

## Climbing on and off your tractor

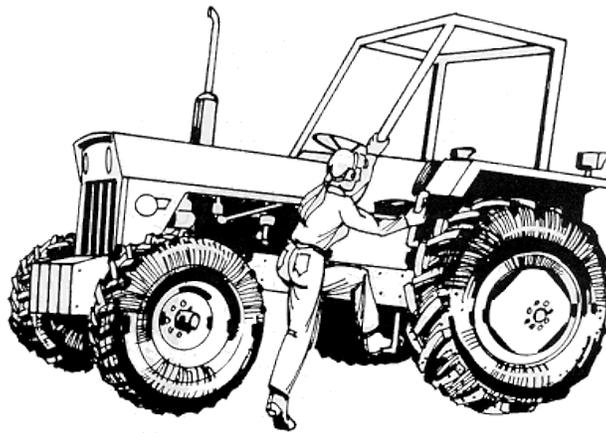
A tractor must be stationary when being mounted or dismounted. Never dismount from a moving tractor. Ascend and descend from the vehicle only from the left (clutch pedal) side, always using the access and egress provided, and facing towards the driving seat.

**Do not** use the right side, because:

- You may accidentally release the brake.
- The right side is crowded with controls -brake pedal, foot throttle, hydraulic controls.
- You may catch your clothing in the controls.

**Always:**

- Mount and dismount carefully, using the access and egress provided.
- Use controlled movements. Place your feet carefully. Take a firm grip with your hands so that you will not fall or get your clothing entangled if you slip.



**Remember always to mount and dismount on the left side, using access or egress provided.**

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### **Mount/Dismount the Farm Tractor Safely**

Many agricultural workers have suffered wrist, arm, hip, leg, and ankle injuries as a result of falling while mounting or dismounting the steps of the tractor. The steps on the tractor should be used the same as the steps of a ladder; either two hands and one foot or one hand and two feet should be in contact with the steps at all times. Climbing the steps with no hands holding on or taking two steps at a time is inviting an injury-incident. The operator should always face the tractor when going up or down the steps – the handholds will then always be in position to be used; otherwise they are in back of the worker and out of reach. Many pants cuffs or boot loops have caught on the clutch pedal as the operator moves forward off the platform, pitching him/her forward, off the tractor. This can be prevented simply by facing the tractor when going up or down the steps and using the handholds.

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