

Hydraulic oil and pump life

Prolonged life of your hydraulic oil and hydraulic pump can be as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. When using any constant hydraulic functions such as hydraulic pumps or motors on planters, turn flow control on hydraulic remotes as slow as possible while still maintaining the pressures needed. Flow controls turned to the "max" position will result in overheated hydraulic oil and poor performance of the three-point hitch and other hydraulic features.
2. Always clean your hydraulic hose tips before inserting them into the tractor hydraulic system. Dirt and debris damage the o-ring pack that is in the hydraulic coupler. The debris also enters the hydraulic oil system and contaminates it. The filter will take care of the contaminants, but the oil travels through many critical components before it reaches the filter.
3. Maintain the proper hydraulic oil level in the tractor hydraulic system. An "over full" condition can be as damaging as "low" condition. Small hydraulic leaks on either the tractor or the implement add up to a considerable amount of oil loss over a period of time. Check your hydraulic oil level daily.

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