



ElecTrak[®]

Tractor

PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN NO. _____ 13

October 8, 1971

Battery Liner Installation

Front - Part No. 155C8005P1, Rear - Part No. 155C8006P1

Recent production Elec-Trak tractors have included battery liners (poly bags) which enclose the front batteries in one bag and the rear in another. During battery filling or operation on rough ground, spillage of electrolyte may occur. The poly bags will confine all electrolyte spillage and cause any accumulation to eventually find its way to the battery tray and then exit through its drain hole.

Four sets of these bags are being sent to each dealer at no charge and are to be used on all new tractors at the time of set-up or in any cases where battery leakage or overfilling has caused corrosion. Requests for additional bags should be sent to Product Service. All reasonable numbers of bags requests before January 1, 1972 will be sent at no charge.

The enclosed battery installation sheet instructs the proper placement of the bags. Please retain that sheet in your Product Service Manual for future reference.

SPARE PARTS BILLING

All spare parts shipped are billed to the dealer at dealer cost, unless specifically listed as no charge (as with liners above) even if the reason for the shipment is caused by a design modification or other purpose decided by General Electric. Credit for such parts is obtained by submitting warranty claims, usually in accordance with a Product Service Bulletin explaining the situation.

An example is the new yoke for the caster wheel of the mower. Product Service Bulletin #11 explained the replacement plan for this part. As dealers ordered the desired number of yokes in a conventional procedure, the parts were billed when shipped. To receive credit for the parts, each dealer affected should send in a standard warranty claim to offset the billing for the parts.

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GENERAL  ELECTRIC

Dealer Set-Up and Pre-Delivery Check List

In the future, all tractors shipped will have a check list permanently affixed to the lower control panel cover for the use of dealer personnel in setting up new units and preparing them for delivery. The list will provide a fast and effective means of assuring that the necessary set-up steps have been performed and operational checks made. When the check list is completed, re-install the cover so the list is concealed on the inside of the control cabinet cover. (Some tractors will be shipped with the check list adhered to the outside of the tractor body. These should be transferred to the inside of the control cabinet cover.)

Increasing Traction for Winter Use

The AP85 Rear Weight Box must be used with the Snow Thrower and increases traction when used with the Snow/Dozer Blade as well. The amount of weight necessary for desired traction depends on which attachment is being used, the terrain encountered, weight of the operator, and surface condition, but normally 125 to 200 pounds provide excellent results. Five standard patio blocks available from building supply outlets can be placed on end in the box and give approximately 200 pounds of ballast. (40 lbs. each - approximate cost - 22¢ each).

When additional traction is required, chains are available through Order Service. One weight box will be packaged with each new snow thrower shipped from now on.

PLACE ORDERS FOR WINTER EQUIPMENT NOW SO YOU ARE ABLE TO FILL YOUR CUSTOMERS' REQUIREMENTS IMMEDIATELY.

Operation - Gas vs. Electric

Most homeowners' experience with garden tractors is with the gasoline as opposed to electric variety. Since gasoline engines make audible sounds that change as the working loads on the engine change, the operator makes adjustments in gas feed and/or clutch engagement to prevent overloading which would eventually cause permanent damage. Much the same can be said about the electric motor of the Elec-Trak tractor, except that the audible overload indicator is replaced with a visual one--the power use gage. For the new Elec-Trak owner, experience and the Owner's Use and Care Manual will dictate readings of the gage under various operating conditions so maximum efficiency is obtained. If gage readings are ignored during motor abuse, automatic sensing devices will interrupt power to protect the circuitry.

Each new Elec-Trak owner should be made aware of the proper use of the power use gage so satisfaction is increased and unnecessary service calls are eliminated.



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