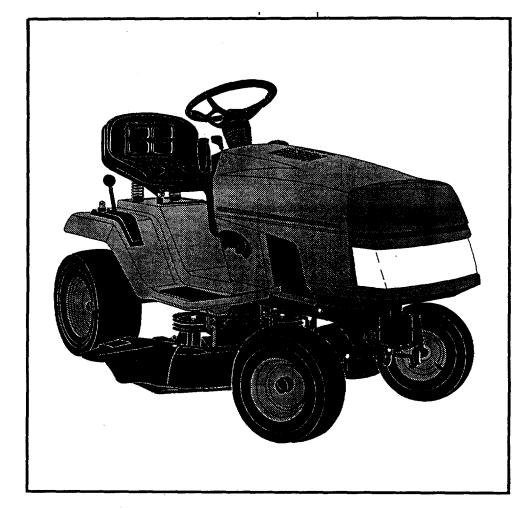
SEARS OWNER'S MANUAL

MODEL NO. 917.257462

Caution:
Read and follow
all Safety Rules
and Instructions
Before Operating
This Equipment



CRAFTSMAN®

12.0 HP ELECTRIC START 36" MOWER 6 SPEED LAWN RIDER

- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Service and Adjustment
- Repair Parts

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SAFETY RULES

Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers



IMPORTANT: THIS CUTTING MACHINE IS CAPABLE OF AMPUTATING HANDS AND FEET AND THROWING OBJECTS. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

I. GENERAL OPERATION

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the guard in place.
- Slow down before turning.
- Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove keys before dismounting.
- Turn off blades when not mowing.
- Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.

II. SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to loss-of-control and tipover accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. All slopes require extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it.

DO:

- Mow up and down slopes, not across.
- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Use slow speed. Choose a low gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.
- Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments.
 These can change the stability of the machine.
- Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly straight down the slope.

DO NOT:

- Do not turn on slopes unless necessary, and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.
- Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.
- Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.
- Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.
- Do not use grass catcher on steep slopes.

III. CHILDREN

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. *Never* assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- · Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and down for small children.
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with the safe machine operation.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

IV. SERVICE

- Use extra care in handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive.
 - Use only an approved container.
 - Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke.
 - Never refuel the machine indoors.
 - Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as a water heater.
- Never run a machine inside a closed area.
- Keep nuts and bolts, especially blade attachment bolts, tight and keep equipment in good condition.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up.
 Clean oil or fuel spillage. Allow machine to cool before storing.
- Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object.
 Repair, if necessary, before restarting.
- Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.
- Grass catcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. Frequently check components and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary.
- Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.



Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means CAUTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.



CAUTION: Always disconnect spark plug wire and place wire where it cannot contact spark plug in order to prevent accidental starting when setting up, transporting, adjusting or making repairs.

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a Sears Lawn Rider. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance.

Should you experience any problem you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest Sears Service Center/Department. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this unit

Please read and retain this manual. The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your unit properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES".

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MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

A Sears Maintenance Agreement is available on this product. Contact your nearest Sears store for details.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- · Read and observe the safety rules.
- Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your unit.
- Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this owner's manual.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

PRODUCT OF LOIT TOATTONS						
HORSEPOWER:	12.0					
GASOLINE CAPACITY:	1.4 GALLONS UNLEADED REGULAR					
OIL (3.0 PINTS)	SAE 30 (or 10W-30) WINTER: SAE 5W-30					
SPARK PLUG (GAP.030 IN.):	CHAMPION RJ-19LM STD361458					
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE .005007 IN. EXHAUST .009011 IN.					
GROUND SPEED:	FORWARD 1st .95 MPH 2nd 1.25 MPH 3rd 1.94 MPH 4th 2.91 MPH 5th 3.71 MPH 6th 4.76 MPH REVERSE: 1.46 MPH					
TIRE PRESSURE:	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 12 PSI					
CHARGING SYSTEM:	3 AMPS BATTERY @3600 RPM					
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	30-35 FT. LBS.					

WARNING: This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the state of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest Sears Authorized Service Center (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON ELECTRIC START RIDING EQUIPMENT

For two years from date of purchase, when this riding equipment is maintained, lubricated, and tuned up according to the operating and maintenance instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair free of charge any defect in material or workmanship.

This Warranty does not cover:

- Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects (such as nails, thorns, stumps, or glass).
- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plug, air cleaners and belts.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse or negligence, including bent crankshafts and the failure to maintain the
 equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.
- · Riding equipment used for commercial or rental purposes.

FULL 90 DAY WARRANTY ON BATTERY

For 90 days from date of purchase, if any battery included with this riding equipment proves defective in material or workmanship and our testing determines the battery will not hold a charge, Sears will replace the battery at no charge.

WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS WARRANTY APPLIES ONLY WHILE THIS PRODUCT IS IN USE IN THE UNITED STATES.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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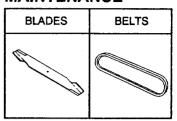
ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

These accessories and attachments were available when the unit was purchased. They are also available at most Sears retail outlets, catalog and service centers. Most Sears stores can order these items for you when you provide the model number of your tractor.

ENGINE

SPARK PLUG	MUFFLER	AIR FILTER	GAS CAN	ENGINE OIL	STABILIZER

MAINTENANCE



PERFORMANCE

Sears offers a wide variety of attachments that fit your vehicle. Many of these are listed below with brief explanations of how they can help you. This list was current at the time of publication; however, it may change in future years - more attachments may be added, changes may be made in these attachments, or some may no longer be available or fit your model. Contact your nearest Sears store for the accessories and attachments that are available for your unit.

Most of these attachments do not require additional hitches or conversion kits (those that do are indicated) and are designed for easy attaching and detaching.

PERMANEX BAGGER lets you collect grass clippings and leaves for a healthier, neater looking lawn. Two Permanex containers hold 30-gallon plastic bags.

LAWN SWEEPERS let you collect grass clippings and leaves.

CAPTS make hauling easy. Variety of sizes available.

ROLLER for smoother lawn surface. 36-inch wide, 18-inch diameter water-tight drum holds up to 390 lbs. of weight. Rounded edges prevent harm to turf. Adjustable scraper automatically cleans drum.

SPREADER/SEEDERS make seeding, fertilizing, and weed killing easy. Broadcast spreaders are also useful for granular de-icers and sand.

CORING AERATOR takes small plugs out of soil to allow moisture and nutrients to reach grass roots. 36-inch swath. 24 hardened steel coring tips. 150 lb. capacity weight tray.

AERATOR promotes deep root growth for a healthy lawn. Tapered 2.5-inch steel spikes mounted on 10-inch diameter discs puncture holes in soil at close intervals to let moisture soak in. Steel weight tray for increased penetration.

MULCH RAKE/DETHATCHER loosens soil and flips thatch and matted leaves to lawn surface for easy pickup. Twenty spring tine teeth. Useful to prepare bare areas for seeding. Available for rear mounting only.

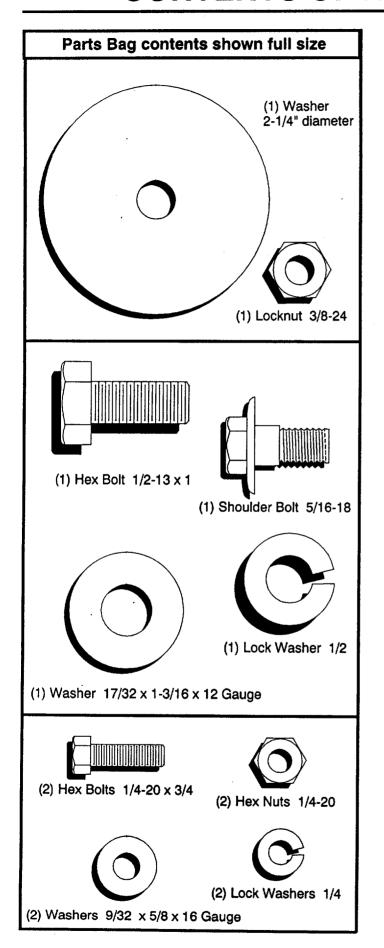
SPRAYERS use 12-volt DC electric motor that connects to the tractor battery or other 12-volt source. Includes booms for automatic spraying when pulling, and hand held wand for spot spraying. Wand has adjustable spray pattern. For applying herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and liquid fertilizers.

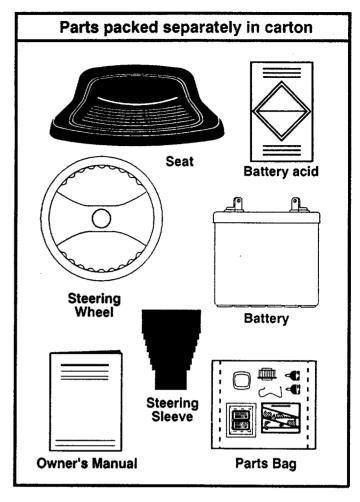
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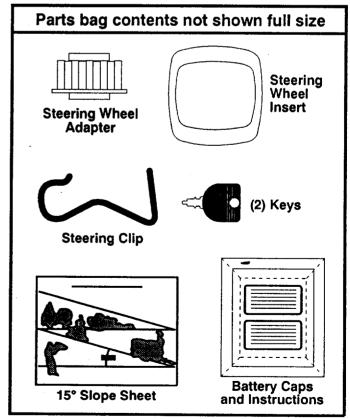
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ASSEMBLY

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

A socket wrench set will make assembly easier. Standard wrench sizes are listed.

(1) 9/16" wrench

Pliers

(2) 7/16" wrenches

Tire pressure gauge

(1) 1/2" wrench

Screwdriver

(1) 3/4" wrench

Utility knife

When right and left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (seated behind the steering wheel).

TO REMOVE UNIT FROM CARTON UNPACK CARTON

- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts cartons from carton (See page 6).
- Cut along dotted lines on the carton, from top to bottom, all four corners of carton and lay panels flat.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL

POSITION STEERING SHAFT (See Fig. 1) -

- · Lift hood.
- Pull steering shaft up to engage gears.
- Push steering clip through hole on steering shaft at 45° (hole is located under dash and above lower steering bushing).
- Push steering clip onto steering shaft until steering clip snaps into place.

INSTALL STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 2) -

- Slide the steering sleeve over the steering shaft (Bottom of sleeve goes over ring on dash).
- Slide steering wheel adapter onto upper steering shaft.
- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide onto adapter.
- Assemble large flat washer and 3/8-24 locknut and tighten securely.
- Snap insert into center of steering wheel.
- · Remove protective plastic from tractor hood and grill.

BEFORE ROLLING UNIT OFF SKID

IMPORTANT: CHECK FOR AND REMOVE ANY STAPLES IN SKID THAT MAY PUNCTURE TIRES WHERE UNIT IS TO ROLL OFF SKID.

- · Raise mower lift lever to its highest position.
- Place gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Release parking brake by depressing clutch/brake pedal.
- Roll unit backwards off skid.
- Remove banding holding discharge guard up against tractor.

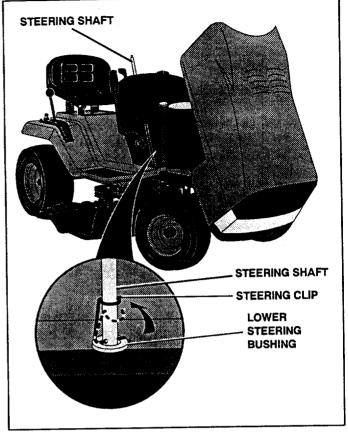


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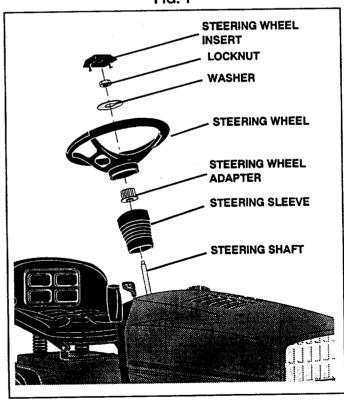


FIG. 2

ASSEMBLY

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR PREPARE BATTERY (See Fig. 3)

CAUTION: Wear eye and face shield.

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Wash hands or clothing immediately if accidentally in contact with battery acid.

Do not smoke. Fumes from charged battery acid are explosive.

Read the instructions included with the battery vent caps. Always wear gloves, clothing and goggles to protect your hands, skin and eyes.

Your unit has a battery charging system which is sufficient for normal use. However, periodic charging of the battery with an automotive charger will extend its life.

- See instructions packed with vent caps in parts bag.
- Fill battery with acid. Fill each cell until it reaches the bottom of the vent wells. Do not overfill.
- Allow battery to stand and settle for at least thirty minutes. After standing, check the level of acid. If below the vent wells, add more acid until the correct level is reached.

While battery is standing (after adding acid) and later, while battery is being charged, continue with assembly of unit.

IMPORTANT: TO MAXIMIZE THE LIFE OF YOUR BATTERY, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE BATTERY BE CHARGED BEFOREUSE. FAILURE TO CHARGE BATTERY CAN RESULT IN A SHORTENED BATTERY LIFE.

- Charge battery at a rate of 6 amperes for 1 hour. Use a 12 volt battery charger. Observe all safety precautions required for battery charging.
- Check the acid level after the battery is charged. If the acid has fallen below the correct level, add distilled or iron free water
- Install the vent caps to cover the vent wells. Wash the top of the battery with water to remove any acid, then wipe dry.
- Check battery case for leakage to make sure that no damage has occurred in handling.
- Dispose of excess battery acid. Neutralize acid for disposal by adding it to four inches of water in a five gallon plastic container. Stir with a wooden or plastic paddle while adding baking soda until the addition of more soda causes no more foaming.
- Follow instructions on how to install battery.

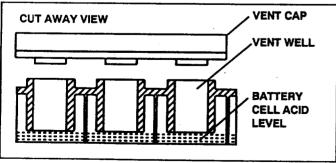


FIG. 3

INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 4)

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment bolt.

- · Remove cardboard packing on seat pan.
- Place seat on pan and assemble shoulder bolt.
- Assemble adjustment bolt, lock washer and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- Tighten shoulder bolt securely.
- Lower seat into operating position and sit on seat.
- Slide seat until a comfortable position is reached which allows you to press clutch/brake pedal all the way down (See Fig. 8).
- Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- Raise seat and tighten adjustment bolt securely.

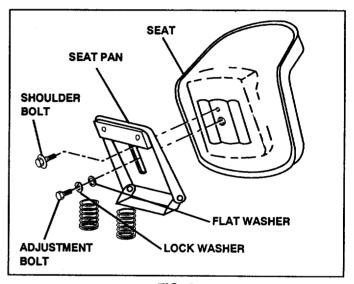


FIG. 4

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

The tires on your unit were overinflated at the factory for shipping purposes. Correct tire pressure is important for best cutting performance.

 Reduce tire pressure to PSI shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

For best cutting results, mower housing should be properly leveled. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

See the figures that are shown for replacing motion and mower blade drive belts in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual. Verify that the belts are routed correctly.

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

After you learn how to operate your tractor, check to see that the brake is properly adjusted. See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

ASSEMBLY

INSTALL BATTERY (See Figs. 5 & 6)



CAUTION: Do not short battery terminals. Before installing battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands, rings, etc.

Positive terminal must be connected first to prevent sparking from accidental grounding.

- · Lift seat to raised position.
- · Open battery box door.
- Lower battery into battery box with battery terminals toward front of unit.
- Be sure drain tube is attached to bottom of battery box.
- First connect RED battery cable and RED fused ignition wire to positive (+) battery terminal with hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut as shown. Tighten securely.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) battery terminal with remaining hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut. Tighten securely.
- Close battery box door.

Use terminal access doors for:

- Inspection for secure connections (to tighten hardware).
- · Inspection for corrosion.
- · Testing battery.
- Jumping (if required).
- Periodic charging.

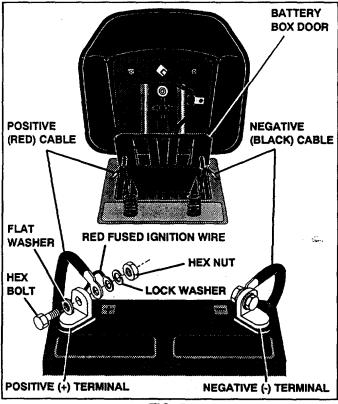


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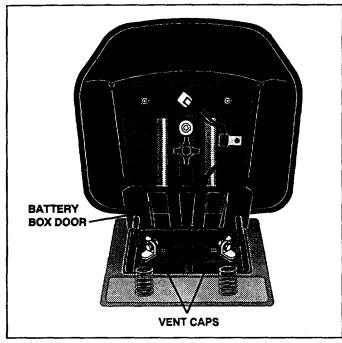


FIG. 6

✓ CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU OPERATE AND ENJOY YOUR NEW LAWN RIDER, WE WISH TO ASSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE BEST PERFORMANCE AND SATISFACTION FROM THIS QUALITY PRODUCT.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

- ✓ All assembly instructions have been completed.
- ✓ No remaining loose parts in carton.
- ✓ Battery is properly prepared and charged. (Minimum 1 hour at 6 amps).
- Seat is adjusted comfortably and tightened securely.
- ✓ All tires are properly inflated. (For shipping purposes, the tires were over-inflated at the factory).
- Be sure mower deck is properly leveled side-to-side/ front-to-rear for best cutting results. (Tires must be properly inflated for leveling).
- Check mower and drive belts. Be sure they are routed properly around pulleys and inside all belt keepers.
- ✓ Check wiring. See that all connections are still secure and wires are properly clamped.

WHILE LEARNING HOW TO USE YOUR LAWN RIDER, PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- Engine oil is at proper level.
- ✓ Fuel tank is filled with fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline.
- ✓ Become familiar with all controls their location and function. Operate them before you start the engine.
- Be sure brake system is in safe operating condition.

KNOW YOUR LAWN RIDER READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR LAWN RIDER.

Compare the illustrations with your Lawn Rider to familiarize yourself with the location of various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for future reference.

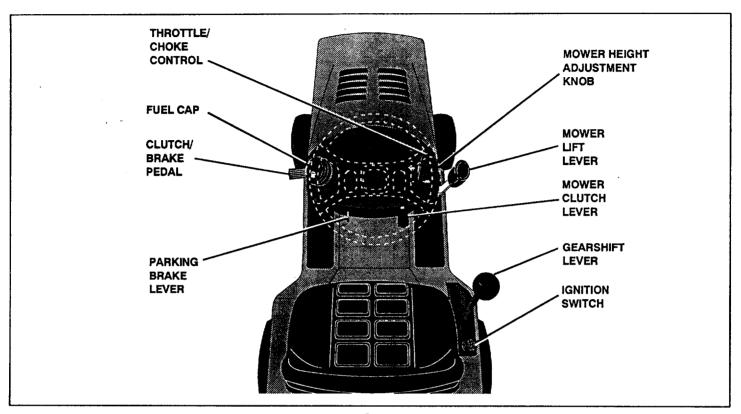


FIG. 7

Sears tractors conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute.

IGNITION SWITCH: Used for starting and stopping the engine.

THROTTLE/CHOKE CONTROL: Used for starting and controlling engine speed.

CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL: Used for declutching and braking the tractor and starting the engine.

GEARSHIFT LEVER: Selects the speed and direction of tractor.

PARKING BRAKE LEVER: Locks clutch/brake pedal into the brake position.

MOWER CLUTCH LEVER: Used to engage the mower blades.

MOWER LIFT LEVER: Used to raise and lower the mower deck.

MOWER HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT KNOB: Used to set mower cutting height.

A CAUTION

- TO AVOID INJURY
- · READ OWNER'S MANUAL.
- · KNOW LOCATION AND FUNCTION OF ALL CONTROLS.
- KEEP GUARDS, SAFETY SHIELDS AND SWITCHES IN PLACE AND WORKING.
- REMOVE OBJECTS THAT CAN BE THROWN BY BLADES.
- DO NOT MOW WHEN CHILDREN AND OTHERS ARE AROUND.
- · NEVER CARRY CHILDREN OR PASSENGERS.
- · ALWAYS LOOK BEHIND MACHINE BEFORE BACKING.
- · DO NOT MOW WHERE MACHINE CAN TIP OR SLIP.
- IF MACHINE STOPS GOING UPHILL, STOP BLADE AND BACK DOWN SLOWLY.
- BE SURE BLADES AND ENGINE HAVE STOPPED BEFORE PLACING HANDS OR FEET NEAR THE BLADES.
- REMOVE KEY WHEN LEAVING MACHINE.



The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields before starting your tractor and while moving. We recommend Wide Vision Safety Mask for over the spectacles or standard safety glasses.

HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR

TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 8)

- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold.
- Place parking brake lever in "ENGAGED" postion and release pressure from clutch/brake pedal. Pedal should remain in "BRAKE" position. Make sure parking brake will hold vehicle secure.

STOPPING (See Figs. 8 and 9)

MOWER BLADES -

- Move mower clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.
 GROUND DRIVE -
- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position.
- Move gearshift lever to "NEUTRAL" poisition.

ENGINE -

- Move Throttle Control to "SLOW" position.
- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving vehicle to prevent unauthorized use.
- Never use choke to stop engine.

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 9)

Always operate engine at full throttle.

- Operating engine at less than full throttle reduces the battery charging rate and the engine cooling air flow.
- Full throttle offers the best bagging and mower performance.

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD (See Figs. 8 and 9)

The direction and speed of movement is controlled by the gearshift lever.

- Start tractor with clutch/brake pedal depressed and gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- · Move gearshift lever to desired position.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal to start movement.

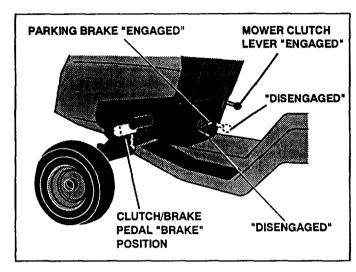


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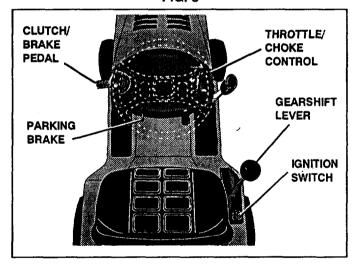


FIG. 9

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 10)

The position of the mower lift lever determines the cutting height. The position of the mower lift lever can be adjusted by moving the height adjustment knob to desired position.

- With lift lever back and locked in highest position, pull out the adjustment knob and move to desired position.
- Move mower lift lever out and forward to adjustment knob.

The cutting height range is approximately 1" to 3-1/2". The heights are measured from the ground to the blade tip with the engine not running. These heights are approximate and may vary depending upon soil conditions, height of grass and types of grass being mowed.

- The average lawn should be cut approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and over 3 inches during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.
- For best cutting performance, grass over 6 inches in height should be mowed twice. Make the first cut relatively high; the second to desired height.

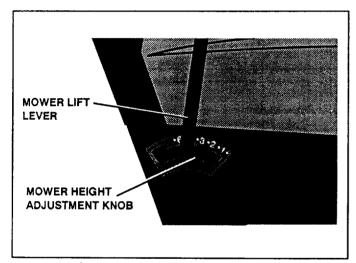


FIG. 10

TO OPERATE MOWER (See Figs. 10 and 11)

Your unit is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. Any attempt by the operator to leave the seat with the engine running and the mower clutch engaged will shut off the engine.

- Select desired height of cut.
- Engage mower by slowly moving mower clutch lever to "ENGAGED" position.
- TO STOP MOWER Move mower clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.



CAUTION: Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the discharge guard in place.

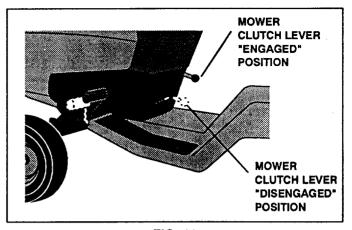


FIG. 11

TO OPERATE ON HILLS



CAUTION: Do not drive up or down hills with slopes greater than 15° and do not drive across any slope.

- Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills.
- Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills.
- If slowing is necessary, move throttle control lever to slower position.
- If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake.
- Move gearshift lever to 1st gear and be sure you have allowed room for tractor to roll slightly as you restart movement.
- To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Make all turns slowly.

TO TRANSPORT

- Raise mower lift lever to highest position.
- When pushing or towing your unit, be sure gearshift lever is in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Do not push unit at more than five (5) MPH.

BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL (See Fig. 16)

- The engine in your unit has been shipped from the factory already filled with summer weight oil.
- Check engine oil with unit on level ground.
- Remove oil fill dipstick and wipe clean, replace and screw cap tight, wait for a few seconds, remove and read oil level. If necessary, add oil until "FULL" mark on dipstick is reached. Do not overfill.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (see "OIL VISCOSITY CHART" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Maintenance section in this manual.

ADD GASOLINE

 Fill fuel tank. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life).

IMPORTANT: WHEN OPERATING IN TEMPERATURES BELOW 32°F(0°C), USE FRESH, CLEAN WINTER GRADE GASOLINE TO HELP INSURE GOOD COLD WEATHER STARTING.

WARNING: Experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. To avoid engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer. Drain the gas tank, start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty. Use fresh fuel next season. See Storage Instructions for additional information. Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.



CAUTION: Fill to bottom of gas tank filler neck. Do not overfill. Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 7)

When starting engine for the first time or if engine has run out of fuel, it will take extra cranking time to move fuel from the tank to the engine.

- Depress the clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Move mower clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control lever to "CHOKE" position for cold engine start. For warm engine start, move throttle control to "FAST" position.
- Turn ignition key clockwise to "START" position and release key as soon as engine starts. Do not run starter continuously for more than fifteen seconds per minute. If engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to "FAST" position, wait a few minutes and try again.
- When engine starts, move throttle control to desired position.
- Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes before engaging drive or attachment clutch.

NOTE: If at a high altitude (above 3000 feet) or in cold temperatures (below 32° F), the carburetor fuel mixture may need to be adjusted for best engine performance. See "TO ADJUST CARBURETOR" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

MOWING TIPS

- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 12).
- If grass is extremely tall, it should be mowed twice to reduce load and possible fire hazard from dried clippings. Make first cut relatively high; the second to the desired height.
- Do not mow grass when it is wet. Wet grass will plug mower and leave undesirable clumps. Allow grass to dry before mowing.
- Always operate engine at full throttle when mowing to assure better mowing performance and proper discharge of material. Regulate ground speed by selecting a low enough gear to give the mower cutting performance as well as the quality of cut desired.
- When operating attachments, select a ground speed that will suit the terrain and give best performance of the attachment being used.

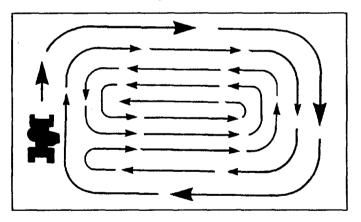


FIG. 12

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	Check Tire Pressure	1		1								
T	Check for Loose Fasteners	1							/			
R	Sharpen/Replace Mower Blades				1/4							
A	Lubrication Chart				/				1			
ΙŤ	Check Battery Level/Recharge				/							
O	Clean Battery and Terminals				1				1			
R	Check Transmission Cooling				1							
	Adjust Blade Belt(s) Tension						1					
	Adjust Motion Drive Belt(s) Tension						1					
	Check Engine Oil Level	V		V								
	Change Engine Oil		1		1,2,3				1			
E	Clean Air Filter				1/2							
N	Clean Air Screen				1/2							
G	Inspect Muffler/Spark Arrester					1						
	Replace Oil Filter (If equipped)						1,2					
N	Clean Engine Cooling Fins						1/2					
E	Replace Spark Plug			<u> </u>			1	1				
	Replace Air Filter Paper Cartridge			Ì			1/2	*				
	Replace Fuel Filter		1	Ī				1				

- 1 Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures.
- 2 Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

- 3 If equipped with oil filter, change oil every 50 hours.
- 4 Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this vehicle does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, operator must maintain unit as instructed in this manual.

Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your unit.

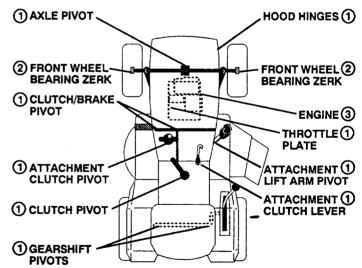
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check blades and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

BEFORE EACH USE

- Check engine oil level.
- Check brake operation.
- Check tire pressure.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION CHART



- 1 SAE 30 OR 10W30 MOTOR OIL API SG
- **② GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE**
- 3 REFER TO ENGINE MAINTENANCE SECTION

IMPORTANT: DO NOT OIL OR GREASE THE PIVOT POINTS WHICH HAVE SPECIAL NYLON BEARINGS. VISCOUS LUBRICANTS WILL ATTRACT DUST AND DIRT THAT WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF THE SELF-LUBRICATING BEARINGS. IF YOU FEEL THEY MUST BE LUBRICATED, USE ONLY A DRY, POWDERED GRAPHITE TYPE LUBRICANT SPARINGLY.

LAWN RIDER

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

BRAKE OPERATION

If unit requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, than brake must be adjusted. (See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TIRES

- Maintain proper air pressure in all tires (See "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual).
- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

BLADE CARE

For best results mower blades must be kept sharp. The blades can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. We suggest they be sharpened or replaced after every 25 hours of mowing. Check blades more often if mowing in sandy conditions.

- Do not attempt to sharpen blades while they are on the mower.
- Replace bent or damaged blades.

BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 13)

- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing blade.
- Install new or resharpened blade with trailing edge up towards deck as shown.
- Reassemble hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer in exact order as shown.
- · Tighten bolt securely (30-35 Ft. Lbs. torque).

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS GRADE 8 HEAT TREATED.

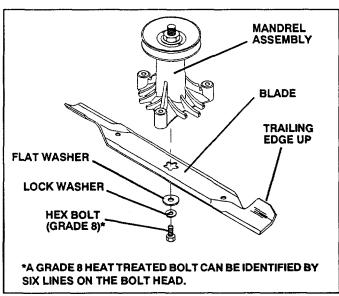


FIG. 13

TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 14)

Care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration and eventual damage to mower and engine.

- The blade can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. Do not attempt to sharpen while on the mower.
- To check blade balance, you will need a 5/8" diameter steel bolt, pin, or a cone balancer. (When using a cone balancer, follow the instructions supplied with balancer).
- Slide blade on to an unthreaded portion of the steel bolt or pin and hold the bolt or pin parallel with the ground.
 If blade is balanced, it should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of the blade moves downward, sharpen the heavy end until the blade is balanced.

NOTE: Do not use a nail for balancing blade. The lobes of the center hole may appear to be centered, but are not.

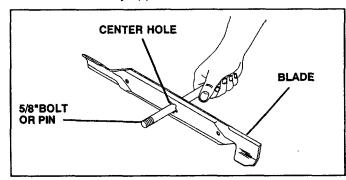
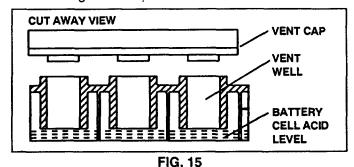


FIG. 14

BATTERY (See Fig. 15)

Your unit has a battery charging system which is sufficient for normal use. However, periodic charging of the battery with an automotive charger will extend its life.

- Acid solution level in each battery cell should be even with bottoms of vent wells. Add only distilled or iron free water if necessary. Do not overfill.
- Keep battery and terminals clean.
- Keep battery bolts tight.
- · Keep vent caps tight and small vent holes in caps open.
- Recharge at 6 amperes for 1 hour.



TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS -

Corrosion and dirt on the battery and terminals can cause the battery to "leak" power.

- Remove terminal guard.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- Wash battery with solution of four tablespoons of baking soda to one gallon of water. Be careful not to get the soda solution into the cells.
- Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.
- Clean terminals and battery cable ends with wire brush until bright.
- Coat terminals with grease or petroleum jelly.
- Reinstall battery (See "INSTALL BATTERY" in the Assembly section of this manual).

V- BELTS

Check V-Belts for deterioration and wear after 100 hours. Replace if necessary. The belts are not adjustable. Replace belts if they begin to slip from wear.

TRANSAXLE COOLING

Keep transaxle free from build-up of dirt and chaff which can restrict cooling.

ENGINE

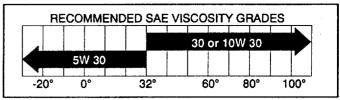
LUBRICATION

Change the oil after the first two hours of operation and every 25 hours thereafter or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 25 hours in one year.

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each eight (8) hours of continuous use. Add SAE 30W motor oil or equalivent. Tighten oil fill cap/dipstick securely each time you check the oil level. SAE 5W-30 motor oil may be used to make starting easier in areas where temperature is consistently 32° F or lower.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Fig. 16 and 17)-Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SG.

- Be sure vehicle is on level surface.
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove oil fill dipstick. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when changing oil.
- Remove drain plug.
- After oil has drained completely, replace oil drain plug and tighten securely.
- Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill. For approximate capacity see Product Specifications on page 3 of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill dipstick for checking level. Be sure dipstick cap is tightened securely for accurate reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick.



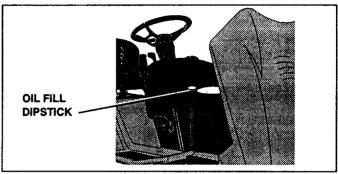


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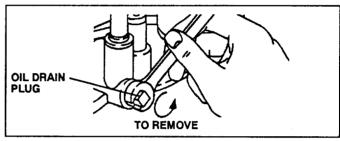


FIG. 17

AIR FILTER (See Fig. 18)

Your engine will not run properly and may be damaged by using a dirty air filter. Remove cartridge every 25 hours and tap gently to clean. Replace paper cartridge once a year or after every 100 hours of operation, more often if used in very dusty, dirty conditions.

- Remove knob and cover.
- Remove cartridge nut and clean or replace cartridge.
- · Reassemble and tighten securely.

NOTE: Do not attempt to clean or oil the paper cartridge.

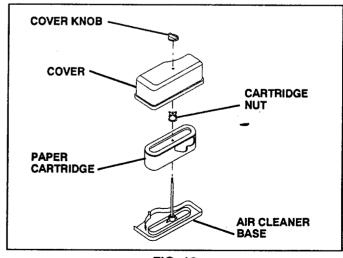


FIG. 18

AIR SCREEN (See Fig. 19)

The engine air screen must be kept free of dirt and chaff to prevent engine damage from overheating. Clean with a wire brush or compressed air to remove dirt and stubborn dried gum fibers.

ENGINE COOLING FINS (See Fig. 19)

Remove any dust, dirt or oil from engine cooling fins to prevent engine damage from overheating.

- Remove oil fill dipstick and cover opening to prevent entry of dirt.
- Remove screws from blower housing and lift housing off engine.
- Remove the screws securing the starter housing and lift housing off engine.
- Use compressed air or stiff bristle brush to thoroughly clean engine cooling fins.
- To reassemble, reverse above procedure.

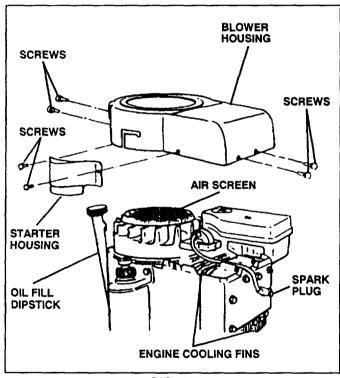


FIG. 19

MUFFLER

Inspect and replace corroded muffler and spark arrester (if equipped) as it could create a fire hazard and/or damage.

SPARK PLUGS

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of use, whichever comes first. Spark plug type and gap setting is shown in "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 20)

Fuel filter should be replaced once each season. If fuel filter becomes clogged, obstructing fuel flow to carburetor, replacement is required.

- With engine cool, remove filter and plug fuel line sections.
- Place new fuel filter in position in fuel line.
- Be sure there are no fuel line leaks and clamps are properly positioned.
- · Immediately wipe up any spilled gasoline.

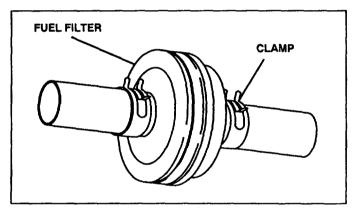


FIG. 20

CLEANING

- Clean engine, battery, seat, finish, etc. of all foreign matter.
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc.
- Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

We do not recommend using a garden hose to clean your unit unless the electrical system, muffler, air filter and carburetor are covered to keep water out. Water in engine can result in a shortened engine life.



CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake. Place gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position. Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position. Turn ignition key "OFF" and remove key.

Make sure the blades and all moving parts have completely stopped.

Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with

LAWN RIDER

TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 21)

Mower will be easier to remove from the right side of unit.

- Park tractor on a level surface and engage parking brake.
- Remove key from ignition.
- Be sure that mower clutch lever is in "DISENGAGED"
- Lower mower deck to lowest cutting position.
- Remove retainer spring and washer that holds mower clutch spring to the mower clutch arm.
- Disconnect mower clutch spring from mower clutch
- Remove retainer springs and washers from mower stabilizer link.
- Remove retainer springs and washers from rear lift links.
- Remove retainer spring and washer from front lift link.
- Withdraw front lifts links, rear lift links and mower stabilizer link from axle brackets.
- Remove belt from engine pulley.
- Raise mower lift handle to transport position.
- Turn front tires to left.
- Slide mower deck out on right side of tractor.

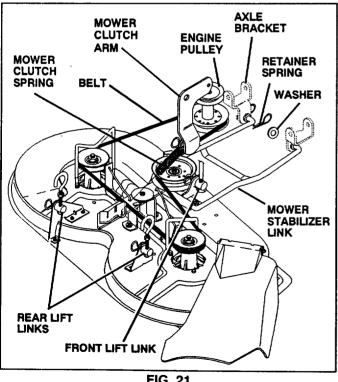


FIG. 21

TO INSTALL MOWER (See Fig. 21)

Reverse removal instructions.

MOWER UPSTOP ADJUSTMENT (See Fig. 22)

- Raise mower lift lever to highest (transport) position.
- Measure distance from top of mower deck to lower flange of chassis (dim. "A").
- Dim. "A" should be 3-3/8 to 3-1/2 inches.
- To adjust dim. "A", if required, lower mower to lowest position. Remove washer and retainer spring in trunnion, then withdraw trunnion pin from bracket. Loosen lower trunnion locknut and rotate trunnion counterclockwise on lift link to increase dim. "A" or clockwise on lift link to decrease dim. "A".
- Tighten lower trunnion locknut.

NOTE: Each full turn of trunnion will change dim. "A" by 1/16 inch. Re-insert trunnion into bracket with pin pointing to L.H. side of unit. Re-install washer and retainer spring.

Raise lift lever to highest position and recheck dim. "A". Repeat adjustment if necessary.

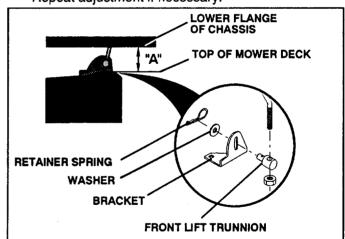


FIG. 22

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING (See Fig. 23 - Fig. 26)

Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3). If tires are over or under inflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

NOTE: One rotation of trunnion nut is equivalent to approximately 1/8 inch of height change. Be sure upper and lower nuts are tightened against trunnion after adjustment has been completed.

- Place mower height adjustment knob in position "3" (See Fig. 23).
- Lower mower lift lever to height adjustment knob.

SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 24 and 25) -

 Measure distance from ground to lower flange of mower deck on both sides of mower (dim. "B" & "C"). Dim. "B" & "C" should be the same.

Level the mower side-to side by adjusting the left rear lift link.

- To raise left side of mower, loosen upper trunnion nut tighten the lower trunnion nut.
- To lower left side of mower, loosen lower trunnion nut and tighten upper trunnion nut.

FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 25 and 26)-

To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so the rear is approximately 1/4 to 3/8" higher than the front when the mower is in height adjustment position "3".

 Measure distance from ground line to lower flange of deck at right front and right rear (dim. "D" & "E") in line with front and rear tires.

Raise or lower rear of mower housing by adjusting the right rear lift link.

- To raise rear of mower housing, loosen upper trunnion nut and tighten lower trunnion nut.
- To lower rear of mower housing, loosen the lower trunnion nut and tighten upper trunnion nut.
- · Recheck side-to-side adjustment.

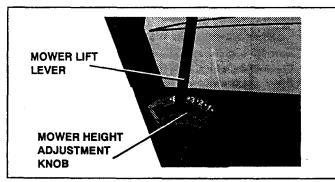


FIG. 23

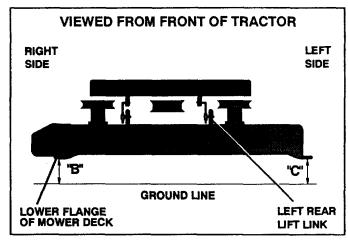


FIG. 24

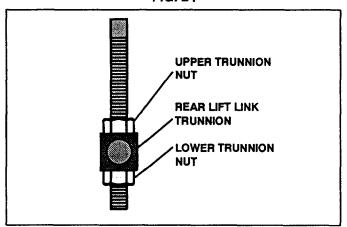


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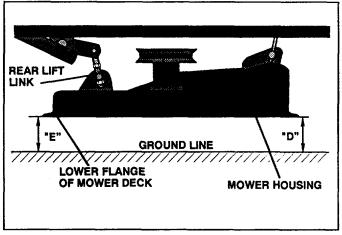


FIG. 26

TO ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 27)

Your unit is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the right side of the transaxle.

If unit requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then brake must be adjusted.

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and engage parking brake.
- Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- If distance is other than 1-5/8", disengage parking brake, loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-5/8". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".
- Engage parking brake and recheck distance.
- Road test unit for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than six (6) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Contact your nearest authorized service center.

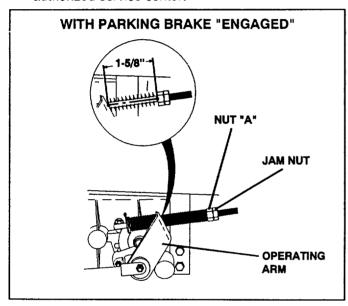


FIG. 27

TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 28)

The tractor drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level area. Engage parking brake. For assistance, there is a belt installation guide decal on bottom side of left footrest.

- Engage parking brake.
- Lower mower lift lever to "lowest" position.
- · Turn front wheels fully to left or right.
- Disconnect mower drive belt at engine pulley.
- Disconnect motion drive belt at clutching idler.
- Disconnect motion drive belt at transaxle. Push above transaxle pulley.

- Disconnect motion drive belt at frame belt keeper.
- Disconnect motion drive belt at engine pulley. Thread belt below mower drive sheave and through engine belt keeper and engine pulley.
- · Remove belt.
- · Install new belt by reversing above procedure.
- Make sure that belt is inside all belt keepers.

IMPORTANT: REPLACE ONLY WITH BELT LISTED IN THIS MANUAL.

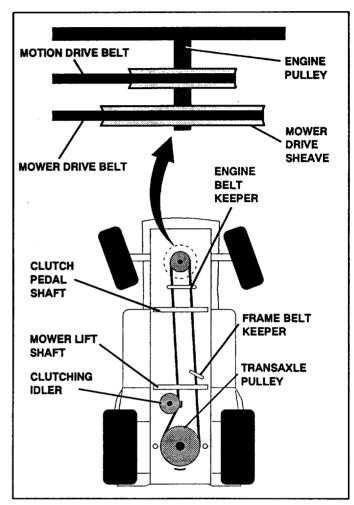


FIG. 28

TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT

If steering wheel crossbars are not horizontal (left to right) when wheels are positioned straight forward, remove steering wheel and reassemble per instructions in the Assembly section of this manual.

FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

The front wheel toe-in and camber are not adjustable on your tractor. If damage has occured to affect the front wheel toe-in or camber, contact your nearest authorized service center.

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 29)

- Block up axle securely.
- Remove axle cover, retaining ring and washers to allow wheel removal (rear wheel contains a square key - Do not lose).
- Repair tire and reassemble.
- On rear wheels only: align grooves in rear wheel hub and axle. Insert square key.
- Replace washers and snap retaining ring securely in axle groove.
- Replace axle cover.

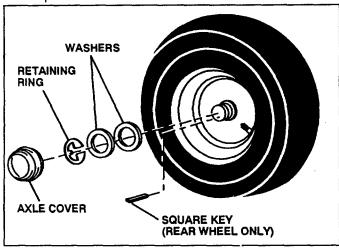


FIG. 29

TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Fig. 30)



CAUTION: Lead-acid batteries generate explosive gases. Keep sparks, flame and smoking materials away from batteries. Always wear eye protection when around batteries.

If your battery is too weak to start the engine, it should be recharged. If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure:

IMPORTANT: YOUR UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUNDED SYSTEM. THE OTHER VEHICLE MUST ALSO BE A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUNDED SYSTEM. DO NOT USE YOUR TRACTOR BATTERY TO START OTHER VEHICLES.

TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

- Connect each end of the RED cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal of each battery, taking care not to short against chassis.
- Connect one end of the BLACK cable to the NEGA-TIVE (-) terminal of fully charged battery.
- Connect the other end of the BLACK cable to a good CHASSIS GROUND, away from fuel tank and battery.

TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

- BLACK cable first from left side of chassis and fully charged battery.
- RED cable last from both batteries.

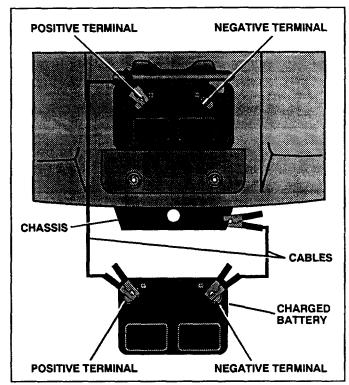


FIG. 30

TO REPLACE FUSE

Replace with 30 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located next to the battery box, accessible from left rear wheel area.

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

Loose or damaged wiring may cause your tractor to run poorly, stop running or prevent it from starting.

 Check wiring. See the electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section of this manual.

TO REMOVE HOOD (See Fig. 31)

- With hood closed, remove hood spring from hole in grill strap.
- · Remove left side and right side pivot.
- Lift hood off unit.
- To reassemble hood, reverse above procedure.

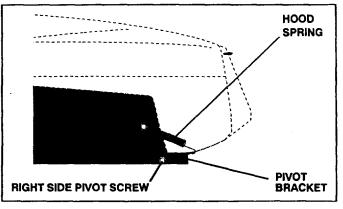


FIG. 31

ENGINE

TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 32)

The throttle control has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. Check adjustment as described below before loosening cable. If adjustment is necessary, proceed as follows:

- With engine not running, move throttle control lever from "SLOW" to "CHOKE" position. Slowly move lever from "CHOKE" to "FAST" position.
- Check that holes "A" in governor control lever and hole in governor plate line-up. If holes "A" are not aligned, loosen clamp screw and move throttle cable until holes are aligned. Tighten clamp screw securely.

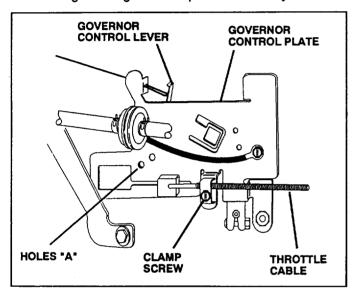


FIG. 32

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR (See Fig. 33)

The carburetor has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. However, minor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude or load. If the carburetor does need adjustment, proceed as follows:

In general, turnig idle mixture valve in (clockwise) decreases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a leaner fuel/air mixture. Turning the idle mixture valve out (counterclockwise) increases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a richer fuel/air mixture.

IMPORTANT: DAMAGE TO THE NEEDLE VALVE AND THE SEAT IN CARBURETOR MAY RESULT IF SCREW IS TURNED IN TOO TIGHT.

PRELIMINARY SETTING -

- Air cleaner assembly must be assembled to the carburetor when making carburetor adjustments.
- Be sure the throttle control cable is adjusted properly (see above).
- With engine off turn idle mixture valve in (clockwise) closing it finger tight and then turn out (counterclockwise) 1 full turn.

FINAL SETTING -

- Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes. Make final adjustments with engine running and shift/motion control lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Move throttle control lever to "SLOW" position. With finger, rotate and hold throttle lever against idle speed screw. Turn idle speed screw to attain 1750 RPM.
- While still holding throttle lever against idle speed screw, turn idle mixture valve in (clockwise) until engine begins to die and then turn out (counterclockwise) until engine runs rough. Turn valve to a point midway between those two positions. Release throttle lever.

ACCELERATION TEST -

 Move throttle control lever from "SLOW" to "FAST" position. If engine hesitates or dies, turn idle mixture valve out (counterclockwise) 1/8 turn. Repeat test and continue to adjust, if necessary, until engine accelerates smoothly.

High speed stop is factory adjusted. Do not adjust - damage may result.

IMPORTANT: NEVER TAMPER WITH THE ENGINE GOVERNOR, WHICH IS FACTORY SET FOR PROPER ENGINE SPEED. OVERSPEEDING THE ENGINE ABOVE THE FACTORY HIGH SPEED SETTING CAN BE DANGEROUS. IF YOU THINK THE ENGINE-GOVERNED HIGH SPEED NEEDS ADJUSTING, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER, WHICH HAS PROPER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

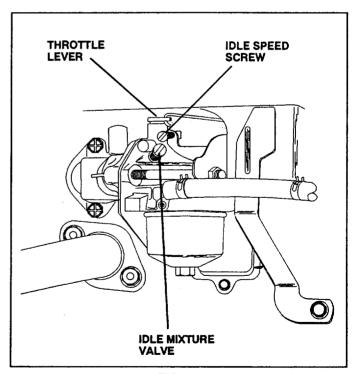


FIG. 33

STORAGE

Immediately prepare your tractor for storage at the end of the season or if the unit will not be used for 30 days or more.



CAUTION: Never store the tractor with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

TRACTOR

Remove mower from tractor for winter storage. When mower is to be stored for a period of time, clean it thoroughly, remove all dirt, grease, leaves, etc. Store in a clean, dry area.

- Clean entire tractor (See "CLEANING" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- Inspect and replace belts, if necessary (See belt replacement instructions in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).
- Lubricate as shown in the Maintenance section of this manual.
- Be sure that all nuts, bolts and screws are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace if necessary.
- Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

BATTERY

- Fully charge the battery for storage.
- After a period of time in storage, battery may require recharging.
- To help prevent corrosion and power leakage during long periods of storage, battery cables should be disconnected and battery cleaned thoroughly (see "TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- After cleaning, leave cables disconnected and place cables where they cannot come in contact with battery terminals.
- Be sure battery drain tube is securely attached.

ENGINE FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS CARBURETOR, FUEL FILTER, FUEL HOSE, OR TANK DURING STORAGE. ALSO, EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT ALCOHOL BLENDED FUELS (CALLED GASOHOL OR USING ETHANOL OR METHANOL) CAN ATTRACT MOISTURE WHICH LEADS TO SEPARATION AND FORMATION OF ACIDS DURING STORAGE. ACIDIC GAS CAN DAMAGE THE FUEL SYSTEM OF AN ENGINE WHILE IN STORAGE.

- Drain the fuel tank.
- Start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty.
- Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.
- Use fresh fuel next season.

NOTE: Fuel stabilizer is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to gasoline in fuel tank or storage container. Always follow the mix ratio found on stabilizer container. Run engine at least 10 minutes after adding stabilizer to allow the stabilizer to reach the carburetor. Do not drain the gas tank and carburetor if using fuel stabilizer.

ENGINE OIL

Drain oil (with engine warm) and replace with clean engine oil. (See "ENGINE" in the Maintenance section of this manual).

CYLINDERS

- Remove spark plug(s).
- Pour one ounce of oil through spark plug hole(s) into cylinder(s).
- Turn ignition key to "START" position for a few seconds to distribute oil.
- Replace with new spark plug(s).

OTHER

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust.
 Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems.
- If possible, store your unit indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your unit with a suitable protective cover that does not retain moisture. Do not use plastic. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and will cause your unit to rust.

IMPORTANT: NEVER COVER TRACTOR WHILE ENGINE AND EXHAUST AREAS ARE STILL WARM.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

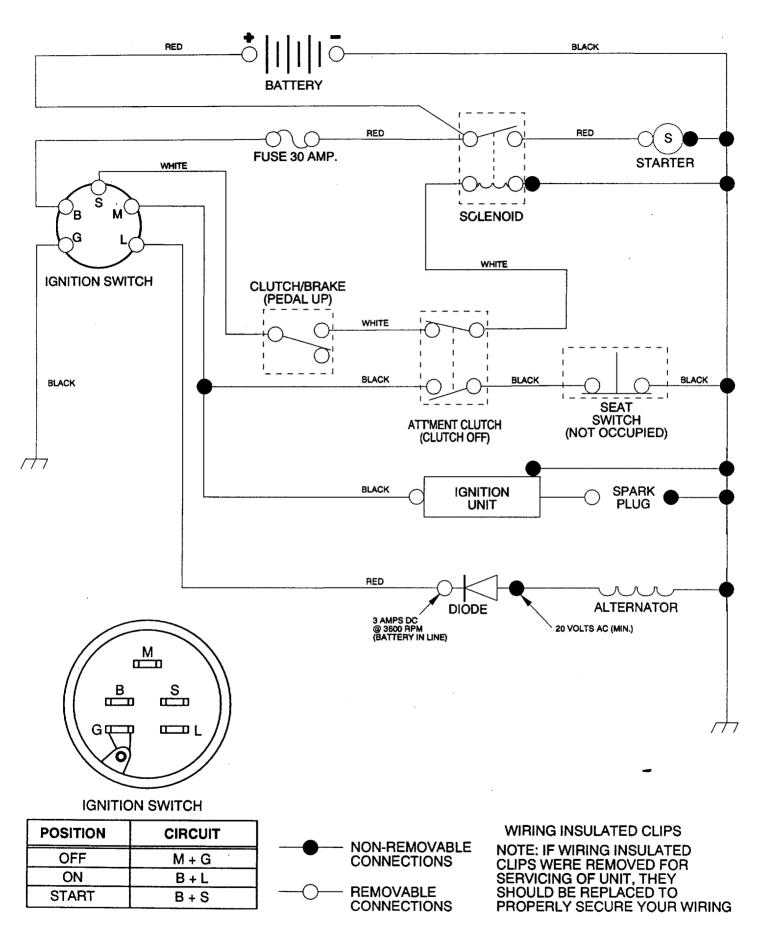
PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	 Out of fuel. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. Engine flooded. Bad spark plug. Dirty air filter. Dirty fuel filter. Water in fuel. Loose or damaged wiring. Carburetor out of adjustment. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	 Fill fuel tank. See "TO START ENGINE" in the Operation section Wait several minutes before attempting to start. Replace spark plug. Clean/replace air filter. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. Check all wiring. Contact Sears Service Center/Department. Contact Sears Service Center/Department.
Hard to start	1. Dirty air filter. 2. Bad spark plug. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Dirty fuel filter. 5. Stale or dirty fuel. 6. Loose or damaged wiring. 7. Carburetor out of adjustment. 8. Engine valves out of adjustment.	 Clean/replace air filter. Replace spark plug. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Check all wiring. Contact Sears Service Center/Department. Contact Sears Service Center/Department.
Engine will not turn over	 Clutch/brake pedal not depressed. Attachment clutch is engaged. Spark plug wire is disconnected. Weak or dead battery. Blown fuse. Corroded battery terminals. Loose or damaged wiring. Faulty ignition switch. Faulty solenoid or starter. Faulty operator presence switch(es). 	 Depress clutch/brake pedal. Disengage attachment clutch. Connect wire to spark plug. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuse. Clean battery terminals. Check all wiring. Check/replace ignition switch. Check/replace solenoid or starter. Contact Sears Service Center/Department.
Engine clicks but will not start	Weak or dead battery. Corroded battery terminals. Loose or damaged wiring. Faulty solenoid or starter.	1. Recharge or replace battery. 2. Clean battery terminals. 3. Check all wiring. 4. Check/replace solenoid or starter.
Loss of power	1. Cutting too much grass/too fast. 2. Throttle in "CHOKE" position. 3. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 4. Dirty air filter. 5. Low oil level/dirty oil. 6. Faulty spark plug. 7. Dirty fuel filter. 8. Stale or dirty fuel. 9. Water in fuel. 10. Spark plug wire loose. 11. Dirty engine air screen/fins. 12. Dirty/clogged muffler. 13. Loose or damaged wiring. 14. Carburetor out of adjustment. 15. Engine valves out of adjustment.	 Set in "Higher Cut" position/reduce speed. Adjust throttle control. Clean underside of mower housing. Clean/replace air filter. Check oil level/change oil. Clean and regap or change spark plug. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. Clean engine air screen/fins. Clean/replace muffler. Check all wiring. Contact Sears Service Center/Department. Contact Sears Service Center/Department.
Excessive vibration	 Worn, bent or loose blade. Bent blade mandrel. Loose/damaged part(s). 	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Replace blade mandrel. Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION			
Engine continues to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	Faulty operator-safety presence control system.	Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact Sears Service Center/Department.			
Poor cut - uneven	1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Mower deck not level. 3. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. 4. Bent blade mandrel.	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Level mower deck. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace blade mandrel.			
Mower blades will not rotate	Obstruction in clutch mechanism. Mower drive belt out of adjustment. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. Frozen idler pulley. Frozen blade mandrel.	1. Remove obstruction. 2. Adjust mower drive belt. 3. Replace mower drive belt. 4. Replace idler pulley. 5. Replace blade mandrel.			
Poor grass discharge	 Engine speed too slow. Travel speed too fast. Wet grass. Mower deck not level. Low/uneven tire air pressure. Worn, bent or loose blade. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Mower drive belt worn or out of adjustment. Blades improperly installed. Improper blades used. 	 Place throttle control in "FAST" position. Shift to slower speed. Allow grass to dry before mowing. Level mower deck. Check tires for proper air pressure. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace/adjust mower drive belt. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. Replace with blades listed in this manual. 			
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	 Switch is "OFF". Bulb(s) burned out. Faulty light switch. Loose or damaged wiring. Blown fuse. 	 Turn switch "ON". Replace bulb(s). Check/replace light switch. Check wiring and connections. Replace fuse. 			
Battery will not charge	1. Bad battery cell(s). 2. Poor cable connections. 3. Faulty regulator (if so equipped).	Replace battery. Check/clean all connections. Replace regulator.			

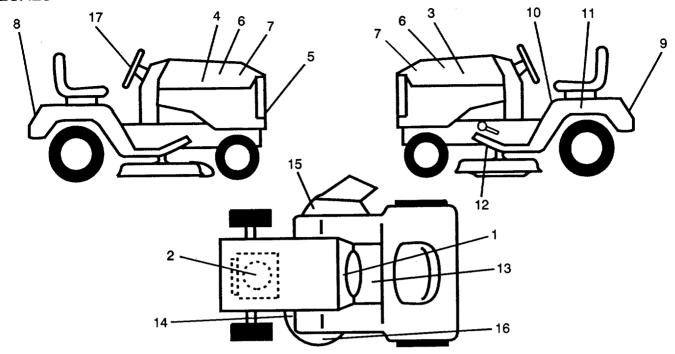
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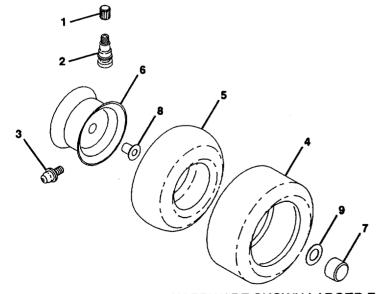
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DECALS



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	126712X 126685X 130622 130621 126241X 126770X 108631X 125880X 127521 106974X	Decal, Instruction, Engine Decal, Engine Decal, Stripe, Hood, L.H. Decal, Stripe, Hood, R.H. Decal, Grill Decal, Side Panel Decal, Il Decal, Fender Decal, USA Decal, Caution	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	121549X 123408X 126701X 105814X 121343X 3713J 125879X 101539X 130147	Decal, Caution, Battery Decal, V-Belt Drive Pad, Center Decal, Mower Drive Belt Decal, Danger Decal, Rotating Blades Decal, Steering Wheel Insert Sheet, Instruction, 15° Slope Manual, Owner's

WHEELS & TIRES



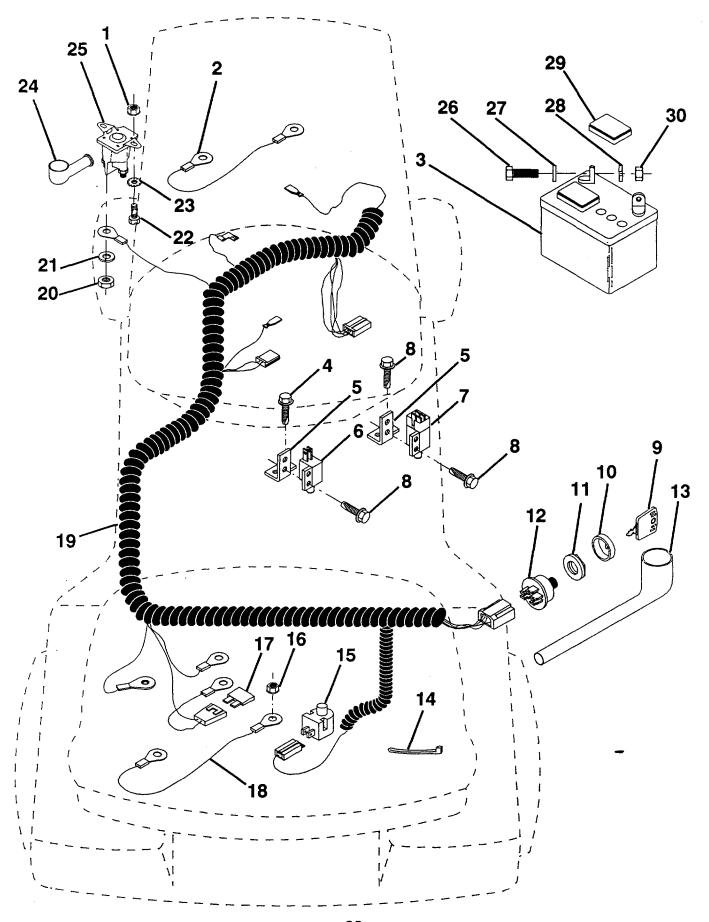
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1	59192	Cap, Valve Stem, Valve
3	65139 278H	Fitting, Grease (Front Only)
4	123410X	Tire, Front
	106230X	Tire, Rear
5	59904	Tube, Tire, Front
		(Not Supplied, Service Item Only)
	8134H	Tube, Tire, Rear _
		(Not Supplied, Service Item Only)
6	122394X361	Rim, Front
	123412X361	Rim, Rear
7	104757X	Cap, Axle (Front and Rear)
7 8 9	9040H	Bearing, Flange (Front only)
9	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Gauge

NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S. inches 1 inch = 25.4 mm

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ELECTRICAL



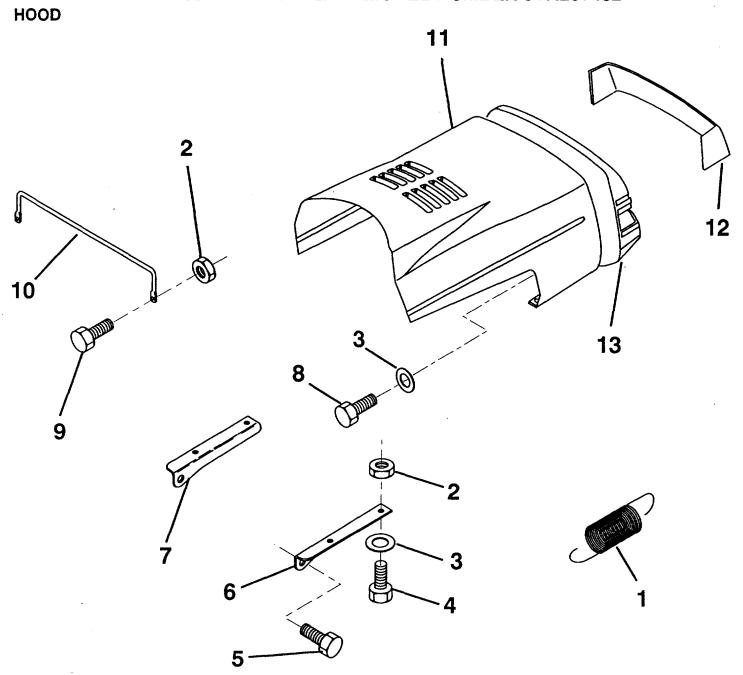
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ELECTRICAL

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
3 4 5	73510400 108423X 121265X STD611005	Nut, Hex, Keps 1/4-20 UNC Assembly, Cable Battery * Screw, Hex Washer Head, Tapping #10-16 x 1/2 Bracket, Switch
6 7 8	104445X 109553X STD601005	Switch, Interlock Switch, Interlock * Screw, Hex Head, Tapping #10-24 x 1/2
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	109310X 123620X 124211X STD365402 124083X 7192J 121305X STD541431 108824X 128353 132223 73350400 STD551125 74780408 STD551225 131563 109081X 74760412 STD551025 STD551125 121264X STD541025	Key, Molded Cover, Key, Ignition Nut, Ignition *Switch, Ignition Switch Tie, Cable Switch, Plunger *Nut, Keps 5/16-18 Fuse Assembly, Cable Harness, Ignition Nut, Hex, Jam 1/4-20 *Washer, Lock 1/4 Bolt, Hex 1/4-20 x 12 Grade 5 *Washer, Lock, External Tooth 1/4 Cover, Terminal Solenoid Bolt, Hex Head 1/4-20 UNC x 3/4 *Washer, Lock, Hvy. Hel. Spring 1/4 Cap, Battery *Nut, Hex, Fin 1/4-20

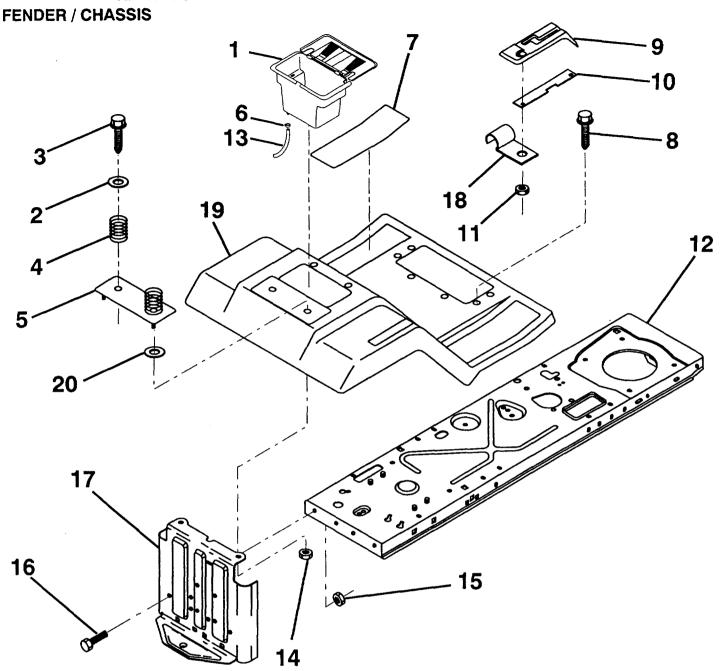
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3	STD551025 STD522506	Spring, Extension * Nut, Hex, Keps 1/4-20 UNC * Washer 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Gauge * Bolt, Hex, Fin 1/4-20 UNC x 5/8 Grade 5	9 10 11 12 13	STD522507 * 123693X 122032X361 125745X361 123705X	Bolt, Hex, Fin 1/4-20 x 3/4 Grade 5 Brace, Hood Hood Plate, Grill Trim Grill
5 6 7 8	126675X 122549X 122548X 17411310	Bolt, Shoulder Bracket, Hood, RH Bracket, Hood, LH Screw, Hex, Fin #13-16 Hi-Lo x 5/8	* STA	ANDARD HARD E: All compone 1 inch = 25.4	DWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY ent dimensions given in U.S. inches

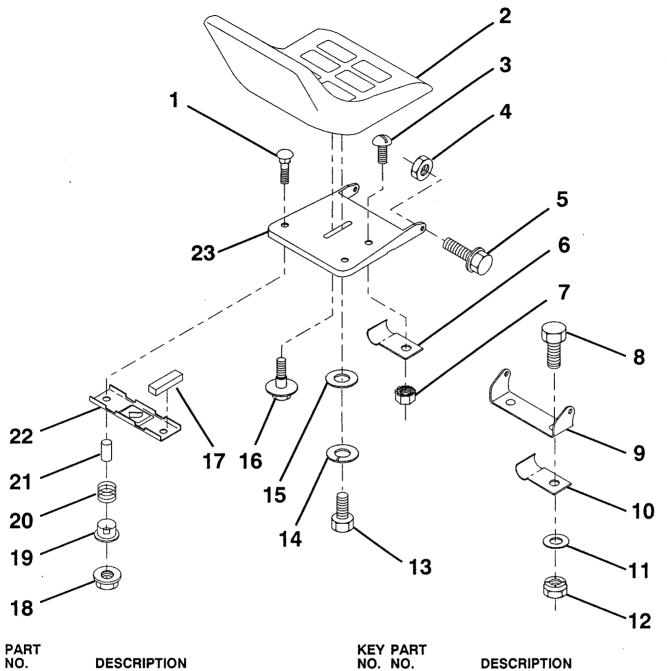
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1	129965	Case, Battery	12	123645X	Assembly, Frame
2	19132012	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Gauge	13	105687X	Tube, Battery Drain
3	17490612	Screw, Hex Washer Head, Thd.	14	73510400	Nut, Hex, Keps 1/4-20
		Roll. 3/8-16 x 3/4	15	STD541431	*Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18
4	124181X	Spring, Compression, Seat	16	STD523107	*Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4
5	127115X419	Plate, Fender	17	127880	Drawbar
6	109596X	Clamp, Hose	18	126470X	Clip, Insulated
7	126700X	Pad, Footrest	19	128083X417	
8	17490512	Screw, Hex Washer Head, Thd. Roll. 5/16-18 x 3/4	20	19091413	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 13 Gauge
9	126995X	Console, Shift Control	* ST	ANDARD HAR	DWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY
10	124602X	Bar, Shift Lock	NOT	E: All compon	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches
11	124346X	Nut, Self-Threading 3/16		1 inch = 25	

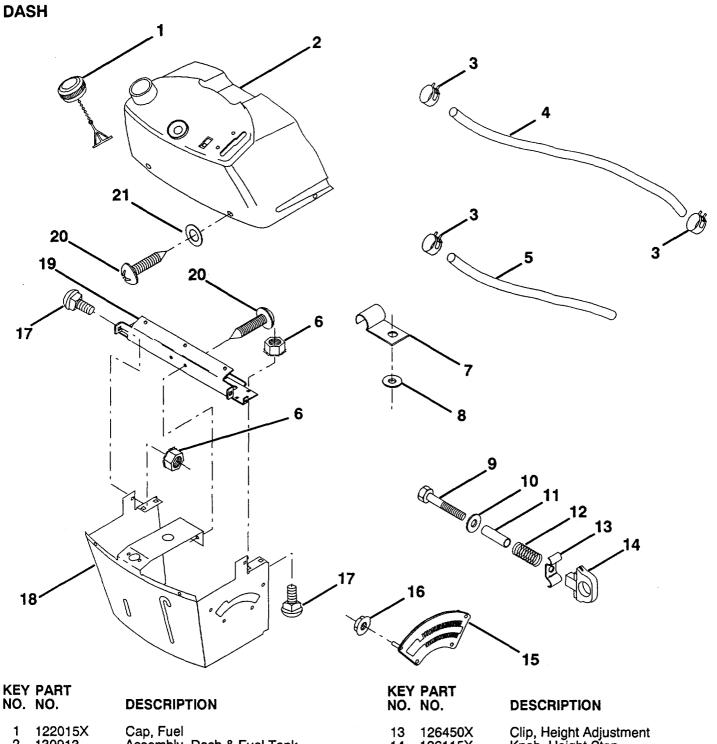
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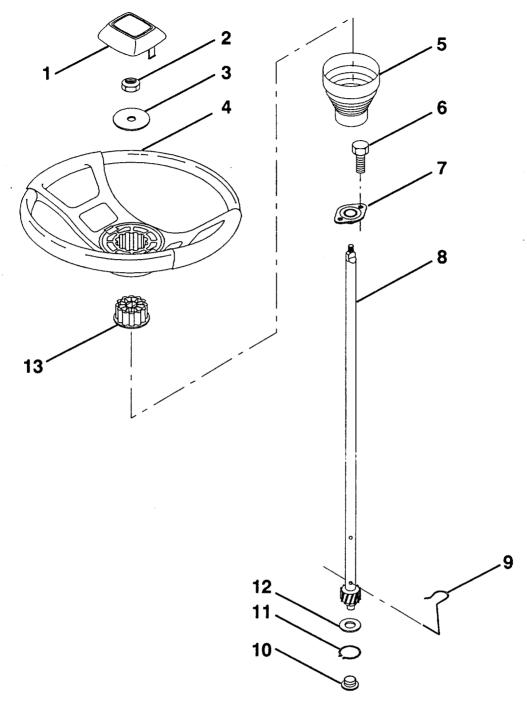
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1	72050411	Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 1-3/8	14	STD551150	* Washer, Lock 1/2
2	127436	Seat	15	19171912	Washer 17/32 x 1-3/16 x 12 Gauge
3	STD511005	* Screw, Slotted Pan Head	16	127018X	Bolt, Shoulder
		#10-32 x 1/2	17	121251X	Strip, Foam
4	STD541431	* Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18	18	123976X	Locknut, Hex, Large, Flange
5	105529X	Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 UNC	19	121248X	Bushing, Snap
6	4171R	Clip, Insulated	20	121250X	Spring, Compression
7	73951000	Nut, Keps #10-32 UNF	21	121249X	Spacer, Split, Large .28 ld. x .88
8	STD523707	* Bolt, Hex, Fin 3/8-16 UNC x 3/4	22	121246X	Bracket, Switch, Mounting
9	126656X	Bracket, Pivot, Seat	23	124294X	Pan, Seat
10	126471X	Clip, Insulated			
11	19131210	Washer 13/32 x 3/4 x 10 Gauge	* ST	ANDARD HAF	RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY
12	STD541437	* Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC	NOT	E: All compoi	nent dimensions given in U.S. inches
13	74780814	Bolt, Hex, Fin 1/2-13 UNC x 1		1 inch = 25	

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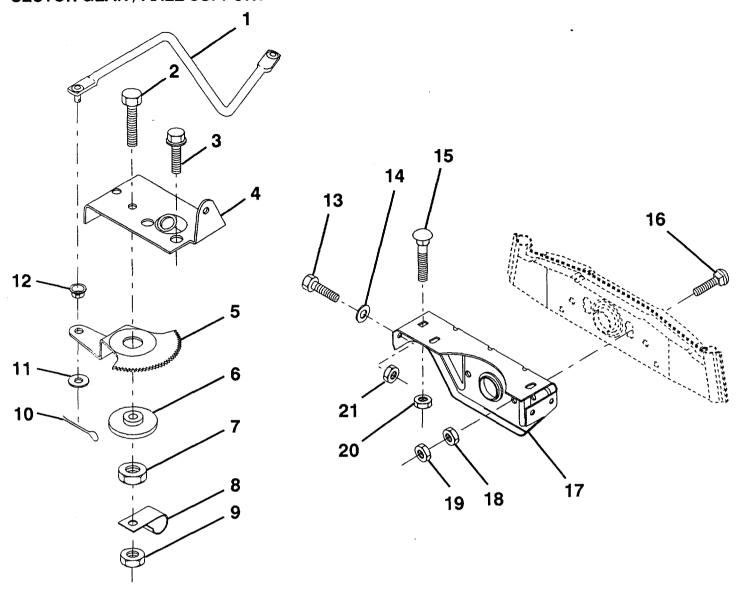
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1 2 3 4 5	122015X 130913 123487X 8544R 8548R STD541425 2751R	Cap, Fuel Assembly, Dash & Fuel Tank Clamp, Hose Line, Fuel Line, Fuel	NO. 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	126450X 126115X 122023X 124346X	Clip, Height Adjustment Knob, Height Stop Adjustment, Quadrant Height Nut, Self-Threading 3/16-18 * Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 1/2 Grade 5 Support Assembly, Dash Brace, Cross Screw, Self-Tapping 1/4-20 x 1/2 Washer 9/32 x 1/2 x 16 Gauge
10 11 12	19091413 121249X 3720R	Washer 11/32 x 11/16 x 16 Gauge Spacer, Split Spring	* ST	ANDARD HAR	DWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY ent dimensions given in U.S. inches

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	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	100710L	Insert, Steering Wheel	9	124210X	Clip, Steering
2	STD541537	*Locknut 3/8-24 UNF	10	123438X	Bushing, Lower, Steering
3	19133808	Washer 13/32 x 2-3/8 x 8 Gauge	11	12000045	Ring, Retaining
4	100713N	Wheel, Steering	12	STD551062	* Washer 21/32 x 1 x 16 Gauge
5	121897X	Sleeve, Steering	13	104820X	Adaptor, Steering Wheel
6	STD611005	* Screw, Hex Self-Tapping			, ,
		#10-16 x 1/2	* ST	ANDARD HAF	RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY
7	102803X	Bushing, Steering	NOT	E: All compor	nent dimensions given in U.S. inches
8	123651X	Shaft, Steering		1 inch = 25	

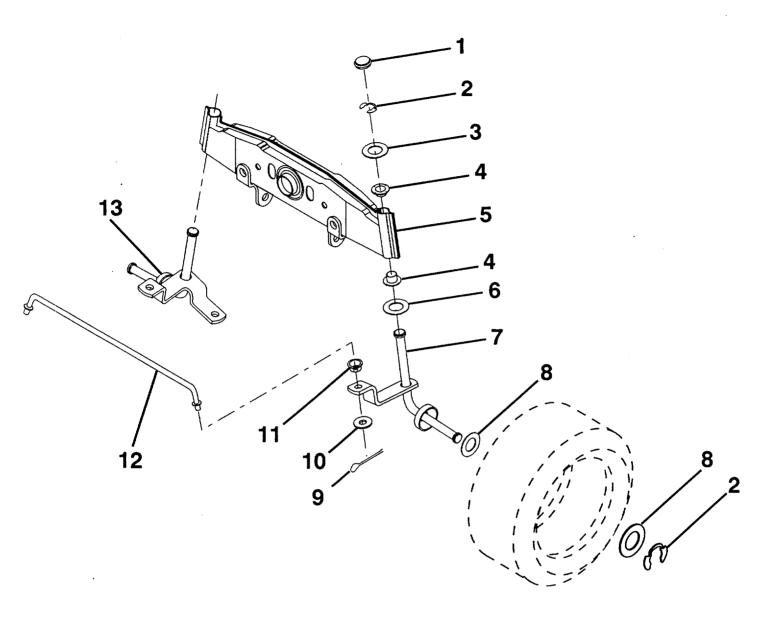
12 HP 36" LAWN RIDER - - MODEL NUMBER 917.257462 SECTOR GEAR / AXLE SUPPORT



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1	124093X	Link, Drag	12	126847X	Bushing
2	74780828	Bolt, Hex, Fin. 1/2-13 x 1-3/4	13	STD523107	*Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4
3	17490508	Screw, Hex, Thd. Roll.	14	19111416	Washer 11/32 x 7/8 x 16 Gauge
		5/16-18 x 1/2	15	STD533707	* Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 UNC x 3/4
4	121925X	Plate, Steering Support	16	72140622	Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 2-3/4
5	121926X	Gear, Sector	17	121912X	Support, Front Axle
6	121927X	Bushing	18	STD541037	* Nut, Hex, Fin. 3/8-16 UNC
7	73030800	Nut, Heavy, Hex, Top Lock	19	73930600	Nut, Centerlock 3/8-16 UNC
		1/2-13 UNC	20	STD541437	* Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
8	126472X	Clip, Wire	21	STD541431	*Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18
9	73680800	Nut, Crownlock 1/2-13			·
10	STD561210	* Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 3/4	* ST	ANDARD HAF	RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY
11	STD551037	* Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Gauge	NOT	E: All compor 1 inch = 25	nent dimensions given in U.S. inches 5.4 mm

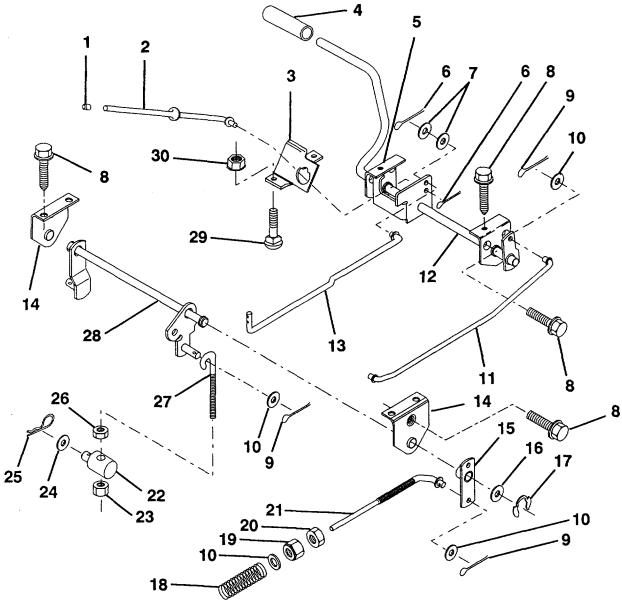
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FRONT AXLE



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1	121232X	Cap, Spindle	10	STD551037	*Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Gauge
2	12000029	Ring, Klip	11	126847X	Bushing
3	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Gauge	12	121924X	Rod, Tie
4	121922X	Nyliner		121916X	Spindle Assembly, ŁH
5	128543	Axle, Front			
6	6266H	Bearing, Thrust	* STA	NDARD HAP	RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY
7	121919X	Spindle Assembly, RH			nent dimensions given in U.S. inches
8	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge		1 inch = 25	
9	STD561210				

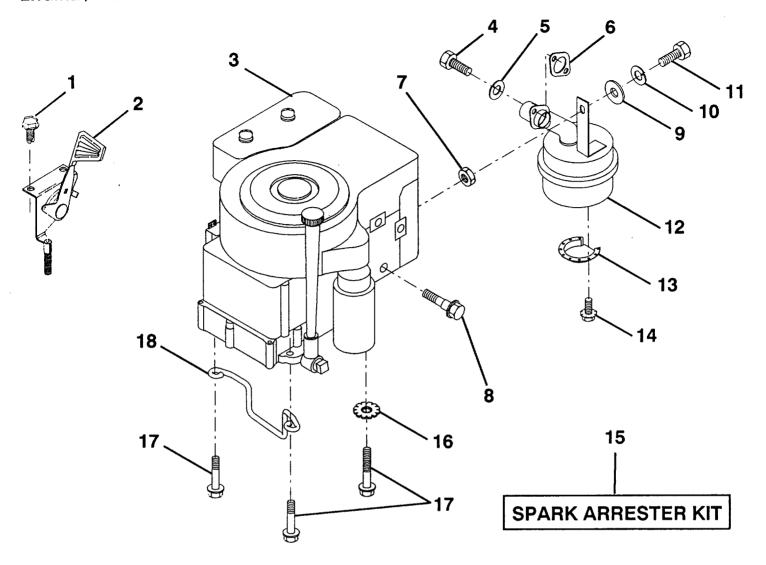
12 HP 36" LAWN RIDER - - MODEL NUMBER 917.257462 BRAKE / REAR MOWER LIFT ASSEMBLY



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	PART			PART	
NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
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1	124236X	Cap, Plunger	17	12000034	Ring, Klip
2	123436X	Rod, Parking Brake	18	106888X	Spring, Brake Rod
3	123437X	Bracket, Parking Brake	19	STD541237	*Nut, Hex, Jam 3/8-16 UNC
4	8883R	Cover, Pedal	20	73680600	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
5	122504X	Bracket, Clutch/Brake Pedal, LH	21	131460	Rod, Rear Brake
6		* Pin, Cotter 3/32 x 3/4	22	127378	Trunnion, Lift
7	STD551037	*Washer 13/32 x 5/8 x 16 Gauge	23	73680600	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
8	17490508	Screw, Hex, Thd. Roll.	24	19132012	Washer 13/32 x 1=1/4 x 12 Gauge
		5/16-18 x 1/2	25	4921H	Spring, Retainer
9	STD561210	* Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 3/4	26	STD541437	* Nut, Centerlock 3/8-16 UNC
10	STD551037	* Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Gauge	27	127369	Link, Threaded
11	123543X	Rod, Front Brake	28	127358	Assembly, Rear Mower Lift
12	129567	Assembly, Clutch/Brake Pedal	29	STD533107	*Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4
13	123394X	Rod, Clutch	30	STD541431	*Nut, Keps 5/16-18 UNC
14	121978X	Bracket, Lift, Shaft			
15	123641X	Assembly, Brake, Pivot, Arm			RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY
16	19251816	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/8 x 16 Gauge	ТОИ	E: All compor	nent dimensions given in U.S. inches 5.4 mm

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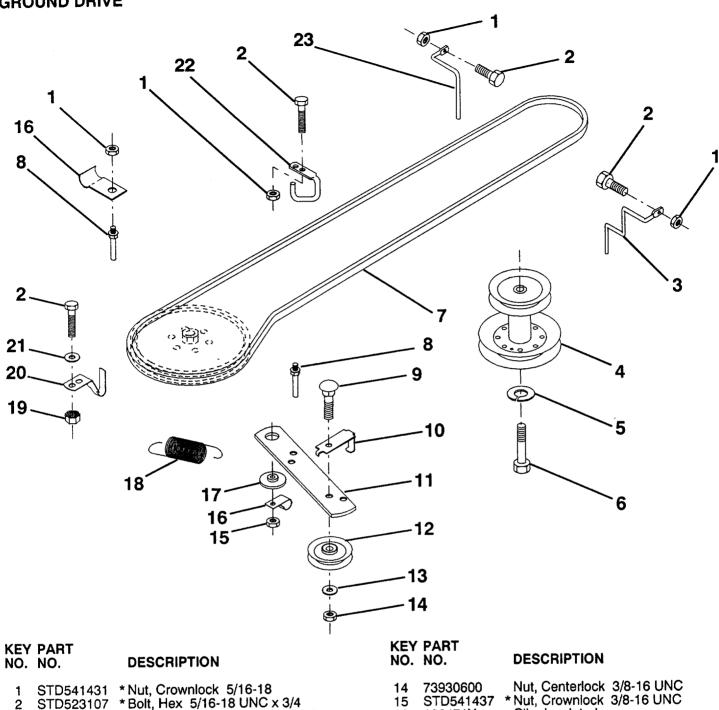
ENGINE / THROTTLE



	PART	DECORIDATION		PART	DESCRIPTION		
NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION		
1	17720408	Screw, Hex, Thread Cutting	11	STD522507	* Bolt, Hex, Fin. 1/4-20 UNC x 3/4		
		1/4-20 x 1/2	12	124097X	Muffler		
2	132758	Control, Throttle	13	101326L	Deflector, Muffler		
3	131951	Engine, Briggs & Stratton, 12 HP, Model 283707,Type 0217-01	14	17030808	Screw, Hex, Spiderlock 8 x 1/2 ABTPS		
4	71070512	Screw, Hex Head Cap	15	121851X	Kit, Spark Arrester (Optional)		
		5/16-18 x 3/4	16	STD551237	*Washer, Lock, External Tooth 3/8		
5	STD551131	*Washer, Lock, Heavy Helical Spring 5/16	17	17490624	Screw, Hex Washer Head, Thd. Roll. 3/8-16 x 1-1/2		
6	125593X	Gasket, Exhaust	18	126636X	Keeper, Ground Drive Belt		
7	STD541031	* Nut, Hex, Fin. 5/16-18			, ,		
8	121094X	Bolt, Shoulder					
9	STD551031	Washer 5/16 x 3/4 x 16 Gauge			RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY		
10	STD551125	* Washer, Lock, Heavy Helical Spring 1/4	NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S. inche 1 inch = 25.4 mm				

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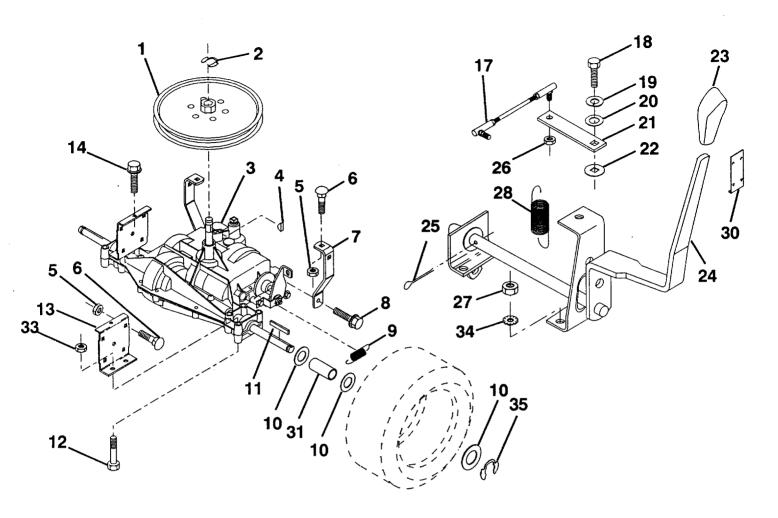
GROUND DRIVE



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3	STD541431 STD523107 131205	* Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18 * Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4 Keeper, Mower Drive Belt, Engine,	14 15 16	73930600 STD541437 126471X	Nut, Centerlock 3/8-16 UNC * Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC Clip, Insulated
4		RH Pulley, Engine	17 18	122052X 131459	Spacer, Retainer Spring, Extension
5	131004 STD551143	* Washer, Lock 7/16	19	STD541431	* Nut, Keps 5/16-18 UNC Keeper, T/A Ground Drive Belt
6 7	71130720 124525X	Bolt, Hex, Fin 7/16-20 UNF x 1-1/4 Traction, V-Belt Drive	20 21	123891X STD551025	*Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Gauge
8 9	123405X STD523715	Keeper, T/A Ground Drive Belt *Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1-1/2	22 23	123404X 131204	Keeper, Frame, Ground Drive Belt Keeper, Engine, Mower Drive Belt,
10 11	123396X 123395X	Keeper, Ground Drive Belt, Idler Arm, Ground Drive Clutch			LH '
12 13	4859J STD551037	Idler, Flat *Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Gauge	* ST.	ANDARD HAF E: All compoint inch = 25	RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY nent dimensions given in U.S. inches 5.4 mm

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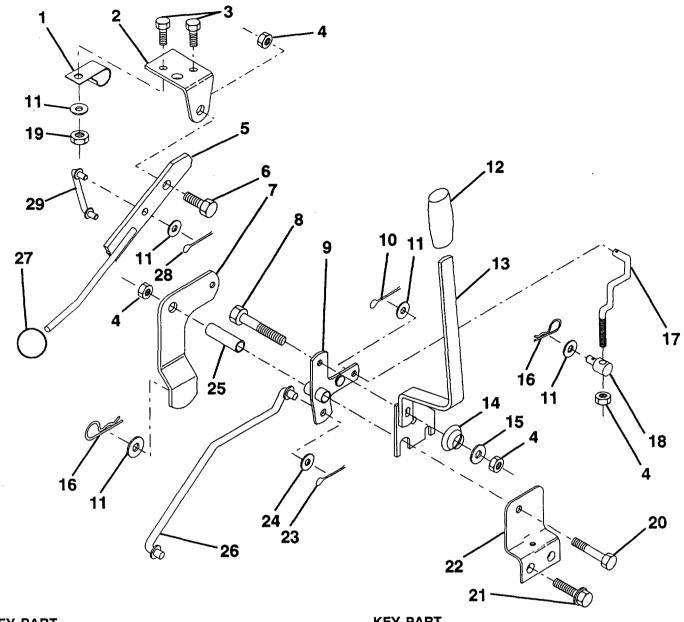
TRANSAXLE



KEY	PART		KEY	PART	
	NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
4	100005	Dullou	19	STD551125	*Washer, Lock 1/4
,	123385X	Pulley			Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Gauge
2	12000028	Ring, Retainer	20	19091210	
3	123655X	Transaxle, Foote/Dana, 6 Speed,	21	123539X	Arm, Shift
		Model Number 143.4360-18	22	105701X	Washer, Shift Plate
4	STD580025	* Key, Woodruff #9	23	122011X	Knob, Golf Club
5	STD541431	* Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18	24	128202	Handle, Shift
6	STD533107	* Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4	25		
7	123378X	Strap, Torque	26	STD541531	* Nut, Hex, Nylon 5/16-24
8	17490512	Screw, Hex, Thd. Roll.	27	STD541431	*Nut, Keps 5/16-18
		5/16-18 x 3/4	28	128085	Spring, Extension
9	110422X	Spring, Brake		123692X	Retainer, Knob
10	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge		123409X	Spacer
11	123583X	Key, Square	33		
12	STD523727	*Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 2-3/4	34	11050500	Washer, Lock, External Tooth 5/16
13	123377X	Bracket, Transaxle	35	STD581075	* E-Ring
14	17490508	Screw 5/16-18 x 1/2		\$	_
17	123632X	Link, Shift			RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY
18	71040412	Bott, Hex, Fin. 1/4-28 x 3/4 Gr. 8	ТОИ	TE: All comport 1 inch = 25	nent dimensions given in U.S. inches 5.4 mm

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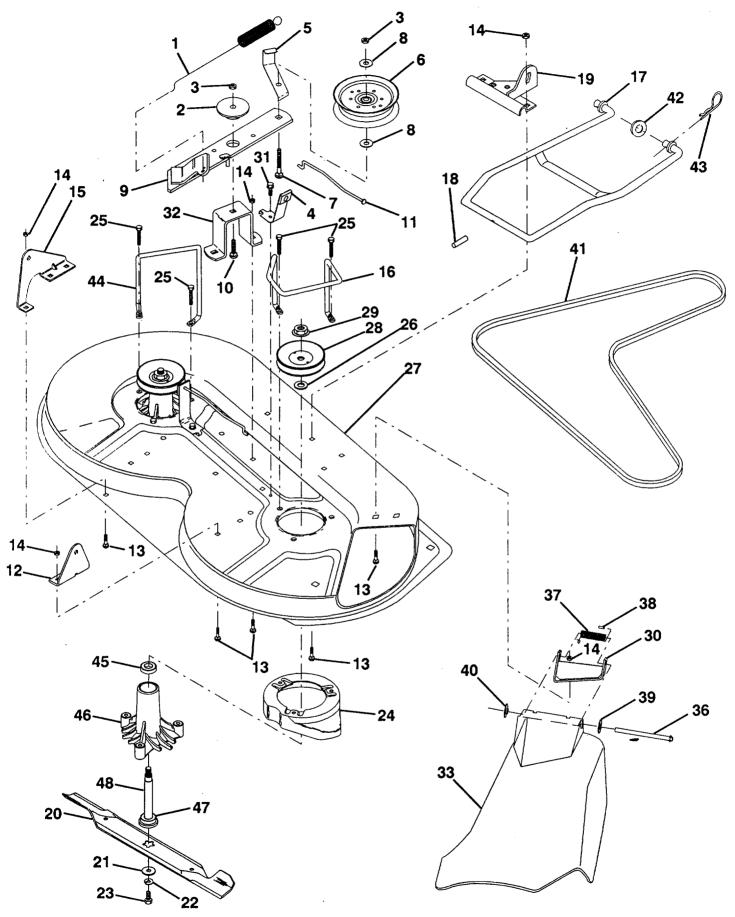
MOWER LIFT LEVER



	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	126470X 122018X 74780408 STD541437 123417X 106451X 123491X STD523722 121930X 76020412 STD551037 122027X 127028 123496X 19131212	Clip, Fuel Line Bracket, Mower Clutch Bolt, Hex, Fin 1/4-20 UNC x 1/2 Grade 5 * Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC Assembly, Clutch Lever Bolt, Shoulder Assembly, Mower Clutch Arm * Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 2-1/4 Assembly, Bellcrank, Lift Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 * Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Gauge Grip, Handle Assembly, Lift Handle Spring, Compression Washer 13/32 x 3/4 x 12 Gauge	17490508 121929X STD561210 STD551050 121933X 121934X 106932X STD560907 123671X ANDARD HAR	Link, Front Lift Trunnion, Threaded 3/8-16 Nut, Crownlock 1/4-20 * Bolt, Hex, Fin. 3/8-16 UNC x 2-3/4 Screw, Hex, Thd. Roll. 5/16-18 x 1/2 Bracket, Mower Height * Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 1 * Washer 17/32 x 1 x 16 Gauge Tube, Spacer Rod, Mower Lift Knob * Pin, Cotter 3/32 x 3/4 Link, Mower Clutch DWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY ent dimensions given in U.S. inches
16	4921H	Retainer, Spring	1 inch = 25	

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MOWER DECK



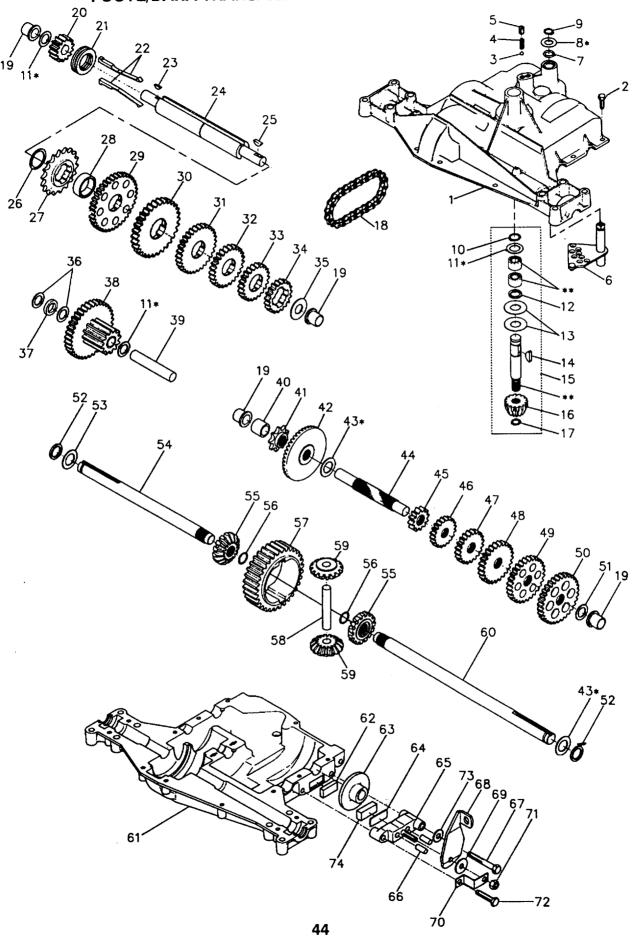
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MOWER DECK

	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	127743	Spring, Mower Clutch	26	129963	Washer .150 Thick
ż	122052X	Spacer, Retainer	27	129983	Deck Assembly
3	STD541437		28	129207	Pulley, Mandrel
4	130840	Brake Assembly	29	73050900	Nut, Flangelock 9/16
5	131251	Guide, Belt Idler	30	126361X	Bracket Assembly, Deflector
6	121316X	Pulley, Flat Idler	31	17490508	Screw, Hex Washer Head, Thd.,
7		* Bolt, Carriage			Roll. 5/16-18 x 1/2
		3/8-16 x 1-3/4 Grade 5	32	122051X	Arm, Support Idler, Mower
8	19131410	Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 10 Gauge	33	131560	Deflector
9	127744	Arm Assembly, Idler, Mower	36	121980X	Rod, Hinge
10		* Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 1	37	123713X	Spring, Torsion Deflector
11	130841	Rod, Brake	38	105304X	Cap, Sleeve
12	127356	Bracket, Lift, Rear, R.H.	39	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Gauge
13	STD533106	* Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8	40	110452X	Pushnut
14	STD541431	* Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18	41	131264	V-Belt
15	127357	Bracket, Lift, Rear, L.H.	42	STD551050	*Washer 17/32 x 1 x 16 Gauge
16	130837	Keeper, Belt, R.H.	43	STD624008	* Retainer, Spring
17	128508	Link Assembly, Mower Stabilizer	44	130836	Keeper, L.H.
18	128511	Pin, Drive	45	110485X	Bearing
19	127380	Bracket Assembly, Front	46	128774	Housing, Mandrel
20	127841	Blade	47	129895	Bearing
21	129962	Washer, Hard	48	133172	Shaft & Bearing Assembly, Mandrel
22	STD551137	* Washer, Lock 3/8		130794	Mandrel Assembly (Includes Key
23	850857	Bolt 3/8-24 x 1-1/4 Grade 8			Numbers 21-23, 26, 29, and 45-48)
24	128961	Stripper			·
25	78158	Bolt 5/16-18 x 1-1/4	* ST	ANDARD HAF	RDWARE PURCHASE LOCALLY

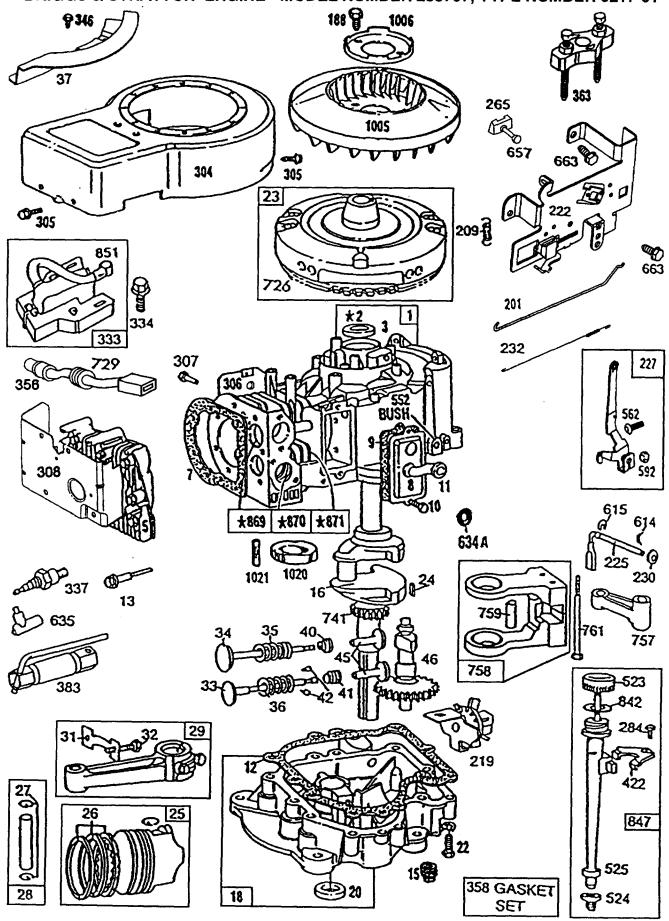
* STANDARD HARDWARE - - PURCHASE LOCALLY NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S. inches 1 inch = 25.4 mm

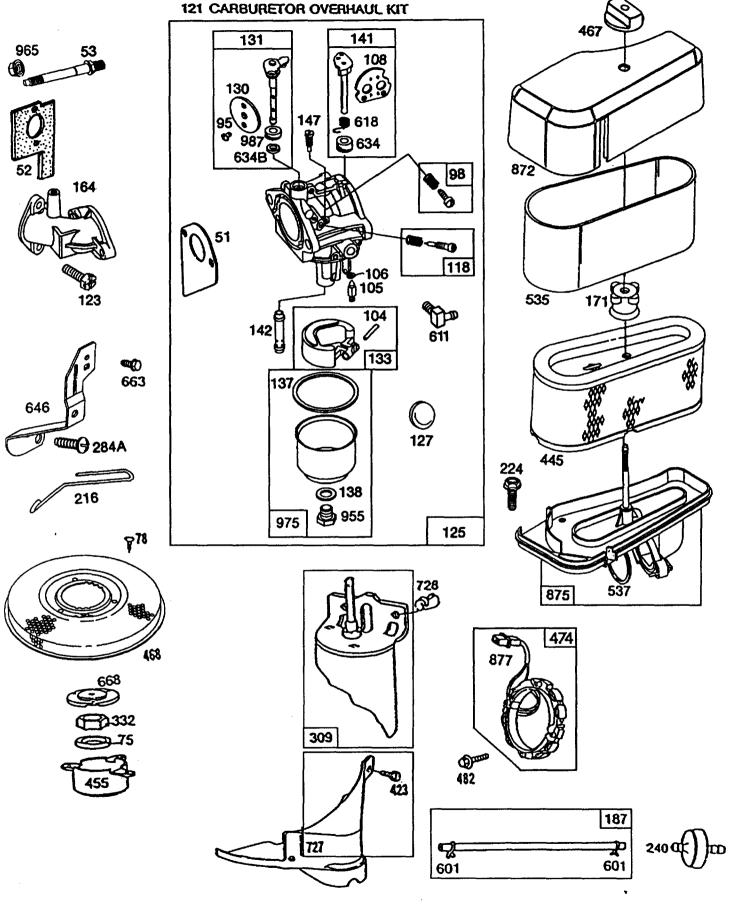
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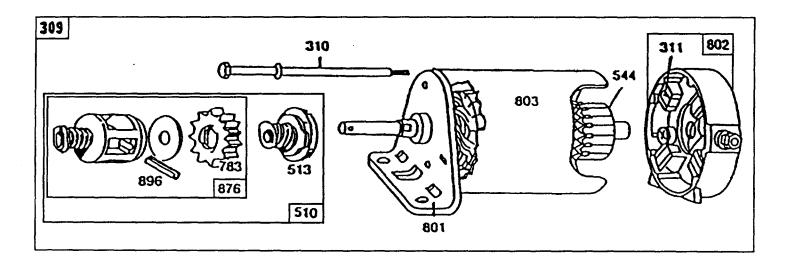
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	120458X	Housing, Upper	41	105928X	Sprocket, 9 Teeth
2	2274J	Screw, Tapping, Large	42	110084X	Gear, Bevel, 42 Teeth
		1/4-20 x .734	43	108983X	* Washer, Plain .758 x 1.12 x .010
3	68003	Ball, Detent			*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.12 x .015
4	105904X	Spring, Detent		105931X	*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.12 x .020
5	105905X	Screw, Set		105932X	*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.12 x .025
6	120460X	Shifter Assembly			*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .020
7 8	120461X 120462X	O-Ring *Washer, Plain .505 x .942 x .006		106097X 2264J	* Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .025 * Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .031
0	120463X	*Washer, Plain .505 x .942 x .010			*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .035
•	120464X	*Washer, Plain .505 x .942 x .015		2265J	*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .040
	120465X	*Washer, Plain .505 x .942 x .020		106586X	*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .045
	120466X	*Washer, Plain .505 x .942 x .026			*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .050
	83818	*Washer, Plain .505 x .942 x .030		106588X	* Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .055
	120467X	* Washer, Plain .505 x .942 x .040		2263J	*Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .062
.9	2286J	Ring, Retaining	44	120473X	Shaft, Drive
10	2267J	Ring, Retaining	45	105933X	Gear, Spur, 12 Teeth
11	3413J	* Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .010	46	106151X	Gear, Spur, 15 Teeth
	2233J	*Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .020	47 48	120407X 106589X	Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth
	2232J 2231J	*Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .026 *Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .031	49	120408X	Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth Gear, Spur, 28 Teeth
	2230J	*Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .036	50	105937X	Gear, Spur, 31 Teeth
	2229J	*Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .041	51	2226J	Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .060
	2228J	*Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .046	52	2272J	Seal, Felt
	2227J	* Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .050	53	2263J	Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .062
	2226J	*Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .060	54	123907X	Axle, Left Hand
	105906X	* Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .082	55	110081X	Gear, Miter, 15 Teeth
12	6725J	O-Ring	56	105941X	Ring, Retaining_
13	120415X	Washer, Plain .632 x 1.38 x .046	57	110071X	Gear, Spur, 32 Teeth
14	2257J	Key, Woodruff, #9	58	120952X	Shaft, Cross
15	110077X	Kit, Input Shaft Assembly	59	110082X	Gear, Miter, 15 Teeth
16 17	110078X 105909X	Pinion, Bevel, 14 Teeth Ring, Retaining	60 61	123908X 120476X	Axle, Right Hand
18	105909X 105910X	Chain, 24 Pitches	62	120961X	Housing, Lower Puck, Friction
19	105911X	Bearing, Flange	63	7294J	Disc, Brake
20	108976X	Gear, Spur, 14 Teeth	64	108989X	Spacer
21	105913X	Collar, Clutch	65	120953X	Jaw, Brake
22	120468X	Key, Clutch	66	120954X	Pin, Dowel
23	2242J	Key, Woodruff, #3	67	120955X	Screw, Tapping, Large
24	120469X	Shaft, Intermediate			5/16-18 x 2.25
25	2244J	Key, Woodruff, #61	68	108992X	Lever, Actuating
26	105916X	Ring, Retaining	69	108996X	Washer, Plain .321 x 1.00 x .055
27	120470X	Sprocket, 18 Teeth	70	120956X	Bracket, Anti-Rotation
28 29	110070X 108977X	Spacer Gear, Spur, 37 Teeth	71 72	73810500 106596X	Locknut 5/16-24
30	100977X 109254X	Gear, Spur, 35 Teeth	12	1000300	Screw, Tapping, Large 5/16-18 x 1.44
31	120405X	Gear, Spur, 30 Teeth	73	120993X	Washer, Plain .343 x .81 x .059
32	108980X	Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth	74	120951X	Puck, Friction
33	120406X	Gear, Spur, 22 Teeth	<i>7</i> 5	120416X	Grease -
34	108455X	Gear, Spur, 19 Teeth	-		
35	105925X	Washer, Plain .640 x 1.37 x .061	*		s Combinations to Maintain Proper
36	2232J	Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .026		Clearances	·
37	108978X	Spacer .630 x 1.00 x .169			
38	110079X	Assembly, Gear, Combination of 12 Teeth and 35 Teeth	**	Order Key Nu	
39	120471X	Shaft, Idler	NOT	E: All compon	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches
40	120472X	Spacer .635 x .875 x .755		1 inch = 25	.4 mm





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Reference	Number	309	310	311	510	544	801	802	803
Manufa	cturer	Motor and Drive Ass'v.	Thru Bolt Assembly	Brush Assembly	Drive Assembly	Armature Assembly	Drive End Cap Assembly	End Cap Ass'y. Commutator	Housing Assembly
Briggs & Stratton	Housing Lenath								
12V	3-21/32"	394805	94003	395538	490421**	390837	394856	395537*	393825

*Includes Brush Set

**Includes #398003 Clutch Assembly #280104 Gear

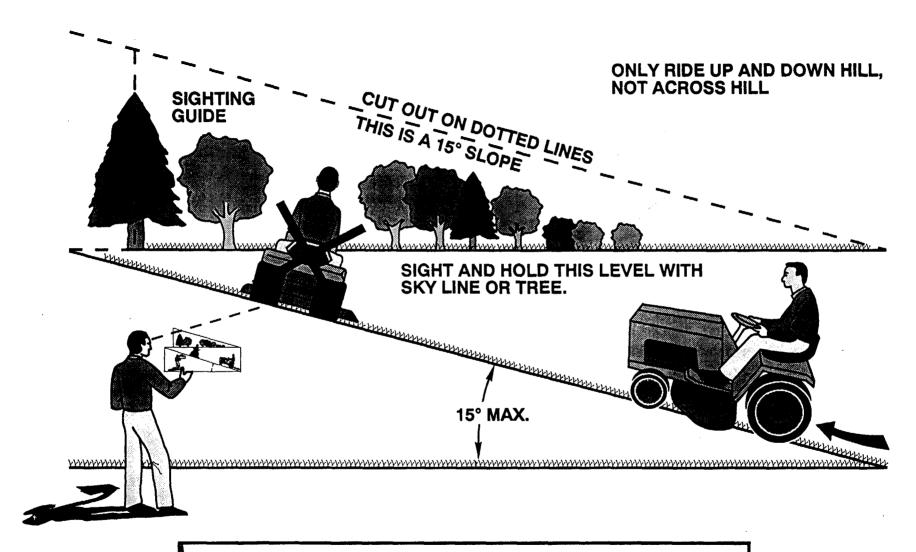
#490467 Retainer and Pin

(Ref. No. 513) (Ref. No. 783) (Ref. No. 876) (Ref. No. 896) # 94288 Roll Pin

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	490450	Cylinder Assembly	53	94637	Stud, Carburetor Mounting
2	399265	Bearing, Cylinder (Requires Special	75	224061	Washer, Spring
		Tools For Installation)	78	93805	Screw, Sems
3	391086	*Seal, Oil	95	94098	** Screw, Throttle
5	494240	Head, Cylinder	98	494382	Screw, Idle Speed
7	271866	* Gasket, Cylinder Head	104	231789	** Pin, Float Hinge
8	391406	Breather Assembly	105	231790	** Valve Assembly, Inlet Needle
9	27803	* Gasket, Valve Cover	106	281169	Inlet, Valve Seat
10	93394	Screw, Sems	108	224540	Valve, Choke
11	280100	Tube, Breather	118	494383	** Valve, Needle
12	271916	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover 1/64"	121	494384	Carburetor Overhaul Kit
	271997	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover .005"	123	94616	Screw, Elbow Mounting
	271996	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover .009"	125	494502	Carburetor Assembly
13	93723	Screw, Cylinder Head	127		** Plug, Welch (Sold in Kit Only)
15	94239	Plug, Öil Órain	130	224539	Valve, Throttle
16	490466	Crankshaft	131	494379	Shaft and Lever, Throttle
	94196	Key, Timing Gear	133	494381	Float, Carburetor
18	494238	Base, Engine	137	281165	*** Gasket, Float Bowl
20	291675	*Seal, Oil	138	281164	*** Washer, Float Bowl Screw
22	94305	Screw, Sems, Base Mounting	141	494380	** Shaft and Lever, Choke
23	492326	Flywheel and Ring Gear Assembly,	142	494537	** Nozzle / Jet, Carburetor
		Magneto		494499	High Altitude Kit:
24	222698	Key, Flywheel			231796 Pilot, Jet, High Altitude
25	394661	Piston Assembly, Standard			281164 Seal, Bowl Screw
	394662	Piston Assembly .010" Oversize	147	231794	** Pilot, Jet
	394663	Piston Assembly .020" Oversize	164	213819	Carburetor, Elbow
	394664	Piston Assembly .030" Oversize	171	281051	Nut, Air Cleaner Mounting
26	391780	Ring Set, Piston, Standard Size	187	393815	Line, Fuel
	392331	Ring Set, Piston, Chrome, Standard	188	93535	Screw, Sems
	391781	Ring Set, Piston .010" Oversize	201	262767	Link, Governor
	391782	Ring Set, Piston .020" Oversize	209	260871	Spring, Governor
	391783	Ring Set, Piston .030" Oversize	216	262766	Link, Choke
27	260924	Lock, Piston Pin	219	490815	Oil Slinger, Governor Gear and
28	299691	Pin Assembly, Piston, Standard			Bracket Assembly
	391286	Pin Assy., Piston .005" Oversize	222	494887	Plate, Governor Control
29	490348	Rod Assembly, Connecting			(Choke-A-Matic)
	490469	Rod Assembly, Connecting,	224	94513	Screw, Sems, Air Cleaner
		.020" Undersize Crankpin Bore	225	231058	Crank, Governor
31	222299	Lock, Connecting Rod Screw		493935	Lever Assembly, Governor
32	92909	Screw, Connecting Rod		222450	Washer, Governor Crank
	262246	Valve, Exhaust	232	262785	Spring, Governor Link
34	262247	Valve, Intake	240	394358	Filter, Fuel
35	65906	Spring, Intake Valve			
36	26828	Spring, Exhaust Valve			
37	223752	Guard, Flywheel	*		Gasket Set (494241)
40	221596	Retainer, Intake Valve	**	Included in	Carburetor Överhaul Kit (494384)
41	292260	Rotocoil, Exhaust Valve	***	Included in	both Carburetor Overhaul Kit (494384)
42	93630	Retainer, Exhaust Valve Rotocoil		and Carbur	etor Gasket Set (494385)
45	262248	Tappet, Valve			
46	212897	Gear, Cam			
51	272465	*** Gasket, Carburetor (Carburetor to	NOT		onent dimensions given in U.S. inches
		Elbow)		1 inch = 1	25.4 mm
52	270872	* Gasket, Carburetor (Elbow to			
		Cylinder)			

KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
110. 110.	DESCRIPTION	110. 110.	DESCRIPTION
265 221535	Clamp, Casing	635 66538	Elbow, Spark Plug
284 94419	Screw, Clamp Mounting	646 224546	Brace, Air Cleaner
284A 94326	Screw, Air Cleaner	657 93496	Screw, Sems
304 494269	Housing, Blower	663 94620	Screw, Hex Head
305 94608	Screw, Sems, Blower Housing	668 280848	Spacer
	Mounting	726 392134	Gear, Ring (Includes Mounting
306 224545	Shield, Cylinder		Parts)
307 93949	Screw, Sems, Cylinder Shield	727 490324	Cover, Starter (Includes Mounting
	Mounting		Screws)
308 491490	Cover, Cylinder Head	728 94627	Screw, Sems
309	Motor, Starting (See Chart on	729 28159	Clip, Lead Wire
	Illustrated Pages for Replacement	741 262135	Gear, Timing
000 00004	Parts for Starting Motors)	757 212359	Link, Counterweight
332 92284	Nut, Hex	758 399891	Counterweight Assembly
333 492341	Armature, Magneto	759 298909	Pin, Counterweight
334 93381	Screw, Sems, Armature Mounting	761 93875	Screw, Countenweight
337 802592	Plug, Spark	842 270920	Seal, Oil Filler Cap
346 93705	Screw, Hex Head	847 490474	Fill Group, Oil
356 494328	Wire, Ground	851 221798	Terminal, Ignition Cable
358 494241	Gasket Set	869 261463	Seat, Intake Valve, Standard
363 19203	Puller, Flywheel	870 213316	Seat, Exhaust Valve, Standard
383 89838 422 22 3721	Wrench, Spark Plug Clamp, Oil Filler Tube	871 261961 872 281104	Guide, Exhaust Valve Cover, Air Cleaner
423 94073	Screw, Sems	875 494237	
445 493909	Cartridge, Air Cleaner	877 393456	Body, Air Cleaner Diode and Connector Assembly,
455 222561	Cup, Screen Mounting	677 393436	Dual Circuit
467 493903	Knob, Air Cleaner	955 94642	** Screw, Fuel Bowl
468 222562	Screen, Flush Rotating	965 94108	Locknut, Air Cleaner Mounting
474 393474	Stator, Alternator	975 494378	Bowl Assembly, Carburetor
482 93621	Screw, Sems	977 494385	Carburetor Gasket Kit
523 490327	Cap and Dipstick, Oil Filler	987 281166	** Seal, Throttle Shaft
524 68838	Seal, Filler Tube	1005 280687	Fan, Flywheel
525 280741	Tube, Oil Filler	1006 224413	Retainer, Fan
535 272403	Element, Air Cleaner	1020 262243	Eccentric
537 281106	* O-Ring, Air Cleaner	1021 94160	Pin, Eccentric
552 231597	Bushing, Governor Crank		, =
562 92613	Bolt, Governor Lever		
592 231082	Nut, Hex #10-24	* Included in	Gasket Set (494241)
601 93053	Clamp, Fuel Pipe		Carburetor Överhaul Kit (494384)
611 494451	Fuel Inlet Tube	*** Included in	both Carburetor Overhaul Kit (494384)
614 93306	Cotter, Hair Pin	and Carbur	etor Gasket Set (494385)
615 93307	Retainer, E-Ring		•
618 262803	Spring, Choke Return		
634 281168	** Seal, Choke Shaft		onent dimensions given in U.S. inches
634A 491323	* Seal, Governor	1 inch = 2	25.4 mm
634B 281167	Washer, Throttle Shaft		

SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR SIGHTING SLOPES FOR SAFE OPERATION





Operate your Tractor up and down the face of slopes (not greater than 15°), never across the face. Make turns gradually to prevent tipping or loss of control. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.

SEARS OWNER'S MANUAL

MODEL NO. 917.257462

HOW TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS

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Each tractor has its own model number. Each engine has its own model number.

The Model Number for your tractor will be found on the model plate located under the seat.

The model number for your engine will be found on the blower housing of the engine.

All parts listed herein may be ordered from any Sears, Roebuck and Co. Service Center and most Retail Stores.

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- MODEL NUMBER 917,257462
- ENGINE MODEL NUMBER 283707 TYPE NUMBER 0217-01
- PART NUMBER
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