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Rental Agreement – Truax No-till Drill

Form Updated: November 2025


I, _____, the undersigned “Renter”, hereby agree to rent from the Van Buren Conservation District (VBCD) “Owner”, the Truax No-till Drill, said “equipment”, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Renter shall pay the Owner the sum of **\$150.00 per day of possession, not days of use**. A **non-refundable \$25.00 administration fee** is also required from the Renter. The equipment shall be delivered and picked up at a rate of \$2.50 a mile if the Renter desires.
2. The equipment may not be rented for use outside of Van Buren County unless the Address of Use is within 30 miles of the equipment storage location.
3. Upon scheduling and signing the rental agreement, the Renter shall pay a **non-refundable deposit of \$75.00** prior to taking the equipment. Upon return and inspection of the equipment, if the equipment is found cleaned out and with no needed repairs, the \$75.00 shall be credited to the outstanding rental balance. If the Renter fails to take possession of the equipment when scheduled, without notifying the Owner, the \$75.00 deposit shall be forfeited. **If the equipment is not cleaned-out, the renter shall incur a \$100.00 clean-out fee (i.e. includes but is not limited to tubes, bins, and cups).** To ensure verification of equipment cleanliness, the Renter shall schedule with the Owner for the return of the equipment before returning it. **Failure to meet with the Owner upon return of the equipment shall incur a \$100.00 clean-out fee.**
4. The Renter shall keep and maintain the equipment during the terms of the rental agreement at their cost and expense. They shall keep the equipment in a good state of repair, normal wear and tear excepted. The Renter shall pay the Owner full compensation for replacement and/or repair of any equipment which is not returned in the same condition it was rented in, for any reason including: it is lost, or stolen, or is damaged. The Owner's invoice for replacement or repair is conclusive as to the amount the Renter shall pay under this agreement. **The Renter will not attempt to repair equipment without prior consent from the Owner. The Renter will notify the Owner immediately if any damage to the equipment occurs.**





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5. **The balance of rental fees and any additional charges, if necessary, will be due 30 days after the planting.**
6. The Renter agrees to pay **a \$150.00 per day penalty fee** for each day the equipment is kept beyond the agreed return date. If there is a delay, for any reason, the Renter agrees to contact the Owner to report such a delay immediately. The Renter agrees to pick up and return the equipment to the designated shelter place, unless otherwise directed by the Owner. The Renter will notify the Owner as soon as they have finished using the equipment. **There will be an additional \$100.00 fee and \$2.50 per mile surcharge if equipment must be retrieved by Owner.**
7. The Renter shall not take equipment out of Van Buren County without prior written consent from the Owner. The Renter will only use the equipment where stated on this agreement. The Renter will not pledge or encumber the rented equipment in any way. The Owner may terminate this agreement upon the Renter's filing for protection from creditors in any court of law.
8. **The Renter shall not exceed an operating speed of 6 miles per hour when using the equipment.** Speeds over 6 mph will cause damage to the equipment and result in a poorly seeded stand. **The Renter will not exceed 25 miles per hour when transporting equipment** as damage may occur.
9. All labor, power, lubrication, **final calibrations (seed rate, depth control, etc.)** and supplies necessary to operate the equipment and to transport this equipment to the Renter's site, shall be furnished by the Renter, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.
10. The Owner shall furnish assistance to the Renter, at the request of the Renter, with adjustments and instructions for use of the equipment. However, **the Owner makes no warranty, either expressed or implied as to the satisfactory results from the use of the equipment.**
11. The Renter will return the equipment when no longer needed or on demand by the Owner, in as good of condition as when received by the Renter. The Renter shall cover, house or otherwise protect the equipment from adverse weather conditions while the equipment is in their possession. It shall be lawful for the Owner or its agents to enter upon the premises of the Renter at any time to inspect the equipment and to secure the return of the equipment.





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12. Renter agrees at its sole expense to maintain at all times public liability, property damage, and fire with extended coverage, theft and comprehensive insurance. Renter also agrees to deliver to Owner evidence of such insurance containing a provision that no cancellation shall be effective without 30 days prior written notice to the Owner upon request.
13. The Renter indemnifies and holds Owner harmless for any and all injuries or damage of any person or property that may arise during the operation or use of rental equipment. The Renter understands the complexity and dangers in the operation of any equipment and assumes all responsibility in using the rented equipment.
14. The Renter will arrive at each appointment on time. The Owner shall wait at the pick-up location until 30 minutes after the appointment time with no communication received from the Renter. At 30 minutes past the appointment time, the Renter forfeits their appointment time and place on the rental list. The Renter must contact the Owner should they wish to reschedule. The deposit shall be forfeited at the Owner's discretion.
15. The Owner shall keep each appointment made with the Renter unless circumstances prevent otherwise. Should the Owner be unable to keep an appointment with the Renter, the Owner shall contact the Renter by phone at least 24 hours before the scheduled appointment.
16. The Renter shall pay their invoice in full. Renters with invoices over 90 days past due shall not rent the Owner's equipment until the invoice(s) is/are paid in full.
17. The Owner shall be present when the equipment is picked up by the Renter and when the Renter returns the equipment to the designated meeting location. Equipment is not to be left unlocked or unattended.

If there are any issues, questions, or schedule changes, Renter should call 269-657-4030 x5.





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Copies: White - VBCD, Yellow - Renter at Check Out, Pink - Renter after Payment Received

Renter Signature _____ Date _____

Renter Billing Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Address of Use _____

Crop to be Planted _____

Reserved Date Out _____ Expected Date Back _____

To be filled out by VBCD Staff once equipment is returned

Actual Date Out _____ Actual Date Back _____

Returned in good condition? Y / N

Cleaned Out? Y / N

Checked out by VBCD signature _____ Date: _____

Checked in by VBCD signature _____ Date: _____

Deposit Pd Date:	Check #:	Cash or Credit Card	Deposit Pd: \$
Deposit Rtd Date:	Check #:	Cash or Credit Card	Deposit Rtd: \$
Final Pymt Date:	Check #:	Cash or Credit Card	Final Pymt Amt: \$