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Operation Identification System Manual

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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**

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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.

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.

Fig. 5

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

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**

Fig. 8

Place ID number on right front frame.

**FIELD CULTIVATOR**

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.

**FORAGE HARVESTER**

Fig. 13

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

**FORKLIFT**

Fig. 14

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

**FRONT END LOADER**

Fig. 15

Place ID number on right side frame rail.

**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.

**GRINDER MIXER**

Fig. 20

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

**HYDRAULIC CYLINDER**

Fig. 21

Place ID number on end cap of cylinder.

**LIQUID MANURE SPREADER**

Fig. 22

Place ID number on drawbar 12" from hitch pin.

**MOTORS**

Fig. 23

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

**MOUNTED CORN PLANTER**

Fig. 24
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

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.)

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

Fig. 29

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

RAKE
ROTARY CUTTER

Fig. 31

Place ID number on top of frame suspending auger.

Fig. 32

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

Fig. 33

Place ID number on right front of front axle.

Fig. 34

Place ID number on drawbar 12” from hitch pin.

Fig. 35

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

Fig. 36

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

SKID STEER LOADER
Place ID number on right front frame.

**SNOW BLOWER**

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

**SPRAYER**

Place ID number on right front frame.

**SPREADER**

Place ID number on drawbar 12” from hitch pin.

**SPRING TOOTH DRAG**

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

**SQUARE BALER**

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

**3-POINT BLADE**
Place ID number on top of frame, above transport axle, on right side.

![TANDEM DISC](image)

**Fig. 43**

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

![TOOL BAR](image)

**Fig. 44**

Place ID number on right front frame.

![TRACTOR](image)

**Fig. 45**

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

![TRACK TYPE TRACTOR](image)

**Fig. 46**
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO MARK

- **BARBEQUE GRILLS**
  - Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

  ![Barbeque Grill](Fig. 1)

- **BATTERIES**
  - Mark batteries in all vehicles.

  ![Battery Charger](Fig. 2)

- **BATTERY CHARGER**
  - Place ID in visible and hidden locations.

  ![Battery Charger](Fig. 3)

- **BICYCLES**
  - Place ID number on front frame.

  ![Bicycle](Fig. 4)

- **BOATS & MOTORS**

  ![Boat & Motor](Fig. 5)
Place ID in visible and hidden locations.

**CHAIN SAW**

Fig. 6

**GASOLINE CANS & FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

**LAWN MOWERS**

Fig. 8

**MOTORCYCLES**

Fig. 9

Place ID numbers in visible and hidden locations.

**PORTABLE HEATERS**

Fig. 10

Place ID number in visible and hidden locations.

**PORTABLE WASHER**

Fig. 11
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

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