

OPERATION

Vehicle Break-In Period

The break-in period for your new BRUTUS 2014 is the first twenty hours of operation, or the time it takes to use the first two tanks full of gasoline. No single action on your part is as important as a proper break-in period. Careful treatment of a new engine will result in more efficient performance and longer life for the engine. Perform the following procedures carefully.

Driving Procedure

1. Do starting procedure from page 8.
2. After starting the engine and allowing it to warm up, apply the clutch and service brakes, and shift the transmission into gear.
3. Check your surroundings and determine your path of travel.
4. Slowly release the brakes and depress the throttle with your right hand to begin driving.
5. Drive slowly. Practice maneuvering and using the throttle and brakes on level surfaces.
6. Stop. Using stopping procedure on page 11.

Driving On Slippery Surfaces

When driving on slippery surfaces such as wet trails, loose gravel, or ice, be alert for the possibility of skidding and/or sliding. Under these condition, follow these precautions:

1. Slow down when entering slippery areas.
2. Maintain a high level of alertness, avoiding quick, sharp turns, which can cause skids.
3. Correct a skid by turning the wheels in the direction of the skid.

Hitch/Towing

The BRUTUS 2014 is equipped with a hitch for use during towing operations. The height may be adjusted. To adjust height loosen the two set screws along the hitch and move hitch to desired height and retighten screws to 78 foot-pounds. To avoid injury and property damage, always heed warnings and tow no more than the towing capacities of this vehicle. The maximum towing capacity for the BRUTUS 2014 is **4000 pounds** with a maximum tongue weight of **600 pounds**. While towing use the automatic kill switch, details are located below on this page.

Automatic Kill Switch

This vehicle is equipped with an automatic kill switch. The automatic kill switch is located below the driver's seat on the back of the tractor, right above the six inch Rigid LED working light. The kill switch is to be used when towing implements on the hitch of the vehicle. The switch will automatically shut off the tractor in case of implement disconnect. When not towing the clip for the switch must be left in the switch or the vehicle will not operate.