

HOW CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL STANDARDS KEEP CANADIANS SAFE



Agricultural machinery, including tractors, is built with safety in mind. All agricultural machinery is subject to safety standards that are essential in keeping farmers, farm workers and farming communities safe.

Agricultural equipment is manufactured to follow specific safety standards. In fact, new farm machinery has built-in design features to improve the safety of equipment within recent standards.

But safety standards don't just apply to new equipment. When retrofitting older equipment or purchasing used machinery, safety standards must still be followed.

Rollover Protective System (ROPS) is an example of a life-saving standard

Between 2006 and 2015, there were 232 agriculture-related deaths involving a tractor, with rollovers accounting for 36% of those fatalities.

A farm equipment's ROPS and seat belt work together to protect the driver and reduce the risk of the driver being seriously injured if the machine overturns.

What to look for

Look for a label directly on the ROPS that indicates it has met specific safety standard requirements. This certification also means that the part has passed strict testing to confirm its effectiveness in a variety of conditions.

Two- and four-post ROPS will most likely have a certification label on one of the posts, while the label on an enclosed cab ROPS should be near the cab door. Even if a part looks like a proper ROPS and is labelled as such, steer clear of any protective structure that does not have certification labels.



Knowing what these labels mean and why these standards are so important can help save lives.

For more information about ROPS standards and other safety standards, please contact your provincial farm safety organization.

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