chain that is outside the "keyhole" the greater the amount of weight that is transferred. Hitch should be lifted to the highest position to change settings.

The amount of weight to be transferred is the operators preference. Normally it is set to the maximum amount possible without effecting the performance of the attachment. Examples of this are: The HM720 mower can use full weight transfer, but on the HM600 this can make the mower light enough that it won't always stay in contact with the ground in undulating areas. If full weight transfer is used on the leaf blower it will not go down when the front lift is put in the float position, use just enough to allow the blower to make contact with the ground when in float. Using full weight transfer with the HE480 scoop will increase the lifting capacity, but down pressure will be required to lower the scoop to the ground.

## **FRONT HITCH & PTO**

The two rail, *Minute Mount* Front Hitch, **(Figure 20)** is the secret of stable, secure and safe mounting of attachments to the all-wheel-drive VENTRAC 4200 VXD! Just align the two rails to the two corresponding hitch arms on the attachment. Raise or lower the tractor hitch for the initial contact with the attachment arm tabs. Lift the tractor hitch to an in-line relationship and complete the engagement. Engage the *Minute Mount* hitch locking lever to the "Lower" position. To release lift the lever to the high position. **(See pg. C-7, Figures 18 & 19)** 

Attachments that require the use of a PTO belt must have the PTO belt installed over the left hitch arm before engaging the tractor to the attachment arms (Figure 21). Generally this happens naturally because the attachment pulley and guard hold the belt in place. After the hitch locking lever has been "locked," with engine stopped, simply install the PTO belt over the outside groove of the PTO idler pulley (See Figure 20) and engage the PTO belt tension lever. (See pg. C-7, Figures 18 & 19)



Figure 20

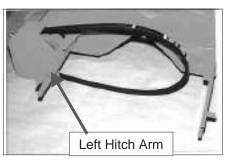


Figure 21

#### **AUXILIARY HYDRAULIC HOSES**

For attachments that require the front auxiliary hydraulics, install the hoses up through the hose retainer rod and onto the quick couplers on the tractor (Figure 21B). This will keep the hoses from contacting the tire.

#### Note:

When removing the hoses from the tractor quick couplers, always reinsert dust caps into quick couplers.

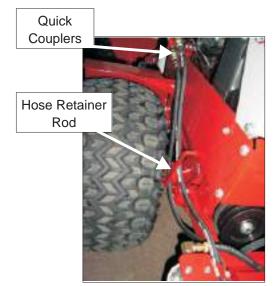


Figure 21B

#### **LIGHTS**

#### (Figure 22)

Headlights and taillights improve safety and operational visibility. Their use is highly recommended especially at dawn or dusk and at night. The headlights can be adjusted to the operator's preference by loosening the mounting bolt directly under each light fixture. The fixture can be moved so that the light beam moves up or down, right or left. Once in the desired position, retighten the mounting bolt.



Figure 22

## **PTO\* ENGAGEMENT**

When engaging power to the front attachment, it is necessary for the operator to be seated. Check that all is clear and safe for operation, before engaging the PTO switch (Figure 23). When the PTO switch is engaged, a PTO operation light will come on. When the engine is cold, stalling is possible at the moment of engagement. Increase the engine RPM's and/or increase the warm-up time and repeat engaging PTO switch. An integral brake system stops the PTO within 7 seconds when the switch is moved to OFF or the operator leaves the seat.

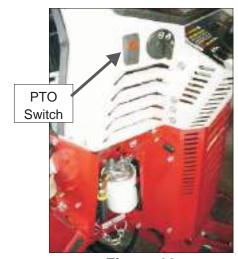


Figure 23

<sup>\*</sup>Power Take Off

#### **STARTING PROCEDURE**

- 1. Check engine oil, water, and fuel levels.
- 2. Read "CAUTION" and instructions on dash.
- **3**. Operator should be sitting on the seat.
- **4**. Fasten seat belt.
- 5. Make sure the tractor is in park. (Figure 24)
- Gasoline engines: Throttle should be at or near idle. (Choke as needed, engines vary.) (Figure 24)
- Diesel models: turn the key clockwise to the first detent and wait until the glow plug light goes off.
- 8. Turn the key clockwise (Figure 25) until the engine starts.
- 9. Once the tractor is started, let the engine and transmission system warm up a minute or two. Always check to see if the steering system is responsive before attempting to drive the tractor. This assures that the hydraulic system is fully charged. In cold weather conditions, increase the warm-up period to 3 or 4 minutes.

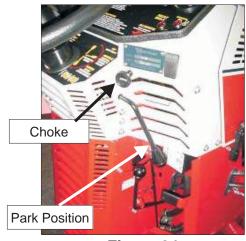


Figure 24



Figure 25

#### ATTACHING ATTACHMENTS

Most front mounted Ventrac attachments can be positioned so that it is convenient to drive into the hitch arms with nearly correct alignment (Figure 26 & 27). Slight adjustment may be required to complete the hitch engagement.

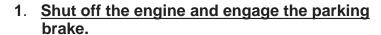
When completely engaged, move the *Minute Mount* lever to "latched" position. If lever will not move into "latched" position, check the attachment for complete engagement.



Figure 26

## **A WARNING**

Before making any repairs or adjustments, lower attachment to the ground, set parking brake, shut the engine off, and remove the key.



- 2. Walk to the front of the mower and push it into the tractor as far as the hitch will allow. Make sure both sides are against the stop.
- **3.** Place the mower PTO belt over the outside groove of the idler pulley.
- **4.** Return to the tractor seat. Engage the *Minute Mount* lever into the "latched" position and rotate the PTO tension lever up into the "engaged" position.



Figure 27

#### Note:

- Mower attachments have a floating hitch (Figure 26 & 27). If mower cutting height is set near the highest position, the tractor can be driven into the hitch arm. Then raise the hitch until the mating arms are parallel. Complete the engagement.
- **2.** Attachment changes are made easier and safer by using level, clean surfaces.
- 3. Heavy duty, close tolerance latch hooks (Figure 28) make complete engagement of attachment hitch necessary on both sides before *Minute Mount* lock lever can be activated. The result is a strong, well fitted connection for optimum control and

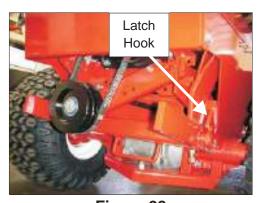


Figure 28

# DUAL WHEEL MOUNTING/OPERATION KTA (LATE) STYLE

Dual wheels are an available option for the VENTRAC 4200 VXD. They are useful for increasing stability on slopes and to reduce soil compaction. Once the dual mounting hubs have been installed in each wheel, the dual wheels can be mounted and dismounted quickly by the center draw bolt. Dual wheels can be used on any or all four wheels. Keeping the center draw bolt tight, the inflation pressure of the outside mounted tire to a max of <u>4 psi</u>, and operating the Ventrac gently are all important for successful, safe, and continuous performance of the dual wheels.

Dual wheels are recommended for sandy soils or where a broad distribution of tractor weight is desired, including operating sideways on slopes greater than 20 degrees. Dual wheels are only one of numerous considerations for safety on slopes. Speed, terrain, irregularities, and even the potential for equipment stoppage are serious factors to consider for safe operation of the tractor.

#### **INITIAL MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Note:** Prior to Serial Number ---1399, begin with step 1. Starting with Serial Number ---1399, the 7/16 x 2-1/2" bolts are standard on the tractor, skip to step 3.

- Raise up the tractor and remove the existing wheel. Drive out the five stud bolts from the hub (See C-13, Ref 2) and replace with provided stud bolts (7/16" X 2-1/2") from the kit.
- 2. Remount wheel using the original lug nuts.
- Install inner dual mount (See C-13, Ref 6) (Figure 31A) with the standard 7/16" SAE nuts and tighten.
- Mount dual wheel to the dual extension (See C-13, Ref 8) (Figure 32A) with lugs nuts from the kit.

**Note:** tighten all nuts to approximately 55 ft. Lbs.

5. Make certain the wheel extension is assembled per the drawing. Draw bolt (See C-13, Ref 10) with flat washer is inserted through the extension and threaded into the draw cone (See C-13, Ref 7).

**Note:** the pin on the draw cone must be turned toward the draw bolt head.



Figure 31A



Figure 32A

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## **Dual Mounting Instructions (Cont.)**

#### To install wheel assembly:

Raise tractor up approximately 2" by driving on planks or using a jack. Insert threaded end of dual assembly into the inner wheel mount, turn wheel clockwise until the wheel is hand tight. Using a 1" socket, torque draw bolt to 120 ft. Lbs.

#### To remove wheel assembly:

Loosen draw bolt (See C-13, Ref 10) approximately 5 turns and hit the end of the draw bolt sharply with a medium size hammer. This will loosen the draw cone and allow removal of the dual assembly by turning counter clockwise.



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#### **OPERATING ON SLOPES**

Operation on slopes decreases tractor stability and increases the possibility for unexpected difficulties. Only experienced VENTRAC 4200 VXD operators should operate the tractor on slopes and extra caution should be used that includes: (See drawings at right.)

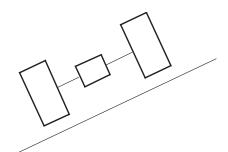
- 1. avoiding uneven, loose, or wet terrain.
- 2. staying clear of drop-offs, holes, ditches, rocks, or objects that could cause a sudden and/or unexpected force on the tractor.
- **3.** using low range and slow speed. Use sufficient engine rpms. to prevent engine stall.
- **4.** using sufficient fuel in tank to assure continuous operation.
- **5.** making slow and cautious starts, stops, and turns.
- **6.** using the weight transfer system with attachments.
- **7.** avoid unnecessary and sudden changes in speed and direction.
- **8.** using dual wheels when traveling across slopes of more than 20 degrees.
- **9.** ceasing operation if tractor instability is suspected or evident, or if the operator is uncomfortable or unsure of continuing safe operation.

## **WARNING**

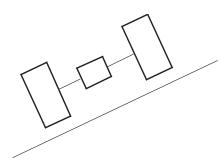
- Keep engine oil level near full mark and the fuel tanks should be at least half full when operating on slopes.
- Engine manufacturers' maximum angle of operation is 25° for continuous use (all directions) and 30° intermittent use\*. The Vanguard 31hp Turbo Diesel is rated for 30° continuous use.\*\*
- The ultimate responsibility for safe operation on slopes is the responsibility of the operator!

#### IF IN DOUBT...DON'T!!

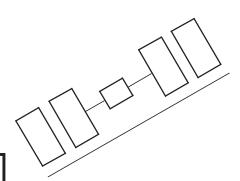
\*\*The maximum angle of operation for the Vanguard 31hp Turbo Diesel, installed in serial numbers 4200-WCB2380 and earlier, is 25° continuous and 30° intermittent. Exceeding the rated angle of operation may result in engine damage.



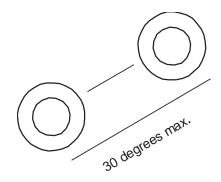
20 degrees max. Without Dual Wheels



25 degrees max.
With 3" Wheel Extensions



30 degrees max. With Dual Wheels



30 degrees max.

The operator's manual and decals should be read and understood before operating the tractor, attachments, or implements. This manual should be reviewed periodically or when in doubt about any function, procedure, or safety factor on this equipment.

#### **Daily**

Check the oil and water levels daily in the engine. Fuel level needs to be checked every couple hours. When working on slopes, keep a minimum of 1/2 tank of fuel. Radiator screen should be checked frequently when working in a dirty environment. Temperature gauge can alert operator to over heating due to clogged radiator screen. Air intake filter should be checked daily when operating in dirty conditions. Change when needed. Keep equipment clean. Accumulated debris can restrict performance, cause equipment failure and be a safety hazard.

#### Visual

Many equipment conditions are visible before operating. For example, oil leaks, low tire inflation, obstructed radiator screen, loose or missing hardware, shields or something broken. These should be repaired or replaced before operating!

Some equipment conditions are not evident until operating. For example, a bearing failure, broken electrical wire, faulty switch or loose part. These should be corrected as soon as possible. Operation should cease immediately if an unsafe condition is observed!

Operators should always be alert for potential problems. Personal safety and the safety of others as well as the performance of the equipment depend on the operator's care and repair of the machine and continuous caution and control of the same.

#### Lubrication

Grease the center pivot and the front hitch pivot at the grease zerks at engine oil and filter change. Grease fittings on lift and steering cylinders, if a fitting is provided.

## **Engine Oil and Filters**

Kawasaki — Initial change at <u>8</u> hours and every <u>50</u> hours thereafter.

Vanguard—Initial change at 50 hours and every 100 hours thereafter.

Note: refer to engine manual for further details.

## **Transaxle Oil and Filters**

Change oil filters only if there is a noticeable loss of power steering (assuming proper oil level has been maintained). Change oil and oil filters only if the <u>system</u> has been contaminated. Check oil levels every 250 hours in rear transaxle— every 50 hours in front axle top reservoir. If there is an oil leak or new attachments have been used that require "priming", the front transaxle oil level should be checked at that time.

## **Hydrostatic System**

This tractor is equipped with a high-efficiency closed-loop hydrostatic drive system. Repair or replacement of all components in this system including the **hydraulic pump**, **both hydraulic motors**, and the **1/2**" **hydraulic hoses** connecting them together require special repair procedures and should only be performed by an authorized Ventrac dealer or service technician. Failure to follow these repair & replacement procedures may cause severe damage and may void all warranty to the hydrostatic system.

## **A WARNING**

Before making any repairs or adjustments, lower attachment to the ground, set parking brake, shut the engine off, and remove the key.

#### See engine manual for oil specifications

Each day's operation of the tractor should begin with an oil, water, and fuel check.

#### **ENGINE OIL**

Each engine is equipped with a dipstick to check the crankcase oil level. Check the engine manual for specific instruction about the engine. Oil level should be in the range between the high and low mark. If working the tractor on slopes, oil level should be kept near the full mark. The capacities and filter part numbers are shown in the chart to the right (Figure 33). Regular and proper maintenance will greatly extend the life and performance of the engine.

Changing oil—The engine crankcase oil drain is located a few inches ahead of the <u>left front axle housing</u> and about 2" under the side frame (Figure 34). It requires an 11/16" wrench. Oil stream will be directed nearly straight down.

	Vanguard	Kawasaki	
Capacity	3.5 qts.	2.1 qts.	
Filter #	13.0057	13.0063	



Figure 34

## **RADIATOR**

The fluid or coolant level can be checked visually in the overflow bottle (Figure 35 Vanguard turbo diesel shown). Full and low marks are shown on the plastic bottle. If low, a 50-50 mixture of water and antifreeze should be added. Check the radiator core for debris. Keep screen clean. If the radiator cores are partially plugged, use a water or air hose to remove the debris. Reinstall the radiator screen. Check radiator screen frequently when working in dirty conditions or when the temperature gauge moves above 220 degrees. Do not spray or wash a hot engine with cold water.

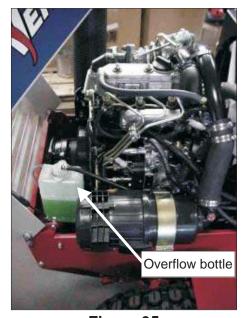


Figure 35

#### **AIR INTAKE FILTER**

The air intake filter on the Vanguard engine models is located on the left side (Figure 36). This external filter assembly has 4 stages of filtration.

1) An intake turbo. 2) A dust unloading valve. (1 &

2 require no servicing.) 3) A prefilter. 4) a final cylinder element.

**Note:** Under normal operating conditions, the inner filter does not need be replaced. Never operate with inner filter removed.

Kawasaki engine air intake filters are located above the engine and have a prefilter band over a paper element. The paper element should be changed if its appearance is dirty or light is no longer visible through the element when held up to a light source. See engine manual for more details.

**Note:** Kawasaki does not recommend oiling the foam prefilter (outer) element.



The top oil reservoir for the hydrostatic transmission oil is located under the hood near the right side of the dash. Check oil level when engine is cold. Find the oil level in the plastic sight tube next to the expansion tank, and check that it is within the proper range indicated by the oil level decal. This is important for proper performance and life of the hydrostatic system. NOTE:

Non-compliance to this specification may void the VENTRAC 4200 VXD warranty.

Note: Generally the hydrostatic oil level remains constant except when:

- 1) New attachments are added that use the auxiliary oil circuit.
  - 2) There is an oil leak.

NOTE: Changing of hydrostatic oil is Not recommended except in the event of excessive contamination.



Figure 36

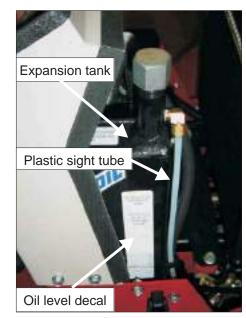


Figure 37

# REQUIRED OIL SPECIFICATION

Ventrac Hydro•Torq XL synthetic hydraulic oil

System Capacity: Front - 12 quarts

Rear - 4 quarts

#### **REAR TRANSAXLE**

The rear transaxle oil is captive and remains constant unless there is a leak. For convenience, the same oil is recommended that is used in the front transaxle. Oil can be added through the plug from the rear (Figure 38). It is located above the rear hitch and slightly to the left. To check the oil level on a level surface, remove the oil fill plug in the transaxle (Figure 38), and check to see if oil level is even with the bottom of oil fill hole. If no rear transaxle leaks are observed, this level should be checked every 250 hours or annually.

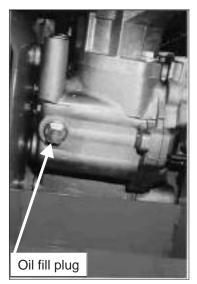


Figure 38

#### **HYDROSTATIC OIL FILTERS**

Two filters protect the hydrostatic transmission system.

- **1)** A 25-micron (suction) non-bypass filter located above the operator's left foot on the front frame of the tractor (**Figure 40**). Part # 21.0001
- 2) A 10-micron (pressure) non-bypass filter located behind the right foot of the operator on the rear frame of the tractor (Figure 41). Part # 21.0078

These filters do not need to be changed unless the system is contaminated or the operator experiences noticeable loss of steering even when the hydrostatic oil level is properly maintained. If this symptom occurs, change both filters.

Replacement of oil filters may create some oil spill. A shallow pan or towel can be helpful in containing the oil spill.



#### IN-LINE FUEL FILTER

All VENTRAC 4200 VXD's have an in-line fuel filter (Figure 42) located inside the foot platform cover (near engine on Kawasaki models).

Always use clean, fresh fuel. Keep the fill area clean and the fuel cap in place except for filling. If or when any of the above conditions are not met or the engine lacks power, especially under load, the fuel filter should be checked. If the in-line filter needs to be replaced, be sure to install the new one with the flow arrow pointing toward the engine.

PART NUMBER	ENGINE	
13.0053	VANGUARD DIESEL	
13.0053	VANGUARD TURBO DIESEL	
13.0134	VANGUARD GAS	
13.0132	KAWASAKI 27 HP	



Figure 40

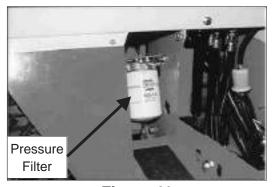


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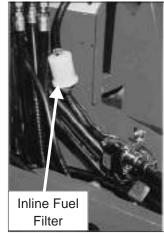


Figure 42

#### DIESEL FUEL/WATER SEPARATOR

Diesel models have a filter/water separator located on the left side of the tractor (Figure 43). Water and sediment can be observed through the glass. Drain water through the small black valve. Remove sediments through the white plug opening. Any time the fuel line to the diesel engine is opened or run empty, the system needs to be purged of air. Self-purging should occur by turning the ignition to "on" for about 30 seconds. The operator should hear the fuel pump (Figure 44, Vanguard only) operating. Purging should be done before attempting to start the tractor.



Figure 43

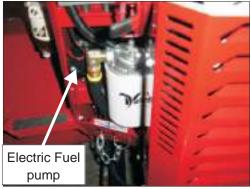


Figure 44

## **BATTERY**

When it is necessary to remove and/or replace the battery, remove both cables. Then remove the bracket **(Figure 45)** near the left side of the foot platform and slide the battery forward and out. <u>To install the new battery, repeat the above instructions in reverse</u>. Be sure the new battery has the same dimensions, has top terminals, and is installed with the terminals on the side toward the center of the tractor.

## **A** CAUTION

Negative cable (black) should be removed first and installed last.

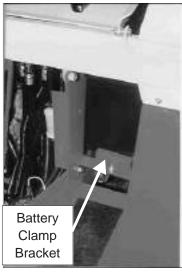


Figure 45

#### **BRAKE ADJUSTMENT**

A 6" diameter brake band is activated by the 3-position control selector. The brake holds only when the lever is in the **down** position. If brake is not holding sufficiently, tighten the 1/4" nut on the brake linkage, located on the right side, just below the dash **(Figure 46)**. Turn the lock nut clockwise several turns. Check if sufficient pressure is applied for brake to hold. Adjust lock nut until the brake hold is firm. If the brake adjustment is too tight, it will be difficult to engage the control selector into the park position.

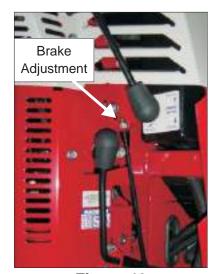


Figure 46

#### TIRE PRESSURE

RECOMMENDED TIRE PRESSURES FOR VENTRAC 4000 SERIES TRACTORS				
Tere	Single Wheel	Dual Wheels Inner Outer		With Loader or Heavy Lifting (Single Wheels Only)
Field Trax	8-9 psi	8.9	4 Max	15 psi
Bar Tires	8-9 psi	8.9	4 Max	15 psi
Turf Trax (discontinued 04/05)	8-9 psi	8-9	4 Max	Nat Recommended*
Turf Master	15 psi	15	10 Max	20 psi

<sup>\*</sup>Turf Trax are not recommended for use with the loader or inflation to exceed 10 psi

## **ELECTRICAL**

Fuses and relays are conveniently located just under the dash and accessible with the hood open (Figure 48).

See wiring diagram. (Section F)

NOTE: There is an inline fuse located at the starter.

(Vanguard engines have 1 fuse)

(Kawasaki engines have 2 fuses)

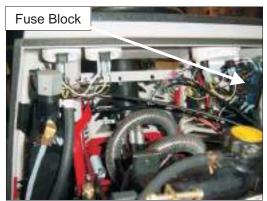


Figure 48

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#### **NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT**

The tractor should always come to a complete stop when the **Control Selector** is in the "**park brake**" position (down) or the "**spring assist to neutral**" position (level) when the Directional Control lever is in neutral. If the tractor consistently wants to creep while in neutral, an adjustment must be made to the neutral device.

Jack tractor up and secure with jackstands or blocks.

Place the selector control in the level, "spring assist to neutral" position (Figure 49). Located on the bottom right side of the steering column is a bolt (5/16) located in a slot (Figure 50). Loosen the nut just enough to free the grip of the bolt from the slot. Move the bolt slightly in either direction until the tendency to creep stops. Retighten the bolt.

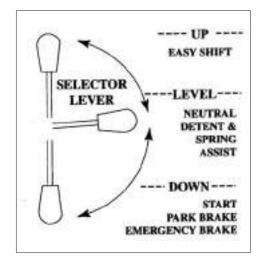


Figure 49

## **A** CAUTION

Caution should be used when making this adjustment. During the correction process, the tendency to creep can be increased and the tractor could actually begin to move.

To prevent this possibility, jack up the right front and right rear of the tractor so the tires are off the ground.

This has two advantages: 1) SAFETY, because the tractor has no traction to move and 2) neutral can easily be determined when tire rotation stops.

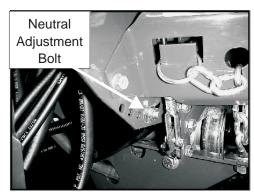


Figure 50

NOTE: The neutral adjustment procedure is recommended with the engine running around 2000 RPMs.

NOTE: If in doubt about this procedure or your efforts fail to remedy the problem, contact your VENTRAC dealer.

#### PLATFORM COVER

#### (Figure 51)

To Remove:

- 1. Remove bolt at the front of the cover.
- **2.** Pull the cover forward enough to disengage the 2 tabs at the lower rear end of the cover.
- **3.** Lift rear part of cover to free the top 2 tabs from the chassis.
- **4.** Continue to raise the rear part of the cover until it can be freely removed from the platform.

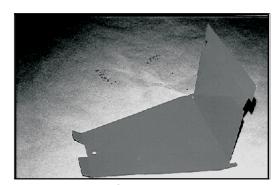


Figure 51

To install, repeat the above procedures in reverse.

## **A WARNING**

Before making any repairs or adjustments, lower attachment to the ground, set parking brake, shut the engine off, and remove the key.

## **PTO BELT CHANGE**

(Engine to Idler)

**Note:** Kawasaki engine models do not require steps 2, 3, 6, and 7.

(Steps 1-7 for Vanguard engines)

- 1. Remove belt from lower PTO idler pulley.
- 2. Remove nut from bottom flange on front grille (torque rod). (Figure 52)
- 3. Disconnect the 2 wire plug to clutch assembly (on service cord about 6 to 10 inches from clutch assembly).
- 4. Remove belt.
- **5.** Replace with new belt (B38) by reversing the procedure.
- **6.** Reconnect 2 wire plug to clutch.
- Reinstall spring and nut on the torque rod to prevent clutch/brake assembly from rotating. (Figure 52) This rod must be well secured. Extensive damage will occur to the clutch if not secured.

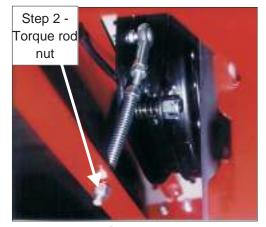
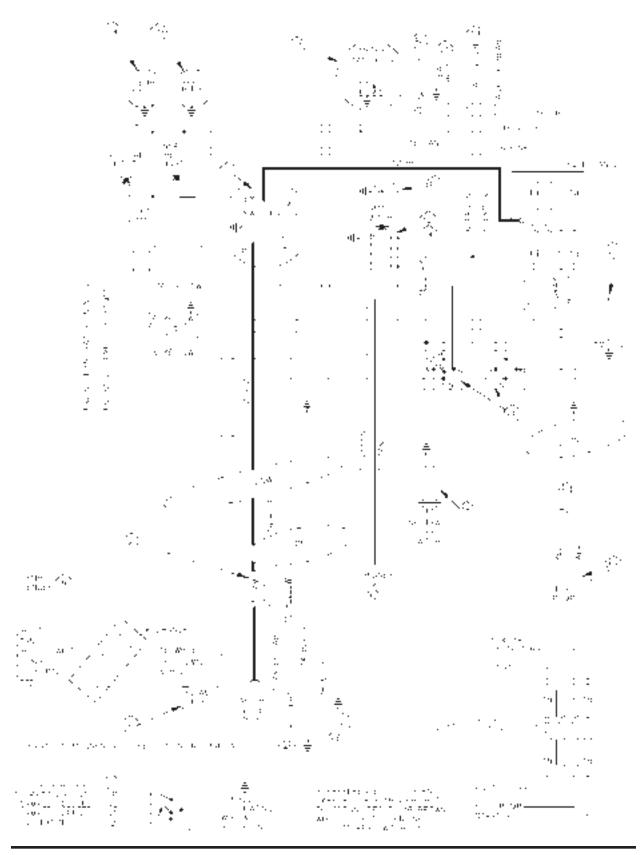
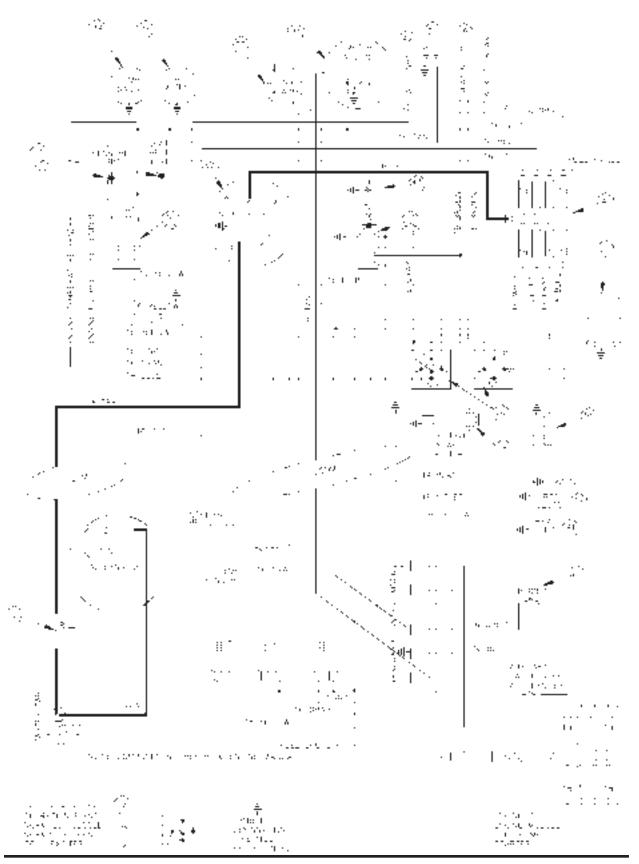


Figure 52

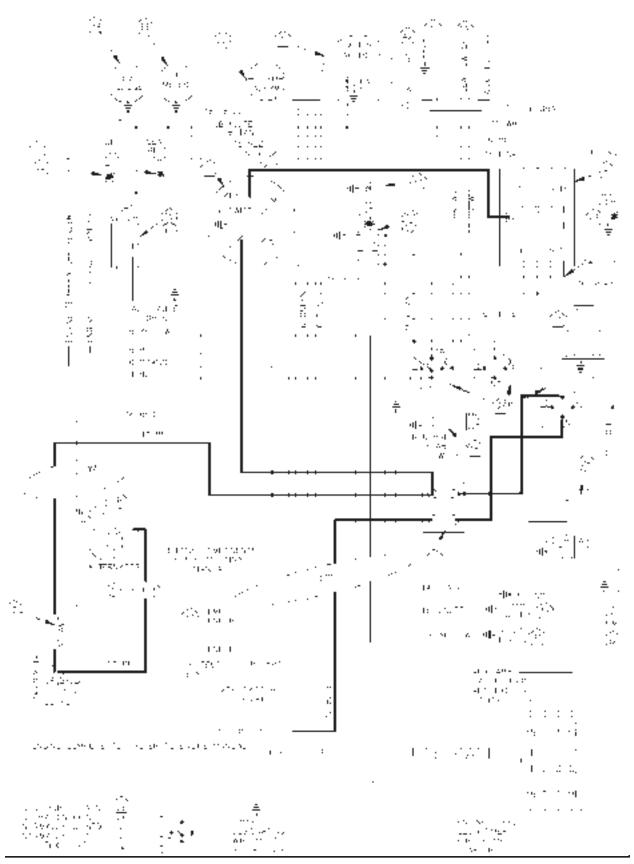
# **KAWASAKI 27 HP WIRING**



## **VANGUARD GAS WIRING**



## **VANGUARD DIESEL WIRING**



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The engine warranty is covered by its respective engine manufacturer. Please refer to the engine manufacturer's warranty statement that is included in the owner's manual.

The *Ventrac* turf equipment, including any defective parts, must be returned to an Authorized *Ventrac* Dealer within the warranty period. The warranty shall extend to the cost to repair or replace (as determined by *V.P.I.*) the defective part. The expense of pickup and delivery of equipment, service call drive time or any transportation expense incurred for warranty repair is the sole responsibility of the owner and is not covered under warranty by *Ventrac and/or V.P.I. V.P.I.* 's responsibility in respect to claims is limited to making the required repairs or replacements, and no claim of breach of warranty shall be cause for cancellation or rescission of the contract of sale of any *Ventrac* equipment. Proof of purchase may be required by the dealer to substantiate any warranty claim. Only warranty work performed and submitted by an Authorized *Ventrac* Dealer may be eligible for warranty credit.

This warranty extends only to *Ventrac* turf equipment operated under normal conditions and properly serviced and maintained. The warranty expressly does **NOT** cover: (a) any defects, damage or deterioration due to normal use, wear and tear, or exposure; (b) normal maintenance services, such as cleaning, lubrication, oil change; (c) replacement of service items, such as oil, lubricants, spark plugs, belts, rubber hoses or other items subject to normal service replacement; (d) damage or defects arising out of, or relating to abuse, misuse, neglect, alteration, negligence or accident; (e) repair or replacement arising from



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The sole liability of *V.P.I.* with respect to this warranty shall be repair and replacement as set forth herein. *V.P.I.* shall have no liability for any other cost, loss, or damage. In particular *V.P.I.* shall have no liability or responsibility for: (i) expenses relating to gasoline, oil, lubricants; (ii) loss, cost or expense relating to transportation or delivery of turf equipment from the location of owner or location where used by owner to or from any Authorized *Ventrac* Dealer; (iii) travel time, overtime, after hours time or other extraordinary repair charges or charge relating to repairs or replacements outside of normal business hours at the place of business of an Authorized *Ventrac* Dealer; (iv) rental of like or similar replacement equipment during the period of any warranty repair or replacement work; (v) any telephone or telegram charges; (vi) loss or damage to person or property other than that covered by the terms of this warranty; (vii) any claims for lost revenue, lost profit or additional cost or expense incurred as a result of a claim of breach of warranty; or (viii) attorney's fees.

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There are no representations or warranties which have been authorized to the buyer of the turf equipment other than set forth in this warranty. Any and all statements or representations made by any seller of this equipment, including those set forth in any sales literature or made orally by any sales representative, are superceded by the terms of this warranty. Any affirmation of fact or promise made by *V.P.I.* or any of its representatives to the buyer which relates to the goods that are the subject to this warranty shall not be regarded as part of the basis of the bargain and shall not be deemed to create any express warranty that such goods shall conform to the affirmation or promise.

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This warranty applies to all Ventrac turf equipment sold in the United States and Canada.