



National ROPS Rebate Program Self-Installation Guide

Many of you are expecting your ROPS to arrive from back-order and a few of you have been able to receive your ROPS and install it before the field prep and haying season.

Our program has been doing random self-installed ROPS inspections across the state and we'd like to share what we found.

- **Instructions** on 25% of models inspected thus far are **missing**. Please make sure your dealer provides you instructions. Failure to install according to the instructions increases your liability and may result in improper installation. The ROPS could fail.
- **Seat belt misplacement:** If you do not have instructions, you may improperly install the seatbelt which can cause a number of issues:
 - **Doesn't hold you in the "zone of safety"**
 - **Fits too tight**
 - **Doesn't fit you at all**

Ask your dealer for the instructions. We all come in different shapes and sizes and modifications to your tractor over the years may present a difficulty in placing the seatbelt. If the assigned placement doesn't work for you or your operator, your dealer can provide assistance in alternative options for placement. If you do get advice for a different placement of the seatbelt, make sure you keep documentation of the discussion and instructions provided by the dealer with your installation instructions to limit your liability. With a seat belt properly secured, you have a 99% likelihood of surviving a tractor overturn incident.

- **Broken packages:** 75% of the packages had damage to varying degrees. Open packaging may result in missing parts or damage to the ROPS. Inspect packaging before accepting delivery to insure for all parts, instructions are present and that there is no damage. Notify dealer of the damage to the package and any problems with your ROPS kit should this occur
- **Missing parts:** 25% of the models were missing parts including bolts. **Do NOT SUBSTITUTE PARTS** with those in your shop. Incorrect parts may lead to the failure of the ROPS. Request the dealer to forward the correct parts to you: you paid for them, you might as well get them!

We would like to remind you that the service the National ROPS Rebate Program provides on the hotline is to pass on information regarding the pricing and availability of ROPS kits for tractors. We share this information with you for your safety. **If any of the previously mentioned issues apply to you, we strongly encourage you to contact the manufacturer or your tractor dealer. Failure to do so may result in failure of the ROPS and may lead to increased injury or death in the event of a rollover.**

ROPS Kit Checklist for Self-Installers

Please check your ROPS Kit to make sure items are not missing. If you have questions regarding your ROPS kit, please contact the dealer or ROPS Manufacturer.

Did the ROPS kit come complete?

General Supplies (Check all that apply)

Installation Instructions	
Seatbelt	
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Seatbelt Bolts	
ROPS Mounting Bolts	
ROPS Mounting Plates	
Safety Stickers	

Specific Components (Chose one of three retrofit types)

One piece ROPS Upright	
Two piece Left and Right	
Crossbar	
Two piece Hoop and Base	

Follow-up done (Check all that Apply)

Received appropriate replacement from dealer/manufacturer	
Substituted parts not provided by dealer/manufacturer	
Parts equivalent to specifications in kit	
Parts not equivalent to specifications in kit	
Requested more readable/ understandable instructions	
Contacted dealer for guidance	