

Owner's Manual

CRAFTSMAN®

ROTARY LAWN MOWER

6.75 Horsepower

Power-Propelled

22" Multi-Cut

Model No.

917.376163



CAUTION:

Read and follow all
Safety Rules and Instructions
before operating this equipment

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WARRANTY

2-YEAR FULL WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN LAWN MOWER

If this Craftsman Lawn Mower fails due to manufacturer defects in material or workmanship within two years from the date of purchase, return it to any Sears store, Parts & Repair Center or other Craftsman outlet for free repair (or replacement if repair proves impossible).

This warranty applies for only 90 days from the date of purchase if this Lawn Mower is ever used for commercial or rental purposes.

This warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items that become worn during normal use, such as rotary mower blades, blade adapters, belts, air cleaners and spark plug.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse or negligence, including bent crackshafts and the failure to assemble, operate or maintain this Lawn Mower according to all supplied product instructions.

This warranty applies only while this product is used in the United States.

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

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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.

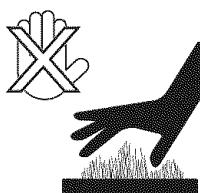
▲Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means
CAUTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!!
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.

▲ WARNING: 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 come in contact with plug.

▲WARNING: 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.

▲WARNING: 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.**

▲ CAUTION: Muffler and other engine parts become extremely hot during operation and remain hot after engine has stopped. To avoid severe burns on contact, stay away from these areas.



I. GENERAL OPERATION

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine and in the manual(s) before starting. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the machine before starting.
- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
- Only allow responsible individuals, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, bones, sticks, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Do not operate the mower when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial foot wear.
- Do not pull mower backwards unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while moving backwards.
- Never direct discharged material toward anyone. Avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction. Material may ricochet back toward the operator. Stop the blade when crossing gravel surfaces.
- Do not operate the mower without proper guards, plates, grass catcher or other safety protective devices in place.
- See manufacturer's instructions for proper operation and installation of accessories. Only use accessories approved by the manufacturer.
- Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads.
- Stop the engine (motor) whenever you leave the equipment, before cleaning the mower or unclogging the chute.
- Shut the engine (motor) off and wait until the blade comes to complete stop before removing grass catcher.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never operate machine in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing: keep a firm hold on the handle; walk, never run.
- Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on mowers so equipped before starting the engine.
- If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine (motor) and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.

- Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when operating mower.

II. SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to slip & fall accidents which can result in severe injury. All slopes require extra caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow it.

DO:

- Mow across the face of slopes: never up and down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

DO NOT:

- Do not trim near drop-offs, ditches or embankments. The operator could lose footing or balance.
- Do not trim excessively steep slopes.
- Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced footing could cause slipping.

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 trimming area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and while walking backwards, look behind and *down* for small children.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

IV. SAFE HANDLING OF GASOLINE

Use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive.

- Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.
- Use only an approved container.
- Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling.
- Never refuel the machine indoors.
- Never store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark or pilot light such as a water heater or on other appliances.

- Never fill containers inside a vehicle, on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
- Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
- If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediately.
- Never overfill fuel tank. Replace gas cap and tighten securely.
- 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 attempt to make wheel height adjustments while the engine is 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.
- Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.
- Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.

V. GENERAL SERVICE

- Never run a machine inside a closed area.
- Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine (motor) running. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.

WARNING: This lawn mower 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 Parts & Repair Center (See the REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Serial Number:	
Date of Purchase:	
Gasoline Capacity / Type:	1.6 Quarts (Unleaded Regular)
Oil Type (API SG-SL):	SAE 30 (above 32°F); SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
Oil Capacity:	20 Ounces
Spark Plug (Gap: .030")	Champion J19LM or RJ19LM
Blade Bolt Torque:	35-40 ft. lbs.
• The model and serial numbers will be found on a decal on the rear of the lawn mower housing. Record both serial number and date of purchase in space provided above.	

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 professional 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 representative 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.

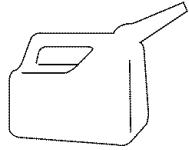
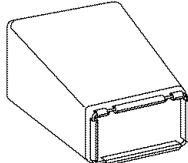
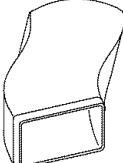
Sears Installation Service

For Sears professional installation of home appliances, garage door openers, water heaters, and other major home items, in the U.S.A. call 1-800-4-MY-HOME®.

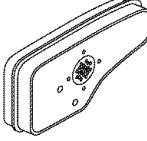
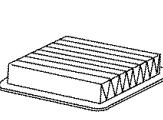
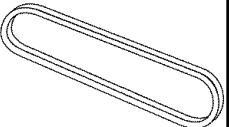
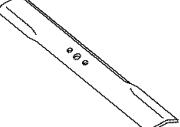
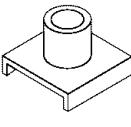
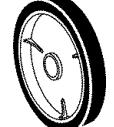
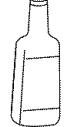
ACCESSORIES

These accessories were available when this lawn mower was produced. **They are not shipped with your mower.** They are also available at most Sears retail outlets and service centers. Some of these accessories may not apply to your lawn mower.

LAWN MOWER PERFORMANCE

	CLIPPING DEFLECTORS FOR REAR DISCHARGE LAWN MOWERS		STABILIZER		GAS CANS
	GRASS CATCHERS FOR REAR DISCHARGE LAWN MOWERS		GRASS CATCHERS FOR SIDE DISCHARGE LAWN MOWERS		

LAWN MOWER MAINTENANCE

						
						
BELTS	BLADES	BLADE ADAPTERS		WHEELS		ENGINE OIL

ASSEMBLY / PRE-OPERATION

Read these instructions and this manual in its entirety before you attempt to assemble or operate your new lawn mower.

IMPORTANT: This lawn mower is shipped WITHOUT OIL OR GASOLINE in the engine. Your new lawn mower 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 lawn mower, all parts and hardware you assemble must be tightened securely. Use the correct tools as necessary to ensure proper tightness. All parts such as nuts, washers, bolts, etc., necessary to complete the assembly have been placed in the parts bag.

TO REMOVE MOWER FROM CARTON

1. Remove loose parts included with mower.
2. Cut down two end corners of carton and lay end panel down flat.
3. Remove all packing materials except padding between upper and lower handle and padding holding operator presence control bar to upper handle.
4. Roll lawn mower out of carton and check carton thoroughly for additional loose parts.

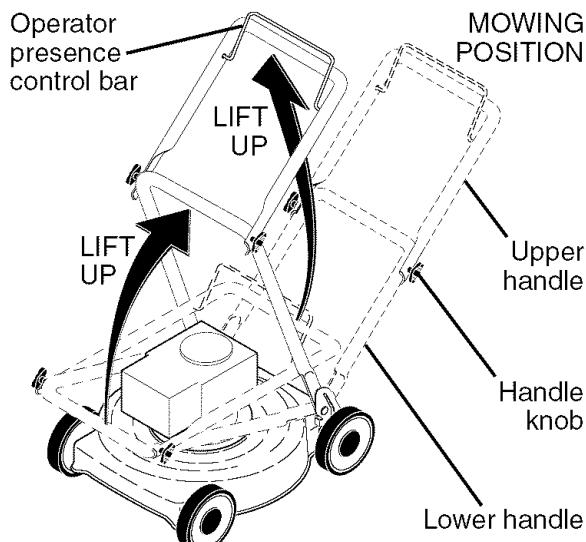
HOW TO SET UP YOUR MOWER

TO UNFOLD HANDLE

IMPORTANT: Unfold handle carefully so as not to pinch or damage control cables.

1. Raise handles until lower handle section locks into place in mowing position.
2. Remove protective padding, raise upper handle section into place on lower handle and tighten both handle knobs.
3. Remove handle padding holding operator presence control bar to upper handle.

Your lawn mower handle can be adjusted for your mowing comfort. Refer to "ADJUST HANDLE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

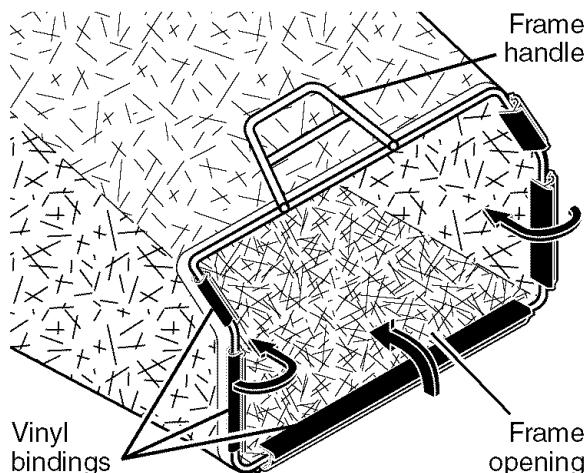


TO ASSEMBLE GRASS CATCHER

1. Put grass catcher frame into grass bag with rigid part of bag on the bottom. Make sure the frame handle is outside of the bag top.

2. Slip vinyl bindings over frame.

NOTE: If vinyl bindings are too stiff, hold them in warm water for a few minutes. If bag gets wet, let it dry before using.



TO INSTALL ATTACHMENTS

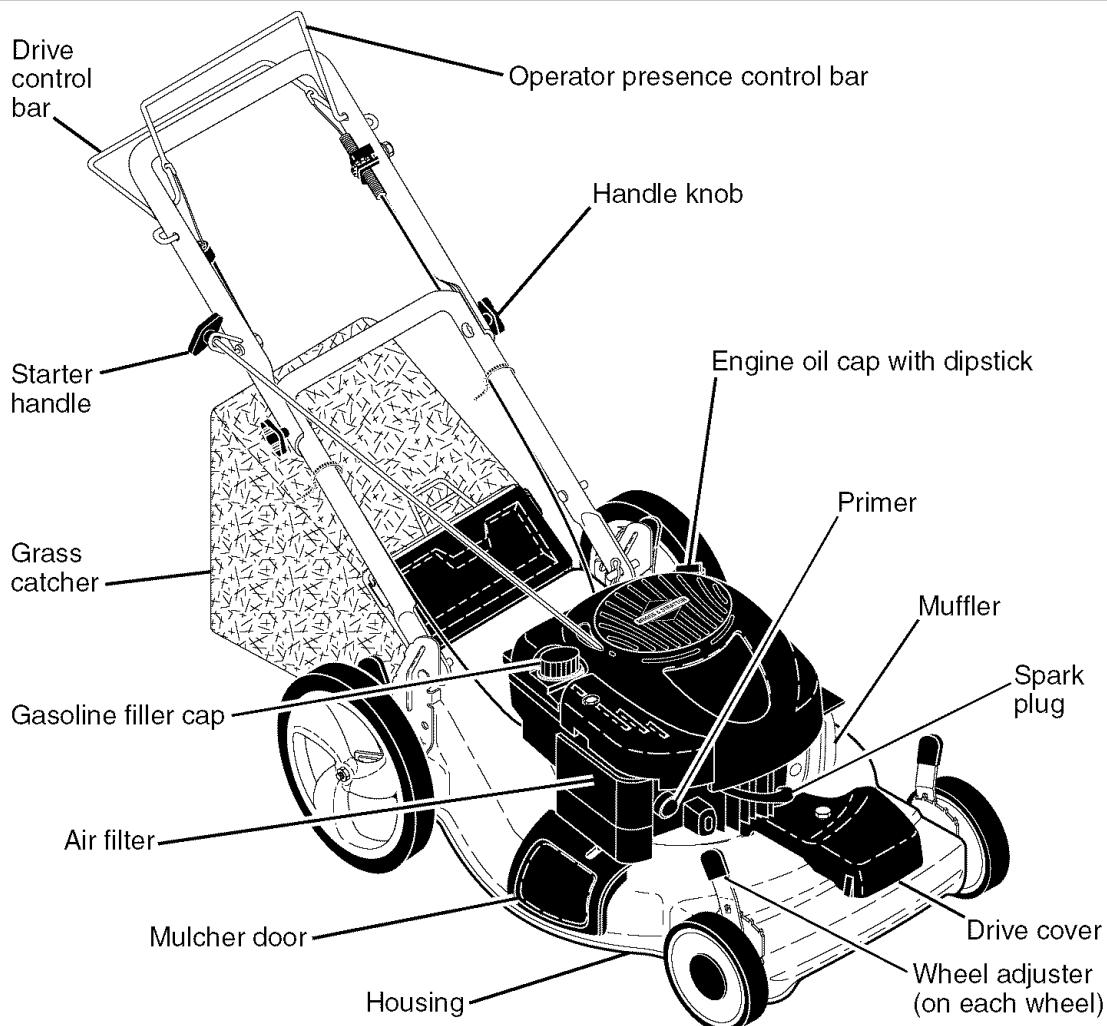
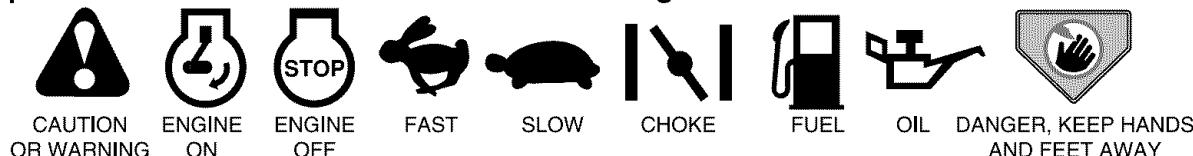
Your lawn mower was shipped ready to be used as a mulcher. To convert mower to bagging or discharging, see "TO CONVERT MOWER" in the Operation section of this manual.

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR LAWN MOWER

READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND ALL SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR LAWN MOWER. Compare the illustrations with your lawn mower to familiarize yourself with the location of various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for future reference.

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



IMPORTANT: This lawn mower is shipped WITHOUT OIL OR GASOLINE in the engine.

MEETS CPSC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Sears rotary walk-behind power lawn mowers conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The blade turns when the engine is running.

Operator presence control bar – must be held down to the handle to start the engine. Release to stop the engine.

Starter handle – used for starting engine.

Mulcher door – allows conversion to discharging or bagging operation.

Primer – pumps additional fuel from the carburetor to the cylinder for use when starting a cold engine.

Drive control bar – used to engage power-propelled forward motion of mower.



The operation of any lawn mower 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 lawn mower or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend a standard safety glasses or wide vision safety mask worn over spectacles.

HOW TO USE YOUR LAWN MOWER ENGINE SPEED

The engine speed was set at the factory for optimum performance. Speed is not adjustable.

ENGINE ZONE CONTROL

CAUTION: Federal regulations require an engine control to be installed on this lawn mower in order to minimize the risk of blade contact injury. Do not under any circumstances attempt to defeat the function of the operator control. The blade turns when the engine is running.

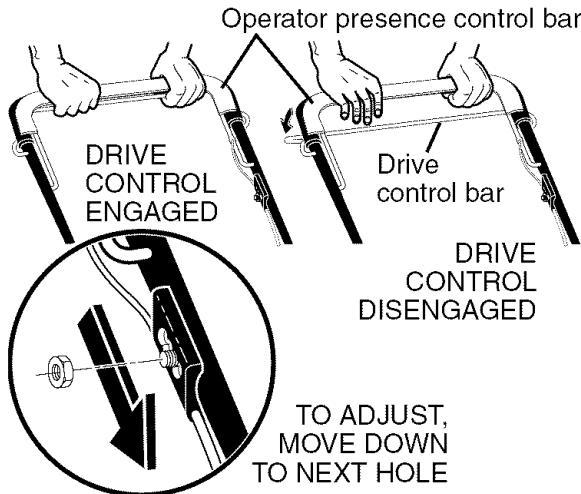
- Your lawn mower is equipped with an operator presence control bar which requires the operator to be positioned behind the lawn mower handle to start and operate the lawn mower.

DRIVE CONTROL

- Self-propelling is controlled by holding the operator presence control bar down to the handle and pulling the drive control bar up to the handle. The closer to the handle the bar is pulled, the faster the unit will travel.
- Forward motion will stop when either the operator presence control bar or drive control bar are released. To stop forward motion without stopping engine, release the drive control bar only. Hold operator presence control bar down against handle to continue mowing without self-propelling.

NOTE: If after releasing the drive control the mower will not roll backwards, push the mower forward slightly to disengage drive wheels.

- To keep drive control engaged when turning corners, push down on the handle to lift the front wheels off the ground while turning lawn mower.



DRIVE CONTROL ADJUSTMENT

Over time, the drive control system may become "loose", resulting in decreased speed. There are holes in the drive control housing to increase tension on the drive cable. Proceed as follows:

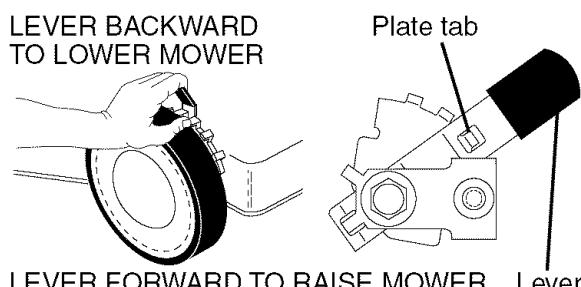
- Turn unit off and disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
- Loosen nut, move drive control housing down handle to the next hole and retighten nut.
- Operate mower to test drive speed.
- If condition fails to improve after the above steps (forward speed remains the same), your drive belt is worn and should be replaced.

TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT

Raise wheels for low cut and lower wheels for high cut, adjust cutting height to suit your requirements. Medium position is best for most lawns.

- To change cutting height, squeeze adjuster lever toward wheel. Move wheel up or down to suit your requirements. Be sure all wheels are in the same setting.

NOTE: Adjuster is properly positioned when plate tab inserts into hole in lever. Also, 9-position adjusters (if so equipped) allow lever to be positioned between the plate tabs.

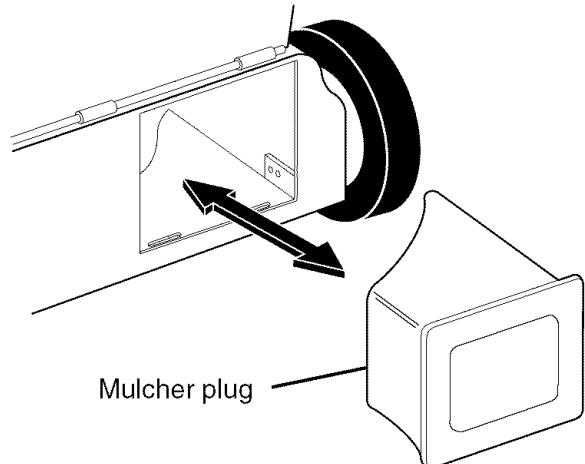


TO CONVERT MOWER

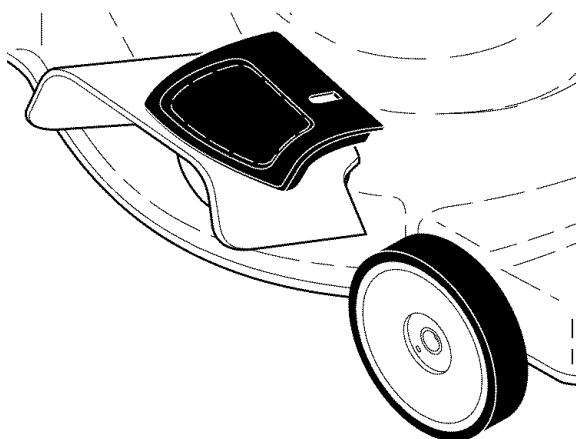
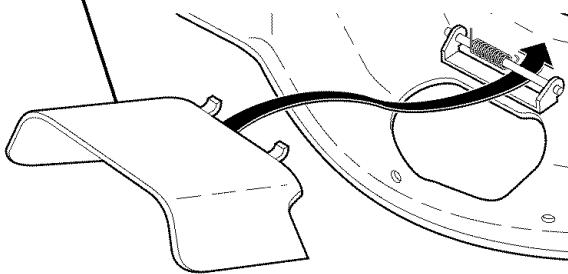
Your lawn mower was shipped ready to be used as a mulcher. To convert to bagging or discharging:

REAR BAGGING

- Open rear door and remove mulcher plug. Store mulcher plug in a safe place.
- You can now install the grass catcher or optional clipping deflector.
- To convert to mulching or discharging operation, install mulcher plug into rear discharge opening of mower.

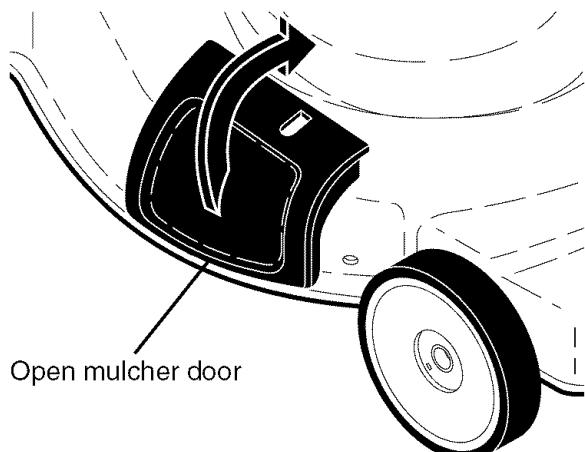


Discharge deflector



SIDE DISCHARGING

- Mulcher plug must be installed into rear discharge opening of mower.
- Open mulcher door and install discharge deflector under door as shown.
- Mower is now ready for discharging operation.
- To convert to mulching or bagging operation, discharge deflector must be removed and mulcher door closed.



SIMPLE STEPS TO REMEMBER WHEN CONVERTING YOUR LAWN MOWER

FOR MULCHING -

1. Rear mulcher plug installed.
2. Mulcher door closed.

FOR REAR BAGGING -

1. Rear mulcher plug removed.
2. Grass catcher installed.
3. Mulcher door closed.

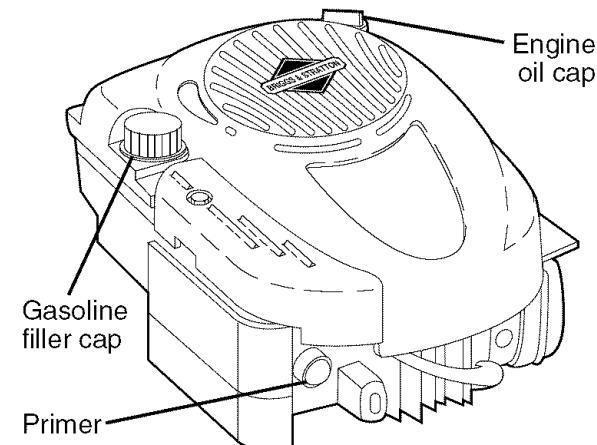
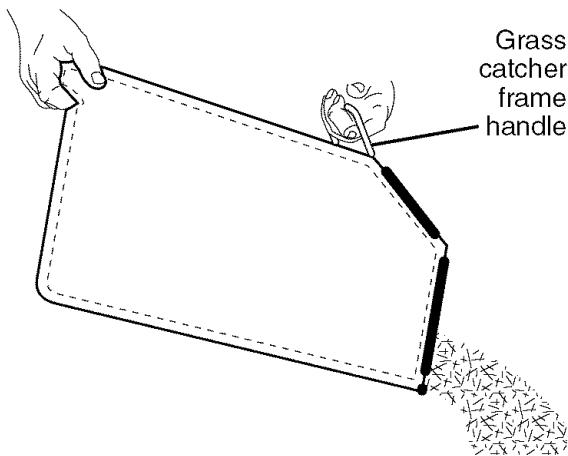
FOR SIDE DISCHARGING -

1. Rear mulcher plug installed.
2. Discharge deflector installed.

CAUTION: Do not run your lawn mower without mulcher plug or approved grass catcher in place. Never attempt to operate the lawn mower with the rear door removed or propped open.

TO EMPTY GRASS CATCHER

1. Lift up on grass catcher using the frame handle.
 2. Remove grass catcher with clippings from under lawn mower handle.
 3. Empty clippings from bag.
- NOTE:** Do not drag the bag when emptying; it will cause unnecessary wear.



BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

ADD OIL

Your lawnmower is shipped without oil in the engine. For type and grade of oil to use, see "ENGINE" in the Maintenance section of this manual.

▲ CAUTION: DO NOT overfill engine with oil, or it will smoke heavily from the muffler on startup.

1. Be sure lawnmower is level.
 2. Remove oil dipstick from oil fill spout.
 3. You receive a container of oil with the unit. Slowly pour the entire container down the oil fill spout into the engine.
- NOTE:** Initial oil fill requires only 18 oz. due to residual oil in engine from the manufacturers 100% quality testing. When changing oil you may need 20 oz.
4. Insert and tighten dipstick.

IMPORTANT:

- Check oil level before each use. Add oil if needed. Fill to full line on dipstick.
- Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or each season. You may need to change the oil more often under dusty, dirty conditions. See "TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL" in the Maintenance section of 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. Do not mix oil with gasoline. Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness.

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

▲ 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. Empty 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 STOP ENGINE

- To stop engine, release operator presence control bar.

TO START ENGINE

NOTE: Due to protective coatings on the engine, a small amount of smoke may be present during the initial use of the product and should be considered normal.

1. To start a cold engine, push primer three (3) times before trying to start. Use a firm push. This step is not usually necessary when starting an engine which has already run for a few minutes.
2. Hold operator presence control bar down to the handle and pull starter handle quickly. Do not allow starter rope to snap back.

NOTE: In cooler weather it may be necessary to repeat priming steps. In warmer weather over priming may cause flooding and engine will not start. If you do flood engine, wait a few minutes before attempting to start and do not repeat priming steps.

MOWING TIPS

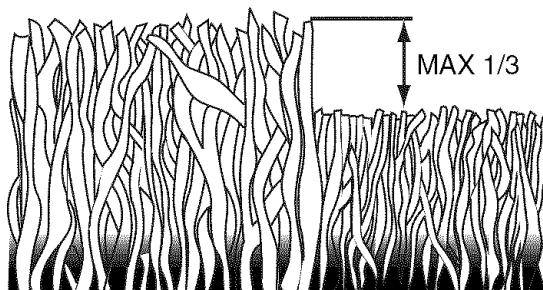
CAUTION: Do not use de-thatcher blade attachments on your mower. Such attachments are hazardous, will damage your mower and could void your warranty.

- Under certain conditions, such as very tall grass, it may be necessary to raise the height of cut to reduce pushing effort and to keep from overloading the engine and leaving clumps of grass clippings. It may also be necessary to reduce ground speed and/or run the lawn mower over the area a second time.
- For extremely heavy cutting, reduce the width of cut by overlapping previously cut path and mow slowly.
- For better grass bagging and most cutting conditions, the engine speed should be set in the FAST position.
- Pores in cloth grass catchers can become filled with dirt and dust with use and catchers will collect less grass. To prevent this, regularly hose catcher off with water and let dry before using.
- Keep top of engine around starter clear and clean of grass clippings and chaff. This will help engine air flow and extend engine life.

MULCHING MOWING TIPS

IMPORTANT: For best performance, keep mower housing free of built-up grass and trash. See "CLEANING" in the Maintenance section of this manual.

- The special mulching blade will recut the grass clippings many times and reduce them in size so that as they fall onto the lawn they will disperse into the grass and not be noticed. Also, the mulched grass will biodegrade quickly to provide nutrients for the lawn. Always mulch with your highest engine (blade) speed as this will provide the best recutting action of the blades.
- Avoid cutting your lawn when it is wet. Wet grass tends to form clumps and interferes with the mulching action. The best time to mow your lawn is the early afternoon. At this time the grass has dried, yet the newly cut area will not be exposed to direct sunlight.
- For best results, adjust the lawn mower cutting height so that the lawn mower cuts off only the top one-third of the grass blades. If the lawn is overgrown it will be necessary to raise the height of cut to reduce pushing effort and to keep from overloading the engine and leaving clumps of mulched grass. For extremely heavy grass, reduce your width of cut by overlapping previously cut path and mow slowly.



- Certain types of grass and grass conditions may require that an area be mulched a second time to completely hide the clippings. When doing a second cut, mow across (perpendicular) to the first cut path.
- Change your cutting pattern from week to week. Mow north to south one week then change to east to west the next week. This will help prevent matting and graining of the lawn.

MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE		BEFORE EACH USE	AFTER EACH USE	EVERY 10 HOURS	EVERY 25 HOURS OR SEASON	EVERY 100 HOURS	BEFORE STORAGE
LAWN MOWER	Check for Loose Fasteners	✓					✓
	Clean / Inspect Grass Catcher *	✓	✓				✓
	Check Tires	✓					
	Check Drive Wheels ***	✓					
	Clean Lawn Mower ****		✓				✓
	Clean under Drive Cover ***			✓			
	Check Drive Belt / Pulleys ***				✓		
	Check / Sharpen / Replace Blade				✓ ₃		
	Lubrication				✓		
ENGINE	Clean and Recharge Battery **				✓		✓ ₄
	Check Engine Oil level	✓ ₅					
	Change Engine Oil				✓ _{1,2}		
	Clean Air Filter				✓ ₂		
	Inspect Muffler				✓		
	Replace Spark Plug					✓	
	Replace Air Filter Paper Cartridge					✓ ₂	
Empty fuel system or add Stabilizer							✓

* (if so equipped)

1 - Change more often if operating under a heavy load or in high outdoor temperatures.

** Electric-Start mowers

2 - Service more often if operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

*** Power-Propelled mowers

3 - Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.

**** Use a scraper

4 - Charge 48 hours at end of season.

to clean under deck

5 - And after each 5 hours of use.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this lawn mower does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, operator must maintain unit as instructed in this manual. Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your unit. At least once a season, check to see if you should make any of the adjustments described in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

- At least once a year, replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter element and check blade for wear. A new spark plug and clean/new air filter element assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.
- Follow the maintenance schedule in this manual.

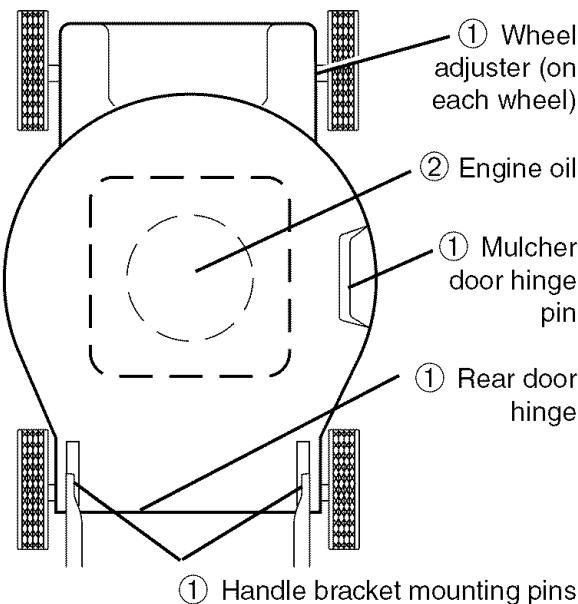
BEFORE EACH USE

- Check engine oil level.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION

Keep unit well lubricated
(See "LUBRICATION CHART").

LUBRICATION CHART



① Spray lubricant

② See "ENGINE" in Maintenance section.

IMPORTANT: Do not oil or grease plastic wheel bearings. Viscous lubricants will attract dust and dirt that will shorten the life of the self-lubricating bearings. If you feel they must be lubricated, use only a dry, powdered graphite type lubricant sparingly.

LAWN MOWER

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

TIRES

- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

DRIVE WHEELS

Check front drive wheels each time before you mow to be sure they move freely.

The wheels not turning freely means trash, grass cuttings, etc. are in the drive wheel area and must be cleaned to free drive wheels. If necessary to clean the drive wheels, be sure to clean both front wheels.

1. Remove hubcaps, locknuts & washers.
2. Remove wheels from wheel adjusters.
3. Remove any trash or grass cuttings from inside the dust cover, pinion and/or drive wheel gear teeth.
4. Put wheels back in place.

NOTE: If after cleaning, the drive wheels do not turn freely, contact a Sears or other qualified service center.

BLADE CARE

For best results, blade must be kept sharp. Replace a bent or damaged blade.

CAUTION: Use only a replacement blade approved by the manufacturer of your mower. Using a blade not approved by the manufacturer of your mower is hazardous, could damage your mower and void your warranty.

TO REMOVE BLADE

1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug.
2. Turn lawn mower on its side. Make sure air filter and carburetor are up.
3. Use a wood block between blade and mower housing to prevent blade from turning when removing blade bolt.

NOTE: Protect your hands with gloves and/or wrap blade with heavy cloth.

4. Remove blade bolt by turning counter-clockwise.
5. Remove blade & attaching hardware (bolt, lock washer & hardened washer).

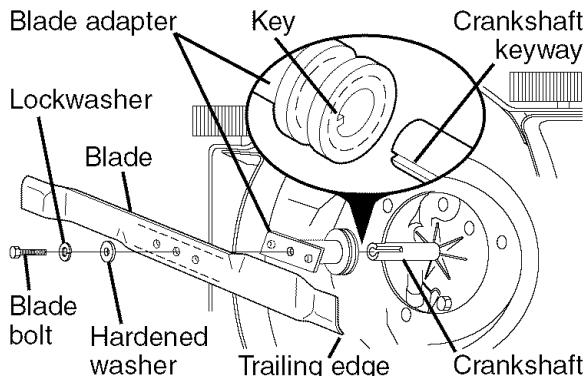
TO REPLACE BLADE

1. Position blade on the blade adapter aligning the two (2) holes in the blade with the raised lugs on the adapter.
2. Be sure the trailing edge of blade (opposite sharp edge) is up toward the engine.
3. Install the blade bolt with the lock washer and hardened washer into blade adapter and crankshaft.

4. Use block of wood between blade and lawn mower housing and tighten the blade bolt, turning clockwise.

- The recommended tightening torque is 35-40 ft. lbs.

IMPORTANT: Blade bolt is heat treated. If bolt needs replacing, replace only with approved bolt shown in the Repair Parts section of this manual.



TO SHARPEN BLADE

NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening the 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 eventual damage to mower or 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, drive a nail into a beam or wall. Leave about one inch of the straight nail exposed. Place center hole of blade over the head of the nail. 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.

GRASS CATCHER

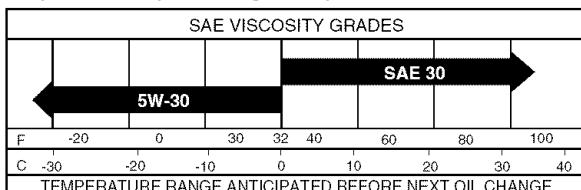
- The grass catcher may be hosed with water, but must be dry when used.
- Check your grass catcher often for damage or deterioration. Through normal use it will wear. If catcher needs replacing, replace only with approved replacement catcher shown in the Repair Parts section of this manual. Give the lawn mower model number when ordering.

GEAR CASE

- To keep your drive system working properly, the gear case and area around the drive should be kept clean and free of trash build-up. Clean under the drive cover twice a season.
- The gear case is filled with lubricant to the proper level at the factory. The only time the lubricant needs attention is if service has been performed on the gear case.
- If lubricant is required, use only Elf Multis EP00. Do not substitute.

ENGINE LUBRICATION

Use only high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SG-SL. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature.

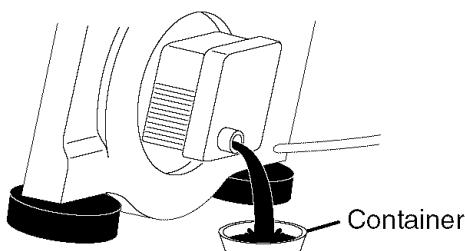


NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W30, 10W30 etc.) improve starting in cold weather, these multi-viscosity oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F. Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil. Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the mower is not used for 25 hours in one year. Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each five (5) hours of continuous use. Tighten oil plug securely each time you check the oil level.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL

NOTE: Before tipping lawn mower to drain oil, empty fuel tank by running engine until fuel tank is empty.

1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug.
2. Remove engine oil cap; lay aside on a clean surface.
3. Tip lawn mower on its side as shown and drain oil into a suitable container. Rock lawn mower back and forth to remove any oil trapped inside of engine.



4. Wipe off any spilled oil from lawn mower or side of engine.
5. Slowly pour oil down the oil fill spout, stopping every few ounces to check the oil level with the dipstick.
6. Stop adding oil when you reach the FULL mark on the dipstick. Wait a minute to allow oil to settle.
7. Continue adding small amounts of oil, rechecking the dipstick until oil level settles at FULL. DO NOT overfill, or

engine will smoke heavily from the muffler on startup.

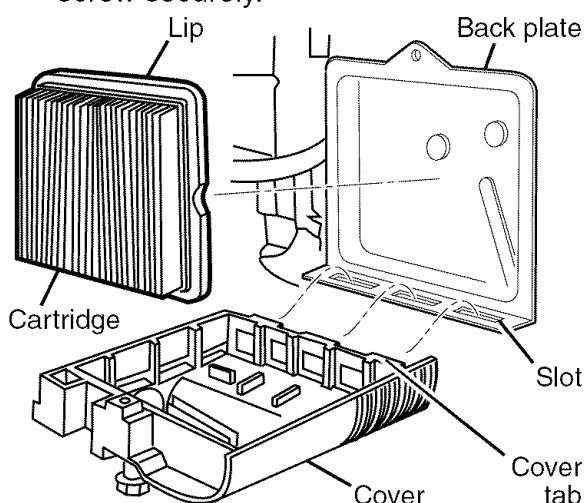
8. Always be sure to retighten oil dipstick before starting engine.
9. Reconnect spark plug wire to spark plug.

AIR FILTER

Your engine will not run properly and may be damaged by using a dirty air filter. Replace the air filter cartridge every 100 hours of operation or every season, whichever occurs first. Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions.

TO CLEAN AIR FILTER

1. Loosen screw and tilt cover to remove.
2. Carefully remove cartridge.
3. Clean by gently tapping on a flat surface. If very dirty, replace cartridge.
4. Install cartridge, then replace cover making sure the tabs are aligned with the slots in the back plate. Fasten screw securely.



MUFFLER

Inspect and replace corroded muffler as it could create a fire hazard and/or damage.

SPARK PLUG

Replace spark plug 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 the "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.

CLEANING

IMPORTANT: For best performance, keep mower housing free of built-grass and trash. Clean the underside of your mower after each use.

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

- Clean the underside of your lawn mower by scraping to remove build-up of grass and trash.
- Clean engine often to keep trash from accumulating. A clogged engine runs hotter and shortens engine life.
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc.

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

CLEAN UNDER DRIVE COVER

Clean under drive cover at least twice a season. Scrape underside of cover with putty knife or similar tool to remove any build-up of trash or grass on underside of drive cover.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

WARNING: To avoid serious injury, before performing any service and adjustments:

1. Release control bar and stop engine.
2. Make sure the blade and all moving parts have completely stopped.
3. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug.

LAWN MOWER

TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT

See "TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT" in the Operation section of this manual.

REAR DEFLECTOR

The rear deflector, attached between the rear wheels of your mower, is provided to minimize the possibility that objects will be thrown out of the rear of the mower into the operator mowing position. If the deflector becomes damaged, it should be replaced.

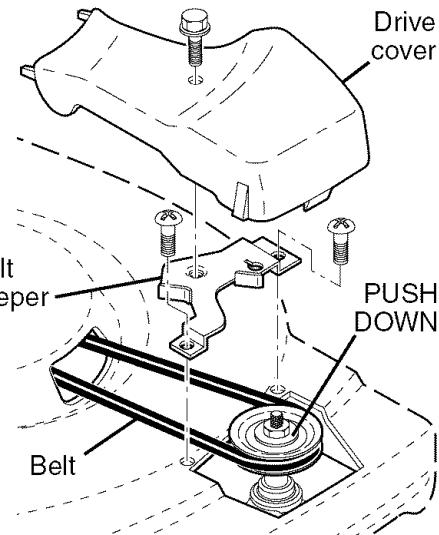
TO REMOVE DRIVE BELT

1. Remove drive cover and belt keeper.
2. Remove belt from gearcase pulley by pushing down on pulley and rolling belt off it.
3. Turn lawn mower on its side with air filter and carburetor down.
4. Remove blade and debris shield.
5. Remove belt from engine pulley on crankshaft.

TO REPLACE DRIVE BELT

1. Install new belt on engine pulley.
2. Reinstall debris shield and blade.
3. Return mower to upright position.
4. Install new belt on gearcase pulley.
5. Reinstall belt keeper and drive cover.

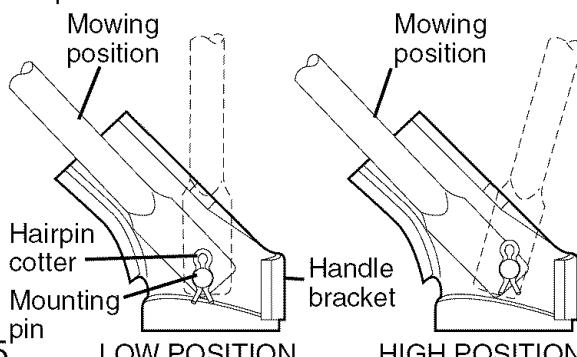
NOTE: Always use factory approved belt to assure fit and long life.

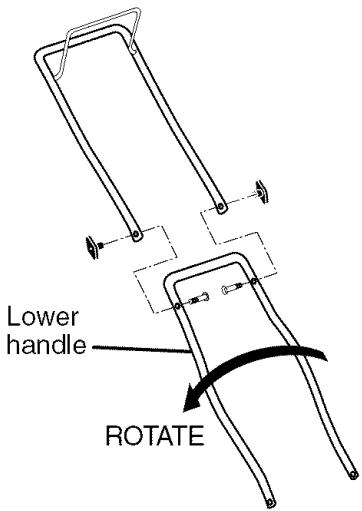


TO ADJUST HANDLE

The handle can be mounted in a high or low position. The mounting holes in the bottom of lower handle are off center for raising or lowering the handle.

1. Remove upper handle and wire tie(s) securing cable(s) to lower handle.
2. Remove hairpin cotters from lower handle bracket mounting pin.
3. Squeeze lower handle in to remove it from mounting pins.
4. Turn lower handle over to raise or lower handle.
5. Squeeze lower handle in and position holes onto mounting pins on handle bracket.
6. Reassemble upper handle and all parts removed from lower handle.





ENGINE ENGINE SPEED

Your engine speed has been factory set. Do not attempt to increase engine speed

or it may result in personal injury. If you believe that engine is running too fast or too slow, take your mower to a Sears or other qualified service center for repair and adjustment.

CARBURETOR

Your carburetor is not adjustable. If your engine does not operate properly due to suspected carburetor problems, take your lawn mower to a Sears or other qualified service center for repair and/or adjustment.

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.

STORAGE

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

LAWN MOWER

When lawn 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.

1. Clean entire lawn mower (See "CLEANING" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
2. Lubricate as shown in the Maintenance section of this manual.
3. Be sure that all nuts, bolts, screws, and pins are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace if necessary.
4. Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

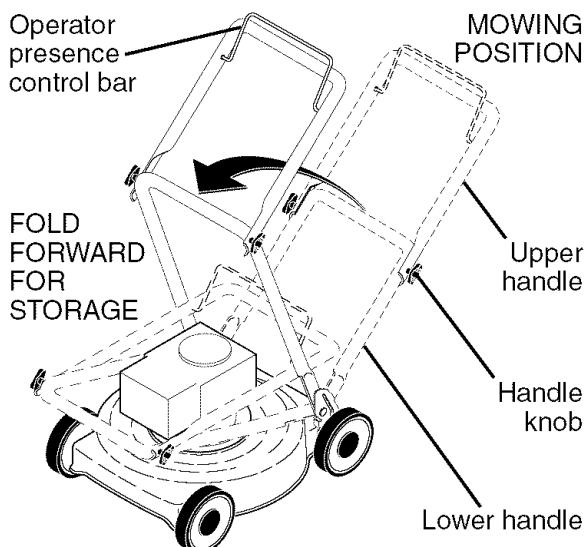
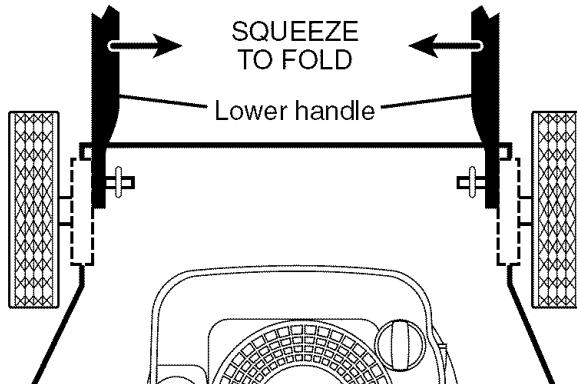
HANDLE

You can fold your mower handle for storage.

1. Squeeze the bottom ends of the lower handle toward each other until the lower handle clears the handle bracket, then move handle forward.
2. Loosen upper handle mounting bolts enough to allow upper handle to be folded back.

IMPORTANT: When folding the handle for storage or transportation, be sure to fold the handle as shown or you may damage the control cables.

- When setting up your handle from the storage position, the lower handle will automatically lock into mowing position.



ENGINE

FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: It is important to prevent gum deposits from forming in essential fuel system parts such as carburetor, fuel filter, fuel hose, or tank during storage. 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.

- Empty the fuel tank by starting the engine and letting 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 empty 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

1. Remove spark plug.
2. Pour one ounce (29 ml) of oil through spark plug hole into cylinder.
3. Pull starter handle slowly a few times to distribute oil.
4. Replace with new spark plug.

OTHER

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

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

CAUTION: Never store the lawn mower 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.

TROUBLESHOOTING - See appropriate section in manual unless directed to a Sears Parts & Repair Center.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Does not start	1. Dirty air filter. 2. Out of fuel. 3. Stale fuel. 4. Water in fuel. 5. Spark plug wire is disconnected. 6. Bad spark plug. 7. Loose blade or broken blade adapter. 8. Control bar in released position. 9. Control bar defective. 10. Fuel valve lever (if so equipped) in OFF position. 11. Weak battery (if equipped). 12. Disconnected battery connector (if equipped).	1. Clean/replace air filter. 2. Fill fuel tank. 3. Empty fuel tank and refill tank with fresh, clean gasoline. 4. Empty fuel tank and refill tank with fresh, clean gasoline. 5. Connect wire to plug. 6. Replace spark plug. 7. Tighten blade bolt or replace blade adapter. 8. Depress control bar to handle. 9. Replace control bar. 10. Turn fuel valve lever to the ON position. 11. Charge battery. 12. Connect battery to engine.

TROUBLESHOOTING - See appropriate section in manual unless directed to a Sears Parts & Repair Center.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Loss of power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rear of mower housing or blade dragging in grass. 2. Cutting too much grass. 3. Dirty air filter. 4. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. 5. Too much oil in engine. 6. Walking speed too fast. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise cutting height. 2. Raise cutting height. 3. Clean/replace air filter. 4. Clean underside of mower housing. 5. Check oil level. 6. Cut at slower walking speed.
Poor cut – uneven	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Wheel heights uneven. 3. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. 2. Set all wheels at same height. 3. Clean underside of mower housing.
Excessive vibration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Bent engine crankshaft. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. 2. Contact a Sears or other qualified service center.
Starter rope hard to pull	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engine flywheel brake is on when control bar is released. 2. Bent engine crankshaft. 3. Blade adapter broken. 4. Blade dragging in grass. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depress control bar to upper handle before pulling the starter rope. 2. Contact a Sears or other qualified service center. 3. Replace blade adapter. 4. Move lawn mower to cut grass or to hard surface.
Grass catcher not filling (If so equipped)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting height too low. 2. Lift on blade worn off. 3. Catcher not venting air. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise cutting height. 2. Replace blade. 3. Clean grass catcher.
Hard to push	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass is too high or wheel height is too low. 2. Rear of mower housing or blade dragging in grass. 3. Grass catcher too full. 4. Handle height position not right for you. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise cutting height. 2. Raise rear of mower housing one (1) setting higher. 3. Empty grass catcher. 4. Adjust handle height to suit.
Loss of drive or slowing of drive speed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Belt wear. 2. Belt off of pulley. 3. Drive cable worn or broken. 4. "Loose" drive control system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check/replace drive belt. 2. Check/reinstall drive belt. 3. Replace drive cable. 4. Adjust drive control.

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GARANTÍA

GARANTÍA TOTAL DE LA CORTADORA DE CÉSPED CRAFTSMAN POR 2 AÑOS

Si esta Segadora Craftsman llega a presentar algún desperfecto por defectos de materiales o fabricación durante un plazo de dos años a partir de la fecha de compra, llévela de vuelta a cualquiera de las tiendas Sears, al Centro de Repuestos y Reparación, o a otro comercio donde se vendan los equipos Craftsman, a efectos de que se la reparen sin costo (o bien se la reemplacen, en caso que no sea posible repararla).

Si esta Segadora llega a ser utilizada con fines comerciales o arrendada, la presente garantía tendrá vigencia por sólo 90 días a partir de la fecha de compra.

La presente garantía no cubre:

- Aquellas piezas fungibles que se desgastan por el uso normal, tales como las cuchillas rotatorias de la cortadora, los adaptadores de las cuchillas, las correas, los filtros de aire y las bujías.
- Aquellas reparaciones que haya que hacer debido a mal uso o negligencia por parte del operador, incluidos el árbol del cigüeñal torcido u omisiones relativas al armado, manejo o mantenimiento de la Segadora en un todo de acuerdo a las instrucciones provistas con el equipo.

La presente garantía se aplicará solamente en tanto el artículo sea usado en los Estados Unidos.

Esta garantía le otorga a usted derechos legales específicos; puede que usted tenga, además, otros derechos, los cuales varían de estado a estado.

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REGLAS DE SEGURIDAD

IMPORTANTE: Esta maquina cortadora es capaz de amputar las manos y los pies y de lanzar objetos. Si no se observan las instrucciones de seguridad siguientes se pueden producir lesiones graves o la muerte.

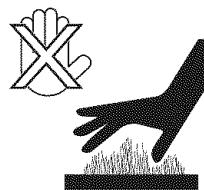
▲Busque este símbolo que señala las precauciones de seguridad de importancia. Quiere decir – ¡¡¡ATENCIÓN!!! ¡¡ESTE ALERTO!!! SU SEGURIDAD ESTA COMPROMETIDA.

▲ADVERTENCIA: Siempre desconecte el alambre de la bujía y póngalo donde no pueda entrar en contacto con la bujía, para evitar el arranque por accidente, durante la preparación, el transporte, el ajuste o cuando se hacen reparaciones.

▲ADVERTENCIA: Los bornes, terminales y accesorios relativos de la batería contienen plomo o compuestos de plomo, productos químicos conocidos en el Estado de California como causa de cáncer y defectos al nacimiento u otros daños reproductivos. **Lavar las manos después de manipularlos.**

▲PRECAUCIÓN: El tubo de escape del motor, algunos de sus constituyentes y algunos componentes del vehículo contienen o desprenden productos químicos conocidos en el Estado de California como causa de cáncer y defectos al nacimiento u otros daños reproductivos.

▲PRECAUCIÓN: El silenciador y otras piezas del motor llegan a ser extremadamente calientes durante la operación y siguen siendo calientes después de que el motor haya parado. Para evitar quemaduras severas, permanezca lejos de estas áreas.



I. OPERACION

- Antes de empezar, debe familiarizarse completamente con los controles y el uso correcto de la maquina. Para esto, debe leer y comprender todas las instrucciones que aparecen en la maquina y en los manuales de operación.
- No ponga las manos o los pies cerca o debajo de las partes rotatorias. Manténgase siempre lejos de la abertura de la descarga.
- Permita que solamente las personas responsables que estén familiarizadas con las instrucciones operen la máquina.
- Despeje el área de objetos tales como piedras, juguetes, alambres, huesos, palos, etc. que pueden ser recogidos y lanzados por las cuchillas.
- Asegúrese que el área no se hallen personas, antes de segar. Pare la máquina si alguien entra en el área.
- No opere la maquina sin zapatos o con sandalias abiertas. Póngase siempre zapatos sólidos.
- No tire de la segadora hacia atrás a menos que sea absolutamente necesario. Mire siempre hacia abajo y hacia detrás antes y mientras que se mueve hacia atrás.
- Nunca dirigir el material descargado hacia las personas. Evitar descargar material contra paredes o barreras. El material puede retornar al operador. Para la cuchilla cuando se pasa por superficies de grava.
- No opere la segadora sin los respectivos resguardos, las placas, el recogedor de césped u otros aditamentos dise ados para su protección y seguridad.
- Refiérase a las instrucciones del fabricante para el funcionamiento e instalación de accesorios. Use únicamente accesorios aprobados por el fabricante.
- Detenga la cuchilla o las cuchillas cuando cruce por calzadas, calles o caminos de grava.
- Parar el motor cada vez que se abandona el aparato, antes de limpiar la segadora o de remover residuos del tubo.
- Apagar el motor y esperar hasta que las cuchillas estén completamente paradas antes de remover el receptor de hierba.
- Segar solamente con luz del día o con una buena luz artificial.
- No opere la máquina bajo la influencia del alcohol o de las drogas.
- Nunca opere la maquina cuando la hierba esté mojada. Asegúrese siempre de tener buena tracción en sus pies; mantenga el mango firmemente y camine; nunca corra.
- Desconectar el mecanismo de propulsión autónoma o el embrague de transmisión en las segadoras que lo tienen antes de poner en marcha el motor.
- Si el equipo empezara a vibrar de una manera anormal, pare el motor y revise de inmediato para averiguar la causa. Generalmente la vibración suele indicar que existe alguna avería.

- Siempre use gafas de seguridad o anteojos con protección lateral cuando opere la segadora.

II. OPERACION SOBRE LAS CUESTAS

Los accidentes ocurren con más frecuencia en las cuestas. Estos accidentes ocurren debido a resbaladas o caídas, las cuales pueden resultar en graves lesiones. Operar la recortadora en cuestas requiere mayor concentración. Si se siente inseguro en una cuesta, no la recorte.

HACER:

- Puede recortar a través de la superficie de la cuesta, nunca hacia arriba y hacia abajo. Proceda con extrema precaución cuando cambie de dirección en las cuestas.
- Renueva todos los objetos extraños, tales como guijarros, ramas, etc.
- Debe prestar atención a hoyos, baches o protuberancias. Recuerde que la hierba alta puede esconder obstáculos.

NO HACER:

- No recorte cerca de pendientes, zanjas o terraplenes. El operador puede perder la tracción en los pies o el equilibrio.
- No recorte cuestas demasiado inclinadas.
- No recorte en hierba mojada. La reducción en la tracción de la pisada puede causar resbalones.

III. NIÑOS

Se pueden producir accidentes trágicos si el operador no presta atención a la presencia de los niños. A menudo, los niños se sienten atraídos por la máquina y por la actividad de la siega. Nunca suponga que los niños van a permanecer en el mismo lugar donde los vio por última vez.

- Mantenga a los niños alejados del área de la siega y bajo el cuidado estricto de otra persona adulta responsable.
- Esté alerta y apague la máquina si hay niños que entran al área.
- Antes y cuando este retrocediendo, mire hacia atrás y hacia abajo para verificar si hay niños pequeños.
- Nunca permita que los niños operen la máquina.
- Tenga un cuidado extra cuando se acerque a esquinas donde no hay visibilidad, a los arbustos, árboles u otros objetos que pueden interferir con su línea de visión.

IV. MANEJO SEGURO DE GASOLINA

Usar mucha atención cuando se maneja gasolina. La gasolina es extremadamente inflamable y los vapores son explosivos.

- Apagar todos los cigarrillos, cigarros, pipas y otras fuentes de ignición.
- Usar solo un contenedor apropiado.
- Nunca quitar el tapón de la gasolina o añadir carburante con el motor en marcha. Esperar que el motor se enfrie antes de repostar la gasolina.

- Nunca repostar la máquina al interior de un local.
- Nunca guardar la máquina o el contenedor de gasolina donde hay una llama abierta, chispa o luz piloto como una caldera u otros dispositivos.
- Nunca llenar contenedores en un vehículo, en un camión o caravana con un forro de plástico. Colocar siempre los contenedores en el suelo lejos de su vehículo antes de llenar.
- Quitar equipos que funcionan con gasolina del camión o caravana y repostar en el suelo. Si esto no es posible, repostar dicho equipo con un contenedor portátil, más bien que con una tobera de gasolina.
- Mantener la tobera en contacto con el borde del depósito de carburante o de la apertura del contenedor siempre hasta terminar el abastecimiento. No usar un dispositivo de cierre-apertura de la tobera.
- Si el carburante cae en la ropa que se lleva, cambiársela inmediatamente.
- Nunca llenar en exceso el depósito de carburante. Colocar el tapón de la gasolina y apretar de modo seguro.
- Mantenga las tuercas y los pernos, especialmente los pernos del accesorio de la cuchilla, apretados y mantenga el equipo en buenas condiciones.
- Nunca manipule de forma indebida los dispositivos de seguridad. Controle regularmente su funcionamiento correcto.
- Mantenga la máquina libre de hierba, hojas u otras acumulaciones de desperdicio. Limpie los derrames de aceite o combustible. Permita que la máquina se enfrie antes de almacenarla.
- Pare e inspeccione el equipo si le pega a un objeto. Repárelo, si es necesario, antes de hacerlo arrancar.
- En ningún caso hay que regular la altura de las ruedas mientras el motor está en marcha.
- Los componentes del receptor de la hierba van sujetos a desgaste, daños y deterioro, que pueden exponer las partes en movimiento o permitir que objetos sean disparados. Controlar frecuentemente y cuando sea necesario sustituir con partes aconsejadas por el fabricante.
- Las cuchillas de la segadora están afiladas y pueden cortar. Cubrir las hojas o llevar guantes, y utilizar precauciones especiales cuando se efectúa mantenimiento sobre las mismas.
- No cambie el ajuste del regulador del motor ni exceda su velocidad.
- Mantener o sustituir las etiquetas de seguridad e instrucciones, cuando sea necesario.

V. SERVICIO

- Nunca haga funcionar una máquina dentro de un área cerrada.
- Nunca haga ajustes o reparaciones mientras el motor esté en marcha. Desconecte el cable de la bujía, y manténgalo a cierta distancia de ésta para prevenir un arranque accidental.

ADVERTENCIA: Este segadora viene equipado con un motor de combustión interna y no se debe usar sobre, o cerca, de un terreno no desarrollado cubierto de bosques, de arbustos o de césped, o menos que el sistema de escape del motor venga equipado con un amortiguador de chispas que cumpla con las leyes locales o estatales (si existen). Si se usa un amortiguador de chispas, el operador debe mantenerlo en condiciones de trabajo eficientes. En el estado de California, la ley exige lo anterior (Sección 4442 del "California Public Resources Code"). Otros estados pueden contar con otras leyes parecidas. Las leyes federales se aplican en las tierras federales. Su centro de Servicio más cercano tiene disponible amortiguadores de chispas para el silenciador (Vea la sección de PARTES DE REPUESTO en el manual Inglés del dueño).

ESPECIFICACIONES DEL PRODUCTO

Número de Serie:

Fecha de Compra:

Capacidad y Tipo de Gasolina: 1.6 Cuartos (Regular sin Plomo)

Tipo de Aceite (API SG-SL): SAE 30 (Sobre 32°F); SAE 5W-30 (Debajo 32°F)

Capacidad de Aceite: 20 Onzas

Bujía (Abertura: .030") Champion J19LM o RJ19LM

Torsión del Perno de la Cuchilla: 35-40 ft. lbs.

- El número del modelo y el de serie se encuentran en la calcomanía adjunta a la parte trasera de la caja de la segadora. Debe registrar tanto el número de serie como la fecha de compra y mantengalos en un lugar seguro para referencia en el futuro.

Acuerdos de Protección para la Reparación

Congratulaciones por su buena compra. Su nuevo producto Craftsman® está diseñado y fabricado para funcionar de modo fiable por muchos años. Pero como todos los productos, puede necesitar alguna reparación de tanto en tanto. En este caso tener un Acuerdo de Protección para la Reparación puede hacerles ahorrar dinero y fastidios.

Compre ahora un Acuerdo de Protección para la Reparación y protégese de molestias y gastos inesperados.

Un Acuerdo incluye los puntos siguientes:

- **Servicio experto** de nuestros 12.000 especialistas profesionales en la reparación.
- **Servicio ilimitado sin cargo alguno** para las partes y la mano de obra sobre todas las reparaciones garantizadas.
- **Sustitución del producto** si su producto garantizado no puede ser arreglado.
- **Descuento del 10%** sobre el precio corriente del servicio y de las partes relativas al servicio no cubiertas por el acuerdo; también el 10% menos sobre el precio corriente de un control de mantenimiento preventivo.

- **Ayuda rápida por teléfono** – soporte telefónico por parte de un representante Sears sobre productos que requieren un arreglo en casa, y además una programación sobre los arreglos más convenientes.

Cuando se ha comprado el Acuerdo, basta con una llamada telefónica para programar el servicio. Puede llamar cuando quiera, día y noche o fijar en línea una cita para obtener el servicio. Sears tiene más de 12.000 especialistas profesionales en la reparación, que tienen acceso a más de 4.5 millones de partes y accesorios de calidad. Este es el tipo de profesionalidad con que puede contar para ayudar a alargar la vida del producto que acaba de comprar, por muchos años. ¡Compre hoy su Acuerdo de Protección para la Reparación!

Se aplican algunas limitaciones y exclusiones. Para conocer los precios y tener más información, llame al 1-800-827-6655.

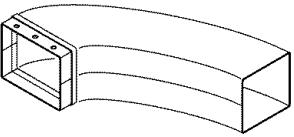
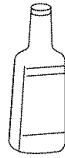
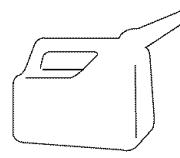
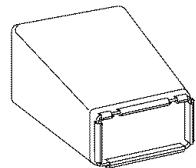
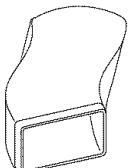
Servicio de Instalación Sears

Para la instalación profesional Sears de aparatos de casa, puertas de garaje, calentadores de agua y otros importantes artículos para la casa, en U.S.A. llamar a 1-800-4-MY-HOME®.

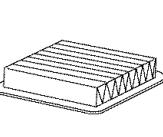
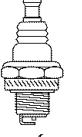
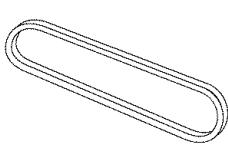
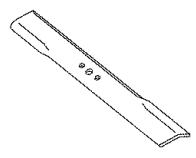
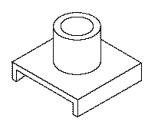
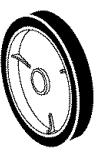
ACCESORIOS PARA LA SEGADORA

Estos accesorios estaban disponibles cuando se produjo la segadora. **No son facilitados junto al cortacesped.** También están disponibles en la mayoría de las tiendas de Sears y en los centros de servicio. Algunos de estos accesorios tal vez no se apliquen a su segadora.

RENDIMIENTO DE LA SEGADORA

	DESVIADOR DE RECORTES PARA SEGADORAS CON DESCARGA TRASERA		ESTABILIZADORES		ENVASES DE GASOLINA
	RECOREDOR PARA SEGADORAS CON DESCARGA TRASERA		RECOREDOR PARA SEGADORAS CON DESCARGA LATERAL		

MANTENIMIENTO DE LA SEGADORA

	SILENCIADORES		FILTROS DE AIRE		BUJÍAS				
	CORREAS		CUCHILLAS		ADAPTADORES DE CUCHILLA		RUEDAS		ACEITE DEL MOTOR

MONTAJE / PRE-OPERACIÓN

Lea estas instrucciones y este manual completamente antes de tratar de montar u operar su segadora nueva.

IMPORTANTE: Este cortacésped viene SIN ACEITE O GASOLINA en el motor.

Su segadora nueva ha sido montada en la fábrica con la excepción de aquellas partes que se dejaron sin montar por razones de envío. Todas las partes como las tuercas, las arandelas, los pernos, etc., que son necesarias para completar el montaje han sido colocadas en la bolsa de partes. Para asegurarse que su segadora funcione en forma segura y adecuada, todas las partes y los artículos de ferretería que se monten tienen que ser apretados seguramente. Use las herramientas correctas, como sea necesario, para asegurar que se aprieten adecuadamente.

PARA REMOVER LA SEGADORA DE LA CAJA DE CARTÓN

1. Remueva las partes sueltas que se incluyen con la segadora.
2. Cortelasdosesquinasdelos extremosdelacaja de cartón y tienda el panel del extremo plano.
3. Remueva todo el material de empaque, excepto la cuña entre el mango superior y el inferior, y la cuña que sujetla la barra de los control que exige la presencia del operador junto con el mango superior.
4. Haga rodar la segadora hacia afuera de la caja de cartón y revísela cuidadosamente para verificar si todavía quedan partes sueltas adicionales.

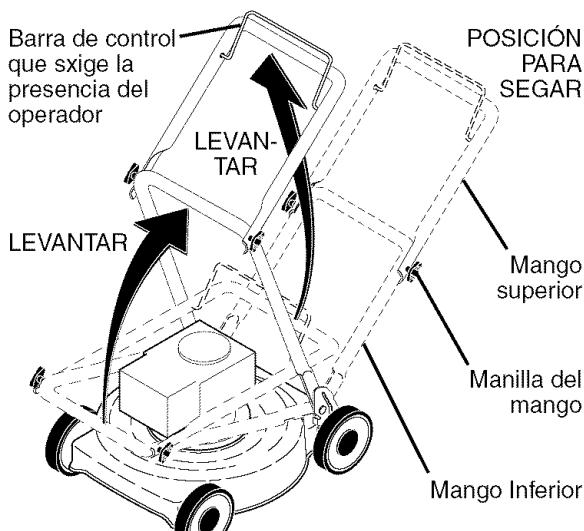
COMO PREPARAR SU SEGADORA

PARA DESDOBLAR EL MANGO

IMPORTANTE: Despliegue el mango con mucho cuidado para no pellizcar o dañar los cables de control.

1. Levante los mangos hasta que la sección del mango inferior se asegure en su lugar, en la posición para segar.
2. Remueva la cuña protectora, levante la sección del mango superior hasta su lugar en el mango inferior, y apriete ambas manillas del mango.
3. Remueva la cuña del mango que sujetla la barra de los control que exige la presencia del operador junto con el mango superior.

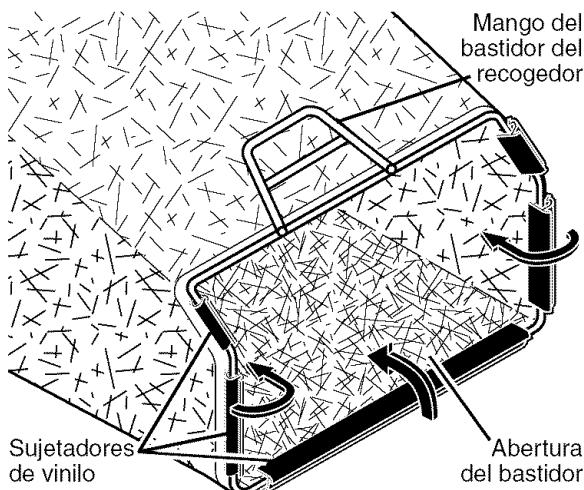
El mango de la segadora puede ajustarse según le acomode para segar. Refiérase a "AJUSTE DEL MANGO" en la sección de Servicio y Ajustes de este manual.



PARA MONTAR EL RECOGEDOR DE CÉSPED

1. Ponga el bastidor del recogedor de césped en la bolsa del césped con la parte rígida de la bolsa en la parte inferior. Asegúrese que el mango del bastidor esté en el exterior de la parte superior de la bolsa.
2. Deslice los sujetadores de vinilo sobre el bastidor.

AVISO: Si los sujetadores de vinilo están muy duros, métalos en agua caliente por algunos minutos. Si se moja la bolsa, déjela que se seque antes de usarla.



PARA INSTALAR LOS ACCESORIOS

Su segadora fue enviada lista para usarse como una acolchadora de capa vegetal. Para convertirla de modo que pueda ensacar o descargar, refiérase a "PARA CONVERTIR LA SEGADORA" en la sección de Operación de este manual.

OPERACIÓN

FAMILIARICESE CON SU SEGADORA

LEA ESTE MANUAL DEL DUEÑO Y LAS REGLAS DE SEGURIDAD ANTES DE OPERAR SU SEGADORA. Compare las ilustraciones con su segadora para familiarizarse con la ubicación de los diversos controles y ajustes. Guarde este manual para referencia en el futuro.

Estos símbolos pueden aparecer sobre su segadora o en la literatura proporcionada con el producto. Aprenda y comprenda sus significados.



ATTENCIÓN O
ADVERTENCIA



MOTOR
ENCENDIDO



STOP

MOTOR
APAGADO



RÁPIDO



LENTO



ESTRANGU-
LACIÓN



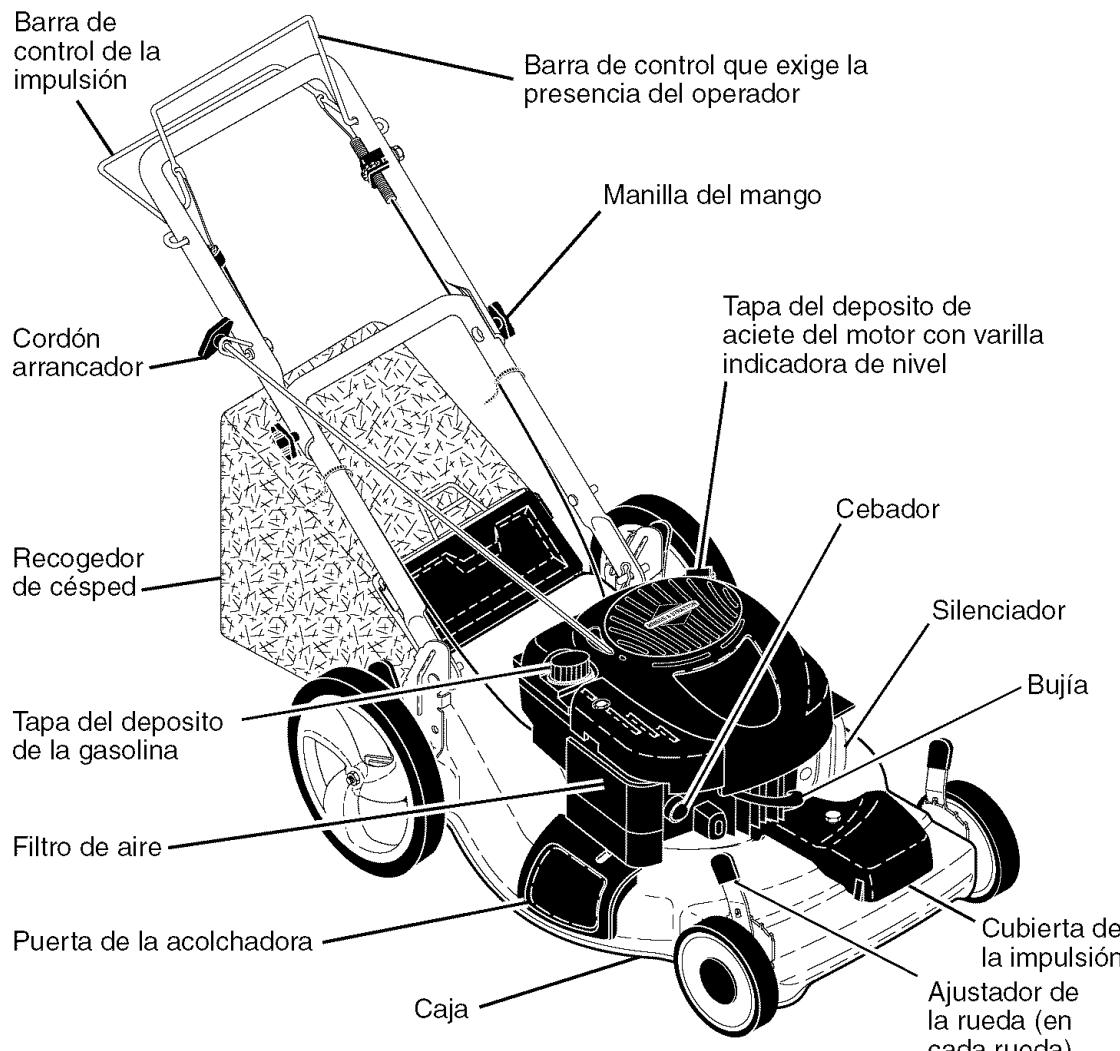
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ACEITE



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MANOS Y LOS PIES LEJOS



IMPORTANTE: Este cortacésped viene SIN ACEITE O GASOLINA en motor.

CUMPLE CON LOS REQUISITOS DE SEGURIDAD DE LA CPSC

Las segadoras a motor, que se conducen desde la parte de atrás, rotatorias, Sears, cumplen con los estándares de seguridad del American National Standards Institute y de la U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. La cuchilla gira cuando el motor está funcionando.

Barra de control que exige la presencia del operador – tiene que sujetarse abajo, junto con el mango, para hacer arrancar el motor. Suéltela para parar el motor.

Cebador – bombea combustible adicional desde el carburador al cilindro para uso cuando se necesita hacer arrancar un motor frío.

Puerta de la acolchadura – permite la conversión para la operación de descarga o ensacado.

Barra de control de la impulsión – se usa para enganchar la segadora para movimiento hacia adelante impulsada a motor.

Cordón arrancador – se usa para hacer arrancar el motor.



La operación de cualquier segadora puede hacer que salten objetos extraños dentro de sus ojos, lo que puede producir daños graves en éstos. Siempre use anteojos de seguridad o protección para los ojos mientras opere su segadora o cuando haga ajustes o reparaciones. Recomendamos gafas o una máscara de seguridad de visión amplia de seguridad usada sobre las gafas.

COMO USAR SU SEGADORA

VELOCIDAD DEL MOTOR

La velocidad del motor se estableció en la fábrica para un rendimiento óptimo. La velocidad no se puede ajustar.

CONTROL DE ZONA DEL MOTOR

PRECAUCIÓN: Las regulaciones federales exigen que se instale un control para el motor en esta segadora para reducir a un mínimo el riesgo de lesionarse debido al contacto con la cuchilla. Por ningún motivo trate de eliminar la función del control del operador. La cuchilla gira cuando el motor está funcionando.

- Su segadora viene equipada con una barra de controles que exigen la presencia del operador, lo que requiere que el operador esté detrás del mango de la segadora para hacerla arrancar y operarla.

CONTROL DE LA IMPULSIÓN

- La autopropulsión se controla manteniendo la palanca de mando operador presente abajo hacia el mango y tirando la barra de accionamiento hasta la mango. Cuanto más cercano se tira la barra hacia el mango, más rápida irá la unidad.
- El movimiento hacia adelante se detiene cuando sea la palanca de mando operador presente o la **barra de accionamiento** se sueltan. Para detener el movimiento hacia adelante sin apagar el motor, soltar sólo la barra de accionamiento. Mantener la palanca de mando operador presente abajo contra el mango para continuar a cortar sin autopropulsión.

AVISO: Si después haber desenganchado de la palanca de control, la segadora no roda hacia atrás, empuje la segadora un poco hacia adelante para desenganchar las ruedas de la impulsión.

- Para mantener el mando conectado cuando se da la vuelta a una esquina, empujar el mango para levantar las ruedas delanteras del terreno mientras se gira la cortadora.

Barra de control que exige la presencia del operador



AJUSTE DEL MANDO

Ocasionalmente, el sistema de mando puede "aflojarse", provocando una disminución de la velocidad. Hay agujeros en la sed del mando para apretar la tensión del cable. Proceder de la siguiente manera:

1. Apagar la unidad y desconectar el cable de bujía de la bujía.
2. Afloje la tuerca, mueva el mando la cubierta del control de la impulsión al próximo agujero y apriete otra vez la tuerca.
3. Opere la segadora para probar la velocidad del mecanismo.
4. Si las condiciones no mejoran después de los pasos descritos (la velocidad hacia adelante queda la misma), la correa de transmisión está desgastada y tiene que ser sustituida.

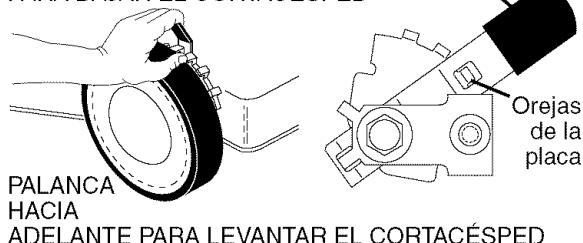
PARA AJUSTAR LA ALTURA DE CORTE

Levante las ruedas para el corte bajo y baje las ruedas para el corte alto., ajuste la altura de corte para que se acomode a sus requisitos. La posición del medio es la mejor para la mayoría de los céspedes.

- Para cambiar la altura de corte, empuje la palanca del ajustador hacia la rueda. Mueva la rueda hacia arriba o hacia abajo de modo que se acomode a sus requisitos. Asegúrese que todas las ruedas queden igualmente ajustadas.

AVISO: El ajustador esta correctamente colocado cuando las orejas de la placa están insertadas en el agujero del mango. También, los ajustes de 9 posiciones (si equipado) permiten que el mango pueda ser movido entre las orejas de la placa.

PALANCA HACIA ATRÁS
PARA BAJAR EL CORTACÉSPED

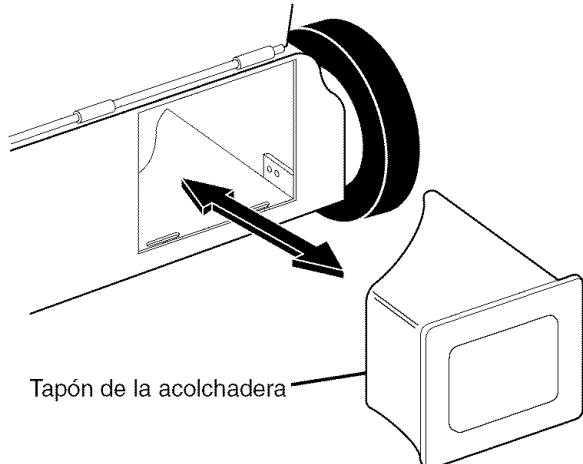


PARA CONVERTIR LA SEGADORA

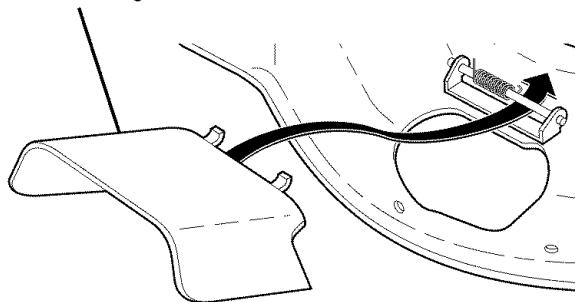
Su segadora fue enviada lista para usarse como acolchadora de capa vegetal. Para convertirla a una operación de ensacado o de descarga:

SEGADORAS CON DESCARGA TRASERA

- Abra la puerta trasera y remueva la tapón acolchadora. Guárdela en un lugar seguro.
- Ahora puede instalar el recogedor o el desviador de recortes opcional.
- Para volver a la operación de acolchamiento o descarga, el tapón acolchador en la abertura de descarga de la segadora.



Desviador de la descarga



SEGADORAS CON DESCARGA LATERAL

- La tapón acolchadora debe ser instalada adentro de la abertura de la descarga trasera.
- Abra la protección contra la descarga y instale el desviador de contra la descarga debajo de la protección como se muestra.
- La segadora esta lista para la operación de la descarga.
- Para convertir a la operación de ensacado o de descarga, el desviador de la descarga debe ser removido y la protección contra la descarga debe estar cerrada.



PASOS SIMPLES DE RECORDAR CUANDO CONVIERTA SU SEGADORA

PARA ACOLCHAMIENTO -

1. La plancha acolchadora trasera instalada.
2. La protección contra la descarga cerrada.

PARA ENSACAMIENTO TRASERO -

1. La plancha acolchadora trasera removida.
2. Recogedor del césped instalado.
3. La protección contra la descarga cerrada.

PARA DESCARGA LATERAL-

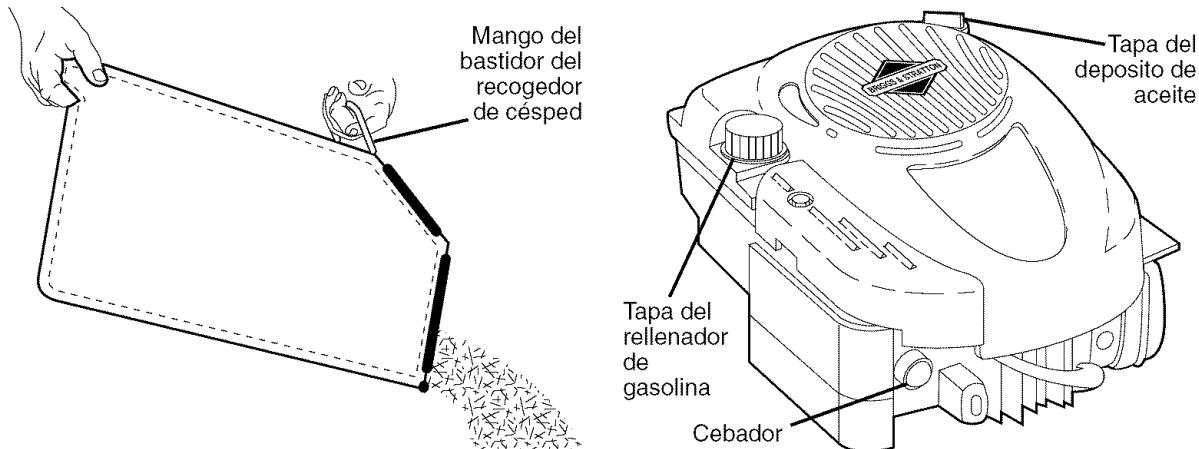
1. La plancha acolchadora trasera instalada.
2. La desviador de la descarga instalada.

PRECAUCIÓN: No haga funcionar su segadora sin la placa de la acolchadora o sin el recogedor césped aprobados en su lugar. Nunca trate de operar la segadora cuando se halla removido la puerta trasera o cuando se ha removido a puerta trasera o cuando está un poco abierta.

PARA VACIAR EL RECOGEDOR DE CÉSPED

1. Levante el recogedor de césped usando el mango del bastidor.
2. Remueva el recogedor de césped, con los recortes, de debajo del mango de la segadora.
3. Vacíe los recortes de la bolsa.

AVISO: No arrastre la bolsa cuando la vacíe; se producirá un desgaste innecesario.



ANTES DE HACER ARRANCAR EL MOTOR

AGREGUE ACEITE

Su segadora fue enviada sin aceite en el motor. Para el tipo y el grado del aceite a utilizar, vea el "MOTOR" en la sección del Mantenimiento de este manual.

PRECAUCIÓN: NO sobrellene el motor con aceite, o fumará pesa demante del silenciador cuando lo valla a arrancar.

1. Asegúrese que la segadora esté nivelada.
2. Remueva la varilla medidora de aceite del tubo de desarga de aceite.
3. Usted recibe un envase de aceite con la unidad. Vierta lentamente el envase entero de aceite en el tubo de llenado del motor.

AVISO: El terraplén inicial del aceite requiere solamente 18 onzas debido al aceite residual en el motor de la prueba de calidad de 100% del fabricante. Al cambiar el aceite puede necesitar 20 onzas.

4. Inserte y apriete la varilla medidora de aceite.

IMPORTANTE:

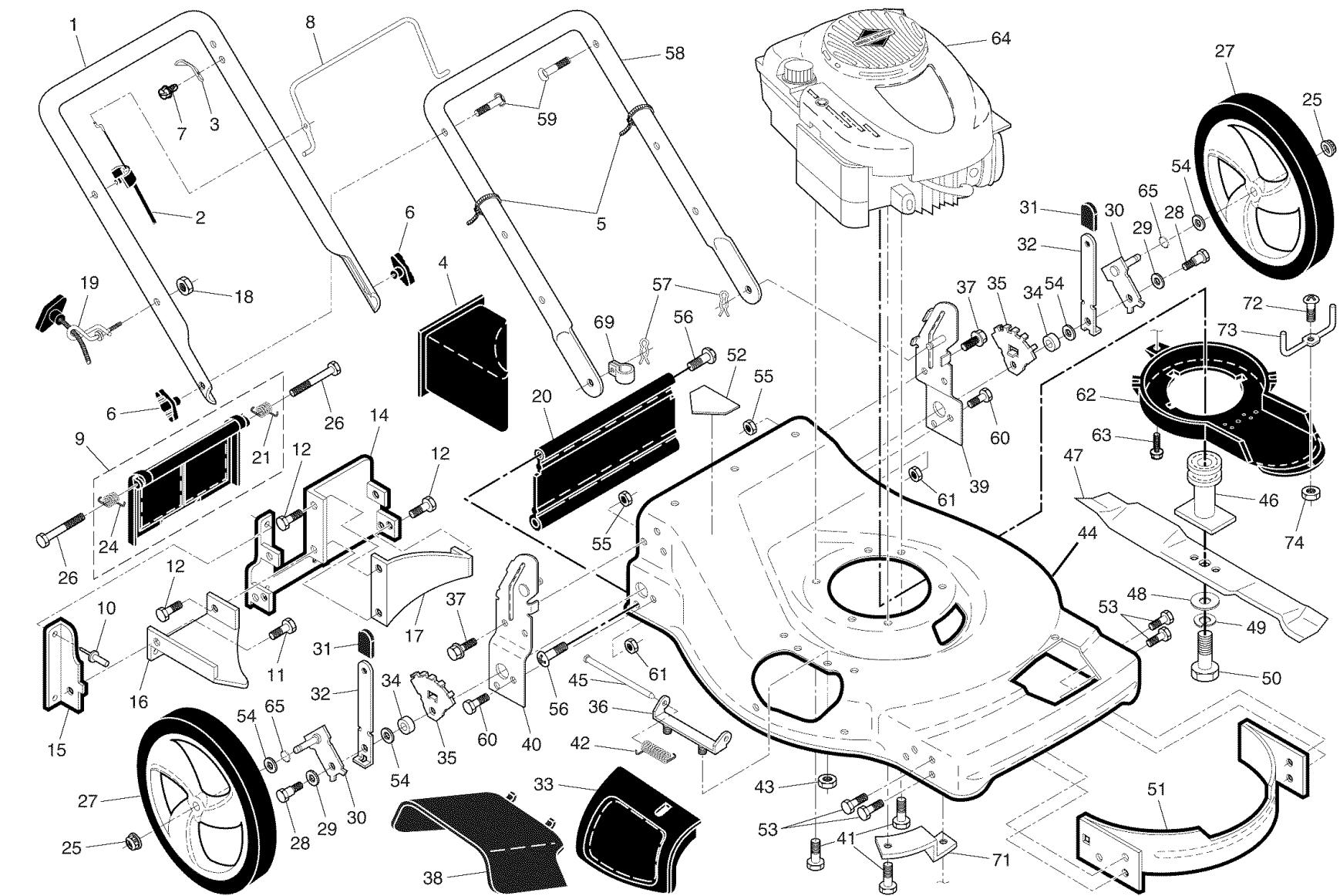
- Revise el nivel del aceite antes de cada uso. Agregue aceite si es necesario. Llene hasta la línea de lleno en la varilla medidora de nivel.
- Cambie el aceite después de 25 horas de operación o una vez por temporada. Puede necesitar cambiar el aceite más a menudo cuando las condiciones son polvorosas o sucias. Vea "PARA CAMBIAR EL ACEITE DEL MOTOR" en la sección de Mantenimiento de este manual.

AGREGUE GASOLINA

• Llene el estanque de combustible hasta la parte inferior del cuello de llenado del estanque de gasolina. No lo llene demasiado. Use gasolina regular, sin plomo, nueva y limpia con el mínimo de 87 octanos. No mezcle el aceite con la gasolina. Para asegurar que la gasolina utilizada sea fresca compre estanques los cuales puedan ser utilizados durante los primeros 30 días.

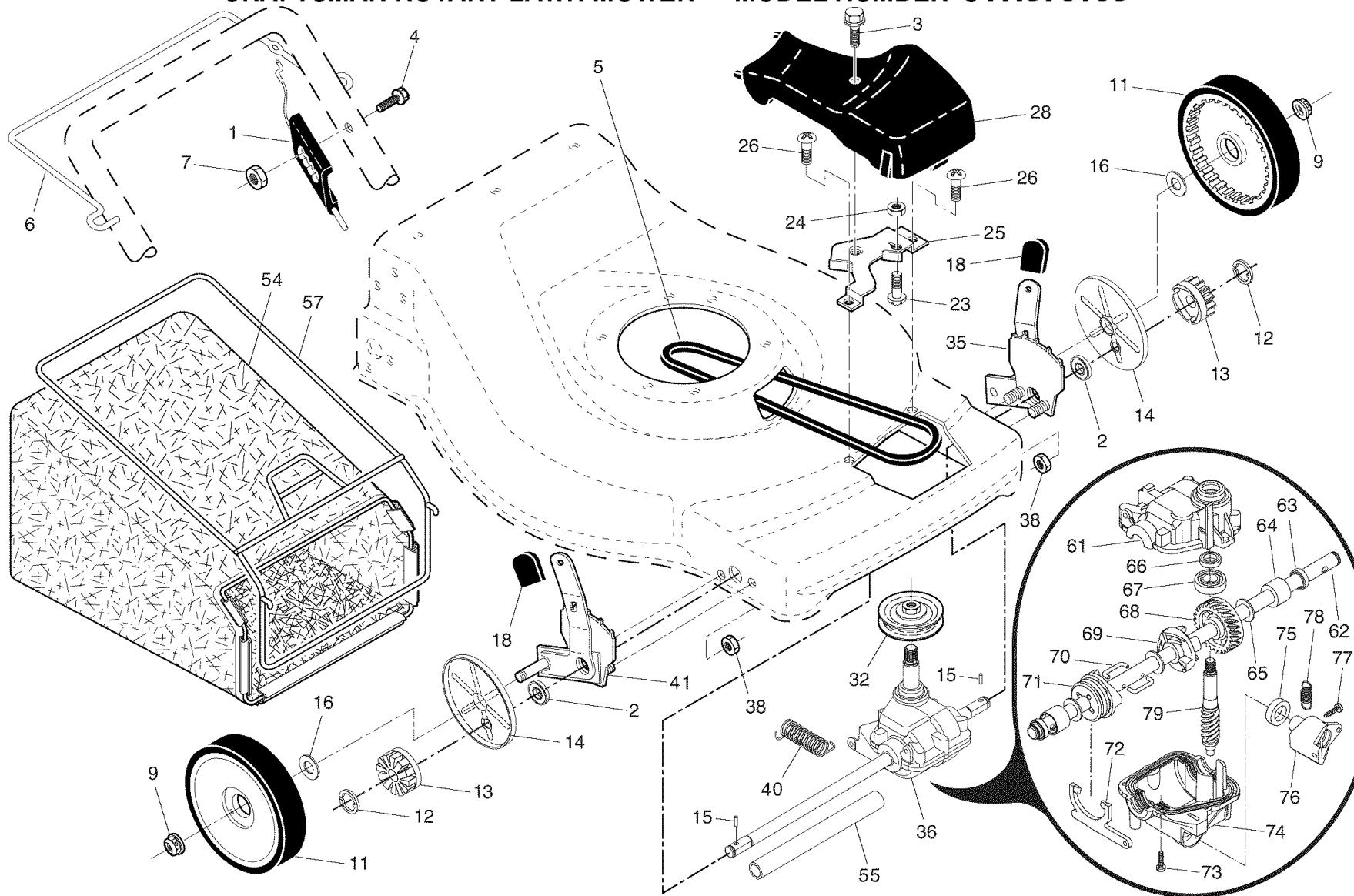
PRECAUCIÓN: Limpie el aceite o el combustible derramado. No almacene, derrame o use gasolina cerca de una llama expuesta.

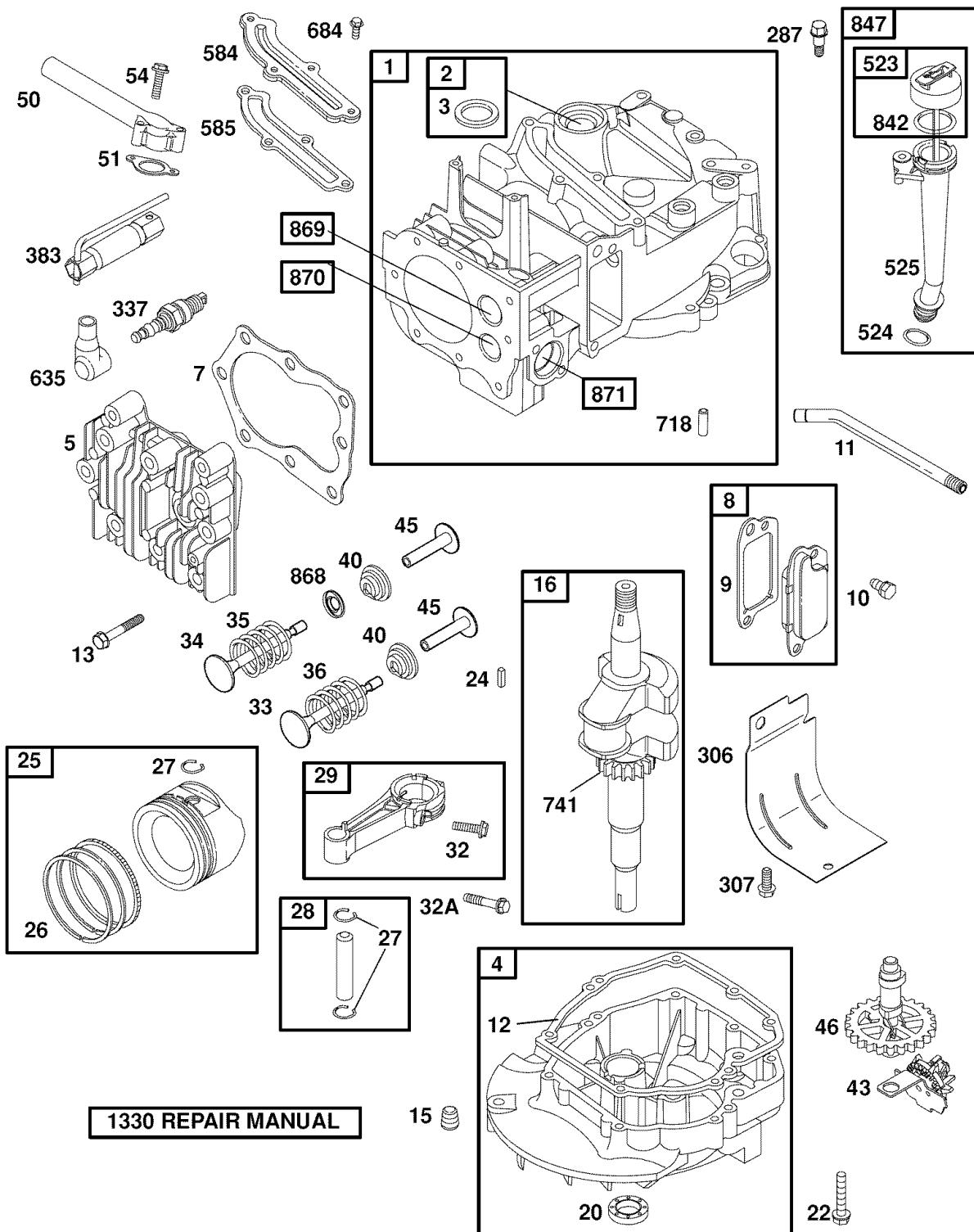
PRECAUCIÓN: Los combustibles mezclados con alcohol (conocidos como gasohol, o el uso de etanol o metanol) pueden atraer la humedad, la que conduce a la separación y formación de ácidos durante el almacenamiento. La gasolina acídica puede dañar el sistema del combustible de un motor durante el almacenamiento. Para evitar los problemas con el motor, se debe vaciar el sistema del combustible antes de guardarlo por un período de 30 días o más. Vacíe el estanque del combustible, haga arrancar el motor y hágalo funcionar hasta que las líneas del combustible y el carburador queden vacíos. La próxima temporada use combustible nuevo. Vea las Instrucciones Para El Almacenamiento para más información. Nunca use productos de limpieza para el motor o para el carburador en el estanque del combustible pues se pueden producir daños permanentes.

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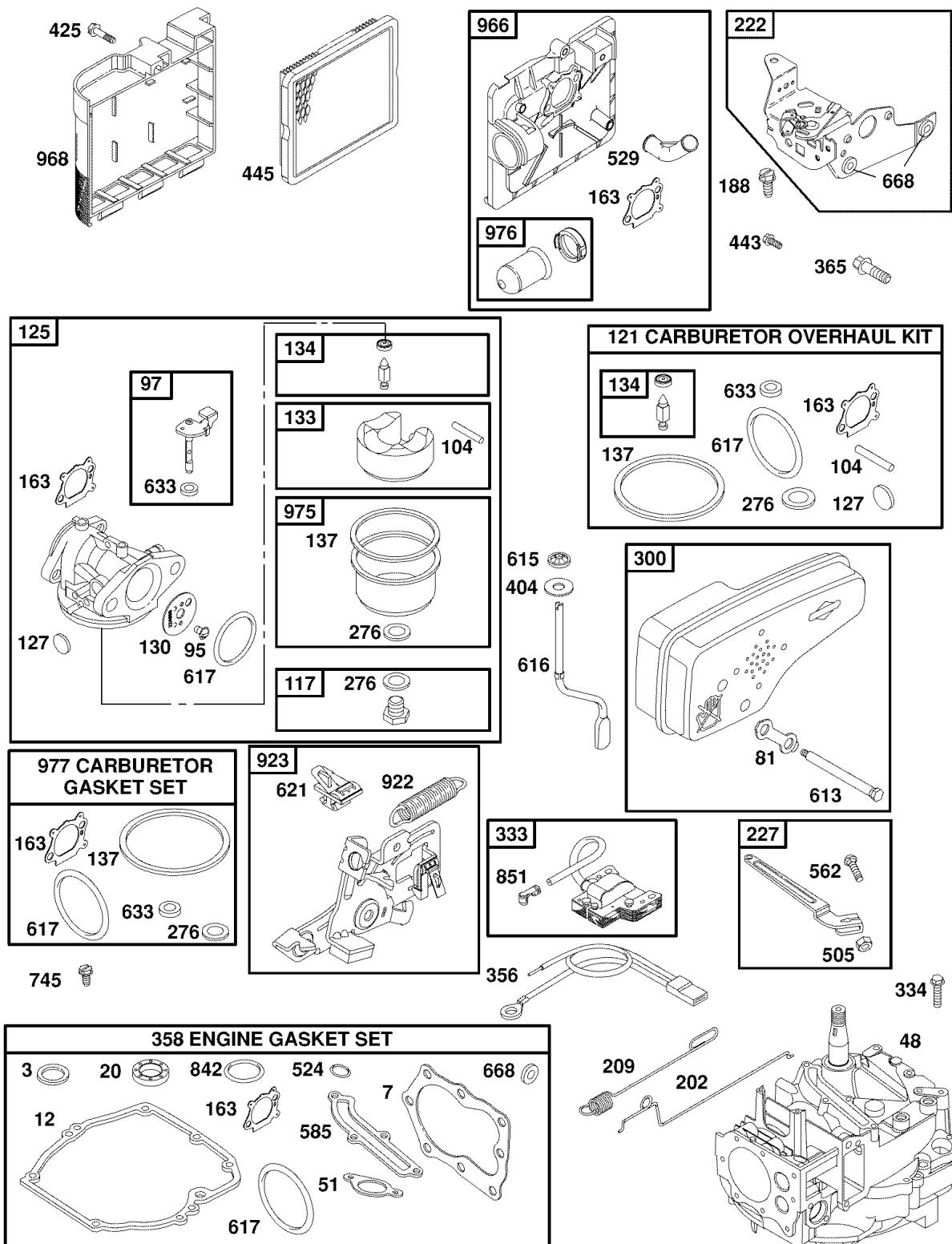
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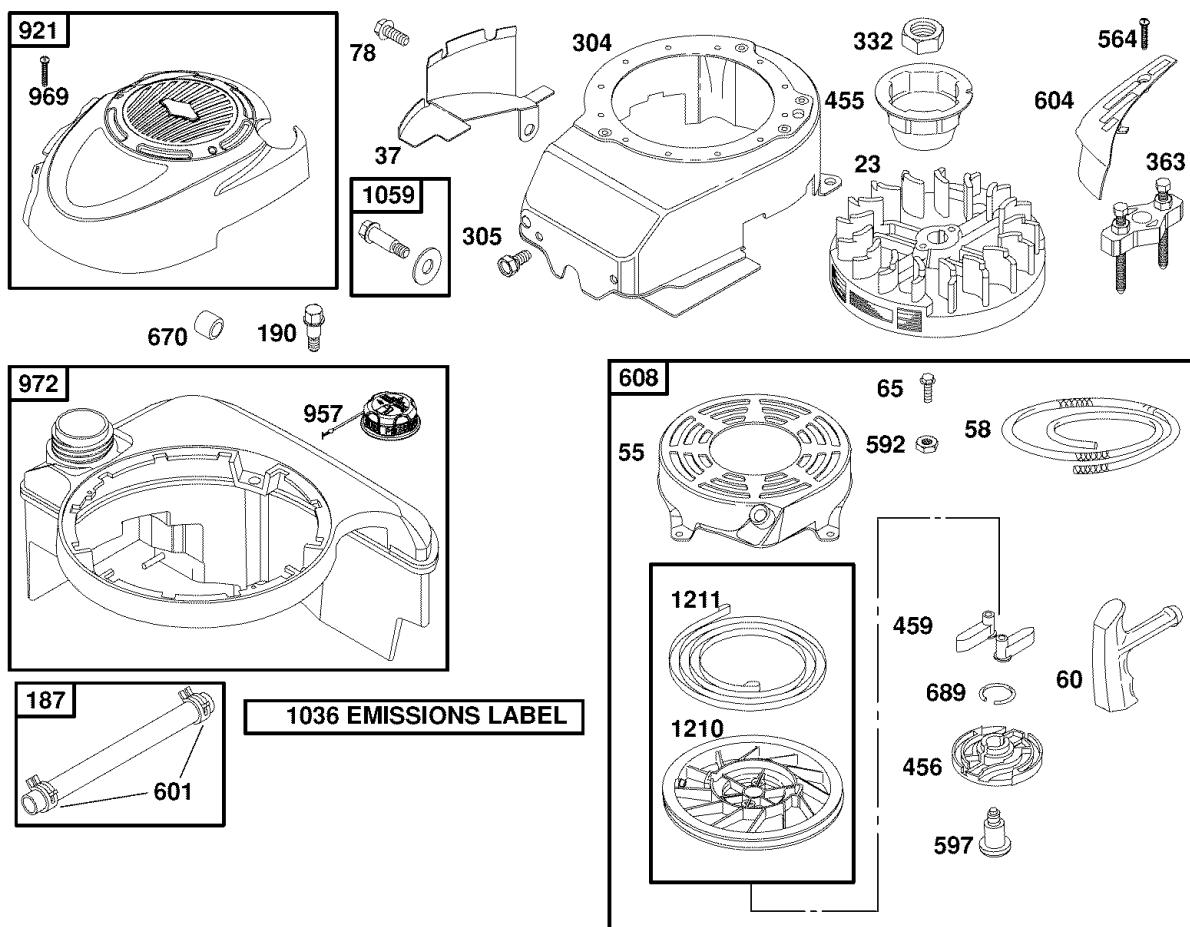
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**KEY PART****NO.****DESCRIPTION**

- 1 697322 Cylinder Assembly
- 2 399269 Kit-Bushing/Seal
- 3 299819s • Seal-Oil (Magneto Side)
- 4 493279 Sump-Engine
- 5 691160 Head-Cylinder
- 7 692249 • Gasket-Cylinder Head
- 8 695250 Breather Assembly
- 9 696125 Gasket-Breather
- 10 691125 Screw (Breather Assembly)
- 11 691781 Tube-Breather
- 12 692232 • Gasket-Crankcase
- 13 690912 Screw (Cylinder Head)
- 15 691680 Plug-Oil Drain
- 16 691450 Crankshaft
- 20 399781s • Seal-Oil (PTO Side)
- 22 691092 Screw (Engine Sump)
- 23 691987 Flywheel
- 24 222698s Key-Flywheel
- 25 790359 Piston Assembly (Standard)
- 791326 Piston Assembly (.020" Oversize)
- 26 790360 Ring Set (Standard)
- 791324 Ring Set (.020" Oversize)
- 27 691866 Lock-Piston Pin

KEY PART**NO.****DESCRIPTION**

- 28 499423 Pin-Piston
- 29 499424 Rod-Connecting
- 32 691664 Screw (Connecting Rod)
- 32A 695759 Screw (Connecting Rod)
- 33 262651s Valve-Exhaust
- 34 262652s Valve-Intake
- 35 691270 Spring-Valve (Intake)
- 36 691270 Spring-Valve (Exhaust)
- 37 694086 Guard-Flywheel
- 40 692194 Retainer-Valve
- 43 691997 Slinger-Governor/Oil
- 45 690548 Tappet-Valve
- 46 691449 Camshaft
- 48 498829 Short Block
- 50 497465 Manifold-Intake
- 51 272199s • Gasket-Intake
- 54 691650 Screw (Intake Manifold)
- 55 691421 Housing-Rewind Starter
- 58 697316 Rope-Starter (Cut to Fit)
- 60 281434s Grip-Starter Rope
- 65 690837 Screw (Rewind Starter)
- 78 691108 Screw (Flywheel Guard)
- 81 691740 Lock-Muffler Screw
- 95 691636 Screw (Throttle Valve)

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