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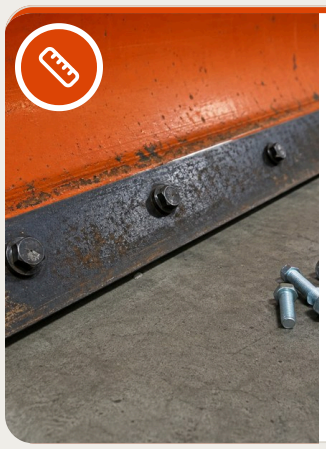
BLADES AND PUSHERS:

GETTING THE STEEL READY BEFORE THE FIRST PLOW



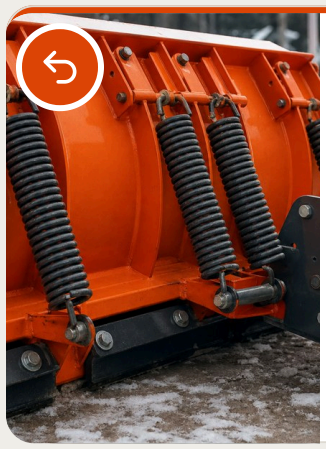
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A blade is the simplest thing you can hang on a machine, which is why it gets ignored. Most of what goes wrong is easy to find on a dry afternoon in the fall.



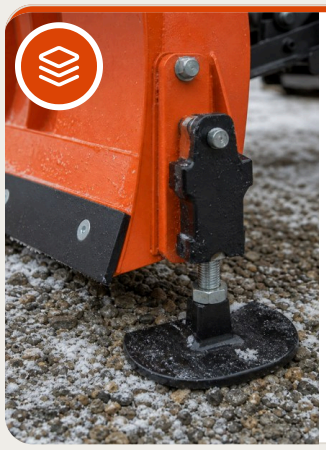
CUTTING EDGE

- Replace it before it wears into the moldboard.
- Worn more on one end? Level the shoes or mount.
- Flip it if reversible; replace it if it's done.
- New edge bolts, torqued to the manual.



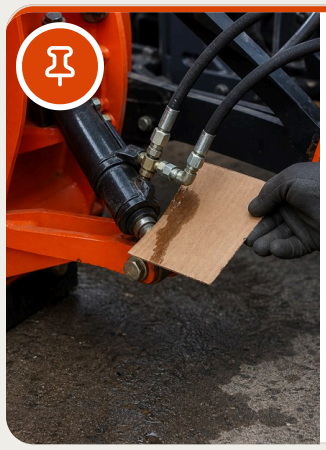
TRIP MECHANISM

- Make sure it trips and comes back.
- Springs: no cracks, tension set to the manual.
- Too tight, and the hit goes into the frame.
- Pusher sections move on their own and spring back.



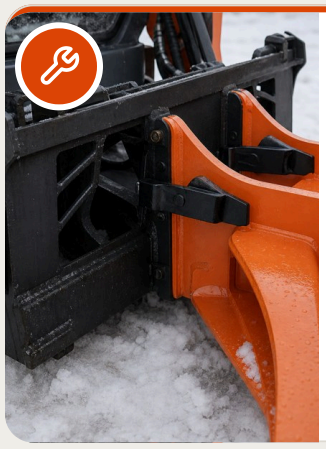
SHOES AND SKIDS

- Gravel: the edge rides just above the stones.
- Pavement: you can run closer.
- Replace shoes when they're thin, before the edge digs in.



PINS, PIVOTS AND ANGLING

- Every pin and clip there; holes not worn oval.
- Look over angle cylinders, hoses and fittings.
- Check for leaks with cardboard, never your hand.
- Grease the centre pivot and cylinder ends.



THE MOUNT

- Look for cracked welds and loose bolts.
- A crack in November is a break by February.
- Quick-attach: pins or wedges fully engaged on both sides, every time.



SEE BOTH ENDS OF THE BLADE

- In the dark and blowing snow, the ends are hard to see.
- Blade markers or guide rods on each end help a lot.
- Most of all on a wide pusher, or with another operator.

BEFORE YOU START: WORK SAFE

Lower the blade to the ground, set the park brake, shut the engine off and take the key before you adjust or grease anything.

Never stand between the machine and the blade while it's being raised, lowered or hooked up.

Wear limits, spring tension and bolt torque vary by blade, so let the operator's manual for that attachment set the specs.

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