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How Do You Use a Skid Steer Brush Cutter Effectively?



Your skid steer brush cutter attachment is one of the most important tools in your professional landscaping arsenal. However, if you aren't using it correctly, you may not be getting the performance you need out of it. So, if you want to improve the functionality of your equipment, you'll want to read up on how to use a skid steer brush cutter effectively. Here is what you need to know.

Pick the Right Type of Cutter

In order to use your cutter in the most effective way, the first thing you need to do is purchase the right one for your needs. Skid steer brush cutter attachments come in two different types: open and closed models. Open-face brush cutters are great for tackling thick brush and small trees in open areas like fields. While closed-face cutters, on the other hand, make better work of tight corners and hidden obstacles on your site. So, think carefully about which one you need before you make the commitment.

Double-Check the Connection

Once you have your brush cutter attachment, you also want to make sure you double-check its connection with your skid steer. Properly connecting your attachment is the key to proper hydraulic flow and operator control. As such, it's crucial that you ensure the attachment is secure and that you can move it around without issue. If you notice any responsiveness issues, disconnect the attachment and reattach it again.

Lift Attachment and Start the Blade

Before you start cutting, another thing you should do is lift the attachment off the ground an inch or so. Keep it level. After all, you don't want it dragging on the ground while moving or turning your skid steer. This also puts your equipment in the prime position to turn it on. Then start the blade; it will take a few seconds to get up to speed. Make sure that you stay conscious of your surroundings to avoid oversights and accidents.

Work in Systematic Segments

Another important step to using your skid steer brush cutter effectively is to maneuver in controlled sections when the attachment is in operation. Move your skid steer in precise segments or lines, adjusting the attachment height as needed when the terrain rises or falls. Working slowly like this allows you more organized and thorough results. Once done, you should deactivate the blade and let it come to a full stop before exiting your skid steer.

Whether you’re looking to purchase a new skid steer brush cutter attachment or learn more about how to use one, McLaren Industries is the resource for you. We provide thousands of professionals with the skid steer attachments they need to get the job done right and efficiently. Contact us here to request a quote for our products or give us a call at 800-836-0040 to ask any questions you have. We’re always available to answer.