

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SKID STEERS

When it comes to your skid steer, it's important to make sure your piece of equipment works as hard as you do. But, there's a lot of thought and decision making that goes into owning a piece of equipment like a skid steer, so before and after your purchase, you might have some questions regarding the condition and care of your machine.

That's why we wanted to address your frequently skid steer questions, all in one place, so you'll never have to go searching for information about your skid steer again.

## Your Skid Steer Questions, Answered

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- **Can I use different attachment brands on my skid steer?**

You can use different attachment brands on your skid steer, it's just important to make sure you have a universal coupler, or quick attach, installed on your skid steer. However, depending on the hydraulics and carrying capacity of your skid steer, the attachment might not be compatible with your skid steer, so it's important to check the manual first.

- **How can I use my skid steer?**

There are many ways you can use your skid steer. The most common uses include: clearing, pushing, front-loading, transporting, and navigating.

- **How much should I expect to pay for my skid steer?**

The price of a skid steer will always vary, but it primarily depends on the size. You could spend anywhere between \$10,000 to \$60,000, it is all about what you're comfortable with and what you need from your machine.

- **What's the difference between a new and used skid steer?**

Mainly, the difference stems from its technology, and operating life. Getting a used skid steer won't affect its ability to work, it just might not be as up to date with new tech features, therefore have more limitations on job sites. However, if you don't use a skid steer very often, it could be a more practical choice for you.

- **How fast will my skid steer go?**

A skid steer can operate anywhere from seven to ten miles per hour.

- **How long do skid steers last after purchase?**

A typical skid steer can last anywhere from 2,000 to 5,000 hours, or sometimes closer to 7,000 hours. However, it's longevity depends on how many hours a day you use it. Regularly caring for your machine, and not overusing it on a weekly basis, will help maintain its operating life.

- **How long should I operate my skid steer?**

A typical day of use would be considered five or six hours, in order to get the most out of your equipment.

- **When do I know if my skid steer needs new tires?**

Most tires should be replaced out of 500 hours of use, but if you frequently go out on uneven terrain, and suspect uneven tread on your tires, it might be in your best interest to replace them sooner.

- **How do I care for my skid steer?**

Annual and proper skid steer care is essential for keeping your device up and running like new. It's best to check your skid steer frequently for tears in the tires, fluid levels, and see how the oil is doing.

**No matter the question, when it comes to your skid steer it can only do half the job. Its attachments are where the real work begins. If you're ready to take your work to the next level, contact Rut Manufacturing with all your skid steer needs.**

