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# Operation Identification System Manual

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# OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

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Each year one out of 10 homes, farms, and businesses in the U.S. is the victim of a burglary or larceny. There were 66,680 crimes reported in Nebraska in 1980, 22 percent more than in 1976. Nine of every 10 crimes reported in 1980 involved crimes against property. Burglary accounted for 20% of those crimes and a property loss of four million dollars.

Operation Identification offers property owners an opportunity to do something about property theft. Here's how the program works. A local law enforcement agency assigns a permanent identification number to each property owner. Owners use that number when marking valuable property. Warning stickers are posted to let would-be thieves know that this property is marked.

Operation Identification has three objectives:

1. Prevent theft.
2. Improve the likelihood of property recovery.
3. Improve evidence available for prosecution.

Law enforcement officers say that most burglars are opportunists who don't care whose property they steal. Amateurs account for about 7 out of every 10 burglaries. Juvenile arrests accounted for 41% of all arrests for Nebraska burglaries in 1980. Marking your property introduces new risks that burglars and people who fence stolen property prefer to avoid. If that property is stolen, the identifying marks help establish your ownership claim.

Operation Identification stickers may be effective in warning would-be burglars to stay away!

## How Do You Join?

1. Contact a cooperating local law enforcement agency. You will receive an identification number and the agency will keep a record of that number.

Nebraska's Crime Control Coalition has recommended a numbering system based upon one that law enforcement officers use to communicate with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).



This system will help trace stolen property back to you, whether you reported it or not!

Most law enforcement agencies are familiar with this program. They may not have received sufficient expressions of interest to invest the required resources. Encourage them to do so.

2. Use your I.D. number to mark property. Farm machinery, business equipment, household and sporting goods are among items to mark. You decide which property is valuable. Don't leave the decision to a burglar.

3. Post several window or door stickers in prominent places to warn burglars that your items have been marked for identification.

4. Finally, inventory your property. An up-to-date inventory is vital when reporting a loss whether it's due to theft or fire. Record the color, make, model and I.D. number along with primary and secondary marking locations. Such information will be valuable to an investigating officer as well as to insurance adjusters.

### **Marking Tools**

Many local law enforcement agencies or your Cooperative Extension office can tell you about organizations or agencies willing to provide marking tools. For machinery, a stamping tool or marking punches are recommended. An electric engraver may be best for household appliances, sporting goods, and many tools. Farmers and ranchers may use small paper tabs or confetti with their I.D. number to mark hay and grain. Marking pens with ink visible only under a black light may be used when other marks would reduce property value.

### **Where to Mark Your Property**

Mark most items in two locations. The primary location should be obvious so that law enforcement officers can easily and quickly identify the property. Common marking locations are described in this circular. Use an Operation Identification warning sticker to mark this location. A second mark is recommended to provide a more perma-

nent claim to ownership. Officers are expected to discover this when a detailed inspection is authorized. Put this mark in a place only you know about, where it will not be easily discovered and removed. This mark will improve your chances for recovery as well as help convict the thief.

If you sell the property, advise the purchaser to place his mark below existing numbers. Do not remove them.

Obviously, some valuables such as jewelry, antiques, and silverware cannot be marked without reducing their value. A photograph may help prove ownership even though it will not help trace the item.

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## PRIMARY MARKING LOCATIONS

Farm Equipment			Additional Items to Mark
Figure No.			Figure No.
1. Auger	18. Grader	35. Shredder	1. Barbeque grills
2. Backhoe loader	19. Gravity wagon	36. Skid steer loader	2. Batteries
3. Combine	20. Grinder mixer	37. Snow blower	3. Battery charger
4. Conveyer	21. Hydraulic cylinder	38. Sprayer	4. Bicycles
5. Corn & grain head	22. Liquid manure spreader	39. Spreader	5. Boats & motors
6. Corn planter	23. Motors	40. Spring tooth drag	6. Chain saw
7. Cultipacker	24. Mounted corn planter	41. Square baler	7. Gas cans & fire extinguisher
8. Electric motor	25. Mower conditioner	42. 3-Point blade	8. Lawn mowers
9. 4-wheel drive	26. Plow	43. Tandam disc	9. Motorcycles
10. Field cultivator	27. Portable digger	44. Tool bar	10. Portable heaters
11. Forage blower	28. Power hand tool	45. Tractor	11. Portable washer
12. Forage box	29. Pumper & compressors	46. Tractor type tractor	12. Radio & accessories
13. Forage harvester	30. Rake		13. Rototiller
14. Forklift	31. Rotary cutter		14. Snowmobiles
15. Front end loader	32. Round baler		15. Tools & tool box
16. Garden tractor	33. Running gear		16. Trimmers & shears
17. Generator	34. Seed drill		17. Welder



## FARM EQUIPMENT

Place ID number on right front frame 12" from right wheel.

### AUGER

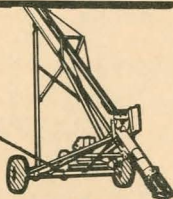
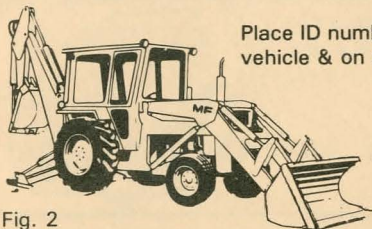


Fig. 1

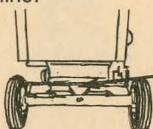


Place ID number on right front frame of vehicle & on right front of attachment.

### BACKHOE LOADER

Fig. 2

Place ID number on frame above pivot point of axle, not on axle; but on frame of machine.



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### COMBINE

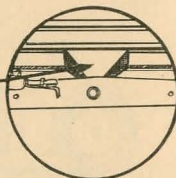
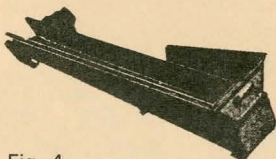


Fig. 3

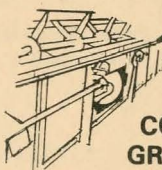


Place ID number on right front frame.

### CONVEYER

Fig. 4

Place ID number on corn head and grain table on right rear angle iron on the main frame.



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### CORN AND GRAIN HEAD

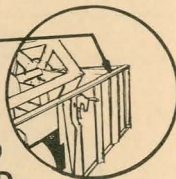
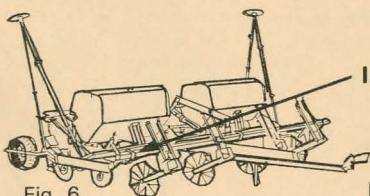


Fig. 5

Place ID number on planter with tongue, on top of frame; 12" from right.



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### CORN PLANTER

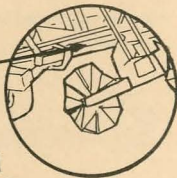


Fig. 6



Place ID number on drawbar 12" from hitch pin.

## CULTIPACKER

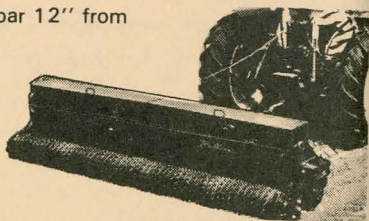


Fig. 7

Place your ID on the opposite side of the motor from the serial and/or model number plate.

## ELECTRIC MOTORS

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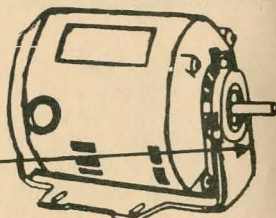
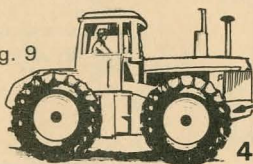


Fig. 8

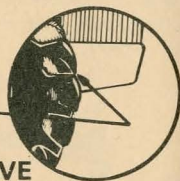
Place ID number on right front frame.

Fig. 9



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4-WHEEL DRIVE



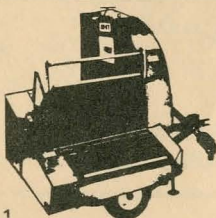
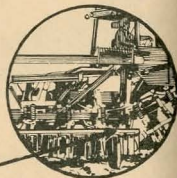
Place ID number on top of main frame, 12" from right side.

## FIELD CULTIVATOR



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Fig. 10



Place ID number on drawbar 12" from hitch pin.

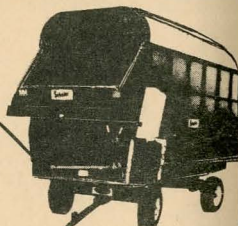
## FORAGE BLOWER

Fig. 11

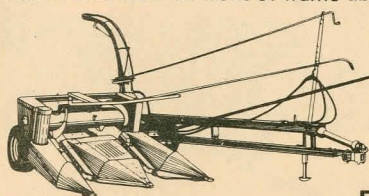
Place ID number on right front frame 12" from right front wheel.

## FORAGE BOX

Fig. 12



Place ID number on front of frame above draw bar.



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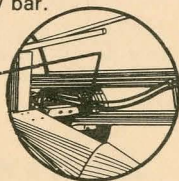
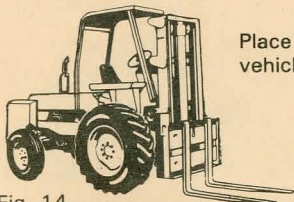


Fig. 13

## FORAGE HARVESTER

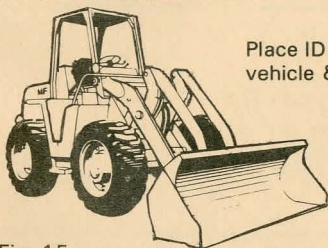
Place ID number on right front frame of vehicle & on right front of attachment.



## FORKLIFT

Fig. 14

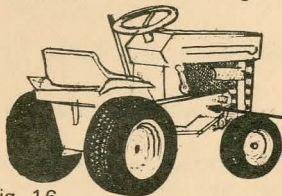
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## FRONT END LOADER

Fig. 15

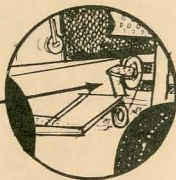
Place ID number on right side frame rail.



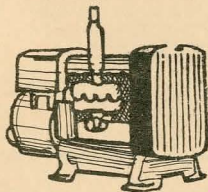
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## GARDEN TRACTOR

Fig. 16



Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.



## GENERATOR

Fig. 17

Place ID number on right front frame.

## GRADER

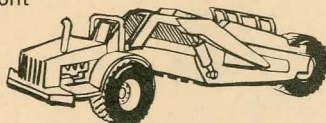
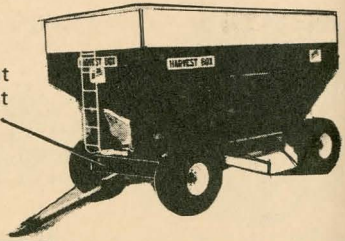


Fig. 18

Place ID number on right front frame 12" from right front wheel.



## GRAVITY WAGON

Fig. 19

(On all equipment with non-removable tongues; manure spreaders, grain drills, auger wagon) Place ID number on right side on top of tongue; 12" to rear of hitch pin.

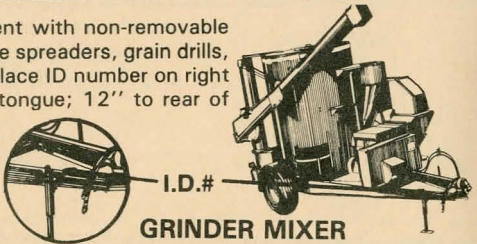


Fig. 20

## GRINDER MIXER

Place ID number on end cap of cylinder.

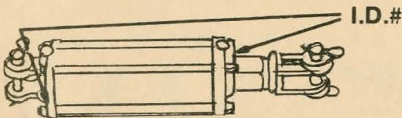


Fig. 21

## HYDRAULIC CYLINDER

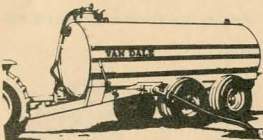


Fig. 22

Place ID number on drawbar 12" from hitch pin.

## LIQUID MANURE SPREADER

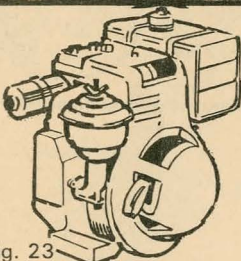


Fig. 23

Place ID number on the opposite side from the serial and/or model number plate.

## MOTORS

(On 3 point equipment with tool bar) Place ID number on top of tool bar adjacent to right hitch pin.

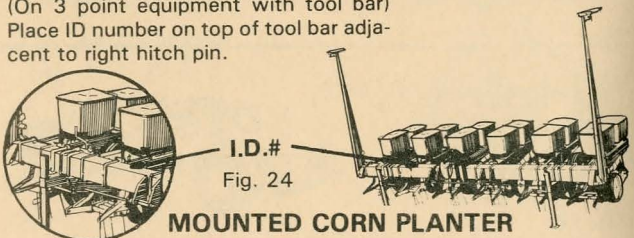
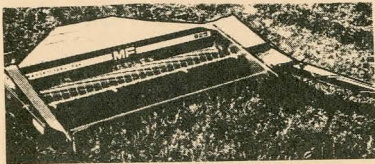


Fig. 24

## MOUNTED CORN PLANTER





## MOWER CONDITIONER

Place ID number on drawbar 12" from hitch pin.

Fig. 25

Place ID number on top of main beam;  
12" from front.

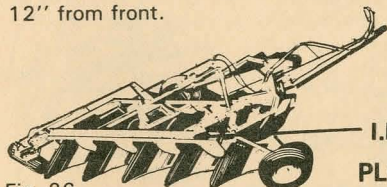
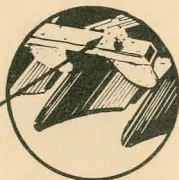


Fig. 26

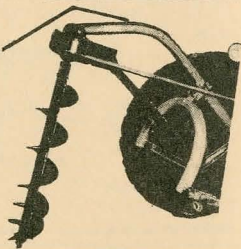
**PLOW**



Place ID number on top of frame  
suspending auger.

## PORTABLE DIGGER

Fig. 27



Place your Identification Number (ID)  
on the tool away from the serial-model  
number plate.

## POWER HAND TOOLS (Drills, saws, grinders, etc.)

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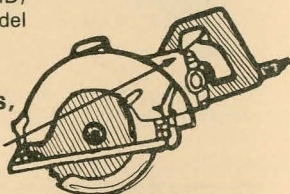


Fig. 28

Place your ID number in vicinity of the  
oil filler cap or if that is not practical, on  
the opposite side of the unit.

## PUMPS AND COMPRESSORS

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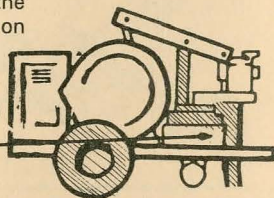


Fig. 29

Place ID number on front of frame; 12"  
above hitch.

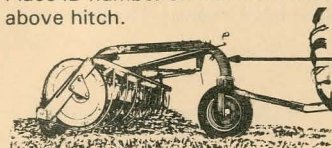
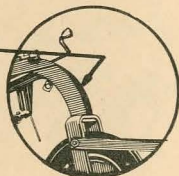
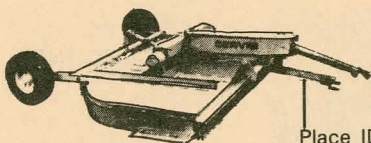


Fig. 30

**RAKE**







## ROTARY CUTTER

Place ID number on top of frame suspending auger.

Fig. 31

Place ID number on right side on top of tongue; 12" to rear of hitch pin.



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## ROUND BALER

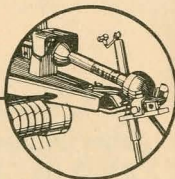
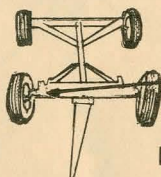


Fig. 32

Place ID number on right front of front axle.



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## RUNNING GEAR

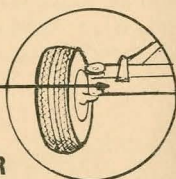
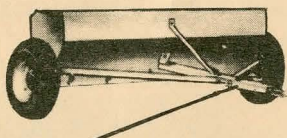


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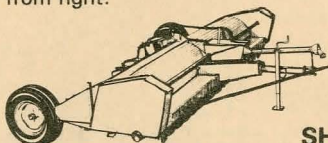


## SEED DRILL

Place ID number on drawbar 12" from hitch pin.

Fig. 34

Place ID number on front of frame; 12" from right.



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## SHREDDER

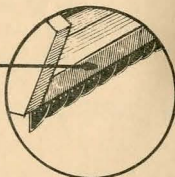


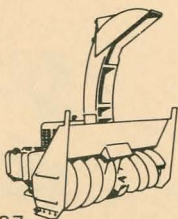
Fig. 35



Place ID number on right front frame of vehicle & on right front of attachment.

## SKID STEER LOADER

Fig. 36



Place ID number on right front frame.

## SNOW BLOWER

Fig. 37

Place ID number on right front frame 12" from hitch pin.

## SPRAYER

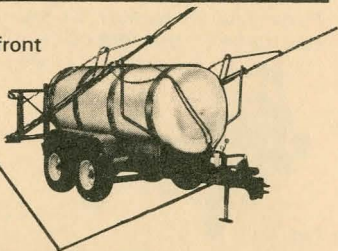
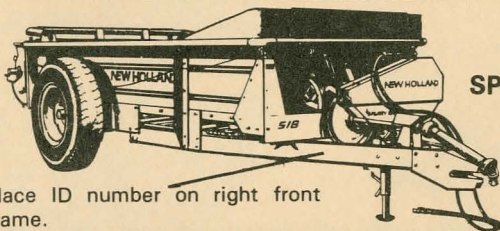


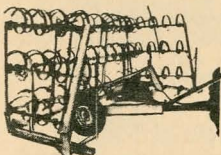
Fig. 38



## SPREADER

Place ID number on right front frame.

Fig. 39

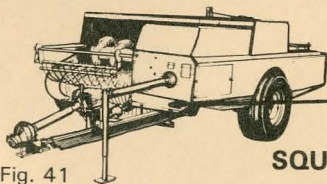


Place ID number on drawbar 12" from hitch pin.

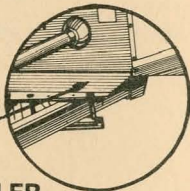
## SPRING TOOTH DRAG

Fig. 40

Place ID number on front of frame, above draw bar.



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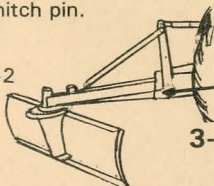


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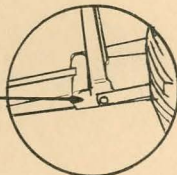
Fig. 41

Place ID number on all three-point hitches on frame adjacent to right side hitch pin.

Fig. 42

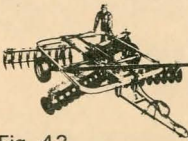


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## 3-POINT BLADE

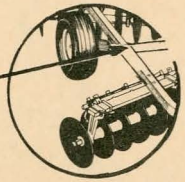
Place ID number on top of frame,  
above transport axle, on right side.



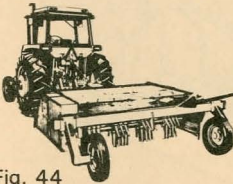
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### TANDEM DISC

Fig. 43



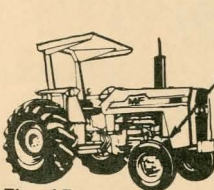
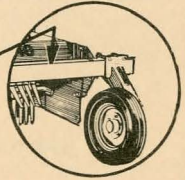
Place your ID number on top of  
tool bar; 12" from right side.



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### TOOL BAR

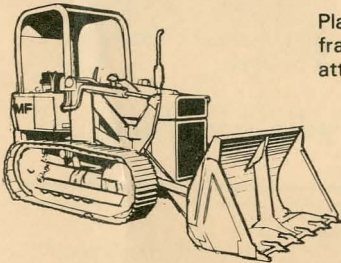
Fig. 44



Place ID number on right front  
frame.

### TRACTOR

Fig. 45



Place ID number on right front  
frame of vehicle & on right front of  
attachment.

### TRACK TYPE TRACTOR

Fig. 46



## ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO MARK

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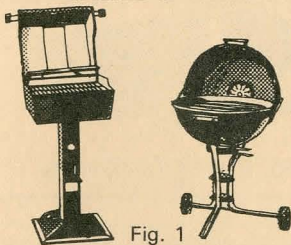


Fig. 1

Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

### BARBEQUE GRILLS



Fig. 2

Mark batteries in all vehicles.

### BATTERIES

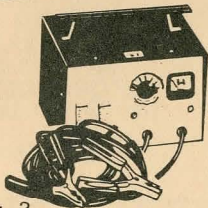


Fig. 3

Place ID in visible and hidden locations.

### BATTERY CHARGER

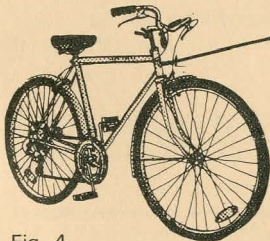


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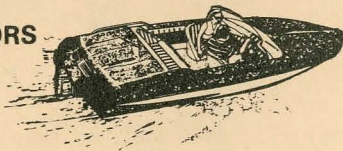
Place ID number on front frame.

### BICYCLES



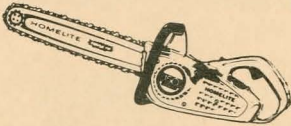
Fig. 5

### BOATS & MOTORS





Place ID in visible and hidden locations.

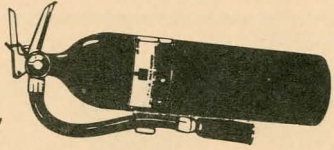


## CHAIN SAW

Fig. 6



Fig. 7



## GASOLINE CANS & FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

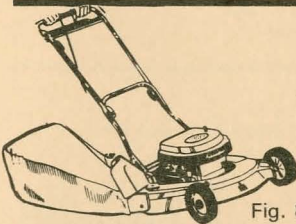


Fig. 8

Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

## LAWN MOWERS

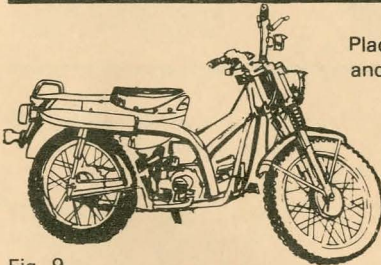


Fig. 9

Place ID numbers in visible and hidden locations.

## MOTORCYCLES

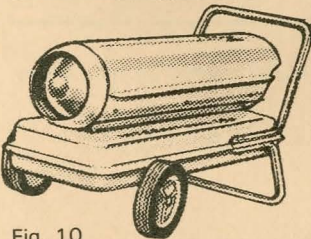


Fig. 10

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## PORTABLE HEATERS

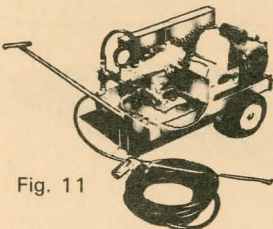
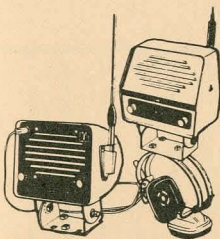


Fig. 11

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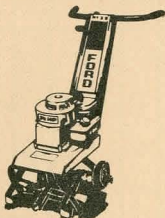
## PORTABLE WASHER



Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

## RADIO & ACCESSORIES

Fig. 12



Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

## ROTOTILLER

Fig. 13



Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

## SNOWMOBILES

Fig. 14



Use hand engraver for marking small hand tools.

## TOOLS & TOOL BOX

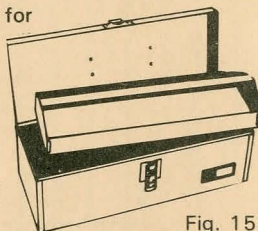
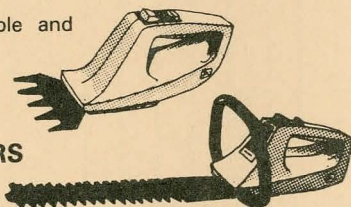


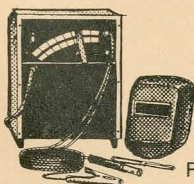
Fig. 15

Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.



## TRIMMERS & SHEARS

Fig. 16



Place ID in visible and hidden locations.

## WELDER

Fig. 17



# CRIME PREVENTION INVENTORY SHEET

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NO.

ID NUMBER

ARTICLE	SERIAL NO.	MODEL	BRAND NAME	ALTERNATE MARKING LOCATION	UNUSUAL MARKING OR IMPERFECTION







