



## John Deere Gator

\* Shown with optional Golf Ball Mesh Package and Lighting \*



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### John Deere Gator ROPS

This ROPS is designed and built to fit the John Deere 4x2 Turf Gator and TX Gator.

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One year standard product warranty provided by Tektite.



**DO NOT PROCEED FURTHER UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW**

- 1) Always wear personal protective equipment**
- 2) A minimum of two people is necessary to safely install the cab**
- 3) This ROPS cab is heavy. A lift assist device such as an overhead hoist or high lift forklift is required.**
- 4) Ensure your work area is well ventilated. The installation requires the starting of the tractor which will produce dangerous carbon monoxide fumes.**
- 5) Read through the entire installation manual first.**
- 6) Follow the installation instructions in order.**
- 7) Reading the operators manual prior to using the ROPS cab.**





Tektite Manufacturing Incorporated thanks you for purchasing a John Deere Gator structure! Tektite has worked very hard to design and build this product and we hope that it provides you with many years of protection.

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Vehicle Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Tektite Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

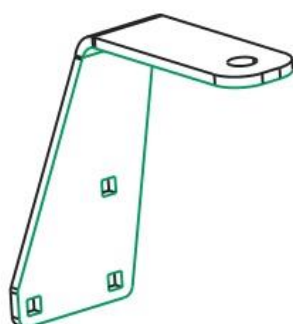
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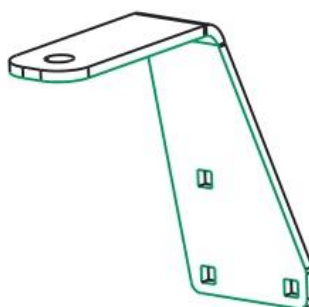


**Standard Parts List:**

Description	Qty
Bolt, Hex, 5/8" x 3", Gr. 8, Yellow	4
Nut, Flange, 5/8", Gr. 8, Yellow	2
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Washer, Heavy, 1/4" Flat	4
Nut, Flange, 3/8", Yellow	6
Bolt, Carriage, 3/8" x 1", Yellow	6
Reinforcement Plate, 1/4"	2
Rear Brackets	L&R



Left Rear  
Bracket



Right Rear  
Bracket



Front Platform Support (2)

**ONLY if Equipped with Electric Options:**

Description	Qty
Wire Loop, 1/4", Yellow	2



### Installation Instructions:

1. Locate the hole shown in the photo below. Drill out to 11/16". Repeat for the right side. DO not install front of frame here yet.



2. Tilt the two operator seats forward.

3. Take the left rear bracket and attach to the mount plate sticking out from the chassis with the provided 3/8" x 1" carriage bolts and nuts. Loosely fasten only.





4. Repeat for the right rear bracket.
5. Attach a lift strap or chain to the front and rear lift hoops on the frame. Using an overhead hoist or forklift, prepare to lift the frame off of the shipping pallet. Remove the shipping fasteners and lift off of pallet.
6. Lift frame over the Gator, and slowly lower straight down onto the mounting plates in the rear, and the platform in the front.

***FASTEN REAR LOCATION FIRST!***

7. Use one 5/8" x 3" hex bolt, 1/4" thick 5/8" washer, and 5/8" flange nut for each isolator fastener at the two rear locations. Heavy flat washer is used underneath the hex bolt head!



Use the 3" hex bolts at the front along with the 1/4" thick reinforcement plate for the front isolator fasteners.

8. Once all fasteners are started, torque the rear mounting bracket fasteners to 47 ft-lbs. All four 5/8" isolator fasteners can receive 200 ft-lbs of torque. Note alignment of heavy washer (photo from cab is shown).





If cage has electrical options installed, proceed with the following step.

9. Take red power and black ground wires that are at the bottom of the left rear tube and route along the mounting bracket and into the engine bay. Connect the black ground wire to the negative post on the battery. Use the provided loop, shorten wire if necessary, then solder connector onto black wire. Connect the red power wire to the positive post on the battery. Use the provided loop, shorten wire if necessary, then solder connector on red wire. There is fuse protection behind the switch plate in the ROPS.

### **NOTE:**

If structure is equipped with a Golf Ball Protection Package, it may be necessary to adjust the door latch after installation is complete. The striker pin, door latch, and striker mounting plate may need to be loosened and adjusted slightly after install due to the frame flexing slightly during the install.



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Tektite Manufacturing Inc. ("Tektite") warrants to the original purchaser (the "Claimant"), that Tektite products will be free from defective materials or workmanship, under normal use and service, for a period of (1) full year from the original invoice date. Tektite's liability under this Limited Warranty is limited to the repair or (at the discretion of Tektite) the replacement of those components of its products, which were manufactured by Tektite that are defective in materials or workmanship. Tektite shall have no liability under this Limited Warranty unless Tektite is notified of the defect during the stated Warranty Period.

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- b) products or components sold to a customer on an "as is" basis;
- c) wiper blades, light bulbs, fuses, clear vinyl or other consumables;
- d) glass where the point of failure has not been preserved intact and delivered to Tektite for analysis of the cause of the failure;
- e) products or components which have been modified after shipping from Tektite to its customer;
- f) transportation charges for returned, repaired or replacement items;
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- j) defects that result, in whole or in part, from inadequate engineering or specifications provided to Tektite by its customer;
- k) any actual or alleged deficiency in technical or engineering services or advice provided by Tektite to its customer whether provided for valuable consideration or otherwise;
- l) consequential damages, or any other damages whether foreseeable or not, resulting from the defect or any delay in remedying the defect;
- m) any breach or alleged breach of any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for particular purpose of use;
- n) defects or part failure due to misuse or failure to follow recommended cab installation procedures; and
- o) travel expenses, including mileage.

This Limited Warranty expresses the entire obligation of Tektite, its officers, directors, agents and employees, to its customer or any Claimant in respect of any defect in workmanship, or materials of any product or component sold or manufactured by Tektite whether on grounds of breach of contract, negligence or other tortious liability, breach of express or implied warranty or other basis in law of any jurisdiction.

Acceptance by a customer of delivery of products of Tektite constitutes acceptance of this Limited Warranty in lieu of all other warranties express or implied including without limitation all implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for particular purpose or use and constitutes acceptance by customer of the exclusions and limitations of the liability of Tektite set out above. Once received, the cab should have ALL exterior cardboard, Styrofoam wrapping removed for immediate inspection of product to ensure that no damages have occurred during transportation. Outer coverings should stay off the cab and the cab be stored indoors in a controlled environment. The warranty card must be completed and returned to Tektite.

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## Safety Precautions

### *Safety First*

Read these instructions carefully. It is essential that you read the instructions and safety regulations before you attempt to assemble or use the features that are on this cab/ROPS.

**Danger:** Indicates an immediate hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

**Warning:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious injury.

**Caution:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

**Important:** Indicates that cab or property damage may result if instructions are not carefully followed.

**NOTE:** All products are designed to give safe, dependable service if they are operated and maintained according to instructions. It is the owner's responsibility to be certain anyone operating this product reads this manual, and all other applicable manuals, to become familiar with this cab and all safety precautions. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or cab damage. If you have any questions, consult your dealer. Read and understand this manual before operation.

**NOTE:** A safe operator is the best assurance against accidents. All operators, no matter how experienced they may be, should read this operator manual and all other related manuals before attempting to operate features in this cab/ROPS and operate the base tractor. Please read the following section and pay particular attention to all safety recommendations contained in this manual and those labelled on the cab and on the tractor.



## **General Safety**

1. Never let an unqualified or untrained driver operate the utility vehicle.
2. Keep a fire extinguisher, with ABC rating securely fastened in the ROPS. Maintain it and be familiar with its use.
3. Do not carry passengers.
4. Never operate the utility vehicle in a closed building for a prolonged period. Ensure adequate ventilation is present, as engine exhaust fumes are poisonous and can kill.
5. Always keep sleeves, jackets or other loose clothing relatively tight and belted. Loose clothing may catch on moving parts and result in severe personal injury or death.
6. Provide a first-aid kit, securely attached inside of the ROPS for use in case of accident.
7. Never jump from the utility vehicle. There is a danger of tripping or falling on protruding parts.
8. Use steps and hand holds when mounting and dismounting the utility vehicle, or for servicing components too high to reach from the ground.
9. When seated in the ROPS, fasten seat belt before starting the engine. A proper seat belt must be worn at all times when using a ROPS.
10. Safety devices and shields are intended to protect operators from injury or death. Under no circumstances should they be modified, disabled or removed.

## **Operating Safety**

1. Always operate the utility vehicle controls while sitting in the operator's seat.
2. Lock seat in position and buckle seat belt before operating the utility vehicle.
3. Avoid abrupt sharp turns at high speeds.
4. On sloped terrain, do not make sharp turns as machine stability could be compromised.
5. Operate the utility vehicle smoothly, avoid abrupt starts and stops.
6. Keep all shields in place when operating the utility vehicle.
7. Do not operate the utility vehicle when you are tired, sick, or impaired.
8. Never operate the utility vehicle in confined areas; visibility next to the tractor is reduced. Injury to bystanders or damage to the ROPS or equipment may result.

## **Safety**

Carefully review the procedures given in this manual and the utility vehicle operator's manual with all operators annually. It is important that all operators become familiar with, and follow safety precautions. Operating instructions must be given to everyone using the tractor before operation and at least once yearly thereafter in compliance with OSHA Regulations 1928.57 (United States).



### **Safe Operation on Rough Terrain**

1. Drive the utility vehicle slowly on hillsides and curves to eliminate the danger of tipping. Avoid slopes which are too steep for safe operation. Avoid sharp uphill turns.
2. Always drive slowly enough over rough ground or obstructions. Drive at speeds slow enough to ensure your safety.
3. When driving out of a ditch, gully, or up a steep hillside, engage the clutch slowly. Avoid sharp uphill turns.
4. When descending steep grades, select a sufficiently low gear to maintain control with minimum use of braking.
5. Use caution when driving near the edge of a ditch or gully. It may cave in, causing the utility vehicle to roll over.
6. Be alert when operating near trees, slopes and around obstructions. Tree branches can cause damage to ROPS components.

### **Maintenance Safety**

1. Remove mud, crop residue, chains, and tools from steps and operator's platform. They may interfere with pedal operation or entry/exit from utility vehicle.
2. When servicing components are too high to reach from the ground use steps and handholds. Do not use fenders or shields that are not designed as steps.

### **Safe Highway Operation**

1. Before operating the utility vehicle on, or near, public roadways check with your local authorities for any local regulations that will affect you.
2. Equip towed implements with slow moving vehicle (SMV) signs when traveling on public roads.
3. Install additional lights on implement rear to safeguard against rear end collisions.
4. Use hazard warning flashers as required by law when transporting or driving on public roads. If the utility vehicle had warning flashers removed when mounting the ROPS, they must be replaced prior to operation on public roads.
5. Keep to the right, yielding right-of-way traffic, especially if pulling implements. Pull off the road and stop to allow motorists to pass. Drive on the road shoulder, if permitted by law.
6. Use extreme caution when pulling heavy loads at road speeds. Avoid hard application of the utility vehicle brakes at high speed.
7. Always drive slowly near curbs, approaches or ditches.
8. If equipped, ensure headlights are aligned so they will not blind the operator's of oncoming vehicles. If the utility vehicle is not equipped with turn signals and law requires them, install them prior to operating on or near public roads.





9. Use your turn signals, checking for traffic well in advance of turning. If the utility vehicle is not equipped with turn signals and law requires them, install them prior to operating on or near public roads.

### **Safety Decals**

1. Keep decals clean. Remove dirt with a wet clean cloth when necessary.
2. Replace safety decals if destroyed, missing, painted over or unreadable. If any safety decals are covered or obscured when the ROPS is mounted, it is recommended that you purchase replacement decals from the utility vehicle manufacturer. Mount them in a readable location at, or near, their original location before operating the utility vehicle.
3. New ROPS decals and utility vehicle decals are available from your utility vehicle dealer.

### **ROPS Safety**

1. Install the ROPS in accordance with Tektite mounting instructions. Failure to do so may affect the ROPS ability to withstand a roll over.
2. If the ROPS is subjected to alteration, structural damage or involved in an over turn accident, the entire structure must be replaced. Failure to do so may result in injury or death in the event of a roll over.
3. If the utility vehicle is not equipped with seat belts, purchase approved seat belts from the utility vehicle manufacturer or Tektite prior to operating the utility vehicle.
4. Always fasten seat belts prior to operating the utility vehicle.
5. Always operate the utility vehicle from the operator's seat.
6. Remove mud, crop residue, chains and tools from steps and operator's platform. They may interfere with pedal operation or entry/exit from the utility vehicle.
7. Remove all loose chains, tools, and equipment from the operator's platform. Failure to do so may cause injury or death in the event of a roll over.
8. Do not install the ROPS on a utility vehicle model that the ROPS is not designated for (compatible utility vehicle designations are printed on the ROPS serial number plate). The ROPS is designed specifically for individual models to ensure ROPS requirements will be met. Installing the ROPS on a non designated utility vehicle may result in injury or death.

### **Emergency Exits**

This ROPS has 2 exits, which may be used in an emergency: left and right doors.



## **Operating Instructions**

### **Important**

The following section locates, identifies and briefly describes the functions of all ROPS controls. All operators should familiarize themselves with control location and function prior to operating the utility vehicle. Failure to do so may result in unsafe operation of the utility vehicle and possible injury or death to operators and bystanders.

The switch plate is located beside the upper A-A cross member near the ROPS roof. The following switches are available and their functionality is described.

#### **1. Front Work Lights Rocker Switch (optional)**

Low position: Off

High position: On

#### **2. Rear Work Light (s) Rocker Switch (optional)**

Low position: Off

High position: On

#### **3. 4 - way Flashers Rocker Switch (optional)**

Low position: Off

High position: On

#### **4. Turn Signal Rocker Switch (optional)**

Left position: Left

Centre position: Off

Right position: Right

#### **5. Front Wiper Rocker Switch (optional)**

Low position: Low speed

Center position: Off

High position: High speed

#### **6. Head Lights Rocker Switch (optional)**

Low position: Off

High position: On

#### **7. Beacon Rocker Switch (optional)**

Low position: Off

High position: On



## **After your ROPS has been installed:**

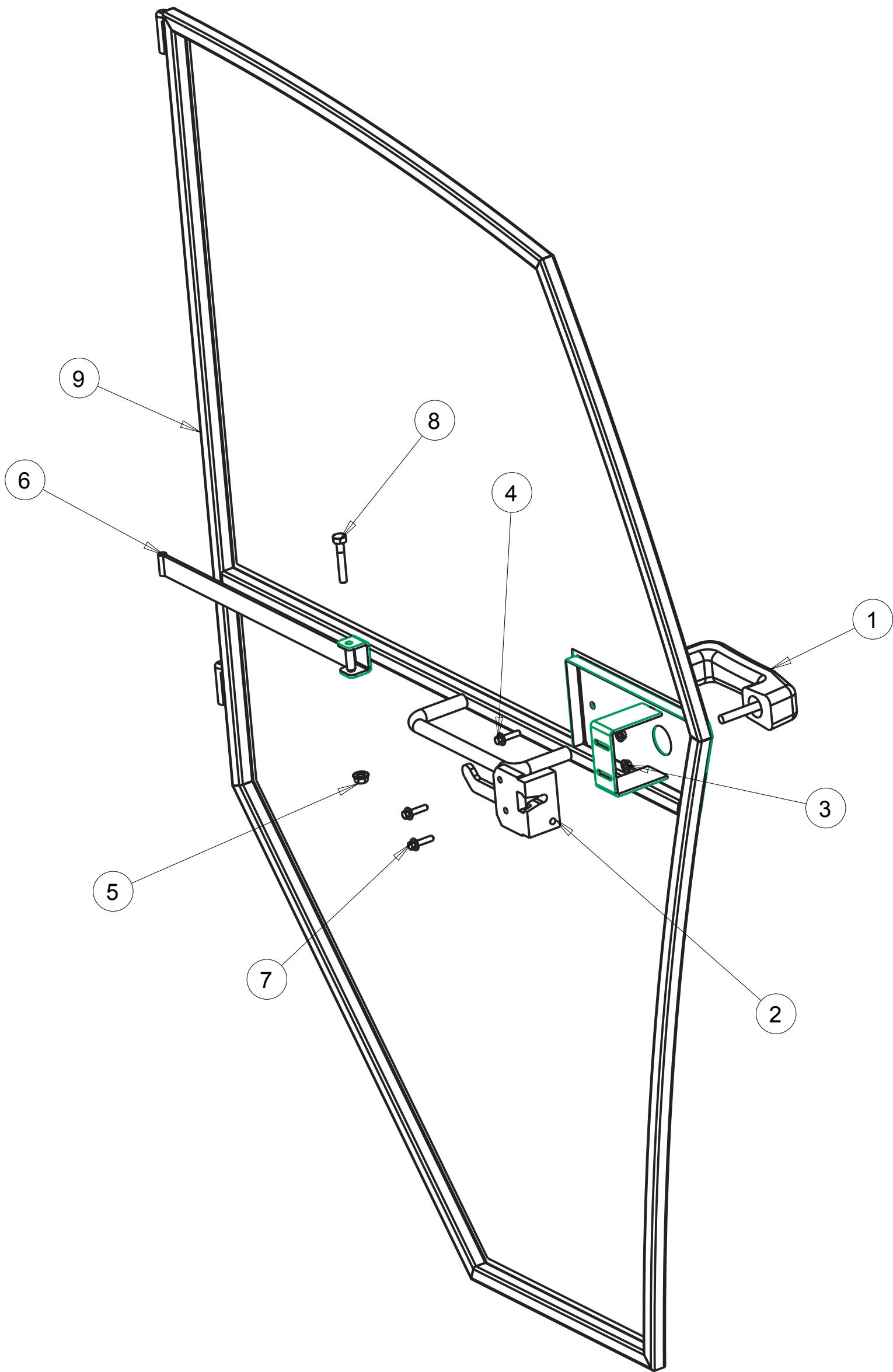
Before starting a utility vehicle equipped with a Tektite ROPS:

1. Clear the operator platform of all tools. Tools left in or around the ROPS and utility vehicle can cause operator interference which could lead to bodily injury and/or damage the machine.
2. Inspect the ROPS and utility vehicle to ensure all bolts are tight and re-tighten if required.
3. Ensure that all pedals, levers, and controls have adequate clearance for normal operation.
4. Ensure that all electrical components of both the ROPS and utility vehicle operate normally.
5. Ensure your door latches properly onto the striker pin. Immediately after installation, the ROPS frame may flex slightly from installation, and the door latch will need to be re-aligned for proper operation. Loosen the striker pin, striker mounting plate and door latch as necessary to get a proper alignment of the door striker.

## **Service Parts Breakdowns:**

Following are parts breakdowns for components that may require service parts replacement during the life of the ROPS. If you require replacement parts, please contact the dealer that you purchased the ROPS from and indicate which parts you require.

Index	Service Part #	File Name	Description	Qty
1	A00-0001	DLP-HANDLE	Outside Push Button Handle	1
2	A00-0002	LEFT-LATCH	Suicide Door Left Latch	1
3	A00-0021	FLANGE-NUT-1-4	Flange Nut, 1/4", YD	2
4	A00-0022	FLANGE_BOLT_M6X25	Flange Bolt, M6x25, YD	1
5	A00-0059	FLANGE-NUT-5-16	Flange Nut, 5/16", YD	1
6	A00-0096	TEKT-0055	Door Strap, 14"	1
7	A00-0118	FLANGE_BOLT_1-4X1	Flange Bolt, 1/4" x 1", YD	2
8	A00-0137	HEX-BOLT_5-16X2	Hex Bolt, 5/16" x 2", YD	1
9	J05-0001	JDGATOR-ASM-004	Left Door Assembly	1



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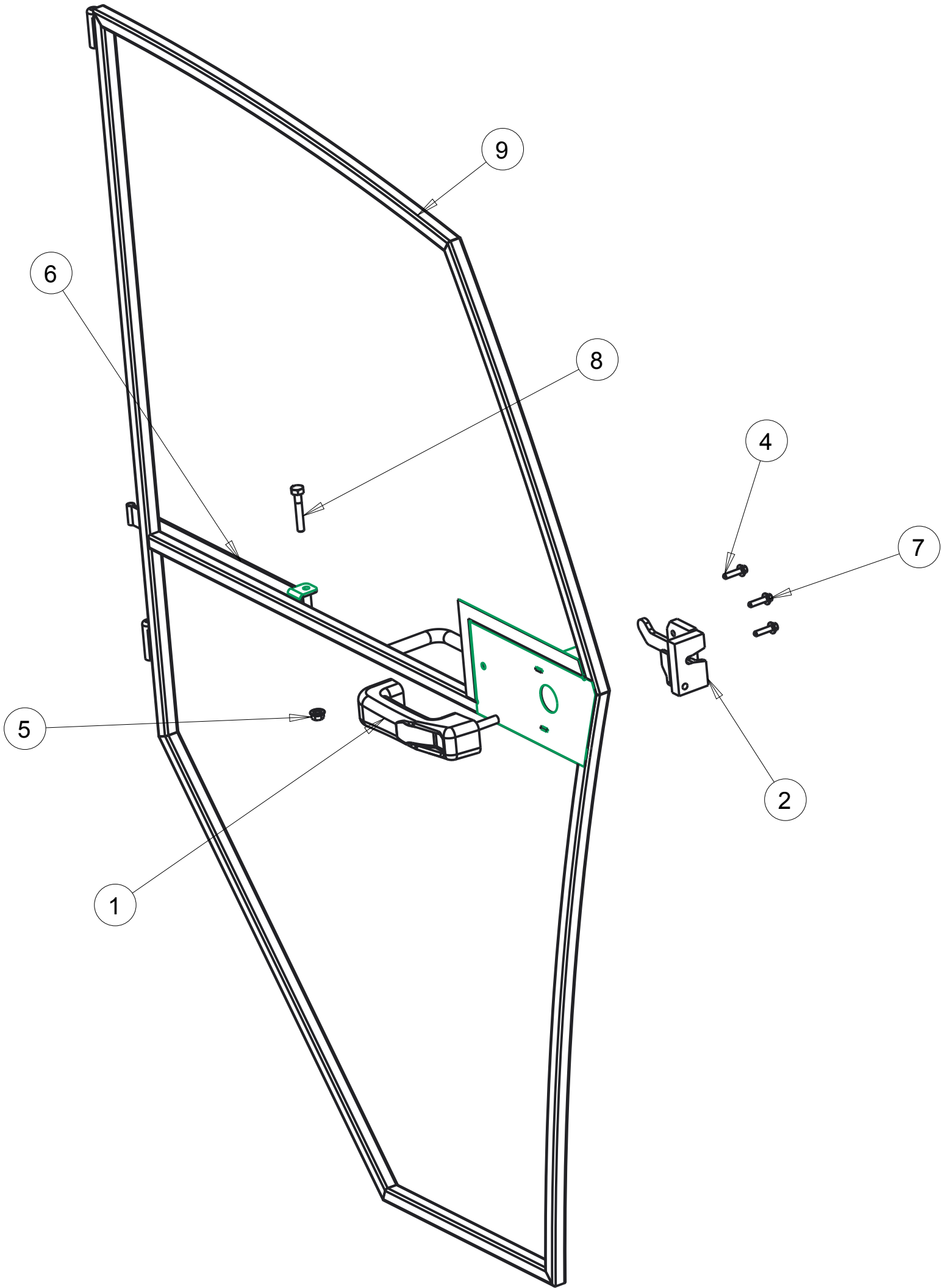
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Checked By:	Date:	Size: B		

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1	A00-0001	DLP-HANDLE	Outside Push Button Handle	1
2	A00-0003	RIGHT-LATCH	Suicide Door Right Latch	1
3	A00-0021	FLANGE-NUT-1-4	Flange Nut, 1/4", YD	2
4	A00-0022	FLANGE_BOLT_M6X25	Flange Bolt, M6x25, YD	1
5	A00-0059	FLANGE-NUT-5-16	Flange Nut, 5/16", YD	1
6	A00-0096	TEKT-0055	Door Strap, 14"	1
7	A00-0118	FLANGE_BOLT_1-4X1	Flange Bolt, 1/4" x 1", YD	2
8	A00-0137	HEX-BOLT_5-16X2	Hex Bolt, 5/16" x 2", YD	1
9	J05-0002	JDGATOR-ASM-004R	Right Door Assembly	1



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