

COVID-19: Cleaning Equipment and Touch-Surfaces

Proper cleaning regimens lead to safe equipment

- **Open cab windows and doors** for ventilation while cleaning.
- **Wear disposable gloves** when cleaning and disinfecting.
- **Clean dirty surfaces** using soap and water prior to disinfection.
- **Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.**
 - Keep a cleaning kit in equipment and vehicles: gloves, mask, hand cleaner and hand sanitizer.
 - Disinfect door handles, gear knobs, steering wheel, armrests, grab handles, seat adjusters, buttons and touch screens. Consider use of screen protectors for electronics.
 - Do not forget exterior surfaces: seed box lids, hoses, hitch-pins, jack handles, etc.
- **Wash hands before and after operating equipment.** It is a good habit, regardless of COVID-19, to keep frequently touched surfaces in your tractor from looking dingy.
- **When buying machinery from a dealership:** Ask for interiors to be cleaned and disinfected before a test drive or purchase. Take personal responsibility, after delivery, to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- **When inspecting used machinery for purchase:** Wear disposable gloves and mask before touching or entering a cab. Use hand sanitizer immediately after.
- **When taking equipment in for repairs:** Ask for interiors to be cleaned and disinfected after repairs are made. Take personal responsibility, after delivery, to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Safe cleaning products for equipment cab interiors:

- **Soap and water** are safe for most machinery interiors.
 - Clean dirty surfaces before disinfecting. Disinfectants are not effective on greasy, dirty surfaces.
 - Vigorous washing with soap and water can destroy coronavirus.
 - Do not use excessive water or soap on fabric. This could create mold issues.
 - Use a conditioner after cleaning leather.
- **70% or greater alcohol solutions** can be used on nearly every interior surface of a tractor.
 - Repeated usage of alcohol can damage and discolor leather.
 - Use of bleach or hydrogen peroxide may damage upholstery.
- **Electronics**
 - First, clean with a damp microfiber cloth.
 - Then, disinfect using a 70% alcohol wipe. Do not use ammonia-based cleaners on touch screens.
 - Regularly clean portable electronic devices: laptops, tablets, memory sticks.

For surface compatibility of cleaners, go to: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

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- Follow CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>.
 - Follow state, county and city regulations where business is conducted.
 - COVID-19 resources: <https://extension2.missouri.edu/covid-19-resources-public>