

**SEARS  
OWNER'S  
MANUAL**

MODEL NO.  
917.298231

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

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**CRAFTSMAN  
3.0 HORSEPOWER  
17 INCH TINE WIDTH  
FRONT TINE TILLER**

Assembly  
Operation  
Maintenance  
Service and Adjustment  
Repair Parts



# SAFETY RULES



## Safe Operation Practices for Walk-Behind Powered Rotary Tillers

### TRAINING

- Read the operating and service instruction manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Know how to stop the unit and disengage the controls quickly.
- Never allow children to operate the equipment. Never allow adults to operate the equipment without proper instruction.
- Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children, and pets.

### PREPARATION

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all foreign objects.
- Disengage all clutches and shift into neutral before starting the engine (motor).
- Do not operate the equipment without wearing adequate outer garments. Wear footwear that will improve footing on slippery surfaces.
- Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable.
  - Use an approved fuel container.
  - Never add fuel to a running engine or hot engine.
  - Fill fuel tank outdoors with extreme care. Never fill fuel tank indoors.
  - Replace gasoline cap securely and clean up spilled fuel before restarting.
- Use extension cords and receptacles as specified by the manufacturer for all units with electric drive motors or electric starting motors.
- Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine (motor) is running (except where specifically recommended by manufacturer).

### OPERATION

- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts.
- Exercise extreme caution when operating on or crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic. Do not carry passengers.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine (motor), remove the wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the tiller for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the tiller.
- Exercise caution to avoid slipping or falling.

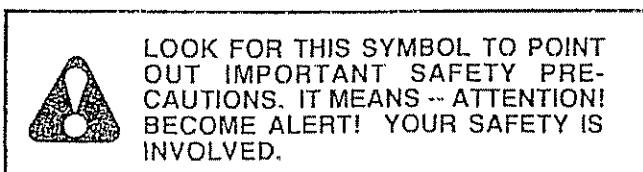
- If the unit should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine (motor) and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Stop the engine (motor) when leaving the operating position, before unclogging the tines, and when making any repair, adjustments, and inspections.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the machine unattended. Disengage the power take-off, lower the attachment, shift into neutral, stop the engine, and remove the key.
- Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, shut off the engine and make certain all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting. Disconnect the cord on electric motors.
- Do not run the engine indoors; exhaust fumes are dangerous.
- Never operate the tiller without proper guards, plates, or other safety protective devices in place.
- Keep children and pets away.
- Do not overload the machine capacity by attempting to till too deep at too fast a rate.
- Never allow bystanders near the unit.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of the tiller (such as wheel weights, corner weights, cabs, and the like).
- Never operate the tiller without good visibility or light.
- Be careful when tilling in hard ground. The tines may catch in the ground and propel the tiller forward. If this occurs, let go of the handlebars and do not restrain the machine.

### MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- Keep machine, attachments, and accessories in safe working condition.
- Check shear bolts, engine mounting bolts, and other bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank inside a building where ignition sources are present, such as hot water and space heaters, clothes dryers, and the like. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- Always refer to the operator's guide instructions for important details if the tiller is to be stored for an extended period.

### -IMPORTANT -

Warnings, Cautions, and Notes are a means of attracting attention to important or critical information in this manual.



**CAUTION:** USED TO ALERT YOU THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGING EQUIPMENT.

**NOTE:** Gives essential information that will aid you to better understand, incorporate, or execute a particular set of instructions.

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

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

<p>MODEL NUMBER 917 298231</p> <p>SERIAL NUMBER _____</p> <p>DATE OF PURCHASE _____</p> <p>THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE FOUND ON THE MODEL PLATE ATTACHED TO THE RIGHT HAND ENGINE BRACKET.</p> <p>YOU SHOULD RECORD BOTH SERIAL NUMBER AND DATE OF PURCHASE AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.</p>
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**PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

HORSEPOWER:	3.0 H.P.
DISPLACEMENT:	7.75 CU. IN.
GASOLINE CAPACITY:	2 QUART (UNLEADED)
OIL (20 OZ. CAPACITY):	SAE 30W (SAE 10W 30)
SPARK PLUG (GAP .030 IN):	CHAMPION RCJ8

**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 Tiller.
- Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this Owner's Manual.

<p align="center"><b>LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN TILLER</b></p> <p>For one year from date of purchase, when this Craftsman Tiller is maintained, lubricated, and tuned up according to the instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair, free of charge, any defect in material and workmanship.</p> <p>If this Craftsman Tiller is used for commercial or rental purposes, this Warranty applies for only 30 days from the date of purchase.</p> <p>This Warranty does not cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as tines, spark plug, air cleaners and belts.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY RETURNING THE CRAFTSMAN TILLER 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.</p> <p>This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.</p> <p align="center">Sears, Roebuck and Co , D/731CR-W , Sears Tower, Chicago, IL 60684</p>
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**-NOTE-**

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. See your Sears Authorized Service Center for spark arrester. Refer to page 31 of Repair Parts section of this manual for part number.

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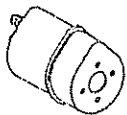




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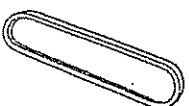



## TILLER ACCESSORIES

THESE ACCESSORIES WERE AVAILABLE WHEN THE TILLER WAS PURCHASED. 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 TILLER.

### ENGINE

SPARK PLUG	MUFFLER	AIR FILTER	GAS CAN	ENGINE OIL	STABILIZER
					

### TILLER MAINTENANCE

BELT	TINES	CLEVIS PIN	HAIRPIN CLIP
			

# ASSEMBLY

## TO ASSEMBLE YOUR TILLER YOU WILL NEED:

- (1) utility knife
- (1) 1/2" wrench
- (1) ratchet
- (1) socket extension
- (1) 1/2" socket

## OPERATOR'S POSITION

The right hand (R.H.) and left hand (L.H.) sides of Tiller are determined from the Operator's Position while standing behind Tiller

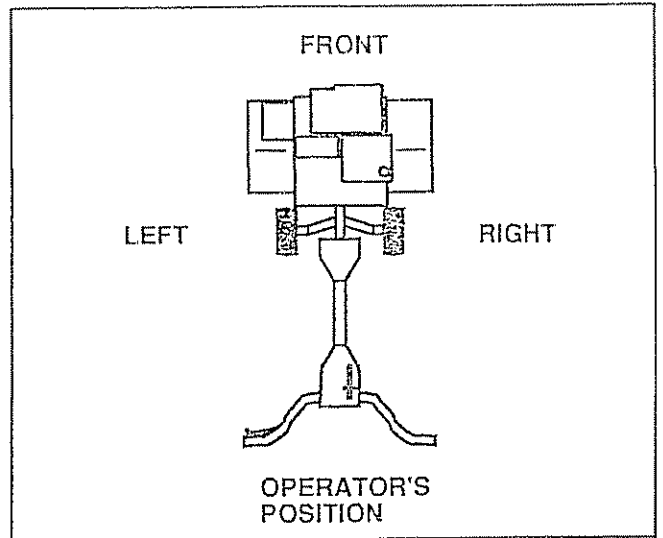
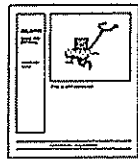
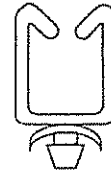


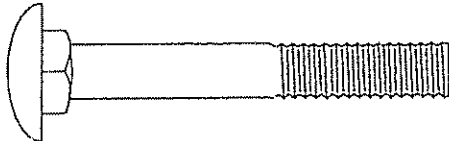
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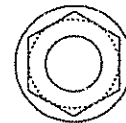
(1) Owner's Manual



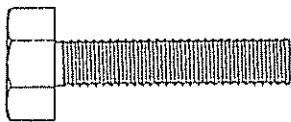
(1) Plastic Cable Clip



(2) Carriage Bolts 5/16 - 18 UNC x 2-3/8 Gr. 5



(2) Flange Locknuts 6/16 x 18 UNC



(2) Hex Bolts 5/16 x 18 x 1-1/4



(2) Hex Nuts 5/16 x 18



(2) Lockwashers 5/16

# ASSEMBLY

## UNPACK CARTON & INSTALL HANDLE



BE CAREFUL OF EXPOSED STAPLES WHEN HANDLING OR DISPOSING OF CARTONING MATERIAL.

**CAUTION:** WHEN UNPACKING AND ASSEMBLING TILLER, BE CAREFUL NOT TO STRETCH OR KINK CABLES

- Cut cable ties securing Handle column.
- BEING CAREFUL NOT TO KINK CABLES, slowly lift Handle Column up and slip over Handle Mount (Fig. 2).
- Remove Packing from carton.
- Secure Handle Column to Handle Mount using two black Carriage Bolts and black Flange Lock Nuts. Insert Plastic Cable Clip into hole in Handle Column. Tighten both Flange Lock Nuts firmly.
- Route Throttle and Clutch Cables through Plastic Cable Clip on Handle Column.

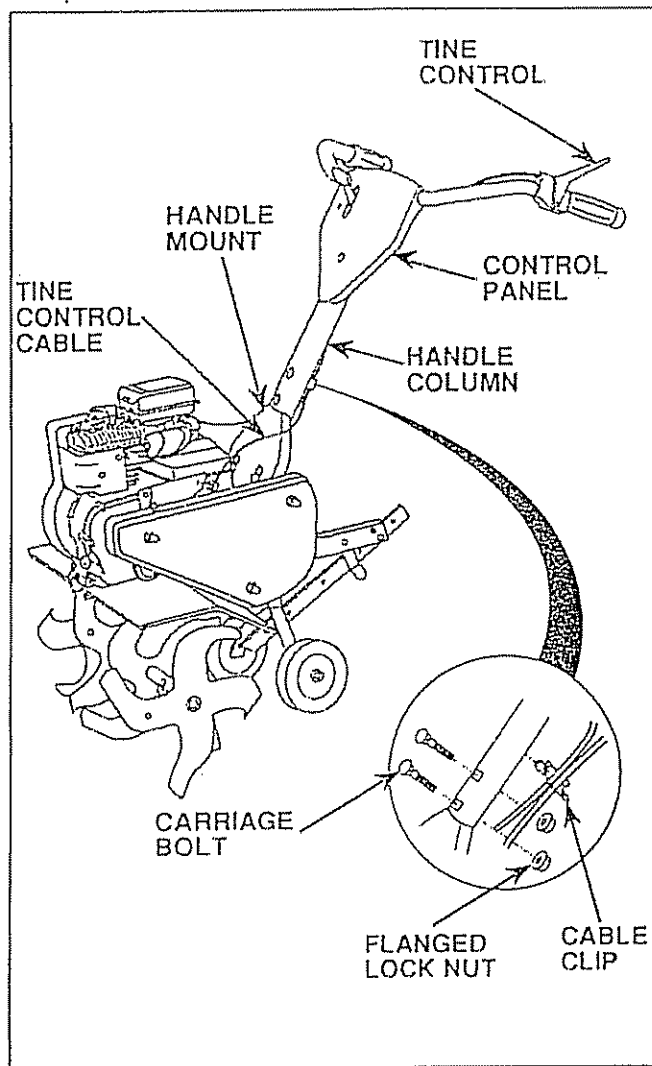


FIGURE 2

- Remove packing material from Handle Assembly
- Cut Cable Ties securing Tiller to Skid.
- Cut away Carton. Remove Tiller from Skid by pulling backwards.

## INSTALL DEPTH STAKE

- Insert Depth Stake Support between Engine Brackets with Stake Spring down. NOTE: IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO LOOSEN NUTS "A" & "B" (Fig. 3)
- Bolt Depth Stake Support to Engine Brackets with Bolts, Lockwashers and Nuts. Tighten securely. Also tighten Nuts "A" & "B" if it was necessary to loosen them.
- Depth Stake must move freely. If it does not, loosen Support Bolt.

## HANDLE HEIGHT

- Handle height is adjustable to better suit operator (see page 16 for instructions).

## TILLING WIDTH

- Tilling width is adjustable to better handle your tilling conditions ( see page 16 for instructions).

## TINE OPERATION

- Check Tine operation before first use according to procedure on page 17.

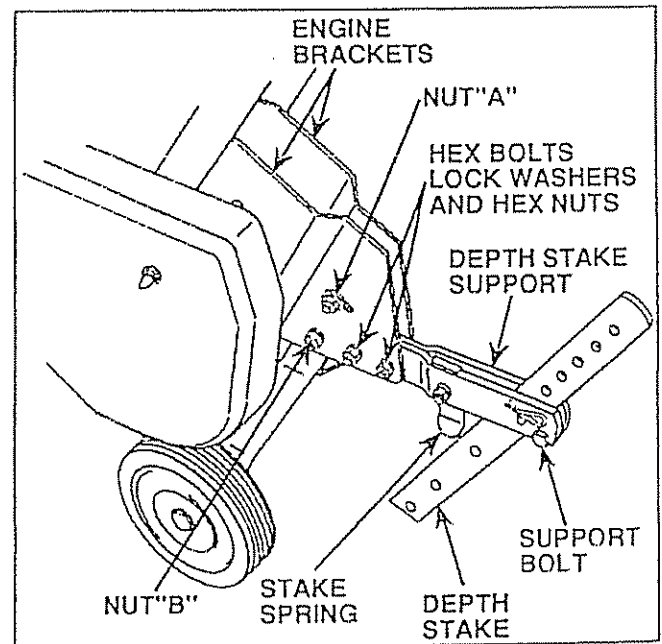


FIGURE 3

# OPERATION

## KNOW YOUR TILLER

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

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

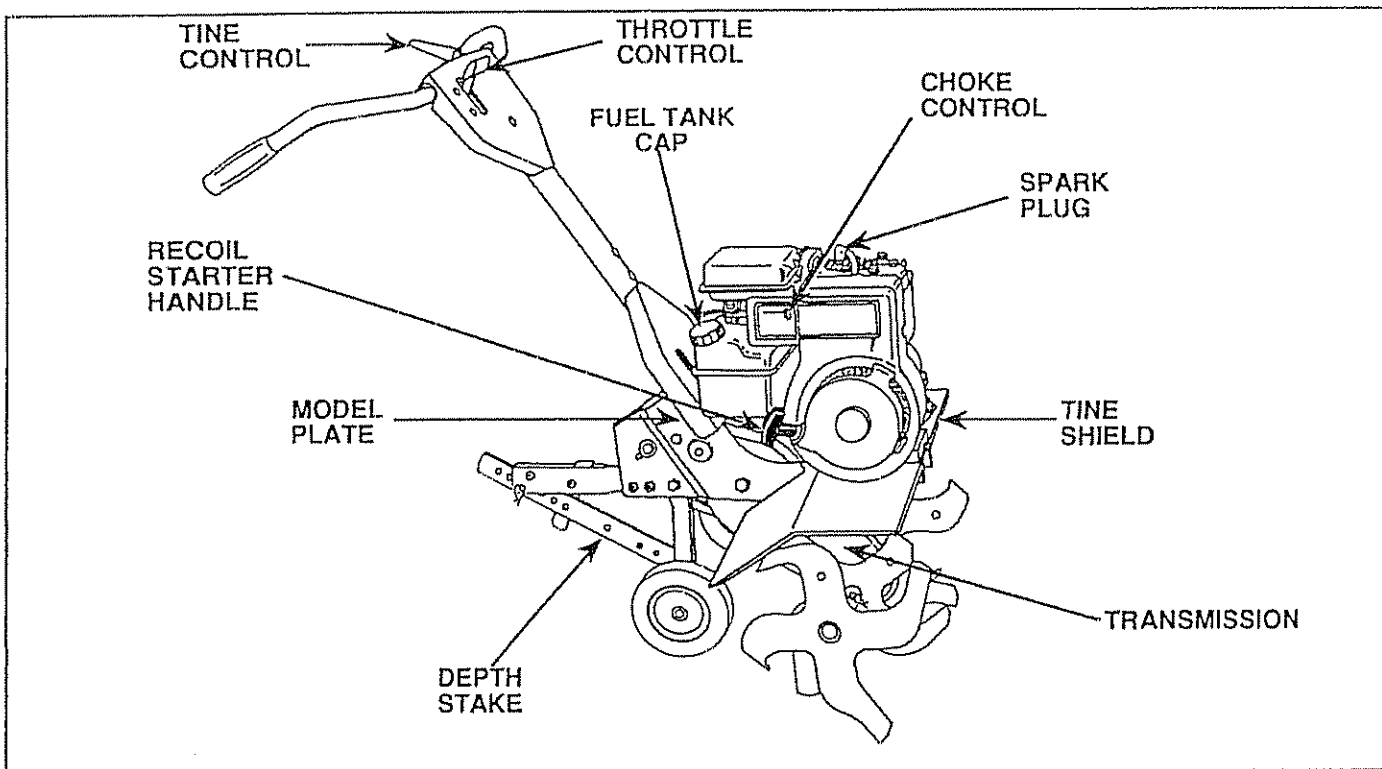


FIGURE 4

## MEETS ANSI SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Sears Front Tine Tillers conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute (Reference ANSI/OPEI B71.8-1986 American National Standard for outdoor power equipment - walk-behind powered rotary tillers - safety specifications).

**TINE CONTROL** - is used to engage Tiller.  
**THROTTLE CONTROL** - is used to control engine speed.

**CHOKE CONTROL** - is used when starting a cold Engine.  
**DEPTH STAKE** - is used to set the depth at which the Tiller will dig.

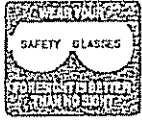
## SAFETY DECAL

The decal shown full size below is located on the handle of your Tiller.

The safety decal is a dark rectangular area with rounded corners. On the left side, there is a white line drawing of the tiller handle with an arrow pointing to the tine control lever. To the right of the drawing are two bullet points: '• PUSH TINE CONTROL DOWN TO ENGAGE TINES' and '• RELEASE TO STOP'. On the right side of the decal, there is a white rectangular box with a black border. Inside this box, at the top, is a triangle with an exclamation mark inside, followed by the text 'CAUTION TO AVOID INJURY'. Below this, there is a list of safety instructions in all caps: 'READ THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL. KNOW LOCATION AND FUNCTION OF ALL CONTROLS. KEEP ALL SAFETY DEVICES AND SHIELDS IN PLACE. NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN OR UNINSTRUCTED ADULTS TO OPERATE TILLER. SHUT OFF ENGINE BEFORE UNCLOGGING TINES OR MAKING REPAIRS. KEEP BYSTANDERS AWAY FROM MACHINE. KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING PARTS.'



# OPERATION



The operation of any Tiller can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields before starting your Tiller and while tilling. We recommend Wide Vision Safety Mask for over the spectacles or standard safety glasses, available at Sears Retail or Catalog Stores

## HOW TO USE YOUR TILLER

Know how to operate all controls before adding fuel and oil or attempting to start Engine (To stop Engine place Throttle Control in "STOP" position )

## FORWARD MOTION

- Move Throttle Control to desired speed.
- TINE MOVEMENT BEGINS WHEN TINE CONTROL IS IN "RUNNING" POSITION (Fig. 5).

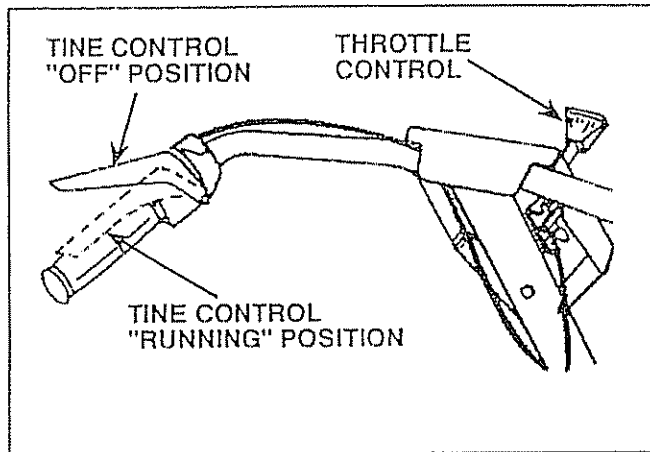


FIGURE 5

## STOPPING TINES AND ENGINE

- TINE MOVEMENT WILL STOP WHEN TINE CONTROL IS RELEASED ("OFF" POSITION).
- To stop Engine, place Throttle Control (Fig. 6) in "STOP" position. NOTE: DO NOT USE CHOKE CONTROL TO STOP ENGINE.

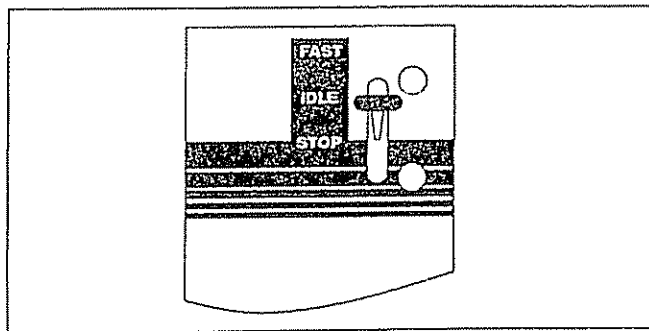


FIGURE 6

## RESTARTING ENGINE

- When restarting a warm Engine, place Throttle Control in "FAST" position. NOTE: IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO USE CHOKE (Fig. 7).

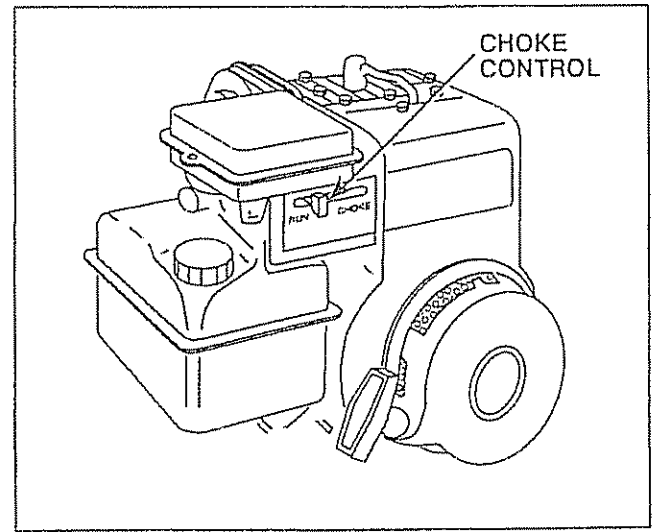


FIGURE 7

## TILLING

- The speed and depth of tilling is regulated by the position of the Depth Stake and Wheel Height.
- The Depth Stake should always be below the Wheels for digging. It serves as a brake to slow the Tiller's forward motion to enable the Tines to penetrate the ground. Also, the more the Depth Stake is lowered into the ground the deeper the Tiller will dig.

# OPERATION

## DEPTH STAKE

- The Depth Stake can be raised or lowered to allow you more versatile tilling and cultivating, or to more easily transport your tiller (Fig 8)
- Adjust Depth Stake by removing the Hairpin Clip and Retaining Pin. Change Depth Stake to desired position. Replace the Retaining Pin and Hairpin Clip.
  - Lowering the Depth Stake will slow the Tiller and make it till deeper.
  - Raising the Depth Stake will allow the Tiller to move faster and till shallower.
  - For normal tilling, set Depth Stake at the second or third hole from the top.
  - For normal cultivating, set Depth Stake in the "up" position (Fig. 10).

## WHEELS

- Adjust Wheels by loosening bolts "A" & "B". Move wheels to desired position and retighten bolts "A" & "B"(Fig. 8).
  - Moving the Wheels forward will allow the Tiller to till deeper.
  - Moving the Wheels backward will allow the Tiller to till shallower.

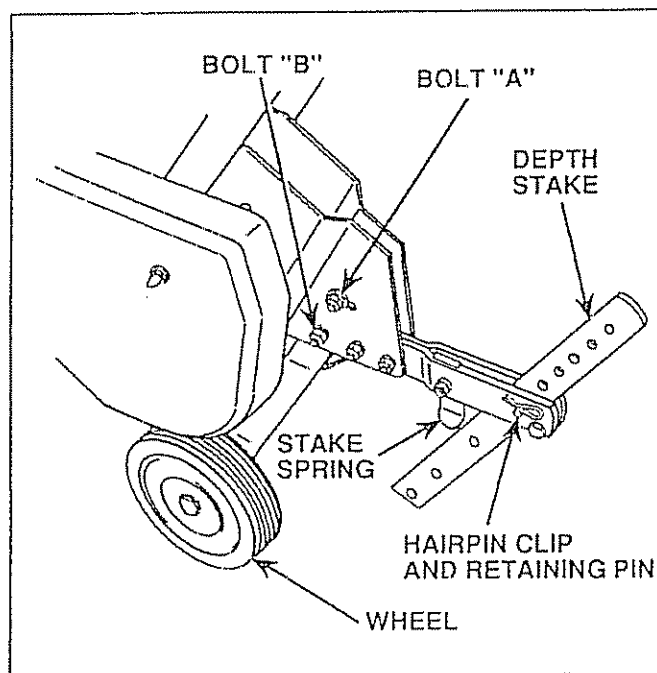


FIGURE 8



BEFORE LIFTING OR TRANSPORTING, ALLOW TILLER ENGINE AND MUFFLER TO COOL. DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE. DRAIN GASOLINE FROM FUEL TANK.

## TRANSPORTING YOUR TILLER

- Around the Yard:
  - Tip Depth Stake forward until it is held by the Stake Spring (Fig. 10).
  - Push Tiller Handles down, raising Tines off the ground.
  - Push or pull Tiller to desired location.
- Around Town:
  - Disconnect Spark Plug Wire.
  - Drain Fuel Tank
  - Transport in upright position to prevent oil leakage.

## BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

### FILL ENGINE WITH OIL.

**CAUTION:** BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO ALLOW DIRT TO ENTER THE ENGINE WHEN CHECKING OR ADDING OIL OR FUEL. USE CLEAN SAE 30 OR 10W-30 WEIGHT OIL AND STORF IN APPROVED, CLEAN, COVERED CONTAINERS. ALL OILS MUST MEET A.P.I. SERVICE CLASSIFICATION SD, SE OR SF. USE CLEAN FILL FUNNELS. SEE WINTER OPERATION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- With Engine level, remove Engine Oil Filler Plug (Fig. 9).
- Fill Engine with oil to point of overflowing. Capacity is about 1 - 1/4 pints (20 ounces).
- Tilt Tiller back on its wheels and then re-level
- Check oil level. Refill to point of overflowing if necessary. Replace Oil Filler Plug.

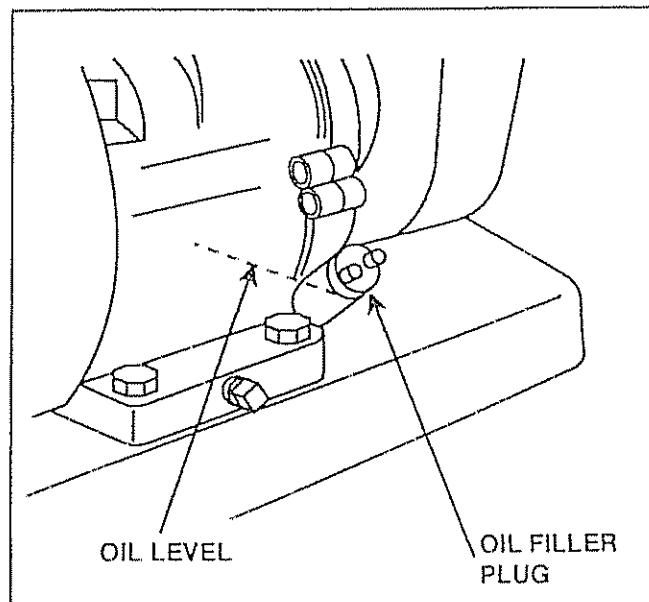


FIGURE 9

# OPERATION

## FILL FUEL TANK

- To fill Fuel Tank (Fig. 10), use fresh, clean regular unleaded automotive gasoline. Capacity is about 2 quarts.



FILL TO WITHIN 1/2 INCH OF TOP OF FUEL TANK TO PREVENT SPILLS AND TO ALLOW FOR FUEL EXPANSION. IF GASOLINE IS ACCIDENTALLY SPILLED, MOVE MACHINE AWAY FROM AREA OF SPILL. AVOID CREATING ANY SOURCE OF IGNITION UNTIL GASOLINE VAPORS HAVE DISAPPEARED.

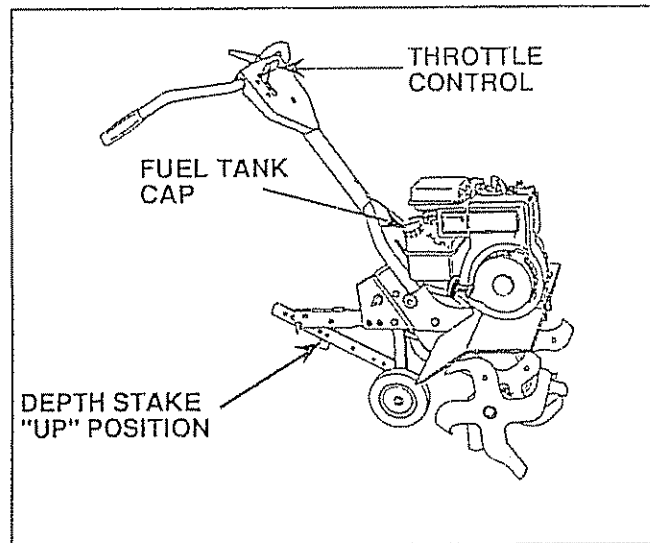


FIGURE 10

**CAUTION:** 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.

## TO START ENGINE



KEEP THE TINE CONTROL IN "OFF" POSITION WHEN STARTING ENGINE.

- Make sure Spark Plug Wire is properly connected (Fig. 11).
- Place Throttle Control in "FAST" position (Fig. 6).
- Place Choke Control in "CHOKE" position (Fig. 11) if the Engine is cold. A warm Engine may not require choking to start.
- Grasp Starter Handle with one hand and grasp the Tiller Handle with other hand. Pull Rope out slowly until Engine reaches start of Compression Cycle (Rope will pull slightly harder at this point).
- Pull Rope with a rapid, continuous, full arm stroke. Keep a firm grip on Starter Handle and let Rope rewind slowly. Do not let Starter Handle snap back against Starter.
- When Engine starts, place Choke Control on Engine halfway between "CHOKE" and "RUN" positions and then to "RUN" position as Engine warms up.
- Move Throttle Control halfway between "FAST" and "STOP" position for a few minutes to warm up.

**NOTE:** In order to idle smoothly, a new Engine may require 3 to 5 minutes running time above slow idle speed. Idle speed has been adjusted to be correct after this break-in period.

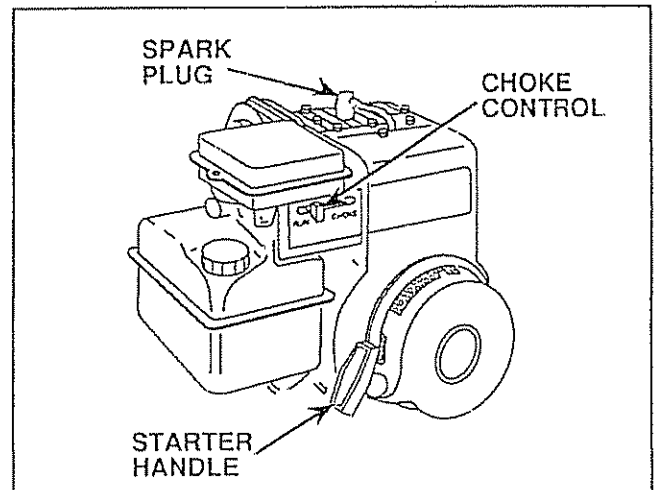


FIGURE 11

## BREAKING IN YOUR TILLER:

Break-in your Belts, Pulleys and Tine Control before you actually begin tilling.

- Start Engine, tip Tines off ground by pressing Handles down and engage Tine Control to start Tine rotation. Allow Tines to rotate for five minutes.
- Check Tine Operation and adjust if necessary (page 17)



THE MUFFLER AND SURROUNDING AREA BECOME HOT AFTER RUNNING ENGINE.

# OPERATION



UNTIL YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED TO HANDLING YOUR TILLER, START ACTUAL FIELD USE WITH THROTTLE IN SLOW POSITION (MID-WAY BETWEEN "FAST" AND "IDLE").

To help Tiller move forward, lift up the Handles slightly (thus lifting Depth Stake out of ground). To slow down the Tiller, press down on Handles.

If you are straining or Tiller is shaking, the Wheels and Depth Stake are NOT set properly in the soil being tilled. The proper setting of the Wheels and Depth Stake is through trial and error and depends upon the soil condition. (The harder or wetter the ground, the slower the engine and tine speed needed. Under these poor conditions, at fast speed the Tiller will run and jump over the ground).

A properly adjusted Tiller will dig with little effort from the operator.

## TILLING HINTS

- Tilling is digging into, turning over, and breaking up packed soil before planting. Loose, unpacked soil helps root growth. Best tilling depth is 4" to 6". A Tiller will also clear the soil of unwanted vegetation. The decomposition of this vegetable matter enriches the soil. Depending on the climate (rainfall and wind), it may be advisable to till the soil at the end of the growing season to further condition the soil.
- Soil conditions are important for proper tilling. Tines will not readily penetrate dry, hard soil which may contribute to excessive bounce and difficult handling of your Tiller. Hard soil should be moistened before tilling; however, extremely wet soil will "ball-up" or clump during tilling. Wait until the soil is less wet in order to achieve the best results. When tilling in the fall, remove vines and long grass to prevent them from wrapping around the Tine Shaft and slowing your tilling operation.
- You will find tilling much easier if you leave a row untilled between passes. Then go back over the entire area at right angles (Fig. 12). There are two reasons for doing this. First, wide turns are much easier to negotiate than about-faces. Second, the Tiller won't be pulling itself, and you, toward the row next to it.
- Set Depth Stake and Wheel height for shallow tilling when working extremely hard soil or sod. Then work across the first cuts at normal depth.

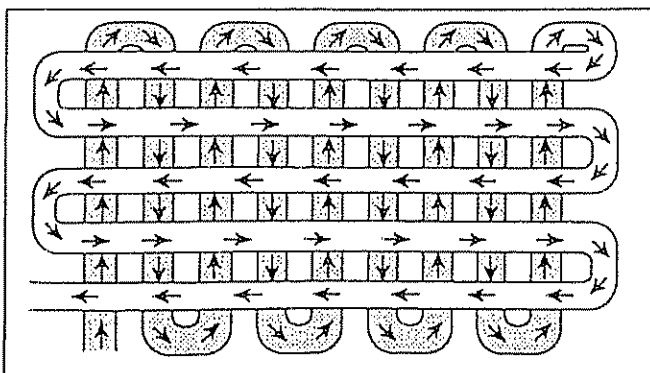


FIGURE 12

## CULTIVATING

- Cultivating is destroying the weeds between rows to prevent them from robbing nourishment and moisture from the plants. At the same time, breaking up the upper layer of soil crust will help retain moisture in the soil. Best digging depth is 1" to 3".
  - You will probably not need to use the Depth Stake. Begin by tipping the Depth Stake forward until it is held by the Stake Spring.
  - Place Throttle Control in slow position (midway between "FAST" and "IDLE"). Cultivate up and down the rows at a speed which will allow Tines to uproot weeds and leave the ground in rough condition, promoting no further growth of weeds and grass (Fig. 13).

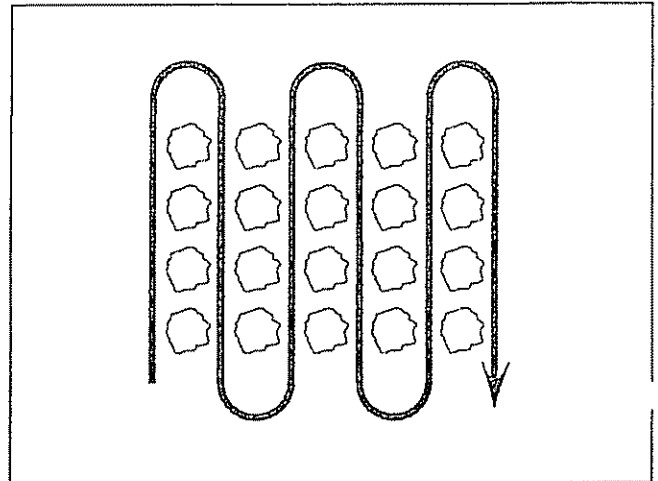


FIGURE 13

## WINTER OPERATION (under 32° F)

### ENGINE LUBRICATION

- For winter operation, Engine oil must be changed before the temperature drops below 32° F. Drain the Engine oil while Engine is warm.
- Refill with new oil. Use oil labeled 5W30. (See pg. 10)

### FUEL

- Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded automotive gasoline. Capacity is about 2 quarts.

### COLD WEATHER STARTING HINTS

- Be sure to use the proper oil and gasoline.
- Keep Tine Control in "OFF" position when starting the Engine.
- Set Throttle Control at medium to fast position. Use full Choke for starting. Slowly move Choke Lever to "RUN" position as Engine warms up.

NOTE: BE SURE TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL BACK TO S.A.E. 30 or 10W30 (SD, SE, OR SF) FOR SPRING TILLING (SEE PG. 10).

# MAINTENANCE



DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE FROM SPARK PLUG BEFORE PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE (EXCEPT CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT) TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL STARTING OF ENGINE.

PREVENT FIRES! KEEP THE ENGINE FREE OF GRASS, LEAVES, SPILLED OIL, OR FUEL. REMOVE FUEL FROM TANK BEFORE TIPPING UNIT FOR MAINTENANCE. CLEAN MUFFLER AREA OF ALL GRASS, DIRT, AND DEBRIS.

DO NOT TOUCH HOT MUFFLER OR CYLINDER FINS AS CONTACT MAY CAUSE BURNS.

## COOLING SYSTEM

Your Engine is air cooled. For proper Engine performance and long life KEEP YOUR ENGINE CLEAN.

- Clean Air Screen (Fig. 14) frequently using a stiff bristled brush.
- Remove Blower Housing and clean as necessary.
- Keep Cylinder Fins free of dirt and chaff.

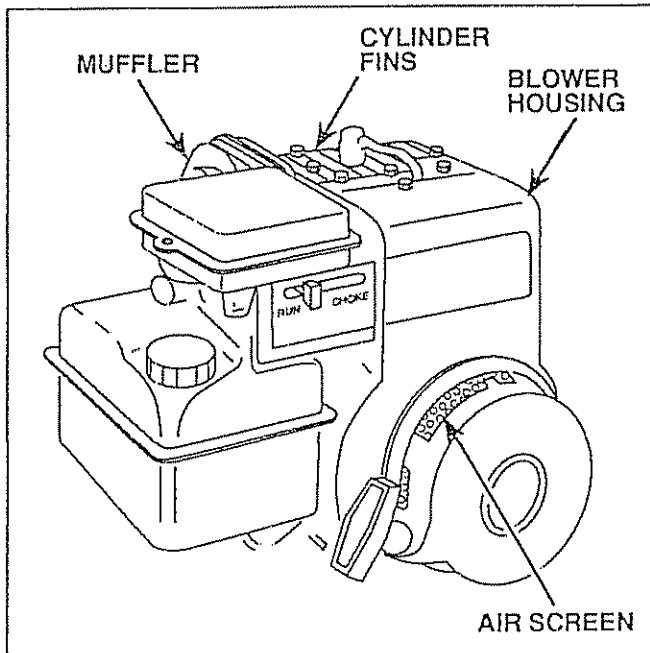


FIGURE 14

## AIR CLEANER

Replace Air Cleaner Cartridge every twenty-five hours, more often if Engine is used in very dusty conditions.

- Loosen Air Cleaner Screws, one on each side of Cover (Fig. 15).

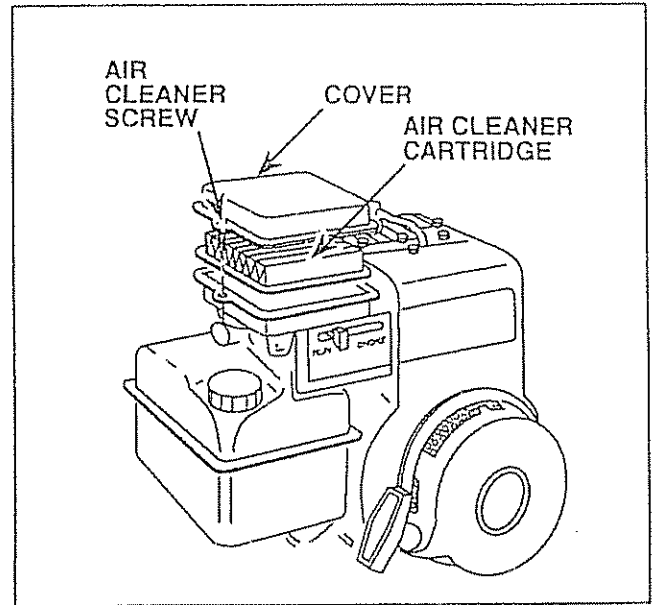


FIGURE 15

- Remove Air Cleaner Cover.
- Carefully remove Air Cleaner Cartridge. Be careful. Do not allow dirt or debris to fall into Carburetor.
- Install new Air Cleaner Cartridge. Clean and replace Cover. Tighten Screws securely.

## MUFFLER

Do not operate Tiller without Muffler. Do not tamper with exhaust system. Damaged Mufflers or Spark Arresters could create a fire hazard. Inspect periodically and replace if necessary. If your Engine is equipped with a Spark Arrester Screen Assembly, remove every 50 hours for cleaning and inspection. Replace if damaged.

## SPARK PLUG

- The Spark Plug should be changed every 50 hours of operation or at the beginning of every tilling season.
- Set gap at .030" (Fig. 16). Order Spark Plug listed in the Repair Parts Section of this Manual.



SPARKING CAN OCCUR IF SPARK PLUG WIRE TERMINAL DOES NOT FIT FIRMLY ON SPARK PLUG. REFORM TERMINAL IF NECESSARY.

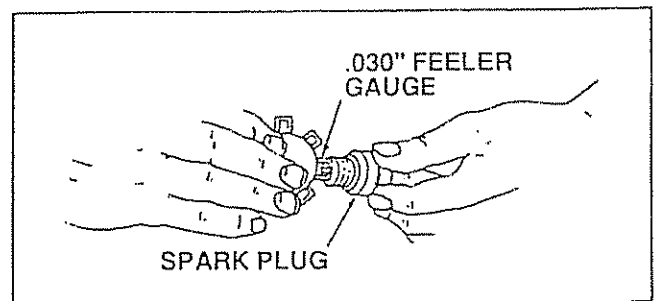


FIGURE 16

# MAINTENANCE

## ENGINE LUBRICATION

Your four cycle Engine will normally consume some oil, therefore check Engine oil level regularly—approximately every five hours of operation and before each usage. Stop Engine and wait several minutes before checking oil level. With Engine level the oil must be even with oil fill (Fig. 17). Change Engine oil after the first two hours of operation and every twenty five hours thereafter and at the beginning of every tilling season.

- Drain oil while Engine is warm.
- Remove Oil Drain Plug.
- Tip Tiller forward and catch oil in a suitable container.
- When Engine is drained of all oil, replace Oil Drain Plug.
- Refill with fresh SAE 30 or SAE 10W-30 weight oil.

## TRANSMISSION

Your Transmission is sealed and will not require lubrication.

## FINISH

Keep your Tiller finish and Wheels free of gasoline, oil, etc. Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

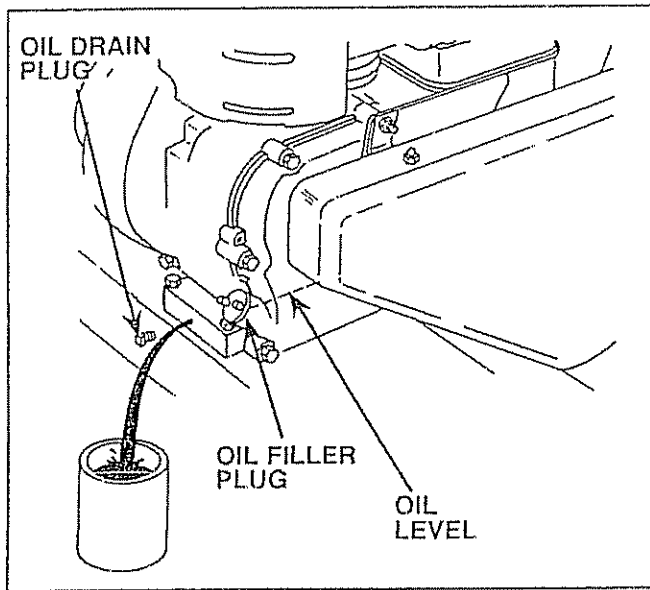


FIGURE 17

# SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

## LUBRICATION CHART - OIL PIVOT POINTS

USE SAE 30 OIL

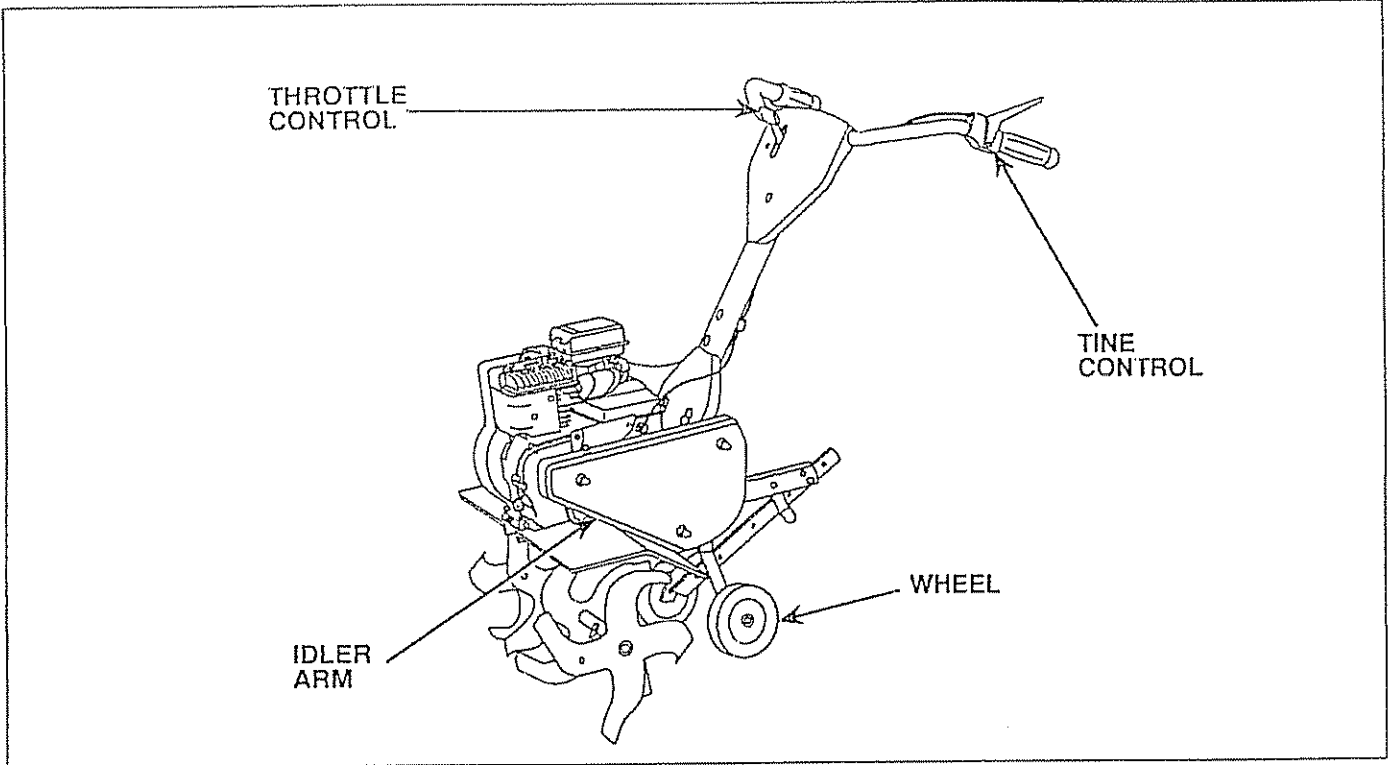


FIGURE 18

MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST	PAGE NUMBERS	BEFORE EACH USE	1st 2 HOURS	EVERY 5 HOURS	EVERY 25 HOURS	EVERY 50 HOURS	SERVICE DATES												
Check Engine Oil Level	10	✓	✓																
Change Engine Oil	10		✓	✓															
Oil Pivot points	15			✓															
Inspect Spark Arrestor Muffler	13				✓														
Inspect Air Screen	13	✓																	
Clean Air Cleaner	13			✓	✓														
Clean Engine Cylinder Fins	13			✓	✓														
Replace Spark Plug	13				✓														

# SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

## HANDLE HEIGHT

NOTE: FACTORY ASSEMBLY HAS PROVIDED HIGHEST HANDLE HEIGHT. SELECT HANDLE HEIGHT BEST SUITED FOR YOUR TILLING CONDITIONS. HANDLE HEIGHT WILL BE DIFFERENT WHEN TILLER DIGS INTO SOIL.

- If a lower Handle Height is desired, use ratchet with 1/2" socket and extension to loosen the four Bolts in the Handle Mount and Engine Brackets (Fig. 19).
- Slide Handle Panel to desired location.
- Tighten the four Bolts securely.

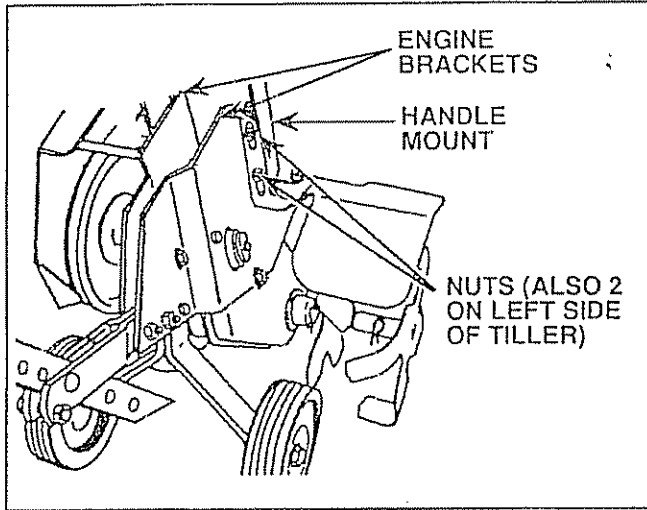


FIGURE 19

## TINE ARRANGEMENT

Your Tines can be assembled in several different ways to suit your tilling or cultivating needs.



USE CAUTION - TINES ARE SHARP

- NORMAL TILLING - 17 INCH PATH (outer Tines turned inward and assembled on outer shaft position). Holes "A" in Tines to holes "B" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 20). Use this arrangement for normal tilling, first cultivation of crops in 22 inch rows and edging.

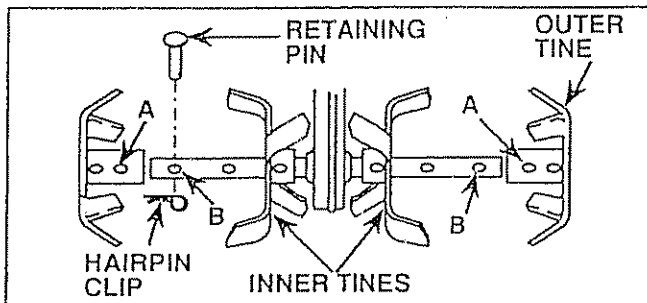


FIGURE 20

- MID-WIDTH TILLING - 15 INCH PATH (outer 1 turned inward and assembled on outer shaft position) Holes "C" in Tines to holes "B" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 21). Use this arrangement for cultivation of crops in 20 inch spaced rows.

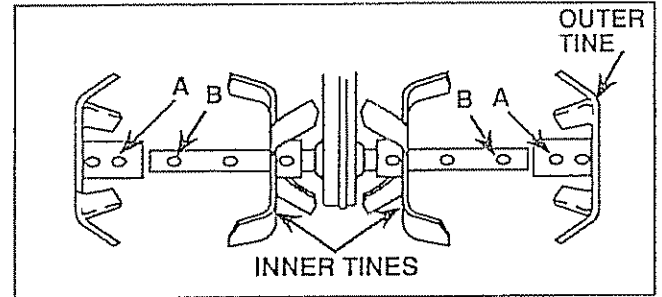


FIGURE 21

- NARROW TILLING - 10 - 1/4 INCH PATH (outer Tines off) (Fig. 22). Use this arrangement for narrow path tilling and final cultivation of crops in 15 inch spaced rows.

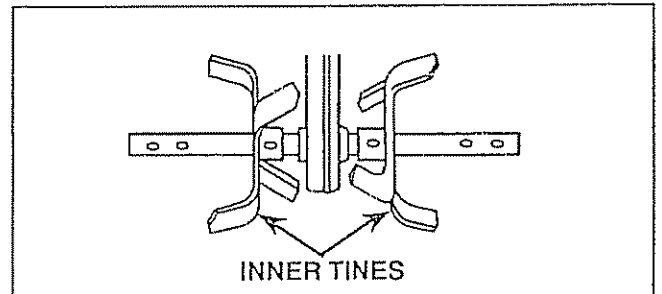


FIGURE 22



# SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

- EDGING - 9 - 5/8 INCH PATH (inner Tines assembled on innermost shaft position). Holes "A" in Tines to holes "D" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 23) Use this arrangement for edging and first cultivation of crops in 15 inch spaced rows.

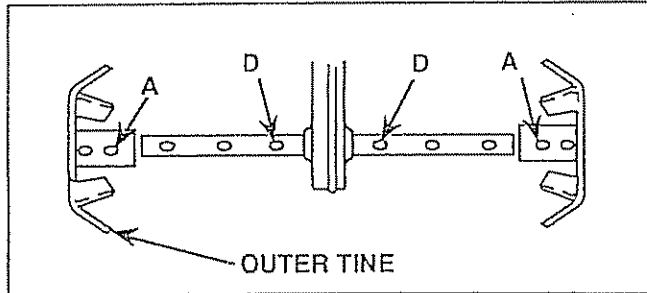


FIGURE 23

- NARROW CULTIVATING - 12 - 1/2 INCH PATH (inner Tines off, outer Tines assembled on middle shaft position). Holes "A" in Tines to holes "E" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 24). Use this arrangement for cultivating narrow rows.

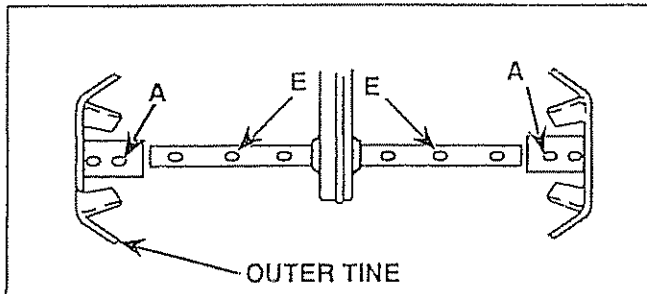


FIGURE 24

NOTE: OUTER TINES CAN BE REVERSED - TINES TURNED OUTWARD WILL THROW DIRT OUTWARD. TINES TURNED INWARD WILL THROW DIRT INWARD. FOR CULTIVATING SMALL CROPS, EDGING OR HILLING, ALL YOU NEED TO REMEMBER AS YOU RE-ASSEMBLE TINES IS THAT WHEN LOOKING AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE TILLER, "R"s STAMPED ON TINES WILL BE VISIBLE, AND ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TILLER, STAMPED "L"s WILL SHOW. SHARPENED TINE EDGES WILL ROTATE FORWARD FROM ABOVE



DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE WHEN CHECKING TINE CONTROL OPERATION.

## TINE OPERATION CHECK

- With Tine Control in "OFF" (UP) position, Tine Control Lever should be against Tine Control Body (Fig. 25) If not, loosen Clip and pull Tine Control Cable up. Retighten Clip. If adjustments are made, make sure Tines do not rotate when Tine Control is in "OFF" position. See next step.
- With Tine Control in "OFF" (UP) position, push Tiller Handles down so Tines clear the ground. Pull Starter Handle. Tines should not rotate. If they do, loosen Clip and push Tine Control Cable down. Retighten Clip and test. Readjust if necessary.
- With Tine Control in "RUNNING" position, push Tiller Handles down so Tines clear the ground. Pull Starter Handle - Tines should rotate forward. If they do not, loosen Clip and pull Tine Control Cable up. Retighten Clip and test. Readjust if necessary.

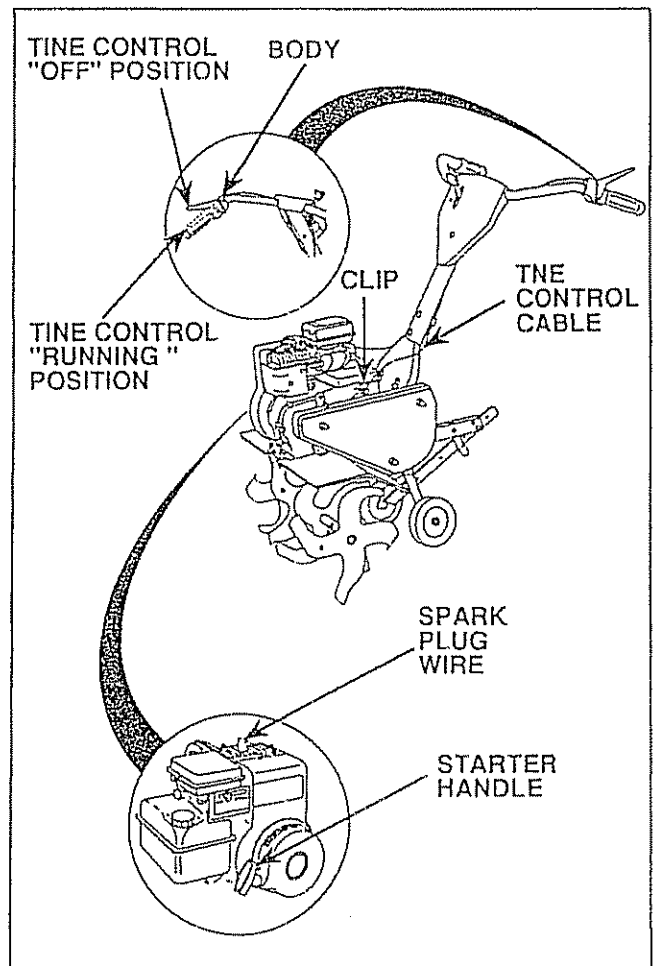


FIGURE 25

# SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENT

## CARBURETOR

**NOTE:** A dirty Air Cleaner will cause the Engine to run rough. Be sure Air Cleaner is clean before adjustments are made. Factory settings are satisfactory for most applications and conditions. If adjustments are needed, proceed as follows:

Never attempt to change maximum Engine speed. This is preset at the factory and should only be changed by a qualified service technician who has the necessary equipment. The Carburetor mixture may need re-adjusting if Engine lacks power or does not idle properly.

### MIXTURE ADJUSTMENT

- Turn Needle Valve (Fig. 26) clockwise (↻) until it just closes. Valve may be damaged by turning Needle Valve in too far.
- Open Needle Valve 1-1/2 turns counterclockwise (↻). This initial adjustment will permit the Engine to be started and warmed up prior to final adjustment.
- Start the Engine. Allow Engine to warm up for about 5 minutes before proceeding.
- Place Throttle Control in "IDLE" position.
- Turn Needle Valve in until Engine slows (clockwise (↻) lean mixture).

- Next turn Needle Valve out past smooth operating point until Engine runs unevenly (counterclockwise (↻) rich mixture).
- Now turn Needle Valve to the midpoint between rich and lean so the Engine runs smoothly.

### IDLE RPM ADJUSTMENT

- To adjust Idle RPM, Rotate Throttle Linkage counterclockwise (↻) and hold against stop while adjusting Idle Speed Adjusting Screw to obtain 1750 RPM. Release Throttle Linkage.

### CHECKING ADJUSTMENT

- Test the Engine by tilting. If Engine dies out, it usually indicates that the mixture is slightly lean and it may be necessary to open (↻) the Needle Valve slightly to provide a richer mixture. This richer mixture may cause a slight unevenness in idling.

### THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE ADJUSTMENT

**CAUTION:** NEVER TAMPER WITH THE ENGINE GOVERNOR, WHICH IS FACTORY SET FOR PROPER ENGINE SPEED.

- Loosen Throttle Cable Adjusting Screw.
- With Throttle Control in "FAST" position and Cable connected to Bellcrank, pull Cable backward through Screw until Bellcrank is as far rearward as it will go.
- Tighten Adjusting Screw.

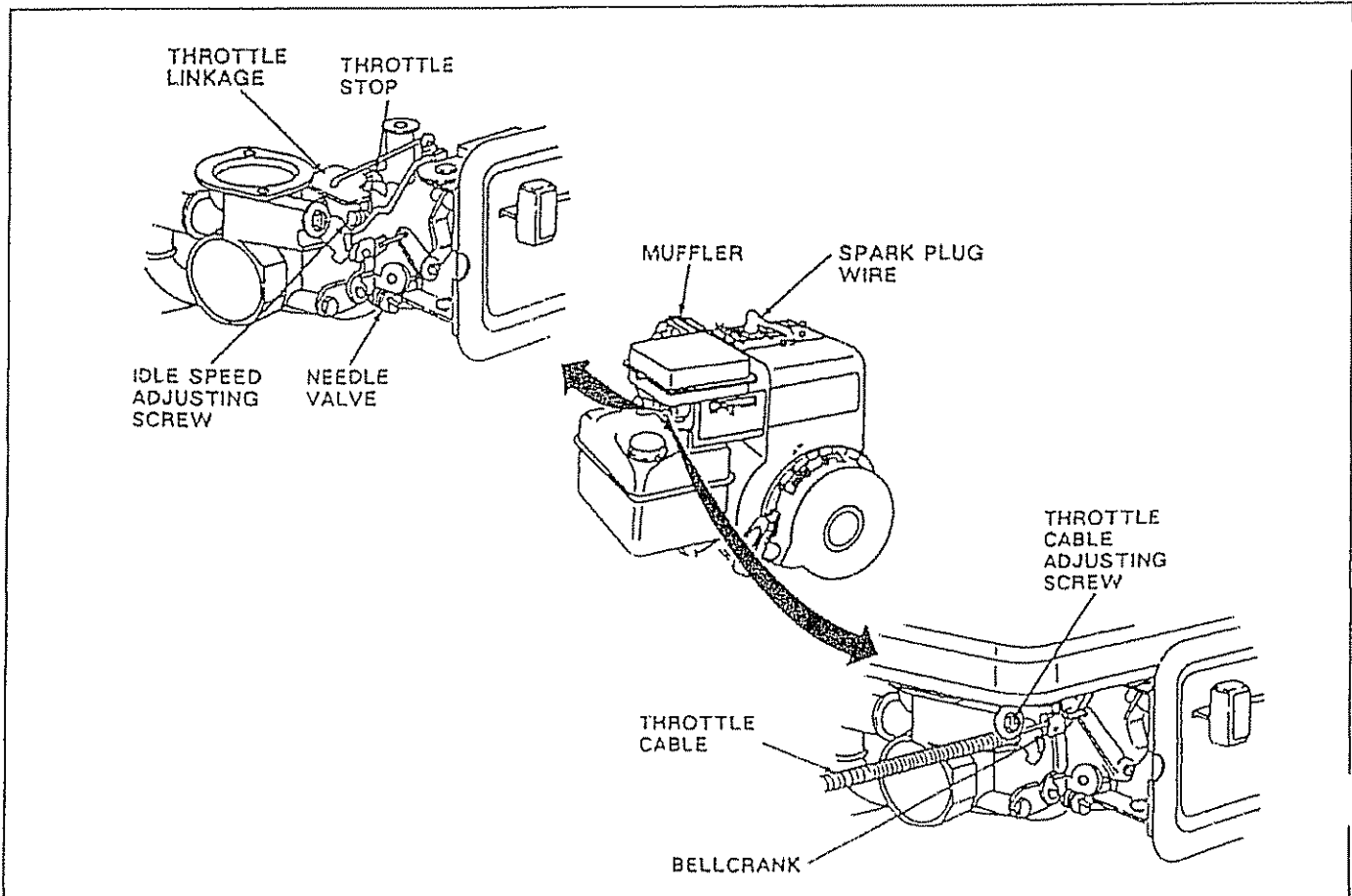


FIGURE 26

# SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

## V-BELT

Replace V-Belt if it has stretched considerably or if it shows cracks or frayed edges.

- Remove Belt Guard by removing Rear Cap Nuts and Washers. Loosen bottom Tine Shield Nut and Front Cap Nut so that Belt Guard can slide straight out and away from Engine (Fig. 27).

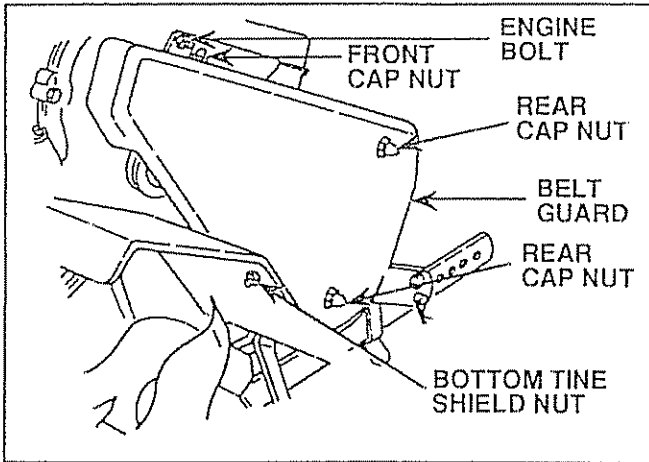


FIGURE 27

- Remove old V-Belt (from larger pulley first) (Fig. 28)
- Install new V-Belt (small pulley first) with bottom of belt (flat side) over Idler Pulley. Note Belt routing between Belt Guides
- Reposition Belt Guard under Tine Shield Bolt, then replace Washers and Cap Nuts as they were originally. Tighten securely.

NOTE: MAKE SURE BELT IS ON TOP OF BELT GUIDE ON INSIDE OF BELT GUARD.

- Check Tine operation and readjust if necessary (page 17).

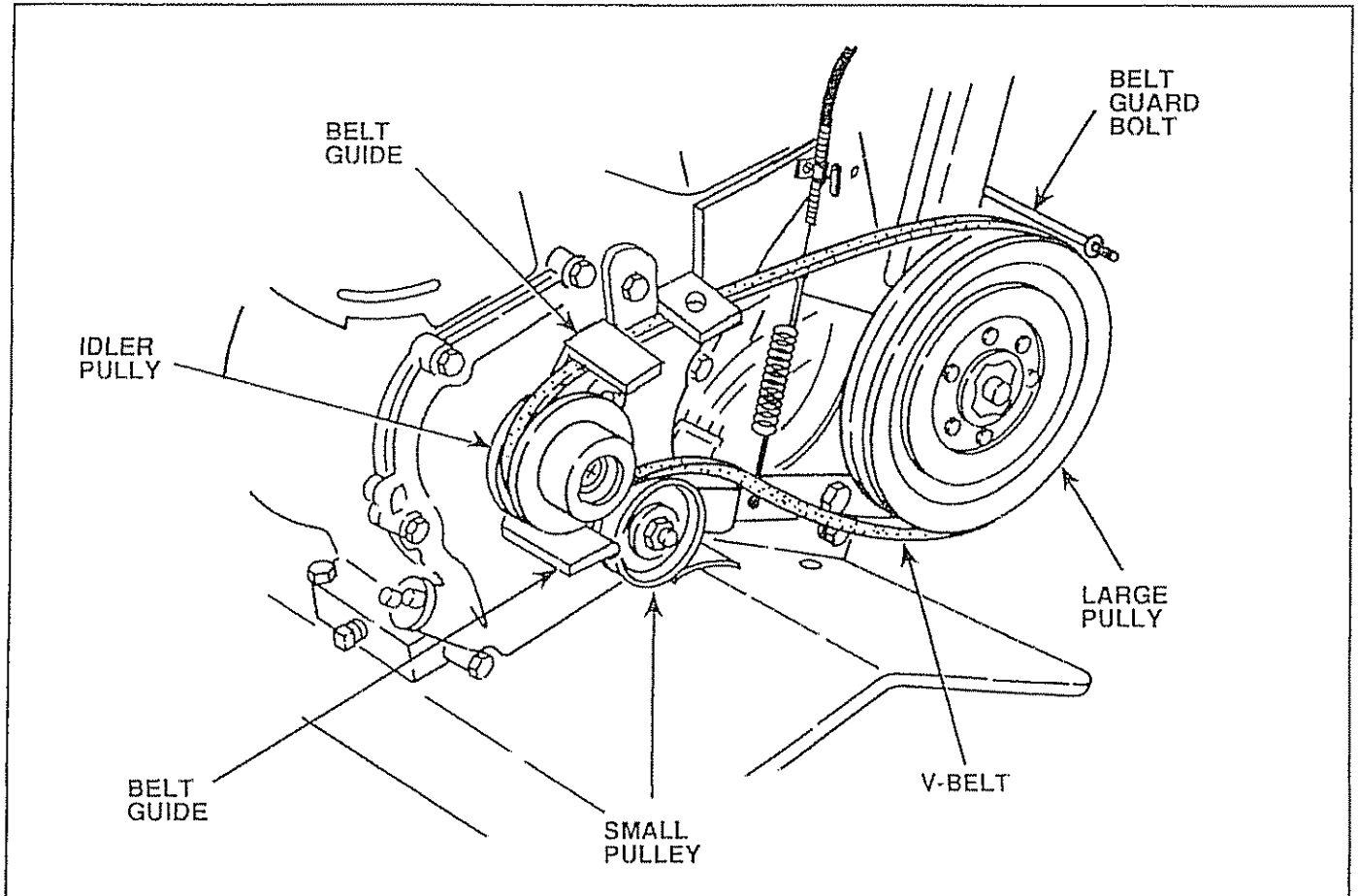


FIGURE 28

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## STORAGE

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### STORAGE

Keep your Tiller in a weatherproof, dry building. To avoid Engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer

- Drain Fuel Tank; run Engine until gasoline in Carburetor is used.
- While Engine is still warm, drain oil from Engine. Refill with fresh oil.
- Remove Spark Plug; pour one half ounce of clean engine oil into cylinder. Pull Starter Handle slowly several times to distribute oil. Replace Spark Plug
- Clean entire Tiller, especially Cylinder Fins, Blower Housing and Air Screen. Tighten all bolts and nuts,

Gasoline stored for several months will lose its volatility (ability to burn effectively); therefore, always use up gasoline at the end of the season. Do not store, spill, or use gasoline near an open flame or devices such as a stove, furnace, or water heater which utilize a pilot light or devices that can create a spark.

**CAUTION:** 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 STORAGE.

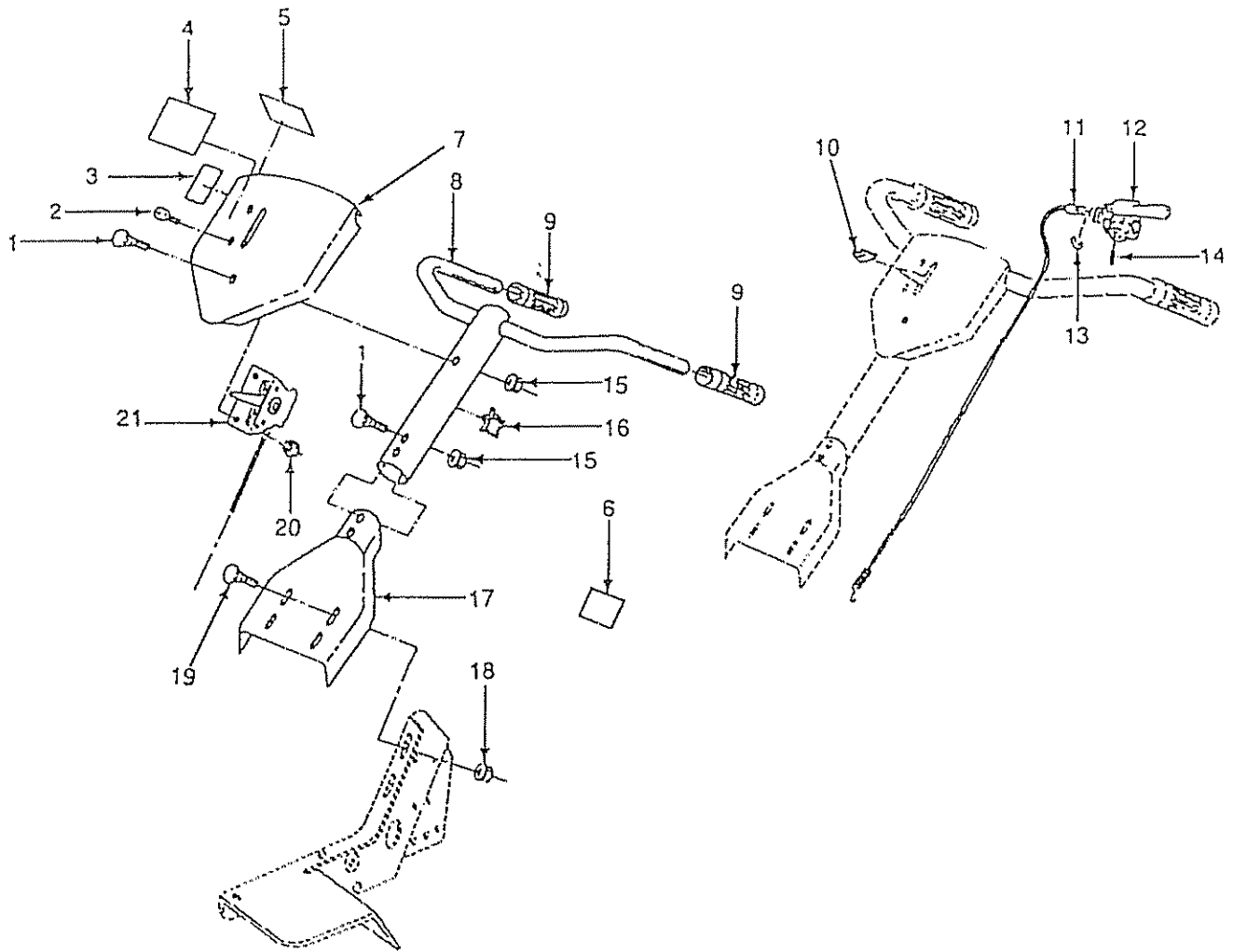
# TROUBLE SHOOTING

<b>PROBLEM:</b>	
Probable Cause ✂	Possible Remedy
<b>WILL NOT START OR HARD TO START</b>	
No gasoline in Fuel Tank ✂	Fill tank with gasoline
Choke not set properly ✂	Place Choke Control in "CHOKE" position
Throttle Control not set properly ✂	Place Throttle Control in "FAST" position
Choked improperly, flooded Engine ✂	Move Choke control to "Run" position, Place throttle Control in "FAST" position and pull Starter several times to clear out gas
Dirty Air Cleaner ✂	Remove and clean or replace
Loose Spark Plug Wire ✂	Make sure Spark Plug Wire is seated properly on Spark Plug
Spark Plug dirty or improper gap ✂	Replace Spark Plug and adjust gap
Water in gasoline or old fuel ✂	Drain Fuel Tank and Carburetor, use fresh fuel and replace Spark Plug
Improper Carburetor adjustment ✂	Make necessary adjustments
Clogged Fuel Tank ✂	Remove and clean
<b>ENGINE MISSES OR LACKS POWER</b>	
Engine overloaded ✂	Set Depth Stake and Wheels for shallower tilling
Partially plugged Air Cleaner ✂	Remove and clean or replace
Dirty Air Screen ✂	Clean Air Screen
Spark Plug dirty, improper gap or wrong type ✂	Replace Spark Plug and adjust gap
Oil in gasoline ✂	Drain and refill Gas Tank and Carburetor
Improper Carburetor adjustment ✂	Make necessary adjustments
Clogged Fuel Tank ✂	Remove and clean
Poor compression ✂	Major Engine overhaul
<b>ENGINE OVERHEATS</b>	
Low oil level or dirty oil ✂	Add or change oil
Dirty Air Screen ✂	Clean Air Screen
Dirty Engine ✂	Clean Cylinder Fins, Air Screen and Muffler area
Partially Plugged Muffler ✂	Remove and clean Muffler
Improper Carburetor adjustment ✂	Adjust Carburetor to richer position
<b>EXCESSIVE BOUNCE AND DIFFICULT HANDLING</b>	
Wheels and Depth Stake incorrectly adjusted ✂	Adjust Wheels and Depth Stake
Ground too dry and hard ✂	Moisten ground or wait for more favorable soil conditions
<b>SOIL BALLS UP OR CLUMPS</b>	
Ground too wet ✂	Wait for more favorable soil conditions
<b>ENGINE RUNS WELL BUT TILLER WON'T MOVE</b>	
Tine Control not engaged ✂	Engage Tine Control
V-Belt not correctly adjusted ✂	Check V-Belt
<b>ENGINE RUNS WELL BUT LABORS WHEN TILLING</b>	
Tilling too deep ✂	Raise Depth Stake
Throttle Control not properly adjusted ✂	Check Throttle Control setting
Carburetor not adjusted properly ✂	Check Carburetor adjustment

# REPAIR PARTS

3 H.P. TILLER -- MODEL NUMBER 917.298231

## HANDLE ASSEMBLY



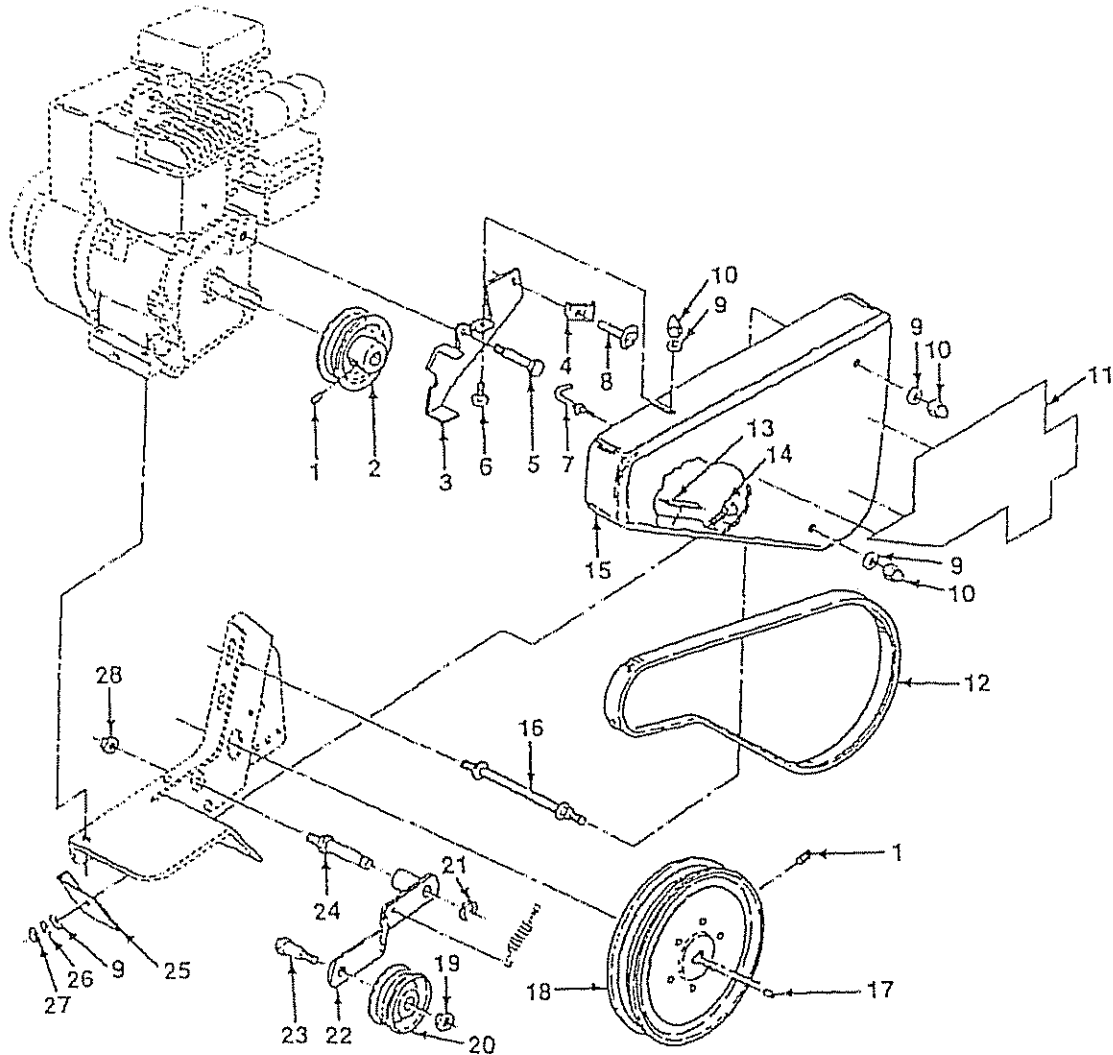
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1	72010519	Bolt, Carriage 5/16 - 18 UNC x 2 - 3/8 Gr 5
2	71091008	Screw, Truss CR #10 - 24 - UNC x 1 1/2
3	120431X	Decal, Hand Placement
4	110718X	Decal, Control Panel
5	121858X	Decal, Caution and Tine Control
6	750211	Decal, USA
7	110530X	Panel, Control
8	110512X	Handle Column
9	110632X	Handle Grip

KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
10	110680X	Knob, Throttle Control
11	3066J	Cable, Tine Control
12	2635J	Control, Lever
13	12000027	Ring, Klip
14	23200405	Screw, Set 1/4 - 20 x 5/16
15	73970500	Locknut, Hex Flange
16	121145X	Clip, Plastic, Cable
17	110514X	Handle, Mount
18	98000129	Nut, Flange 5/16 x 18
19	72010506	Bolt, Carriage 5/16 - 18 x 3/4
20	73731000	Nut, Keps #10 - 24
21	110531X	Throttle Control

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## BELT GUARD AND PULLEY ASSEMBLY



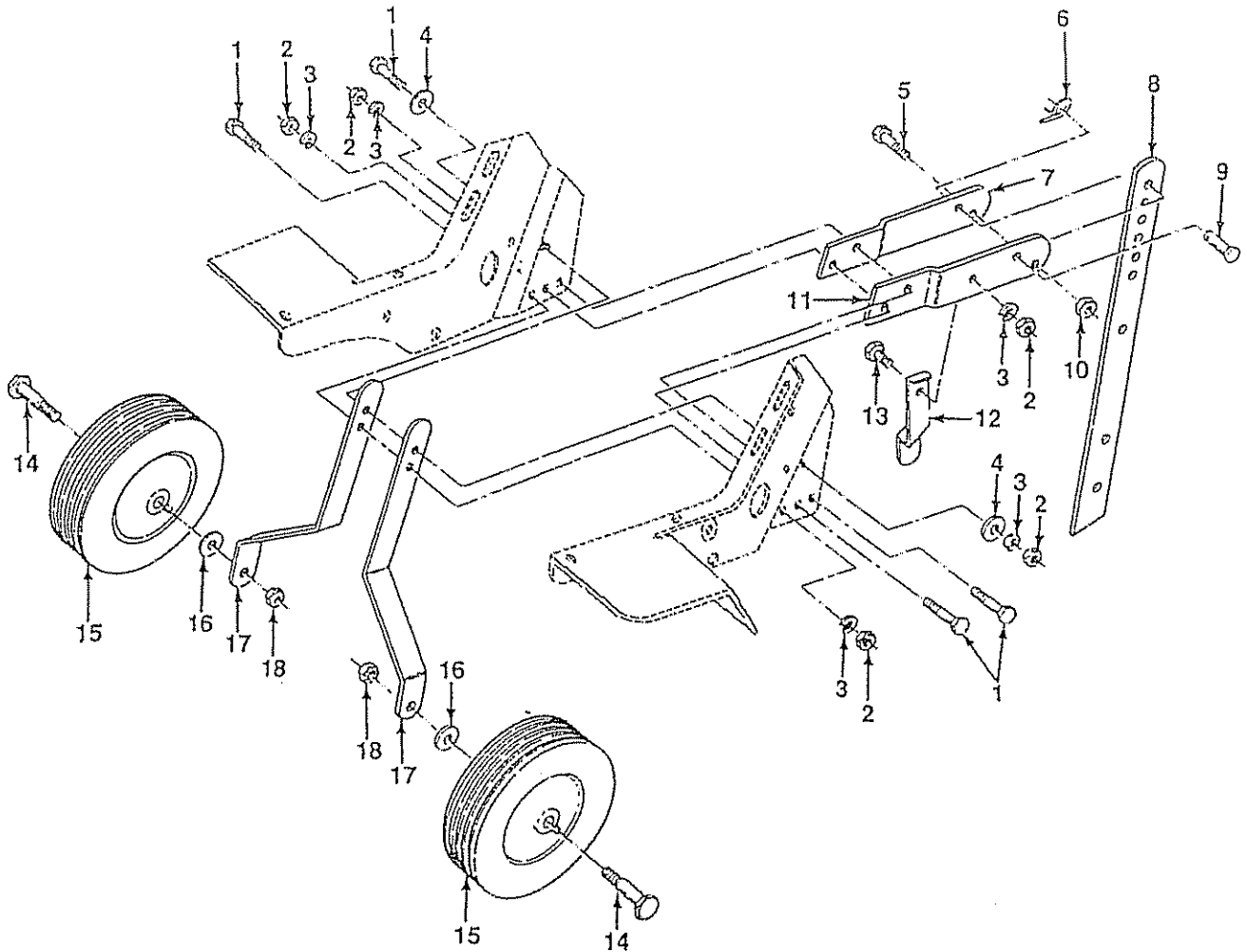
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1	STD503103	Hex, Forged Socket Headless Set Screw 5/16 - 18 x 3/8
2	7417J	Engine Sheave (Pulley)
3	122955X	Bracket Assembly - Guard, V-Belt
4	9484R	Clip
5	74770812	Bolt, Hex 1/2 - 20 x 3/4
6	72140404	Bolt, Carriage 1/4 - 20 x 1/2
7	121463X	Keeper, Belt Transmission Sheave
8	86777	Screw, Hex -Washer Hd. Slotted Thread 10 - 24 x 1/2 Type D
9	STD551025	Washer 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.
10	104213X	Nut, Cap 1/4 - 20
11	121812X	Decal, Belt Guard
12	9179R	V-Belt
13	109227X	Pad, Idler

KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
14	STD532507	Bolt, Carriage 1/4 - 20 x 3/4
15	121613X	Bell, Guard
16	110528X	Bolt, Belt Guard
17	2649M	Square, Key
18	9174R	Transmission Sheave (Pulley)
19	STD541237	Hex, Jam Nut 3/8 - 16
20	9178R	Idler Pulley
21	12000036	Klip Ring
22	674A30	Idler Arm Assembly
23	STD523712	Bolt, Hex 3/8 - 16 x 1 - 1/4
24	106968X	Shaft, Idler Arm
25	105358X	Shield, Dirt
26	STD551125	Lockwasher 1/4
27	STD541025	Nut, Hex 1/4 - 20
28	STD541031	Nut, Hex Jam 5/16 - 18

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## WHEEL AND DEPTH STAKE ASSEMBLY



KEY PART NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	STD523112	Bolt, Hex 5/16 - 18 x 1 - 1/4
2	STD541031	Nut, Hex 5/16 - 18
3	STD551131	Lockwasher 5/16
4	19121414	Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Ga.
5	74610624	Bolt, Hex 3/8 - 24 x 1 - 1/2 Gr. 5
6	4921H	Hairpin Clip
7	318J	Depth Stake Support R.H.
8	9193R	Depth Stake
9	9551R	Retaining Pin With Hole

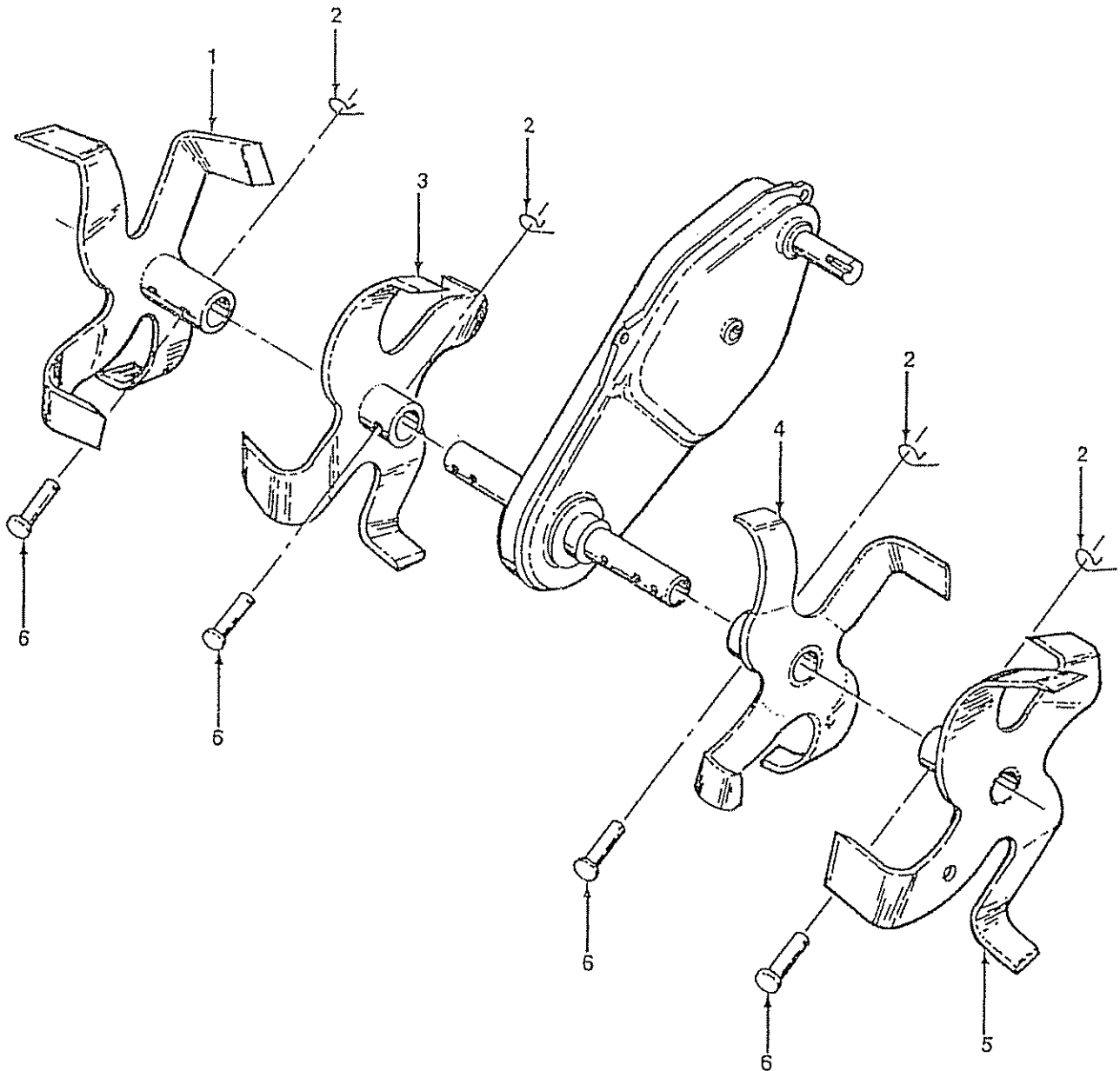
KEY PART NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
10	7810H	Nut 3/8 - 24
11	317J	Depth Stake Support L.H.
12	325J	Spring, Stake
13	STD523107	Bolt, Hex 5/16 - 18 x 3/4
14	121117X	Bolt, Shoulder
15	110557X	Wheel
16	19131311	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 11 Ga.
17	9189R	Bracket, Wheel
18	73680600	Nut, Crown Lock 3/8 - 16



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## TINE ASSEMBLY



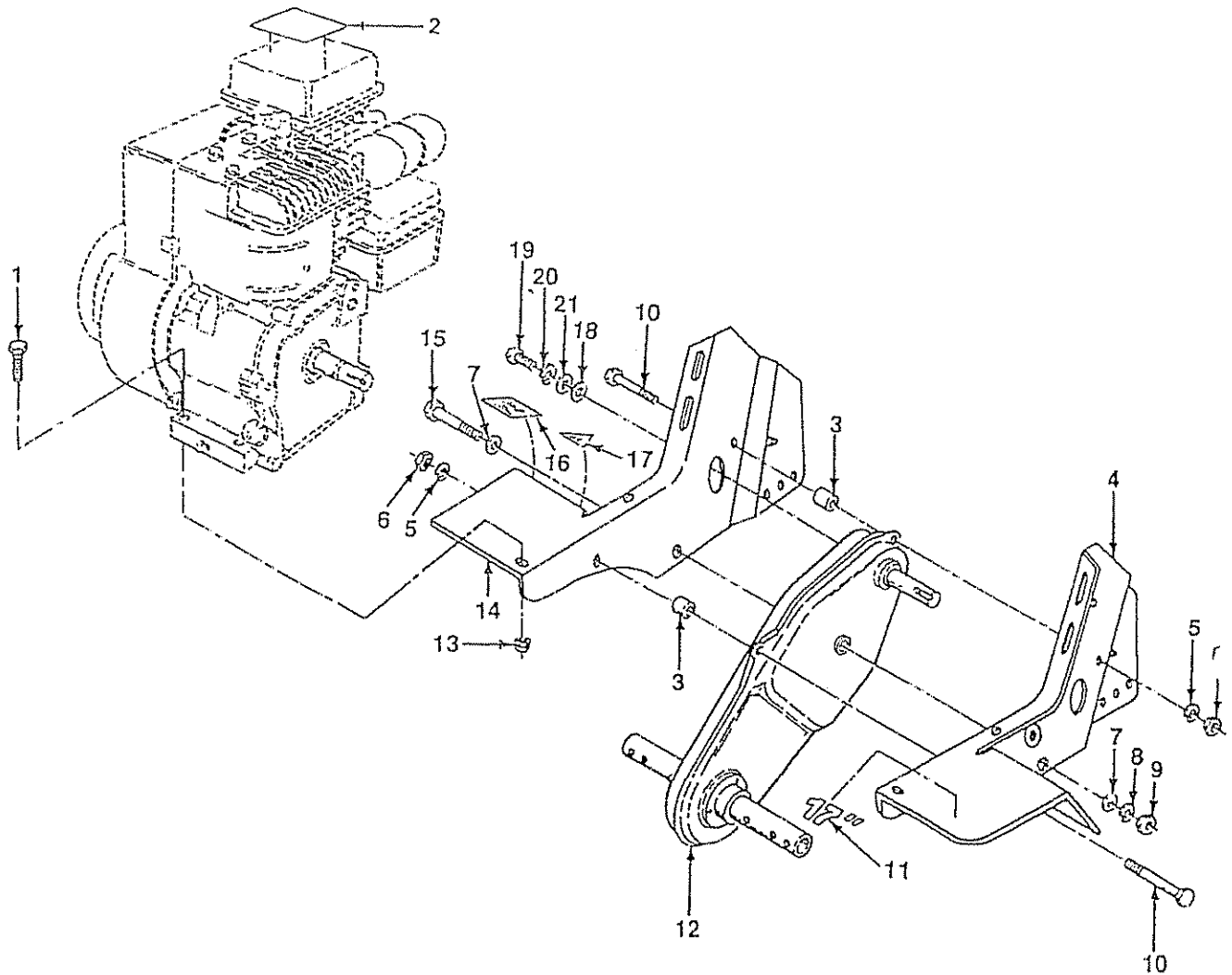
KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	106860X	Tine Assembly, Outer R.H.
2	4921H	Clip, Hairpin
3	106858X	Tine Assembly, Inner R.H.

KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
4	106857X	Tine Assembly, Inner L.H.
5	106859X	Tine Assembly, Outer L.H.
6	9194R	Pin, Retaining, With Hole

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## TRANSMISSION AND TINE SHIELD ASSEMBLY



KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	STD523115	Bolt, Hex 5/16 - 18 x 1 - 1/2
2	110719X	Decal, Operation and Lubrication
3	9173R	Spacer, Split
4	110510X	Bracket, Engine L H.
5	STD551131	Washer, Lock 5/16
6	STD541031	Nut, Hex 5/16 - 18
7	19131311	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 11 Ga
8	STD551137	Washer, Lock 3/8
9	7810H	Nut 3/8 - 24
10	STD523127	Bolt, Hex 5/16 - 18 x 2 - 3/4
11	120046X	Decal, Side Shield, 17"

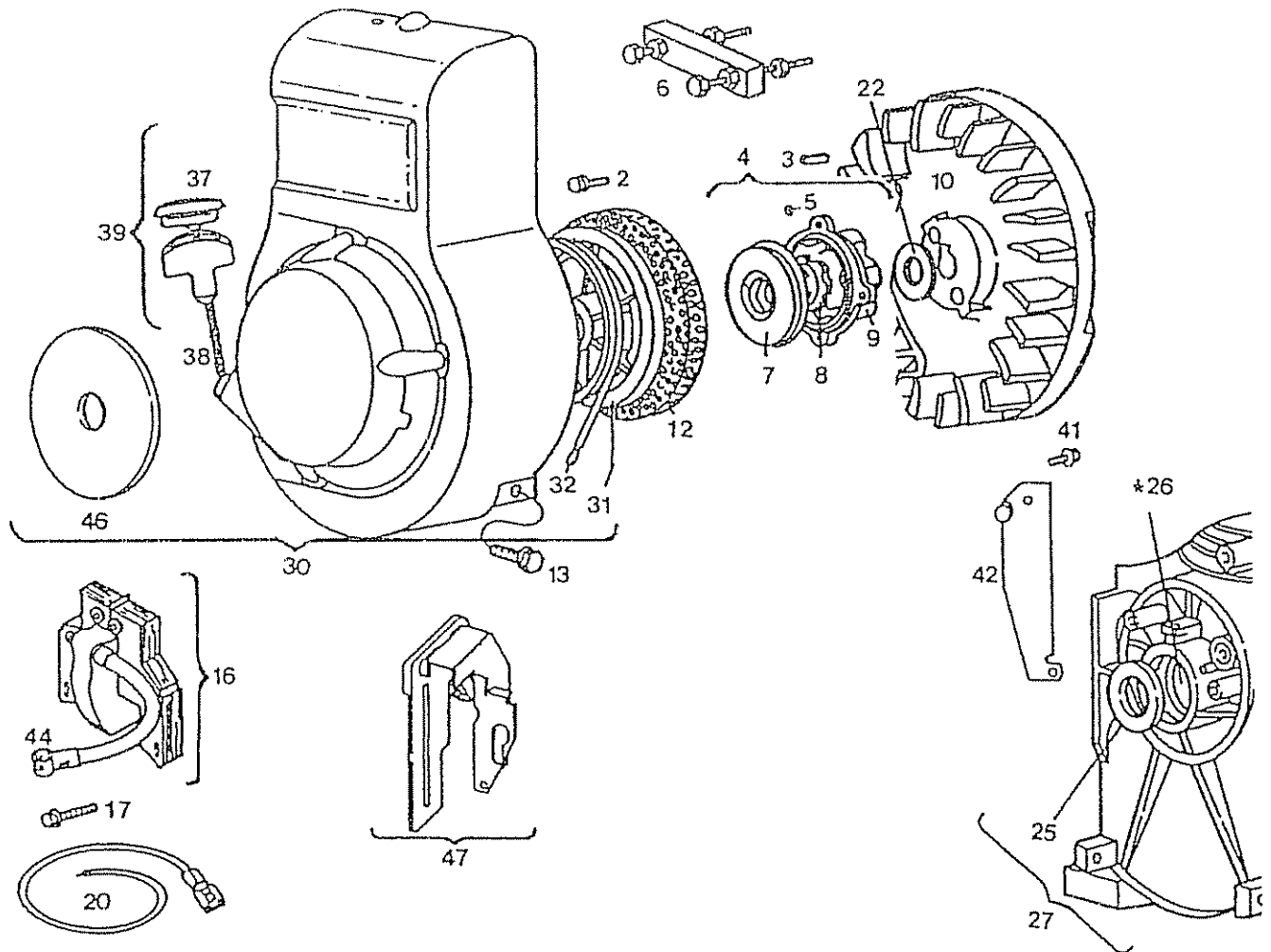
KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
12	105391X	Transmission
13	73510500	Nut, Keps 5/16 - 18
14	2606J	Bracket, Engine R H
15	74610652	Bolt, Hex 3/8 - 24 x 3 - 1/4 Gr. 5
16	120075X	Decal, Warning
17	---	Decal, OPEI
18	19091412	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 12 Ga.
19	STD 622507	Bolt, Hex 1/4 - 28 x 3/4 Gr. 5
20	STD551125	Washer, Lock 1/4
21	19092016	Washer 9/32 x 1 - 1/4 x 16 Ga
--	121709X	Owner's Manual

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ENGINE, RIGHT SIDE



KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
2	93490	Screw, Rotating Screen Mounting Sem
3	222698	Key, Flywheel
4	399671	Clutch Assembly, Rewind Starter
5	63770	Ball, Clutch
6	19069	Puller, Flywheel (optional Accessory)
7	394506	Washer, Clutch Retainer
8	298799	Ratchet, Rewind Starter
9	394897	Housing, Starter Clutch
10	296884	Flywheel, Magneto
12	221661	Screen, Rotating
13	93158	Screw, Sem
16	397316	Armature, Magneto
17	93381	Screw, Armature Mounting Sem
20	398808	Wire, Ground

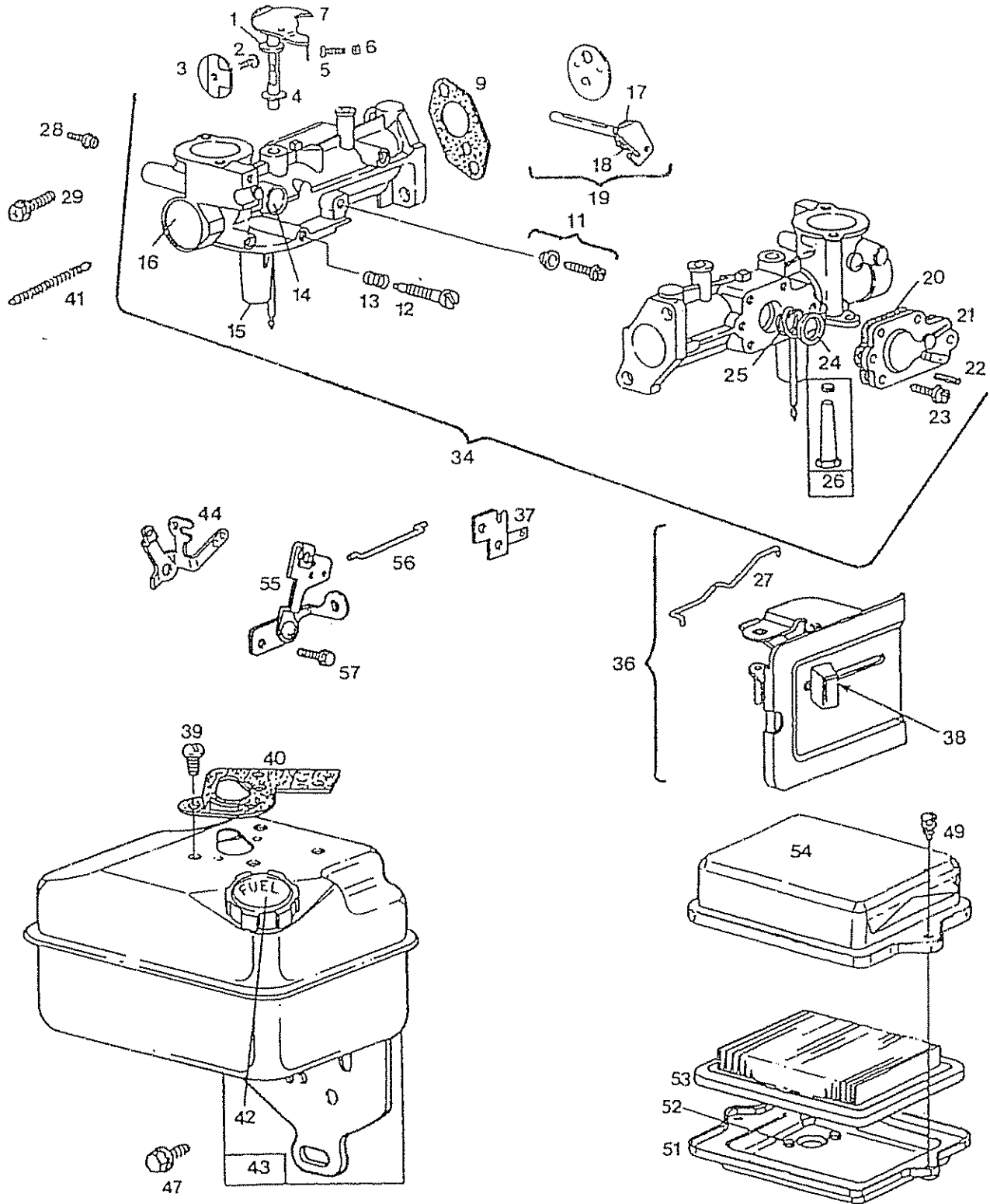
KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
22	220865	Washer, Spring
25	299819	Seal, Oil
26	293708	Bushing, Cylinder Note: Requires special tools for installation.
27	395879	Cylinder Assembly
30	490633	Starter Assembly, Rewind (10 o'clock position)
31	280439	Pulley, Rewind Starter
32	490179	Spring, Rewind Starter
37	396892	Insert, Starter Grip
38	66734	Rope, Starter (48 - 5/8")
39	393152	Grip, Starter Rope
42	220971	Guard, Flywheel
44	221798	Terminal, Ignition Cable
46	490817	Spacer
47	490529	Blade, Governor

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ENGINE, REAR



Assemblies include all parts shown in frames.

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ENGINE, REAR

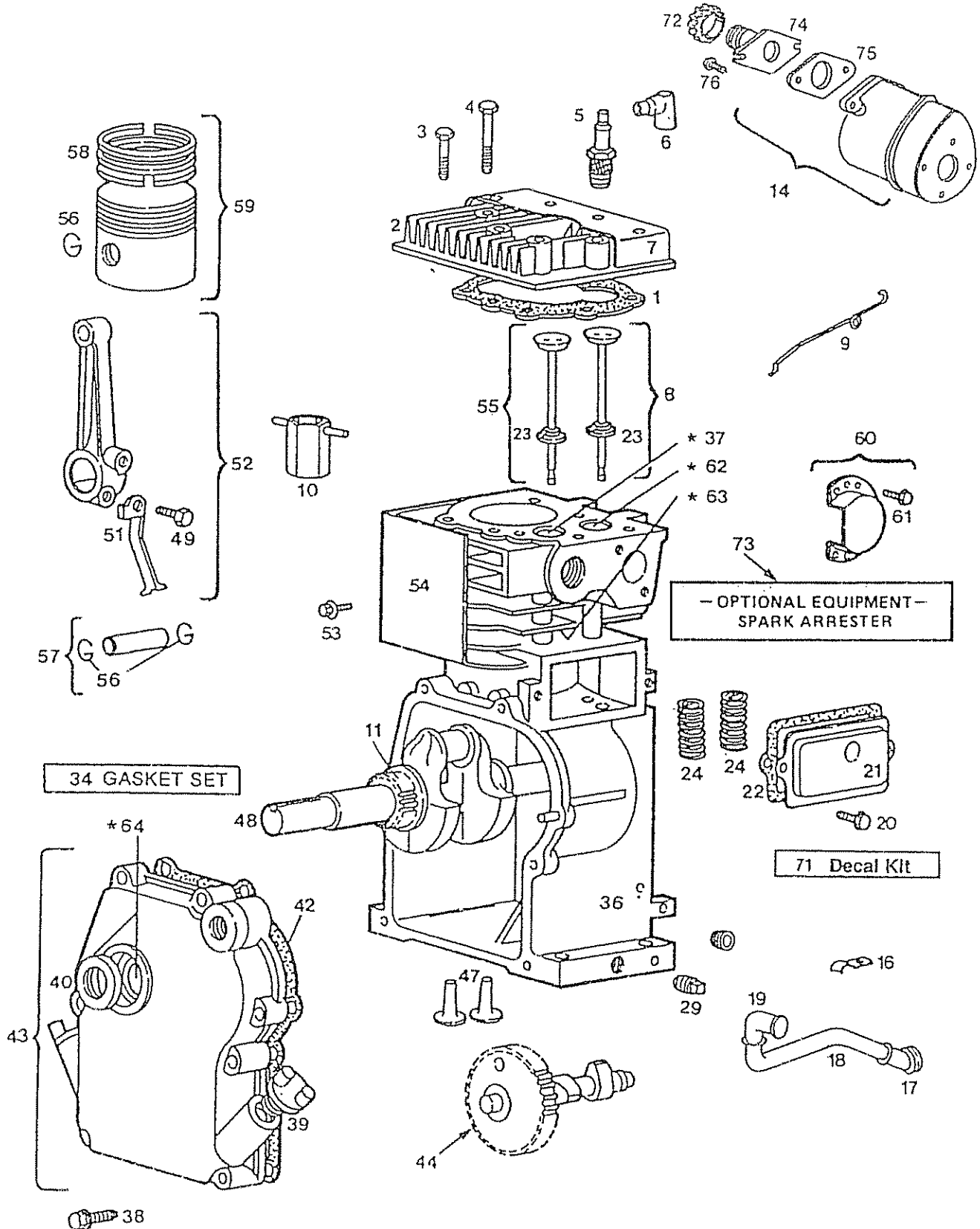
KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	271853	Washer, Throttle Shaft (Foam)	27	262359	Link, Choke
2	93499	Screw, Throttle Valve Mounting Sem	28	93543	Screw, Fil. Hd., 10-32 x 3/8
3	223793	Valve, Throttle	29	93357	Screw, Hex Hd
4	398970	Seal, Throttle Shaft	34	492645	Carburetor Assembly (For 2 Quart Tank)
5	93527	Screw, Rd. Hd.	36	490649	Bracket, Control
6	260575	Spring Throttle Adjustment	37	296110	Plate Assembly, Stop Switch Insulator
7	490371	Shaft and Lever, Throttle	38	280715	Knob, Control
9	*271936	Gasket, Intake Elbow Mounting (2 used)	39	94094	Screw, Fuel Tank Mounting Sem
11	490501	Screw, Carburetor Cam and Lever	40	*271928	Gasket, Fuel Tank Mounting
12	231533	Valve, Needle	41	260041	Spring, Air Vane Governor
13	26336	Spring, Needle Valve	42	490075	Cap, Fuel Tank
14	223789	Plug, Welch	43	490502	Tank Assembly, Fuel (2 Quart)
16	220352	Plug, Welch	44	223857	Lever, Speed Adjuster
17	270382	Washer, Choke Shaft (Foam)	47	94408	Screw, Tank Bracket Mounting Sem
18	221839	Washer, Choke Shaft Adjuster	49	490073	Screw, Cover Mounting
19	490495	Valve Group, Choke	50	271935	Gasket, Air Cleaner
20	270026	Diaphragm (2 Quart)	51	490074	Base, Air Cleaner
21	210959	Cover, Diaphragm	52	94018	Screw, Air Cleaner
22	93265	Pin, Diaphragm Mounting Sem	53	491588	Filter, Air
23	93141	Screw, Diaphragm Mounting	54	223765	Cover, Air Cleaner
24	221377	Cap, Spring	55	491577	Control Assembly, Throttle
25	262328	Spring, Fuel Pump Diaphragm	56	262470	Link, Throttle
26	391813	Fuel Pipe and Clip Assembly	57	93572	Screw, Hex Head
					*Included in Gasket Set Part No. 397144

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ENGINE, INTERNAL PARTS



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## ENGINE, INTERNAL PARTS

KEY PART NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	*272167	Gasket, Cylinder Head	*270895		Gasket, Crankcase - - .005" thick
2	210812	Head, Cylinder	*270896		Gasket, Crankcase - - .009" thick
3	93111	Screw, Cylinder Head (1 - 15/16" long)	43	394820	Cover Assembly, Crankcase
4	93113	Screw, Cylinder Head (2 - 5/16" long)	44	394800	Gear, Cam
5	293918	Plug, Spark (with gasket) (1 - 1/2" High - - 37-42 M.M.) (Resistor Type)	47	230173	Tappet, Valve
6	66538	Elbow, Spark Plug	48	399010	Crankshaft
7	223390	Cover, Cylinder Head	49	94404	Screw, Connecting Rod
8	296677	Valve, Intake (Grooved Stem - - includes Retainer No. 93312)	50	220670	Dipper, Connecting Rod
9	262325	Link, Air Vane Governor	52	294367	Rod Assembly, Connecting For Connecting Rod with .20" undersize Crankpin Bore - - Order No. 296079 Sem
10	89838	Wrench, Spark Plug	53	220478	Shield, Cylinder
11	261533	Gear, Timing	54	296676	Valve, Exhaust (Grooved Stem - - includes Retainer No. 93312)
14	492591	Muffler, Exhaust (Lo-Tone)	55	26026	Lock, Piston Pin
16	223786	Clamp, Breather Tube	56	298909	Pin Assembly - - Piston - - Standard
17	66578	Grommet, Breather Tube		298908	Pin Assembly - - Piston - - .005" O.S.
18	231527	Tube, Breather			
19	67838	Grommet, Breather Tube			
20	93394	Screw, Valve Cover Mounting Sem			
21	294178	Breather Valve Chamber			
22	*27549	Gasket, Valve Cover			
23	93312	Retainer Valve Spring Used with valves with grooves in stem	58	294232	RING SETS Note: For Chrome Piston Ring Set - - Standard Size - - Order Part No. 297201
24	260552	Spring, Valve		294224	Ring Set - - Std. Piston
29	91249	Plug, Pipe 1/4" Std. , Square Head Note: 93448 Plug - - Oil Drain (Hex. Socket Head) To Replace Crankshaft Gear Pin, Order Part No. 230978.		294225	Ring Set - - .010" O.S. Piston
34	93448	Plug, Pipe (Hex Socket Head)		294226	Ring Set - - .020" O.S. Piston
36	397144	Gasket Set	59	295587	Ring Set - - .030" O.S. Piston
37	211291	Seat Exhaust Valve (Standard) Note: For Options		295588	Piston Assembly, Standard
38	93032	Screw, Crankcase Cover Mounting Sem Note: 93656 Stud 90832 Washer - - Lock Used to mount Crankcase Cover		295589	Piston Assembly - - .010" O.S.
39	66768	Plug, Oil Filter		295590	Piston Assembly - - .020" O.S.
40	299819	Seal, Oil	60	393760	Piston Assembly - - .030" O.S.
42	*270833	Gasket, Crankcase - - .015" thick (Standard)	61	93705	Deflector, Muffler
			62	211172	Screw, Sem
			63	231348	Seat, Intake Valve (Standard)
			64	293708	Guide, Exhaust Valve Note: 63709 Guide - - Intake Valve
					Bushing, Crankcase Cover Note: Bushings require special tools for installation
			71	491075	Decal (Label) Kit
			72	220859	Locknut, Muffler
			73	396800	Spark Arrester
			74	492232	Adapter, Muffler
			75	272203	Gasket, Muffler
			76	94153	Mounting Screw, Muffler

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17 INCH TINE WIDTH  
FRONT TINE TILLER**

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