TOOLBOX TALKS

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Seat belts, when used properly, hold the operator in the seat and help contain them inside the rollover protection structure (ROPS) in the event of a collision or tip-over. The seat assembly, which includes the seat belt and mounting hardware, should be inspected regularly. Inspection is recommended during the pre-shift walk around and as instructed in the manufacturer's Operation and Maintenance Manual. Include the following items when inspecting the seat belt:

- ☑ **Inspect the seat belt mounting hardware for wear or damage**
  - Replace any mounting hardware that is worn or damaged
- ☑ **Inspect mounting bolts**
  - Tighten mounting bolts to specification if the bolts are loose
- ☑ **Inspect the buckle for wear or damage**
  - Replace the seat belt if the buckle is worn or damaged
- ☑ **Inspect the seat belt webbing for wear or damage**
  - Replace the seat belt if webbing is worn or damaged
- ☑ **Inspect seat belt buckle and retractor(s) for proper function**
  - Replace the seat belt if seat belt buckle or retractor is not functioning
- ☑ **Inspect the seat belt label for date of installation**
  - Replace seat belt after 3 years of service life or as recommended in the Operation and Maintenance Manual

- ☑ **Additional inspection for three point seat belt (if equipped)**
  - Inspect shoulder loop web guide. Adjust shoulder loop hardware and/or remove obstruction
  - Inspect the seat belt height adjuster. Replace the seat belt if the height adjuster is not functioning

- ☑ **Consult your Cat® dealer for the replacement of the seat belt and the mounting hardware. Remember:**
  - Perform inspections of the seat belt and mounting hardware before operating the machine
  - Replace any damaged or worn parts
  - Wear seat belt at all times while operating the machine
  - Sponge the webbing clean with mild soap and water. DO NOT use bleach, dye or industrial detergents

Discussion Date:

Employee Participants:

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