Filing the Tuff Torq Warranty Claim

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What we plan to accomplish with this presentation
 Get you the information you need to file the claim
 Go though step by step in filing the claim
 Once your claim is filed what happens?



Filing the Tuff Torq Warranty Claim



- Things you will need to file the warranty claim
 - The website link:

https://claims.tufftorq.com/Account/Login

- Your Login and password for the warranty site
 Serial number of the transmission that is being warrantied
 Date the unit was put into service (purchase date)
 - And proof of that
- Date the unit was placed in your repair center
- Type of machine the transmission is installed in
- □ Machine Manufacturer
- □ Hours on the machine
 - And Proof of it if possible



The Initial Email

Log in and Password

- When you become an Authorized Dealer You will be emailed a Login and a Password like the picture to the right.
- □ If you no longer have your login or password call 423.585.2000 ext. 180 or Email at <u>salessrvc@tufftorq.com</u> and the Service Department Techs can change the password for you.
- □ If you forgot your login they can get that as well. You will need your Gardner number and/or the company name.

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You have been added to Tuff Torq Warranty Management System.

Your Login is: Joe.Test Your temporary password is: ABD1899

The address for the claims site is: https://claims.tufftorq.com





- □ The Login Screen
- □ Add your login information
- Log in
- If you do not have your Log
 In information or your
 password please contact the
 service department at
 - salessrvc@tufftorq.com
 - **423.585.2000** ext. 180



Log in



Forgot Password?

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Changing Your Password

□ If this is your first time logging in the warranty site will ask you to change your password from the temporary one you received

If the warranty site does not redirect you, click on "My Account" tab and to change your password.

□You can contact the service department, also.

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As you can see from the picture you will have a dashboard showing all your claims.

□So you can always check status and follow a claim through the process



Starting the Claim Adventure

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 When you have all the information you need to file the claim you can click "New Claim" to begin the filing process



Tuff Torq Warranty Claim Form



Here is the claim form in it's entirety
We will go through it section by section to help you get used to the process.
You will not be able to file the claim till all red areas turn black



Entering The Needed Data

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Serial Number:					Transm	nition Data		
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Here you need the Serial number
The required dates
And the tractor/ zero turn information



Serial Number

Serial number gets entered exactly as it is found on the bar code sticker on the transmission itself.

See next slide for examples.

DASHBOARD / NEW CLAIM * Serial Number:	
* Put into service:	* Placed In Repair Center:

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Serial Number Cont.

Serial Number Explanation

- Serial number is extremely important and all the information in the warranty site is linked to the serial number of the transmission.
- The serial number is located on a bar code sticker that is on the case of the transmission close to one of the axles. You normally can see it from the rear of the tractor.
- Tuff Torq has changed the format of the bar code sticker and the serial number for their transmissions.
 Please see to the right for help with the change.

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Purchase Date

- Purchase date
 - Will need to add to the claim here
 - Normally the warranty is two years as stated from the Dealer Manual below*

EQUIPMENT	USER	NEW EQUIPMENT	SERVICE PARTS
TYPE	TYPE	(MONTHS)	MONTHS
LAWN	RESIDENTIAL	24	3
TRACTORS	COMMERCIAL	3	3
GARDEN TRACTORS	ALL	24	3

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DASHBOARD / NEW CLAIM		
Serial Number:		

*Spartan Transmissions are 3 years for warranty

From the Dealer Manual

c. Actual date the transmission or transaxle was sold and put into service. Proof of purchase or registration date is required, otherwise the claim may be denied. This should be scanned and attached to the claim if available.



Adding Attachments to the Warranty Claim





Placed in the Repair Center Date

You place the date the tractor was placed in your repair facility here.

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From the Dealer Manual

a. All claims shall be submitted within 15 days of the repair date. (Claims will automatically be denied if not submitted within this period).



Validate the Serial Number

Once these three things are entered you click the validate button. If the transmission is in warranty the claim form will change to indicate that.

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Serial Number Errors

If you enter the serial number and you get an error that you cannot resolve, call 423.317.2312 and Gill will get it resolved for you.

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Auto Fill

- □ After the validate button is clicked the portal will automatically fill in
 - □ Transmission Part Number
 - □ Transmission Part Cost
 - Days in Service
 - Date Transmission was Manufactured

* Serial Number:	Transmition Data
	Transmission Part Number: Transmission Part Cost:
* Put into service: * Placed In Repair Center:	\$0.00
III Validate	Days in Service as of today: * Type of machine:
Previous claims (0) Attachments (0) Add File	* Machine manufacturer: * Hours on machine:
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	Date transmission manufactured:
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Entering More of the Transmssion Data

Enter the

- **Type of machine**
- □ Machine manufacturer (OEM)
- □ Hours on the machine
 - You can upload a picture of the hour meter
 - □ Follow the directions on page 14
 - You may be required to do that before the claim is paid

* Serial Number:	Transmition Data		
	Transmission Part Number: Transmission Part Cost:		
* Put into service: * Placed In Repair Center:	\$0.00		
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From the Dealer Manual

- g. Actual or estimated usage hours.
- h. Type of machine and machine manufacturer.



Customer Section

Customer Section

- □ Fill in the customer name
- Because it is in red the portal will not allow you to submit the claim until it has been entered
- If you have the other information you can add it as well
- If the unit has not been sold, the servicing dealer name is entered

* Customer First Name:		* Custome	r Last Name:	
Customer Addres	s 1:			
Customer Addres	is 2:			
City:	State:		Zip:	
Country:		Phone:		
Email:				



Entering the Issues and Claim Repair Comments

* Primary Issue:		
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Claim Repair Comments:		
Minimum length of 150 Characters		~
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Select the Primary issue from the drop down box

Select the secondary issue from the drop down box

□Since they are red you will not be able to file the claim until they turn black



In the "Claim Repair Comments" box you need to have 150 characters

□Here you share all information about this transmission and/or tractor.

- □You make your case for a Pre-Approval claim or any Miscellaneous parts or procedures you wish to be added to the claim for payment.
- Be as detailed and precise as possible, listing all troubleshooting that has been done as this aids us immensely.
- This information helps us to evaluate the issues so it is imperative to be clear and detailed and list everything you have noticed or done for this unit



Entering the Labor Hours & Keeping the Tuff Torq Standard

- After clicking the validate button if the unit is in warranty it will say "YES"
- □ Select the labor hours in the drop down box
- □ Remember to keep it within the standard below

a. Labor Time Limits for removal and replacement of transmissions.								
EQUIPMENT TYPE	ZERO-TURN	LAWN TRACTOR	GARDEN TRACTOR					
TUFF TORQ MODEL	TZ300/350, TZ400/450, TZT7 TZT13, TZT1310	T36, T40, K46, K57/574, K58, K62	K66/K664, K72, K92, 294, KXH10, KTM10, KTM13					
EXTERNAL REPAIR	1 HOUR MAX	1 HOUR MAX	1 HOUR MAX					
INTERNAL REPAIR	2.5 HOURS MAX	2.5 HOURS MAX	3.0 HOURS MAX					
REMOVE & REPLACE	1.5 HOURS MAX	1.5 HOURS MAX	2.0 HOURS MAX					

Within Warranty: No				* Labor Hours:
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Search Parts				^
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Add Miscellaneous Cost				
Describe Item	Cost			
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				Total Requested Parts: \$0.00
				Total Requested Labor: \$0.00
				Total Requested Claim: \$0.00
Submit for Pre-Approval				Submit as Final Claim

From the Dealer Manual

* Includes 1/2 hour for inspection and troubleshooting. Examples of external components are control levers, pulleys, oil seals etc.



Entering the Parts Used in the Repair

It is **Extremely Important** that you add the parts and/or the transmission ordered to the claim.

Failure to add them will bring on delays in full payment.

- □ If doing a replacement transmission
 - Select the transmission
 - Add it to Parts Used
- If doing an internal repair you can search
 Select the parts
 Add to Parts Used

Approved Available Parts:				Parts Used:
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Entering the Parts Used in the Repair Cont.

□ If you have any addition Cost Items

- Add them in the add Miscellaneous cost.
- □ Pick up charge, for example
 - □ This is judged on a case by case basis
 - □ You will need to provide Justification
 - Add your justification in the comment section
- □ It is best to get Pre-Approval for the charge
- For questions or to get pre-approval contact the service department <u>salessrvc@tufftorq.com</u> or 423.585.2000 ext. 180
- □ Tuff Torq reserves the right to limit or deny charges

Approved Available Parts:				Parts Used:
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When all the red boxes in the form have turned **black** and it says "YES" in the "Within Warranty" section for the Serial Number> "Submit as Final Claim" Otherwise you will have to click "Submit for Pre-Approval" **Pre-Approval** is for units that are outside of warranty • Very few hours on the tractor and just outside of warranty • Or for parts that did not work or had issues when received Like a repair kit that is not working, for example



Once the Pre-Approval Claim is Approved



After it is approved Click the "Pre-Approval Claim" Button and it will process the claim and allow you to move it to the "Approved" claim tab. Otherwise, it will sit in "Pre-Approval" until it is moved.



Advice to make the claim filing process Smooth

- Gather all the needed information First before filing claim
- Serial number is the key! If not entered or entered wrongly the claim will be denied
- □ Make sure to express the issues in great detail
- Graphic Keep in mind this is a process it is not instantaneous.
- Do not forget to move your Pre-Approved claims to the approved tab



The Warranty Procedure For Final Claim

The Claim resides in "Approved" tab

- □It is moved into the "Pending Payment" when a check is sent to Gardner once a month
- The Claim then resides in the "Paid" tab
- Gardner credits your account from the check they receive
 - □You may request payment rather than credit
 - **Contact Gardner** at 877-531-2827 or <u>creditdept@gardnerinc.com</u>.
- After claims are in the "Paid" tab contact Gardner for issues or concerns





After you Click Submit for Pre-Approval

Filed as Pre-Approval

Is evaluated and approved or declined

Once it is approved you must move it to the approved area

 Then it will flow to payment pending

Once a month checks are sent to Gardner Gardner then credits your account



Tuff Torq Corporation (TUFF TORQ®) warrants that TUFF TORQ® products shall be of good quality and free from defects in material and workmanship. TUFF TORQ® will repair or replace, free of charge, any part or parts of the product that are defective in material or workmanship or both. This warranty is effective for the time periods and subject to the conditions provided in this policy. Transportation charges on parts submitted for repair or replacement under this warranty must be borne by the purchaser.

NO OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTY EXISTS. IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE LIMITED TO TWO (2) YEARS FROM DATE OF PURCHASE, OR TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE EXCLUDED. LIABILITY FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES UNDER ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES ARE EXCLUDED TO THE EXTENT THE EXCLUSION IS PERMITTED BY LAW.



1. Warranty Period

The warranty period shall start on the date of purchase by the original buyer. Proof of purchase or valid registration is required to verify original purchase date. Please attach proof of purchase to online warranty claim if available.

EQUIPMENT	USER	NEW EQUIPMENT	SERVICE PARTS	
TYPE	TYPE	(MONTHS)	MONTHS	
LAWN	RESIDENTIAL	24	3	*Sp
TRACTORS	COMMERCIAL	3	3	Tra
GARDEN TRACTORS	ALL	24	3	are wa
ZERO-TURN	RESIDENTIAL	24	3	
MOWERS	COMMERCIAL	24	3	

*Spartan Transmissions are 3 years for warranty



2. Non-Warranted Conditions or Items

There are conditions or items that shall not be warranted. These are defined as any failure not caused by defects in material or workmanship including but not limited to the following:

A. Incorrect installation or installation by non-authorized servicing dealer.

B. Misuse or overloading beyond approved specification, negligence, or accident.

C. Modification without prior approval from TUFF TORQ®.

D. Use of non-TUFF TORQ® genuine parts for repair.

E. Consumable and/or normally wearing materials such as lubricants, grease, brakes, etc.

F. Costs of normal periodic maintenance. Example of normal periodic maintenance includes the following, but is not limited to:

i. Oil

ii. Cleaning of exterior surfaces

iii. Lubrication of the input shaft

iv. Applying anti-seize in keyways, hubs and axles



Labor Time Limits								
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INTERNAL REPAIR	2.5 HOURS MAX	2.5 HOURS MAX	3.0 HOURS MAX					
REMOVE & REPLACE	1.5 HOURS MAX	1.5 HOURS MAX	2.0 HOURS MAX					

**Model list is subject to change. If you are unsure of the model to be repaired, please contact TUFF TORQ®.. * Includes 1/2 hour for inspection and troubleshooting. Examples of external components are control levers, pulleys, oil seals etc.



b. Labor Rate Reimbursement

The dealer shop labor rate will be the posted shop labor rate registered by dealer at time of dealer authorization.

c. Parts Cost Reimbursement

TUFF TORQ® will reimburse parts cost at a rate of Dealer purchase price plus 15%. This 15% covers miscellaneous expenditures such as administration, packaging, duties, dealer service charges, carriage (outbound freight) to dealer, etc. Tuff Torq reserves the right to adjust rates at any time.

d. Shipping Charges

TUFF TORQ® will reimburse shipping 100% for the return of the transmission or transaxle when requested by TUFF TORQ® for inspection and evaluation. Only under special circumstances will TUFF TORQ® reimburse shipping to dealer and this shall be pre-approved and entered as a miscellaneous shipping charge on the warranty claim. The maximum allowable is \$10.00.



e. Warranty and Claim Reiumbursement

The callback process is outlined in the warranty claims system. After the unit has been inspected, analyzed, and TUFF TORQ® finds the warranty return not to be TUFF TORQ® responsibility; the warranty claim will be denied and the transaxle will be returned, if requested, at the expense of the Authorized Servicing Dealer or scrapped after (60) days. Authorized Servicing Dealer shall be notified by email of denied claim with a detailed description of the reason for denial within (15) days.



Submission Requirements

All warranty claims shall be submitted via the online warranty system. Authorized Servicing Dealers shall use their own individual login information provided. Claims will be limited to the terms of this statement of warranty and require the following information:

a. All claims shall be submitted within 15 days of the repair date. (Claims will automatically be denied if not submitted within this period).

- b. Validated TUFF TORQ® Serial number for failed product.
- c. Actual date the transmission or transaxle was sold and put into service. Proof of purchase or registration date is required, otherwise the claim may be denied. This should be scanned and attached to the claim if available.

Submission Requirements

d. Customer contact information (Name, Address, Phone Number, and Email) if available or allowable by law.

- e. Date of failure.
- f. Date of repair.
- g. Actual or estimated usage hours.
- h. Type of machine and machine manufacturer.

i. Description of defect to include the original customer complaint, investigation results, and corrective action from dealer for the actual cause of failure. Please note, that descriptions like "defective transaxle" or "will not run" are not acceptable forms of explanation and may cause the claim to be rejected. There is a minimum 150 character description required to submit a claim. Claims with repeated characters and minimal descriptions may be declined.



6. Parts Retention

All parts for each claim shall be retained by the Authorized Servicing Dealer for a minimum of 45 days from the claim submission date.

7. TUFF TORQ® Response Time

Every effort will be made for a quick response to all claims and warranty issues. Claims will be evaluated within 30 days of submission.

Cont

Pertinent Information From the Dealer Manual, Cont.

Claims Procedure

1. Claims submitted to TUFF TORQ® shall be submitted in electronic format through the claims portal at https://claims.tufftorq.com.

2. A validated serial number and valid proof of service date is required to submit a claim. No claims can be entered without this verification into the portal.

3. All claims shall be submitted to TUFF TORQ® within 15 days of repair date.

4. All claims will be processed and judged per the Statement of Limited Warranty.

5. TUFF TORQ® reserves the right to reduce or decline claims which do not conform to the warranty policy and requirements.

6. Labor rates will be strictly adhered to based on agreements with Authorized Servicing Dealer during the registration process. Any changes in labor must be agreed to in writing by Central Distributor and TUFF TORQ®.



Contacts to answer your questions

Tuff Torq Warranty Questions:

- 423.585.2000 ext. 180 to get to the Service Department
- □Email <u>salessrvc@tufftorq.com</u>
- **423.317.2312** Gill's direct line for specific questions
- Gill's direct email ggraham@tufftorq.com



For your Notes

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