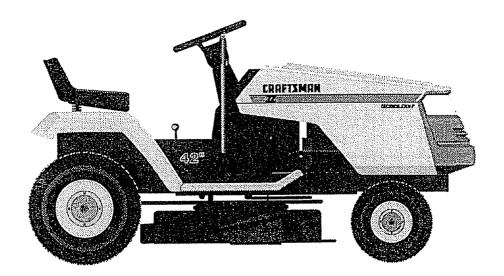


# CRAFTSMAN®

# MODEL NUMBER 917.257630 OWNER'S MANUAL

- Assembly
- Operation
- Customer Responsibilities
- Service and Adjustments
- Repair Parts



CAUTION: Read and follow all safety rules and instructions before operating this equipment.

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# SAFETY RULES



IMPORTANT: THIS CUTTING MACHINE IS CAPABLE OF AMPUTATING HANDS AND FEET AND THROWING OBJECTS

FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

#### **GENERAL OPERATION** ١.

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual ٠ and on the machine before starting.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the guard in place.
- Slow down before turning
- Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove keys before dismounting.
- Turn off blades when not mowing
- Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.

#### **II. SLOPE OPERATION**

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

DO:

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

#### DO NOT:

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

#### **III. CHILDREN**

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

- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and down for small children
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with 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 necessarv.
- Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required



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



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

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

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

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

MODEL NUMBER 917,257630

SERIAL

NUMBER \_

DATE OF PURCHASE \_

THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE FOUND ON A PLATE UNDER THE SEAT.

YOU SHOULD RECORD BOTH SERIAL NUMBER AND DATE OF PURCHASE AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

### MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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

### **CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

# PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

HORSEPOWER:	13.0
GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	5 QUARTS UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL TYPE (API-SG):	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	3 PINTS
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .025")	CHAMPION RJ19LM STD361458
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE: .005"007" EXHAUST: .009"011"
GROUND SPEED (MPH):	FORWARD: 1st 1.02 2nd 1.35 3rd 2.10 4th 3.14 5th 4.00 6th 5.12 REVERSE: 1.58
TIRE PRESSURE:	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 12 PSI
CHARGING SYSTEM:	3 AMPS BATTERY 5 AMPS HEADLIGHTS
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	30-35 FT. LBS.

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

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

# LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON ELECTRIC START RIDING EQUIPMENT

For two (2) years from the date of purchase, if this riding equipment is maintained, lubricated and tuned up according to the instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair or replace, free of charge, any parts found to be defective in material or workmanship.

This Warranty does not cover:

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

# LIMITED 90 DAY WARRANTY ON BATTERY

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

WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY RETURNING THE RIDING EQUIPMENT TO THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

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

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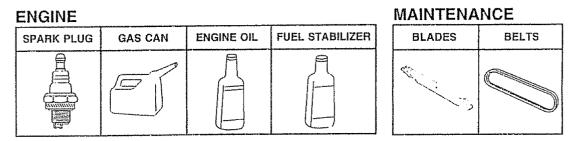
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# **ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS**

These accessories and attachments were available through most Sears retail outlets and service centers when the tractor was purchased. Most Sears stores can order these items for you when you provide the model number of your tractor.



#### PERFORMANCE

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

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

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

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

BUMPER protects front end of tractor from damage.

CARTS make hauling easy. Variety of sizes available, plus accessories such as side panel kits, tool caddy, cart cover, protective mat and dolly.

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

EASY OIL DRAIN VALVE makes oil changes easier, faster.

FRONT NOSE ROLLER canters in front of mower deck to reduce chances of "scalping" on uneven terrain.

GANG HITCH lets you tow 2 or 3 pull-behind attachments at once, such as sweepers, dethatchers, aerators (not for use with rollers, carts or other heavy attachments).

GAUGE WHEELS on both sides of the mower deck reduce chances of "scalping" on uneven terrain. For mower decks not so equipped.

MULCH RAKE/DETHATCHER loosens soil and flips thatch and matted leaves to lawn surface for easy pickup. Twenty spring tine teeth. Useful to prepare bare areas for seeding. Available for front or rear mounting. HIGH PERFORMANCE REEL-ACTION SPRING TINE DETHATCHER covers 36-inch wide path and tosses thatch into large hopper. Mounts behind tractor.

MULCHING CLOSE-OUT PLATE KIT, once installed, lets you mulch, discharge or bag clippings (bagger optional) without changing blades. For models not equipped as 3-in-1 Convertible mowers. See "MOWER" in the Repair Parts section of this manual.

RAMP TOPS AND FEET let you load and unload tractor from a pickup truck. Use with 2 x 8 or 2 x 10 lumber

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

SNOW BLADE for snow removal only. 14-inch high, 42-inch wide blade clears 38-inch path when angled left or right. Raises, lowers with side lever. Adjustable skids; replaceable, reversible scraper bar. (Use with tire chains and wheel weights and/or rear drawbar weight.)

SNOWTHROWER has 40-inch swath. Drum-type auger handles powdery and wet/heavy snow. Mounts easily with simple pin arrangement. Discharge chute adjusts from tractor seat. 6-inch diameter spout discharges snow 10 to 50 feet. Lift controlled at tractor seat. (Use with chains and wheel weights and/or rear drawbar weight.)

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

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

SWEEPERS let you collect grass clippings and leaves.

TILLER has 5 hp engine and 36-inch swath to prepare seed beds, cultivate and compost garden residue. Tiller has its own built-in lift and depth control system and does NOT require a sleeve hitch. Fits any lawn, yard or garden tractor. Simply hook up to the tractor drawbar and gol **Optional accessories** convert unit for dethatching, aerating, hilling...without tools.

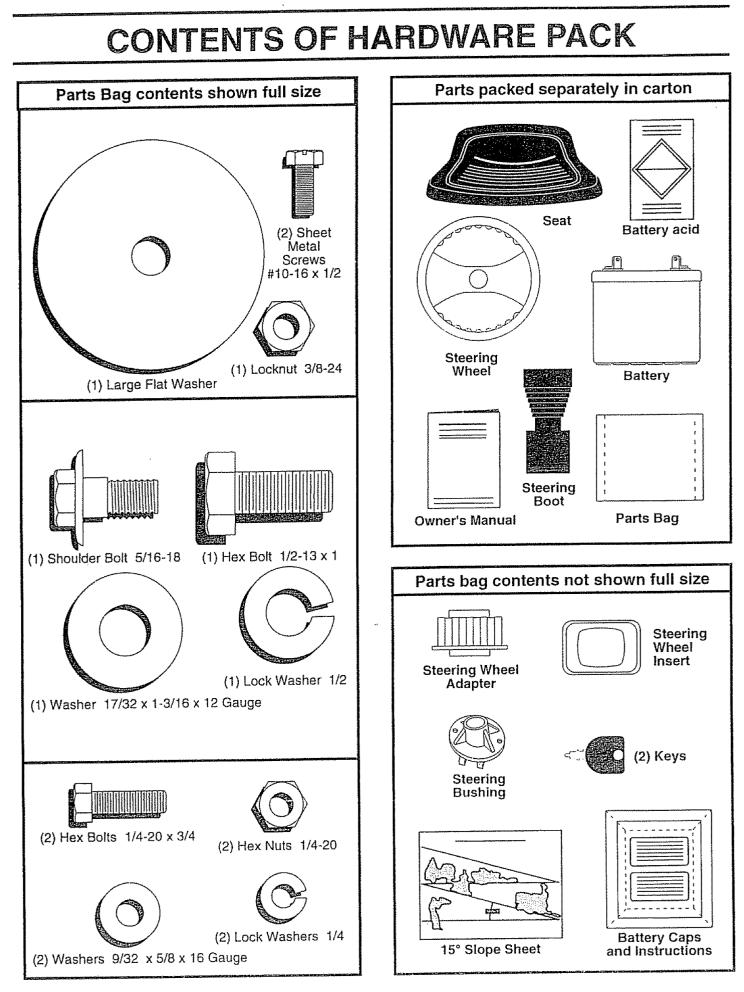
TIRE CHAINS are heavy duty; closely spaced extra-large cross links give smooth ride, outstanding traction.

TRACTOR CAB has heavy duty vinyl fabric over tubular steel frame, ABS plastic top; clear plastic windshield offers 360 degree visibility. Hinged metal doors with catch. Keeps operator warm and dry. Remove vinyl sides and windshields for use as sun protector in summer. Optional accessories include: tinted/ tempered solid safety glass windshield with hand operated wiper; 12-volt amber caution light for mounting on cab top.

VACS for powerful collection of heavy grass clippings and leaves. Optional wand attachment to pick up debris in hard-to-reach places. VAC/CHIPPER includes a chipper-shredder.

WEIGHT BRACKET for drawbar for snow removal applications. Uses (1) 55 lb. weight.

WHEEL WEIGHTS for rear wheels provide needed traction for snow removal or dozing heavy materials



# ASSEMBLY

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

### TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

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

- (1) 5/16" wrench
- (1) 3/4" wrench

Utility knife

- (2) 7/16" wrenches
- Tire pressure gauge
- (1) 1/2" wrench
- (1) 9/16" wrench

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means 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 cartons from carton (See page 6).
- Cut, from top to bottom, along lines on all four corners of carton, and lay panels flat.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

### **BEFORE ROLLING TRACTOR OFF SKID**

### ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 1)

- Slide the steering bushing over the steering shaft.
- Raise steering shaft forward until screw holes in dash line up with steering bushing. Install two (2) sheet metal screws and tighten securely.
- Position steering boot over steering shaft.
- Place tabs of steering boot over tab slots in dash and push down to secure.
- Slide steering wheel adapter onto upper steering shaft.
- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide onto adapter.
- Assemble large flat washer and 3/8-24 locknut and tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective plastic 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.

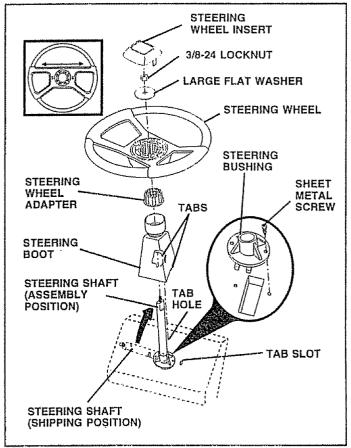


FIG.1

### TO ROLL TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Fig. 6)

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

# ASSEMBLY

# HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR

### PREPARE BATTERY (See Fig. 2)

#### CAUTION: Wear eye and face shield.



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

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

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

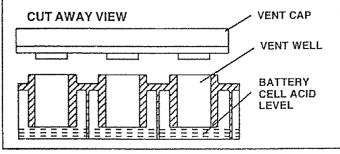
Your tractor has a battery charging system which is sufficient for normal use. However, periodic charging of the battery with an automotive charger will extend its life.

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

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

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

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



### **INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 3)**

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment bolt.

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

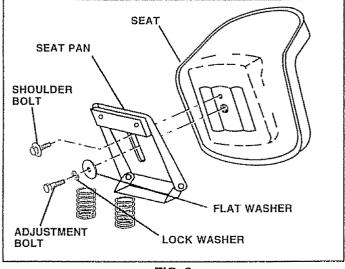


FIG. 3

### 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" on page 3 of this manual.

#### CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

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

# CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

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

#### CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

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

# ASSEMBLY

### **INSTALL BATTERY (See Figs. 4 and 5)**



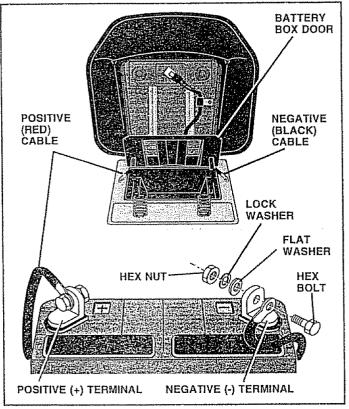
CAUTION: Do not short battery terminals. Before installing battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands, rings, etc.

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

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

Open battery box door for:

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



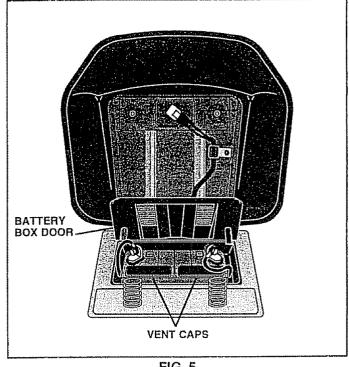


FIG. 5

# ✓ CHECKLIST

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

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

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

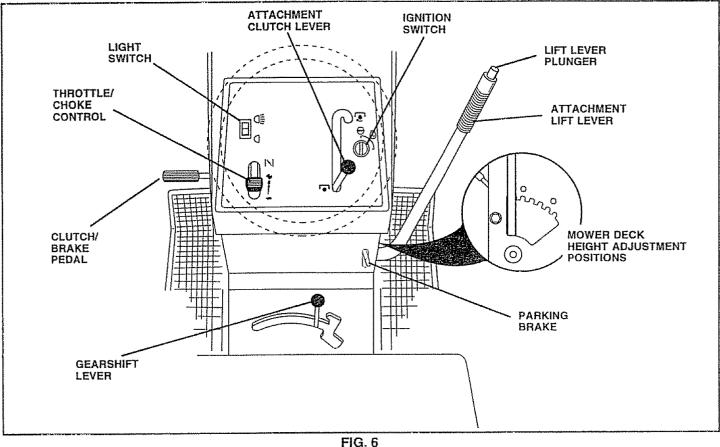
WHILE LEARNING HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR, PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ITEMS:

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

### 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.

LIGHT SWITCH: Turns the headlights on and off.

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

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

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

GEARSHIFT LEVER: Selects the speed and direction of tractor.

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

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

**IGNITION SWITCH**: Used for starting and stopping the engine.

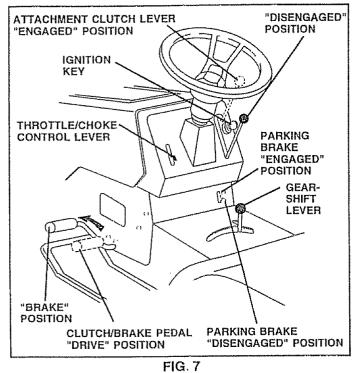


The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your tractor or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend a wide vision safety mask for over the spectacles or standard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

### HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR

### TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 7)

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



### STOPPING (See Fig. 7)

MOWER BLADES -

 Move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.

**GROUND DRIVE -**

- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position.
- Move gearshift lever to neutral (N) position. ENGINE -
- Move throttle control to slow (->) position.

 Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving tractor to prevent unauthorized use.

Never use choke to stop engine.

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



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

### TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 7)

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 (See Fig. 7)

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

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

IMPORTANT: BRING TRACTOR TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE SHIFTING OR CHANGING GEARS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL SHORTEN THE USEFUL LIFE OF YOUR TRANSAXLE.

# TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 6)

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.
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### TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig. 8)

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

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



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

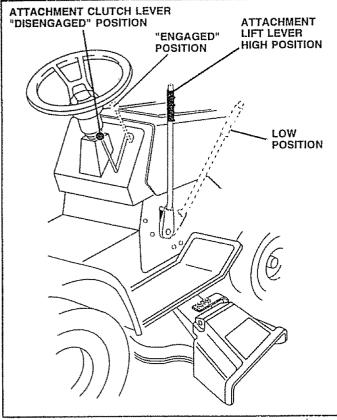


FIG. 8

### **TO OPERATE ON HILLS**



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

- Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills.
- Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills.
- If slowing is necessary, move throttle control lever to slower position.
- If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake.
- Move gearshift lever to 1st gear. 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.).

### **BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE**

### CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL (See Fig. 14)

- 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 Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Customer Responsibilities section in this manual.

#### ADD GASOLINE

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

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

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



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

### TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 7)

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

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control lever to choke (|\|) position for cold engine start. For warm engine start, move throttle control to fast (+) position.
- 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 engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to fast () position, wait a few minutes and try again.
- When engine starts, move throttle control to desired position.
- Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes before engaging drive or attachments.

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

### **MOWING TIPS**

- Tire chains cannot be used when the mower housing is attached to tractor.
- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 9).
- 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.

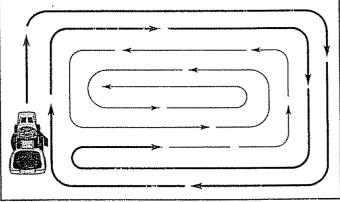


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1 - Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures

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

3 - If equipped with oil filter, change oil every 50 hours

LUBRICATION CHART

4 - Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil
5 - If equipped with adjustable system

### **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.

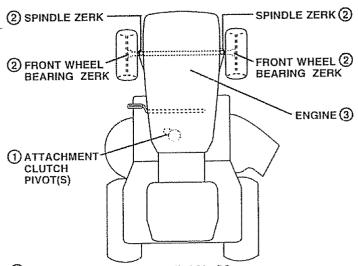
Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your tractor.

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**

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



1 SAE 30 OR 10W30 MOTOR OIL API - SG

(2) GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE

3) REFER TO CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES "ENGINE" SECTION

IMPORTANT: DO NOT OIL OR GREASE THE PIVOT POINTS WHICH HAVE SPECIAL NYLON BEARINGS VISCOUS LUBRI-CANTS 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. POW-DERED 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 "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual).
- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

### **BLADE CARE**

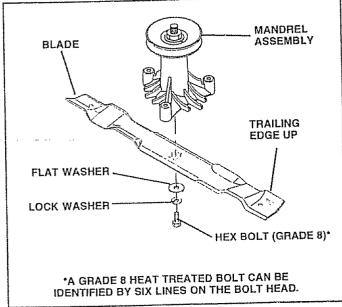
For best results mower blades must be kept sharp. Replace bent or damaged blades.

### BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 10)

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

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS GRADE 8 HEAT TREATED.

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



### TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 11)

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

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

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

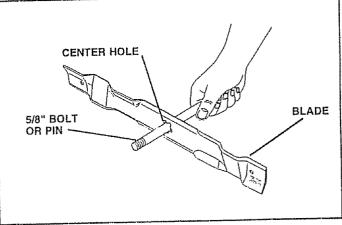


FIG. 11

### BATTERY (See Fig. 12)

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.

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

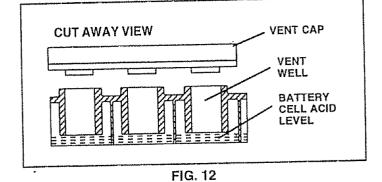


FIG. 10

#### TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS

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

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

### **V-BELTS**

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

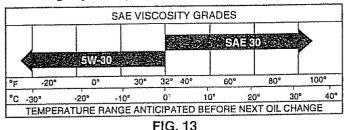
### TRANSAXLE COOLING

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

### ENGINE

### LUBRICATION

Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SG. 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 the first two hours of operation and every 25 hours thereafter or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 25 hours in one year.

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

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Figs. 13 and 14)

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SG.

- Be sure tractor is on level surface
- Oil will drain more freely when warm

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

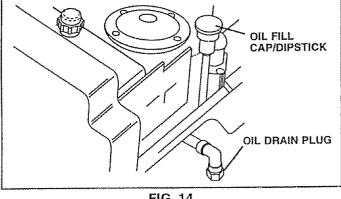


FIG. 14

### AIR FILTER (See Fig. 15)

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

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

TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

- Remove cartridge nut.
- Carefully remove cartridge to prevent debris from entering carburetor. Clean base carefully to prevent debris from entering carburetor.
- Clean cartridge by tapping gently on flat surface. If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.
- Reinstall cartridge, nut, precleaner, cover and secure with knob(s).

IMPORTANT: PETROLEUM SOLVENTS, SUCH AS KEROSENE, ARE NOT TO BE USED TO CLEAN THE CARTRIDGE. THEY MAY CAUSE DETERIORATION OF THE CARTRIDGE DO NOT OIL CARTRIDGE. DO NOT USE PRESSURIZED AIR TO CLEAN OR DRY CARTRIDGE

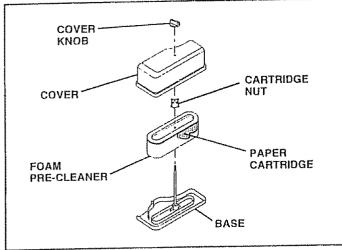


FIG. 15

### **CLEAN AIR SCREEN (See Fig. 16)**

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

### ENGINE COOLING FINS (See Fig. 16)

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

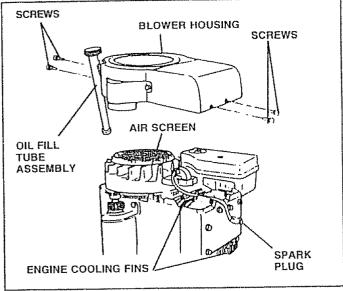


FIG. 16

### MUFFLER

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

### SPARK PLUGS

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Spark plug type and gap setting are shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

### IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 17)

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

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

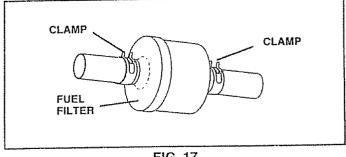


FIG. 17

### **CLEANING**

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

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

CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

- Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Turn ignition key "OFF" and remove key.
  - Make sure the blades and all moving parts have completely stopped.
- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug.

### TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 18)

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

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Disconnect clutch rod from clutch lever by removing retainer spring.
- Disconnect anti-sway bar from chassis bracket by removing retainer spring.
- Disconnect suspension arms from rear deck brackets by removing retainer springs.
- Disconnect front links from deck by removing retainer springs.
- Raise lift lever to raise suspension arms. Slide mower out from under tractor.

**IMPORTANT:** IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER IS TO BE MOUNTED TO THE TRACTOR, THE R.H. AND L.H. SUSPENSION ARMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM TRACTOR.

### TO INSTALL MOWER (See Fig. 18)

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

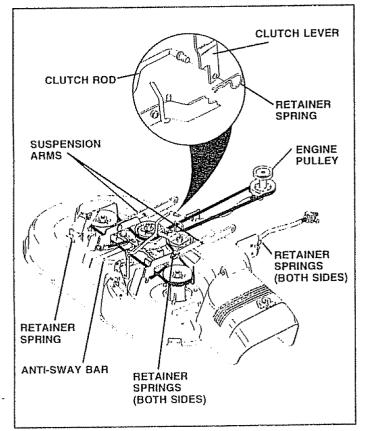


FIG. 18

### TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

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

### SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 19 and 20)

You will need two (2) standard 2 x 4 short pieces of wood to make the following adjustment. Similar blocks measuring 1-1/2" thick may also be used.

- Raise mower with attachment lift control to allow two (2) 1-1/2" thick blocks to be placed under rear edge of mower.
- Place one block directly behind the left mandrel. Place the remaining block under the stamped ridge on the right rear edge of mower deck.
- Lower mower deck to its lowest height of cut position (See "TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT" in the Operation section of this manual).
- On both sides of tractor, loosen, but do not remove, the fasteners securing the adjustable pivot brackets to frame. Both brackets must be loose enough to move freely.
- Pull down firmly on suspension arm to remove any slack in pivot bracket and hold while tightening rear fastener first to secure. Tighten remaining fastener.
- Repeat procedure on other side of tractor.
- Raise mower with attachment lift control and remove blocks from under mower.

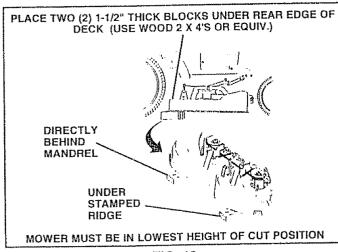
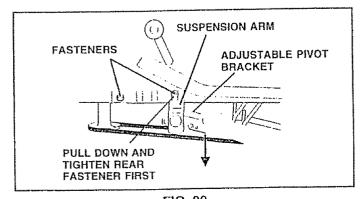


FIG. 19



FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 21 and 22)

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 1/4" to 3/4" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

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

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length. Both links should be approximately 10-3/8".
- If links are not equal in length, adjust one link to same length as other link.
- To lower front of mower loosen nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/4" to 3/4" lower at front than rear, tighten nuts "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- To raise front of mower, loosen nut "F" from trunnion on both front links. Tighten nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/4" to 3/4" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- Recheck side-to-side adjustment.

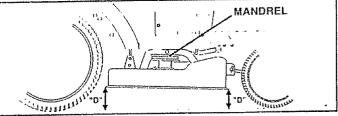
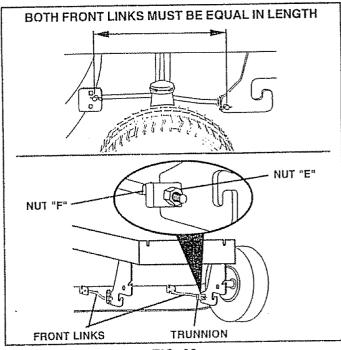


FIG. 21



# TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 23)

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

**BELT REMOVAL -**

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Work belt off both mandrel pulleys and idler pulleys.
- Pull belt away from mower.

**BELT INSTALLATION -**

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

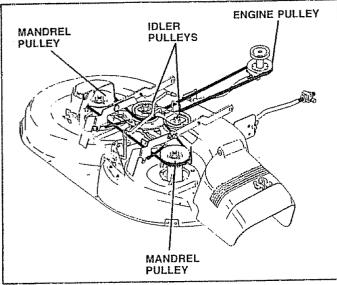


FIG. 23

### TO ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 24)

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

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

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and engage parking brake
- Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- If distance is other than 1-1/2", disengage parking brake, loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-1/2". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".
- Engage parking brake and recheck distance
- Road test tractor for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than six (6) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

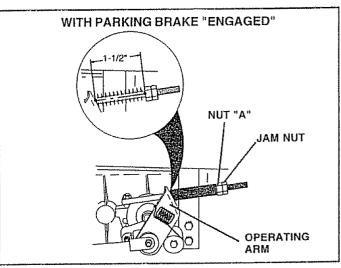
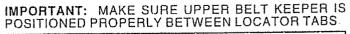


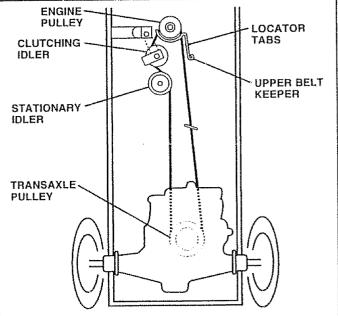
FIG. 24

### TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 25)

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

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





### TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT

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

### FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

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

# TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 26)

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

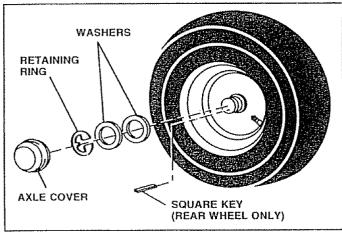


FIG. 26

# TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Fig. 27)



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

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

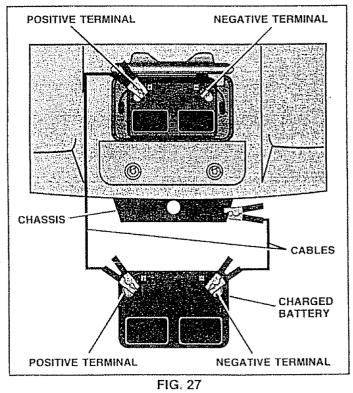
**IMPORTANT:** YOUR TRACTOR IS EQUIPPED WITH A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUNDED SYSTEM. THE OTHER VEHICLE MUST ALSO BE A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUNDED SYSTEM. DO NOT USE YOUR TRACTOR BATTERY TO START OTHER VEHICLES.

TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

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

TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

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



### TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

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

### INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

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

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

### **TO REPLACE FUSE**

Replace with 30 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located behind the dash.

# TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY (See Fig. 28)

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

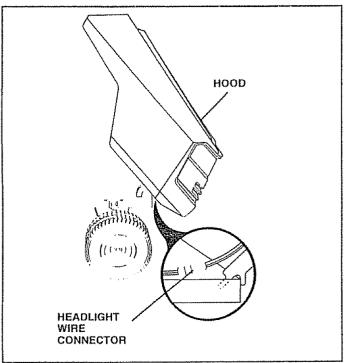


FIG. 28

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# TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 29)

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 (
- Check that holes "A" in governor control lever and hole in governor plate line-up. If holes "A" are not aligned, loosen clamp screw and move throttle cable until holes are aligned. Tighten clamp screw securely.

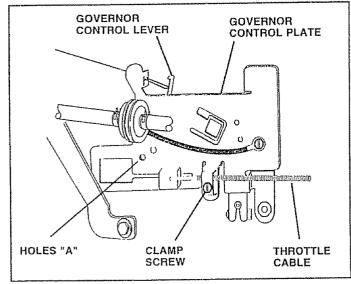


FIG. 29

### TO ADJUST CARBURETOR (See Fig. 30)

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

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

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

**PRELIMINARY SETTING -**

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

FINAL SETTING -

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

#### ACCELERATION TEST -

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

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

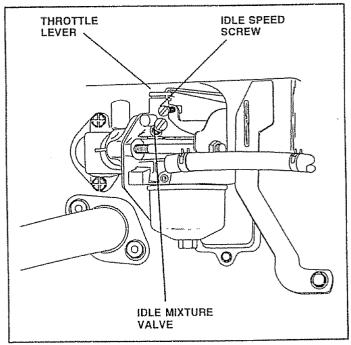


FIG. 30

# 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.



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

### TRACTOR

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

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

### BATTERY

- Fully charge the battery for storage.
- After a period of time in storage, battery may require recharging.
- To help prevent corrosion and power leakage during long periods of storage, battery cables should be disconnected and battery cleaned thoroughly (see "TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- After cleaning, leave cables disconnected and place cables where they cannot come in contact with battery terminals.
- Be sure battery drain tube is securely attached.
- If battery is removed from tractor for storage, do not store battery directly on concrete or damp surfaces.

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### **FUEL SYSTEM**

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

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

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

### **ENGINE OIL**

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

#### CYLINDERS

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

### OTHER

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust. Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems
- If possible, store your 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 POINTS

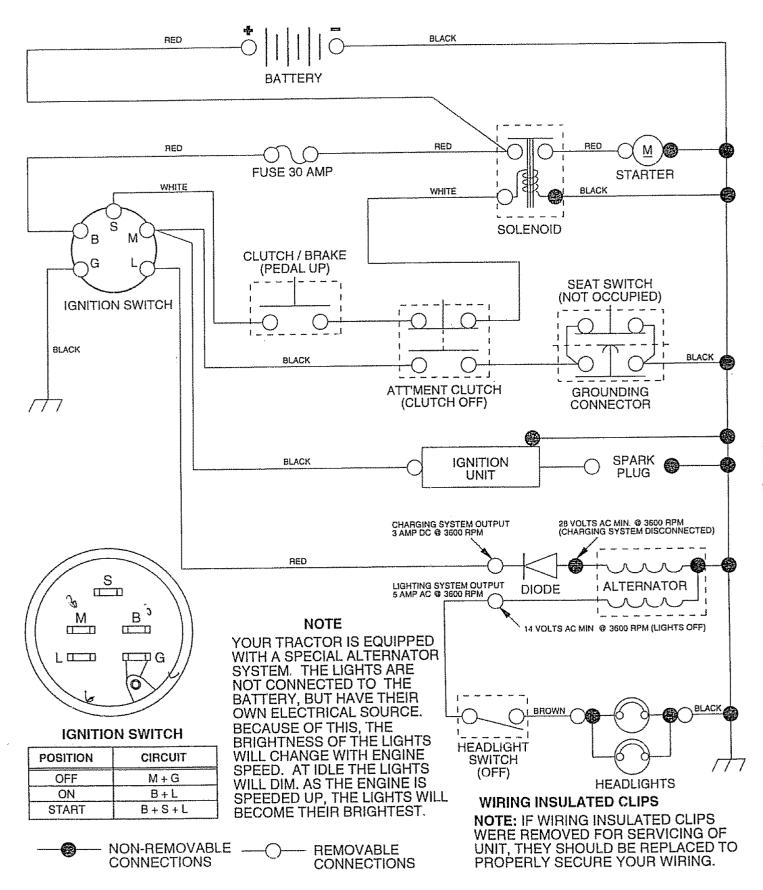
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Will not start	<ol> <li>Out of fuel.</li> <li>Engine not "CHOKED" properly.</li> <li>Engine flooded</li> <li>Bad spark plug.</li> <li>Dirty air filter.</li> <li>Dirty fuel filter.</li> <li>Water in fuel.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Carburetor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

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PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine continues to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	1. Faulty operator-safety presence control system	1 Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact an authorized service center/ department
?oor cut - uneven	<ol> <li>Worn, bent or loose blade.</li> <li>Mower deck not level.</li> <li>Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower</li> <li>Bent blade mandrel.</li> <li>Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt.</li> <li>Level mower deck.</li> <li>Clean underside of mower housing.</li> <li>Replace blade mandrel.</li> <li>Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.</li> </ol>
Mower blades will not rotate	<ol> <li>Obstruction in clutch mechanism</li> <li>Worn/damaged mower drive belt.</li> <li>Frozen idler pulley.</li> <li>Frozen blade mandrel.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Remove obstruction.</li> <li>Replace mower drive belt.</li> <li>Replace idler pulley</li> <li>Replace blade mandrel.</li> </ol>
Poor grass discharge	<ol> <li>Engine speed too slow.</li> <li>Travel speed too fast.</li> <li>Wet grass.</li> <li>Mower deck not level</li> <li>Low/uneven tire air pressure.</li> <li>Worn, bent or loose blade.</li> <li>Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower</li> <li>Mower drive belt worn.</li> <li>Blades improperly installed.</li> <li>Improper blades used.</li> <li>Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Place throttle control in "FAST" position.</li> <li>Shift to slower speed.</li> <li>Allow grass to dry before mowing.</li> <li>Level mower deck.</li> <li>Check tires for proper air pressure.</li> <li>Replace/sharpen blade Tighten blade bolt.</li> <li>Clean underside of mower housing.</li> <li>Replace mower drive belt.</li> <li>Reinstall blades sharp edge down</li> <li>Replace with blades listed in this manual</li> <li>Clean around mandrels to open vent holes</li> </ol>
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	<ol> <li>Switch is "OFF".</li> <li>Bulb(s) burned out.</li> <li>Faulty light switch.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Blown fuse</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Turn switch "ON"</li> <li>Replace bulb(s).</li> <li>Check/replace light switch.</li> <li>Check wiring and connections</li> <li>Replace fuse.</li> </ol>
Battery will not charge	<ol> <li>Bad battery cell(s)</li> <li>Poor cable connections</li> <li>Faulty regulator (if so equipped)</li> <li>Faulty alternator</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Replace battery</li> <li>Check/clean all connections.</li> <li>Replace regulator.</li> <li>Replace alternator</li> </ol>
Engine "backfires" when turning engine "OFF"	<ol> <li>Engine throttle control not set at "SLOW" position for 30 seconds before stopping engine</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine.</li> </ol>

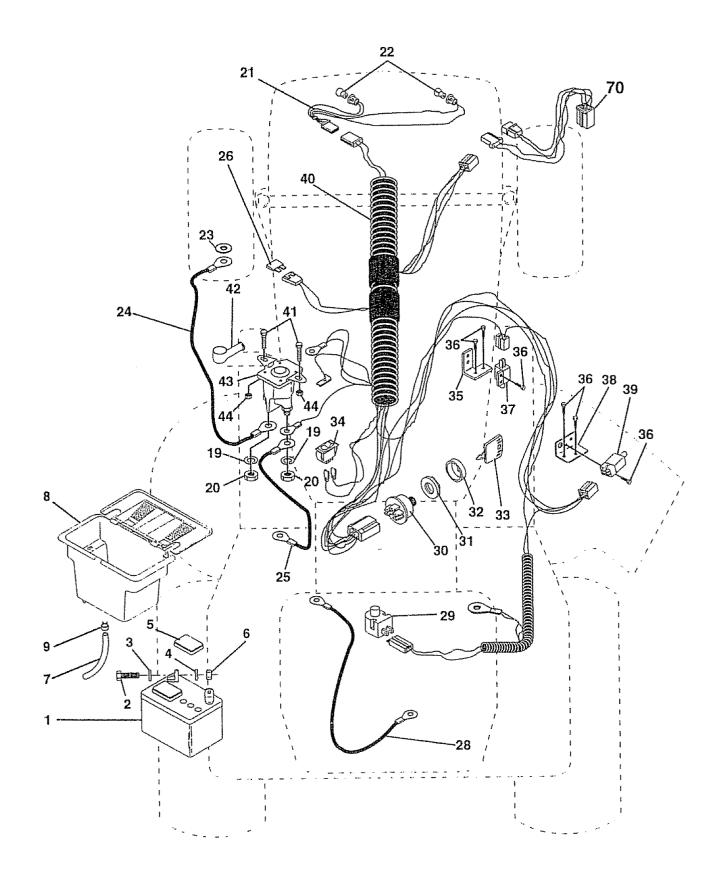
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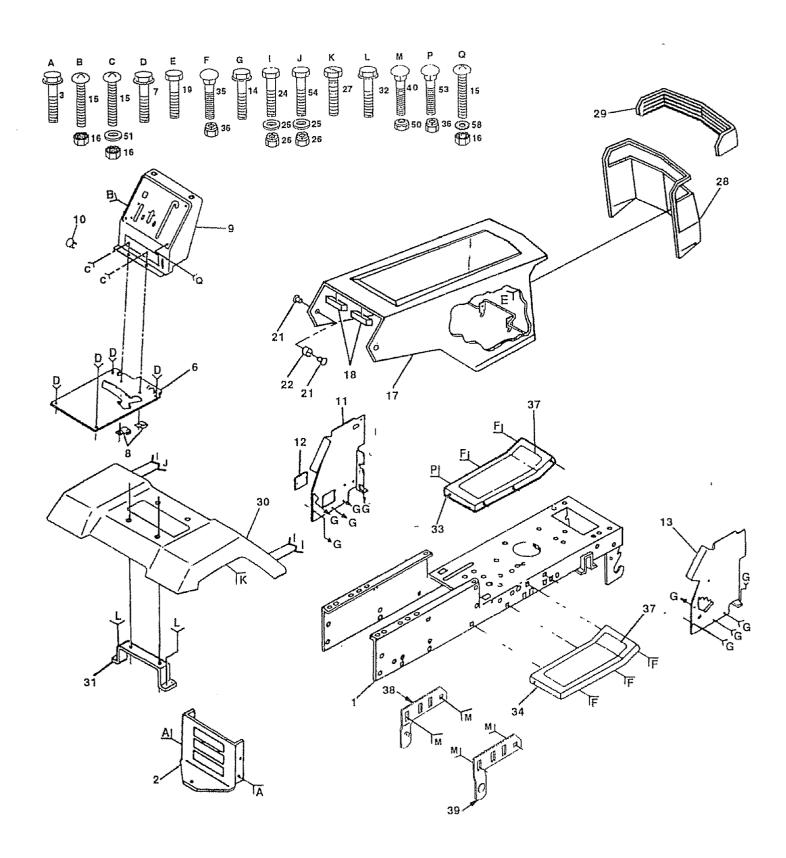
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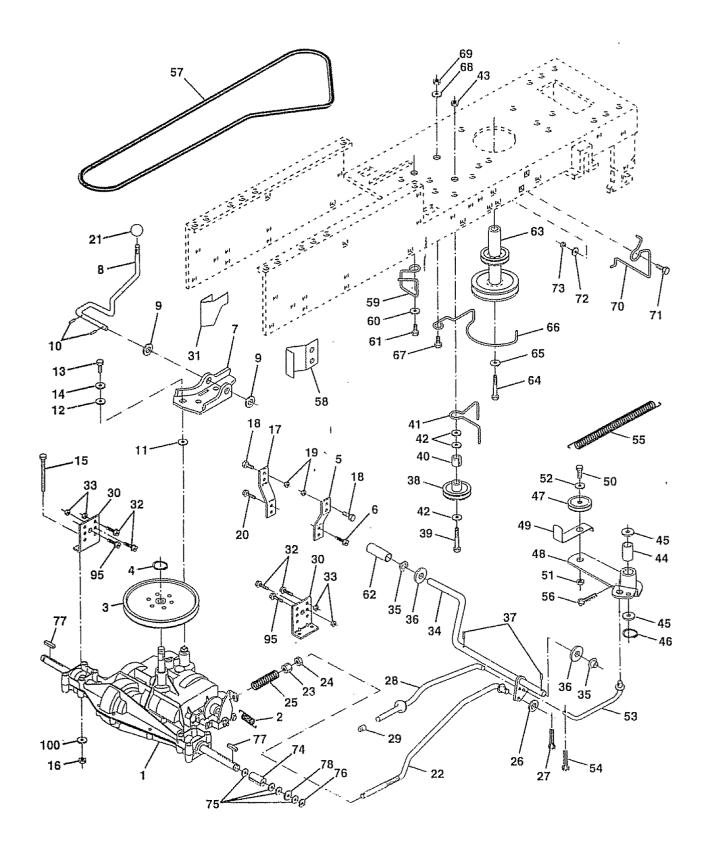
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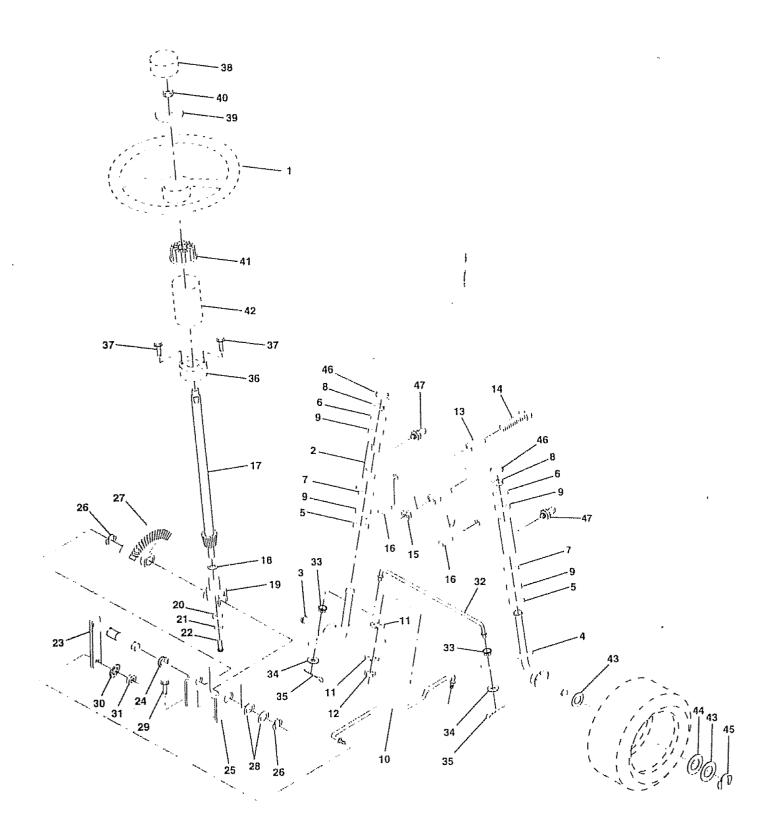
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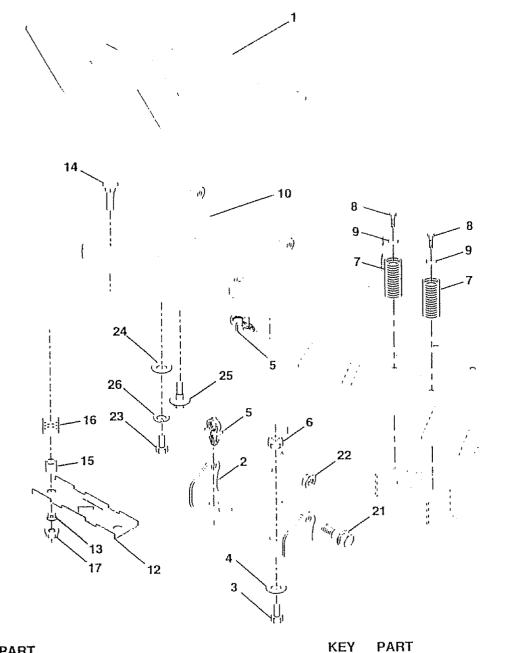
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13 HP 42" TRACTOR - - MODEL NUMBER 917.257630 SEAT ASSEMBLY



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	140122 140551 74760612 19131610 140407 73800600 124181X 17490616 19131614 140552	Seat Bracket Pvt St Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 3/4 Washer Flat 13/32 X 1 X 10 Ga Clip Pop In .375 x .250 Locknut Hex W/Wsh 3/8-16 Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 X 1 Ty-It Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga Pan Seat
10 12 13	121246X 121248X	Bracket Mounting Switch Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id

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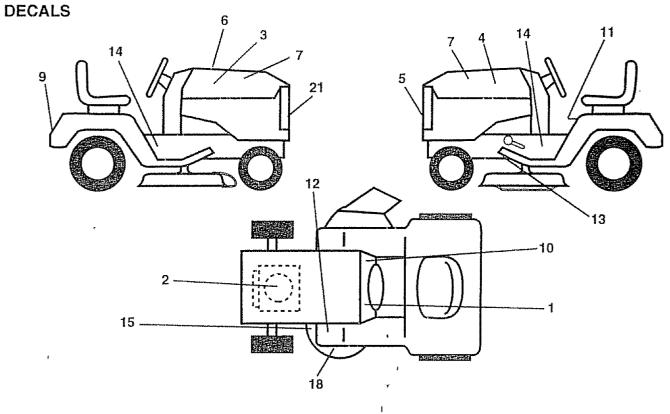
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14	72050411	Bolt Rdhd Sht Nk 1/4-20x1-3/8
15	134300	Spacer Split 28x 96 Yel Zinc
16	121250X	Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt
17	123976X	Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc
21	139888	Bolt Shid 5/16-18 Type Tt T R
22	73680500	Nut Crown Lock 5/16-18
23	74780814	Bolt Fin Hex 1/2-13 X 7/8 Gr 5
24	19171912	Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga
25	127018X	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 X 62
26	10040800	Washer Lock Hvy Hicl Spr 1/2

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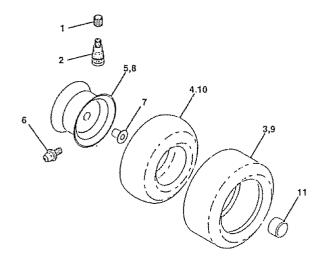
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 10 11	138955 141063 140560 140561 132674 133644 140449 125880X 138836 137537	Decal Dash Inst Oper English Decal B&s Diamond 13HP lcgold Decal Hood RH Crafts Ii Slp LT Decal Hood LH Crafts Ii Slp LT Decal Grille LT4000 Craft USA Decal Maint Cust Sears Domesti Decal Side Pnl lcgold 13HP Blk Decal Fender Craftsman Red Decal Dash Lawn Tractor SLT Decal Caution Fender Englspan		4900J 109199X 131473 136832 133179 131265 138311 140393 140394	Decal Clutch/brake English Decal V-Belt Dr Sch Tractor E Decal Chassis 6sp 42" Decal V-Belt Sch Decal Mower Qc System Decal Lightbox Decal Handle Lft Height Adjust Manual Owners 257630 English Manual Owners 257630 Spanish

#### WHEELS & TIRES

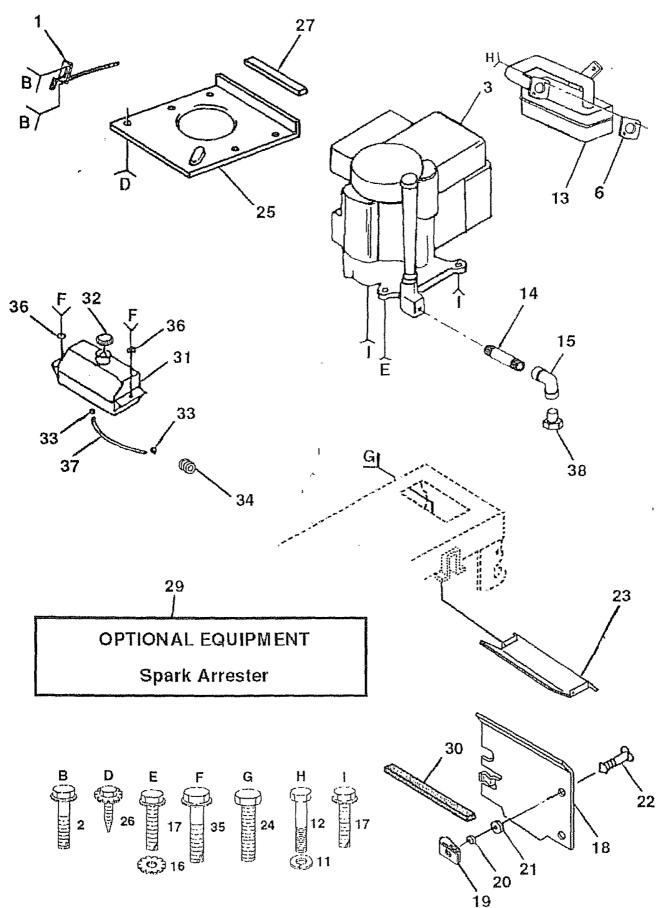


KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	59192 65139 106222X 59904 106732X417 278H 9040H 106108X417 124635X 71501	Cap Valve Tire Stem Valve Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service Tube Front (Service Item Only) Rim Asm 6" f ront Silver Service Fitting Grease (Front Wheel Only) Bearing Flange (Front Wheel Only) Rim Asm 8" rear Silver Service Tire R Ts 18x8 5-8 C Service
10 11	7152J 104757X	Tube Rear (Service Item Only) Cap Hub Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00

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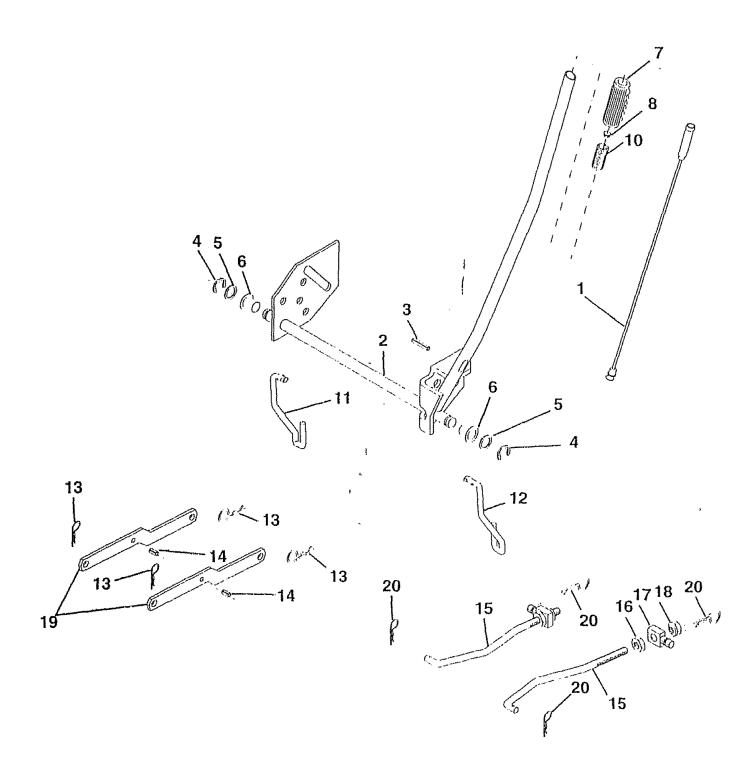
KΕ\ NO.		DESCRIPTION		
1 2 3	132759 17720410 140591	Control Th/ch RH Blk Pdl 15 10 Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20x5/8 T Engine Asm B&s Dmd 13Eec lcgld Model No. 28M707, Type No. 0137-01		
6 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 20 21 22 24 25	125593X 10040500 71070512 137348 13280324 13200300 11050600 17490620 136718 105839X 105839X 105838X 19091016 123650X 128953 17021008 126842X	Model No. 28M707, Type No. 0137-01 Gasket Eng 1 313 ld Tin Plated Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 5/16 Screw Hex Hd Cap 5/16-18 X 3/4 Muffler LT B&s 12/12 5/13 HP Nipple Pipe 3/8 Npt X 3" Elbow Std 90 Degree 3/8-18 Npt Washer Lock Ext Tooth 3/8 Screw Thdrol 3/8-16x1-1/4 TYTT Shield Heat LT Receptacle 1/4 Turn Dacrotized Retainer 1/4 Turn 365odx 222id Washer 9/32 X 5/8 X 16 Ga Stud 1/4 Turn (Replaces 105751) Shield Heat Browning LT/YT Screw Tap Hex #10-24unc X 1/2 Shield Ht Hood Kohl/dia Engine		
26 27 29	17030808 105037X 137180	Screẁ Spiderloc Hexhd#8x1/2 Ab Strip Foam 18 Kit Spark Arrestor (Flat Scrn)		
30 31 32 33	127057X 109202X 123549X	Pinch Weld Hood Black 2 00 Tank Fuel Front 1 25 Cap Asm Fuel W/sym Vented		
34 35 36	123487X 124028X 17490412 19091416	Clamp Hose Blk Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line Screw Hexwsh Thdrol 1/4-20x3/4 Washer 9/32 X 7/8 X 16ga		
37 38	101335K )	Line Fuel 9 50" Plug Oil Drain (Order From Engine Manufacturer)		
NOTE: All component dimensions given in LLS inches				

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LIFT



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LIFT

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8 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	136973 122507X 105767X 12000002 19211621 120183X 125631X 12265X 122512X 134619 135388 4939M 135563 127218 73350800 130171 73800800 130832 3146R	Wire Asm Inner W/plunger 17 32 Shaft Asm Lift 9 680 Pin Groove 1 500 Zinc E Ring #5133-62 Washer Pltd 21/32 X 1 X 21ga Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id Grip Handle Fluted Blk Button Plunger Red Spring Cprsn 3 750 Oiled Link Lift LH Link Lift RH Retainer Spring Pin Rolr Slt 5/16 x 1.25 Blk Link Front Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc Trunnion Blk Zinc Nut Lock W/wsh 1/2-13unc Arm Suspension Rear Retainer Spring Zinc

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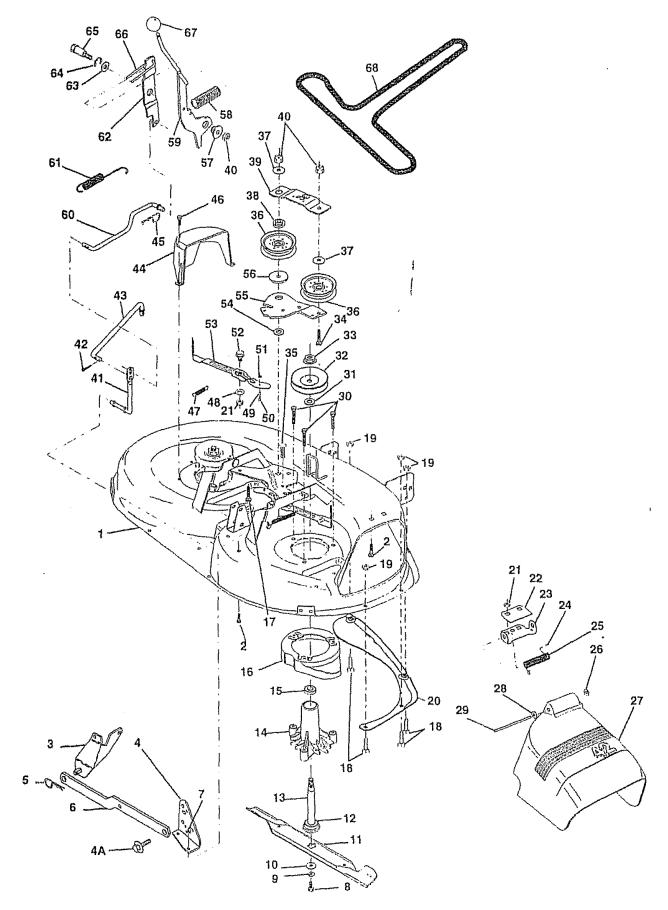
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**MOWER DECK** 



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#### **MOWER DECK**

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	NO. 138024 72140506 138017 138440 132827 4939M 130832 73800500 850857 10030600 140296 134149 129895 137645 128774 110485X 136929 72110618 72140505 73800500 136888 73680500 134753 131267 105304X 123713X 110452X 130968 19111016 131491 138776 129963 129861 137266 72110614 13835 131494 19131612	Deck Asm Mwr 42" weldment Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 5/16-18unc X3/4 Bracket Asm Fr Sway Bar 38/42 Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Thd Form Retainer Spring Arm Suspension Rear Locknut-hex W/ins 5/16-18unc P Bolt 3/8-24 X 1 25 Gr8 Patched Washer Lock Hvy 3/8 Unplated Washer Lock Hvy 3/8 Unplated Washer Hard Blade Mower Vented Blade Mulching 42" Bearing Ball #6204 (Mandrel) Shaft Asm W/lower Bearing Housing Mandrel Vented (Machd) Bearing Ball Mandrel Stripper Mower Vented Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 X 2-1/4 Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 X 2-1/4 Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 5/16-18 X 5/8 Locknut-hex W/ins 5/16-18 unc P Baffle Vortex 42 Nut Crown Lock 5/16-18 Stiffener Bracket 42" deck Bracket Deflector Mower 42" Cap Sleeve 80x 112 Blk Mower Spring Torsion Deflector 2 52 Nut Push Phos & Oil Shield Deflector Mower 42" Blk Washer 11/32 X 5/8 X 16 Ga Rod Hinge 42" 6 75 Wlg Screw Thdrol Hex Head Zinc Mwr Washer Spacer Mower Vented Pulley Mandrel 42" Nut Flg Top Lock Cntr B 9/16 Bolt Rdhd 3/8-16uncx 1-3/4 Gr 5 Fastner Christmas Tree Pulley Idler Flat 3 060 Washer 13/32 X 1 X 12 Ga	NO. 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 52 53 45 56 78 90 61 62 66 67 68 - Avail	
30	133502	Spacer Arm Idler Upper		1 inch =

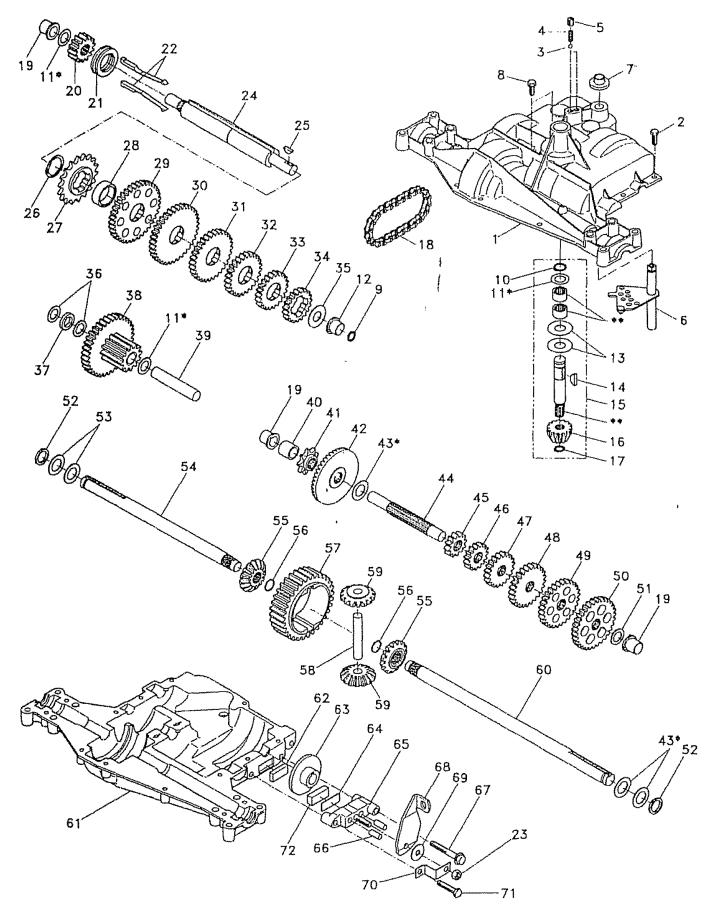
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Available mulcher plate kit not included with tractor:

- 141112 Mulcher Close-out plate kit

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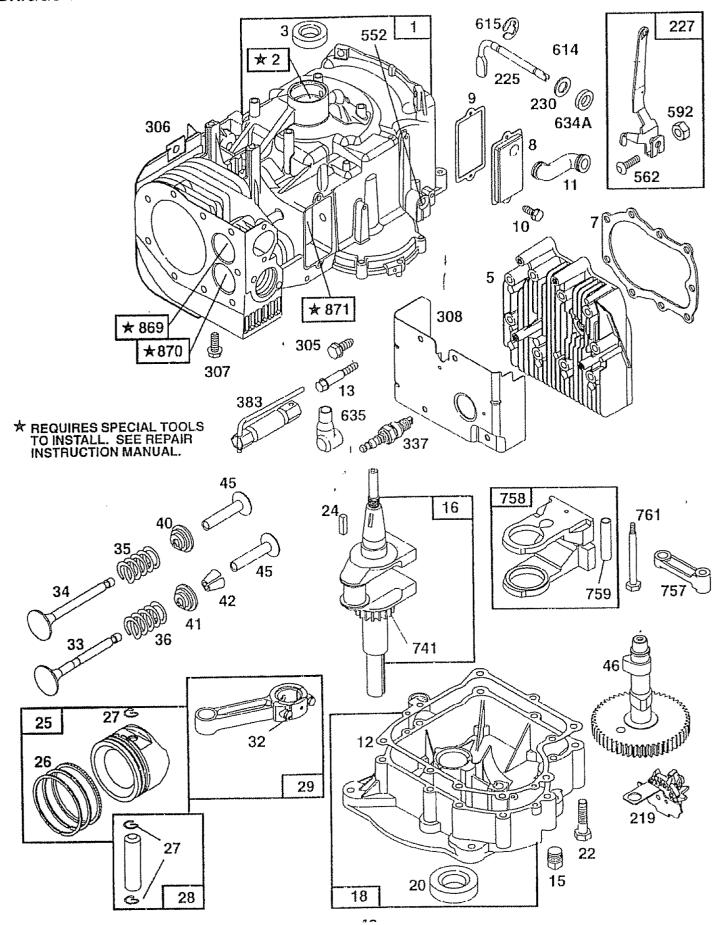
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1 2	138248 2274J	Housing, Upper Screw, Self-Tapping, Large
36 37 38 39	138240 120415X 2257J 138234 110078X 105909X 105910X 105911X 138242 138246 138236 73810500 138243 2244J 105916X 120470X 110070X 108977X 109254X 120405X 108980X 120406X 134796 105925X 2232J 108978X 110079X	1/4-20 x .734 Ball, Detent Spring, Detent Screw, Set Kit, Shifter Assembly Boot, Shifter Screw, Tapping w/Sealer Square Ring Ring, Retaining Assembly, Kit, Shim .625 Shaft Bearing, Flange Washer, Plain .632 x 1.38 x .046 Key, Woodruff, #9 Assembly, Kit, Input Shaft Pinion, Bevel, 14 Teeth Ring, Retaining Chain, 24 Pitches Bearing, Flange Gear, Spur, 14 Teeth Collar, Clutch Assembly, Kit, Clutch Keys Locknut 5/16-24 Shaft, Intermediate Key, Woodruff, #61 Ring, Retaining Sprocket, 18 Teeth Spacer Gear, Spur, 37 Teeth Gear, Spur, 37 Teeth Gear, Spur, 35 Teeth Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth Gear, Spur, 19 Teeth J Washer, Plain .640 x 1.37 x .061 Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .026 Spacer .630 x 1.00 x .169 Assembly, Gear, Combination of 12 Teeth and 35 Teeth Shaft, Idler
40	120472X	Spacer .635 x .875 x .755

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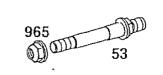
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53 54 55 56 57 59 60 62 63 64 65 66 67	120473X 105933X 106151X 120407X 106589X 120408X 105937X 2226J 134401 2264J 120474X 110081X 105941X 110071X 120952X 110082X 120475X 138247 120961X 7294J 108989X 120953X 120954X 134799	Sprocket, 9 Teeth Gear, Bevel, 42 Teeth * Assembly, Kit, Shim .750 Shaft Shaft, Drive Gear, Spur, 12 Teeth Gear, Spur, 12 Teeth Gear, Spur, 20 Teeth Gear, Spur, 20 Teeth Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth Gear, Spur, 28 Teeth Gear, Spur, 31 Teeth Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .060 Washer, Neoprene Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .031 Axle, L.H. Gear, Miter, 15 Teeth Ring, Retaining Gear, Spur, 32 Teeth Shaft, Cross Gear, Miter, 15 Teeth Axle, R.H. Housing, Lower Puck, Friction Disc, Brake Spacer Jaw, Brake Pin, Dowel Screw, Self-Tapping, Large 5/16-18 x 2.25
- 68 69	138244 108996X	Lever, Actuating Washer, Plain321 x 1.00 x .055
70 71	120956X 106596X	Bracket, Anti-Rotation Screw, Self-Tapping, Large
72 73	120951X 120416X	5/16-18 x 1.44 Puck, Friction Grease

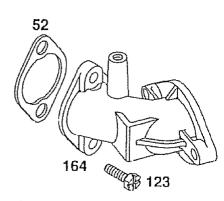
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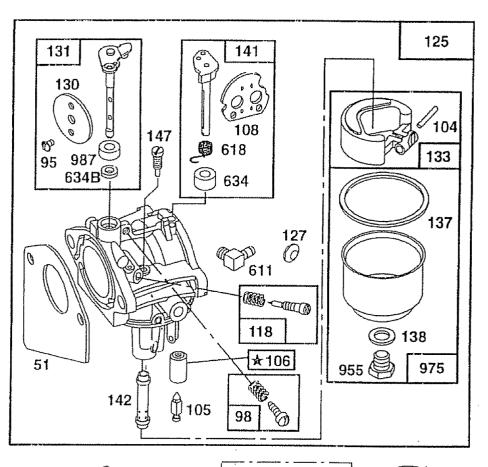


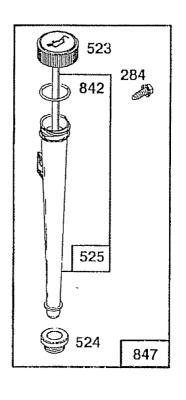
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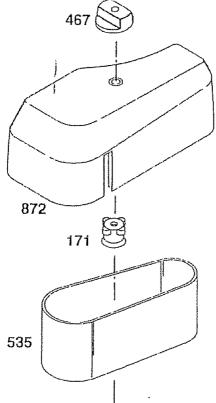


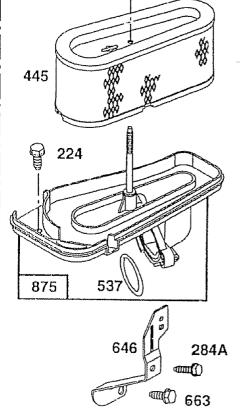


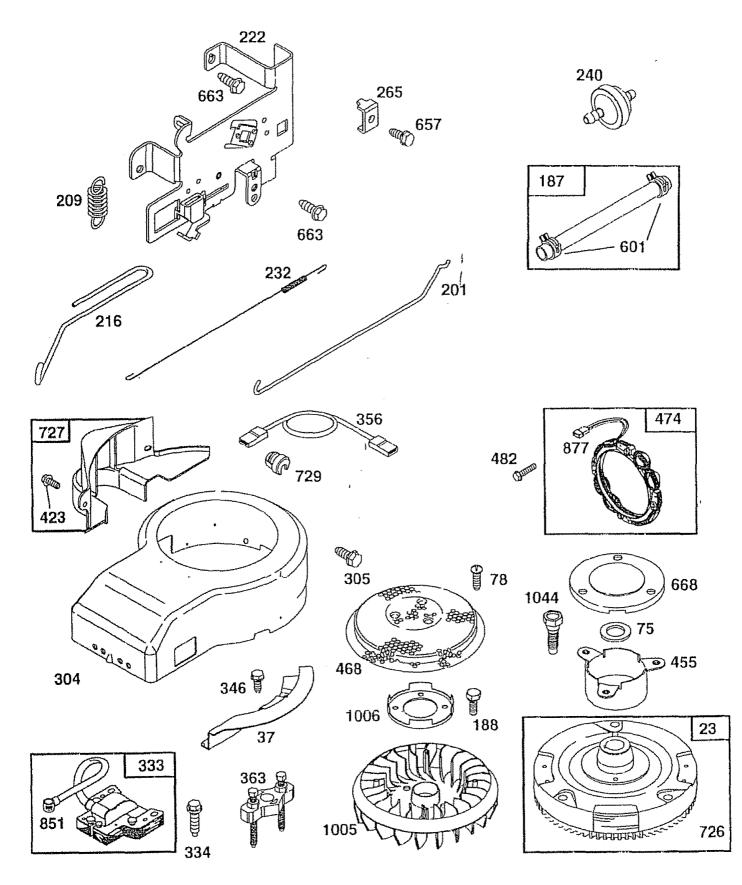
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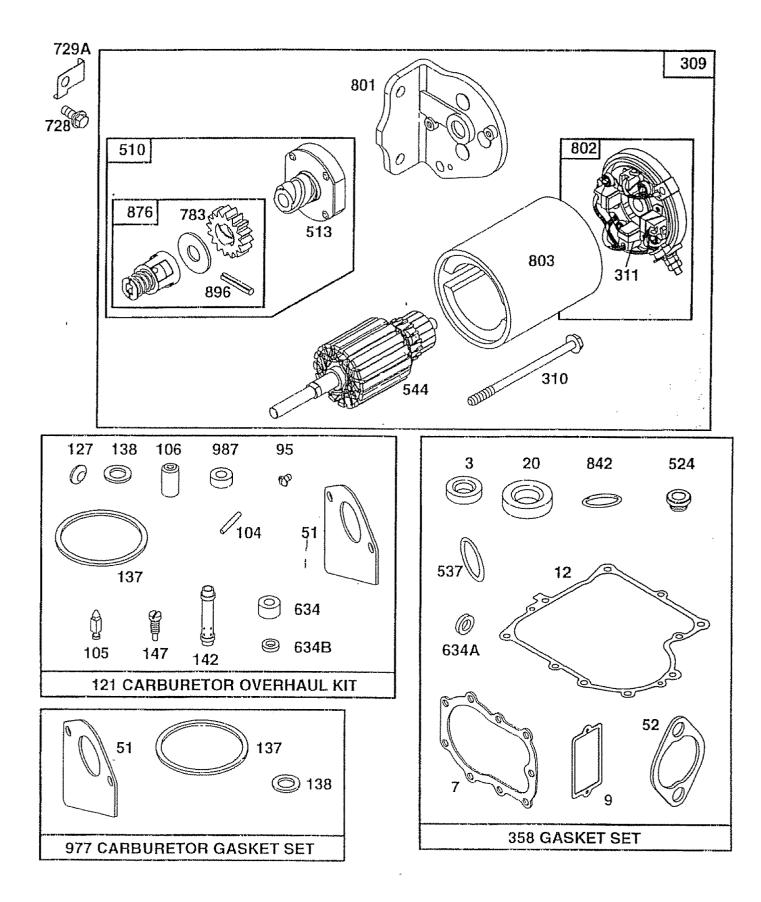








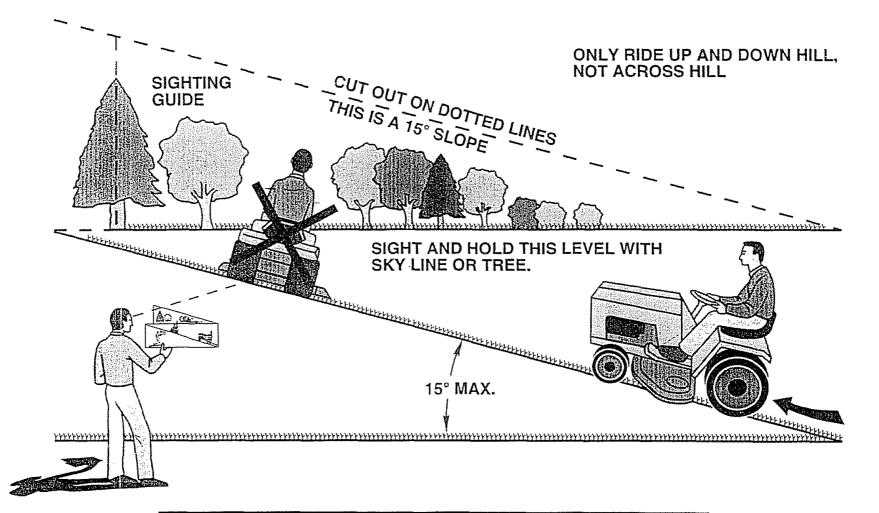




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1	496413	Cylinder Assembly	52 272554	* Gasket, Carburetor
2	399265	Bearing, Cylinder	53 94637	Stud, Carburetor Mounting
2 3	391086	* Seal, Ŏil	75 224061	Washer, Spring
5	494240	Head, Cylinder	78 94626	Screw, Sems
6	22963	Washer, Flat	95 94098	** Screw, Throttle
7	271866	* Gasket, Cylinder Head	98 495800	Screw, Idle Adjust
8	495735	Breather Assembly	104 231789	** Pin, Float Hinge
		(Includes Mounting Gasket)	105 231855	** Valve, Inlet Needle
9	27803	* Gasket, Valve Cover	106 231854	** Seat, Inlet
10	94621	Screw, Sems	108 224540	Valve, Choke
11	280100	Tube, Breather	118 494383	Valve, Needle
12	271916	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover, 1/64"	123 94616	Screw, Elbow Mounting
	271997	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover, 005"	125 495706	Carburetor
	271996	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover, .009"	127	** Plug, Welch (Sold in Kit Only)
13	94622	Screw, Cylinder Head	130 224539	Valve, Throttle
15	94239	Plug, Oll Drain	131 494379	Shaft, Throttle
16	495162	Crankshaft	133 494381	Float, Carburetor
	94196	Key, Timing Gear	137 281165	*** Gasket, Float Bowl
18	494238	Base, Engine	138 281164	*** Washer, Float Bowl
20	291675		141 495931	Shaft, Choke
22	94624	Screw, Sems, Base Mounting	142 494537	** Nozzle, Carburetor
23	492326	Flywheel	147 231794	** Pilot, Jet
24	222698	Key, Flywheel	164 213819	Carburetor, Elbow
25	394661	Piston Assembly, Standard Size	171 281051	Nut, Air Cleaner
	394662	Plston Assembly, .010" Oversize	187 393815	Line, Fuel (11" Long, Cut to Suit)
	394663	Piston Assembly, 020" Oversize	188 94627	Screw, Sems
00	394664	Piston Assembly, .030" Oversize	201 262767	Link, Governor
26	391780	Ring Set, Standard Size	209 260871	Spring, Governor
	392331	Ring Set, Standard Size, Chrome	216 262766	Link, Choke
	391781	Ring Set, .010" Oversize	219 490815	Gear, Governor
	391782	Ring Set, 020" Oversize	222 495611	Plate, Governor Control
07	391783 260924	Ring Set, .030" Oversize	224 94729	Screw, Hex Head
27 28	299691	Lock, Piston Pin Bin Biston Standard Size	225 231058 227 493935	Crank, Governor
20	391286	Pin, Piston, Standard Size Pin, Piston, .005" Oversize	230 94742	Lever Assembly, Governor Washer, Governor Crank
29	490348	Rod, Connecting	232 262785	Washer, Governor Crank Spring, Governor Link
20	490469	Rod, Connecting, .020" Undersize	240 394358	Filter, Fuel
32	94671	Screw, Connecting Rod	265 221535	Clamp, Casing
33	262246	Valve, Exhaust	284 94073	Screw, Hex Head
34	262247	Valve, Intake	284A 94704	Screw, Hex Head
35	65906	Spring, Valve	304 496280	Housing, Blower
36	26828	Spring, Valve	00. 100 <u>1</u> 00	riodollig, blower
37	224502	Guard, Flywheel	* Included in	Gasket Set (494241)
40	221596	Retainer, Intake Valve		Carburetor Kit (495799)
41	292260	Rotocoil, Exhaust Valve		both Carburetor Kit (495799),
42	93630	Retainer, Rotocoil		retor Gasket Set (494385)
45	262248	Tappet, Valve		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
46	212897	Gear, Cam	NOTE: All comp	onent dimensions given in U.S. inches
51	272465	*** Gasket, Carburetor	1 inch =	25.4 mm

KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO、NO.	DESCRIPTION
305 94729	Screw, Hex Head	668 280848	Spacer
306 224545	Shield, Cylinder	726 392134	Gear, Ring
307 94623	Screw, Sems	727 490324	Cover, Starter
308 491490	Cover, Cylinder Head	728 94627	Screw, Hex Head
309 394805	Motor, Starter	729 281159	Clip, Lead Wire
310 94003	Thru Bolt Assembly	729A 24723	Retainer, Wire
311 395538	Brush Assembly	741 262962	Gear, Timing
332A 94314	Nut, Hex	757 213998	Link, Counterweight
333 492341	Armature, Magneto	758 399891	Counterweight Assembly
334 93381	Screw, Sems	759 298909	Pin, Counterweight
337 802592	Plug, Spark	761 94593	Screw, Counterweight
346 93705	Screw, Hex Head	783 280104	Gear
356 494328	Wire Assembly	801 394856	Cap, Drive
358 494241	Gasket Set	802 395537	Cap, End
363 19203	Puller, Flywheel	803 398159	Housing, Starter
383 89838	Wrench, Spark Plug	842 270920	* Seal, Cap
423 94073	Screw, Sems	847 496415	Tube Assembly, Oil
445 493909	Cartridge, Air Cleaner	851 221798	Terminal, Ignition Cable
455 222561	Cup, Screen Mounting	869 261463	Seat, Intake Valve
467 493903	Knob, Air Cleaner	370 213316	Seat, Exhaust Valve
468 224948	Screen, Rotating	871 261961	Guide, Exhaust Valve
474 393474	Stator, Alternator	231218	Guide, Intake Valve, Brass
482 93621	Screw, Sems	872 281361	Cover, Air Cleaner
510 495878	Starter Drive Group	875 494237	Body, Air Cleaner
513 398003	Clutch Assembly	876 495877	Kit, Spring
523 495230	Dipstick, Oil	877 393456	Diode Assembly
524 68838	* Seal, Oil	896 94288	Roll Pin
525 496113	Tube, Oil Filler	955 94642	Screw, Fuel Bowl
535 272403	Element, Filter	<u>965</u> 94010	Nut, Hex
537 281106	* O-Ring, Air Cleaner	975 494978-	Bowl, Float
544 390837	Armature, Starter	977 494385	Carburetor Gasket Set
552 231597	Bushing, Governor Crank	987 281166	** Seal, Throttle Shaft
562 92613	Bolt, Governor Lever	1003 490316	Spring Set
592 231082	Nut, Hex	1005 281355	Fan, Flywheel
601 93053	Clamp, Fuel Pipe	1006 224413	Retainer, Fan
611 494451	Elbow, Fuel Pipe	1044 94673	Screw, Hex Head
614 93306	Pin, Cotter		<b>- - - - - - - - - -</b>
615 93307	Retainer, E-Ring		Gasket Set (494241)
618 262803	Spring, Choke Return		Carburetor Kit (495799)
634 281168	** Seal, Choke Shaft		poth Carburetor Kit (495799),
634A 491323	* Seal, Governor	and Carbure	tor Gasket Set (494385)
634B 398970	** Washer, Throttle Shaft		
635 66538	Elbow, Spark Plug	RPM Settings:	Low: 1900-2100, High: 3000-3200
646 224546	Brace, Air Cleaner		
657 93496	Screw, Sems	NUTE: All compo	onent dimensions given in U.S. inches
663 94620	Screw, Hex Head	1 inch = 2	5.4 MM

# SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR SIGHTING SLOPES FOR SAFE OPERATION





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