MODEL NUMBER 917.372490

OWNER'S MANUAL

- Assembly
- Operation
- •Maintenance
- •Service
- Adjustments
- •Repair Parts

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



SAFETY RULES



CAUTION: ALWAYS DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE AND PLACE WIRE WHERE IT CANNOT CONTACT SPARK PLUG TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL STARTING WHEN SETTING-UP, TRANSPORTING, ADJUSTING OR MAKING REPAIRS TO YOUR LAWN MOWER.



IMPORTANT

FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE OPERATOR PRESENCE BLADE STOP CONTROLS TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF BLADE CONTACT INJURY. YOUR LAWN MOWER IS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH CONTROLS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT THE FUNCTION OF THE OPERATOR PRESENCE CONTROL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

- BE CAREFUL-WHEN THE ENGINE IS RUN-NING THE BLADE IS TURNING.
- Please read your owner's manual. Only allow persons who know the safety rules to use your lawn mower.
- DO NOT tie the operator presence control bar to the handle. Control must be free to permit brake engagement when handles and control are released.
- DO NOT allow children to use your lawn mower.
- Check your lawn mower over before each use.
 Tighten any loose bolts, nuts, etc.
- Remove all sticks, stones, wires, cans, boards, etc. from area to be mowed. These objects can be thrown by the blade.
- DO NOT allow children, bystanders or pets in the area while mowing.
- Always wear shoes when mowing. DO NOT operate lawn mower when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Always wear safety glasses or eye shields before starting your lawn mower and while mowing.
- Always shut off engine before trying to adjust wheel heights.
- When engine is running, DO NOT put hands or feet under lawn mower or in the discharge chute, nor make any adjustments.
- Stay clear of discharge opening at all times.
- Do not fill gas tank when engine is running, when indoors or when engine is hot. Allow engine to cool for several minutes before filling gas tank. Clean off any spilled gasoline before starting engine.
- Mow only in good light.
- Always stop blade when not cutting grass or when crossing gravel drive, sidewalk, or roadway.

- DO NOT continue to run your lawn mower if you hit a foreign object. Stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire from the spark plug, inspect the lawn mower for damage and make repairs as required.
- DO NOT use a damaged lawn mower. Always have damage repaired before mowing.
- DO NOT run your lawn mower if it vibrates too much. Stop engine and make repairs. Vibration is an indication of damage.
- Never use your lawn mower without proper guards or deflectors in place.
- Always mow across a slope or inclined area.
 DO NOT mow up or down a slope or inclined area.
- DO NOT mow in wet grass. Be careful of footing when mowing in wet grass, use shoes with good traction.
- DO NOT run with the lawn mower.
- DO NOT run your lawn mower indoors. Exhaust gases are deadly poison.
- Always disconnect the spark plug wire from spark plug to prevent accidental starting when transporting or storing your lawn mower after the mowing season.
- DO NOT attempt to raise engine speed above factory settings. Engine damage or personal injury may result.
- If a grass catcher is used on your lawn mower, check the catcher often for damage or deterioration. It will wear through normal use. Use only a recommended replacement catcher.
- Always stop blade to remove or install catcher.
- DO NOT store your lawn mower or gasoline where fumes may reach an open flame and cause a fire.
- DRAIN THE GASOLINE from your lawn mower before transporting your lawn mower inside your car or other vehicle.



LOOK FOR THIS SYMBOL TO POINT OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. IT MEANS—ATTENTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.

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

Should you experience any problem you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest Sears Service Center/Department. We have competent, 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 lawn mower properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES".

MODEL NUMBER 917.372490
SERIAL NUMBER
DATE OF PURCHASE
THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE FOUND ON A DECAL ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE LAWN MOWER HOUSING.
YOU SHOULD RECORD BOTH SERIAL NUMBER AND DATE OF PURCHASE AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

HORSE POWER:	5.0
DISPLACEMENT:	12.04 cu. in.
GASOLINE CAPACITY:	1.5 quart (Unleaded)
OIL (21 oz. Capacity):	SAE 30 or (SAE 10W30)
SPARK PLUG (GAP .030 in.):	Champion RJ19-LM or Sears Z1 33312 or STD 361458
VALVE CLEARANCE: Intake: Exhaust:	.008 in. .008 in.
SOLID STATE IGNITION AIR GAP:	.0125 in.
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	35-40 ftlbs.

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 lawn mower.
Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this Owner's Manual.

TWO YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN POWER MOWER

For two years from the date of purchase, when this Craftsman Lawn Mower is maintained, lubricated and tunedup according to the instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair, free of charge, any defect in material and workmanship.

If this Craftsman Lawn Mower is used for commercial or rental purposes, this warranty applies for only 90 days from the date of purchase.

This warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as rotary mower blades, blade adapters, belts, air cleaners and spark plug.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse or negligence, including bent crankshafts and the failure to maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.

WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY RETURNING THE CRAFTSMAN POWER MOWER TO THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS WARRANTY APPLIES ONLY WHILE THIS PRODUCT IS IN USE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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

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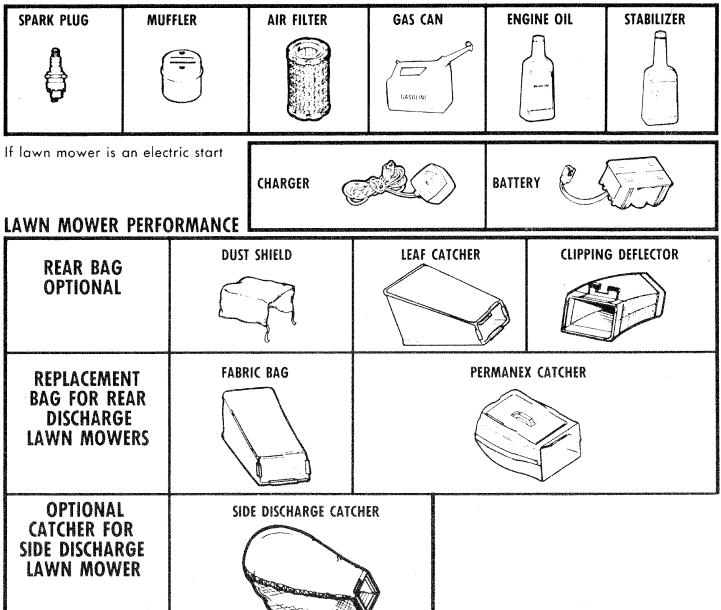
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LAWN MOWER ACCESSORIES

These accessories were available when this lawn mower was produced. They are also available at most Sears retail outlets, catalog and service centers. Most Sears stores can order repair parts for you, when you provide the model number of your lawn mower. Some of these accessories may not apply to your lawn mower.

ENGINE



LAWN MOWER MAINTENANCE

BELT	BLADE	BLADE ADAPTER	WHEELS	LAWN MOWER COVER

ASSEMBLY

Your lawn mower has been assembled at the factory except for the Grass Catcher Bag and the Grass Catcher Frame.

TO REMOVE LAWN MOWER FROM CARTON

- Cut down the corners of the carton and lay ends and sides down flat.
- Cut the plastic wrapping and remove from over Handles and lawn mower.
- Remove Catcher Frame, Fabric Bag and Oil Bottle from top of lawn mower.
- Lift lawn mower off of shipping base and check carton for loose parts.

HOW TO SET-UP YOUR LAWN MOWER

TO UNFOLD HANDLE

- Remove Handle Padding holding Operator Presence Control Bar to Upper Handle.
- Raise Handles until Lower Handle section locks into place in mowing position (See Fig. 1).
- Raise Upper Handle section into place on Lower Handle and tighten one (1) Handle Knob.
- Your lawn mower has been shipped with Protective Handle Pads placed between the upper and lower sections of the Handle. For best lawn mower performance these Pads need to be discarded after the Handle is placed in the mowing position.
- Once the Handle is in the mowing position, remove the Handle Knob, Handle Bolt and Protective Pad from the side with the loose Handle Knob. (Make sure the other side is tight to support the Upper Handle).
- Discard the Pad and reinstall the Handle Bolt and Knob--Tighten securely.
- Loosen and remove the Handle Knob, Handle Bolt and Protective Pad from the other side and discard the Pad.
- Reinstall the Handle Bolt and Knob--Tighten securely. Now your Handles should be clamped together without the Protective Pads.
- Your Lawn Mower Handle can be adjusted for your mowing comfort. Refer to "Adjust Handle" in the Service and Adjustment Section of this manual.

TO ASSEMBLE & ATTACH GRASS CATCHER

- Put Grass Catcher Frame into Grass Bag with stiff part of Bag on the bottom.
- Slip vinyl bindings over Frame (See Fig. 2).

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

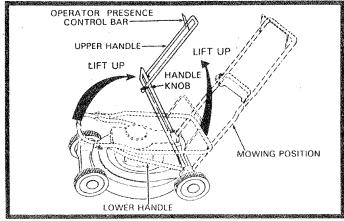


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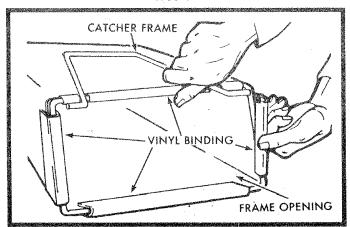


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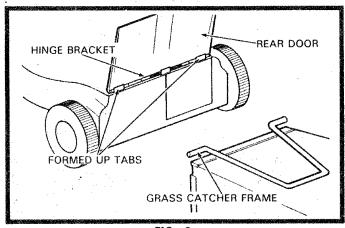


FIG. 3

- Lift the Rear Door on the Lawn Mower Housing and place the Grass Catcher Frame onto the formed up Tabs on the Rear Door Hinge Bracket (See Fig. 3).
- The Grass Catcher is secured to the Lawn Mower Housing when the Rear Door is lowered onto the Grass Catcher Frame.



CAUTION: DO NOT RUN YOUR LAWN MOWER WITHOUT CLIPPING DEFLECTOR OR APPROVED GRASS CATCHER IN PLACE. NEVER ATTEMPT TO OPERATE THE LAWN MOWER WITH THE REAR DOOR REMOVED OR PROPPED OPEN.

KNOW YOUR LAWN MOWER

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

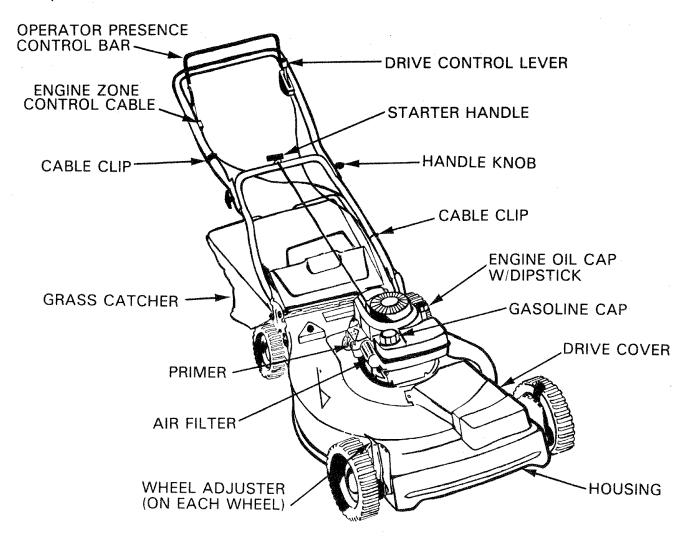


FIG. 6

MEETS CPSC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Sears Rotary Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The blade turns when the engine is running.

OPERATOR PRESENCE CONTROL BAR - must be held down to the handle to start the engine. Release to stop the engine.

DRIVE CONTROL LEVER - used to engage power-propelled forward motion of lawn mower.

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

STARTER HANDLE - used for starting the engine.

DRIVE CONTROL

- Self-propelling is controlled by holding the operator presence control bar down to the handle and pushing the drive control lever forward until it clicks; then release the lever (See Fig. 7).
- Forward motion will stop when the operator presence control bar is released. To stop forward motion without stopping the engine, release the operator presence control bar slightly until the drive control disengages. Hold operator presence control bar down to handle to continue mowing without self-propelling.
- To keep drive control engaged when turning corners, push down on handle and lift front wheels off ground while turning lawn mower.



- To remove Grass Catcher, release Operator Presence Control Bar to stop engine.
- Lift up Rear Door and remove the Grass Catcher by the Handle (See Fig. 6).
- Lift up Rear Door and remove the Grass Catcher by the Handle (See Fig. 6).
- Do not drag the Bag when emptying; it will cause unnecessary wear.

TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT

- Raise wheels for low cut and lower wheels for high cut.
- Wheels are set in low cut for shipping. Adjust cutting height to suit your requirements. Medium position is best for most lawns.
- To change cutting height, squeeze adjuster lever toward wheel. Move wheel up or down to suit your requirements. Be sure all wheels are in the same setting (See Fig. 8).

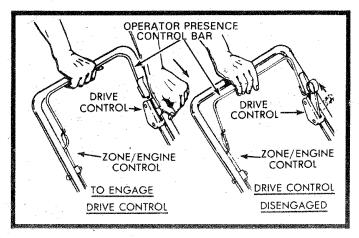


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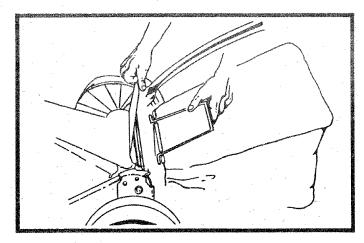


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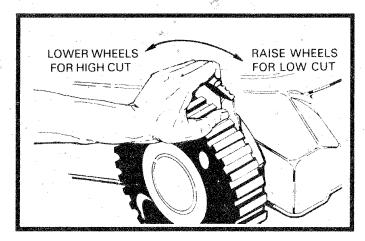


FIG. 9

BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

OIL:

A 20 oz. bottle of Pennzoil SAE 30 Oil is included with your new lawn mower.

- Rémove engine oil cap with dipstick (See Fig. 10) and fill to the FULL line on the dipstick.
- Use 20 ozs. of SAE 30 oil. SAE 10W 30 oil can also be used. DO NOT use SAE 10W 40 oil.
- POUR OIL SLOWLY. DO NOT OVER FILL.
- Check oil level before each use. Add oil if needed. Fill to FULL line on dipstick.
- To read proper level, tighten engine oil cap each time.
- · Replace engine oil cap with dipstick and tighten.
- After the first two (2) hours of mowing, change the oil, and every 25 hours thereafter. You may need to change the oil more often under dusty, dirty conditions.

GAS:

 Fill gasoline tank with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline. DO NOT USE PREMIUM GASOLINE.
 BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERFILL TANK (SEE FIG. 10).

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 for 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.

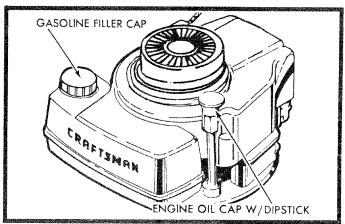


FIG. 10

ENGINE ZONE CONTROL

CAUTION: FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE AN ENGINE CONTROL TO BE INSTALLED ON THIS LAWN MOWER IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF BLADE CONTACT INJURY. DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT. THE FUNCTION OF THE OPERATOR CONTROL. THE BLADE TURNS WHEN THE ENGINE IS RUNNING.



 Your lawn mower is equipped with an Operator Engine Control Bar which requires the operator to be positioned behind the lawn mower handle to start and operate the lawn mower.

TO START ENGINE

 To start a cold engine, push primer five (5) times before trying to start. Use a firm push. This step is not usually necessary when starting an engine which has already run for a few minutes.

 Hold operator presence control bar down to the handle and pull starter handle quickly. Do not

allow starter rope to snap back.

To STOP engine, release operator presence con-

trol bar.

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

MOWING TIPS

 Under certain conditions, such as very tall grass, it may be necessary to raise the height of cut to reduce pushing effort and to keep from overloading the engine and leaving clumps of grass clippings.

grass clippings.

For extremely heavy cutting, reduce the width of cut and raise the rear of the lawn mower housing one (1) wheel adjuster setting higher than the

front for better discharge of grass.

 When using a rear discharge lawn mower in moist, heavy grass, clumps of cut grass may not enter the grass catcher. Reduce ground speed (pushing speed) and/or run the lawn mower over the area a second time.

 If a trail of grass clippings is left on the right side of a rear discharge lawn mower, mow in a clockwise direction with a small overlap to col-

lect the clippings on the next pass.

 The vent holes in the baffle in back of a permanex catcher can become filled with dirt and dust with use and the catcher will collect less grass.
 To prevent this, regularly hose the catcher baffle with water and let dry before using.

MAINTENANCE

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

- Once a year you should replace the spark plug, air filter and check blade for wear. A new spark plug and air filter assures proper air-fuel mixture and helps your engine run better and last longer.
- You should check all fasteners and be sure they are tight
- Follow the Service Recommendation Schedule on page 18.

LAWN MOWER

BLADE/BLADE ADAPTER CARE

Your lawn mower will work better with a sharp blade.



CAUTION: DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE FROM SPARK PLUG AND PLACE WIRE WHERE IT CANNOT COME IN CONTACT WITH THE SPARK PLUG.

TO REMOVE BLADE:

- Turn lawn mower on its side. Make sure air filter and carburetor are up.
- Use block of wood between blade and lawn mower housing to prevent blade from turning when removing the blade bolt.
- Protect your hands with gloves and/or wrap blade with heavy cloth.
- Remove blade bolt by turning counter-clockwise.
 Use a 9/16" box or open-end wrench.
- Remove blade and attaching hardware (bolt, lockwasher and hardened washer) (See Fig. 11).

NOTE: Remove the blade adapter and check the key inside hub of blade adapter. The key must be in good condition to work properly. Replace adapter if damaged.

TO REPLACE BLADE:

- Position the blade adapter on the engine crankshaft. Be sure key in adapter and key way in crankshaft are aligned.
- Position blade on to the blade adapter aligning the two (2) holes in the blade with the raised lugs on the adapter.

NOTE: Be sure the word TOP (stamped on the blade) is toward the engine (See Fig. 11).

- Install the blade bolt with the lockwasher and hardened washer into blade adapter and crankshaft (See Fig. 11).
- Use block of wood between blade and lawn mower housing and tighten the blade bolt, turning clockwise.

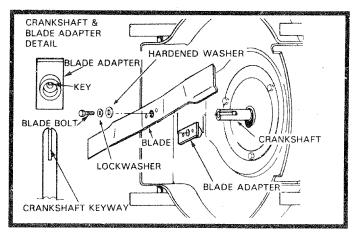


FIG. 11

- The recommended tightening torque is 35-40 ft.
- Torque wrenches are available at most Sears stores and through the catalog.



CAUTION: A LOOSE BLADE CAN BE DANGEROUS AND MAY MAKE THE ENGINE HARD TO START.

Use only a Sears authorized replacement blade to get the best cutting results.

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

TO SHARPEN BLADE:

- The blade can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. Do not attempt to sharpen while on the lawn mower.
- Care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when running and eventual damage to lawn mower or engine.
- To check blade balance, drive a nail into a beam or wall. Leave about one inch of the straight nail exposed. Place center hole of blade over the head of the nail. If blade is balanced, it should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of the blade moves downward, blade is not balanced. Sharpen the heavy end until the blade is balanced.

MAINTENANCE

GEAR CASE

- To keep your drive system working properly, the gear case and area around the drive should be kept clean and free of trash build-up. Clean under the drive cover twice a season.
- The gear case is filled with lubricant to the proper level at the factory. The only time the lubricant needs attention is if service has been performed on the gear case.
- If lubricant is required, use only Texaco Starplex Premium 1 Grease, Part No. 750355. Do Not substitute.

DRIVE WHEELS

Check front drive wheels each time before you mow to be sure they move freely. The wheels not turning freely means trash, brass, cuttings, etc. are in the drive wheel area and must be cleaned to free drive wheels.

If necessary to clean the drive wheels, check both front wheels.

- Remove hubcaps, hairpin cotters and washers.
- Remove wheels from wheel adjusters.
- Remove any trash or grass cuttings from inside the dust cover, pinion and/or drive wheel gear teeth.
- Put wheels back in place.
- If after cleaning, the drive wheels do not turn freely, contact your nearest Sears Service Center.

GRASS CATCHER

- The catcher may be hosed with water, but must be dry when used.
- Check your grass catcher often for damage or deterioration. Through normal use it will wear. If catcher needs replacing, replace only with a manufacturer approved replacement catcher from Sears. Give the lawn mower model number when ordering.

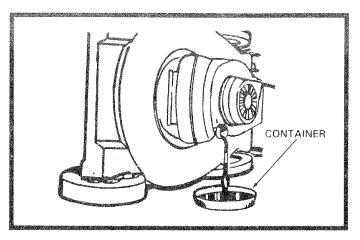


FIG. 12

ENGINE

TO CHANGE OIL (WARM OIL DRAINS BETTER)



CAUTION: DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE FROM SPARK PLUG AND PLACE WIRE WHERE IT CANNOT COME IN CONTACT WITH SPARK PLUG.

- Remove engine oil cap with dipstick; lay aside on a clean surface.
- Tip lawn mower on its side as shown in Fig. 12 and drain oil into suitable container. Rock lawn mower back and forth to remove any oil trapped inside of engine.
- Wipe off any spilled oil on lawn mower and on side of engine.
- Fill engine with SAE 30 or 10W 30 oil. Fill only to the "FULL" line on the dipstick. DO NOT overfill.
- Replace engine oil cap.
- Reconnect spark plug wire to spark plug.

MAINTENANCE

AIR FILTER

Your engine will not run properly and may be damaged by using a dirty air filter.
Replace the air filter every year, more often if you mow in very dusty, dirty conditions. Do not wash air filter.

TO CHANGE AIR FILTER

- Remove the air filter cover by turning counterclockwise to the stop and pull away from collar (See Fig. 13).
- Remove filter from inside of cover (See Fig. 13).
- Clean the inside of the cover and the collar to remove any dirt accumulation.
- Insert new filter into cover.
- Put air filter cover and filter into collar aligning the tab with the slot.
- Push in on cover and turn clockwise to tighten (See Fig. 13).

SPARK PLUG

Change your spark plug each year to make your engine start easier and run better. Set spark plug gap at .030 inch.

CLEANING

We recommend that you clean the underside of your lawn mower after each use.



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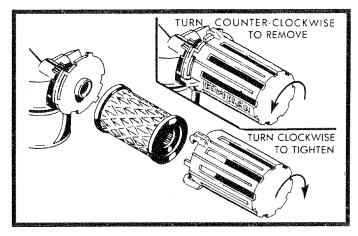


FIG. 13

- Turn lawn mower on its side with carburetor up.
- Clean the underside of your lawn mower by scraping to remove build-up of grass and trash.
- Clean your lawn mower and engine often to keep trash from accumulating around engine. A clogged engine runs hotter and shortens engine life.
- We DO NOT recommend using a garden hose to clean lawn mower unless the electrical system, muffler, air filter, and carburetor are covered to keep water out. Water in engine can result in shortening engine life.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENT

TO REMOVE/REPLACE DRIVE BELT



CAUTION: DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE FROM SPARK PLUG. PLACE WIRE WHERE IT CANNOT COME IN CONTACT WITH SPARK PLUG.

- Remove drive cover. Remove belt by pushing down on gear case pulley (See Fig. 14).
- Turn lawn mower on its side with carburetor and fuel cap ub.
- Loosen hex head screw and move belt snubber away from pulley (See Fig. 14).
- Remove belt from engine pulley on crankshaft and carefully slip belt off over blade.
- CAUTION: Sharp edges of blade can cut belt.
- Install new belt reversing above steps.
- Move belt snubber back in place and tighten hex head screw.

NOTE: Belt snubber clears belt by approx. 1/32 inch when installed.

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

TO ADJUST DRIVE CONTROL CABLE

A drive control cable that needs adjustment will keep your lawn mower from self-propelling properly and can also cause gear case components to wear out sooner.

- Remove drive cover.
- Loosen cable clamp screw "A" and nuts "B" and
- Hold down operator presence control bar to handle and engage drive control.
- Move shifter arm to drive position while rotating front wheels to be sure jaw clutch is engaged. Pull threaded sleeve with pliers (See Fig. 15). Do Not pull on control cable.
- Tighten nut "C" until sleeve is snug. Tighten screw "A" and nut "B".
- Push lawn mower back and forth to be sure gear case is engaged.
- Replace drive cover.
- Release operator presence control bar.

CARBURETOR

Your carburetor has a non-adjustable fixed main jet for mixture control. If your engine does not operate properly due to suspected carburetor problems, take your lawn mower to an authorized Sears Service Center for repair and adjustment.

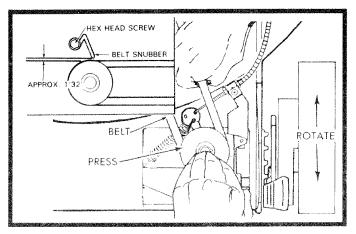


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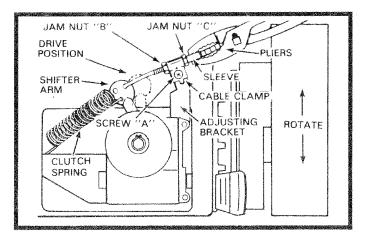


FIG. 15

ENGINE SPEED

Your engine speed has been factory set. Do not attempt to increase engine speed or it may result in personal injury. If you believe that the engine is running too fast or too slow, take your lawn mower to an authorized Sears Service Center for repair and adjustment.

REAR DEFLECTOR

The rear deflector, attached between the rear wheels of your lawn mower, is provided to minimize the possibility that objects will be thrown out the rear of the lawn mower into the operator's mowing position.

If the rear deflector becomes damaged, it should be replaced.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENT

TO ADJUST HANDLE

Your lawn mower handle can be raised or lowered for your mowing comfort. Figs. 16A, 16B, 17A and 17B show the four (4) positions that are available: High, medium high, medium low and low. Handles are shipped mounted in the medium low position (See Fig. 16A)

- To change from medium low to medium high position, the upper and lower handle sections will have to be turned over (See Fig. 16B).
- Remove the controls and operator presence control bar from the upper handle.
- Remove the starter rope guide from the lower handle.
- · Remove hairpin cotters.
- Disconnect the lower handle from the handle brackets (See Fig. 18).
- Turn the handle over and reassemble the hairpin cotters that have been removed (See Fig. 18).
- Reassemble the starter rope guide.
- Reassemble the controls and the operator presence control bar to the upper handle.



CAUTION: THE OPERATOR PRESENCE CONTROL BAR MUST PIVOT FREELY TO PERMIT BLADE BRAKE ENGAGEMENT WHEN CONTROL BAR IS RELEASED. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN THE FASTENERS HOLDING THE CONTROLS TO THE UPPER HANDLE.

- To change from medium low to high position only the upper handle section will have to be turned over (See Fig. 17A).
- To change from medium low to low position, only the lower handle section will have to be turned over (See Fig. 17B).

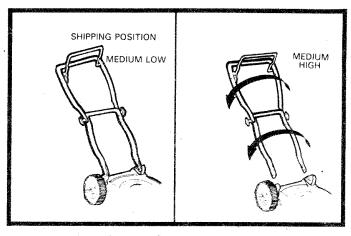


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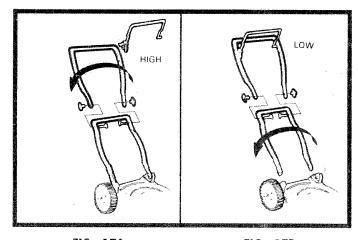


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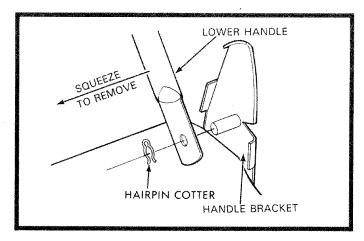


FIG. 18

STORAGE

Your lawn mower and engine should be prepared for off-season storage as follows:

LAWN MOWER

- Clean underside of lawn mower housing. (See "Cleaning" in maintenance section of manual.)
- Inspect and replace/sharpen blade, if required (See 'Blade/Blade Adapter Care' in maintenance section of manual).
- Hose grass catcher off with water and let dry before storing.
- Lubricate as shown in Service Recommendation chart on page 18 of manual.

HANDLE

- You can fold your lawn mower handle for storage as shown in Fig. 19.
- To fold, squeeze the bottom ends of the lower handle toward each other until the lower handle clears the handle bracket, then move handle forward (See Fig. 20).
- IMPORTANT: WHEN FOLDING THE HANDLE FOR STORAGE OR TRANSPORTATION, BE SURE TO FOLD THE HANDLE AS SHOWN IN FIG. 19. IF YOU FOLD THE UPPER HANDLE SECTION THE WRONG WAY, YOU MAY DAMAGE THE CONTROL CABLES.

ENGINE

- Change oil (See "To Change Oil" in maintenance section of manual).
- Drain Fuel and Run Engine until fuel system is empty.

IMPORTANT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS THE 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

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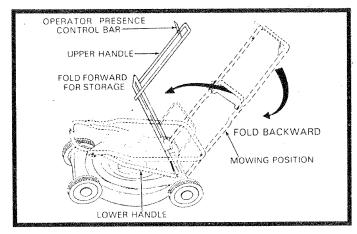


FIG. 19

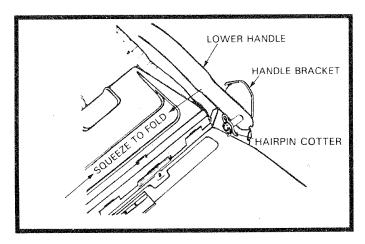


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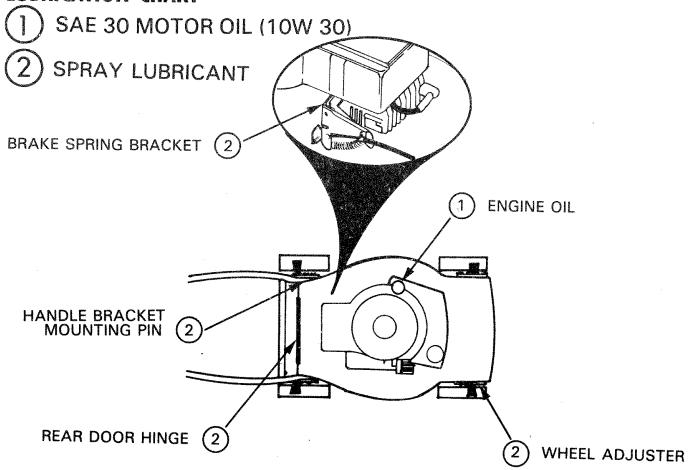
- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust. Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline can cause problems.
- Do not store your lawn mower under any plastic cover. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and can cause your lawn mower to rust.
- When setting up your handle from the storage position, the lower handle will automatically lock into the mowing position.

SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

SERVICE RECORD		SCH	SERVICE DATES		
Fill in dates as you complete regular service	First 2 Hours	Every 10 Hours	Every 25 Hours	Every Use	
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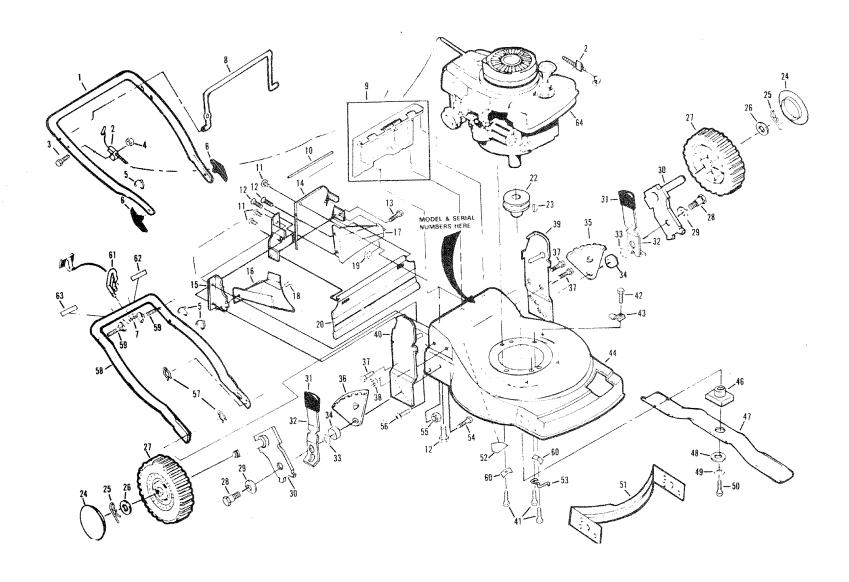
LUBRICATION CHART



TROUBLE SHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
DOES NOT START	 Dirty air filter. Out of gasoline. Stale gasoline. Spark plug wire is disconnected from the spark plug. Bad spark plug. Water in gasoline. Loose blade or broken blade adapter. Operator presence control bar in released position. Operator presence control bar defective. 	 Replace air filter Fill gasoline tank. Drain gas tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Connect wire to spark plug. Replace spark plug. Drain tank and refill with fresh, clean gasoline. Tighten blade bolt and/or replace blade adapter. Depress operator presence control bar Replace operator presence control bar
LOSS OF POWER	1. Rear of lawn mower housing/blade dragging in heavy grass. 2. Cutting too much grass. 3. Dirty air filter 4. Build-up of grass, leaves, and trash under lawn mower housing. 5. Walking speed too fast. 6. Too much oil in engine.	 Raise rear of lawn mower housing one (1) setting higher than front. Set in HIGHER CUT position. Clean or replace air filter. Disconnect spark plug wire and clean underside of lawn mower housing. Cut at slower walking speed. Check engine oil level.
POOR CUT- UNEVEN	Worn, bent or loose blade. Wheel heights uneven. Low engine speed. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under lawn mower housing.	 Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Set all wheels at same height. Set engine speed control in HIGH position. Disconnect spark plug wire & clean underside of lawn mower housing.
TOO MUCH VIBRATION	 Worn or bent blade. Loose blade. Bent engine crankshaft. 	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Contact Sears Service Department.
STARTER ROPE HARD TO PULL	 Flywheel brake is on when operator presence control bar is released. Bent engine crankshaft. Blade adapter sheared. Blade dragging in grass. 	Depress operator presence control bar to upper handle before pulling on starter rope. Contact Sears Service Department. Replace blade adapter. Get over low grass and/or hard surface to start engine.
CATCHER NOT FILLING COMPLETELY	Cutting height too low. Lift on blade worn off. Catcher bag dirty, poor air venting. Low engine speed.	Raise cutting height. Replace blade. Clean/replace catcher bag. (If optional grass catcher is being used). Set engine speed control in HIGH position.
HARD TO PUSH	 High grass or cutting height too low. Rear of lawn mower housing/blade dragging in heavy grass. Grass catcher too full. Handle height position not right for you. 	 Raise cutting height. Raise rear of lawn mower housing one (1) setting higher than front. Empty grass catcher. Adjust handle height to suit.

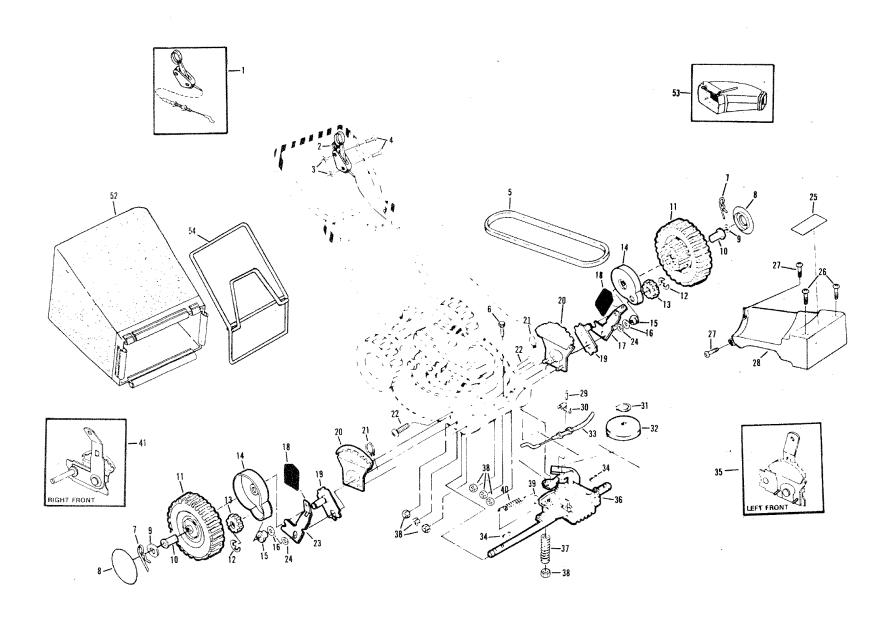
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REPAIR PARTS

Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name	Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name
		Upper Handle Engine Zone Control Cable Hex Head Bolt 1/54-20 x 1-1/2 Locknut 1/4-20 Cable Clip Handle Knob Locknut 1/4-20 Control Bar Rear Door Kit (Incl. Ref. #10) Hinge Rod Self Tapping Screw 10-24 x 5/8 Hex Tapping Screw 1/4-20 x 1/2 Hex Head Screw 1/4-20 x 3/4 Back Plate Side Baffle Discharge Baffle Rear Baffle Truss Head Screw 10-24 x 1/2 Locknut 10-24 Rear Skirt Engine Pulley Hi-Pro Key #505 Hubcap Retainer Clip Washer Wheel & Tire Assembly 8.00 x 2.00 Shoulder Bolt 3/8-16 Belleville Washer Axle Arm Assembly Selector Knob Selector Spring Washer Spacer		2	Wheel Adjusting Bracket (Left) Wheel Adjusting Bracket (Right) Thread Cutting Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4 Locknut 5/16-18 Handle Bracket Assembly (Left) Handle Bracket Assembly (Right) Hex Head Thread Rolling Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/8 Hex Washer Head Screw 10-24 x 1/2 Guide Clip Lawn Mower Housing (Incl. Ref. #14,15,51 & 52) Blade Adapter Blade 22'' Hardened Washer Helical Washer 3/8 Hex Head Machine Screw 3/8-24 x 1 3/8 Grd. 8 Front Baffle Danger Decal Belt Snubber Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x 5/8 Locknut 3/8-16 Hinge Screw Hairpin Cotter Lower Handle Handle Bolt Washer Rope Guide Instruction Decal (Engine) Instruction Decal (Drive) Engine - Craftsman (Source 143) Model 143.414302 (See Pages 25-27) Owners Manual
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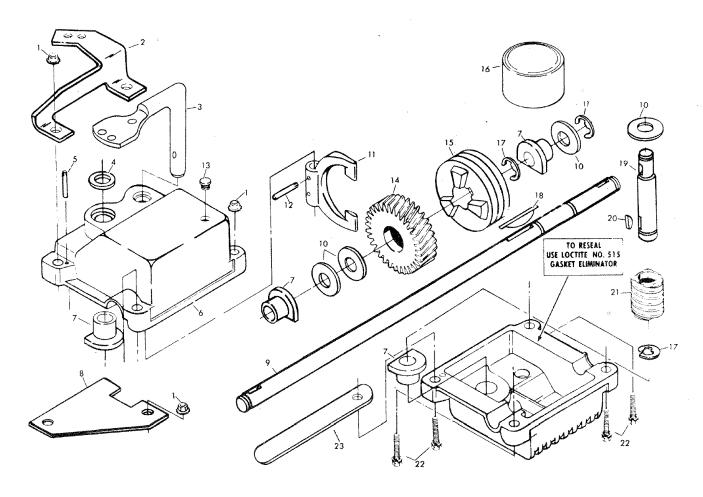
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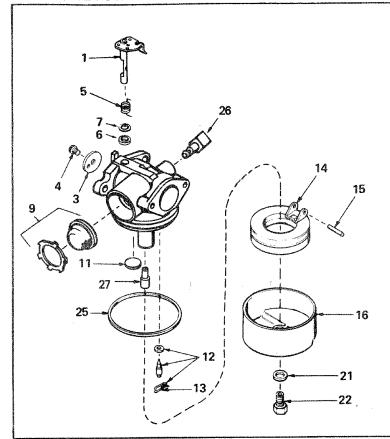
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1 2 3 4	750560 48029 74189 750029	Drive Control Drive Head Kit Locknut 10-24 Pan Head Machine Screw 10-24 x 2	28 29 30	750293 750108 83700	Drive Cover Hex Washer Head Tapping Screw 10-24 x 3/8 Cable Clamp
5 6 7 8	83691 54338 85179 77400	V-Belt Hex Head Bolt 1/4-20 x 2 3/4 Retainer Clip Hubcap	31 32 33 34	74976 83681 48176 STD580014	Retaining Ring Drive Pulley Drive Control Cable Kit Woodruff Key #3
9 10 11 12	52160 86920 87729 53753	Washer Nylon Bushing Wheel & Tire Assembly 8.00 x 2.00 E-Ring	35 36 37 38	48175 48184 83632 STD541425	Wheel Adjuster Assembly (Left) Gear Case Assembly 48281 Spring Locknut 1/4-20
13 14 15 16	74507 76401 86273 86274 851020	Pinion Dust Cover Spacer Bearing Belleville Washer Selector Spring (Left)	39 40 41 52 53	57076 75192 48174 88614	Woodruff Key #213 Spring Wheel Adjuster Assembly (Right) Catcher Frame Clipping Deflector Accessory (not in-
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	87877 88285 850922 58922 61528 851022 851226 751031 87866 750097	Selector Knob Axle Arm Assembly Wheel Adjusting Bracket Retaining Clip Flat Head Machine Screw Selector Spring (Right) Washer Drive Cover Decal Pan Head Tapping Screw 10-24 x 2 3/4 Hex Washer Head Screw 10-24 x 3/8		751663	cluded with lawn mower) <u>7</u> 1 33303 Grassbag Assembly 2.0 Bu.
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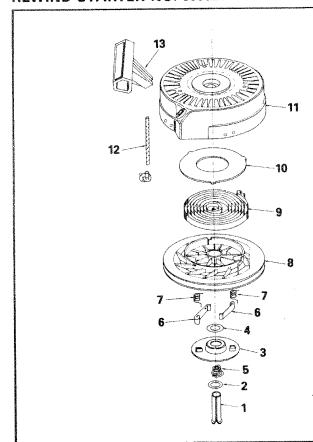
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	53838 85178 88386 57072 57388 48032 77881 77039 750430 57079	Keps Locknut 1/4-20 Adjusting Bracket Shifter Assembly Seal Grooved Pin 1/8 x 1/2 Gear Case Halves (Inc. Upper & Lower Halves) (Incl. Ref. 4, 5, 7) Bearing Spring Bracket Drive Shaft Hardened Washer	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	87822 86447 83659 750436 750355 STD581050 850848 83720 65692 83680 50950	Grooved Pin 1/8 x 3/4 Plug Helical Gear Jaw Clutch Grease E-Ring Hi-Pro Key Worm Shaft Woodruff Key #3 Worm Hex Head Machine Screw
e gener	75144	Yoke Clutch	23	751046	1/4-20 x 1 1/4 Identification Tag

CARBURETOR NO. 632078A

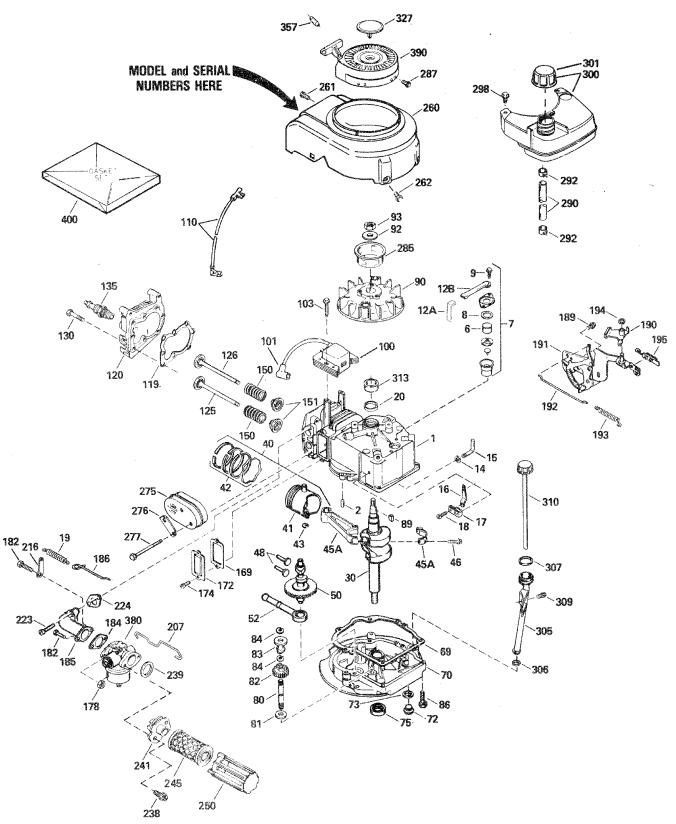


Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name
	632078A	Carburetor
1	631615	Shaft & Lever Assy., Throttle
3	631616	Shutter, Throttle
4	650506	Screw, Throttle shutter
5	631767	Spring, Throttle return
6	631971	Seal, Dust
1 3 4 5 6 7 9	631184	Washer, Flat
9	632047	Primer Assy.
11	631027	Plug, Welch
12	631021	Inlet Needle, Seat & Clip Assy.
		(Incl. No. 13)
13	631022	Clip, Inlet needle
14	632019	Float, Carburetor
15	631024	Shaft, Float
16	631700	Bowl, Float
21	631334	Gasket, Bowl-to-body
22	631937	Nut, Float Bowl
25	631028	Gasket, Bowl-to-body
26	631807	Fitting, Fuel inlet
27	632158	Spacer

REWIND STARTER NO. 590621



Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name
	590621	Starter, Rewind
1	590599A	Pin, Spring (Incl. No. 4)
2	590600	Washer
3	590615	Retainer
4	590601	Washer
1 2 3 4 5	590598	Spring, Brake
6	590616	Dog, Starter
6 7 8 9	590617	Spring, Dog
8	590618	Pulley
9	590619	Spring, Rewind
10	590620	Cover, Spring
11	590622	Housing Assy., Starter
12	590535	Rope, Starter (Length 98" & 9/64"
		dia.)
13	590452	Handle, Starter



CRAFTSMAN 4-CYCLE ENGINE

MODEL NUMBER 143.414302

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Ref.	Part		Ref.	Part	
No.	No.	Part Name	No.	No.	Part Name
1	33968B	Cylinder Assy. (Incl. Nos. 9 & 20)	135	35395	Spark Plug, Resistor (Champion RJ-
2	26727	Pin, Dowel			19LM or equivalent)
6	33734	Element, Breather	150	31672	Spring, Valve
7	34214A	Breather Assy. (Incl. Nos. 6, 8, 9, 12A	151	31673	Cap, Lower valve spring
_		(& 12B)	169	*27234A	Gasket, Valve spring box
8	*33735	Gasket, Breather	172	32755	Cover, Valve spring box
9	30200	Screw, Hex washer hd. self-tap Sems,	174	650128	Screw, Hex hd. Sems, 10-24 x 1/2
		10-24 x 9/16	178	29752	Nut & Lockwasher, 1/4-28
12A	34695	Elbow, Breather tube	182	6201	Screw, Hex hd., 1/4-28 x 7/8
12B	33886	Tube, Breather	184	*26756	Gasket, Carburetor
14	28277	Washer, Flat	185	31384A	Pipe, Intake (Incl. No. 224)
15	30589	Rod, Governor (Incl. No. 14)	186	32653	Link, Governor spring
16	31383A	Lever, Governor	189	650839	Screw, Hex washer hd. Powerlok
17	31335	Clamp, Governor lever	, 00	000000	1/4-20 x 3/8
18	650548	Screw, Hex washer hd., 8-32 x 5/16	190	35831	Lever, Brake
19	31361	Spring, Extension	191	35040	Bracket, S.E. Brake (Incl. No. 195)
20	32600	Seal, Oil	192	34966	Link, Control
30	35801	Crankshaft Assy.	193	34965	
40	34535	Piston, Pin & Ring Assy. (Std.)	194	32309	Spring, Extension
	0.000	(Incl. Nos. 41, 42 & 43)	195		Ring, Retaining
40	34536	Piston, Pin & Ring Assy. (.010 over-	207	610973	Terminal Assy.
	0.000	size) (Incl. Nos. 41, 42 & 43)	216	34336	Link, Throttle
40	34537	Piston, Pin & Ring Assy. (.020 over-	223	33086	Lever, Speed adjusting
-10	04007	size) (Incl. Nos. 41, 42 & 43)	223	650451	Screw, Hex hd. Sems, 1/4-20 x 1
41	33562B	Piston & Pin Assy. (Std.) (Incl. No. 43)	238	*34690A	Gasket, Intake pipe
41	33563B	Piston & Pin Assy. (3td.) (Incl. No. 45)	230	650932	Screw, Hex washer hd. shoulder,
7.	000000	(Incl. No. 43)	239	*34338	10-32 x 49/64
41	33564B	Piston & Pin Assy. (.020 oversize)	235 241	35797	Gasket, Air cleaner
1	000010	(Incl. No. 43)	245	35066	Collar, Air cleaner
42	33567	Ring Set, Piston (Std.)	250		Filter, Air cleaner (Paper)
42	33568	Ring Set, Piston (.010 oversize)	260	35065 35393A	Cover, Air cleaner
42	33569	Ring Set, Piston (.020 oversize)	261		Housing, Blower
43	20381	Ring, Piston pin retaining	201	30200	Screw, Hex washer hd. self-tap Sems,
45A	32875	Rod Assy., Connecting (Incl. No. 46)	202	050004	10-24 x 9/16
46	32610A	Bolt, Connecting rod	262	650831	Screw, Hex washer hd. Powerlok
48	27241	Valve, Lifter	275	24042	thread, 1/4-20 x 15/32
50 l	33553	Camshaft (Mech. Compression	276	34613	Muffler Assy.
	00000	Release)	277	33753 650795	Plate, Lock
52	29914	Pump Assy., Oil	285	35000	Screw, Hex hd., 1/4-20 x 2-1/4
69	*35261	Gasket, Mounting flange	287	650884	Hub, Starter
70	34311C	Flange, Mounting (Incl. Nos. 72, 73, 75	290	30705	Screw, Hex washer hd., 8-32 x 1/2
	0.01.0	8 80)	292	26460	Line, Fuel
72	30572	Plug, Oil drain (Incl. No. 73)	298	28763	Clamp, Fuel line
73	*28833	Gasket, Oil plug (Not required with	230	20/03	Screw, Hex washer hd. shakeproof,
, -	2000	plastic oil plug)	300	34369A	10-32 x 35/64
75	27897	Seal, Oil	301	34303A	Tank, Fuel (Incl. Nos. 292 & 301)
80	30574	Shaft, Governor	305	35355	Cap, Fuel
81	30590A	Washer, Flat		35577	rube, on m
82	30591	Gear Assy., Governor (Incl. No. 81)	306	34265	Gasket, Fill tube
83	30588A	Spool, Governor	307	35499	"O" Ring
84	29193	Ring, Retaining	309	650562	Screw, Hex washer hd. shakeproof,
86	650488	Screw, Hex hd. Sems, 1/4-20 x 1-1/4	210	255.0	10-32 x 1/2
89	611004	Key, Flywheel	310	35578	Dipstick, Oil fill
90	611109	Flywheel	313	34080	Spacer, Flywheel key
92	650815	Washer, Belleville	327	35392	Plug, Starter
93	650816	Nut, Flywheel	357	34985	Retainer, Starter rope
100	34443A	Solid State Assy.	380	632078A	Carburetor (Incl. No. 184)
101	610118	Cover, Spark plug	390 400	590621 33740D	Starter, Rewind
103	650814	Screw, Torx T-15 hex washer hd.	400	337400	Gasket Set (Incl. items marked *)
	~~~~ i~r	Sems, 10-24 x 1	į		DDM Catting
110	34961	Wire, Ground	1		RPM Setting:
119	*33554A	Gasket, Cylinder head	İ		High Speed: 2900 - 3200
120	34342	Head, Cylinder			*Indicator Darta Instituted in
125	29313C	Valve, Exhaust (Std.) (Incl. No. 151)		İ	*Indicates Parts Included in
125	29315C	Valve, Exhaust (1/32" oversize) (Incl.	1		Gasket Set, Ref. No. 400.
	200,00	No. 151)			
126	29314B	Valve, Intake (Std.) (Incl. No. 151)			
126	29315C	Valve, Intake (3/32" oversize)			
	200100	(Incl. No. 151)			
130	6021A	Screw, Hex flange hd., 5/16-18 x 1-1/2			

## SEARS

# OWNER'S MANUAL

MODEL NO. 917.372490

# HOW TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS

## ERAFTSMAN®

# 5.0 HORSE POWER 22" REAR BAGGER POWER PROPELLED ROTARY LAWN MOWER

Each Lawn Mower has its own model number. Each engine has its own model number.

The model number for your lawn mower will be found on a decal attached to the rear of the lawn mower housing.

The model number for the engine will be found on the Blower Housing of the engine adjacent to the spark plug.

All parts listed herein may be ordered through Sears, Roebuck and Co. Service Centers and most Retail Stores.

WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS, ALWAYS GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- * PRODUCT ''ROTARY LAWN MOWER''
- * MODEL NUMBER 917,372490
- * ENGINE CRAFTSMAN MODEL NO. 143.414302
- * PART NUMBER
- * PART DESCRIPTION

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