

# 988G

## Wheel Loader



### Engine

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## 988G Wheel Loader

*Improved performance and rugged durability combine with operator comfort for maximum productivity.*

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### Structures and Fabricated Box Boom

The articulated frame design features a high-torsion, compact, load-absorbing, front frame and a large, box-section, engine-end frame. Fabricated boom and linkage geometry increase dump clearance, provide improved breakout and lift forces and increase the viewing area to the bucket corners. **pg. 4**

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### Application Truck Match

Increased performance and good pass matching make the 988G a versatile performer. **pg. 14**

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### Power Train

- ✓ The Cat 3456 EUI diesel engine is Tier 2 compliant. A new cylinder block is stronger and lighter weight. The Caterpillar planetary power shift transmission and impeller clutch torque converter provide smooth, consistent shifting with finger tip control. Electronic controls contribute to increased levels of productivity. **pg. 6**

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### Customer Support

Your Cat® dealer offers a wide range of services that help you operate longer with lower costs. **pg. 15**

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### Hydraulics and Electronic Monitoring

Innovative electro-hydraulics play a key role in performance of the 988G and provide low operator effort. Increased hydraulic efficiency improves lift and tilt cycle time for reduced overall cycle time. The tradition of reliable, high-performance Caterpillar hydraulics continues. **pg. 8**

***Revolutionary design, Caterpillar quality.***  
*Electro-hydraulic controls, increased power and torque rise, front linkage and unmatched operator comfort work together for increased performance and added durability to make the 988G an innovative, 21st century large wheel loader geared for maximum production in the toughest condition.*



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### Operator Station

Experience a new level of efficiency, comfort and productivity with one-hand STIC operation, a 38 percent larger cab, low-effort, fingertip lift and tilt controls, improved visibility, reduced sound levels, improved ventilation and easier entry and exit. **pg. 10**

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### Buckets and Ground Engaging Tools

Choose between 6.3 m<sup>3</sup> (8.2 yd<sup>3</sup>) and 7.0 m<sup>3</sup> (9.2 yd<sup>3</sup>) capacity buckets, spade edge and straight edge buckets and various Ground Engaging Tools to match job conditions. These Caterpillar buckets retain the proven shell-tine construction design for unmatched durability. **pg. 12**

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### Bucket Match

Improve machine performance and increase stability by selecting the right bucket for your application and material density. **pg. 13**

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### Maintenance and Serviceability

Most daily maintenance checks are performed from the machine's left side, facilitating quick start up. Case drain filters for main hydraulic, steering and fan pumps protect against contamination, and improved access to major components enhance serviceability and increase uptime. **pg. 16**



✓ *New Feature*

## Structures and Fabricated Box Boom

*Superior design of structures, along with bold, new box-section front linkage provide superior strength.*



**Structures.** Combine the use of robotic welding and castings in critical high-stress areas. More than 90 percent of the 988G structure is robotically welded to provide highly consistent welds and increased strength. Castings are also used in several areas to increase strength by helping to spread the loads and reduce the number of parts.

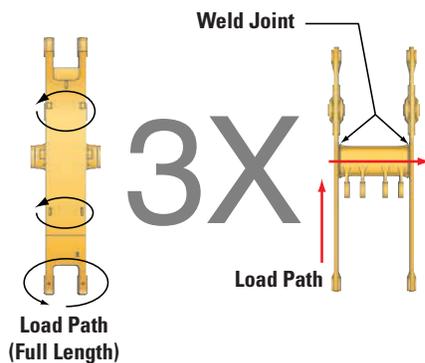
**1 Full Box-Section Frame.** Has been improved for maximum strength and minimum weight. The frame rail is now extended further forward, improving rail to hitch strength.

**2 Box-Shaped Tower.** Is designed for improved resistance to twisting for maximum strength. The tilt cylinder tower's high-strength steel plates direct stress down to the lift cylinder cast mounting tube, absorbing impact and loading forces. This design results in a narrower tower which gives better operator visibility.

**3 Upper and Lower Hitch-Pins.** Pivot on double-tapered roller bearings. The hitch plates are shaped to direct stress away from the end of the weld, resulting in a smoother transition of stress loads into the frame.

**4 Spread-Hitch Design.** Increases the spread 26 percent to help square-up the frame and provide increased clearance for access to the hitch and hydraulic lines.

**5 Steering Cylinder Mounts.** Are located on the axle pads providing efficient transfer of steering loads to the axle.



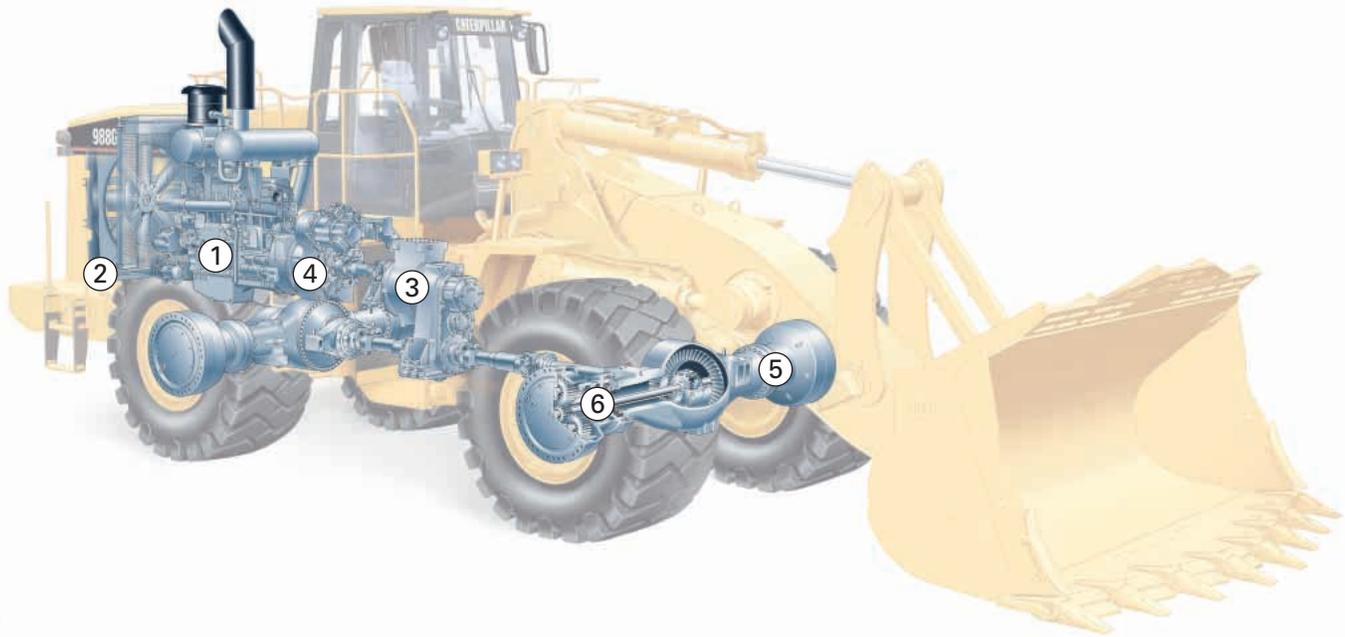
**6 Fabricated Box Boom.** Replaces the traditional steel plate lift arms found on wheel loaders. This design features forked ends for easier service, faster assembly and increased reliability. Castings in high stress areas smooth the transition of stress distribution for excellent service life. The new boom and dual bucket links work together for increased breakout force, better torsional resistance and higher lift capacity.

**• Fabricated Boom Box-Section Design.** Has more torsional stiffness than a Z-bar design. (With the parallel lift arm design, corner loading the bucket sends stresses up the lift arm, through the cross tube welding and up the other lift arm.) The box-section design spreads stresses over the full length and perimeter of the boom, allowing stress transfer through parent material. This resists twisting and prevents stress paths that can lead to cracking.



## Power Train

*Cat power train delivers top performance and durability in tough applications. Changes to the aftercooler, injectors, bearings and pistons help improve startability, response, power, emissions and fuel consumption.*



**1 Cat 3456 EUI Diesel Engine.** Is based on one of the most successful engines offered by Caterpillar, the 3406E. The 3456 is Tier 2 compliant and features increased horsepower and efficient fuel management for quick response, high productivity and exceptional service life. A new, sculptured cylinder block provides greater strength and lighter weight.

• **42 Percent Torque Rise.** Provides high lugging force during digging and acceleration in high rimpull conditions. The torque curve effectively matches the transmission shift points to provide maximum efficiency and faster cycle times.

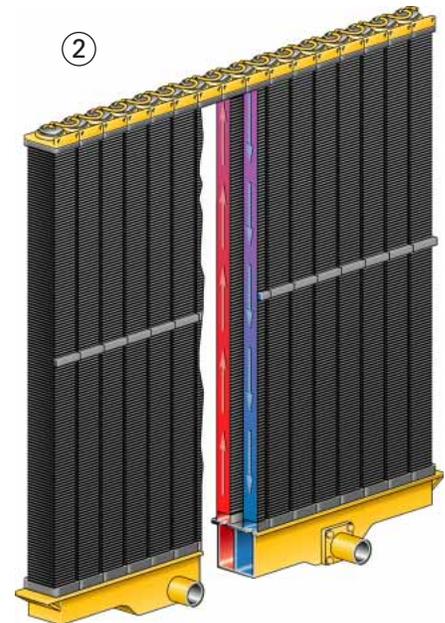
• **Electronic Unit Injection (EUI).** Is a proven high-pressure, direct injection fuel system that electronically monitors operator demands and sensor inputs to optimize engine performance.

• **Air Cleaners.** Are dry-type radial seal with primary and secondary elements and precleaner.

• **ADEM™ III (Advanced Diesel Engine Management) System.** Controls the fuel injector solenoids to monitor fuel injection. This system provides automatic altitude compensation, air filter restriction indication and will not allow the engine to fire until it has oil pressure, acting as a cold start protection and a form of pre-lube.

• **Air-to-Air Aftercooler (ATAAC).** Provides a separate cooling system for the intake manifold air. The ATAAC system routes hot compressed air from the turbo and cools it with a single pass, air-to-air aluminum heat exchanger. The cooled compressed air greatly reduces the emissions produced, meeting Tier 2 requirements.

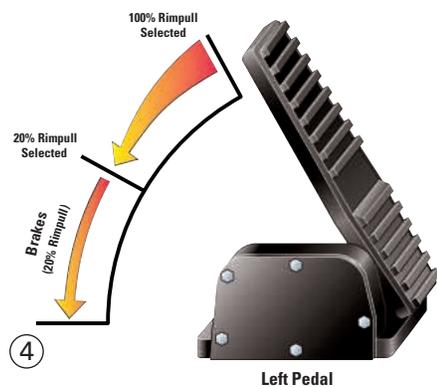
**2 Separate Engine Cooling System.** Isolates the radiator and fan from the engine compartment for more efficient cooling and allows for a sloped hood for increased viewing.



• **Advanced Modular Cooling System (AMOCS).** Improves cooling capabilities by using a parallel flow system with seven cores. Serviceability is improved with AMOCS as there is no top tank to remove.

### 3 Electronically Controlled Caterpillar Planetary, Power Shift Transmission.

Features perimeter-mounted, large diameter clutch packs that control inertia for smooth shifting and increased component life.



### 4 Impeller Clutch Torque Converter (ICTC).

Combined with the Rimpull Control System (RCS) allows the operator maximum flexibility in modulating rimpull.

- Improved calibration procedure
- Improved left pedal modulation
- Compensates for wear by providing the ability to recalibrate for optimum left pedal modulation regardless of torque converter wear
- The impeller clutch torque converter uses the left brake pedal to modulate rimpull from 100 to 20 percent for reduced tire slippage. After 20 percent is achieved, further pedal travel applies the brake.

- RCS allows the operator to select from four preset maximum rimpull settings, other than 100 percent, that are available in first gear (90, 85, 75 and 65 percent).

- A lock-up clutch torque converter for direct drive efficiency is also available as an optional attachment.

• **Final Drives.** Feature planetary reduction at each wheel. Torque is developed at the wheel, which gives less stress at the axle shafts. The planetary units can be removed independently from the wheels and brakes.

• **5 Heavy-Duty Axles.** Feature optional axle oil coolers, permanently lubed universal joints and stronger axle components in both the differentials and final drives for increased performance, serviceability and durability. Conventional differential is standard.

• **Free-Floating Axle Shafts.** Can be removed independent of the wheels and planetaries for quick and easy serviceability.

• **Optional Axle Oil Cooling System.** Features two circuits that circulate oil from the differentials through an oil-to-air cooler and filter and back to the brakes. This system provides increased oil life and improves component performance and durability. The system automatically turns on and off at a preset oil temperature.

• **6 Axle-Shaft, Oil Disk Brakes.** Are adjustment-free, fully hydraulic and completely sealed. Disc face grooves provide cooling even when brakes are applied, for a long, fade-resistant service life.

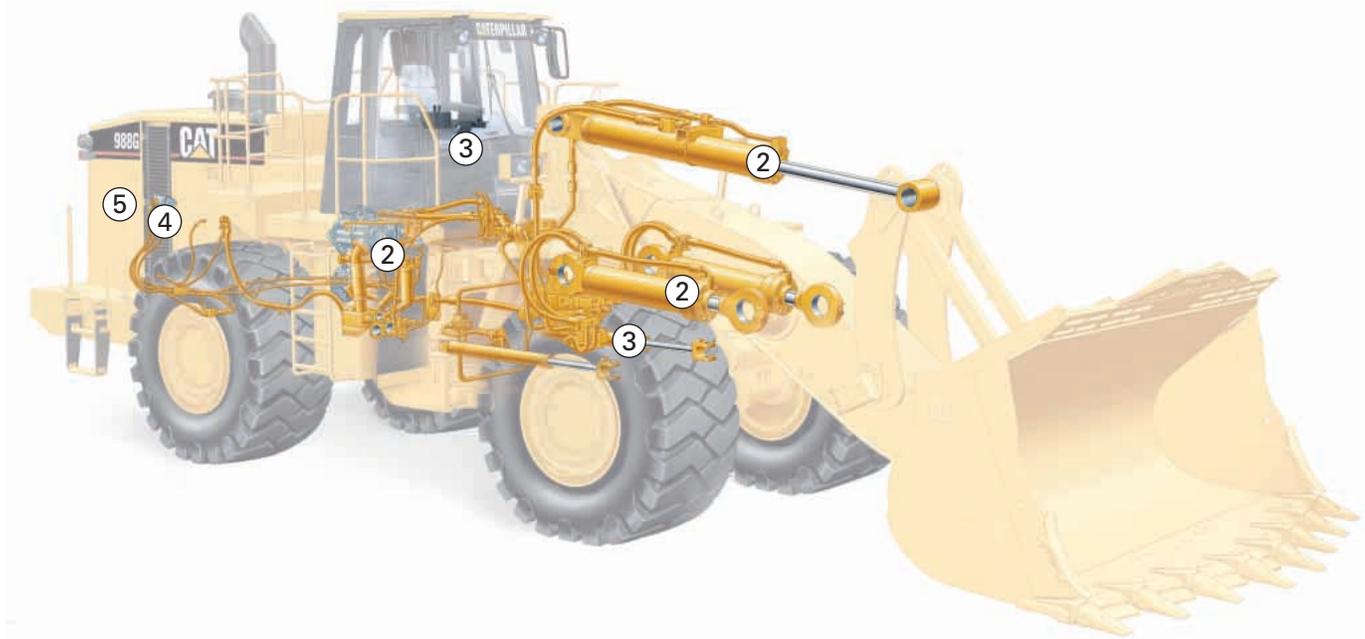
- Location of the brakes improves serviceability. The axle-shaft brake design allows brake service while leaving the final drive intact.
- Axle-shaft brakes require less force by operating on the low torque side of the axle. Combined with improved axle oil circulation for increased cooling, the oil-enclosed, multiple-disc brake design improves durability.
- Parking brake is spring-applied, oil-released and dry disc. It is mounted on the transfer gear output shaft. Manual override is possible to allow movement of the machine.

• **Secondary Brakes.** Are fully modulated and the front and rear service brake circuits are isolated so one circuit can operate if pressure drops in the other circuit.

• **Service Brakes.** Are four wheel, hydraulic, oil-dipped multiple disc brakes that are adjustment-free, completely enclosed and allow modulated engagement without slack adjusters.

## Hydraulics and Electronic Controls

*Efficient, well-balanced hydraulics and low-effort electronic controls mean high performance and exceptional durability.*



### 1 Electro-Hydraulic Control System.

Increases hydraulic efficiency and enhances operator comfort through low-effort fingertip controls. XT-3 and XT-5 hose along with reliable components reduce the risk of leaks and blown lines, helping protect the environment.

**2 Lift and Tilt System.** Consists of larger bore lift and tilt cylinders and a two position main hydraulic pump contributing to increased performance and serviceability.

#### • Two Position Main Hydraulic Pump.

Is controlled by the Electronic Control Module (ECM). A solenoid valve controls the pump displacement, allowing the ECM to adjust hydraulic flow during the loader cycle. This strategy results in faster hydraulics and greater lift forces leading to optimized performance.

### 3 Load Sensing Steering.

With the STIC control system integrates steering and transmission into a single controller. STIC operated pilot valve controls the flow to steering cylinders. The steering system utilizes a variable displacement pump for maximum machine performance by directing power through the steering system only when needed.

**4 Case Drain Filtration.** A total of three filters for the main hydraulic, steering and fan pumps protect against contamination with easy access for service.

**5 Demand Fan.** A speed controlled, hydraulic fan that provides maximum cooling efficiency by directing the appropriate amount of power through the fan system based on coolant temperature.

**Advanced Electronics.** Play a major role in the operation of the 988G. Productivity improvements, enhanced serviceability, increased operator efficiency and lower costs are direct benefits of the 988G advanced electronics.



### 6 Caterpillar Monitoring System (EMS-III).

Continually monitors various machine systems through three instrument clusters and provides a three-level warning system to alert the operator of immediate or pending problems. It shares information with the engine, hydraulic and transmission controls that can be used during servicing to simplify service and troubleshooting. The Caterpillar Monitoring System also allows for new software to be uploaded directly to the cab.

### • Optional Payload Control System.

Tracks data regarding the load in the bucket. It also features a numeric keypad and easy-to-view display. An available printer makes onboard ticket printing possible.

• **Optional Ride Control.** Provides a boom suspension system by placing an accumulator in the boom circuit, reducing fore and aft pitch over rough terrain. This results in a smoother, more comfortable ride, allowing higher load and carry speeds, increased load retention and component life.

### • Loose Material Mode.

Provides maximum hydraulic speed and efficiency for loading in easily penetrated loose material.

## Operator Station

*A new industry standard for comfort and efficiency.*



**World Class Cab.** With over 3.18 m<sup>3</sup> (112 ft<sup>3</sup>) of volume incorporates innovations for operator comfort, maneuverability and productivity.

Features include outstanding viewing area, improved cab ventilation, interior sound levels below 77 dB(A), standard coat hook, cup holder, storage bin,

intermittent wet-arm wipers, room for a large lunch cooler and radio-ready.

**1 STIC Control System.** Combines gear selection and steering into one control lever that requires less effort and provides smooth shifting. Side-to-side motions for steering, finger operated direction control and thumb operated buttons for gear selection combine to provide a fluid motion that reduces effort and allows the operator to work the machine for long periods of time with little or no fatigue.

**2 Left Pedal.** Operates the impeller clutch torque converter/braking while the right pedal operates standard braking.

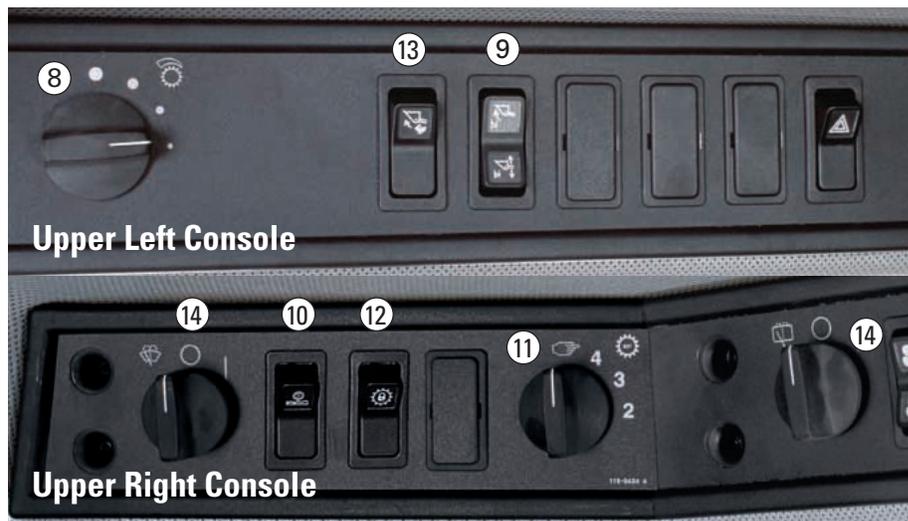
**3 Cat Comfort Seat.** Replaces the previous Contour Series Seat with more foam in key parts of the seat back, thicker seat cushions, automotive-style lumbar support and an all-new, ergonomic design translate into greater operator comfort, less fatigue and consistent productivity throughout the shift. The seat is a six-way adjustable air suspension seat with a retractable seat belt, headrest and adjustable armrests for optimal comfort and high productivity.

**4 Electro-Hydraulic Controls and Armrests.** Provide low effort, fingertip control for enhanced comfort and stability.

- Floor-mounted controls and armrests are fore, aft and height adjustable to accommodate operators of any size in a comfortable operating position.

**5 Caterpillar Monitoring System (EMS-III).** Display system provides information on the machine's major components and system.

- Gauge displays fuel tank level and temperatures for engine coolant, power train and hydraulic oil. Tachometer is an analog gauge with digital readout for gear selection and ground speed.
- Alerts operator if transmission is engaged while parking brake is applied. If pressure drops, the parking brake applies automatically.
- Main module consists of ten fault indicators and one display panel.



**6 Throttle Lock.** Allows operator to pre-set the engine speed for a variety of applications, resulting in faster cycle times and increased productivity.

**7 Rimpull Control System (RCS) Switch.** Turns RCS on and off.

**8 Rimpull Control System (RCS).** Has four factory preset reduced rimpull settings (90, 85, 75 and 65 percent of rimpull). Reduced rimpull settings can be modified by the dealer to operator preference or to better match ground conditions.

**9 Kickout Positioner Control.** Allows the operator to set customized upper, lower and bucket dig angle kickouts for maximum operating efficiency.

**10 Optional Ride Control Switch.** Turns Ride Control to off or automatic position.

**11 Autoshift.** Allows the operator to set the maximum gear into which the transmission will be allowed to shift. This feature contributes to additional comfort and focus on the job. The switch also offers a manual position for operator controlled shifting.

**12 Optional Lock-Up Clutch Torque Converter Switch.** Activates the lock-up clutch for direct drive efficiency.

**13 Loose Material Operating Mode.** Tailors hydraulics to provide maximum loose material loading efficiency.

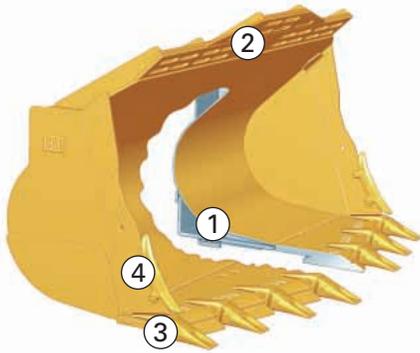
**14 Front and Rear Window Wiper/Washers.** Are within easy reach to maintain a clear field of vision.

**15 Improved Viewing Area.** With bonded front windshield eliminates distracting metal frames for excellent bucket and work site visibility. An internal ROPS improves peripheral viewing by eliminating the large structure outside the cab.

**16 Electro-Hydraulic Lock-Out Switch.** Disables hydraulic controls.

## Buckets and Ground Engaging Tools

*Caterpillar buckets and Ground Engaging Tools provide the flexibility to match the machine to your application.*



### Spade-Edge Rock

**Buckets.** Ranging from 6.3 m<sup>3</sup> (8.2 yd<sup>3</sup>) to 7.0 m<sup>3</sup> (9.2 yd<sup>3</sup>) may be configured for a variety of impact and abrasive conditions. All buckets are built with shell-tine construction (1) that resists twisting and distortion and feature replaceable, weld-on wear plates to protect the bottom of the bucket. The integral rock guard (2) helps retain big loads while heavy-duty pins and retainers (3) provide durability.

**Spade-Edge Rock Buckets.** With bolt-on segments are available in 6.4 m<sup>3</sup> (8.33 yd<sup>3</sup>), 6.6 m<sup>3</sup> (8.7 yd<sup>3</sup>) and 6.9 m<sup>3</sup> (9.0 yd<sup>3</sup>). Each accepts up to two sets of sidebar protectors (4), feature shouldered, double-strap adapters, easily changed bolt-on segments and several tip options.



### General Purpose

**Straight-Edge Buckets.** Are available in 6.3 m<sup>3</sup> (8.2 yd<sup>3</sup>) Straight-Edge Rock and 7.0 m<sup>3</sup> (9.2 yd<sup>3</sup>) General Purpose configurations. The Straight-Edge Rock bucket features shouldered, double strap adapters and accepts two sets of sidebar protectors, bolt-on segments and tips. The General Purpose bucket is available with bolt-on cutting edge, bolt-on adapters or bolt-on adapters with segments.

**High Abrasion Bucket.** Is available with 6.4 m<sup>3</sup> (8.33 yd<sup>3</sup>) capacity and is recommended for use in face loading where high abrasion and moderate impact is encountered. This bucket features additional wear protection items including: independently attached edge and adapter covers, additional liners and wear plates, one set of sidebar protectors and a thicker base edge.



### Heavy-Duty Quarry

**Heavy-Duty Quarry Bucket.** Is available as a 6.4 m<sup>3</sup> (8.33 yd<sup>3</sup>) capacity bucket and is recommended for use in face loading where moderate abrasion and high impact is encountered. It features additional wear protection items, including: four sidebar protectors (4), thicker base edge and adapters (5), additional liners and wear plates (6) and bolt-on half arrow segments (7).

**Bucket Controls.** Feature electro-hydraulic lift and tilt circuits for lower lever effort.

**Lift Circuit.** Has four positions: raise, hold, lower and float and can adjust automatic upper and lower kickouts from the cab.

**Tilt Circuit.** Features three positions: tilt back, hold and dump. It can adjust automatic bucket positioner to desired loading angle from the cab and does not require visual spotting.

## Bucket Match

*Proper bucket and application match delivers increased stability and peak performance.*

**Buckets and GET.** The 988G offers a variety of bucket types and available Ground Engaging Tool configurations to properly configure the machine based on material density, impact and abrasion.

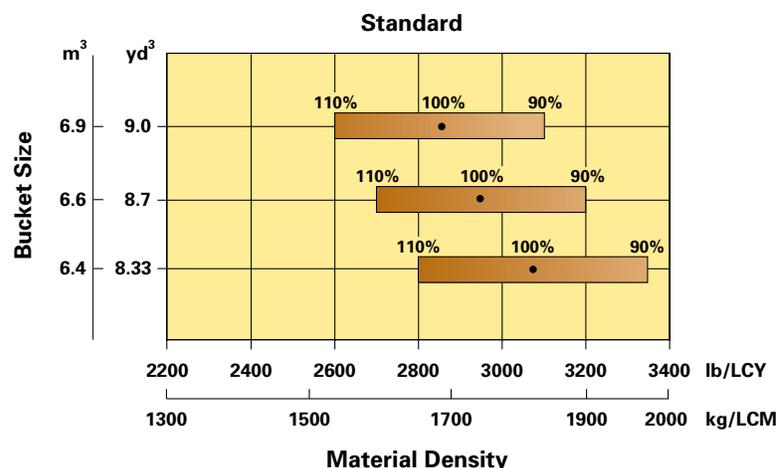
Depending on your material densities, the 988G has available a 6.4 m<sup>3</sup> (8.33 yd<sup>3</sup>) Spade Nose bucket with teeth and bolt-on segments for improved performance and edge protection.

Increased full turn static tip load, horsepower and hydraulic capabilities allow the 988G to effectively utilize the 6.6 m<sup>3</sup> (8.7 yd<sup>3</sup>) and 6.9 m<sup>3</sup> (9.0 yd<sup>3</sup>) bucket size in lighter materials such as limestone.

To better match your 988G to material conditions, contact Caterpillar for specialty bucket needs.



## Bucket Selection Guide and Matrix



**NOTE:** Percentages shown represent bucket fill factor

● - Center point at 100% fill

Changes in bucket weight, including field installed wear iron, can impact rated payload. Consult your Caterpillar dealer for assistance in selecting and configuring the proper bucket for the application. The Caterpillar Large Wheel Loader Payload Policy is a guideline intended to maximize wheel loader structural and component life.

## Application Truck Match

Matched payloads and matched buckets ensure optimum performance.

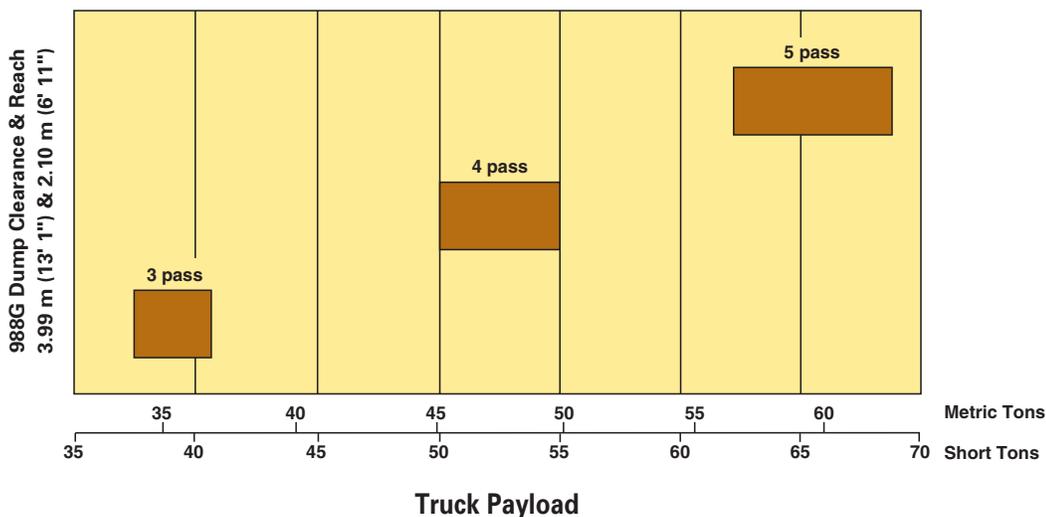


**Performance.** The 988G is an aggressive first gear loader for face and bank excavation. With increased dump clearance, the 988G can easily load 37-63 tonnes (40 to 70 ton) off-highway trucks. Increased performance and good pass match make the 988G a versatile performer with a cost per ton that will help your bottom line.

The versatility of a material handler is designed into the machine. With balanced rimpull and hydraulics, the 988G is an aggressive loader that gets the job done quickly and efficiently in loose or stock-pile material and in load and carry work.

## Large Wheel Loader/Truck Application Match

988G Rated Payload: Standard Arrangement = 11.4 metric ton (12.5 short ton)



- 769D = 36 Metric Tons (40 Short Ton) nominal payload
- 771D = 41 Metric Tons (45 Short Ton) nominal payload
- 773E = 54 Metric Tons (60 Short Ton) nominal payload
- 775E = 63 Metric Tons (70 Short Ton) nominal payload

## Customer Support

*Cat Dealer services help you operate longer with lower costs.*

**Machine Selection.** Make detailed comparisons of the machines under consideration before purchase. Cat Dealers can estimate component life, preventative maintenance cost and the true cost of lost production.

**Purchase.** Look past initial price. Consider the financing options available as well as the day-to-day operating costs. Look at dealer services that can be included in the cost of the machine to yield lower equipment owning and operating costs over the long run.

**Customer Support Agreements.** Cat Dealers offer a variety of product support agreements and work with customers to develop a plan that best meets specific needs. These plans can cover the entire machine, including work tools, to help protect the customer's investment.

**Product Support.** You will find nearly all parts at our dealer parts counter. Cat Dealers use a world-wide computer network to find in-stock parts to minimize machine down time. Save money with genuine Cat Remanufactured parts. You receive the same warranty and reliability as new products at cost savings of 40 to 70 percent.

**Operation.** Improving operating techniques can boost your profits. Your Cat Dealer has training videotapes, literature and other ideas to help you increase productivity.



**Maintenance Services.** More and more equipment buyers are planning for effective maintenance before buying equipment. Choose from your dealer's wide range of maintenance services at the time you purchase your machine. Repair option programs guarantee the cost of repairs up front. Diagnostic programs such as S•O•S<sup>SM</sup> and Coolant Sampling and Technical Analysis help you avoid unscheduled repairs.

**Replacement.** Repair, rebuild or replace? Your Cat Dealer can help you evaluate the cost involved so you can make the right choice.

## Maintenance and Serviceability

*Easier maintenance and enhanced serviceability give you more time in the pile.*



**Maintenance and Repair.** Is easier through monitoring key functions and logging critical indicators. Electronic diagnostic access is possible with a single tool, the Electronic Technician (ET). In addition to the servicing features built into the engine, the 988G includes:

- **Daily Maintenance Checks.** Most can be performed from the left side of the machine, making it part of an easy pre-start routine. Routine maintenance promotes long service life and durability.

- **Advanced Modular Cooling System.** Allows service technicians to replace individual cores for enhanced serviceability. Maintenance is also simplified since AMOCS is isolated from the engine compartment.

- **U-joints.** Are lifetime lubricated, leaving the slip joint as the only drive line component needing grease.

- **Lube Points.** Are centralized in accessible locations. Fuel fill is located on the left side. Both lube points and fuel fill are accessible from ground level, making lube and fuel service quicker and easier.

- **Swing-Out Doors.** On both sides of the engine compartment provide easy access to the engine oil dipstick and filler spout, S•O•S<sup>SM</sup> port, fuel filters, air conditioner compressor, engine oil filters, alternator, starting receptacle, air filter service indicator, coolant fill and ether starting aid. The disconnect switch and diagnostic connector are located on rear platform.

- **Hinged Doors.** In the platform provide access to the hydraulic tank fill, lift and tilt and steering filters. Transmission sight glass and filler spout are serviced from the hitch area.

- **Case Drain Filters.** Protect the hydraulic system from contamination and are conveniently located behind the cab in the service platform.

- **Batteries.** Sit in a built-in battery box and are accessible through tread plates on the right platform.

- **Shock Resistant Lights.** Are replaceable by hand, not requiring the use of any tools.

- **Cab Support Bracket.** Improves access under the cab and is conveniently stored behind the cab.

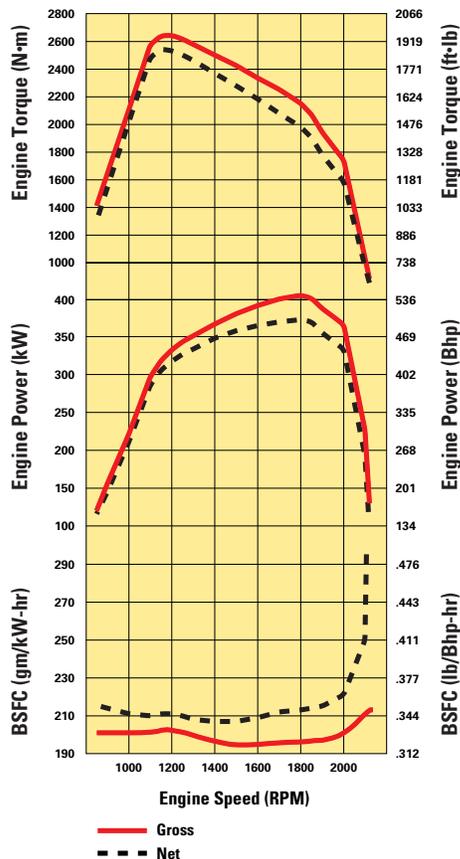
- **Caterpillar Monitoring System (EMS-III).** Provides operators and service technicians with diagnostic information on the machine's major components and systems. It also allows for flashable software using a laptop and ET instead of replacing a chip that contains the new software.

- **Diagnostic Connector.** Enables quick evaluation of 11 starting and charging functions.

## Engine

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Net Power - ISO 9249	354 kW	475 hp
Net Power - EEC 80/1269	354 kW	475 hp
Bore	140 mm	5.5 in
Stroke	172 mm	6.8 in
Displacement	15.8 L	964 in <sup>3</sup>

- These ratings apply at 1,900 rpm when tested under the specific standard conditions for the specified standard.
- Power rating conditions based on standard air conditions of 25° C (77° F) and 99 kPa (29.32 in Hg) dry barometer, using 35° API gravity fuel having an LHV of 42 780 kJ/kg (18,390 Btu/lb) when used at 30° C (86° F) [reference a fuel density of 838.9 g/L (7.001 lb/gal)].
- Net power advertised is the power available when the engine is equipped with alternator, air cleaner, muffler and hydraulic fan drive.
- No derating required up to 2286 m (7,500 ft) altitude.
- Direct-electric, 24-volt starting system with 100 amp alternator and four high performance maintenance-free batteries with 750 cold cranking amps.



## Operating Specifications

Operating Weight	50 183 kg	110,634 lb
Rated Payload	11.4 tonnes	12.5 tons

## Transmission

Forward 1	6.8 kph	4.2 mph
Forward 2	11.9 kph	7.4 mph
Forward 3	20.7 kph	12.8 mph
Forward 4	35.4 kph	22 mph
Reverse 1	7.7 kph	4.8 mph
Reverse 2	13.5 kph	8.4 mph
Reverse 3	23.5 kph	14.6 mph

- Travel speeds based on two percent rolling resistance and 35/65-33 tires in converter drive.

Forward 1	Lock-up disabled
Forward 2	12.3 kph 7.7 mph
Forward 3	21.9 kph 13.6 mph
Forward 4	38.6 kph 24.0 mph
Reverse 1	7.9 kph 4.9 mph
Reverse 2	14.1 kph 8.8 mph
Reverse 3	25.1 kph 15.6 mph

- Travel speeds based on two percent rolling resistance and 35/65-33 tires in direct drive.

## Loader Hydraulic System

Main hydraulic system output at 2010 rpm and 6900 kPa (1001 psi)	492 L/min	130 gal/min
Relief valve setting	31 000 kPa	4,500 psi
Cylinders, double acting: lift, bore, and stroke	220 × 911 mm	8.7 × 35.9 in
Cylinder, double acting: tilt, bore, and stroke	220 × 1770 mm	8.7 × 69.7 in
Pilot system, gear-type pump output at 2010 rpm and 2500 kPa (363 psi)	76 L/min	20.1 gal/min
Relief valve setting (low idle)	2400 kPa	348.1 psi
Hydraulic cycle time - Raise	9.4 Seconds	
Hydraulic cycle time - Dump	2.4 Seconds	
Hydraulic cycle time - Lower, empty, float down	3.8 Seconds	
Total Hydraulic Cycle Time	15.6 Seconds	

- With SAE 10W oil at 66° C (150° F).

## Buckets

Bucket Capacities	6.3 to 7.0 m <sup>3</sup>	8.2 to 9.2 yd <sup>3</sup>
Max. Bucket Capacity	7 m <sup>3</sup>	9.2 yd <sup>3</sup>

## Service Refill Capacities

Fuel tank - standard	679 L	179.4 gal
Cooling System	103 L	27.2 gal
Crankcase	60 L	15.9 gal
Transmission	70 L	18.5 gal
Differentials and final drives - front	186 L	49 gal
Differentials and final drives - rear	186 L	49 gal
Hydraulic system (factory fill)	470 L	124.2 gal
Hydraulic system (tank only)	267 L	70.5 gal

## Axles

Maximum single-wheel rise and fall	568 mm	22.4 in
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- Fixed front, oscillating rear  $\pm 13^\circ$ .

## Steering

Total steering angle	86°
Steering	Meets SAE and ISO standards.

- Full hydraulic, load-sensing steering system meets SAE J1511 FEB94 and ISO 5010:1992 specified standards.
- Center point frame articulation.
- Front and rear wheels track.

## Cab

Cab - ROPS/FOPS	Meets SAE and ISO standards.
Sound Performance	Meets ANSI, SAE and ISO standards.

- Caterpillar cab with integrated Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS/FOPS) are standard.
- Standard air conditioning system contains environmentally friendly R134a refrigerant.
- ROPS meets SAE J1040 APR88 and ISO 3471:1994 criteria.
- FOPS meets SAE J231 JAN81 and ISO 3449:1992 Level II criteria.
- The operator sound exposure Leq (equivalent sound pressure level) measured according to the work cycle procedures specified in ANSI/SAE J1166 OCT98 is 77 dB(A), for the cab offered by Caterpillar, when properly installed, maintained and tested with the doors and windows closed.
- Hearing protection may be needed when operating with an open operator station and cab (when not properly maintained or doors/windows open) for extended periods or in noisy environment.
- The exterior sound pressure level for the standard machine measured at a distance of 15 m (49.2 ft) according to the test procedures specified in SAE J88 JUN86 mid-gear-moving operation is 81 dB(A).
- The sound power level is 115 dB(A) measured according to the dynamic test procedure and conditions specified in ISO 6395:1988/Amd. 1:1996 for a standard machine configuration.
- For "CE" marked configurations, the labeled sound power level is 113 dB(A) measured according to the test procedures and conditions specified 2000/14/EC.

## Brakes

Brakes	Meet SAE ISO 3450:1996
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# Operation/Bucket Specifications

		Straight Rock		Spade Rock		Gen. Purpose	H.D. Quarry	High Abrasion	
		Teeth & Segments	Teeth & Segments	Teeth & Segments	Teeth & Segments	BOCE	Teeth & Segments	Teeth & Segments	
Rated capacity (\$)	m <sup>3</sup>	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.4	6.4	
	yd <sup>3</sup>	8.2	8.33	8.7	9.0	9.2	8.33	8.33	
Struck capacity (\$)	m <sup>3</sup>	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.3	
	yd <sup>3</sup>	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.7	6.9	6.9	
Operating load at rated capacity	kg	11 340	11 340	11 340	11 340	11 340	11 340	11 340	
	lb	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
Width (\$)	mm	3800	3800	3900	3980	3729	3800	3926	
	ft/in	12'6"	12'6"	12'10"	13'1"	12'3"	12'6"	12'11"	
Dump clearance at full lift and 45° discharge.	<b>With teeth*:</b>	mm	4198	3971	3971	3971	—	3949	3941
		ft/in	13'9"	13'0"	13'0"	13'0"	—	12'11"	12'11"
	<b>Bare (\$):</b>	mm	4451	4246	4249	4249	4304	4253	4245
		ft/in	14'7"	13'11"	13'11"	13'11"	14'1"	13'11"	13'11"
Reach at full lift and 45° discharge.	<b>With teeth*:</b>	mm	1886	2113	2113	2113	—	2136	2144
		ft/in	6'2"	6'11"	6'11"	6'11"	—	7'0"	7'0"
	<b>Bare (\$):</b>	mm	1698	1622	1662	1656	1846	1626	1623
		ft/in	5'7"	5'4"	5'5"	5'5"	6'1"	5'4"	5'4"
Reach with boom – level and bucket level.	<b>With teeth*:</b>	mm	4173	4494	4494	4494	—	4526	4537
		ft/in	13'8"	14'9"	14'9"	14'9"	—	14'10"	14'11"
	<b>Bare (\$):</b>	mm	3861	3752	3810	3801	4070	3759	3755
		ft/in	12'8"	12'4"	12'6"	12'6"	13'4"	12'4"	12'4"
Digging depth (\$)	mm	171	171	171	171	171	191	171	
	in	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.5	6.7	
Overall length	<b>With teeth*:</b>	mm	12 240	12 527	12 530	12 530	—	12 594	12 656
		ft/in	40'2"	41'1"	41'1"	41'1"	—	41'4"	41'6"
	<b>Bare:</b>	mm	11 895	12 185	12 182	12 182	12 105	12 173	12 187
		ft/in	39'0"	40'0"	40'0"	40'0"	39'9"	39'11"	40'0"
Overall height with bucket at full raise (\$)	mm	8131	8131	8131	8131	7909	8131	8131	
	ft/in	26'8"	26'8"	26'8"	26'8"	25'11"	26'8"	26'8"	
Loader clearance circle with bucket in carry position.	<b>With teeth*:</b>	mm	17 556	17 531	17 602	17 684	—	17 599	17 646
		ft/in	57'7"	57'6"	57'9"	58'0"	—	57'9"	57'11"
	<b>Bare (\$):</b>	mm	17 392	17 335	17 454	17 520	17 406	17 393	17 448
		ft/in	57'1"	56'10"	57'3"	57'6"	57'1"	57'1"	57'3"
Static tipping load straight †	kg	33 458	32 810	32 831	32 666	33 109	31 305	31 258	
	lb	73,762	72,334	72,380	72,016	72,993	69,016	68,912	
Static tipping load at full 35° turn	kg	29 074	28 710	28 669	28 695	29 029	27 396	27 346	
	lb	64,097	63,294	63,204	63,261	63,997	60,397	60,287	
Static tipping load at full 40° turn	kg	28 022	27 661	27 621	27 646	27 989	26 348	26 298	
	lb	61,777	60,981	60,893	60,948	61,705	58,087	57,977	
Static tipping load at full 43° turn (\$)	kg	28 060	27 473	27 484	27 319	27 810	25 968	25 911	
	lb	61,862	60,568	60,592	60,228	61,310	57,250	57,124	
Breakout force †† (\$)	kN	515.4	436.4	437.2	436.4	463.3	415.2	400	
	lb	115,867	98,107	98,286	98,107	104,154	93,341	89,924	
Operating weight † (\$)	kg	49 671	49 886	49 921	50 079	49 418	51 245	51 333	
	lb	109,506	109,980	110,557	110,405	108,948	112,976	113,170	
Rack angle at maximum lift	degrees	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	

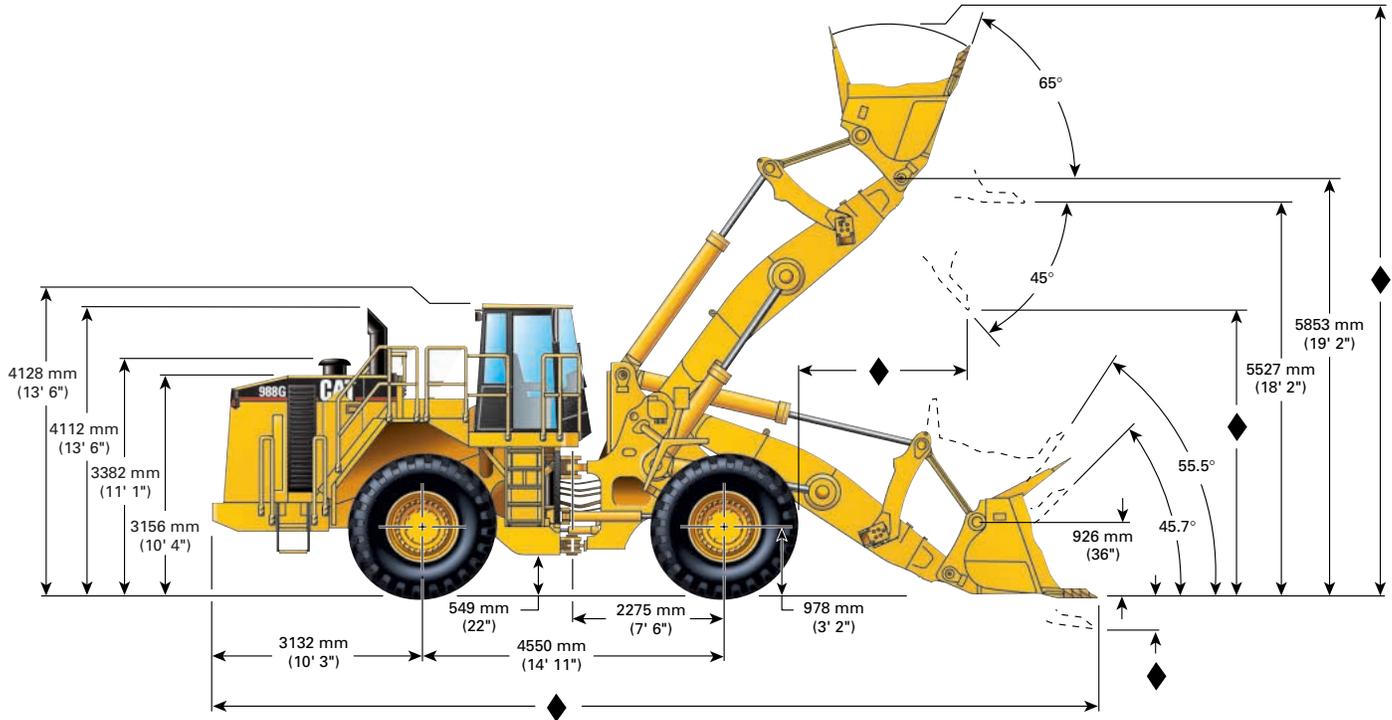
† Static tipping load and operating weight shown are based on standard machine configuration with 35/65-33, 36 PR (L-4) tires, full fuel tank, coolant, lubricants and operator.

†† Measured 102 mm (4.0"): behind tip of cutting edge with bucket hinge pin as pivot point in accordance with SAE J732C.

Note: Specifications and ratings conform to all applicable standards recommended by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). SAE Standards J732C JUN92 and J742 FEB85 govern loader ratings, denoted in the text by (\$).

## Dimension

All dimensions are approximate.



◆ Dimensions vary with bucket. Refer to Operation/Bucket Specifications.

## Tire Dimensions/Specifications

	Width over tires		Ground clearance		Change in vertical dimensions		Change in operating weight		Change in full turn static tipping load	
	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	kg	lb	kg	lb
35/65R33 (L-4) Michelin XLDD1	3579	140.9	445	17.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
35/65-33 42 PR (L-5) Bridgestone D-Lug	3541	139.4	544	21.4	-99	-3.9	2259	4980	1310	2888
35/65R33 (L-4) Bridgestone V-Steel N Traction VSNT	3566	140.4	483	19.0	-38	-1.5	664	1464	385	849
35/65R33 (L-5) Bridgestone V-Steel D-Lug VSDL	3566	140.4	498	19.6	-53	-2.1	1257	2772	729	1608
35/65-33 42PR (L-5) General LD 250 Belted	3487	137.3	506	19.9	-61	-2.4	1510	3328	876	1930
875/65R33 (L-4) Goodyear RL-4K Hi Stability*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35/65R33 (L-5) Goodyear RL-5K 20 20 6S	3574	140.7	508	20.0	-64	-2.5	974	2148	565	1246
35/65-33 42PR (L-5) Goodyear NRL D/L 5A	3574	140.7	508	20.0	-64	-2.5	1646	3628	954	2104
875/65R33 (L-5) Goodyear RL-5K Hi Stability	3574	140.7	508	20.0	-64	-2.5	1486	3276	862	1900
35/65R33 (L-5) Michelin XLDD2	3579	140.9	463	18.2	-18	-0.7	648	1428	376	828
35/65R33 (L-5) Michelin XMINED2	3579	140.9	478	18.8	-33	-1.3	1404	3096	815	1796

\* No tire data currently available.

**NOTE:** In certain applications (such as load-and-carry work), the loader's productive capabilities might exceed the tires tonnes-km/f (ton-mph) capabilities. Caterpillar recommends that you consult a tire supplier to evaluate all conditions before selecting a tire model. Other special tires are available on request.

## Supplemental Specifications

Tires:	Change in Operating Weight		Change in Full Turn Static Load	
	kg	lb	kg	lb
35/65R33 1 Star (L-4) Michelin SLDD1	—	—	—	—
35/65-33 42 PR (L-5) Bridgestone D-Lug	2259	4980	1310	2888
35/65R33 1 Star (L-4) Bridgestone V-Steel N Traction VSNT	664	1464	385	849
35/65R33 1 Star (L-5) Bridgestone V-Steel D-Lug VSDL	1257	2772	729	1608
35/65-33 42 PR (L-5) General LD 250 Belted	1510	3328	876	1930
875/65R33 2 Star (L-4) Goodyear RL-4K Hi Stability*	—	—	—	—
35/65R33 1 Star (L-5) Goodyear RL-5K 20 20 6S	974	2148	565	1246
35/65-33 42PR (L-5) Goodyear NRL D/L 5A	1646	3628	954	2104
875-65R33 2 Star (L-5) Goodyear RL-5K Hi Stability	1486	3276	862	1900
35/65R33 1 Star (L-5) Michelin XLDD2	648	1428	376	828
35/65R33 – (L-5) Michelin XMINED2	1404	3096	815	1796

## Standard Equipment

Standard equipment may vary. Consult your Caterpillar Dealer for specifics.

### Electrical

- Alarm, back-up
- Alternator (100-amp)
- Batteries, maintenance-free
- Deutsch terminal connectors
- Diagnostic connector
  - Starting and charging system
- Electrical converter, 12-volt
- Electrical system, 24-volt
- Lighting system, Halogen
  - (Front and Rear)
- Starter, electric (heavy-duty)
- Starter receptacle for emergency start

### Operator Environment

- Air Conditioner
- Cab, sound-suppressed, pressurized
  - Internal four-post rollover protective structure (ROPS/FOPS)
  - Radio ready for (entertainment) includes antenna, speakers and converter (12-volt 50-amp)
- Cigar lighter and ashtray
- Coat hook
- Electro-hydraulic tilt and lift controls
- Heater and defroster
- Horn, electric
- Lights, (interior cab)
- Lunchbox and beverage holders
- Loose Material Mode
- Monitoring system (Caterpillar Monitoring System [EMS-III])
  - Action alert system, three category
  - Instrumentation, Gauges:
    - Engine coolant temperature
    - Fuel level
    - Hydraulic oil temperature
    - Torque converter temperature
  - Instrumentation, Warning Indicators:
    - Axle oil temperature (front/rear)
    - Brake oil pressure
    - Coolant flow status
    - Electrical system, low voltage
    - Engine oil pressure
    - Engine overspeed
    - Hydraulic filter status
    - Parking brake status
    - Steering oil pressure
    - Transmission filter status
- Mirrors, rearview (exterior mounted)
- Seat (cloth), Cat Comfort, air suspension
- Seat belt, retractable, 76 mm (3 in) wide
- STIC control system with steering lock
- Tilt and lift control system lock

### Tinted glass

- Transmission gear (indicator)
- Wet-arm wiper/washers (front and rear)
  - Intermittent front wiper

### Power Train

- Brakes, full hydraulic, enclosed, wet multiple disc service brakes
- Case drain filtration
- Demand fan
- Engine, Cat 3456 EUI Direct Injected Diesel and ADEM III controller
- Fuel priming aid
- Parking brake
- Precleaner, engine air intake
- Radiator, Advanced Modular Cooling System (AMOCS)
- Separated cooling system
- Starting aid (ether) manual/automatic
- Throttle lock
- Guard, three piece transmission
- Torque converter, impeller clutch with rimpull control system
- Transmission, planetary, auto shift with 4F/3R speed range control

### Other Standard Equipment

- Automatic bucket tilt/lift kickouts, electronically adjustable from cab
- Cab tilt support
- Counterweight
- Doors, service access (locking)
- Engine, crankcase, 500 hour interval with CH4 oil
- Ground level fuel fill
- Hitch, drawbar with pin
- Hydraulic oil cooler
- Lower cab cover
- Muffler (under hood)
- Oil sampling valves
- Stairway, left side rear access
- Vandalism protection caplocks
- Venturi stack

### Tires, Rims and Wheels

- An allowance for tires is included in the base machine price. Tire selections are shown in the Tire/Supplemental Specifications list on pages 20-21.

### Antifreeze

- Premixed 50 percent concentration of extended life coolant with freeze protection to  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-29^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

## Optional Equipment

*Optional equipment and customized attachments may vary. Consult your Caterpillar Dealer for specifics.*

Auto Lube  
Auxiliary lights  
Axle oil-coolers  
Block handler configuration (Custom)  
Buckets  
Bulk Loader (Custom)  
Directional lights  
Engine Jake Brake  
Extended Life Coolant –50°C (–58°F)  
Forestry configuration (Custom)  
Fuel, fast fill  
Fuel, heater  
Fuel, fast fill and heater  
Guards  
    Crankcase  
    Steering cylinders  
Heater, engine coolant, 120-volt

Heater, engine coolant, 220-volt  
High ambient cooling  
Hydraulic, three valve  
Lock-up clutch  
No-SPIN differential, rear only  
Oil change, high-speed  
Payload Control System (PCS)  
Rear intermittent wiper  
Rear chain clearance  
Ride control  
Right-hand stairway  
Roading fenders, front and rear  
Roof, extended  
Secondary steering  
Sound suppression, exterior  
Steel mill configuration (Custom)  
Tires

# 988G Wheel Loader

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