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### 1 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to establish the safety requirements for tractor-mounted, boom-type post hole diggers.

### 2 Scope

**2.1** This Standard applies to boom-type post hole diggers designed and intended for digging vertical, cylindrical holes.

**2.2** This Standard applies to boom-type post hole diggers designed for attachment to the three-point hitch of agricultural tractors as specified in ASAE S390, equipped with Category I or Category II three-point linkage as specified in ASAE S217, and powered by a 540-rpm power take-off or by the agricultural tractor's hydraulic power.

### 3 Normative References

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies unless noted. For undated references, the latest approved edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ANSI/ASABE AD500-1:2004 W/Cor.1 OCT2011 Agricultural tractor — Rear-mounted power take-off types 1, 2 and 3 — Part 1: General specifications, safety requirements, dimensions for master shield and clearance zone

ASABE/ISO 500-2:2004 DEC2010 Agricultural tractors — Rear-mounted power take-off types 1, 2 and 3 — Part 2: Narrow-track tractors, dimensions for master shield and clearance zone

ASABE/ISO 500-3:2004 DEC2010 Agricultural tractors — Rear-mounted power take-off types 1, 2 and 3 — Part 3: Main PTO dimensions and spline dimensions, location of PTO

ANSI/ASABE AD8759-1:1998 DEC2010 Agricultural wheeled tractors — Front-mounted equipment — Part 1: Power take-off and three-point linkage

ANSI/ASABE AD8759-2:1998 DEC2010 Agricultural wheeled tractors — Front-mounted equipment — Part 2: Stationary equipment connection

ASAE S207.12 MAR1994 (R2009) Operating Requirements for Tractors and Power Take-off Driven implements.

ASAE S217.12 DEC2001 (ISO 730-1:1994) (R2007) Three-point free-link attachment for hitching implements to agricultural wheel tractors.

ANSI/ASAE S279.16 FEB2012 Lighting and Marking of Agricultural Equipment on Highways.

ASAE S304.8 MAY2006 (R2010) Graphical Symbols for Operator Controls and Displays on Agricultural Equipment.

ANSI/ASAE S318.17 JUN2009 Safety for Agricultural Field Equipment.

ASABE/ISO 15077:2008 OCT2008 Tractors and self-propelled machinery for agriculture — Operator controls — Actuating forces, displacement, location and method of operation.

ASAE EP363.1 DEC1982 (R2008) Technical Publications for Agricultural Equipment.

ASAE S390.5 JAN2011 Definitions and Classifications of Agricultural Field Equipment.

ANSI/ASABE AD11684:1995 (APR2011) Tractors, machinery for agricultural and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment — Safety signs and hazard pictorials — General principles

ANSI/ASAE S493.1 JUL03 (R2008) Guarding for Agricultural Equipment.

ANSI/ASABE S604 JUN09, Safety for Power Take-off (PTO), Implement Input Driveline (IID), Implement Input Connection (IIC), and Auxiliary Power Take-off (aux. PTO) for Agricultural Field Equipment.

ANSI/ASAE S522 (ISO 5674:2004) (R2009) Tractors and machinery for agricultural and forestry — Guards for power take-off drive shafts — Strength and wear tests and acceptance criteria

ISO 2332 Agricultural tractors and machinery — Connection of implements via three-point linkage — Clearance zone around implement

SAE J517 JUN96 Hydraulic Hose.

SAE J1360 SEP87 Product Identification Numbering System of Off-Road Work Machines.

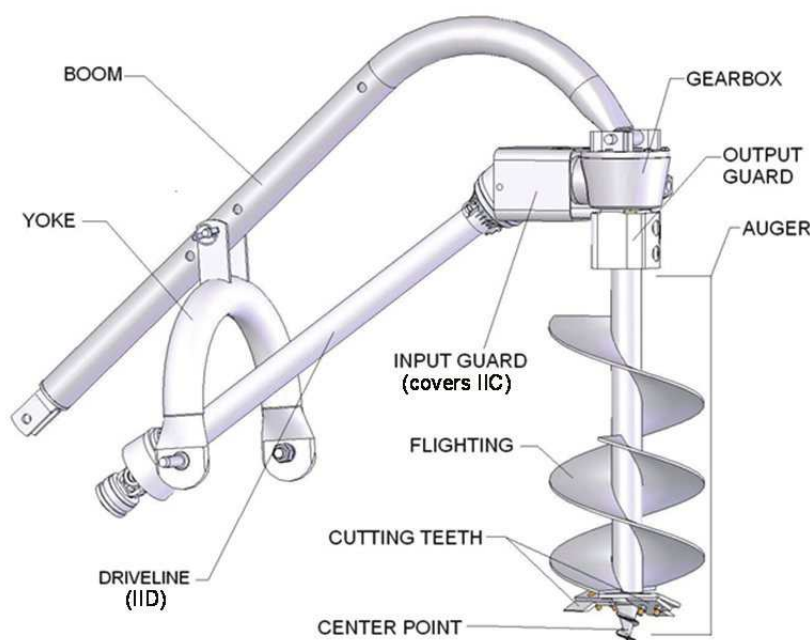


Figure 1 – Typical PTO configuration of boom-type post hole digger