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## ROPS Retro-Fit Fact Sheet

ROPS were first introduced commercially in 1966.

ROPS first became available for most new tractors in the late 60's or early 70's.

ROPS became standard equipment on most new tractors manufactured after 1985.

In the last two years, Deere, Case-IH, New Holland (Ford), AGCO (Massey) and Kubota have initiated special ROPS Retro-Fit Programs. These Programs:

- Provide new ROPS at more affordable prices - Usually \$400 to \$600 plus shipping, installation charges and tax. ROPS can usually be installed for a total cost of \$600 to \$1000.
- ROPS are available for most tractors manufactured after the mid sixties or early seventies.
- Retro-Fit ROPS are also available for some very popular tractor models made before the late sixties.

If you are interested in purchasing a ROPS:

- Check with the local dealer for your make & model tractor.
- Only install a ROPS if designed for your make & model tractor.
- Be sure it has an approved Performance Certification label such as meeting OSHA, SAE, ASAE or ISO certification.
- Only use parts supplied by the manufacturer for mounting ROPS and follow all recommendations and specifications.

Non-Certified ROPS, such as a shop fabricated ROPS, should NEVER be depended upon for overturn protection.

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