Use Travel Locks

Before traveling long distances, make sure you install the loader’s travel locks.

They hold the bucket boom arms in place about a foot above the ground. That way the bucket’s weight won’t ride on the hydraulic cylinders—which can blow seals or hydraulic lines—and the bucket won’t hit the ground if the cylinders let it drop.

The locks also keep the bucket teeth pointed up and out of the way of ground obstacles. Pages 2-87 and 2-88 in TM 5-2420-224-10 show how to install and remove the travel lock’s spring clips.

Control Levers Need Lube

Control levers for the front loader’s boom and bucket get a continuous workout during operation. When a lever gets hard to pull or push, it’s because its linkage needs lube.

The grease fitting for both levers is next to the loader’s swing arm. It gets skipped over simply because it’s inside the cab.

To put some ease back into operating those levers, be sure to lube them during scheduled services.