

APPENDIX - FIBERGLASS BOOM CLEANING PROCEDURE

INTERIOR

Keep fiberglass and plastic components clean and in good condition to preserve the dielectric properties and appearance. Clean all components passing through the boom fiberglass sections.

NOTICE Do not spray water from a high pressure washer directly at hydraulic components.

The fiberglass boom interior can be cleaned (as necessary) using a pressure washer and directing the stream of soapy water inside the boom. Rinse with clean water to remove any detergent residue. Elevate the booms to a vertical position for draining and drying. Allow the booms to dry thoroughly before operating the unit.



WARNING Death or serious injury can result from improper use of solvents. Follow the manufacturer's label for proper use and disposal.

Pressure washing may not remove all of the contaminants from the boom interior. A solvent can be used to clean this type of contamination with some type of swab device. Suitable solvents, such as acetone or Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK), can be used to clean stubborn areas. Refer to the precautions and instructions on the solvent selected for this cleaning procedure. This may require removal of some interior boom components, such as hoses. After the contaminated area is swabbed, use the pressure washer and follow up with a thorough rinsing with clean water.

EXTERIOR

The exterior of the boom can be washed with a mild detergent. When washing these components, take care not to create any surface scratches.

NOTICE Do not coat a fiberglass surface with any product that will reduce its dielectric characteristics or cause surface flashover.

NOTICE Do not use petroleum based products to clean fiberglass components. Petroleum based products will leave an oily residue that attracts dust.

NOTICE Do not use steel wool to clean fiberglass components. Retained metallic particles can provide a conductive path. Surface flashover occurs when a substance causes an arcing of electricity between two points on the boom. If this occurs, the dielectric integrity of the boom can be permanently damaged.

NOTICE When using a power buffer to polish fiberglass, do not damage or overheat the gelcoat surface.

After the exterior surfaces are clean and dry, polish with Formula Five Clean 'N Glaze. For best results, polish fiberglass surfaces by hand.



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