

Getting Started

Welcome to Green Land! The very first things you need are **manuals** for your tractor, a subscription to **Green Magazine** which is the single largest publication containing a broad array of goods and services that you are likely to be needing, and a link to your local **JD dealer's** stockroom and price listings. Yes, your local John Deere dealer will have many much-needed parts – see below.

MANUALS – Go to the John Deere Model “H” Restoration Site (below). Scan across to ARTICLES 1. From the drop-downs, select DEERE PUBS. Go to page 2 of that piece and with model and serial; number, you can identify which Deere publications are available from Deere Publications for you tractor. Then go back to page 1 (at the bottom) to learn how to obtain them.

SERVICE MANUAL – Deere did not publish separate service manuals for each of the lettered series tractors. However, for Model “B” tractors, serial number 96,000-up, there is one – called SM2004! This book is a bit pricey and it pays to shop around. If you have a question – write me. My email is always open. And for some models like the “H”, you will find “specialty” books that are of great value in the restoration process.

MAGAZINE -- Go to GOOGLE and enter “Green Magazine”. About the 3rd line down should give you the link you need to subscribe to the monthly magazine.

Replacement parts in general, new or used -- Identification of the vast array of after-market sources will come to you in Green Magazine, plus on discussion forums such as www.ytmag.com and in your contact with other “Deere-speaking” folks.

JD PARTS – There are scads of after-market sources for parts and you will be impressed to learn how many replacement parts remain available from Deere. Go to GOOGLE and enter “jdparts” and you will have a link to the JD parts homepage. Be sure to sign up – it is a no-obligation way to have a virtual eye into your local Deere dealer's stock room and at his price list. This is a very powerful link, a must-have for a vintage JD tractor or implement owner.

If the part number of an item you enter is valid, it remains available. And if invalid, either drop the “R” at the end and retry. If still invalid, you will learn Deere doesn't carry the part any longer. As with any new site, some experimentation will go much further than any word I can write. Welcome Aboard! (PatB) ++++