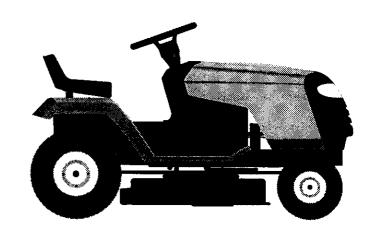
Owner's Manual

CRAFTSMAN®

14.5 HP
ELECTRIC START
42" MOWER
6 SPEED TRANSAXLE®
LAWN TRACTOR

Model No. 917.270531

- Safety
- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Repair Parts





This product has a low emission engine which operates differently from previously built engines. Before you start the engine, read and understand this Owner's Manual.

CAUTION:

Read and follow all Safety Rules and Instructions before operating this equipment. For answers to your questions about this product, Call:

1-800-659-5917

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WARRANTY

LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT PARTS For two (2) years from the date of purchase, if this Craftsman Riding Equipment is maintained, lubricated and tuned up according to the instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair or replace, free of charge, any parts found to be defective in material or workmanship. Warranty service is available free of charge by taking your Craftsman riding equipment to your nearest Sears Service Center. In-home warranty service is available but a trip charge will apply. This warranty applies only while this product is in the United States.

This Warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plugs, air cleaners, belts and oil filters.
- Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects, such as nails, thorns, stumps, or glass.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse, including but not limited to, damage caused by towing objects beyond the capability of the riding equipment, impacting objects that bend the frame or crankshaft, or over speeding the engine.
- Repairs necessary because of operator negligence, including but not limited to, electrical and mechanical damage caused by improper storage, failure to use the proper grade and amount of engine oil, failure to keep the deck clear of flammable debris, or the failure to maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.
- Engine (fuel system) cleaning or repairs caused by fuel determined to be contaminated or oxidized (stale). In general, fuel should be used within thirty (30) days of its purchase date.
- Riding equipment used for commercial or rental purposes.

LIMITED 90 DAY WARRANTY ON BATTERY

For ninety (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 free of charge by taking your Craftsman riding equipment to your nearest Sears Service Center. In-home warranty service is available but a trip charge will apply. This warranty applies only while this product is in the United States. TO LOCATE THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER OR TO SCHEDULE IN-HOME WARRANTY SERVICE, SIMPLY CONTACT SEARS AT 1-800-4-MY-HOME This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state.

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SAFETY RULES

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.

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.
- Data indicates that operators, age 60 years and above, are involved in a large percentage of riding mower-related injuries. These operators should evaluate their ability to operate the riding mower safely enough to protect themselves and others from serious injury.

SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to lossof-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.

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.

SAFETY RULES

- 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 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.

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.











- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers or children even with the blades off.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- 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.
- Mow up and down slopes (15° Max), 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.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly straight down the slope.
- If machine stops while going uphill, disengage blades, shift into reverse and back down slowly.
- Do not turn on slopes unless necessary, and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.

SAFETY RULES

⚠ Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means CAU-TION!!! BECOME AWARE!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.

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

ACAUTION: Do not coast down a hill in neutral, you may lose control of the tractor. **ACAUTION:** Tow only the attachments that are recommended by and comply with specifications of the manufacturer of your tractor. Use common sense when towing. Operate only at the lowest possible speed when on a slope. Too heavy of a load, while on a slope, is dangerous. Tires can lose traction with the ground and cause you to lose control of your tractor.

AWARNING: The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

GASOLINE CAPACITY	1.25 GALLONS UNLEADED
AND TYPE:	REGULAR
OILTYPE	SAE 30(ABOVE 32°F)
(API-SF/SG/SH):	SAE 5W-30
	(Below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	
SPARK PLUG:	CHAMPION
(GAP: .030")	RC12YC
VALVE	INTAKE: .003"005"
CLEARANCE:	EXHAUST:.005"007"
GROUND SPEED	FORWARD:
(MPH):	1ST 1.1
	2ND 1.4
	3RD 2.2
1	4TH 3.3
	5TH 4.4
	6TH 4.9
	REVERSE: 1.4
TIRE	FRONT: 14 PSI
PRESSURE:	REAR: 12 PSI
CHARGING	3 AMPS BATTERY
SYSTEM:	5 AMPS HEADLIGHTS
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 25
	MIN. CCA: 190
	CASE SIZE:U1R
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	27-35 FT. LBS

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a Craftsman Tractor. 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 authorized service center. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this tractor. Please read and retain this manual. The

instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your tractor properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES".

REPAIR AGREEMENT

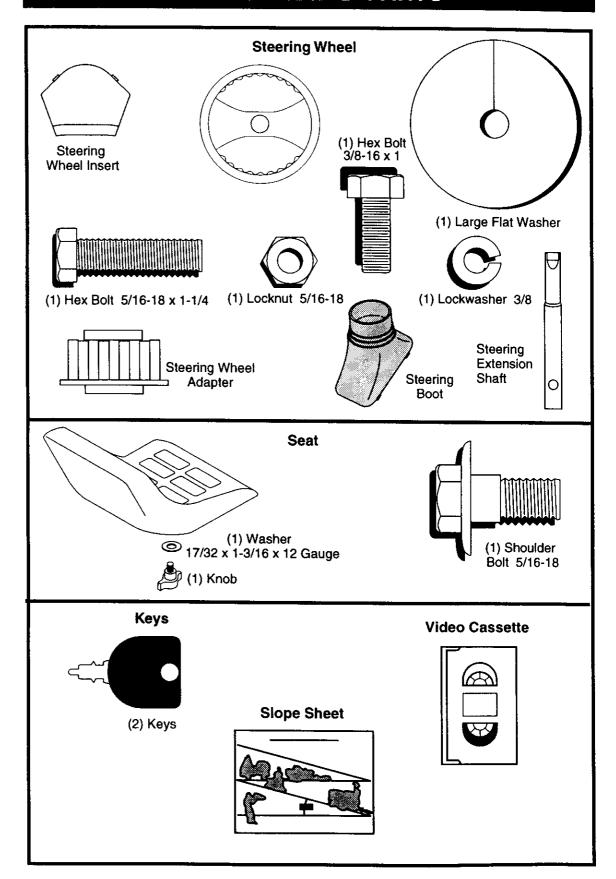
A Sears Repair Agreement is available on this product. Contact your nearest Sears store for details.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

A WARNING: This tractor is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brushcovered 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 authorized service center/department (See REPAIR PARTS 5 section of this manual).

UNASSEMBLED PARTS



ASSEMBLY

Your new tractor has been assembled at the factory with exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. To ensure safe and proper operation of your tractor all parts and hardware you assemble must be tightened securely. Use the correct tools as necessary to insure proper tightness. Review the video cassette before you begin.

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

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

- (1) 9/16" wrench
- (1) Pliers
- (2) 1/2" wrench
- (1) Utility knife
- (1) Tire pressure gauge

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means, from your point of view, when you are in the operating position (seated behind the steering wheel).

TO REMOVETRACTOR FROM CARTON

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

BEFORE REMOVING TRACTOR FROM SKID ATTACH STEERING WHEEL

ASSEMBLE EXTENSION SHAFT AND BOOT

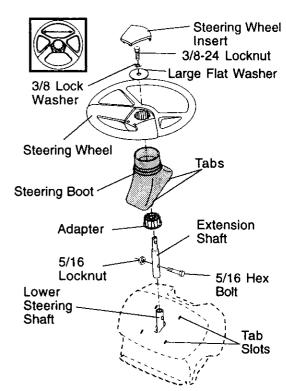
- Slide extension shaft onto lower steering shaft. Align mounting holes in extension and lower shafts and install 5/16 hex bolt and locknut. Tighten securely.
- Place tabs of steering boot over tab slots in dash and push down to secure.

INSTALL STEERING WHEEL

- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Remove steering wheel adapter from steering wheel and slide adapter onto steering shaft extension.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide inside boot and onto adapter.

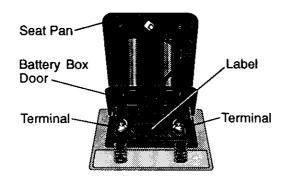
- Assemble large flat washer, 3/8 lock washer, 3/8 hex bolt and tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

IMPORTANT: Check for and remove any staples in skid that may puncture tires where tractor is to roll off skid.



HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR CHECK BATTERY

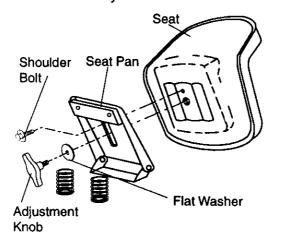
- Lift seat pan to raised position and open battery box door.
- If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps. (See "BATTERY" in Maintenance section of this manual for charging instructions).



INSTALL SEAT

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment knob.

- Remove adjustment knob and flat washer securing seat to cardboard packing and set aside for assembly of seat to tractor.
- Pivot seat upward and remove from the cardboard packing. Remove the cardboard packing and discard.
- Place seat on seat pan and assemble shoulder bolt. Tighten shoulder bolt securely.
- Assemble adjustment knob and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- 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.
- Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- Raise seat and tighten adjustment knob securely.



NOTE: You may now roll or drive your tractor off the skid. Follow the appropriate instruction below to remove the tractor from the skid.

TO ROLL TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section for location and function of controls)

- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Release parking brake by depressing clutch/brake pedal.
- Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Roll tractor forward off skid.
- Remove banding holding discharge guard up against tractor.

TO DRIVE TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section for location and function of controls)

WARNING: Before starting, read, understand and follow all instructions in the Operation section of this manual. Be sure tractor is in a well-ventilated area. Be sure the area in front of tractor is clear of other people and objects.

- Be sure all the above assembly steps have been completed.
- Check engine oil level and fill fuel tank with gasoline.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Start the engine. After engine has started, move throttle control to idle position.
- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold. Move gearshift lever to 1st gear.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal and slowly drive tractor off skid.
- Apply brake to stop tractor, set parking brake and place gearshift lever in neutral position.
- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position. Continue with the instructions that follow.

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

The tires on your tractor 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" 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 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 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.

✓ CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU OPERATE AND ENJOY YOUR NEW TRACTOR, 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 overinflated 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 TRACTOR, 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.

OPERATION

These symbols may appear on your tractor or in literature supplied with the product. Learn and understand their meaning.



BATTERY



CAUTION OR WARNING



REVERSE



FORWARD



FAST



SLOW



ENGINE ON



ENGINE OFF



OIL PRESSURE



LIGHTS ON



OVER TEMP LIGHT





FUEL



CHOKE



MOWER HEIGHT



PARKING BRAKE LOCKED



UNLOCKED



MOWER LIFT



ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED



REVERSE



NEUTRAL



HIGH



LOW



PARKING BRAKE



IGNITION



ATTACHMENT CLUTCH DISENGAGED



KEEP AREA CLEAR

















FREE WHEEL (Automatic Models only)

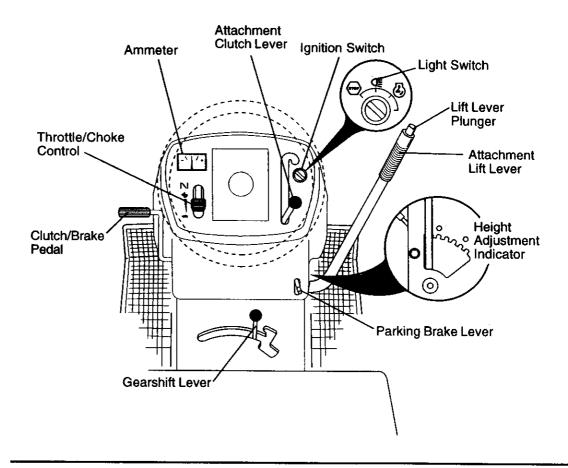


DANGER, KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY

KNOW YOUR TRACTOR

READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TRACTOR

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



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

ATTACHMENT CLUTCH LEVER - Used to engage the mower blades, or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

ATTACHMENT LIFT LEVER - Used to raise, lower, and adjust the mower deck or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

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

GEARSHIFT LEVER - Selects the speed and direction of tractor.

IGNITION SWITCH - Used for starting and stopping the engine.

LIFT LEVER PLUNGER - Used to release attachment lift lever when changing its position.

LIGHT SWITCH - Turns the headlights on and off.

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

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

AMMETER - Indicates battery charging (+) or discharging (-).



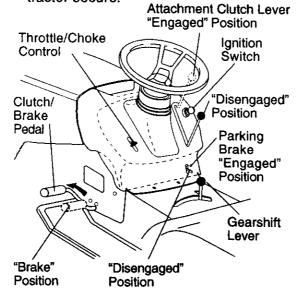
The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your tractor or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend a wide vision safety mask over spectacles or standard safety glasses.

HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR TO SET PARKING BRAKE

Your tractor is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. When engine is running, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat without first setting the parking brake will shut off the engine.

 Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold.

 Place parking brake lever in "EN-GAGED" position and release pressure from clutch/brake pedal. Pedal should remain in "BRAKE" position. Make sure parking brake will hold tractor secure.



STOPPING

MOWER BLADES -

 To stop mower blades, move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.

GROUND DRIVE -

- To stop ground drive, depress clutch/ brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position.
- Move gearshift lever to neutral (N) position.

ENGINE -

Move throttle control to slow position.

NOTE: Failure to move throttle control to slow position and allowing engine to idle before stopping may cause engine to "backfire".

- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving tractor to prevent unauthorized use.
- Never use choke to stop engine.
 IMPORTANT: Leaving the ignition switch in any position other than "OFF" will cause the battery to be discharged, (dead).

NOTE: Under certain conditions when tractor is standing idle with the engine running, hot engine exhaust gases may cause "browning" of grass. To eliminate this possibility, always stop engine when stopping tractor on grass areas.

▲ CAUTION: Always stop tractor completely, as described above, before leaving the operator's position; to empty grass catcher, etc.

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL

Always operate engine at full throttle.

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

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD

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

- Start tractor with clutch/brake pedal depressed and gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move gearshift lever to desired position.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal to start movement.

IMPORTANT: Bring tractor to a complete stop before shifting or changing gears. Failure to do so will shorten the useful life of your transaxle.

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT

The position of the attachment lift lever determines the cutting height.

- · Grasp lift lever.
- Press plunger with thumb and move lever to desired position.

The cutting height range is approximately 1-1/2 to 4". 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.

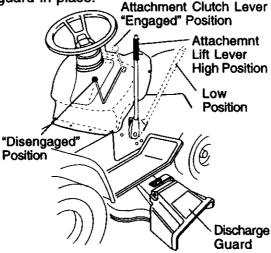
- The average lawn should be cut to approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and to over 3 inches during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.
- For best cutting performance, grass over 6 inches in height should be mowed twice. Make the first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

TO OPERATE MOWER

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

- · Select desired height of cut.
- Start mower blades by engaging attachment clutch control.
- TO STOP MOWER BLADES disengage attachment clutch control.

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



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TO OPERATE ON HILLS

A 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. 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 attachment lift to highest position with attachment lift control.
- When pushing or towing your tractor, be sure gearshift lever is in neutral (N) position.
- Do not push or tow tractor at more than five (5) MPH.

NOTE: To protect hood from damage when transporting your tractor on a truck or a trailer, be sure hood is closed and secured to tractor. Use an appropriate means of tying hood to tractor (rope, cord, etc.).

TOWING CARTS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

Tow only the attachments that are recommended by and comply with specifications of the manufacturer of your tractor. Use common sense when towing. Too heavy of a load, while on a slope, is dangerous. Tires can lose traction with the ground and cause you to lose control of your tractor.

BEFORE STARTING THE ENIGNE CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL

- The engine in your tractor has been shipped, from the factory, already filled with summer weight oil.
- Check engine oil with tractor on level ground.
- Remove oil fill cap/dipstick and wipe clean, reinsert the dipstick 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 with a minimum of 87 octane. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life). Do not mix oil with gasoline. Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness.

IMPORTANT: When operating in temperatures below 32°F(0°C), use fresh, clean winter grade gasoline to help insure good cold weather starting. A 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

ACAUTION: 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

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

- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- Move throttle control to choke position.
 NOTE: Before starting, read the warm and cold starting procedures below.
- Insert key into ignition and turn 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 the engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to fast position, wait a few minutes and try again. If engine still does not start, move the throttle control back to the choke position and retry.

WARM WEATHER STARTING (50° F and above)

- When engine starts, move the throttle control to the fast position.
- The attachments and ground drive can now be used. If the engine does not accept the load, restart the engine and allow it to warm up for one minute using the choke as described above.

COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

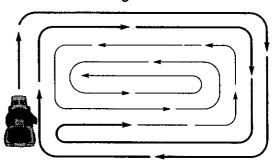
- When engine starts, allow engine to run with the throttle control in the choke position until the engine runs roughly, then move throttle control to fast position. This may require an engine warm-up period from several seconds to several minutes, depending on the temperature.
- The attachments can also be used during the engine warm-up period.

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

- Tire chains cannot be used when the mower housing is attached to tractor.
- 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 tractor. 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.

- 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.



MAINTENANCE

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- 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 ail fifter, change oil every 50 hours.
- 4 Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.

- 5 If equipped with adjustable system.
- 6 Not required if equipped with maintenance-free battery
- 7 Tighten front axie pivot bolt to 35 ft.-lbs. maximum. Do not overtighten

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this tractor does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty. operator must maintain tractor as instructed in this manual. Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your

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

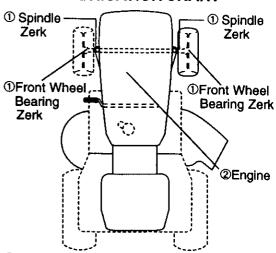
· Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter. and check blades and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

BEFORE EACH USE

tractor.

- Check engine oil level.
- Check brake operation.
- Check tire pressure.
- Check operator presence and interlock systems for proper operation.
- · Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION CHART



®SAE OR 10W30 MOTOR OIL @REFER TO MAINTENANCE "ENGINE" 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.

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TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

BRAKE OPERATION

If tractor requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then 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 "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section 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.

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.

OPERATOR PRESENCE SYSTEM

Be sure operator presence and interlock systems are working properly. If your tractor does not function as described, repair the problem immediately.

- The engine should not start unless the clutch/brake pedal is fully depressed and attachement clutch control is in the disengaged position.
- When the engine is running, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat without first setting the parking brake should shut off the engine.
- When the engine is running and the attachment clutch is engaged, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat should shut off the engine.
- The attachment clutch should never operate unless the operator is in the seat.

BLADE CARE

For best results mower blades must be kept sharp. Replace bent or damaged blades.

BLADE REMOVAL

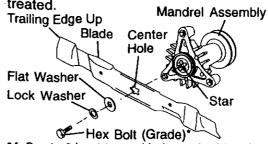
- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing blade.

 Install new or resharpened blade with trailing edge up towards deck as shown.

IMPORTANT: To ensure proper assembly, center hole in blade must align with star on mandrel assembly.

- Reassemble hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer in exact order as shown.
- Tighten bolt securely (27-35 Ft. Lbs. torque).

IMPORTANT: Blade bolt is Grade 8 heat treated.



*A Grade 8 heat treated bolt can be identified by six lines on the bolt head.

TO SHARPEN BLADE

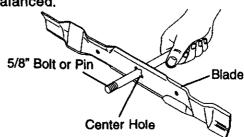
NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening blade - but if you do, be sure the blade is balanced.

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.)

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

 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.



BATTERY

Your tractor 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.

- Keep battery and terminals clean.
- · Keep battery bolts tight.
- · Keep small vent holes open.
- Recharge at 6-10 amperes for 1 hour. NOTE: The original equipment battery on your tractor is maintenance free. Do not attempt to open or remove caps or covers. Adding or checking level of electrolyte is not necessary.

TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS Corrosion and dirt on the battery and terminals can cause the battery to "leak" power.

- Open battery box door.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- · 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 "REPLACING" BATTERY" in the SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS section of this manual).

V-BELTS

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

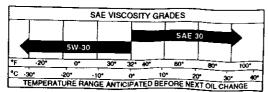
TRANSAXLE COOLING

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

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF, SG, or SH. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature.



NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W30, 10W30 etc.) improve starting in cold weather, these multi-viscosity oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F. Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil.

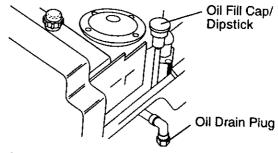
Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 25 hours in one

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each eight (8) hours of operation. Tighten oil fill cap/ dipstick securely each time you check the oil level.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SF, SG or SH.

- · Be sure tractor is on level surface.
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove oil fill cap/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" section of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. Be sure dipstick cap is tightened securely for accurate reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick.



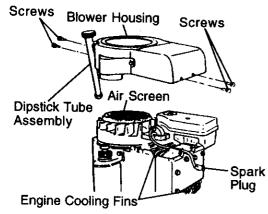
CLEAN AIR SCREEN

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 18 stubborn dried gum fibers.

ENGINE COOLING FINS

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

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



AIR FILTER

Your engine will not run properly using a dirty air filter. Clean the foam pre-cleaner after every 25 hours of operation or every season. Service paper cartridge every 100 hours of operation or every season, whichever occurs first. Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions.

Remove knob(s) and cover.

TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER

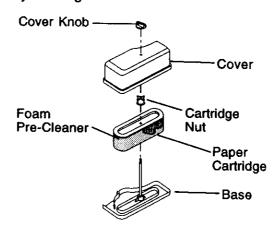
- · Slide foam pre-cleaner off cartridge.
- Wash it in liquid detergent and water.
- · Squeeze it dry in a clean cloth.
- Saturate it in engine oil. Wrap it in clean, absorbent cloth and squeeze to remove excess oil.
- If very dirty or damaged, replace precleaner.
- Reinstall pre-cleaner over cartridge.
- Reinstall cover and secure with knob(s).

TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

- · Remove cartridge nut.
- Carefully remove cartridge to prevent debris from entering carburetor. Clean base carefully to prevent debris from entering carburetor.

- Clean cartridge by tapping gently on flat surface. If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.
- Reinstall cartridge, nut, precleaner, cover and secure with knob(s).

IMPORTANT: Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean the cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. Do not oil cartridge. Do not use pressurized air to clean or dry cartridge.



MUFFLER

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

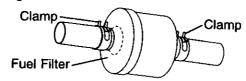
SPARK PLUGS

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Spark plug type and gap setting are shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.

IN-LINE FUEL FILTER

The 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 with arrow pointing towards carburetor.
- Be sure there are no fuel line leaks and clamps are properly positioned.
- Immediately wipe up any spilled gasoline.



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 tractor 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.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

ACAUTION: Before performing any service or adjustments:

- Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) 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 plug.

TRACTOR

TO REMOVE MOWER

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

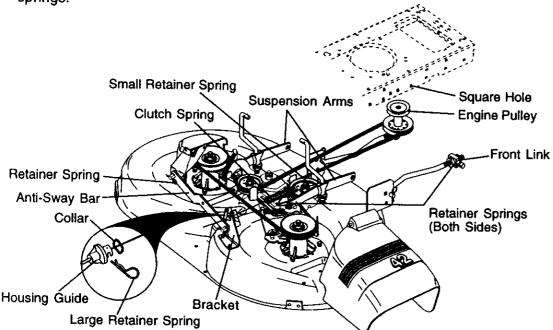
- Place attachment clutch in "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- · Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Remove small retainer spring, and lift clutch spring off pulley bolt.
- Remove large retainer spring, slide collar off and push housing guide out of bracket,
- Disconnect anti-swaybar from chassis bracket by removing retainer spring.
- Disconnect suspension arms from rear deck brackets by removing retainer springs.

- Disconnect front links from deck by removing retainer springs.
- Raise lift lever to raise suspension arms. Slide mower out from under tractor.

IMPORTANT: If an attachment other than the mower deck is to be mounted on the tractor, remove the front links and hook the clutch spring Into square hole in frame.

TO INSTALL MOWER

- Raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Slide mower under tractor with discharge guard to right side of tractor.
- Lower lift lever to its lowest position.
- Install mower in reverse order of removal instructions.



TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

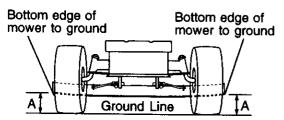
Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

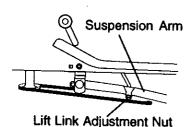
SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT

- Raise mower to its highest position.
- At the midpoint of both sides of mower, measure height from bottom edge of mower to ground. Distance "A" on both sides of mower should be the same or within 1/4" of each other.
- If adjustment is necessary, make adjustment on one side of mower only.
- To raise one side of mower, tighten lift link adjustment nut on that side.
- To lower one side of mower, loosen lift link adjustment nut on that side.

NOTE: Each full turn of adjustment nut will change mower height about 1/8".

Recheck measurements after adjusting.



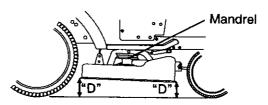


FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT IMPORTANT: Deck must be level side-to side. If the following front-to-back adjustment is necessary, be sure to adjust both front links equally so mower will stay level side-to-side.

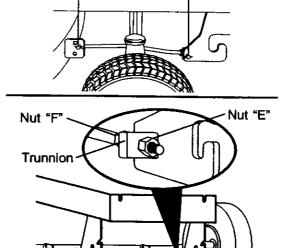
To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

Check adjustment on right side of tractor. Measure distance "D" directly in front and behind the mandrel at bottom edge of mower housing as shown.

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length. Both links should be approximately 10-3/8".
- If links are not equal in length, adjust one link to same length as other link.
- To lower front of mower loosen nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nuts "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- To raise front of mower, loosen nut "F" from trunnion on both front links.
 Tighten nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- Recheck side-to-side adjustment.



Both Front Links Should be Equal in Length



Front Links

TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT

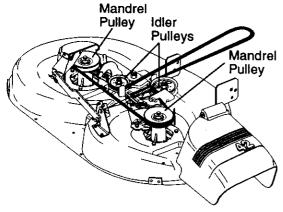
The mower blade drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

BELT REMOVAL -

- Remove mower from tractor (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of this manual).
- Work belt off both mandrel pulleys and idler pulleys.
- · Pull belt away from mower.

BELT INSTALLATION -

- Install new belt in reverse order of removal.
- Make sure belt is in all pulley grooves and inside all belt guides.
- Install mower in reverse order of removal instructions.



TO ADJUST BRAKE

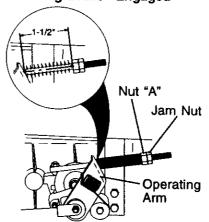
Your tractor is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the right side of the transaxle. If tractor requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in

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 1-1/2", loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-1/2". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".

 Road test tractor 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/department.

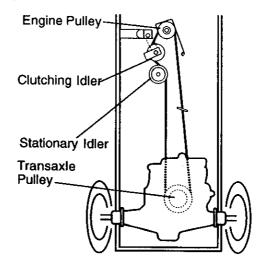
With Parking Brake "Engaged"



TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT

Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake. For assistance, there is a belt installation guide decal on bottom side of left footrest.

- Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of this manual.)
- Remove belt from stationary idler and clutching idler.
- Pull belt slack toward rear of tractor.
 Remove belt upwards from transaxle pulley by deflecting belt keepers.
- Pull belt toward front of tractor and remove downwards from around engine pulley.
- Install new belt by reversing above procedure.



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.

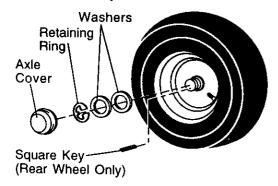
FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

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

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS

- · 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.

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.



TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY

A 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. (See "BATTERY" in the MAINTENANCE section of this manual).

If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure:

IMPORTANT: Your tractor 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 NEGATIVE (-) terminal of fully charged battery.
- Connect the other end of the BLACK cable to good CHASSIS GROUND, away from fuel tank and battery.

TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

- BLACK cable first from chassis and then from the fully charged battery.
- RED cable last from both batteries.

Positive Terminal

Chassis

Positive Terminal

Charged Battery

Negative Terminal

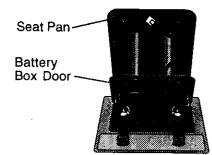
Regative Terminal

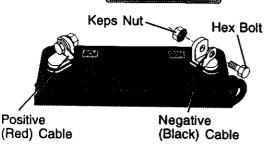
REPLACING BATTERY

CAUTION: Do not short battery terminals by allowing a wrench or any other object to contact both terminals at the same time. Before connecting battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands,rings,etc.

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

- Lift seat pan to raised position and open battery box door.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and carefully remove battery from tractor.
- Install new battery with terminals in same position as old battery.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) terminal with hex bolt and keps nut as shown. Tighten securely.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) terminal with remaining hex bolt and keps nut. Tighten securely.
- · Close battery box door.





TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

- · Raise hood.
- Pull bulb holder out of the hole in the backside of the grill.
- Replace bulb in holder and push bulb holder securely back into the hole in the backside of the grill.
- · Close hood.

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

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

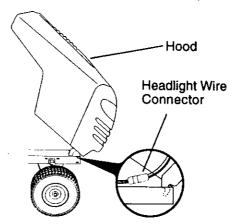
 Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section.

TO REPLACE FUSE

Replace with 15 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located behind the dash.

TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY

- · Raise hood.
- · Unsnap headlight wire connector.
- Stand in front of tractor. Grasp hood at sides, tilt toward engine and lift off of tractor.
- · To replace, reverse above procedure.



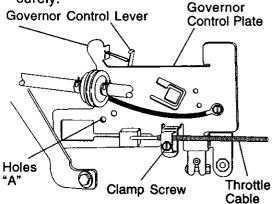
ENGINE

Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems, which are being done at the customers expense, may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. Warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized engine manufacturer's service outlet.

TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE

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.



TO ADJUST CARBURETOR

NOTE: The carburetor on this engine is low emission. It is equipped with an idle fuel adjusting needle with a limiter cap, which allows some adjustment within the limits allowed by the cap. Do not attempt to remove the limiter cap. The limiter cap cannot be removed without breaking the adjusting needle.

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, turning 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).

FINAL SETTING -

 Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes. Make final adjustments with engine running and shift/motion control lever in neutral (N) 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 full travel clockwise then counterclockwise until engine runs rough. Turn valve to a point midway between those two positions. Release throttle lever.

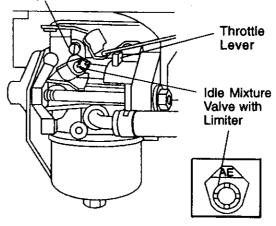
ACCELERATION TEST-

 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/department, which has proper equipment and experience to make any necessary adjustments.





STORAGE

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

ACAUTION: 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.
- If battery is removed from tractor for storage, do not store battery directly on concrete or damp surfaces.

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 9called 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). CYLINDER(S)

- 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 tractor indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your tractor 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 tractor to rust.

IMPORTANT: Never cover tractor while engine and exhaust areas are still warm.

TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	Out of fuel.	• Fill fuel tank.
	Engine not "CHOKED"	See "TO START ENGINE"
	properly.	in Operation section.
	• Engine flooded.	Wait several minutes
	before attempting to star	
	Bad spark plug.	Replace spark plug.
	Dirty air filter.	Clean/replace air filter.
	Dirty fuel filter.	Replace fuel filter.
	Water in fuel.	Drain fuel tank and carbureto
	refill tank with fresh gase	line an
replace fuel filter.	gue.	1
•	Loose or damaged	Check all wiring.
	wiring.	The state of the s
	Carburetor out of	See "To Adjust Carburetor"
	adjustment.	in Service Adjustments
	section.	III Corvice / tajastinents
	• Engine valves out of	Contact an authorized
	adjustment.	
	aujustinient.	service center/department.
Hard to start	Dirty air filter.	Clean/replace air filter.
	• Bad spark plug.	Replace spark plug.
	Weak or dead battery.	 Recharge or replace battery.
	Dirty fuel filter.	Replace fuel filter.
	Stale or dirty fuel.	• Drain fuel tank and refill with
	fresh gasoline.	
	Loose or damaged	Check all wiring.
	wiring.	
	Carburetor out of	See "To Adjust Carburetor"
	adjustment.	in Service Adjustments
	section.	III CONTICO Adjustinents
	Engine valves out of	Contact an authorized
	adjustment.	service center/department.
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Engine will not turn	Clutch/brake pedal not	• Depress clutch/brake pedal.
over	depressed.	
	 Attachment clutch is 	Disengage attachment
	engaged.	clutch.
	 Weak or dead battery. 	 Recharge or replace battery.
	Blown fuse.	Replace fuse.
	Corroded battery	Clean battery terminals.
	terminals.	1
	Loose or damaged	Check all wiring.
	wiring.	1
	• Faulty ignition switch.	Check/replace ignition switch
	Faulty solenoid or	Check/replace solenoid or
	starter.	starter.
	Faulty operator	Contact an authorized
	presence switch(es).	service center/department.
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Engine clicks but will	Weak or dead battery.	• Recharge or replace battery.
not start	Corroded battery	Clean battery terminals.
	terminals.	1 a.
	Loose or damaged	Check all wiring.
	wiring.	Observation in the second
	Faulty solenoid or	Check/replace solenoid or
	starter.	starter.
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TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Loss of power	Cutting too much	Set in "Higher Cut" position/
	grass/too fast. • Throttle in "CHOKE"	reduce speed. • Adjust throttle control.
	position.	-
•	Build-up of grass, leaves and trash	Clean underside of mower
	under mower.	housing.
	Dirty air filter.	 Clean/replace air filter.
	Low oil level/dirty oil. Faulty spark plug.	Check oil level/change oil.
	spark plug.	Clean and regap or change
	Dirty fuel filter.	Replace fuel filter.
	Stale or dirty fuel. fresh gasoline.	Drain fuel tank and refill with
	Water in fuel.	 Drain fuel tank and carburetor,
uel filter.	refill tank with fresh gaso	ine and replace
ruer Tilter.	Spark plug wire loose.	Connect and tighten spark
	plug wire.	
	Dirty engine air screen/ fins.	Clean engine air screen/fins.
	Dirty/clogged muffler.	Clean/replace muffler.
	Loose or damaged wiring.	Check all wiring.
	Carburetor out of	See "To Adjust Carburetor"
	adjustment.	in Service Adjustments
	section. • Engine valves out of	Contact an authorized
	adjustment.	service center/department.
Excessive vibration	Worn, bent or loose	Replace blade. Tighten
	blade.Bent blade mandrel.	blade bolt. • Replace blade mandrel.
	Loose/damaged part(s).	Tighten loose part(s).
	Replace damaged parts.	
Engine continues	Faulty operator-safety	• Check wiring, switches and
to run when operator leaves seat with	presence control system.	connections. If not corrected contact an authorized
attachment clutch	service center/departmer	
engaged		
Poor cut - uneven	Worn, bent or loose blade.	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt.
	 Mower deck not level. 	Level mower deck.
	Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash	 Clean underside of mower housing.
	under mower.	
	Bent blade mandrel.Clogged mower deck	Replace blade mandrel.Clean around mandrels to
	vent holes from buildup	open vent holes.
	of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.	
Mower blades will not	Obstruction in clutch	Remove obstruction.
1 Table 1		
rotate	mechanism.	
rotate		Replace mower drive belt.

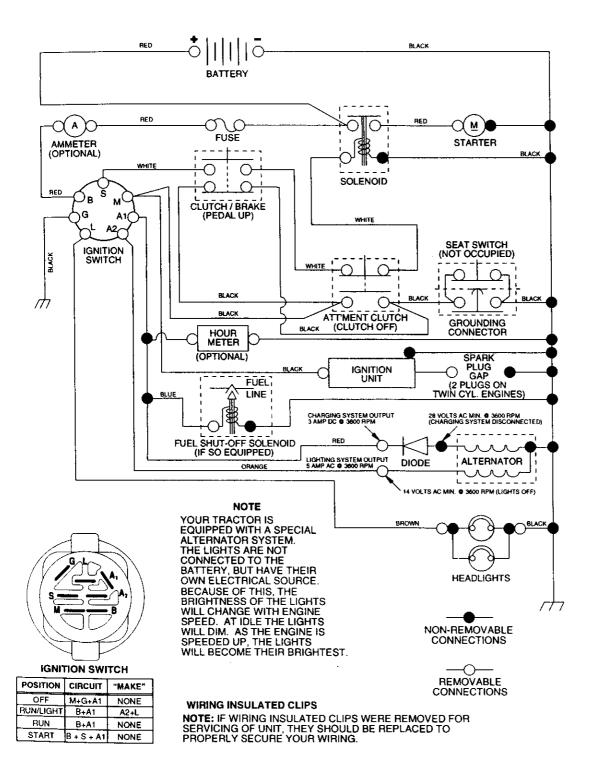
TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Mower blades will not rotate (Cont'n)	Frozen idler pulley.Frozen blade mandrel.	Replace idler pulley. Replace blade mandrel.
Poor grass discharge	 Engine speed too slow. position. Travel speed too fast. Wet grass. mowing. Mower deck not level. Low/uneven tire air pressure. Worn, bent or loose blade. Tighten blade bolt. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Mower drive belt worn. Blades improperly installed. Improper blades used. in this manual. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels. 	 Place throttle control in "FAST" Shift to slower speed. Allow grass to dry before Level mower deck. Check tires for proper air pressure. Replace/sharpen blade. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace mower drive belt. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. Replace with blades listed Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
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	 Bad battery cell(s). Poor cable connections. Faulty regulator (if so equipped). Faulty alternator. 	Replace battery.Check/clean all connections.Replace regulator.Replace alternator.
Engine "backfires" when turning engine "OFF"	Engine throttle control not set at "SLOW" position for 30 seconds before stopping engine.	Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine.

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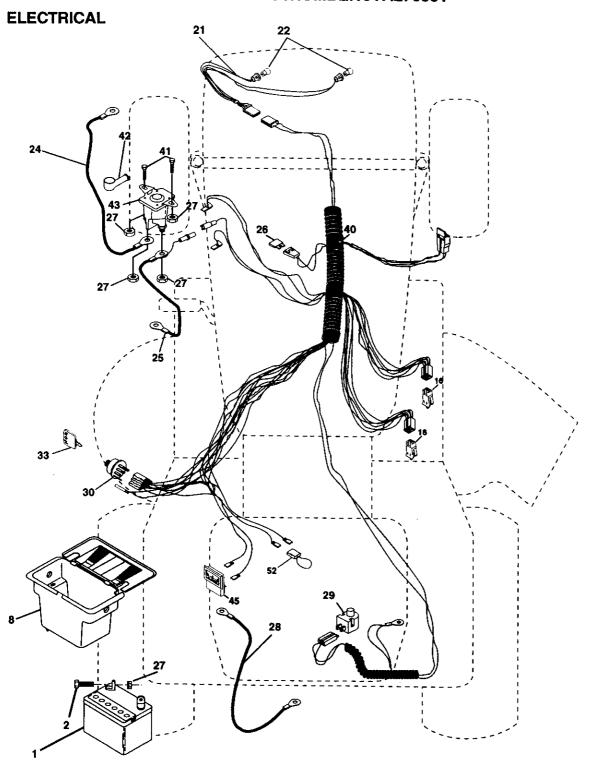
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REPAIR PARTS

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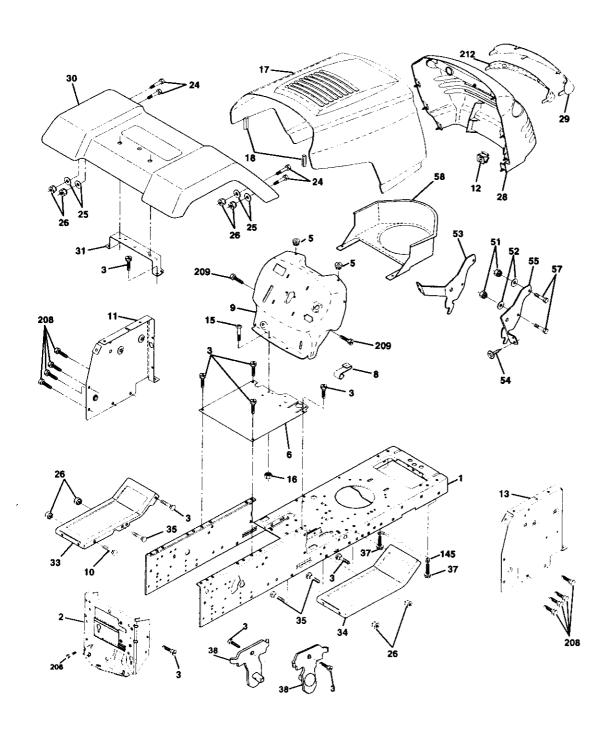
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KEY PART	
NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 144925 2 74760412 8 156417 16 153664 20 73350400 21 166181 22 4152J 24 4799J 25 146147 26 166180 27 73510400 28 4207J 29 121305X 30 163968 33 140403 40 170217 41 71110408 42 131563 43 145673	Battery 12 Volt 25 AMP Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc X 3/4 Case Battery Switch Interlock Push-In Nut Jam Hex 1/4-20 Unc Harness Socket Light W/4152J Bulb Light #1156 Cable Battery 6 Ga W/16 Wir red Cable Battery 6 Ga W/16 Wir red Fuse 15 AMP Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc Cable Ground 6ga 12" black Switch Plunger Nc Gray Switch Ign Delta Push-In Key Ign Molded Craftsman, Delta Harness Ign Bolt Bik Hex 1/4-20unc x 1/2 CoverTerminal Red Solenoid
45 121433X 52 141940	Ammeter Rectangular 6 AMP Protection Wire Loop
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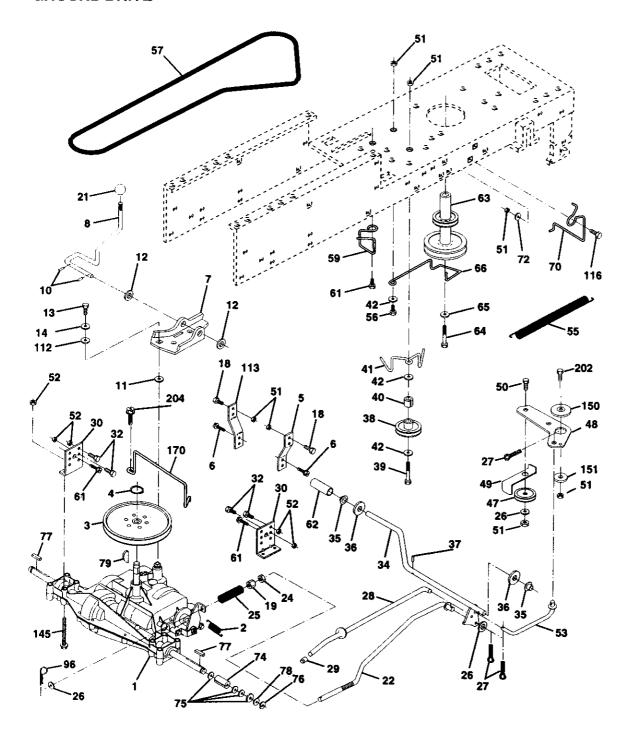
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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 169831	Chassis Lt Stamping
2 169061	Drawbar
3 17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
4 19131216	Washer 13/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
5 155272	Bumper Hood/Dash
6 155924X012	Saddle SLKSCRE FLT SDL
8 126471X	Clip Insulator .406 Mtg Hole
9 1 68348X010	Dash Sikscr Plm Mech Sym
10 72140608	Bolt RdHd Sqnk. 3/8-16 x 1
11 155927	Panel Asm. Dash Lh
12 145660	Clip Tinnerman Grille P/L
13 169117X010	Panel Dash Rh
14 17670608	Screw Thdrol. 3/8-16 x 1/2
15 74180512	Screw Mach Trhd 5/16-18unc x 3/4
16 73510500	Nu Keps 5/16-18unc
17 159639X558	Hood Pnt Steel Private Label
18 126938X	BumperHood
24 74780616	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 Unc x 1 Gr. 5
25 19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.
26 73800600	Nut Lock Hex w/lns 3/8-16 Unc
28 157373	Grill Private Lable Blk
29 140273X599	Lens Grille Private label
30 169465X558	Fender Pnt
31 136619	Bracket Fender Support
33 145244X558	Footrest Pnt. Lh
34 145243X558	Footrest Pnt. Rh
35 72110606 37 17490508	Bolt RdHd Sht. Sqnk. 3/8-16 x 3/4
	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2 Tyt
38 169834 51 73800400	Bracket Asm. Pivot Mower Rear
52 19091416	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins. 1/4-20
53 144697	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga. Bracket Grille LH
54 161464	Screw Hex Wshd #8-18 x 7/8
55 144696	Bracket, Grille RH
57 74780412	Bolt Fin Hex 1/4-20 x 3/4
58 150127	Air Duct Private Label LT Engine
145 156524	Rod Pivot Chassis /Hood
194 17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
206 170165	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 TT
209 17000612	Screw Hex Wsh Thdrol 3/8-16 BL
5479J	Plug Button Blk .359 Dia. Choke

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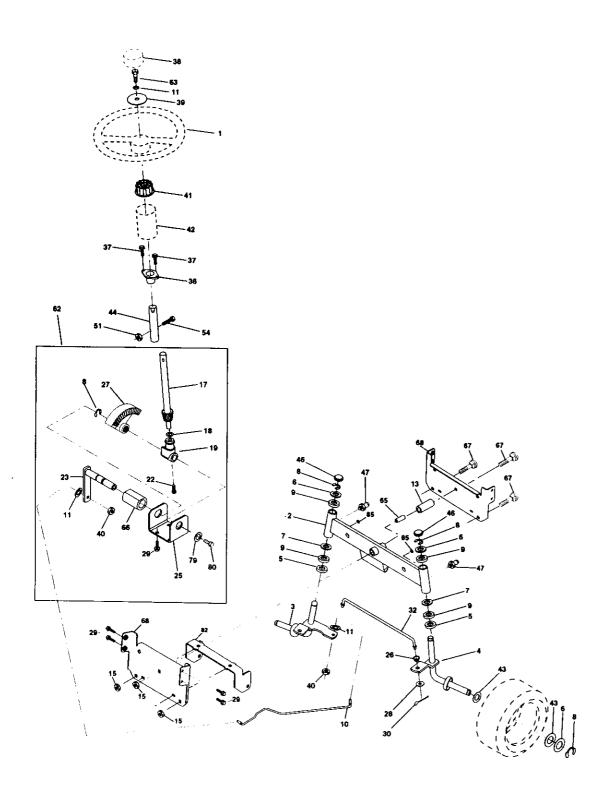
GROUND DRIVE



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	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		' PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1		Transaxle (See Breakdown)	47	127783	Pulley Idler V Groove Plastic
		Peerless 206-545C	48	154407	Bellcrank Clutch Grn Drv Stl
2	146682	Spring Return Brake T/a Zinc	49	123205X	Retainer Belt Style Spring
3	123666X	Pulley Transaxle 18/20" tires	50	STD523715	Bolt Hex Hd 3/8-16unc x 1-1/2
4	12000028	Ring Retainer # 5100-62	51	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
5	121520X	Strap Torque 30 Degrees		STD541431	Nut Crown Lock 5/16-18
6	17060512	Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4	53	105710X	Link Clutch 7 66
7	162240	Bracket Saddle Shift T/a		105709X	Spring Return Clutch 6 75
8	131679	Rod Shf Sdl LY/YT Str Bik Zinc	56	STD523712	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 unc x 1-1/4
10	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 1 Cad	57	130801	V-Belt Gd Drive
11	105701X	Washer Plate Shr 388 Sq Hole	58	127274X	Keeper Belt RH LT Pnt/zinc 16g
12	19151216	Washer 15/32 x 3/4 x 16ga	59	169595	Keeper Belt Centerspan
13	74550412	Bolt 1/4-28unf Gr8 W/Patch	61	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
14	STD551125	Washer Lock Hvy Helical 1/4		8883R	Cover Pedal Blk Round
18	STD523710	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 x 1	63	140186	Pulley Eng Cl Mech 38deg LT/YT
19	STD541437	Nut Lock Hex W/lns. 3/8-16 Unc	64	71170764	Bolt Hex 7/16-20 x 4 Gr 5
21	106933X	Knob Rd 1/2-13 Plstc Thds Blk	65	STD551143	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 7/16
22	130804	Rod Brake Blk Zinc 26 840	66	154778	Keeper Belt Engine
24	STD541237	Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 Unc	70	134683	Guide Belt Mower Drive RH
25	106888X	Spring Rod Brake 2 00 Zinc	72	19132012	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Ga
26	STD551037	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga	74	137057	Spacer Axle
27	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Cad	75	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1 1/4 x 16 Ga
28	145204	Rod Brake Parking Lt/Yt	76	STD581075	E-ring #5133-75
29	71673	Cap Brake Parking	77	123583X	Key Šquare 2 0 x 1845/ 1865
30	130807	Bracket Mtg Transaxle	78	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16ga
31	127275X	Keeper Belt LH LT 14 Ga	79	2228M	Key Woodruff #9 3/16 x 3/4
32	STD523107	Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18unc x 3/4	96	4497H	Retainer Spring
34	155071	Shaft Asm Pedal Foot	112	19091210	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga
35	120183X	Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id	113	127285X	Strap Torque
36	STD551062	Washer 21/32 x 1 x 16 Ga	116	72110610	Bolt Rdhd Sq Neck 3/8-16 x 1.25
37	STD571810	Pin Roll 3/16 x 1"	145	74490540	Bolt Hex FLGHD 5/16-18 Gr. 5
38	131494	Pulley Idler Flat	150	165850	Bushing Bellcrank Grd. Drive
39	72110622	Bolt Rdhd 3/8-16unc x 2-3/4 Gr. 5	151	19133210	Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Ga
40	4470J	Spacer Split 395 x 59 Bzp	170	165849	Keeper Belt Transaxle Gear
41	165838	Keeper Belt Idler	202	72110612	Bolt Carr Sh 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5
42	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga	NO	FE: All compos	ent dimensions since in 11.0

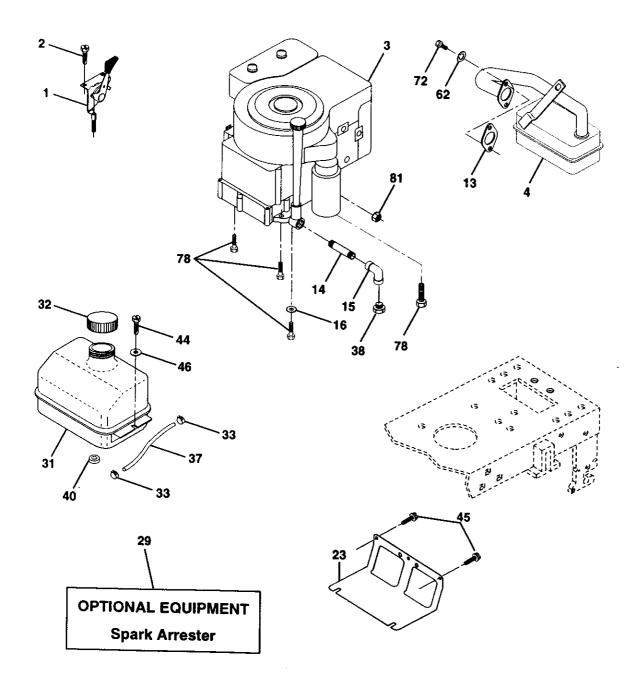
STEERING



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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 139768	Wheel Steering Opp Sears Blk
2 154427	Axle Asm Front Lt
3 169840	Spindle Asm Lh
4 169839	Spindle Asm Rh
5 6266H	Washer Thrust .75 x 1.230
6 121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga.
7 19272016	Washer 27/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
8 12000029	RingKlip#T5304-75
9 3366R	Bearing Col Strg Blk
10 169832	Draglink
11 10040600	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 3/8
13 136518	Spacer Brg Axle Front
15 145212	Nut Hexflange Lock
17 156546	Shaft Asm Strg
18 57079	Washer Thrust .515 x .750 x .033
19 160395	Support Shaft
22 165857	Screw Hex Wsh Hd Torx
23 165851	Shaft Asm Pitman
25 15 44 06	Bracket Steering
26 126847X	Bushing Link Drag Blk LR
27 136874	Gear Sector 22 Teeth
28 19131416	Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
29 17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
30 STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Cad
32 130465	Rod Tie Wire Form 19.75 Mech
36 155099	Bushing Strg. 5/8 ID Dash
37 152927	Screw
38 139769	Cap Wheel Steer Opp Sears USA
39 19133812	Washer 13/32 x 2-3/8 x 12 Ga.
40 7810H	Nut Lock Center 3/8-24
41 100711L	Adaptor Wheel Strg.
42 145054X428	Boot Steering Dash P/L MTL Blk
43 121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
44 153720	Extension Steering Non-adjust
46 121232X	Cap Spindle Fr Top Blk
47 6855M	Fitting Grease
51 73800500	Nut Lock Hx W/Ins 5/16-18unc
54 74780520	Bolt Fin Hex 5/16-18unc
62 167902	Steering Assembly
63 74780616	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc x 1 Gr. 5
65 160367	Spacer Axle
66 154404	Bearing Arm Pittman
67 72110618	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 x 2-1/4
68 169827	Brace Axle
79 19132012	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Ga
80 74950612	Bolt Hex Nylon 3/8-16 x 3/4
82 169835	Bracket Susp Chasis Front
85 133835	Fastner Christmas Tree

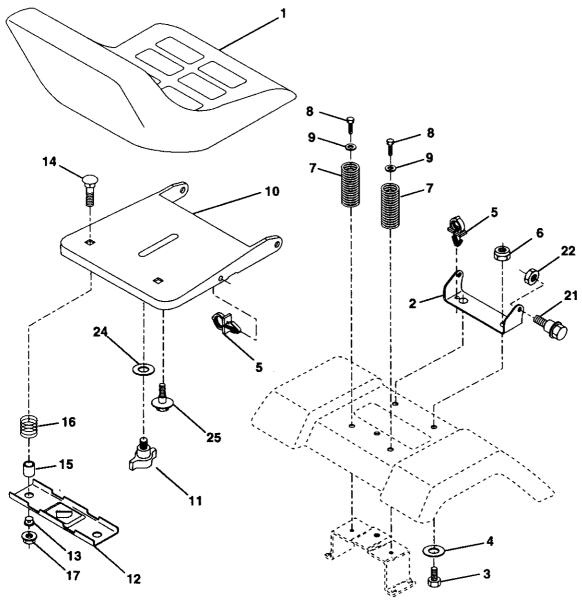
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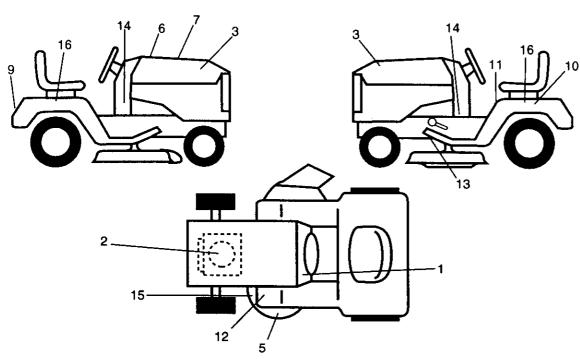
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1	162157	Control Th/ch LH IV 1 80 20 22
2	17720410	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20x5/8 T
3		Engine (See Breakdown) Briggs, Model No 287707-1255-E3
4	137352	Muffler Exh LT B&S 14HP IC OHV
13	165291	Gasket Eng 1 313 ld Tin Plated
14	13280324	Nipple Pipe 3/8 Npt x 3"
15		Elbow Std 90 Degree 3/8-18 Npt
16		Washer Lock Ext Tooth 3/8
23	169837	Shield Browning/Debris Guard
29	137180	Kit Spark Arrestor (Flat Scrn)
31	109202X	Tank Fuel Front 1 25
32	158990	Cap Asm Fuel Sears Vented
33		Clamp Hose Blk
37	137040	Line Fuel 20"
38		Plug Oil Drain
		(See Engine Breakdown)
40	124028X	Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line
44	17490412	Screw Hexwish Thdrol 1/4-20 x 3/4
45	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
46	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 ga
62	STD551131	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 5/16
72		Screw Hex Hd Cap 5/16-18 X 3/4
78		Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
81	128861	Nut Flange 1/4-20 Starter Nut

SEAT ASSEMBLY



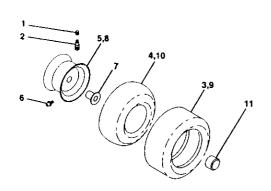
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1 1401: 2 1405: 3 7111: 4 1913 5 1450: 6 STD5 7 1241: 8 1700: 9 1913: 10 1559: 11 1663: 12 1212:	51 Bracket Pvt St D616 Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 1 D610 Washer Flat 13/32 X 1 X 10 Ga Clip Push-In Hinged Locknut Hex W/Wsh 3/8-16 Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi D616 Screw 3/8-16 X 1-1/2 Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga Pan Seat Knob Seat Adj. Wingnut		Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id Bolt Rdhd Sht Nk 1/4-20x1-1/2 Spacer Split 28x 96 Yel Zinc Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc Bolt Shld 5/16-18 Unc-2A Blk D Nut Lock Hex "W/Ins 5/16-18 Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga Bolt Shoulder Dennet dimensions given in U. S. inch = 25/4 mm

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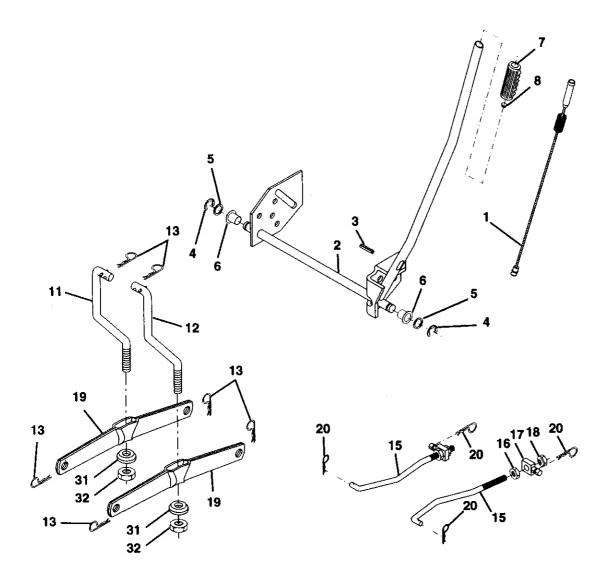
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1	156867	Decal Dash Inst Oper English	11	156439	Decal Danger Fender Eng/span
2	165393	Decal HP Engine	12	4900J	Decal Clutch/brake English
3	171704	Decal Hood Logo	13	146046	Decal V-Belt Dr Sch Tractor
5	133179	Decal Mower QC System	14	163249	Decal Panel Dash 6sp 42"
6	133644	Decal Maint Cust Sears Domesti	15	160396	Decal V-Belt Sch
7	171760	Decal Replemnt Sears	16	163207	Decal Fender Sd 6/42
9	163204	Decal Fender Craftsman White		157199X428	Pad Footrest
10	149516	Decal Battery Dngr/Psn Eng		138311	Decal Handle Lft Height Adjust
		Acme		173354	Manual Owners English
				173355	Manual Owners Spanish

WHEELS AND TIRES



KEY NO.		DESCRIPTION
1	59192	Cap Value Tire
2	65139	Stem Value
3	106222X	Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service
4	59904	Tube Inner Front #35060
5	106732X427	Rim Asm 6"front White Service
6	278H	Fitting Grease
7	9040H	Bearing Flange
8	106108X427	Rim Asm 8"rear White Service
9	106268X	Tire R Ts 18x9 5-8 Service
10	7152J	Tube Rear 9 5 X 8 Service
11	104757X	Cap Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00
	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. tube)

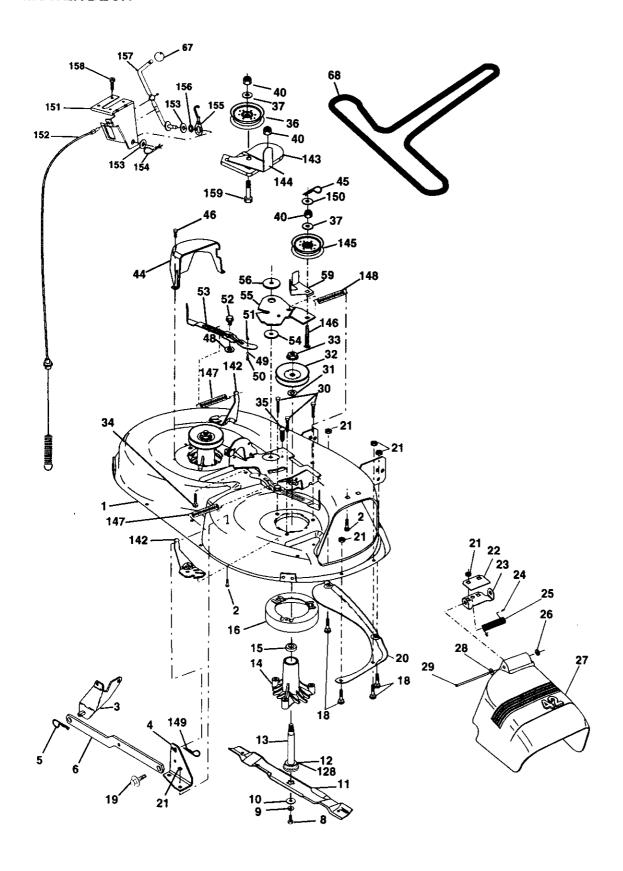
LIFT ASSEMBLY



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. — .	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
	159460	Wire Asm Inner/Sprg W/plunger LT
	159471	Shaft Asm Lift
	105767X	Pin Groove 1 500 Zinc
	12000002	E Ring #5133-62
	19211621	Washer Pltd 21/32 X 1 X 21ga
	120183X	Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id
	125631X	Grip Handle Fluted Blk
	122365X	Button Plunger Red
	139865	Link Lift LH
	139866	Link Lift RH
13	STD624008	Retainer Spring
15	167253	Link Front
	73350800	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc
17	130171	Trunnion Blk Zinc
18	73800800	Nut Lock W/Wsh 1/2-13unc
19	139868	Arm Suspension Rear
20	163552	Retainer Spring Zinc
31	140302	Bearing Pvt Lift Spherical
32	73540600	Nut Crownlock 3/8-24

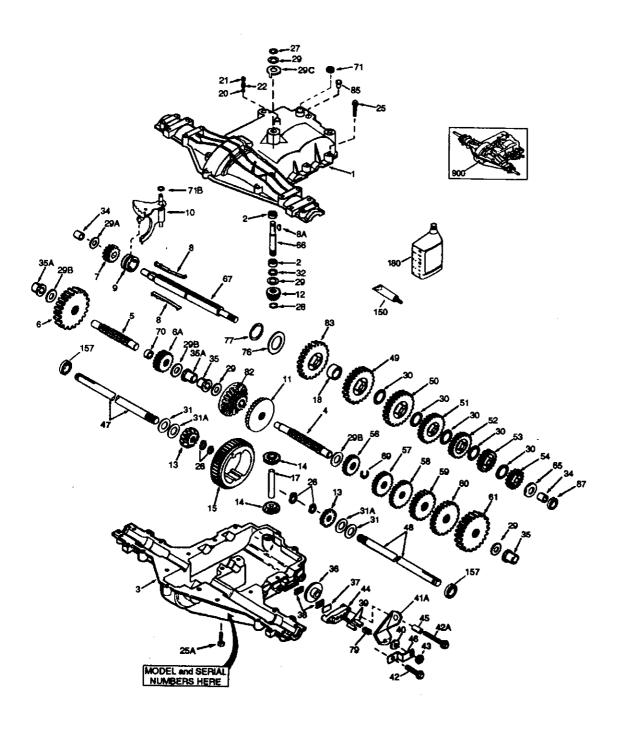
MOWER DECK



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KE		DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	165892	Mower Deck Assembly, 42"	46 137729	Sorow The Doll 4/4 00 5/0
2	STD533107	Bolt	48 133944	Screw, Thd. Roll 1/4-20 x 5/8
3	138017	Bracket Assembly, Sway Bar,	49 155066	Washer, Hardened
		Front	50 131340	Roller Assembly, Cam Follower Bolt, Shoulder #10-24 Grade 5
4	165460	Bracket Sway Bar 38/42" Deck	51 STD541410	Locknut
5	STD624008	Retainer Spring	52 139888	Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 UNC
6	130832	Arm, Suspension, Rear	53 131845	Arm Assembly, Pad, Brake
8	850857	Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1.25 Gr. 8	54 133943	Washer, Hardened
9	STD551137	Washer, Lock	55 155046	Arm, idler
10	140296	Washer, Hardened	56 165723	Spacer, Retainer
11	134149	Blade, Mulching	59 141043	Guard, TUV Idler
12	129895	Bearing, Ball	67 149846	Knob Custom Oval
13	137645	Shaft Assembly, Mandrel, Vented	68 144959	V-Belt
		(Includes Key	128 153390	Washer Felt
4.0	100774	Number 12)	142 165890	Arm Spring Brake Mower
14 15	128774	Housing, Mandrel, Vented	143 157109	Bracket Arm Idler 42"
16	110485X 140329	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel	144 158634	Keeper Belt 42" Clutch Cable
18	72140505	Stripper, Vented Mower Deck	145 165888	Pulley Idler Flat
19	132827	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8	146 165891	Bolt Ćarriage Idler
20	159770	Bolt, Shoulder Baffle, Vortex	147 131335	Spring Extension
21	STD541431	Nut Crownlock 5/16-18 UNC	148 169022	Spring Return Idler
22	134753	Stiffener Bracket	149 165898	Retainer Spring Yellow Zinc
23	131267	Bracket, Deflector	150 19091216	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
24	105304X	Cap, Sleeve	151 169670	Bracket Clutch
25	123713X	Spring, Torsion, Deflector	152 169676	Cable Clutch 42 In
26	110452X	Nut, Push	153 169674	Washer Flat 3/8" Type B
27	130968X428	Shield, Deflector	154 169675 155 169671	Spring Retainer
28	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	156 169672	Spring Retention Lever
29	131491	Rod, Hinge	157 169669	Spacer
30	157722	Screw Thdrol Washer Head	158 17720410	Rod Clutch
31	129963	Washer, Spacer	159 72140614	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 5/8
32	153535	Pulley, Mandret	130794	Bolt Rdhd Sqn 3/8-16unc x 1-3/4
33	137266	Nut, Toplock, Flanged	1007.54	Mandrel Assembly (Includes Key Numbers 8-10, 12-15, 31 and 32)
34	STD533717	Bolt	- - 169583	Mower Deck, Complete (Standard
35	133835	Fastner, Christmas Tree	. 23000	Deck, Order Separately Mulcher
36	131494	Pulley, Idler, Flat		Plate and Gauge Wheel
37	STD551037	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16		Components, Key Nos. 101-106
40	CTDs 4 · · · · ·	Gauge		and 111-121)
40	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC	NOTE: All	*
44	140088	Guard, Mandrel, L.H.	NOIE: All compo	nent dimensions given in U.S.
45	STD624003	Retainer	inches 1 i	nch = 25/4 mm

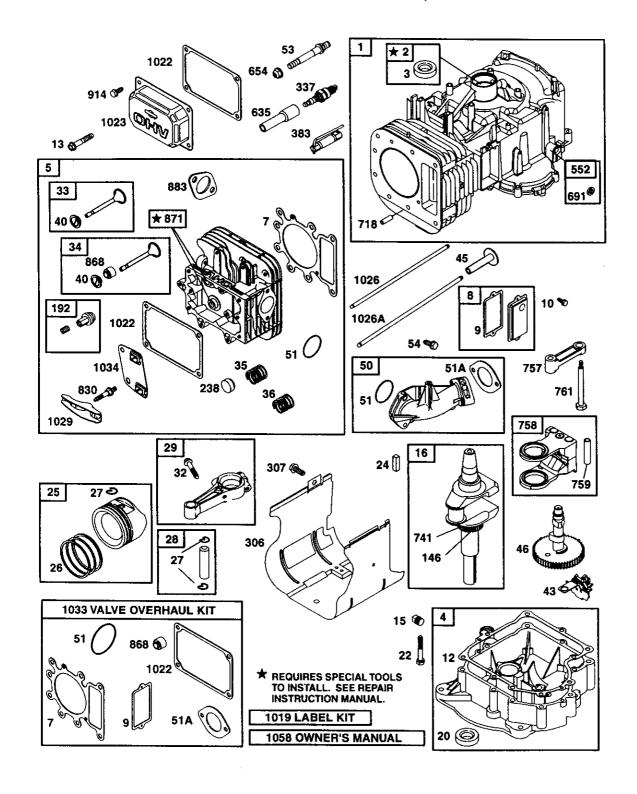
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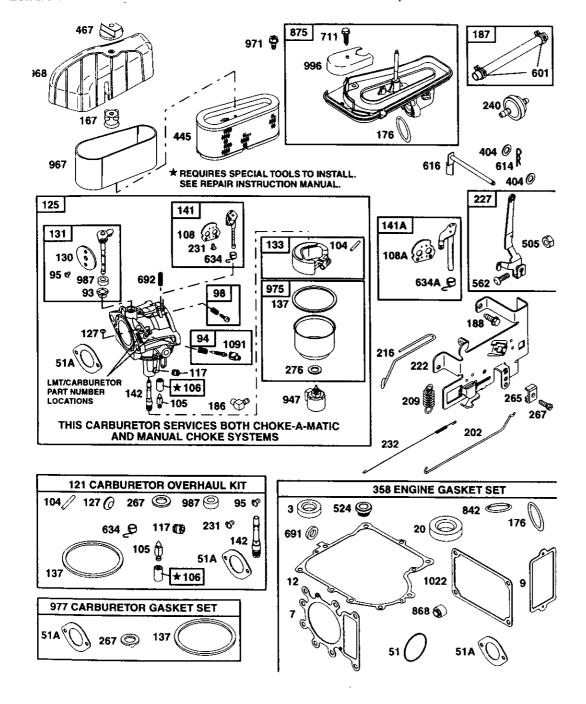
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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 772147	Transaxle Cover	41A 790079	Brake Lever
2 780086A	Needle Bearing 5/8"	42 792073A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 1-1 /4"
3 770128	Transaxle Case	42A 792085A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 2 1/4"
4 776395	Countershaft	43 792075	Locknut 5 / 16 - 24
5 776409	Output Shaft	44 790025	Brake Pad Holder
6 778364	Spur Gear (38 teeth)	45 786066	Spacer .2625 x 1.0
6A 778369	Spur Gear (15 teeth)	46 786086	Brake Lever Bracket
7 778330	Spur Gear (11 teeth)	47 774690	Axle (11-15 / 16" Long)
8 792180	Shift Key	48 774691	Axle (16 - 1 / 2" long)
8A 792047	Woodruff Key #9	49 778356	Spur Gear (29 teeth)
9 784352	Shift Collar	50 778338	Spur Gear (27 teeth)
10 784378	Shift Rod & Fork	51 778354	Spur Gear (23 teeth)
11 778334	Bevel Gear (30 teeth)	52 778352	Spur Gear (19 teeth)
12 778309	Input Bevel Pinion (13 teeth)	53 778350	Spur Gear (16 teeth)
13 778368	Bevel Gear (13 teeth) (Include.	54 778346	Spur Gear (15 teeth)
	14)	56 778355	Spur Gear (11 teeth)
14 778368	Bevel Pinion (13 teeth) (Include.	57 778337	Spur Gear (13 teeth)
	13)	58 778353	Spur Gear (17 teeth)
15 778370	Ring Gear (43 teeth)	59 778351	Spur Gear (21 teeth)
17 786188	Drive Pin	60 778349	Spur Gear (24 teeth)
18 786102	Spacer 1.130 X .695	61 778345	Spur Gear (25 teeth)
20 792077A	Ball 5/16" dia	65 780189	Flat Washer .563 ID x .062W
21 792078	Set Screw 3/8 - 16 x 3/8"	66 776422	Input Shaft
22 792079	Spring .310 OD x .625 L	67 776396	Shifter & Brake Shaft
25 792073A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 1-1/4"	69 792170	Retaining Ring
25A 792177	Screw 1/4-20 x 1-3/8"	70 786187	Spacer .890
26 792125	Retaining Ring (pkg of 2)	71 788069	Square Cut Ring
27 792035	Retaining Ring	71B 788092	"O" Ring
28 788040	Retaining Ring	76 780090	Flat Washer 1.128 ID x .058W
29 780072	Thrust Washer .627 ID x .031W	77 788078A	Inverted Retaining Ring
29A 780160	Thrust Washer .762 ID x .031W	79 792144	Spring .430 OD x .5000 L
29B 780051	Thrust Washer .762 ID x .031W	82 778333	Bevel & Spur Gear (30 & 13
29C 780199	Anti-Rotation Washer .632		teeth)
30 780108	Cup Washer 1.127 ID x .032W	83 778338	Spur Gear (27 teeth)
31 780001	Flat Washer .750 ID x .056W	85 792154	Oil Fill Plug
	(Use As Needed)	87 788089A	Oil Seal 9 / 16"
31A 780195	Flat Washer .750 ID x .062W	150 788093A	Liquid Gasket RTV Silicone
32 788083	Oil Seal 5/8"	157 788088A	Oil Seal 3 /4"
34 780194	Bushing .563	180 730229A	Gear Oil 80W90
35 780193	Flanged Bushing 5 / 8" ID	900 794712	Replacement MST - 206-545C
35A 780197	Flanged Bushing .751		Transaxle
36 790075	Brake Disk		•
37 790007	Brake Pad Plate		
38 799021	Brake Pad (pkg of 2)	NOTE: All compos	nent dimensions given in U.S.
39 786026	Dowel Pin	inches 1 in	nch = 25.4 mm
40 792076A	Flat Washer .312 ID x .059W		

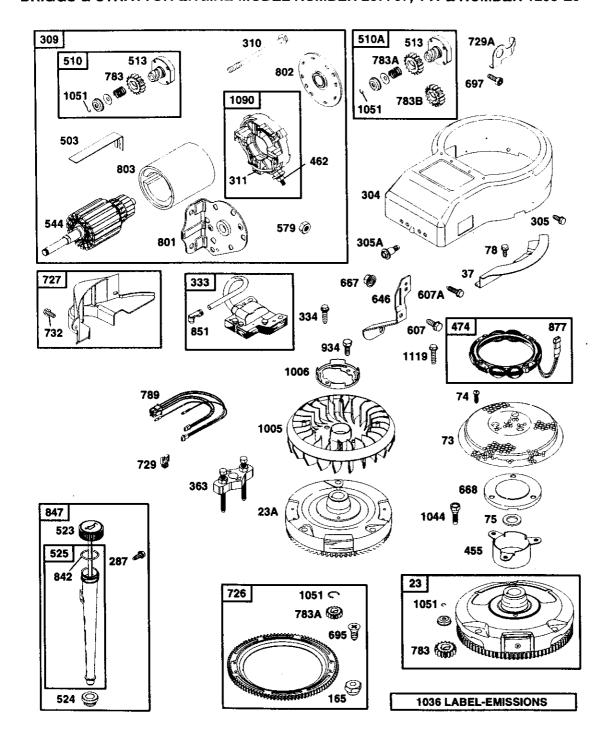
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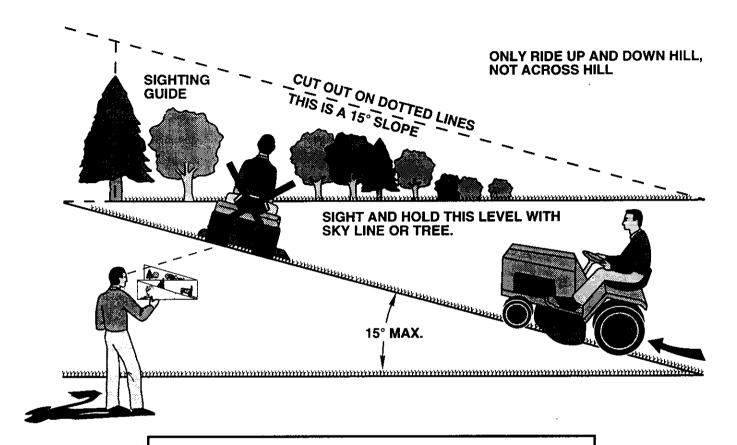
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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 496412	Cylinder Assembly	98 495800	Kit-Idle Speed
2 399265	Bushing/Seal Kit	104 231789	Pin-FloatHinge
3 391086	★ Seal-Oil	105 231855	 Valve-Float Needle
4 494238	Sump-Engine	106 231854	Seat-Inlet
5 691165	Head-Cylinder	108 224558	Valve-Choke (Manual Choke)
7 273280	*+ Gasket-Cylinder Head	108 A224540 117 232118	Valve-Choke (Choke-A-Matic)
8 495735 9K 27803	Breather Assembly Gasket-Breather	232119	Jet, Main (Standard) Jet Main (High Altitude)
10 94621	Screw (Breather Assembly)	121 690191	Jet, Main (High Altitude)
11 281246	Tube-Breather	125 690194	Carburetor Overhaul Kit Carburetor
12 271916	★ Gasket-Crankcase (.015" Thick,	127 — — —	Plug-Welch (Sold in Kit Only)
12 271010	Std.)	130 224539	Valve-Throttle
271997	★ Gasket-Crankcase (.005" Thick)	131 494379	Throttle Shaft Kit
271996	★ Gasket-Crankcase (.009" Thick)	133 494381	Float-Carburetor
13 94728	Screw (Cylinder Head, 3-9/16")	137 281165	●◆Gasket-FloatBowi
15 94239	Plug-Oil Drain	141 495097	Choke Shaft Kit (Man. Choke)
16 690136	Crankshaft	141A495931	Choke Shaft Kit (Choke-A-Matic)
20 291675	★ Seal-Oil	142 232117	Nozzle-Carburetor
22 95187	Screw (Crankcase Cover)	146 94196	Key-Timing
23 693557	Flywheel (Steel Ring Gear)	165 693148	Nut (Ring Gear)
23A 492326	Flywheel (Plastic Ring Gear)	171 281051	Nut (Air Čleaner)
24 222698	Key-Flywheel	176 281106	★ Gasket, Air Cleaner
25 499284	Piston Assembly (Std.)	177 270920	★ Seal-O-Ring
499288	Piston Assembly (.010 "O.S.)	186 493496	Connector-Hose
49929	Piston Assembly (.020" O.S.)	187 492790	Line-Fuel (Cut to Required
499296	Piston Assembly (.030" O.S.)	100 01000	Length)
26 495854	Ring Set, Piston (Std.)	188 94929	Screw (Control Bracket)
495852	Ring Set, Piston (.010 "O.S.)	192 492160	Adjuster, Rocker Arm
495851	Ring Set, Piston (.020 "O.S.)	209 260695	Spring, Governor
495855	Ring Set, Piston (.030 "O.S.)	216 262766	Link-Choke
27 263129 28 498319	Lock-Piston Pin	216A262767	Link-Choke
498320	Pin Assembly, Piston (Std.)	222 495611	Bracket, Control
29 692419	Pin Assembly-Piston (.005" O.S.)	227 493935 231 94098	Lever-Governor
499940	Rod-Connecting (Std.) Rod-Connecting (.020 U.S.)	232 262785	Screw(Choke) Spring-Link
32 692852	Screw (Connecting Rod)	238 262836	Spring-Link Cap, Valve
33 495856	Valve-Exhaust	240 394358	Filter-Fuel
34 495857	Valve, Intake	265 221535	Clamp-Casing
35 262811	Spring, Valve	267 94906	Screw (Casing Clamp)
37 224502	Guard-Flywheel	276 281164	●◆Sealing Washer
40 224641	Retainer, Valve	287 94903	Screw (Dipstick Tube)
43 490815	Governor-Oil Slinger	294 810104	Adjuster-Rocker Arm
45 262411	Tappet, Valve	304 496281	Housing-Blower (Black Inner)
46 496884	Camshaf	305 94863	Screw (Inner Blower Housing)
48 496050	ShortBlock	306 225020	Shield, Cylinder
50 690193	Manifold, Intake	307 94930	Screw (Cylinder Shield)
51 693138	★+ Gasket-Intake		
51A 273650	Gasket-Intake	RPM Setting	gs: Low Speed: 1900-2100
53 690227 54 95160	Stud (Carburetor)		High Speed: 3000-3200
54 95160 73 224948	Screw (Intake Manifold)	i landina a ta	01
74 94626	Screen, Rotating	★ Included in	Gasket Set, Ref Number 358.
75 225136	Screw (Rotating Screen)	■ Included in ■ Included in	Carburetor Kit, Ref Number 121.
78 94896	Washer (Flywheel	▼ Included in 1977.	Carburetor Gasket Set, Ref Number
87 491323	Screw (Flywheel Guard) ★ Seal-Governor Shaft		Volum Overhout Vit. Def Name
93 281346	Bushing-Throttle Shaft	+ Included in 1033.	Value Overhaul Kit, Ref Number
94 498030	Valve-Idle Adjustment	1033.	
95 94098	Screw (Throttle Valve)	NOTE: All comm	conent dimensions given in U.S.
		inches 1 inch = 2	

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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NO.	DESCRIP HON	110.	110.	
309	693551	Motor-Starter(For Steel Ring Gear Only)	729 729A	281390 225170	Clip, Wire Clip, Wire
	497595	Motor-Starter (For Plastic	732	94625	Screw(Starter Drive Cover)
		Ring Gear Only)	741	262932	Gear-Timing
310	94003	Screw (Starter Motor)	757 750	213998	Link-Counterweight
311 318	497608 94734	Brush Set Screw (Mounting Bracket)	758 759	499994 230787	Counterweight Pin-Counterweight
333	495859	Armature, Magneto	761	94593	Screw (Counterweight)
334	94731	Screw (Armature	783	693713	Gear-Pinion (For Steel
337 358	491055 690189	Spark Plug Gasket Set	783A	693059	Ring Gear Only) Gear-Pinion (For Aluminum
363	19203	Flywheel Puller	, 00, 1	000000	Ring Gear Only)
383	89838	Wrench-Spark Plug	783B	693058	Gear-Pinion (For Plastic
404 423	94927 95163	Washer (Governor Crank) Screw (Air Cleaner Base)	789	497708	Ring Gear Only) Harness, Wiring
455	222561	Cup-Flywheel	801	497626	Cap-Drive
462	225137	Washer (Starter Cable)	802	497607	Cap-End
467	493903	Knob-Air Cleaner	803	497604	Housing-Starter
474 503	393474 806000	Alternator Strap-Starter	830 847	94555 496415	Stud-Rocker Arm Dipstick/Tube Assembly
505	231978	Nut (Governor Lever)	851	224110	Terminal-Cable
510A	693699	Drive, Starter (Use With	868		- Seal- Valve
510A	497606	Steel Ring Gear Only) Drive, Starter (Use With	871 875	262835 693686	Bushing-Guide
JIVA	497000	Aluminum &Plastic Ring	877	393456	Base, Air Cleaner Wire-Alternator
		Gear Only)	878	393362	Harness-Alternator
513 523	398003	Clutch-Drive	883	272293	Gasket, Exhaust
523 524	495230 281370	Dipstick ★ Dipstick Tube Seal	914 934	94863 94627	Screw (Rocker Cover) Screw (Fan Retainer)
525	496113	Dipstick Tube	947	497672	Solenoid-Fuel
535	496894	Filter, A/C Element	967	272403	Filter-Pre Cleaner
544 552	497603 491986	Armature-Starter Bushing-Gov. Lever	968 975	281758 495933	Cover, Air Cleaner Bowl-Float
556	93621	Screw (Alternator)	977	690192	Gasket Set-Carburetor
562	94907	Bolt (Governer Lever)	987	281166	Seal-Throttle Shaft
579 601	92278 93053	Nut (Starter Cable)	996 1005	690678	Shield-Carburetor
614	93306	Clamp-Hose Pin-Cotter	1006	691927 224413	Fan-Flywheel Retainer-Fan
616	495157	Crank-Governor	1019	496758	Label Kit
634	494453	Seal-Spring Assarbly (Manual Challe)	1022		+Gasket-Rocker Cover
634A	1494455	Assembly(Manual Choke) Seal-Spring Assy. (Choke-	1023 1026	224552 494432	Cover-Rocker Rod-Push (Intake)
00 171	1,01,00	A-Matic)	1026/		Rod-Push (Exhaust)
635	280872	Boot, Spark Plug	1029	224554	Arm-Rocker
646 654	224546 94010	Brace-Air Cleaner Nut (Carburetor)	1033	690190 495248	Valve Overhaul Kit
663	94929	Screw (Air Cleaner Brace)	1034	495248 499364	Guide-Push Hod Label Kit-Emission
	94704	Screw (Air Cleaner Brace)	1044	94673	Screw (Flywheel)
667 668	94010 280848	Nut (Air Cleaner Brace)	1051	263080	Ring-Retainer
692	262715	Spacer Spring-Detent	1058 1090	273683 497605	Owner's Manual Retainer-Brush
695	693109	Screw (Ring Gear)	1091	281364	Cap-Limiter
697	94951 94704	Screw (Starter Motor)		28N707-10	26-E1 Replacement Engine
711 718	230192	Screw (Carburetor Shield) Dowel, Sleeve		RPM Settin	gs:Low Speed: 1900-2100
726	399676	Gear Ring (Aluminum-		A Octor	High Speed: 3000-3200
		Services Plastic Ring Gear			•
727	490324	Only) Cover, Starter Drive	*		Gasket Set, Ref Number
	400064	Cover, Clarici Dilve	•		Carburetor Kit, Ref Number
			•		Carburetor Gasket Set, Ref
			+	Number 97 Included in	7. Value Overhaul Kit, Ref
			•	Number 10	

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