


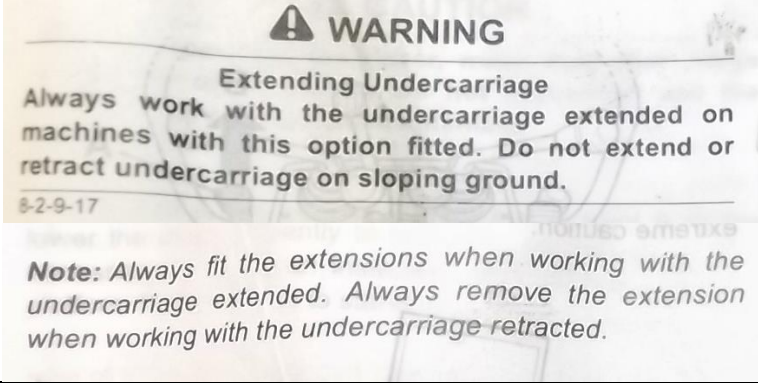


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Title:	Mini Excavator Operator Instructions and Dozer Blade Extension Fitment		
Priority		Red – Audit Rating: Non-Conformance-Major	
Legislation:	PUWER, HASWA S6		
Brief Description:	Excavators equipped with variable width undercarriage are supplied from new with dozer blade extensions. These must be fitted at point of hire for client use.		
Equipment Affected:	Micro and mini excavators with variable width undercarriage including: JCB 8008 / JCB 8018 CTS / Kubota K008 / Takeuchi TB108 / Yanmar SV08		
<p>During SafeHire audits it has been identified that some machines as above have had blade extensions removed / lost by clients and are not replaced during service / pre-hire checks. Other issues include blade extensions being removed at the hire shop to reduce the risk of loss.</p> <p>As per manufacturer guidance, to maximise stability the undercarriage should be at full width when in use with retraction only for access where width is restricted. During groundworks blade use with extensions missing may require the operator to have the undercarriage in the retracted position which will significantly reduce machine stability.</p> <p>A new HAE Safety Leaflet is now available for variable width / retractable undercarriage machines to compliment original operator manual.</p>			
JCB 8008 blade extension – missing & fitted		Kubota K008 – extensions missing	
			
Manufacturers Operator Handbook Guidance			
			
Recommended Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure blade extensions are checked / installed as part of pre-hire checks. • Ensure operator safety instructions are provided with the machine and that the HAE Safe Operation guide includes extendable undercarriage machines. • Consider adding blade extensions and operator handbooks onto contracts / collection notes as accessories to assist hire staff to identify losses at off-hire to enable recharge 		
Circulation:	workshops, mobile service and management team		

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