

# Shop Manual

# WA420-3

Wheel Loader

Serial Number

WA420H20051 and up



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# SAFETY

## SAFETY NOTICE

### IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Proper service and repair is extremely important for safe machine operation. Some of the described service and repair techniques require the use of tools specially designed by Komatsu for the specific purpose.

To prevent injury to workers, the symbol  is used to mark safety precautions in this manual. The cautions accompanying these symbols must always be followed carefully. If any dangerous situation arises or may possibly arise, first consider safety, and take the necessary actions to deal with the situation.

### GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

**Mistakes in operation are extremely dangerous. Read the OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL carefully BEFORE operating the machine!**

**Always follow the safety rules valid in your country carefully!**

1. Before carrying out any greasing or repairs, read all the precautions given on the decals which are fixed to the machine.
2. When carrying out any operation, always wear safety shoes and helmet. Do not wear loose work clothes, or clothes with buttons missing.
  - Always wear safety glasses when hitting parts with a hammer.
  - Always wear safety glasses when grinding parts with a grinder, etc.
3. If welding repairs are needed, always have a trained, experienced welder carry out the work. When carrying out welding work, always wear welding gloves, apron, glasses, cap and other clothes suited for welding work.
4. When carrying out any operation with two or more workers, always agree on the operating procedure before starting. Always inform your fellow workers before starting any step of the operation. Before starting work, hang UNDER REPAIR signs on the controls in the operator's compartment.
5. Keep all tools in good condition and learn the correct way to use them.
6. Decide a place in the repair workshop to keep tools and removed parts. Always keep the tools and parts in their correct places.

Always keep the work area clean and make sure that there is no dirt or oil on the floor.

Never smoke while working.

Smoke only in the areas provided for smoking.

### PREPARATIONS FOR WORK

7. Before adding oil or making any repairs, park the machine on hard, level ground, and block the wheels or tracks to prevent the machine from moving.
8. Before starting work, lower blade, ripper, bucket or any other work equipment to the ground and install the safety bar on the frame. If this is not possible, insert the safety pin or use blocks to prevent the work equipment from falling. In addition, be sure to lock all the control levers and hang warning signs on them.
9. When disassembling or assembling, support the machine with blocks, jacks or stands before starting work.
10. Remove all mud and oil from the steps or other places used to get on and off the machine. Always use the handrails, ladders or steps when getting on or off the machine. Never jump on or off the machine. If it is impossible to use the handrails, ladders or steps, use a stand to provide safe footing.

**PRECAUTIONS DURING WORK**

11. When measuring hydraulic pressure, check that the measuring tool is correctly assembled before taking any measurements.
12. When removing the oil filler cap, drain plug or hydraulic pressure measuring plugs, loosen them slowly to prevent the oil from spurting out. Before disconnecting or removing components of the oil, water or air circuits, first remove the pressure completely from the circuit.
13. The water and oil in the circuits are hot when the engine is stopped, so be careful not to get burned.  
Wait for the oil and water to cool before carrying out any work on the oil or water circuits.
14. Before starting work, remove the leads from the battery. Always remove the lead from the negative (–) terminal first.
15. When raising heavy components, use a hoist or crane.  
Check that the wire rope, chains and hooks are free from damage.  
Always use lifting equipment which has ample capacity.  
Install the lifting equipment at the correct places.  
Use a hoist or crane and operate slowly to prevent the component from hitting any other part. Do not work with any part still raised by the hoist or crane.
16. When removing covers which are under internal pressure or under pressure from a spring, always leave two bolts in position on opposite sides. Slowly release the pressure, then slowly loosen the bolts to remove.
17. When removing components, be careful not to break or damage the wiring. Damaged wiring may cause electrical fires.
18. When removing piping, stop the fuel or oil from spilling out. If any fuel or oil drips onto the floor, wipe it up immediately. Fuel or oil on the floor can cause you to slip, or can even start fires.
19. As a general rule, do not use gasoline to wash parts. In particular, use only the minimum of gasoline when washing electrical parts. Do not smoke!
20. Be sure to assemble all parts again in their original places.  
Replace any damaged parts with new parts.
  - When installing hoses and wires, be sure that they will not be damaged by contact with other parts when the machine is being operated.
21. When installing high pressure hoses, make sure that they are not twisted. Damaged tubes are dangerous, so be extremely careful when installing tubes for high pressure circuits. Also, check that connecting parts are correctly installed.
22. When aligning two holes, never insert your fingers or hand. Be careful not to get your fingers caught in a hole.
23. When assembling or installing parts, always use the specified tightening torques. When installing protective parts such as guards, or parts which vibrate violently or rotate at high speed, be particularly careful to check that they are installed correctly.

# FOREWORD

## GENERAL

This shop manual has been prepared as an aid to improve the quality of repairs by giving the service personnel an accurate understanding of the product and by showing them the correct way to perform repairs and make judgements. Make sure you understand the contents of this manual and use it to full effect at every opportunity.

This shop manual mainly contains the necessary technical information for operations performed in a service workshop. For ease of understanding, the manual is divided into the following chapters; these chapters are further divided into the each main group of components.

### STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

This section explains the structure and function of each component. It serves not only to give an understanding of the structure, but also serves as reference material for troubleshooting.

### TESTING AND ADJUSTING

This section explains checks to be made before and after performing repairs, as well as adjustments to be made at completion of the checks and repairs.

Troubleshooting charts correlating "Problems" to "Causes" are also included in this section.

### DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY

This section explains the order to be followed when removing, installing, disassembling or assembling each component, as well as precautions to be taken for these operations.

### MAINTENANCE STANDARD

This section gives the judgement standards when inspecting disassembled parts.

### NOTICE

The specifications contained in this shop manual are subject to change at any time and without any advance notice. Use the specifications given in the book with the latest date.



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