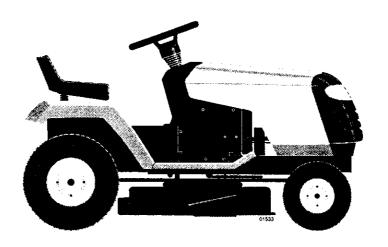
Owner's Manual

CRAFTSMAN®

LAWN TRACTOR

15.5 HP, 42" MowerElectric Start6 Speed Transaxle

Model No. 917.272352





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.

IMPORTANT:

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

1-800-659-5917Sears Craftsman Help Line
5 am - 5 pm, Mon - Sat

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WARRANTY

LIMITED WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT

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 that are found to be defective in material or workmanship according to the guidelines of coverage listed below. Sears will also provide free labor for these applicable warranted parts for the two full years. During the first 30 days of purchase, there will be no charges to service the product at your home for issues covered by this warranty. (See exclusions below). For your convenience, IN HOME warranty service will still be available after the first 30 days of purchase, but a trip charge will apply. This charge will be waived if the Craftsman product is dropped off at an authorized Sears location. For the nearest authorized Sears location, please call 1-800-4-MY-HOME®. This warranty applies only while this product is within the United States.

This Warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, including but not limited to blades, spark plugs, air cleaners, belts, and oil filters.
- Standard Maintenance Servicing, oil changes, or tune-ups
- 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 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 30 days of its purchase date.
- Normal deterioration and wear of the exterior finishes, or product label replacement.
- Riding equipment used for commercial or rental purposes.

LIMITED 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. During the first 30 days of purchase, there will be no charges to replace the battery at your HOME. After the first 30 days, for your convenience, IN-HOME warranty service will still be available but a trip charge will apply. This charge will be waived if the Craftsman product is dropped off at an authorized Sears location. For the nearest authorized Sears location, please call 1-800-4-MY-HOME®.

This battery warranty applies only while this product is within the United States.

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

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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.

AWARNING: 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.

AWARNING: Do not coast down a hill in neutral, you may lose control of the tractor. AWARNING: 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: Engine exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

AWARNING: Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

I. GENERAL OPERATION

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- · Never carry passengers.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.

- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the guard in place.
- Slow down before turning.
- Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove keys before dismounting.
- Turn off blades when not mowing.
- Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- 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.
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves or other debris build-up which can touch hot exhaust / engine parts and burn. Do not allow the mower deck to plow leaves or other debris which can cause buildup to occur. Clean any oil or fuel spillage before operating or storing the machine. Allow machine to cool before storage.

II. 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.

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DO:

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

DO NOT:

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

III. CHILDREN

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

- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and down for small children.

- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

IV. SERVICE

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

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- 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.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Gasoline Capacity and Type:	1.25 Gallons Unleaded Regular
Oil Type: (API-SF-SJ):	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
Oil Capacity:	W/ Filter: 3.5 Pints W/O Filter: 3.0 Pints
Spark Plug: (Gap: .030")	Champion RC12yC
Ground Speed (MPH):	Forward: 1st 1.1 2nd 1.4 3rd 2.2 4th 3.4 5th 4.3 6th 5.5 Reverse: 1.7
Tire Pressure:	Front: 14 PSI Rear: 12 PSI
Charging System:	3 Amps Battery 5 Amps Headlights
Battery:	Amp/Hr: 28 Min. CCA: 230 Case Size: U1R
Blade Bolt Torqu	e: 27-35 Ft. Lbs.

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a new 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 a Sears or other qualified 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".

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.

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

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

REPAIR PROTECTION AGREEMENTS

Congratulations on making a smart purchase. Your new Craftsman® product is designed and manufactured for years of dependable operation. But like all products, it may require repair from time to time. That's when having a Repair Protection Agreement can save you money and aggravation. Purchase a Repair Protection Agreement now and protect yourself from unexpected hassle and expense.

Here's what's included in the Agreement:

- Expert service by our 12,000 profesional repair specialists.
- Unlimited service and no charge for parts and labor on all covered repairs.
- Product replacement if your covered product can't be fixed.
- Discount of 10% from regular price of service and service-related parts not covered by the agreement; also, 10% off regular price of preventive maintenance check.
- Fast help by phone phone support from a Sears technician on products requiring in-home repair, plus convenient repair scheduling.

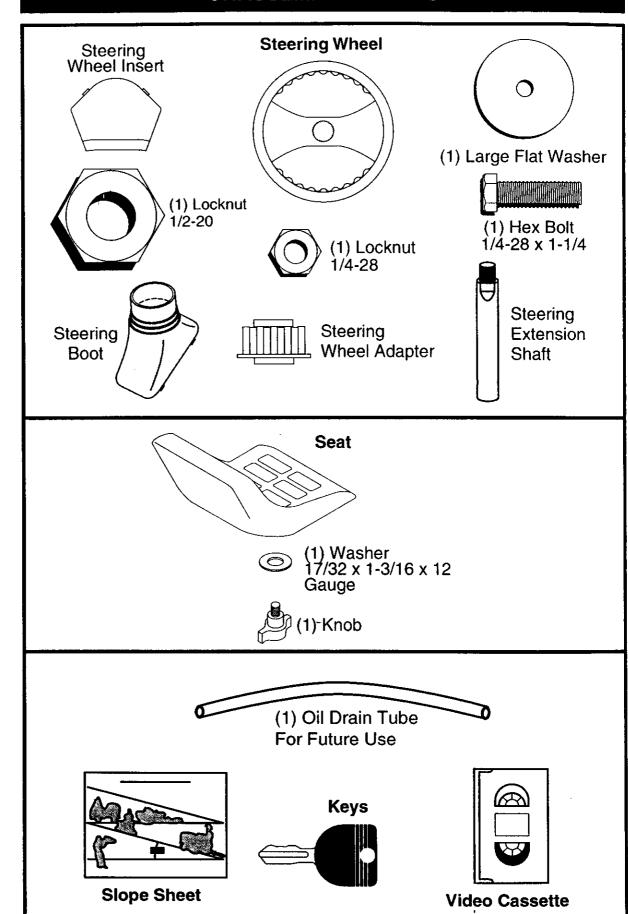
Once you purchase the Agreement, a simple phone call is all that it takes for you to schedule service. You can call anytime day or night, or schedule a service appointment online.

Sears has over 12,000 professional repair specialists, who have access to over 4.5 million quality parts and accessories. That's the kind of professionalism you can count on to help prolong the life of your new purchase for years to come. Purchase your Repair Protection Agreement today! Some limitations and exclusions apply. For prices and additional information call 1-800-827-6655.

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UNASSEMBLED PARTS



ASSEMBLY/PRE-OPERATION

Your new tractor has been assembled at the factory with the 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) 3/4" wrench
- (1) Pliers
- (1) 7/16" wrench
- (1) Utility knife
- 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 REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON

UNPACK CARTON

- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts boxes from carton.
- 2. Cut along dotted lines on all four panels of carton. Remove end panels and lay side panels flat.
- 3. Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

BEFORE REMOVING TRACTOR FROM SKID

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL

ASSEMBLE EXTENSION SHAFT AND BOOT

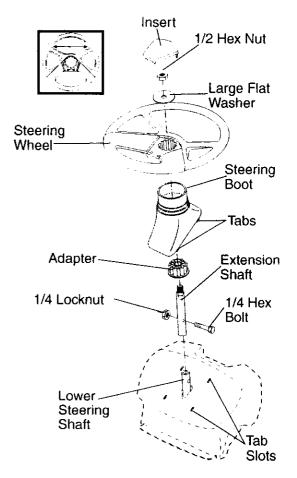
 Slide extension shaft onto lower steering shaft. Align mounting holes in extension and lower shafts and install 1/4 hex bolt and locknut. Tighten securely.

IMPORTANT: Tighten bolt and nut securely to 10-12 ft. lbs torque.

Place tabs of steering boot over tab slots in dash and push down to secure.

INSTALL STEERING WHEEL

- 3. 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.
- 5. Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide inside boot and onto adapter.
- 6. Assemble large flat washer, 1/2 hex nut and tighten securely.



- 7. Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- 8. Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

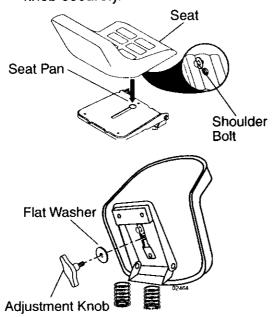
IMPORTANT: Check for and remove any staples in skid that may puncture tires where tractor is to roll off skid.

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 so head of shoulder bolt is positioned over large slotted hole in pan.

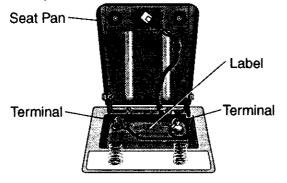
- 4. Push down on seat to engage shoulder bolt in slot and pull seat towards rear of tractor.
- 5. Pivot seat and pan forward and assemble adjustment knob and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- Lower seat into operating position and sit in seat.
- 7. Slide seat until a comfortable position is reached which allows you to press clutch/brake pedal all the way down.
- 8. Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- 9. Raise seat and tighten adjustment knob securely.



CHECK BATTERY

1. Lift seat pan to raised position.

NOTE: 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).



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.
- 2. Release parking brake by depressing clutch/brake pedal.
- 3. Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- 4. Roll tractor forward off skid.
- 5. Remove banding holding deflector shield up against tractor.

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

AWARNING: 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.

- 1. Be sure all the above assembly steps have been completed.
- 2. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 7. Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold. Move gearshift lever to 1st gear.
- 8. 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.
- 10. Turn ignition key to "STOP" 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 DECK LEVELNESS

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

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

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

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

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

✓ CHECKLIST

Before you operate 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.































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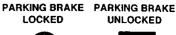
















MOWER LIFT















ATTACHMENT ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED CLUTCH DISENGAGED









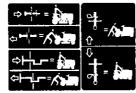




AND FEET AWAY

KEEP AREA CLEAR

SLOPE HAZARDS (SEE SAFETY RULES SECTION)



FREE WHEEL (Automatic Models only)



Failure to follow instructions could result in serious injury or death. The safety alert symbol is used to identify safety information about hazards which can result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.



DANGER indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, might result in minor or moderate injury.

CAUTION when used without the alert symbol, indicates a situation that could result in damage to the tractor and/or engine.



HOT SURFACES indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.

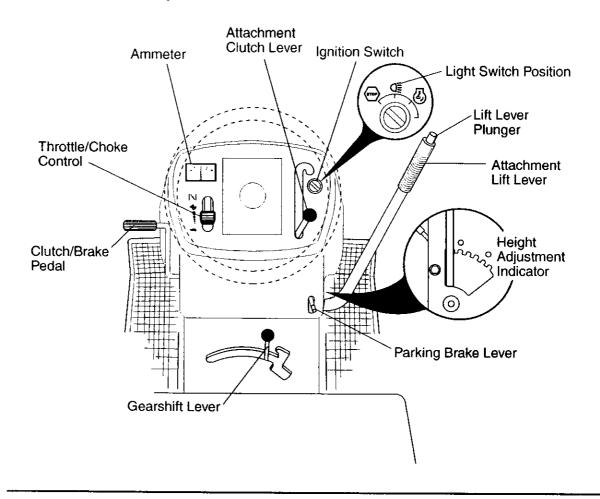


FIRE indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.

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 POSITION - 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 (-).

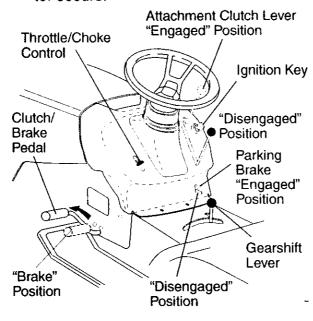


The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your tractor or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend standard safety glasses or a wide vision safety mask worn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

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.

- 1. Depress clutch/brake pedal all the way down and hold.
- Pull parking brake lever up 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 all the way down.
- 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 "STOP" 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 "STOP" will cause the battery to discharge and go 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.

ACAUTION: Always stop tractor completely, as described above, before leaving the operator's position.

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.

- 1. Start tractor with clutch/brake pedal depressed and gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- 2. Move gearshift lever to desired position.
- 3. 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.

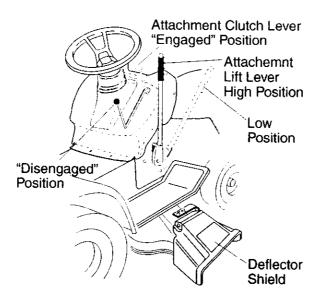
TO OPERATE MOWER

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.

- 1. Select desired height of cut.
- 2. 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 deflector shield in place.



TO OPERATE ON HILLS

AWARNING: Do not drive up or down hills with slopes greater than 15° and do not drive across any slope. Use the slope quide at the back of this manual.

- 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 ATTACH-MENTS

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 ENGINE 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 to bottom of tank filler neck.
Do not overfill. 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.

ACAUTION: Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

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

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

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.
- 2. Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to disengaged position.
- Move throttle control to choke position.
 NOTE: Before starting, read the warm and cold starting procedures below.

5. 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)

- 6. 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.

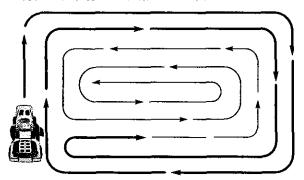
COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

- 6. 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

- 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 already 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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- 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 Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.
- 4 Not required if equipped with maintenance-free battery. 5 Tighten front axle pivot bolt to 35 ft.-lbs, maximum.
- 5 Tighten front axle 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 tractor.

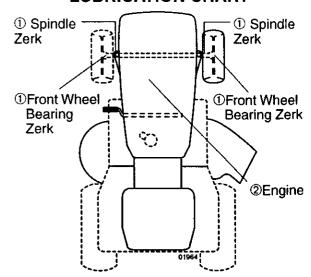
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

 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

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

LUBRICATION CHART



- ① General Purpose Grease
- 2 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.

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 rubher
- 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.

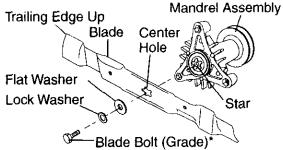
BLADE REMOVAL

- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- 2. Remove blade 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 blade bolt, lock washer and flat washer in exact order as shown.
- 5. Tighten blade bolt securely (27-35 Ft. Lbs. torque).

IMPORTANT: Blade bolt is heat treated.



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

TO SHARPEN BLADE

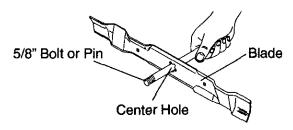
NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening blade - but if you do, be sure the blade is balanced.

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.

- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.
- 3. Clean terminals and battery cable ends with wire brush until bright.
- 4. Coat terminals with grease or petroleum jelly.
- Reinstall battery (See "REPLACING BATTERY" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TRANSAXLE COOLING

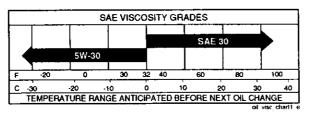
Keep transaxle free from build-up of dirt and chaff which can restrict cooling.

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.

ENGINE LUBRICATION

Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF-SJ 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.

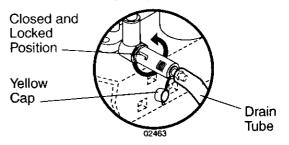
Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil.

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 year. 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-SJ.

- · 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 yellow cap from end of drain valve and install the drain tube onto the fitting.
 Oil Drain Valve



- Unlock drain valve by pushing inward slightly and turning counterclockwise.
- 4. To open, pull out on the drain valve.
- After oil has drained completely, close and lock the drain valve by pushing inward and turning clockwise until the pin is in the locked position as shown.
- 6. Remove the drain tube and replace the cap onto the end of the drain valve.
- Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill. For approximate capacity see "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. For accurate reading, tighten dipstick cap securely onto the tube before removing dipstick. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick. Tighten cap onto the tube securely when finished.

AIR FILTER

Your engine will not run properly using a dirty air filter. Replace 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.

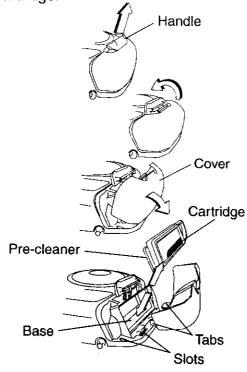
Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions.

- Pull up on air filter cover handle and rotate towards engine.
- 2. Remove cover.
- 3. Carefully remove air filter cartridge and pre-cleaner from base.
- 4. Clean base carefully to prevent debris from falling into carburetor.

NOTE: If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.

- 5. Place new pre-cleaner and cartridge firmly in base.
- Align tabs on cover with slots in blower housing and replace cover.
- 7. Hook handle on cover and push down on handle to close.

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 cartridge.



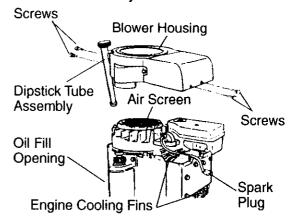
CLEAN AIR SCREEN

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 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.
- 2. Cover oil fill opening to prevent entry of dirt.
- 3. Use compressed air or stiff bristle brush to thoroughly clean engine cooling fins.
- Replace blower housing and dipstick tube assembly.



MUFFLER

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

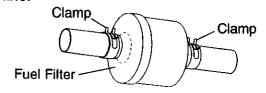
SPARK PLUG(S)

Replace spark plug(s) 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.

- 1. With engine cool, remove filter and plug fuel line sections.
- Place new fuel filter in position in fuel line with arrow pointing towards carburetor.
- 3. Be sure there are no fuel line leaks and clamps are properly positioned.
- 4. 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 or pressure washer to clean your tractor unless the engine and transmission are covered to keep water out. Water in engine or transmission will shorten the useful life of your tractor. Use compressed air or a leaf blower to remove grass, leaves and trash from tractor and mower.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS



WARNING: TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY, BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

- 1. Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.
- 2. Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- 3. Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- 4. Turn ignition key to "STOP" and remove key.
- 5. Make sure the blades and all moving parts have completely stopped.
- 6. 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.

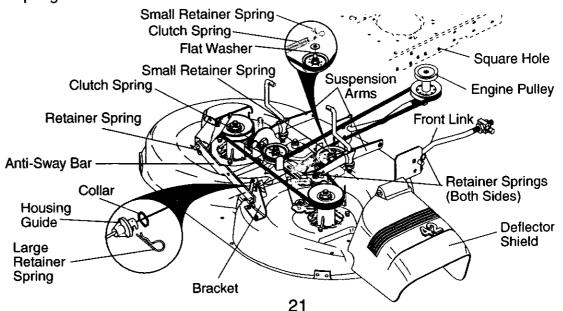
- Place attachment clutch in "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- 2. Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Remove small retainer spring, and remove clutch spring off pulley bolt.
- Remove large retainer spring, slide collar off and push housing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

- 8. 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.
- 2. Slide mower under tractor with deflector shield to right side of tractor.
- 3. Lower lift lever to its lowest position.
- Connect front links to mower deck and secure with retainer springs.



- Connect suspension arms to rear deck brackets and secure with retainer springs.
- Connect anti-sway bar to chassis bracket and secure with retainer spring.
- Push clutch cable housing guide into bracket, slide collar onto guide and secure with large retainer spring.
- Place flat washer and clutch spring on idler pulley bolt and secure with small retainer spring.
- Install belt onto engine pulley.

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

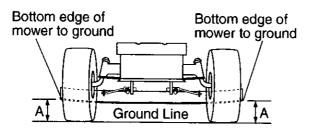
Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

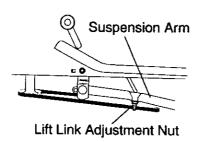
SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT

- · 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.





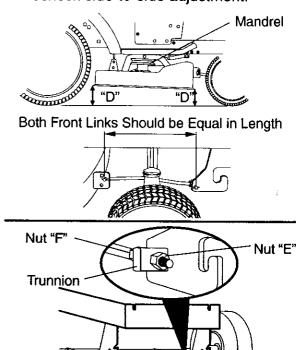
FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT

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.
- 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. The two front links must remain equal in length.
- 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.



Front Links

TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT

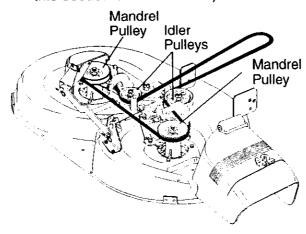
The mower blade drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

BELT REMOVAL -

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

BELT INSTALLATION -

- Work belt around both mandrel pulleys and idler pulleys
- Make sure belt is in all pulley grooves and inside all belt guides.
- 3. Install mower (See "To Install Mower" in this section of this manual).



TO CHECK AND 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 five (5) feet to stop at highest speed in highest gear on a level, dry concrete or paved surface, then brake must be checked and adjusted.

TO CHECK BRAKE

- Park tractor on a level, dry concrete or paved surface, depress clutch/brake pedal all the way down and engage parking brake.
- 2. Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.

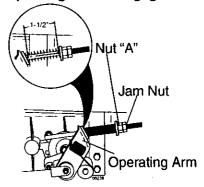
The rear wheels must lock and skid when you try to manually push the tractor forward. If the rear wheels rotate, the brake needs to be adjusted or the pads need to be replaced.

TO ADJUST BRAKE

1. Depress clutch/brake pedal all the way down and engage parking brake.

- 2. Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- 3. 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".
- 4. Road test tractor for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than five (5) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Replace brake pads or contact a Sears or other qualified service center.

With parking brake "Engaged"



TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT

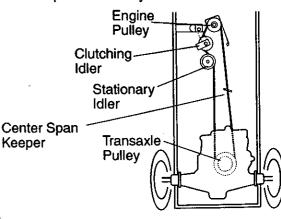
Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake. For assistance, there is a belt installation guide decal on bottom side of left footrest.

BELT REMOVAL -

 Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of manual).
 NOTE: Observe entire motion drive belt

NOTE: Observe entire motion drive belt and position of all belt guides and keepers.

- 2. Remove belt from stationary idler and clutching idler.
- 3. Remove belt downward from around engine pulley.
- Pull belt slack toward rear of tractor. Remove belt upwards from transaxle pulley by deflecting belt keepers.
- 5. Remove belt from center span keeper and pull belt away from tractor.



BELT INSTALLATION -

- Carefully work new belt down between transaxle belt keepers and onto the input pulley.
- 2. Slide belt into the center span keeper.
- Pull belt toward front of tractor and roll around the top groove of engine pulley.
- 4. Install belt through stationary idler and clutching idler.
- 5. Make sure belt is in all pulley grooves and inside all belt guides and keepers.
- Install mower (See "TO INSTALL MOWER" in this section of manual).

TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGN-MENT

If steering wheel crossbars are not horizontal (left to right) when wheels are positioned straight forward, remove steering wheel and reassemble with crossbars horizontal. Tighten securely.

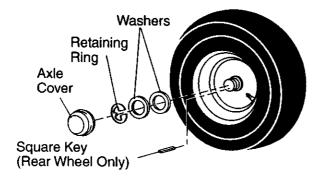
FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

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 a Sears or other qualified service center.

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS

- 1. Block up axle securely.
- Remove axle cover, retaining ring and washers to allow wheel removal (rear wheels have a square key - Do not lose).
- Repair tire and reassemble.
 NOTE: 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, purchase and use tire sealant from Sears. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.



TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY

AWARNING: 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:

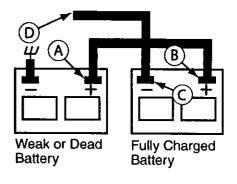
IMPORTANT: Your tractor is equipped with a 12 volt system. The other vehicle must also be a 12 volt system. Do not use your tractor battery to start other vehicles.

TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

- Connect one end of the RED cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal of each battery(A-B), taking care not to short against tractor chassis.
- Connect one end of the BLACK cable to the NEGATIVE (-) terminal (C) of fully charged battery.
- Connect the other end of the BLACK cable (D) 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.
- 2. RED cable last from both batteries.

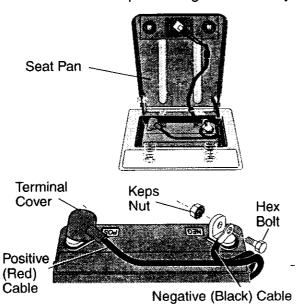


REPLACING BATTERY

AWARNING: 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.

- 1. Lift seat pan to raised position.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and carefully remove battery from tractor.
- 3. 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. Slide terminal cover over terminal
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) terminal with remaining hex bolt and keps nut. Tighten securely.



TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

- 1. 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.
- 4. Close hood.

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

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

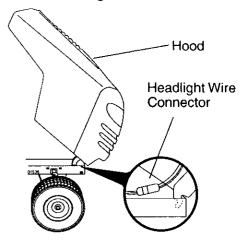
 Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section.

TO REPLACE FUSE

Replace with 20 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located behind the dash.

TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL AS-SEMBLY

- 1. Raise hood.
- 2. Unsnap headlight wire connector.
- Stand in front of tractor. Grasp hood at sides, tilt toward engine and lift off of tractor.
- When replacing hood, be sure to reconnect headlight wire connector.



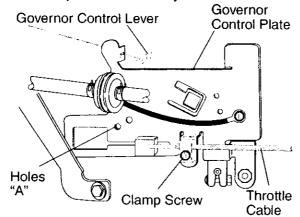
ENGINE

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.
- 2. 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.

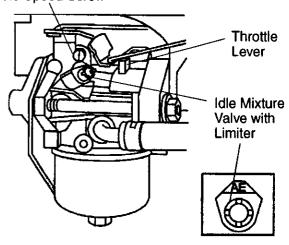
ACCELERATION TEST -

 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 or 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 a Sears or other qualified service center, which has proper equipment and experience to make any necessary adjustments.

Idle Speed Screw



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.

AWARNING: 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).
- 3. 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.
- 5. 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 hose, or tank during storage. Also, 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.

- 1. Drain the fuel tank.
- 2. 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)

- 1. Remove spark plug(s).
- 2. Pour one ounce of oil through spark plug hole(s) into cylinder(s).
- 3. 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:

See appropriate section in manual unless directed to Sears service center

PROBLEM CAUSE		CORRECTION			
Will not start	 Out of fuel. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. Engine flooded. Bad spark plug. Dirty air filter. Dirty fuel filter. Water in fuel. Loose or damaged wiring. Carburetor out of adjustment. 	in Service and Adjustments section.			
	10. Engine valves out of adjustment.	10. Contact a Sears or other qualified service center.			
Hard to start	 Dirty air filter. Bad spark plug. Weak or dead battery. Dirty fuel filter. Stale or dirty fuel. Loose or damaged wiring. Carburetor out of adjustment. 				
	Engine valves out of adjustment.	in Service and Adjustments section. 8. Contact a Sears or other qualified service center.			
Engine will not turn over	 Clutch/brake pedal not depressed. Attachment clutch is engaged. Weak or dead battery. Blown fuse. Corroded battery terminals. Loose or damaged wiring. Faulty ignition switch. Faulty solenoid or starter. Faulty operator presence switch(es) 	 Depress clutch/brake pedal. Disengage attachment clutch. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuse. Clean battery terminals. Check all wiring. Check/replace ignition switch. Check/replace solenoid or starter. Contact a Sears or other gualified corving center. 			
Engine clicks but will not start	switch(es). 1. Weak or dead battery. 2. Corroded battery terminals. 3. Loose or damaged wiring. 4. Faulty solenoid or starter.	qualified service center. 1. Recharge or replace battery. 2. Clean battery terminals. 3. Check all wiring. 4. Check/replace solenoid or starter.			

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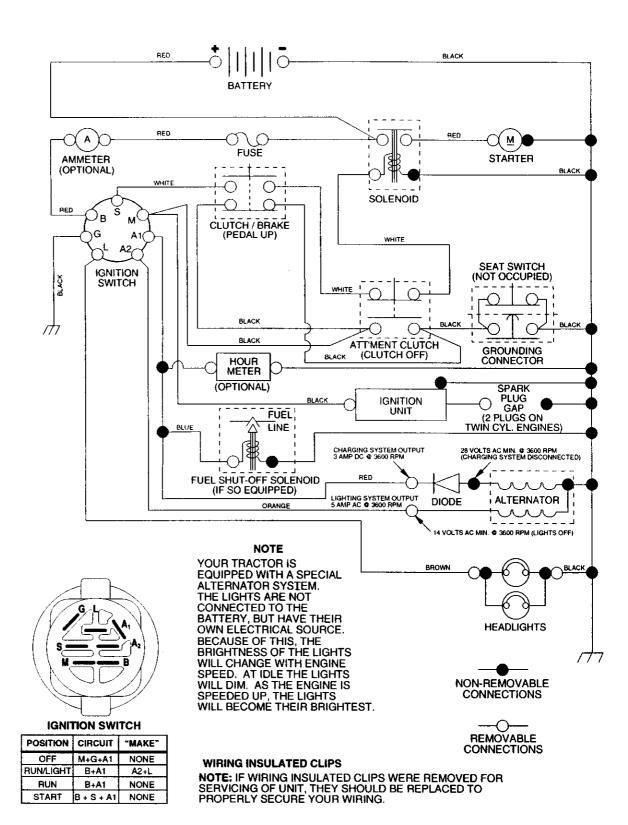
PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Loss of power	 Cutting too much grass/too fast. Throttle in "CHOKE" position. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Dirty air filter. Low oil level/dirty oil. Faulty spark plug. Dirty fuel filter. Stale or dirty fuel. Water in fuel. Dirty/clogged muffler. Loose or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

TROUBLESHOOTING CHART: See appropriate section in manual unless directed to Sears service center

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Mower blades will not rotate	 Obstruction in clutch mechanism. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. Frozen idler pulley. Frozen blade mandrel. 	 Remove obstruction. Replace mower drive belt. Replace idler pulley. Contact a Sears or other qualified service center.
Poor grass discharge	 Engine speed too slow. Travel speed too fast. Wet grass. Mower deck not level. Low/uneven tire air pressure. Worn, bent or loose blade. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Mower drive belt worn. Blades improperly installed. Improper blades used. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels. 	 Place throttle control in "FAST" position. Shift to slower speed. Allow grass to dry before mowing. Level mower deck. Check tires for proper air pressure. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace mower drive belt. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. Replace with blades listed in this manual. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	 Switch is "OFF". Bulb(s) or lamp(s) burned ou Faulty light switch. Loose or damaged wiring. Blown fuse. 	 Turn switch "ON". Replace bulb(s) or lamp(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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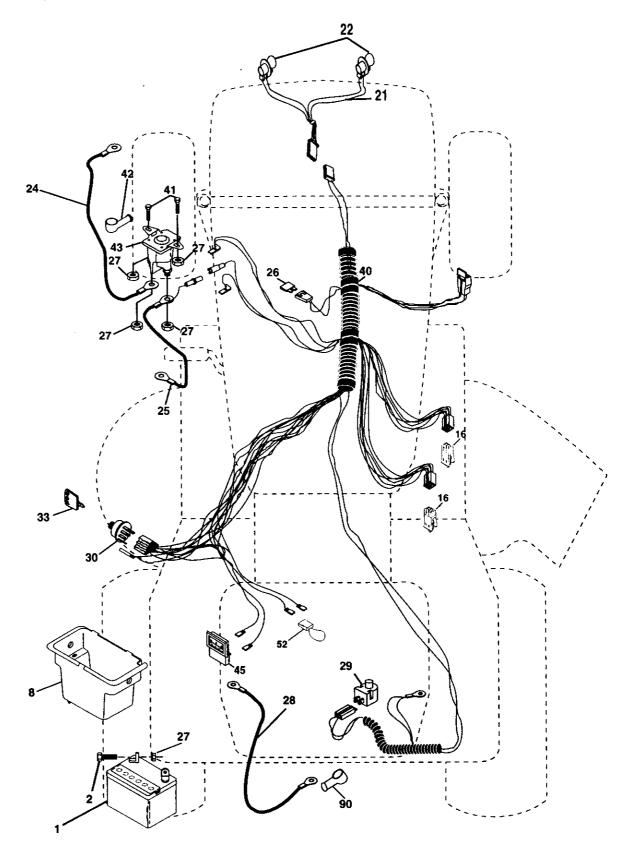
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REPAIR PARTS

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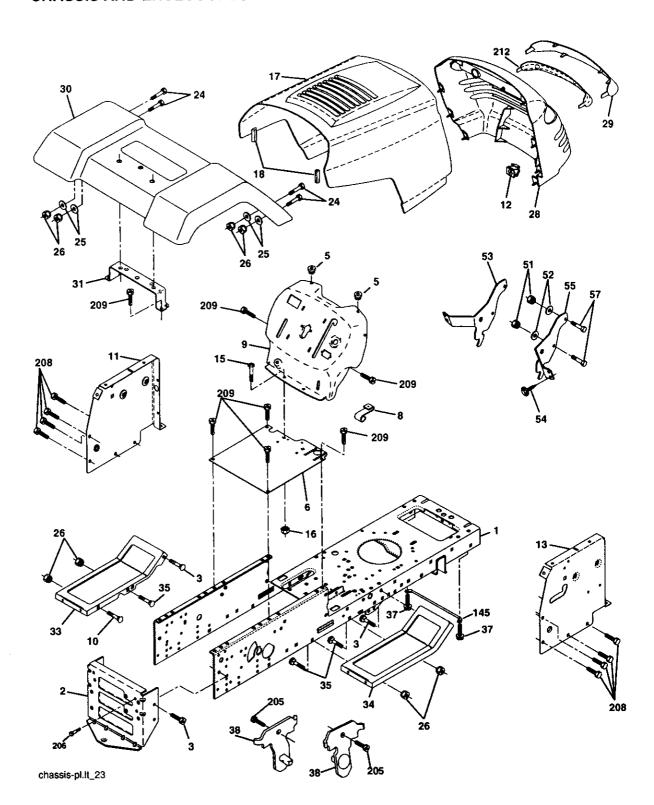
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ELECTRICAL

KEY	PART	
NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	163465	Battery
2	74760412	Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20 Unc x 3/4
8	176689	Box Battery Fender
16	176138	Switch Interlock
21	175685	Harness Socket Light W/4152J
22		Bulb Light #1156
24	4799J	Cable Battery 6ga 11" red
25	146147	Cable Battery 6 Ga W/16 Wir red
26	175158	Fuse 20 AMP
27	73510400	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc
28		Cable Ground 6ga 12" black
	121305X	Switch Plunger Nc Gray
30	175566	Switch Ign Delta Push-In
33		Key Ign Molded Craftsman, Delta
40		Harness Ign
41		Bolt Blk Hex 1/4-20 Unc x 1/2
42	131563	Cover Terminal Red
43		Solenoid
45		Ammeter Rectangular 6 AMP
52		Protection Wire Loop
90	180449	Cover Terminal Battery

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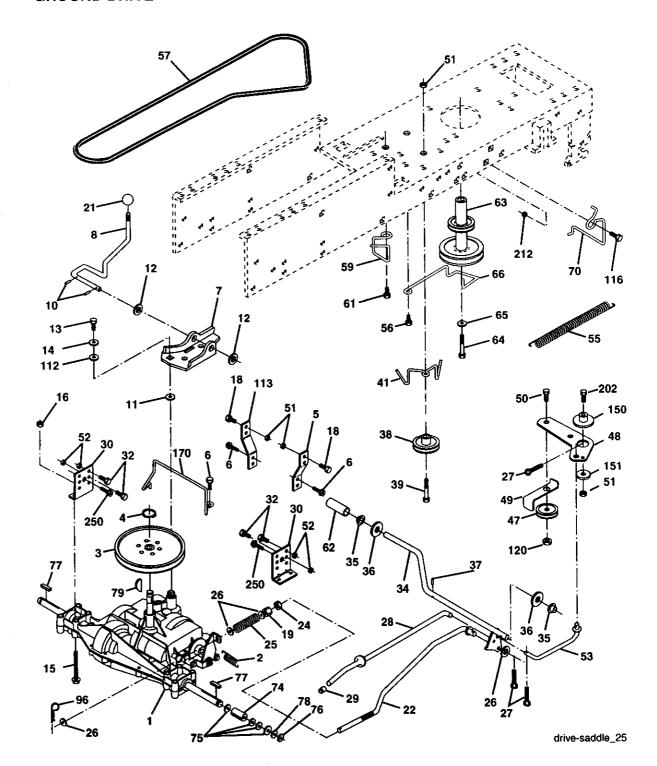
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	174620	Chassis Lt Stamping
2	176554	Drawbar
3	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
5	155272	Bumper Hood/Dash
6	174643X010	Saddle SLKSCRE FLT SDL
8	126471X	Clip Insulator .406 Mtg Hole
9	168348X010	Dash Sikscr Pim Mech Sym
10	72140608	Bolt RdHd Sqnk. 3/8-16 x 1
11	174996	Panel Asm. Dash Lh
12	145660	Clip Tinnerman Grille P/L
13	172105X010	Panel Dash Rh
15	74180512	Screw Mach Trhd 5/16-18 Unc x 3/4
16	73510500	Nu Keps 5/16-18 Unc
17	159639X558	Hood Pnt Steel Private Label
18	184921	Bumper Hood
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	179101	Grill/Lens Asm
29	140273X599	Lens Grille
30	169465X558	Fender Pnt
31	136619	Bracket Fender Support
33	179716X558	Footrest Pnt. Lh
34	179717X558	Footrest Pnt. Rh
35	72110606	Bolt RdHd Sht. Sqnk. 3/8-16 x 3/4
37	17490508	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2 Tyt
38	175710	Bracket Asm. Pivot Mower Rear
51	73800400	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins. 1/4-20
52	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
53	144697	Bracket Grille LH
54 55	161464	Screw Hex Wshd #8-18 x 7/8
55 57	144696	Bracket, Grille RH
	74780412 156524	Bolt Fin Hex 1/4-20 x 3/4
145		Rod Pivot Chassis /Hood
205	17490608	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1/2
206	170165	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 TT
208	17670608	Screw Thdrol. 3/8-16 x 1/2
209	17000612	Screw Hex Wsh Thdrol 3/8-16 BL
212	156229	Insert Lens Reflective
	5479J	Plug Button Blk .359 Dia. Choke

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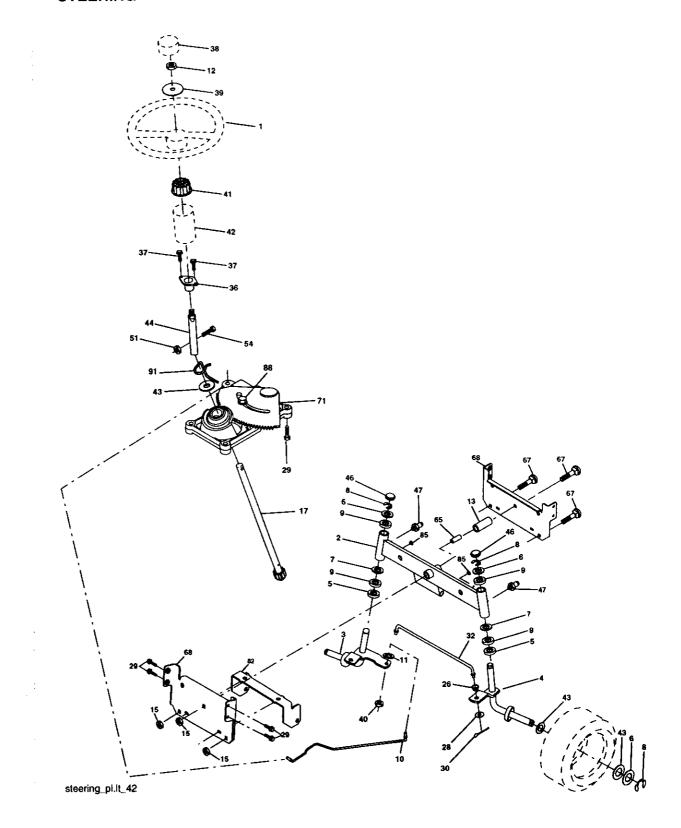
GROUND DRIVE



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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1		Transaxle (See Breakdown)	49	123205X	Retainer Belt Style Spring
		Dana D4360-140	50	72110612	Bolt Carr. Sh 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5
2	146682	Spring Return Brake T/a Zinc	51	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 Unc
3	123666X	Pulley Transaxle 18/20" tires	52	STD541431	Nut Crown Lock 5/16-18
4	12000028	Ring Retainer # 5100-62	53	105710X	Link Clutch 7 66
5	121520X	Strap Torque 30 Degrees	55	105709X	Spring Return Clutch 6 75
6	17000512	Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4	56	17060620	Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
7	162240	Bracket Saddle Shift T/a	57	160855	V-Belt Gd Drive
8	131679	Rod Shf Sdl LY/YT Str Blk Zinc	59	169691	Keeper Belt Centerspan
10	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 1 Cad	61	17120614	Screw 3/8-16 x .875
11	105701X	Washer Plate Shf 388 Sq Hole	62	8883R	Cover Pedal Blk Round
12	19151216	Washer 15/32 x 3/4 x 16ga	63	175410	Pulley Eng
13	74550412	Bolt 1/4-28unf Gr8 W/Patch	64	71170764	Bolt Hex 7/16-20 x 4 Gr 5
14	STD551125	Washer Lock Hvy Helical 1/4	65	STD551143	Washer Lock Hvy Hlci Spr 7/16
15	74490544	Bolt Hex Flghd 5/16-18 x Gr. 5	66	154778	Keeper Belt Engine
18	STD523710	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 x 1	70	134683	Guide Belt Mower Drive RH
19	STD541437	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins. 3/8-16 Unc	74	109502X	Spacer Axle
21	106933X	Knob Rd 1/2-13 Plstc Thds Blk	75	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1 1/4 x 16 Ga
22	130804	Rod Brake Blk Zinc 26 840	76	STD581075	E-ring #5133-75
24	STD541237	Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 Unc	77	123583X	Key Square 2 0 x 1845/ 1865
25	106888X	Spring Rod Brake 2 00 Zinc	78	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga
26	19131316	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga.	79	2228M	Key
27	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Cad	96	4497H	Retainer Spring 1.00
28	175765	Rod Brake Parking Lt/Yt	112	19091210	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga
29	71673	Cap Brake Parking	113	127285X	Strap Torque
30	174973	Bracket Mtg Transaxle	116	72140608	Bolt Rdhd Sq Neck 3/8-16 x 1
32	STD523107	Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18unc x 3/4	120	73900600	Nut Lock Flg 3/8-16
34	175578	Shaft Asm Pedal Foot	150	175456	Spacer Retainer
35	120183X	Bearing Nylon Blk 629 ld	151	19133210	Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Ga
36	STD551062	Washer 21/32 x 1 x 16 Ga	170	178394	Keeper Belt Transaxle
37	STD571810	Pin Roll 3/16 x 1"	202	72110614	Bolt RdHd 3/8-16 x 1-3/4 Gr. 5
38	179114	Pulley Idler Composite Ext Hub	212	145212	Nut Hex Flange Lock
39	74760648	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 Unc x 3	250	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
41	175556	Keeper Belt Idler			
47	127783	Pulley Idler V Groove Plastic	NOTE	: All compone	nt dimensions given in U.S.
48	154407	Bellcrank Clutch Grn Drv Stl	inches	1 = 25.4	mm

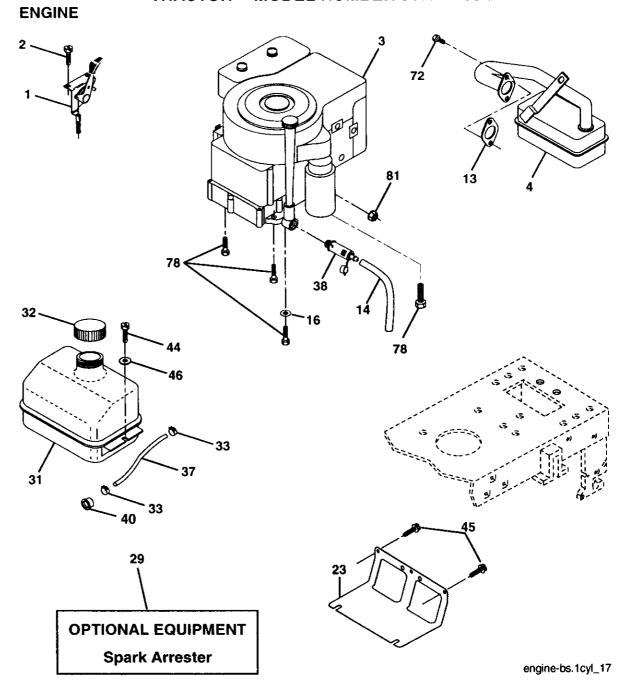
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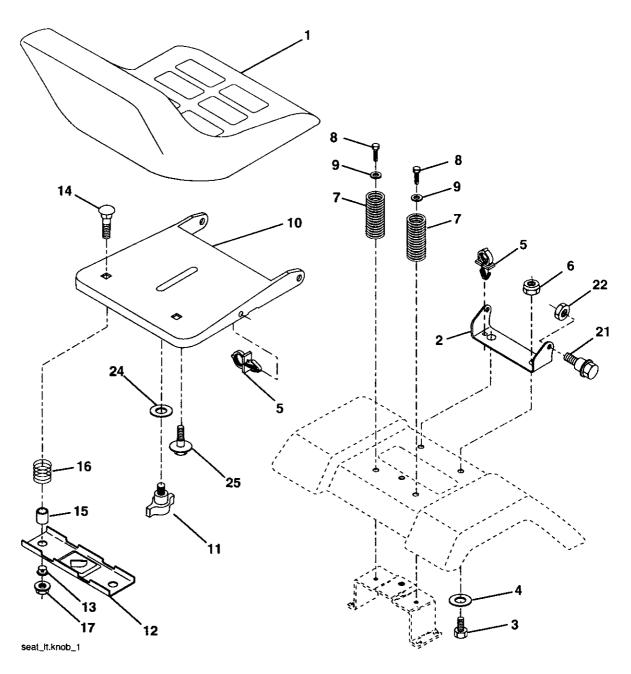
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1	139768	Wheel Steering Opp Sears Blk
2	175131	Axle Asm Front
3	169840	Spindle Asm Lh
4	169839	Spindle Asm Rh
5	6266H	Washer Thrust .75 x 1.230
6	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga.
7	19272016	Washer 27/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
8	12000029	RingKlip #T5304-75
9	3366R	Bearing Col Strg Blk
10	175121	Draglink
11	10040600	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 3/8
12	73940800	Nut Hex Jam Toplock 1/2-20 Unf
13	136518	Spacer Brg Axle Front
15	145212	Nut Hexflange Lock
17	180641	Shaft Asm Strg
26 28	126847X 19131416	Bushing LInk Drag Blk LR Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
26 29	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
30	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/4 x 3/4
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	19183812	Washer 9/16 ID x 2-3/8 OD 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	180640	Extension Steering
46	121232X	Cap Spindle Fr Top Blk
47	183226	Fitting Grease
51	73540400	Nut Crownlock 1/4-28
54	71130420	Bolt Hex 1/4-28 Unf x 1-1/4 Gr. 8
65	160367	Spacer Axie
67	72110618	Bolt Rdhd 3/8-16 x 2-1/4
68	169827	Brace Axle
71	175146	Steering Asm
82	169835	Bracket Susp Chasis Front
85	133835	Fastner Christmas Tree
88	175118	Bolt Shoulder 7/16-20 Unc
91	175553	Clip Steering

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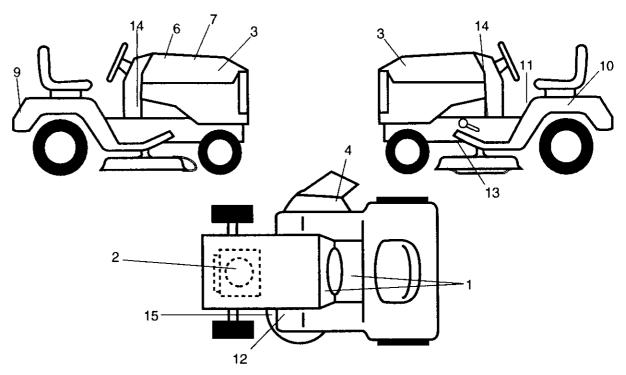
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4	170545	Control Th/ch	33	123487X	Clamp Hose Blk
2	17720408	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 1/2	37	137040	Line Fuel 20"
3	**********	Engine (See Breakdown) Briggs,	38	181654	Plug. Drain Oil Easy
Ū		Model No. 31C707-0230-E1	40	124028X	Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line
4	137352	Muffler Exh LT B&S 14HP IC	44	17670412	Screw Hexwsh Thdrol
		OHV			1/4-20 x 3/4
13	165291	Gasket Eng 1 313 ld Tin Plated	45	17000612	Screw Hex wsh Thdr 3/8-16 x /4
14	148456	Tube Drain Oil Easy	46	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 ga
16	STD551237	Washer Lock Ext Tooth 3/8	72	183906	Screw Socket Head 5/16-18 x 1
23	169837	Shield Browning/Debris Guard	78	17060620	Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
29	137180	Kit Spark Arrestor (Flat Scrn)	81	73510400	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc
31 32	184900 140527	Tank Fuel Front 1 25 Cap Asm Fuel Sears Vented		E: All compon s 1 inch = 25.4	ent dimensions given in U.S. 4 mm

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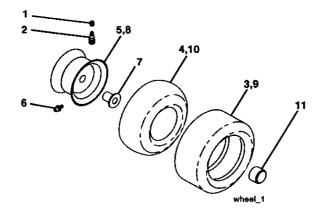
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23456789	140116 140551 71110616 19131610 145006 STD541437 124181X 17000616 19131614	Seat Bracket Pvt St Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 Unc x 1 Washer Flat 13/32 x 1 x 10 Ga Clip Push-In Hinged Locknut Hex W/Wsh 3/8-16 Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Washer 13/32 x 1 x 14 Ga	13 121248X 14 72050412 15 134300 16 121250X 17 123976X 21 171852 22 STD541431 24 1917012	Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id Bolt Rdhd Sht Nk 1/4-20 x 1-1/2 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
10 11 12	182493 166369 121246X	Pan Seat Knob Seat Adj. Wingnut Bracket Mounting Switch	25 127018X NOTE: All composinches 1 inch = 25	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 x .62 nent dimensions given in U. S. .4 mm

DECALS



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
4	156067	Dood Dook Inst Oper English	12	181249	Decal Clutch/brake English
	156867	Decal Dash Inst Oper English	_		
2	184847	Decal HP Engine	13	146046	Decal V-Belt Dr Sch Tractor
3	171704	Decal Hood Logo	14	181685	Decal Panel Dash 6sp 42"
4	179128	Decal Deck	15	160396	Decal V-Belt Sch
6	133644	Decal Maint Cust Sears		179768X428	Pad Footrest LH
		Domestic		179769X428	Pad Footrest RH
7	186019	Decal Replcmnt		138311	Decal Handle Lft Height Adjust
9	163204	Decal Fender Craftsman White		187772	Manual Owners English
10	149516	Decal Battery Dngr/Psn Eng Acme		187773	Manual Owners Spanish
11	156439	Decal Danger Fender Eng/span			

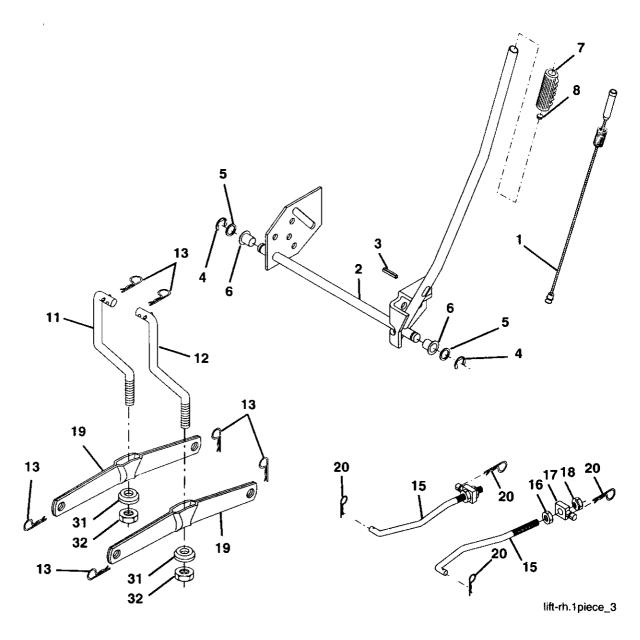
WHEELS AND TIRES



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	59192	Cap Value Tire
è	65139	Stem Value
3	106222X	Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service
4	59904	Tube Inner Front #35060
5	106732X624	Rim Asm 6"front White Service
6	278H	Fitting Grease
7	9040H	Bearing Flange
8	106108X624	Rim Asm 8"rear White Service
9	124635X	Tire R Ts 18x9 5-8 Service
10	7152J	Tube Rear 9 5 X 8 Service
11	104757X428	Cap Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00
	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. tube)

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

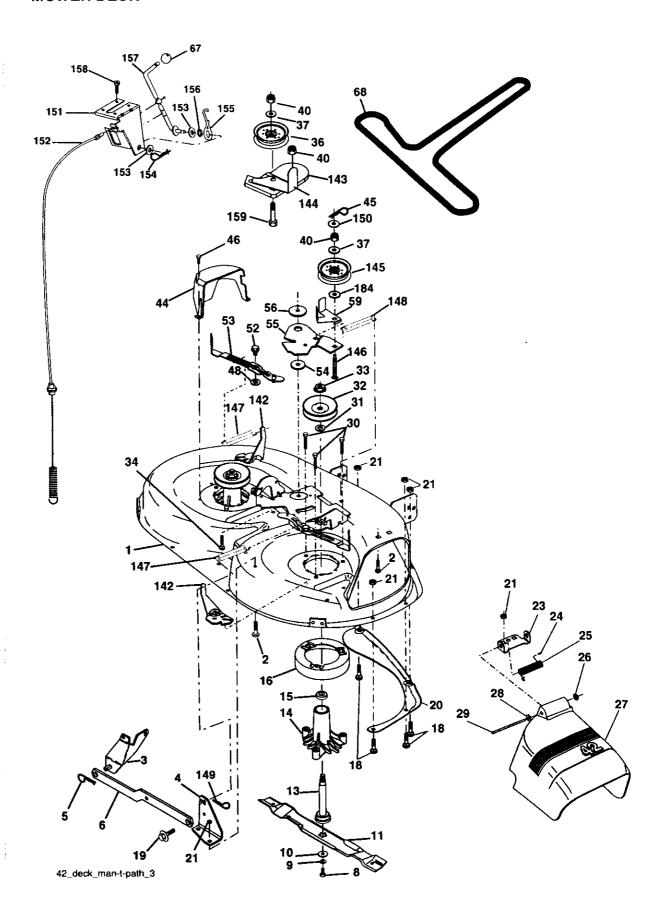
LIFT ASSEMBLY



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 11 12	159460 159471 105767X 12000002 19211621 120183X 125631X 122365X 139865 139866	Wire Asm Inner/Sprg W/plunger LT Shaft Asm Lift Pin Groove 1 500 Zinc E Ring #5133-62 Washer Pltd 21/32 x 1 x 21ga Bearing Nylon Blk 629 ld Grip Handle Fluted Blk Button Plunger Red Link Lift LH Link Lift RH	15 16 17 18 19 20 31 32	173288 73350800 175689 73800800 139868 163552 169865 73540600	Link Front Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc Trunnion Nut Lock W/Wsh 1/2-13 Unc Arm Suspension Rear Retainer Spring Zinc Bearing Pvt Lift Nut Crownlock 3/8-24
13	STD624008	Betainer Spring	NOTE	E: All compon	ent dimensions given in H.S.

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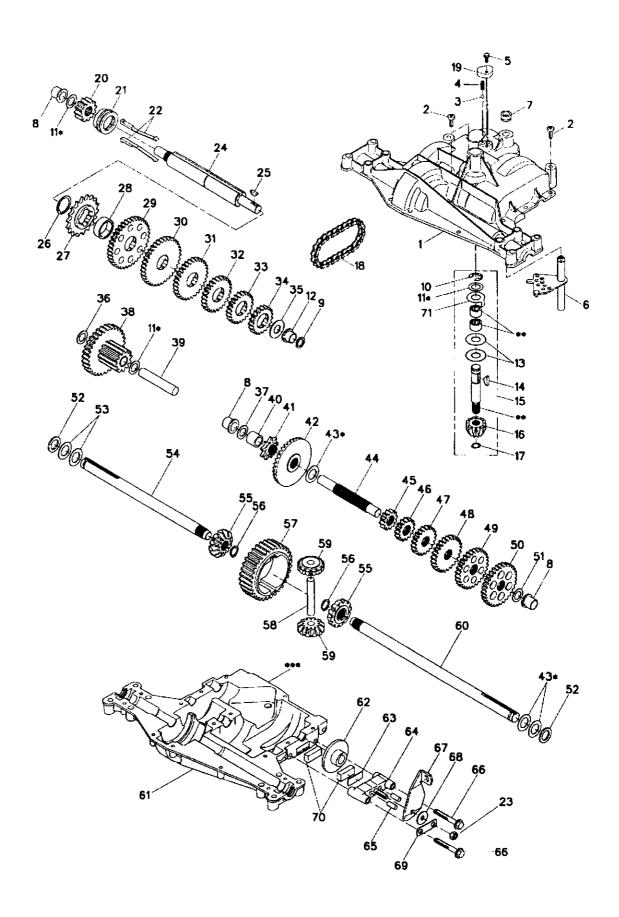
MOWER DECK



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KEY PART NO. NO. DESCRIPTION NO. NO. DESCRIPTION	
1 165892 Mower Deck Assembly, 42" 44 140088 Guard, Mandrel, L.H.	
2 STD533107 Bolt 45 STD624003 Retainer	
3 138017 Bracket Assembly, Sway Bar, 46 137729 Screw, Thd. Roll 1/4-20	x 5/8
Front 48 133944 Washer, Hardened	
4 165460 Bracket Sway Bar 38/42" Deck 52 139888 Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 L	Inc
5 STD624008 Retainer Spring 53 184907 Arm Assembly, Pad, Bral	
6 178024 Bar Sway Deck 54 178515 Washer, Hardened	
8 850857 Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1.25 Gr. 8 55 155046 Arm, Idler	
9 STD551137 Washer, Lock 56 165723 Spacer, Retainer	
10 140296 Washer, Hardened 59 141043 Guard, TUV Idler	
(The following blades are available) 67 149846 Knob Custom Oval	
11 134149 Blade, 42" Mulching (For mulching 68 144959 V-Belt	
mowers only) 142 165890 Arm Spring Brake Mower	r
139775 Blade, 42" Mulching Premium 143 157109 Bracket Arm Idler 42"	
(For better wear when mulching) 144 158634 Keeper Belt 42" Clutch C	able
138971 Blade, 42" Hi-Lift (For bagging or 145 165888 Pulley Idler Flat	
discharging) 146 171977 Bolt Carriage Idler	
13 137645 Shaft Assembly, Mandrel 147 131335 Spring Extension	
14 128774 Housing, Mandrel, Vented 148 169022 Spring Return Idler	
15 110485X Bearing, Ball, Mandrel 149 165898 Retainer Spring Yellow Zi	
16 174493 Stripper, Vented Mower Deck 150 19091216 Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 16 to 18 72140505 Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8 151 169670 Bracket Clutch	Ga.
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23 177563 Bracket, Deflector 155 169671 Spring Retention Lever 24 105304X Cap, Sleeve 156 169672 Spacer	
25 123713X Spring, Torsion, Deflector 157 169669 Rod Clutch	
26 110452X Nut, Push 158 17720408 Screw Thd Cut 1/4-20 x	1/0
27 130968X428 Shield, Deflector 159 72140614 Bolt Rdhd Sqn 3/8-16 Ur	
28 19111016 Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga. 184 19131410 Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 10	
29 131491 Rod, Hinge 130794 Mandrel Assembly (Inclu	
30 173984 Screw Hex Thd Roll Housing, Shaft and Shaft	
31 129963 Washer, Spacer Hardware Only - Pulley N	
32 153535 Pulley, Mandrel Included)	101
33 178342 Nut, Toplock, Flanged 169583 Replacement Mower, Co	mnlata
34 STD533717 Bolt Rdnd 3/8-16 x 1-3/4	inhiere
36 131494 Pulley, Idler, Flat	
37 STD551037 Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga. NOTE: All component dimensions given in U	. S.
40 STD541437 Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 Unc - inches 1 inch = 25.4 mm	

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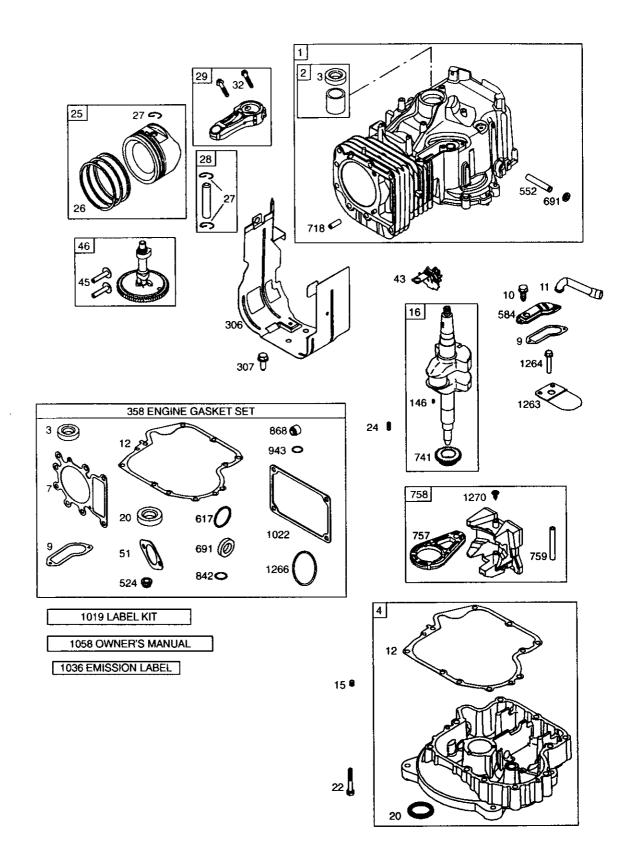


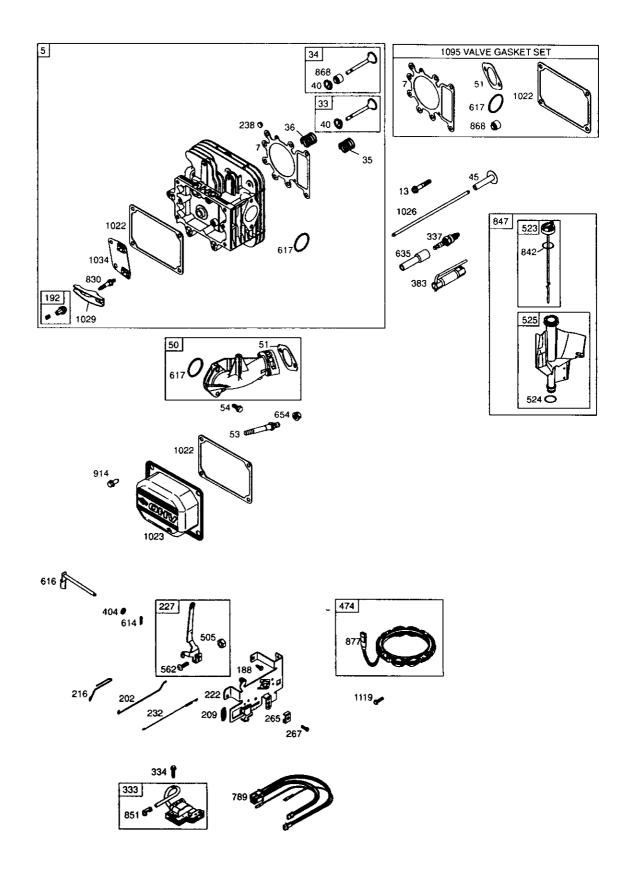
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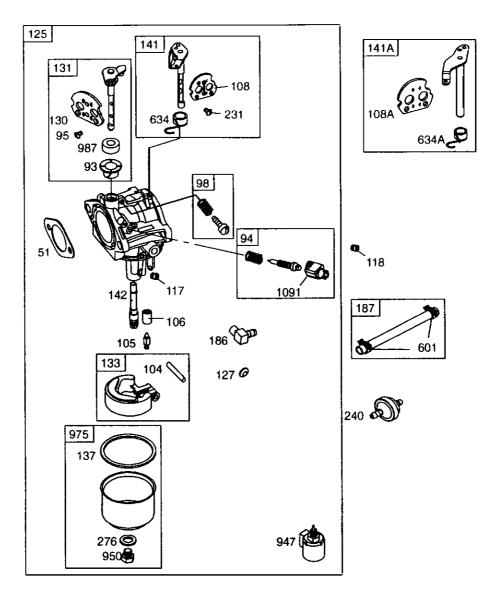
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1	170981	Housing, Upper	40	120472X	Spacer, .633 X .87 X .755
2	2274J	Screw, Tapping, 1/4-20 X .734	41	105928X	Sprocket, 9T
3	134400	Ball, Detent	42	170988	Gear, Bevel, 36T
4	105904X	Spring, Detent	43	134394	* Assy, Kit, Shim, .750 Shaft
5	160940	Screw, Tapping, No. 10-24 X	44	120473X	Shaft, Drive
5	100340	.482	45	142678	
6	138235		45 46		Gear, Spur, 12T
6 7		Assy, Kit, Shifter		143697	Gear, Spur, 15T
(108727X	V-Ring	47	124641X	Gear, Spur, 20T
8	148266	Bearing, Flange	48	106589X	Gear, Spur, 25T
9	148269	Seal, Oil	49	120408X	Gear, Spur, 28T
10	2225J	Ring, Retaining	50	105937X	Gear, Spur, 31T
11	104730	* Assy, Kit, Shim, .625 Shaft	51	2226J	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.00 X
12	148268	Bearing, Flange			.060
13	120415X	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.38 X	52	134401	Washer, Neoprene
		.046	53	2264J	Washer, Plain, .758 X 1.25 X
14	142674	Key, Woodruff, No. 9			.031
15	170983	Assy, Kit, Input Shaft	54	160946	Axle, LH
16	170986	Pinion, Bevel, 12T	55	170990	Gear, Miter, 1 2T, Splined
17	105909X	Ring, Retaining	56	160948	Ring, Retaining
18	105910X	Chain, 24 Pitches	57	110071X	Gear, Spur, 32T
19	160942	Cover, Detent	58	120952X	Shaft, Cross
20	160943		59		
21	148267	Gear, Spur, 1 2T Collar, Clutch		170991	Gear, Miter, 1 2T, Idler
			60	160950	Axle, RH
22	138236	Assy, Kit, Clutch Keys	61	170992	Housing, Lower
23	73810500	Nut, Lock, 5/16-24	62	7294J	Disc, Brake
24	142676	Shaft, Intermediate	63	108989X	Spacer, Brake Puck
25	2244J	Key, Woodruff, No. 61	64	160952	Jaw, Brake
26	105916X	Ring, Retaining	65	120954X	Pin, Dowel
27	12047OX	Sprocket, 1 8T	66	160953	Screw, Tapping, 5/16-18 X
28	110070X	Spacer, 1. 131 X 1.45 X .494			2.35
29	142677	Gear, Spur, 37T	67	138244	Lever, Actuating
30	142681	Gear, Spur, 35T	68	108996X	Washer, Plain, .321 X 1.00 X
31	124644X	Gear, Spur, 30T			.055
32	108980X	Gear, Spur, 25T	69	160954	Bracket, Anti-Rotation
33	120406X	Gear, Spur, 22T	70	120951X	Puck, Friction
34	134796	Gear, Spur, 19T	71	174256	Washer, Anti Rotation
35	105925X	Washer, Plain, .640 X 1.37 X	72	120416X	Grease
9 3	1033237	.061	12	1204107	Glease
36	2228J	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.00 X .046		E: All compo s 1 inch = 25	nent dimensions given in U.S. i.4 mm
37	170987	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.00 X			
38 39	174255 124639X	.031 Assy, Gear, Comb., 12T & 30T Shaft, Idler		e in various co er clearances	ombinations to maintain
00	1270007	Original Miles	** ^-		-

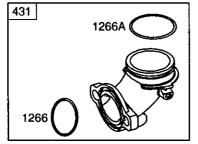
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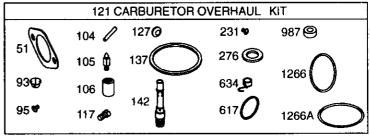
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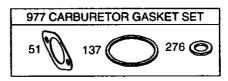


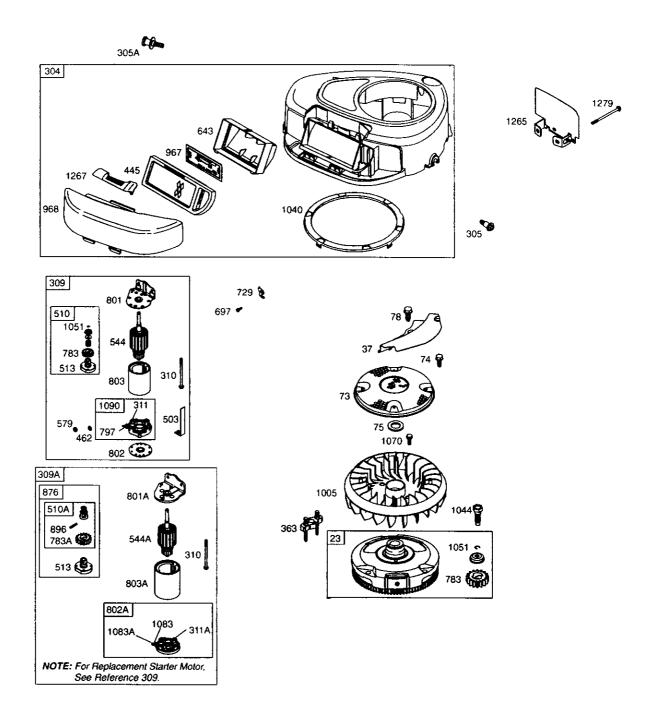












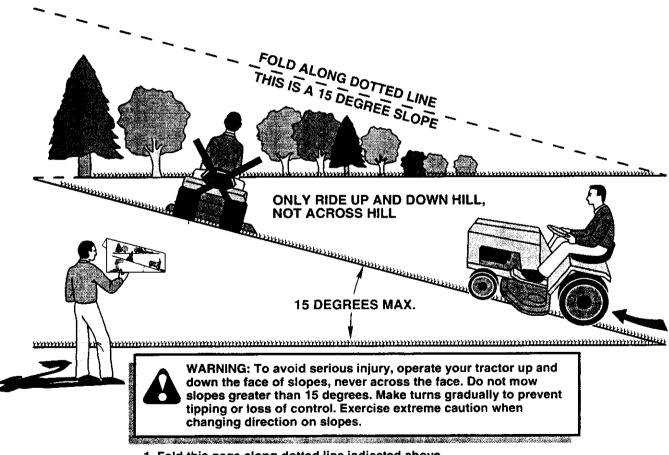
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1	697174		Cylinder Assembly	118	697492		Jet-Main (High Altitude)
2	399265		Kit-Bushing/Seal (Magneto	121 125	697241 697190		Kit-Carburetor Overhaul Carburetor
3	391086		Side) Seal-Oil (Magneto Side)	127	695005		Plug-Welch
4	697106		Sump-Engine	130	691750		Valve-Throttle
5	698147		Head-Cylinder	131	494379		Kit-Throttle Shaft
7			Gasket-Cylinder Head	133	494381	α±	Float-Carburetor
9 10	697109 697157	•	Gasket-Breather Screw (Breather Assembly)	137 141	281165 495097	PT.	Gasket-Float Bowl Kit-Choke Shaft (Manual
11	697113		Tube-Breather	171	400001		Choke)
12	697110	•	Gasket-Crankcase	141A	495931		Kit-Choke Shaft (Choke A
13	690360		Screw (Cylinder Head)	140	007440	a	Matic)
15 16	690946 697127		Plug-Oil Drain Crankshaft	142 146	697140 691639	Ø	Nozzle-Carburetor Key-Timing
20	690947	•	Seal-Oil (PTO Side)	186	692317		Connector-Hose
22	692125		Screw (Crankcase Cover/	187	691050		Line-Fuel (Cut to Required
			Sump)	100	004000		Length)
23	693557		Flywheel	188 192	691693 691986		Screw (Control Bracket) Adjuster-Rocker Arm
24 25	222698 697159		Key-Flywheel Piston Assembly (Standard)	202	691841		Link-Mechanical Governor
	697160		Piston Assembly (.010" Over-	209	692208		Spring-Governor
	007400		size)	216	691840		Link-Choke
	697162		Piston Assembly (.020" Over- size)	222 227	694042 691374		Bracket-Control Lever-Governor Control
	697163		Piston Assembly (.030" Over-	231	691636		Screw (Choke Valve)
			size)	232	691842		Spring-Governor
26	697164		Ring Set (Standard)	238	691843		Cap-Valve
	697165 697171		Ring Set (.010" Oversize) Ring Set (.020" Oversize)	240 265	394358 691024		Filter-Fuel Clamp-Casing
	697172		Ring Set (.030" Oversize)	267	695134		Screw (Casing Clamp)
27	697100		Lock-Piston Pin	276	692255	؇	Washer-Sealing
28	697099		Pin-Piston	304	698402		Housing-Blower
29 32	697126 692852		Rod-Connecting (Standard) Screw (Connecting Rod)	305 305A	697102 697103		Screw (Blower Housing) Screw (Blower Housing)
33	495856		Valve-Exhaust	306	697107		Shield-Cylinder
34	495857		Valve-Intake	307	691003		Screw (Cylinder Shield)
35	691279		Spring-Valve (Intake)	309	693551		Motor-Starter Motor-Starter (For Replace-
36 37	691279 697352		Spring-Valve (Exhaust) Guard-Flywheel	309A			ment Starter Motor, See
40	691752		Retainer-Valve				Reference 309)
43	691968		Slinger-Governor/Oil	310	690323		Bolt (Starter Motor)
45	690564		Tappet-Valve	311	497608		Brush Set
46 48	697687 697761		Camshaft Short Block (31C707-0230-E2	311A 333	395538 492341		Brush Set Armature-Magneto
40	09//01		Replacement Engine-art not	334	691061		Screw (Magneto Armature)
			available)	337	491055		Plug-Spark
50	690193		Manifold-Intake	358	697191		Gasket Set-Engine
51 53		7‡+	Gasket-Intake	363	19203		Flywheel Puller
54	690227 691148		Stud (Carburetor) Screw (Intake Manifold)	RPM	Settings:		Low Speed: 1900-2100
73	697384		Screen-Rotating		001901		High Speed: 3000-3200
74	697987		Screw (Rotating Screen)				
75	690582		Washer (Flywheel)	· ·			Engine Gasket Set, Key. No. 358
78 93	691003 690602	Ø	Screw (Flywheel Guard) Bushing-Throttle Shaft	Ø	No. 121		Carburetor Overhaul Kit, Key.
94	498030	J	Kit-Idle Mixture	‡			Carburetor Gasket Set, Key. No.
95	691636		Screw (Throttle Valve)	•	977		
98	495800	~	Kit-Idle Speed	+	Include	d in \	/alve Gasket Set, Key. No. 1095
104 105	690525 231855		Pin-Float Hinge Valve-Float Needle	NOT	F: All cor	ทกกา	ent dimensions given in U.S.
106	690577		Seat-Inlet		s 1 inch =		
108	690464	-	Valve-Choke (Manual Choke)				
	692344	~	Valve-Choke (Choke A Matic)				
117	694352	Ø	Jet-Main (Standard)				

KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
383 89838	Wrench-Spark Plug	851	692424	Terminal-Spark Plug
404 69169	1 Washer (Governor Crank)	868	690968	• + Seal-Valve
431 69712	2 Elbow-Intake	876	495877	Kit-Pinion Spring
445 69808	3 Filter-Air Cleaner Cartridge	877	393456	Wire-Connector/Alternator
462 69126	1 Washer (Starter Cable)	896	691641	Pin-Drive Retainer
474 69645		914	690960	Screw (Rocker Cover)
503 69153	2 Strap-Starter	947	694393	Solenoid-Fuel
505 69125		950	691657	Screw (Float Bowl)
510 69369	9 Drive-Starter	967	697015	Filter-Pre Cleaner
510A 49760	6 Drive-Starter	968	698403	Cover-Air Cleaner
513 69202	4 Clutch-Drive	975	495933	Bowl-Float
523 69708	6 Dipstick	977	690192	Gasket Set-Carburetor
524 69103		987	691326	Ø Seal-Throttle Shaft
525 69718		1005	697853	Fan-Flywheel
544 69203		1019	697143	Kit-Label
544A 39083		1022	272475	 + Gasket-Rocker Cover
552 69714		1023	692492	Cover-Rocker Arm
562 69111			692003	Rod-Push (Intake)
579 69102			692011	Rod-Push (Exhaust)
584 69711			691751	Arm-Rocker
601 95162			690822	Guide-Push Rod
614 69162			695700	Label-Emission
616 69201			698368	Plate-Trim
617 69213	8 Ø • Seal-O Ring (Intake Manifold)		691658	Screw (Flywheel)
634 69080	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		691265	Ring-Retaining
6244 60000	Choke)	1058	275038	Owner's Manual
634A 69080		1070	690372 691626	Screw (Flywheel Fan)
635 69190	A Matic) 9 Boot-Spark Plug	1000	A690958	Nut (Starter Terminal) Nut (Starter Terminal)
643 69840			691293	Retainer-Brush
654 69095		1000	691333	Cap-Limiter
691 69240		1095	690190	Gasket Set-Valve
697 69037			691183	Screw (Alternator)
718 69095			697124	Reed-Breather
729 69122			697104	Screw (Breather Reed)
741 69712			697125	Support-Blower Housing
757 69760			691917	 Ø Seal-O Ring (Intake Elbow)
758 69713	4 Counterweight		A697123	Ø Seal-O Ring (Intake Elbow)
759 69739			697575	Latch-Blower Housing
783 69371	3 Gear-Pinion		697156	Plug-AVS Counterweight
783A 69305	9 Gear-Pinion	1279	690960	Screw (Blower Housing Sup-
789 69832				port)
797 69316		_		•
801 69128	3 Cap-Drive	RPM	Settings:	Low Speed: 1900-2100
801A 39485				High Speed: 3000-3200
802 69128				
802A 39553		•		in Engine Gasket Set, Key. No. 358
803 69375		Ø	included	in Carburetor Overhaul Kit, Key.
803A 39815			No. 121	
830 69109		‡		I in Carburetor Gasket Set, Key. No.
842 69103			977	
847 69761	1 Dipstick/Tube Assembly	+	Included	I in Valve Gasket Set, Key. No. 1095

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