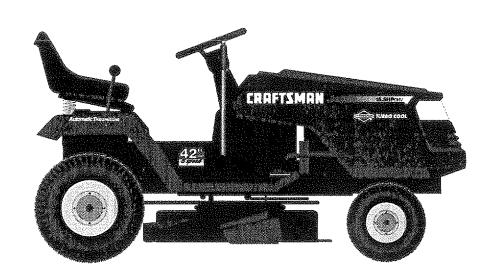
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MODEL NUMBER 917.258470 OWNER'S MANUAL

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





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

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SAFETY RULES

Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers



IMPORTANT: THIS CUTTING MACHINE IS CAPABLE OF AMPUTATING HANDS AND FEET AND THROWING OBJECTS. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

GENERAL OPERATION

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

II. SLOPE OPERATION

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

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

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

III. CHILDREN

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

- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and down for small
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safé machine operation.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

IV. SERVICE

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



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



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



A WARNING A



The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

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

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

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

MODEL NUMBER	917.258470		
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THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE FOUND ON A PLATE UNDER THE SEAT.			
	RECORD BOTH SERIAL NUMBER AND RCHASE AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE REFERENCE.		

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

WARNING: This tractor is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

I II V V V I OI L VII	
HORSEPOWER:	15.5
GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	1.25 Gallons UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL TYPE (API-SF/SG):	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	3 PINTS
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .030")	CHAMPION RJ19LM
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE: .005"007" EXHAUST: .009"011"
GROUND SPEED (MPH):	FORWARD: 1st 1.0 2nd 1.3 3rd 2.1 4th 3.1 5th 4.0 6th 5.1 REVERSE: 1.6
TIRE PRESSURE:	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 12 PSI
CHARGING SYSTEM:	3 AMPS BATTERY 5 AMPS HEADLIGHTS
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 25 MIN. CCA: 190 CASE SIZE: U1R
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	30-35 FT. LBS.

with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

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

LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT

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

This Warranty does not cover:

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

LIMITED 90 DAY WARRANTY ON BATTERY

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

IN-HOME WARRANTY SERVICE ON YOUR CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO-CHARGE FOR 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST SERVICE CENTER. AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE, WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY TAKING YOUR CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT TO YOUR NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER. (IN-HOME WARRANTY SERVICE WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE BUT A STANDARD TRIP CHARGE WILL APPLY.) THIS WARRANTY APPLIES ONLY WHILE THIS PRODUCT IS 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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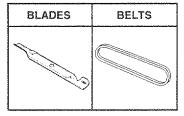
ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

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

ENGINE

SPARK PLUG GAS CAN ENGINE OIL FUEL STABILIZER AIR FILTER

MAINTENANCE



PERFORMANCE

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

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

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

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

BUMPER protects front end of tractor from damage.

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

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

EASY OIL DRAIN VALVE makes oil changes easier, faster.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SNOW BLADE for snow removal only. 14-inch high, 48-inch wide blade clears 42-inch path when angled left or right. Raises, lowers with side lever. Adjustable skids; replaceable, reversible scraper bar. (Use with tire chains and wheel weights and/or rear drawbar weight.)

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

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

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

SWEEPERS let you collect grass clippings and leaves.

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

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

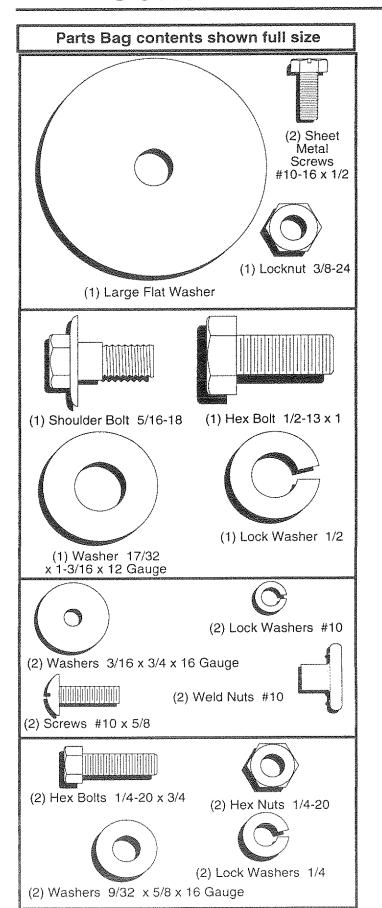
TRACTOR CAB has heavy duty vinyl fabric over tubular steel frame, ABS plastic top; clear plastic windshield offers 360 degree visibility. Hinged metal doors with catch. Keeps operator warm and dry. Remove vinyl sides and windshields for use as sun protector in summer. **Optional accessories include:**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

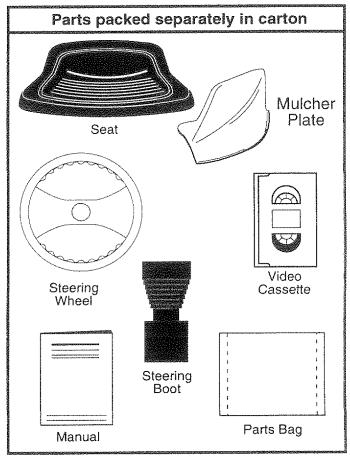
VACS for powerful collection of heavy grass clippings and leaves. Optional wand attachment to pick up debris in hard-to-reach places. VAC/CHIPPER includes a chipper-shredder.

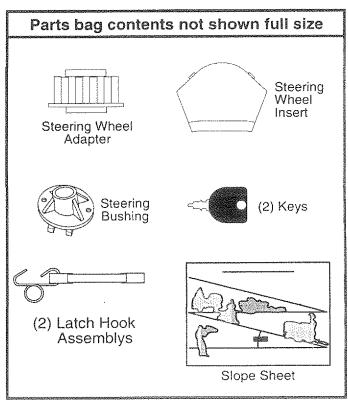
WEIGHT BRACKET for drawbar for snow removal applications. Uses (1) 55 lb. weight.

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

CONTENTS OF HARDWARE PACK







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

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

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

(1) 5/16" wrench

(1) 3/4" wrench

(2) 7/16" wrenches

Tire pressure gauge

(1) 1/2" wrench

Utility knife

(1) 9/16" wrench

(1) phillips screwdriver

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (seated behind the steering wheel).

TO REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON UNPACK CARTON

- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts cartons from carton (See page 6).
- Cut, from top to bottom, along lines on all four corners of carton, and lay panels flat.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

BEFORE ROLLING TRACTOR OFF SKID

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 1)

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

IMPORTANT: CHECK FOR AND REMOVE ANY STAPLES IN SKID THAT MAY PUNCTURE TIRES WHERE TRACTOR IS TO ROLL OFF SKID.

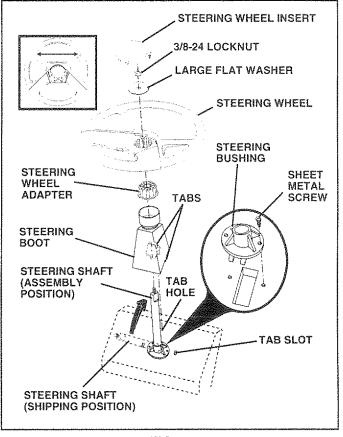


FIG. 1

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

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

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR

CONNECT BATTERY (See Figs. 2 and 3)



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

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

- Remove cardboard packing from seat pan and lift seat pan to raised position.
- Open battery box door.
- Remove terminal protective caps and discard.
- If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) terminal with hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut as shown. Tighten securely.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) terminal with remaining hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut. Tighten securely.
- · Close battery box door.

Open battery box door for:

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

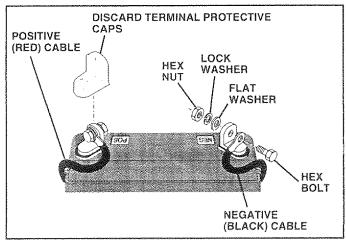


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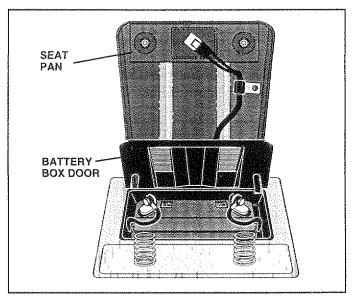


FIG. 3

INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 4)

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment bolt.

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

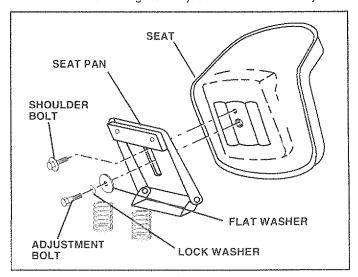


FIG. 4

INSTALL MULCHER PLATE (See Figs. 5 and 6)

 Install two latch hooks to mulcher plate using screw, washer, lock washer, and weld nut as shown.

NOTE: Pre-assemble weld nut to latch hook by inserting weld nut from the top with hook pointing down.

- Tighten hardware securely.
- · Raise and hold deflector shield in upright position.
- Place front of mulcher plate over front of mower deck opening and slide into place, as shown.
- Hook front latch into hole on front of mower deck.
- Hook rear latch into hole on back of mower deck.



CAUTION: Do not remove discharge guard from mower. Raise and hold guard when attaching mulcher plate and allow it to rest on plate while in operation.

TO CONVERT TO BAGGING OR DISCHARGING

Simply remove mulcher plate and store in a safe place. Your mower is now ready for discharging or installation of optional grass catcher accessory.

NOTE: It is not necessary to change blades. The mulcher blades are designed for discharging and bagging also.

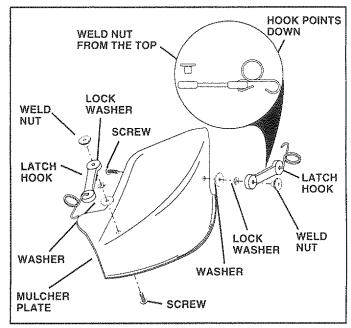


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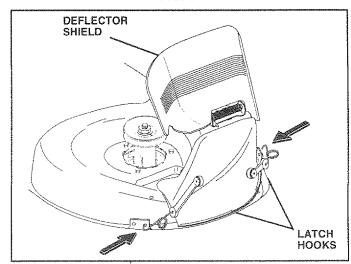


FIG. 6

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

The tires on your tractor were overinflated at the factory for shipping purposes. Correct tire pressure is important for best cutting performance.

 Reduce tire pressure to PSI shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

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

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

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

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

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

✓ CHECKLIST

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

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

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

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

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

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



BATTERY



CAUTION OR WARNING



REVERSE



FORWARD



FAST



SLOW



ENGINE ON



ENGINE OFF



OIL PRESSURE



CLUTCH



LIGHTS ON



LIGHTS OFF



FUEL



CHOKE



MOWER HEIGHT



DIFFERENTIAL LOCK



PARKING BRAKE LOCKED



UNLOCKED



MOWER LIFT



REVERSE



NEUTRAL



HIGH



LOW



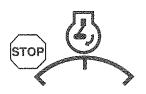
PARKING BRAKE



ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED



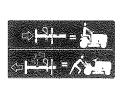
ATTACHMENT CLUTCH DISENGAGED



IGNITION



DANGER, KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY

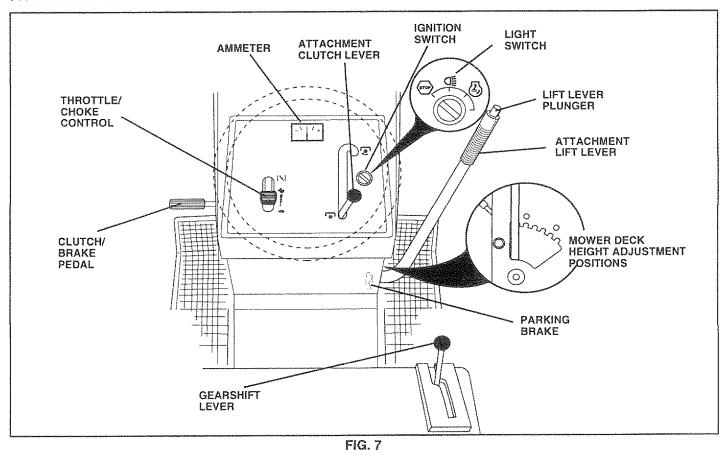


HYDROSTATIC FREE WHEEL (Hydro Models only)

KNOW YOUR TRACTOR

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

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



Our tractors conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute.

ATTACHMENT CLUTCH LEVER: Used to engage the mower blades, or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

LIGHT SWITCH: Turns the headlights on and off.

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

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

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

GEARSHIFT LEVER: Selects the speed and direction of tractor.

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

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

IGNITION SWITCH: Used for starting and stopping the engine.

AMMETER: Indicates battery charging (+) or discharging (-).



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

HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR

TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 8)

Your tractor is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. When engine is running, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat without first setting the parking brake will shut off the engine.

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

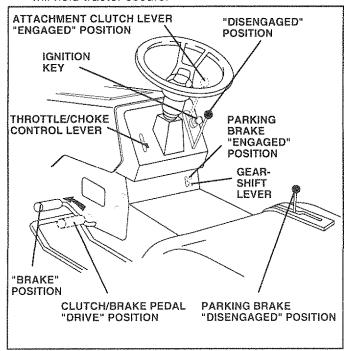


FIG. 8

STOPPING (See Fig. 8)

MOWER BLADES -

Move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.

GROUND DRIVE -

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

NOTE: Failure to move throttle control to slow () position and allowing engine to idle before stopping may cause engine to "backfire".

- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving tractor to prevent unauthorized use.
- Never use choke to stop engine.

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



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

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 8)

Always operate engine at full throttle.

- Operating engine at less than full throttle reduces the battery charging rate.
- Full throttle offers the best bagging and mower performance.

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD (See Fig. 8)

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

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

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

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 8)

The position of the attachment lift lever determines the cutting height.

- Grasp lift lever.
- Press plunger with thumb and move lever to desired position.

The cutting height range is approximately 1-1/2 to 4". The heights are measured from the ground to the blade tip with the engine not running. These heights are approximate and may vary depending upon soil conditions, height of grass and types of grass being mowed.

- The average lawn should be cut to approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and to over 3 inches during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.
- For best cutting performance, grass over 6 inches in height should be mowed twice. Make the first cut relatively high; the second to desired height.

TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig. 9)

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

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



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

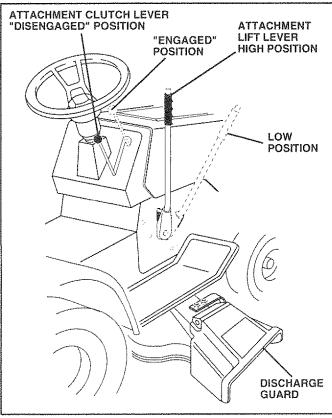


FIG. 9

TO OPERATE ON HILLS



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

- Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills.
- Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills.
- If slowing is necessary, move throttle control lever to slower position.
- If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake.
- Move gearshift lever to 1st gear. Be sure you have allowed room for tractor to roll slightly as you restart movement.
- To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Make all turns slowly.

TO TRANSPORT

- Raise attachment lift to highest position with attachment lift control.
- When pushing or towing your tractor, be sure gearshift lever is in neutral (N) position.
- Do not push or tow tractor at more than five (5) MPH.

NOTE: To protect hood from damage when transporting your tractor on a truck or a trailer, be sure hood is closed and secured to tractor. Use an appropriate means of tying hood to tractor (rope, cord, etc.).

BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE

CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL (See Fig. 14)

- The engine in your tractor has been shipped, from the factory, already filled with summer weight oil.
- Check engine oil with tractor on level ground.
- Remove oil fill cap/dipstick and wipe clean, reinsert the dipstick and screw cap tight, wait for a few seconds, remove and read oil level. If necessary, add oil until "FULL" mark on dipstick is reached. Do not overfill.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (See "OIL VISCOSITY CHART" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Customer Responsibilities section in this manual.

ADD GASOLINE

 Fill fuel tank. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline with a minimum of 87 octane. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life). Do not mix oil with gasoline. Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness.

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

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



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

TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 8)

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

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- · Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control to choke (|\lambda|) position.

Note: Before starting, read the warm and cold starting procedures below.

Insert key into ignition and turn key clockwise to "START" position and release key as soon as engine starts. Do not run starter continuously for more than fifteen seconds per minute. If the engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to fast (*) position, wait a few minutes and try again. If engine still does not start, move the throttle control back to the choke (|\)|) position and retry.

WARM WEATHER STARTING (50° F and above)

- When engine starts, move the throttle control to the fast
 (4) position.
- The attachments and ground drive can now be used. If the engine does not accept the load, restart the engine and allow it to warm up for one minute using the choke as described above.

COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

- When engine starts, allow engine to run with the throttle control in the choke (|\|) position until the engine runs roughly, then move throttle control to fast (♠) position. This may require an engine warm-up period from several seconds to several minutes, depending on the temperature.
- The attachments can also be used during the engine warm-up period.

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

MOWING TIPS

- Tire chains cannot be used when the mower housing is attached to tractor.
- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 10).
- If grass is extremely tall, it should be mowed twice to reduce load and possible fire hazard from dried clippings. Make first cut relatively high; the second to the desired height.
- Do not mow grass when it is wet. Wet grass will plug mower and leave undesirable clumps. Allow grass to dry before mowing.
- Always operate engine at full throttle when mowing to assure better mowing performance and proper discharge of material. Regulate ground speed by selecting a low enough gear to give the mower cutting performance as well as the quality of cut desired.
- When operating attachments, select a ground speed that will suit the terrain and give best performance of the attachment being used.

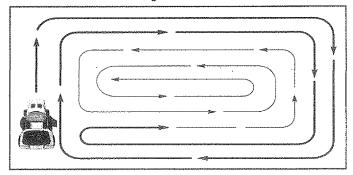


FIG. 10

MULCHING MOVING TIPS

IMPORTANT: FOR BEST PERFORMANCE, KEEP MOWER HOUSING FREE OF BUILT-UP GRASS AND TRASH. CLEAN AFTER EACH USE.

- The special mulching blade will recut the grass clippings many times and reduce them in size so that as they fall onto the lawn they will disperse into the grass and not be noticed. Also, the mulched grass will biodegrade quickly to provide nutrients for the lawn. Always mulch with your highest engine (blade) speed as this will provide the best recutting action of the blades.
- Avoid cutting your lawn when it is wet. Wet grass tends to form clumps and interferes with the mulching action.
 The best time to mow your lawn is the early afternoon.
 At this time the grass has dried and the newly cut area will not be exposed to the direct sun.

- For best results, adjust the mower cutting height so that the mower cuts off only the top one-third of the grass blades (See Fig. 11). For extremely heavy mulching, reduce your width of cut on each pass and mow slowly.
- Certain types of grass and grass conditions may require that an area be mulched a second time to completely hide the clippings. When doing a second cut, mow across or perpendicular to the first cut path.
- Change your cutting pattern from week to week. Mow north to south one week then change to east to west the next week. This will help prevent matting and graining of the lawn.

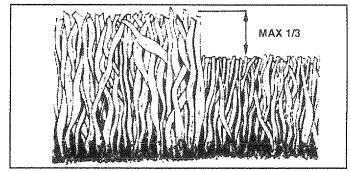


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- 1 Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures.
- 2 Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.
- 3 If equipped with oil filter, change oil every 50 hours.
- 4 Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.

- 5 If equipped with adjustable system.
- 6 Not required if equipped with maintenance-free battery.
- 7 Tighten front axle pivot bolt to 35 ft.-lbs. maximum. Do not overtighten.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this tractor does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, operator must maintain tractor as instructed in this manual.

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

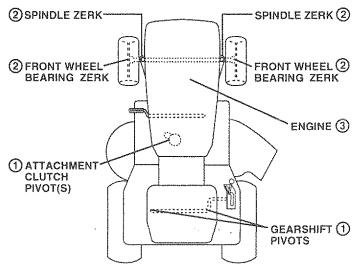
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

 Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check blades and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

BEFORE EACH USE

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

LUBRICATION CHART



- (1) SAE 30 OR 10W30 MOTOR OIL
- **(2) GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE**
- (3) REFER TO CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES "ENGINE" SECTION

IMPORTANT: DO NOT OIL OR GREASE THE PIVOT POINTS WHICH HAVE SPECIAL NYLON BEARINGS. VISCOUS LUBRICANTS WILL ATTRACT DUST AND DIRT THAT WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF THE SELF-LUBRICATING BEARINGS. IF YOU FEEL THEY MUST BE LUBRICATED, USE ONLY A DRY, POWDERED GRAPHITE TYPE LUBRICANT SPARINGLY.

TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

BRAKE OPERATION

If tractor requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then brake must be adjusted. (See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TIRES

- Maintain proper air pressure in all tires (See "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual).
- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

BLADE CARE

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

BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 12)

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

IMPORTANT: BLADEBOLT IS GRADE 8 HEAT TREATED.

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

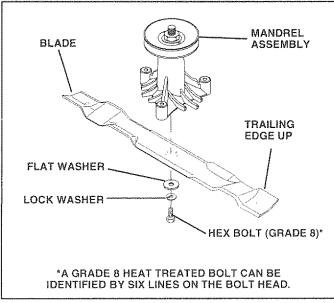


FIG. 12

TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 13)

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

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

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

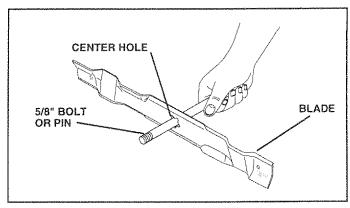


FIG. 13

BATTERY

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

- Keep battery and terminals clean.
- Keep battery bolts tight.
- Keep small vent holes open.
- Recharge at 6-10 amperes for 1 hour.

TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS

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

- · Open battery box door.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.
- Clean terminals and battery cable ends with wire brush until bright.
- Coat terminals with grease or petroleum jelly.
- Reinstall battery (See "CONNECT BATTERY" in the Assembly section of this manual).

V-BELTS

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

TRANSAXLE COOLING

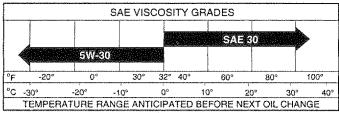
Keep transaxle free from build-up of dirt and chaff which can restrict cooling.

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF or SG. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature.

NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W30, 10W30 etc.) improve starting in cold weather, these multi-viscosity oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F. Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil.



Change the oil after the first two hours of operation and every 25 hours thereafter or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 25 hours in one year.

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

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Fig. 14)

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

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

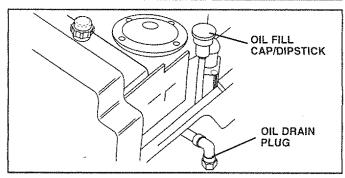


FIG. 14

AIR FILTER (See Fig. 15)

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

Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions.

· Remove knob(s) and cover.

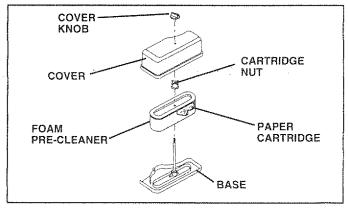
TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER

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

TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

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

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



CLEAN AIR SCREEN (See Fig. 16)

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

ENGINE COOLING FINS (See Fig. 16)

Remove any dust, dirt or oil from engine cooling fins to prevent engine damage from overheating.

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

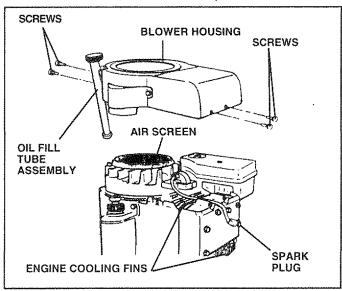


FIG. 16

MUFFLER

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

SPARK PLUGS

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

IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 17)

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

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

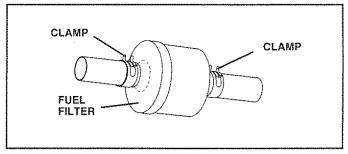


FIG. 17

CLEANING

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

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



CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

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

TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 18)

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

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

IMPORTANT: IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER IS TO BE MOUNTED TO THE TRACTOR, REMOVE THE FRONT LINKS.

TO INSTALL MOWER (See Fig. 18)

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

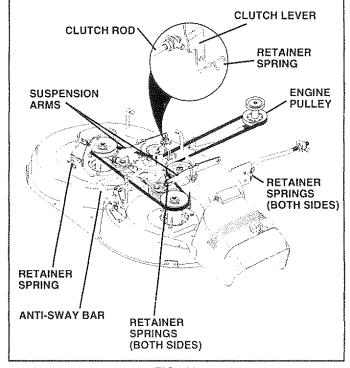


FIG. 18

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

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

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

- Raise mower to its highest position.
- At the midpoint of both sides of mower, measure height from bottom edge of mower to ground. Distance "A" on both sides of mower should be the same or within 1/4" of each other.
- If adjustment is necessary, make adjustment on one side of mower only.
- To raise one side of mower, tighten lift link adjustment nut on that side.
- To lower one side of mower, loosen lift link adjustment nut on that side.

NOTE: Each full turn of adjustment nut will change mower height about 1/8".

Recheck measurements after adjusting.

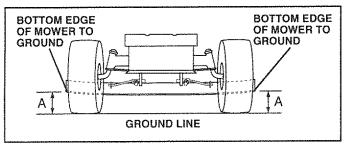


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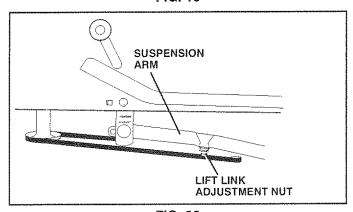


FIG. 20

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

IMPORTANT: DECK MUST BE LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE. IF
THE FOLLOWING FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT IS
NECESSARY, BE SURE TO ADJUST BOTH FRONT LINKS
EQUALLY SO MOWER WILL STAY LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE.

To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/4" to 3/4" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

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

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

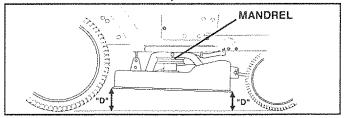
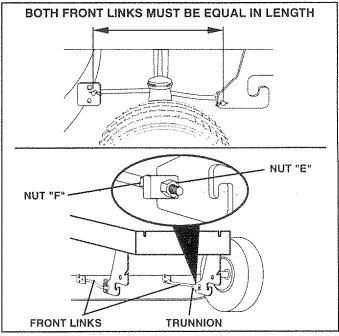


FIG. 21



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FIG. 22

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

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

BELT REMOVAL -

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

BELT INSTALLATION -

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

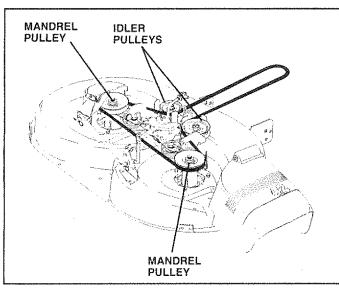


FIG. 23

TO ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 24)

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

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

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

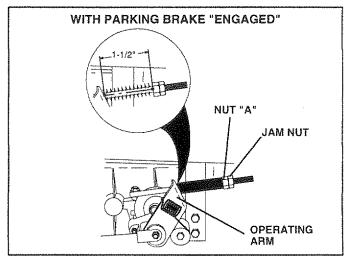


FIG. 24

TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 25)

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

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

IMPORTANT: MAKE SURE UPPER BELT KEEPER IS POSITIONED PROPERLY BETWEEN LOCATOR TABS.

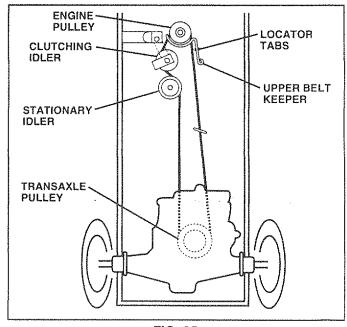


FIG. 25

TRANSAXLE SHIFTER LINKAGE AND AD-JUSTMENT (See Figs. 26 and 27)

The transaxle should be in neutral when the gear shift lever is in the neutral (N) (lock gate) position. The adjustment is preset at the factory; however, if adjustment is needed, proceed as follows:

- Make sure transaxle is in neutral (N).
- Loosen two locknuts on tie rod.
- Turn center rod until gearshift lever falls into neutral lock gate on fender console.
- · Tighten locknuts securely.

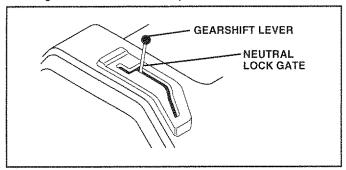


FIG. 26

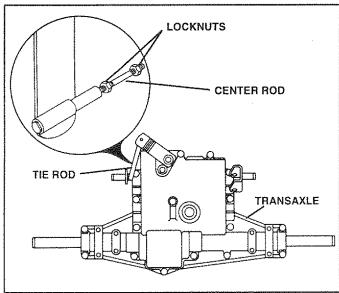


FIG. 27

TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT

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

FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

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

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 28)

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

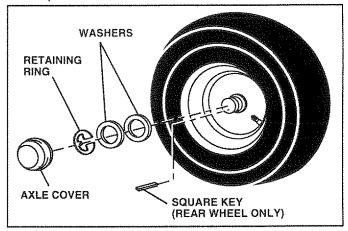


FIG. 28

TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Fig. 29)



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

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

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

TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

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

TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

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

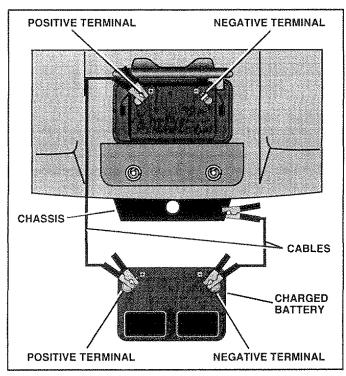


FIG. 29

TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

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

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

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

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

TO REPLACE FUSE

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

TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY (See Fig. 30)

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

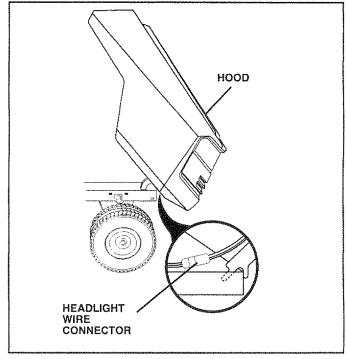


FIG. 30

ENGINE

TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 31)

The throttle control has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. Check adjustment as described below before loosening cable. If adjustment is necessary, proceed as follows:

- With engine not running, move throttle control lever from slow (→) to choke (|\|) position. Slowly move lever from choke (|\|) to fast (♣) position.
- Check that holes "A" in governor control lever and hole in governor plate line-up. If holes "A" are not aligned, loosen clamp screw and move throttle cable until holes are aligned. Tighten clamp screw securely.

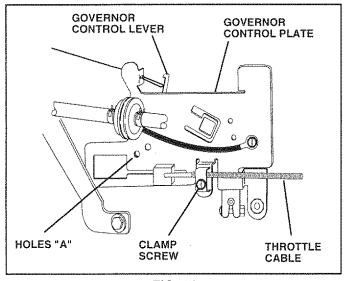


FIG. 31

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR (See Fig. 32)

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

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

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

PRELIMINARY SETTING -

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

FINAL SETTING -

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

ACCELERATION TEST -

Move throttle control lever from slow (

) to fast (

) position. If engine hesitates or dies, turn idle mixture valve out (counterclockwise) 1/8 turn. Repeat test and continue to adjust, if necessary, until engine accelerates smoothly.

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

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

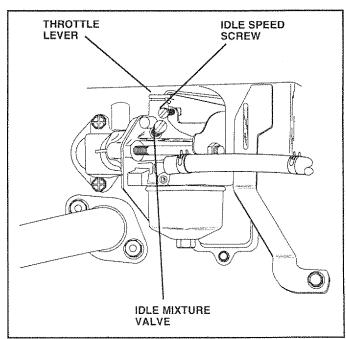


FIG. 32

STORAGE

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



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

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

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

BATTERY

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

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FUEL SYSTEM

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

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

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

ENGINE OIL

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

CYLINDERS

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

OTHER

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

IMPORTANT: NEVER COVER TRACTOR WHILE ENGINE AND EXHAUST AREAS ARE STILL WARM.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	1. Out of fuel. 2. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. 3. Engine flooded. 4. Bad spark plug. 5. Dirty air filter. 6. Dirty fuel filter. 7. Water in fuel. 8. Loose or damaged wiring. 9. Carburetor out of adjustment. 10. Engine valves out of adjustment.	 Fill fuel tank. See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section. Wait several minutes before attempting to start. Replace spark plug. Clean/replace air filter. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. Check all wiring. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Hard to start	1. Dirty air filter. 2. Bad spark plug. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Dirty fuel filter. 5. Stale or dirty fuel. 6. Loose or damaged wiring. 7. Carburetor out of adjustment. 8. Engine valves out of adjustment.	 Clean/replace air filter. Replace spark plug. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Check all wiring. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine will not turn over	 Clutch/brake pedal not depressed. Attachment clutch is engaged. Weak or dead battery. Blown fuse. Corroded battery terminals. Loose or damaged wiring. Faulty ignition switch. Faulty solenoid or starter. Faulty operator presence switch(es). 	 Depress clutch/brake pedal. Disengage attachment clutch. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuse. Clean battery terminals. Check all wiring. Check/replace ignition switch. Check/replace solenoid or starter. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine clicks but will not start	Weak or dead battery. Corroded battery terminals. Loose or damaged wiring. Faulty solenoid or starter.	1. Recharge or replace battery. 2. Clean battery terminals. 3. Check all wiring. 4. Check/replace solenoid or starter.
Loss of power	 Cutting too much grass/too fast. Throttle in "CHOKE" position. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Dirty air filter. Low oil level/dirty oil. Faulty spark plug. Dirty fuel filter. Stale or dirty fuel. Water in fuel. Spark plug wire loose. Dirty engine air screen/fins. Dirty/clogged muffler. Loose or damaged wiring. Carburetor out of adjustment. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	 Set in "Higher Cut" position/reduce speed. Adjust throttle control. Clean underside of mower housing. Clean/replace air filter. Check oil level/change oil. Clean and regap or change spark plug. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. Clean engine air screen/fins. Clean/replace muffler. Check all wiring. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. Contact an authorized service center/department.
15. Engine valves out of adjustment. 1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Bent blade mandrel. 3. Loose/damaged part(s).		Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Replace blade mandrel. Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts.

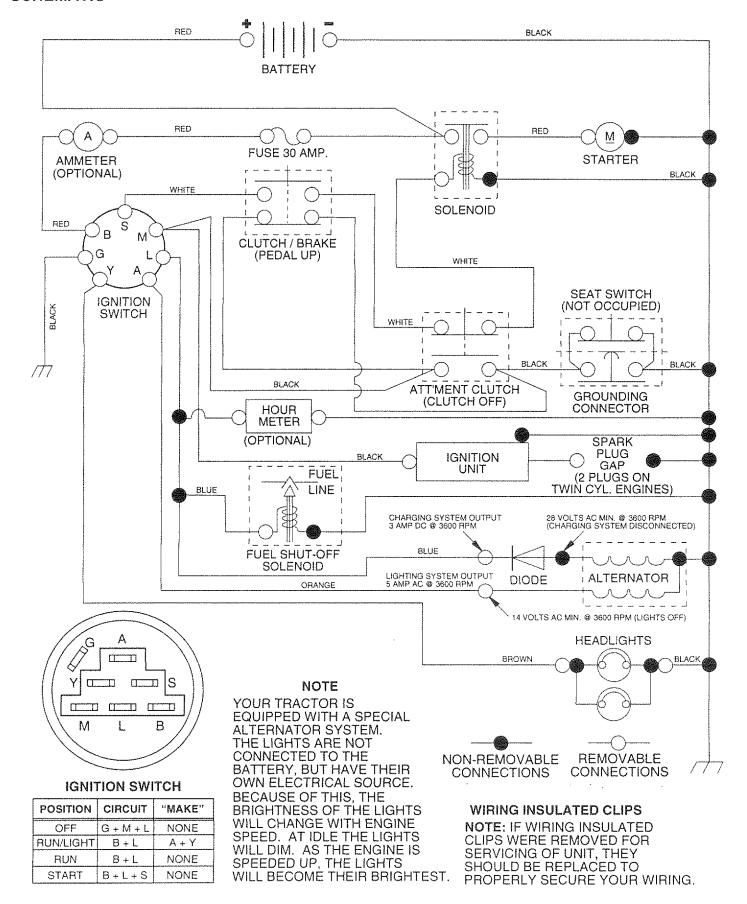
TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION			
Engine continues to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	Faulty operator-safety presence control system.	Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact an authorized service center/ department.			
Poor cut - uneven	 Worn, bent or loose blade. Mower deck not level. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. Bent blade mandrel. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels. 	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Level mower deck. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace blade mandrel. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.			
Mower blades will not rotate	 Obstruction in clutch mechanism. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. Frozen idler pulley. Frozen blade mandrel. 	Remove obstruction. Replace mower drive belt. Replace idler pulley. Replace blade mandrel.			
Poor grass discharge	 Engine speed too slow. Travel speed too fast. Wet grass. Mower deck not level. Low/uneven tire air pressure. Worn, bent or loose blade. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Mower drive belt worn. Blades improperly installed. Improper blades used. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels. 	 Place throttle control in "FAST" position. Shift to slower speed. Allow grass to dry before mowing. Level mower deck. Check tires for proper air pressure. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace mower drive belt. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. Replace with blades listed in this manual. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes. 			
Headlight(s) not working if so equipped)	 Switch is "OFF". Bulb(s) burned out. Faulty light switch. Loose or damaged wiring. Blown fuse. 	1. Turn switch "ON". 2. Replace bulb(s). 3. Check/replace light switch. 4. Check wiring and connections. 5. Replace fuse.			
1. Bad battery cell(s). 2. Poor cable connections. 3. Faulty regulator (if so equipped). 4. Faulty alternator.		Replace battery. Check/clean all connections. Replace regulator. Replace alternator.			
Engine "backfires" when turning engine 'OFF"	Engine throttle control not set at "SLOW" position for 30 seconds before stopping engine.	Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine.			

SERVICE NOTES

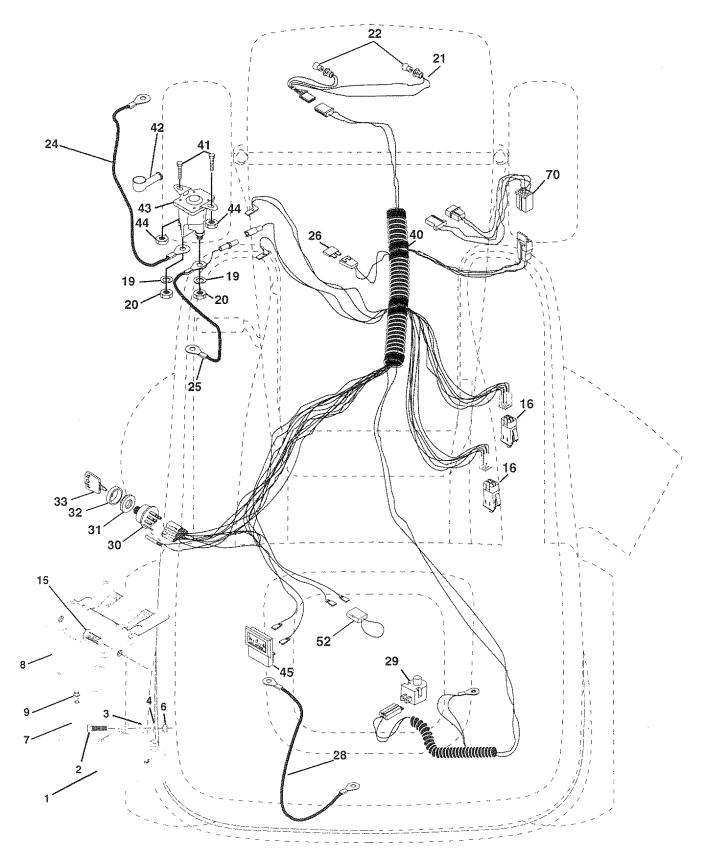
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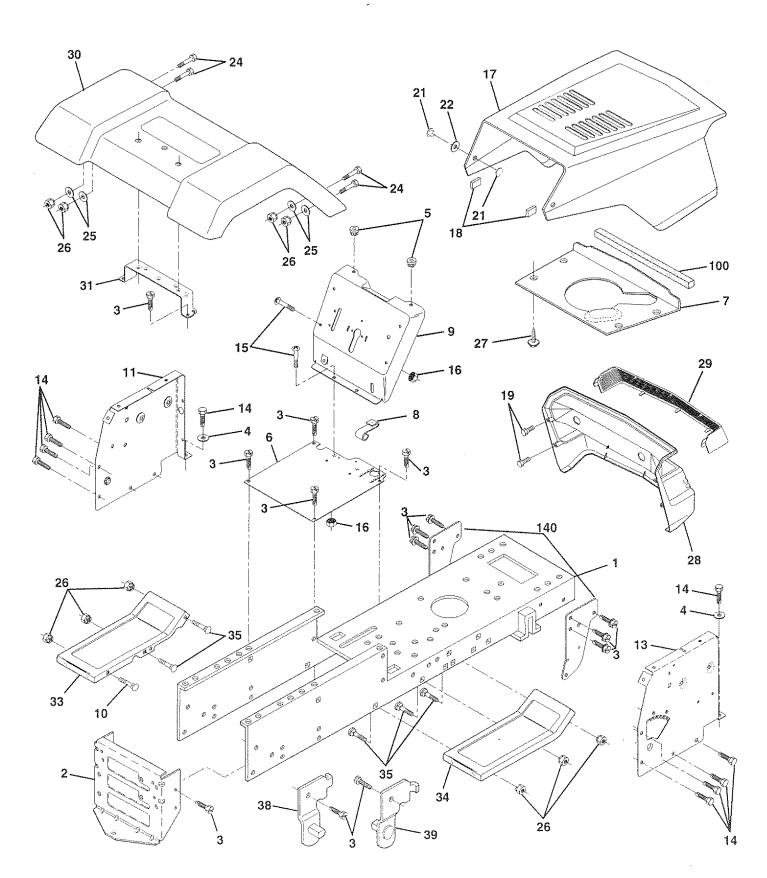
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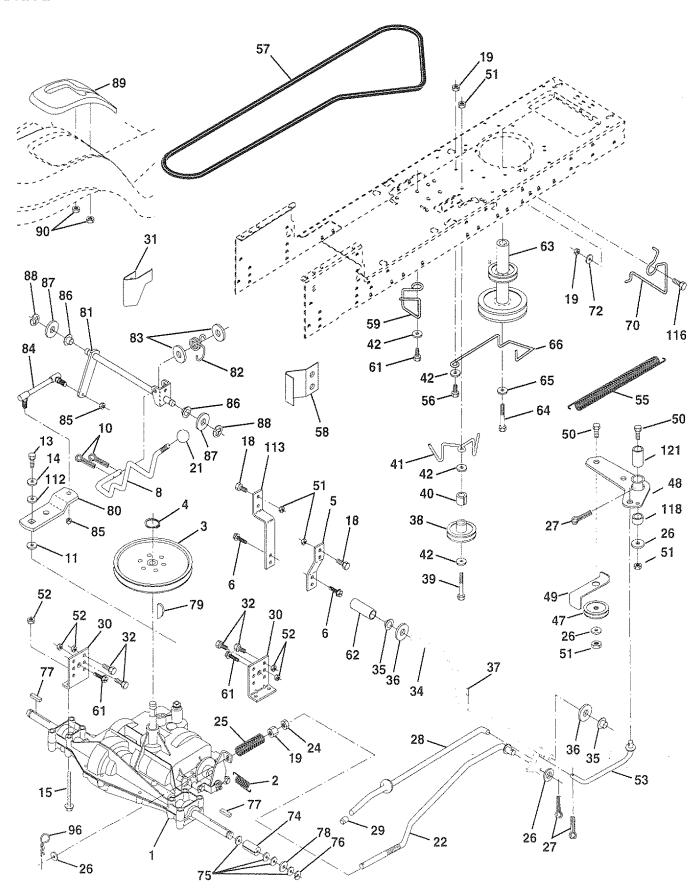
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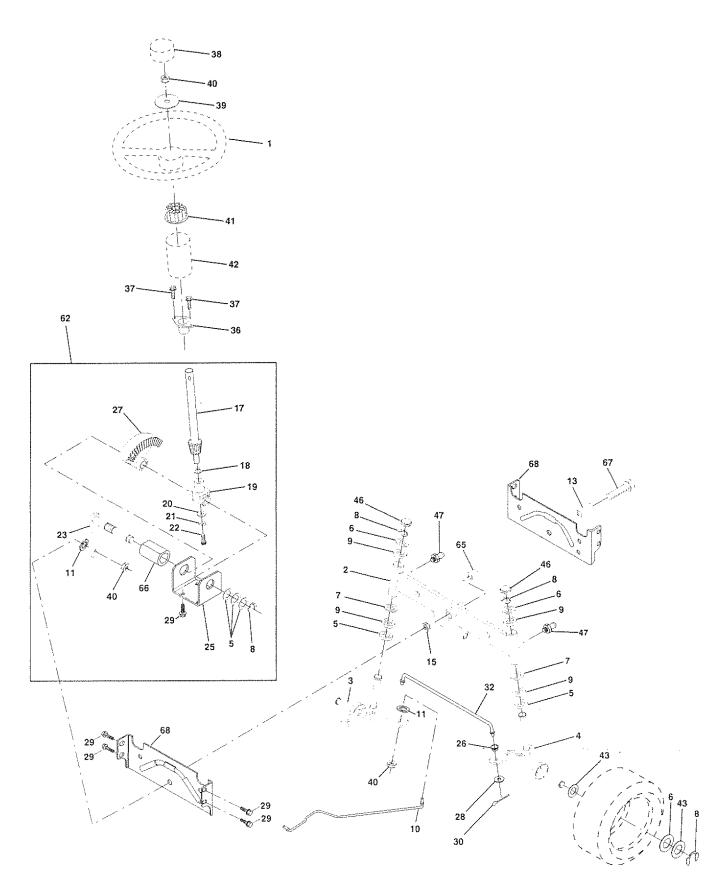
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STEERING ASSEMBLY



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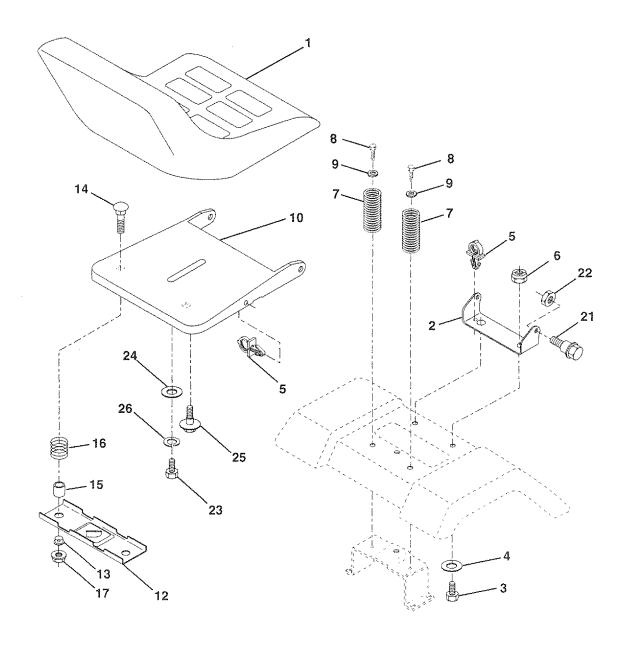
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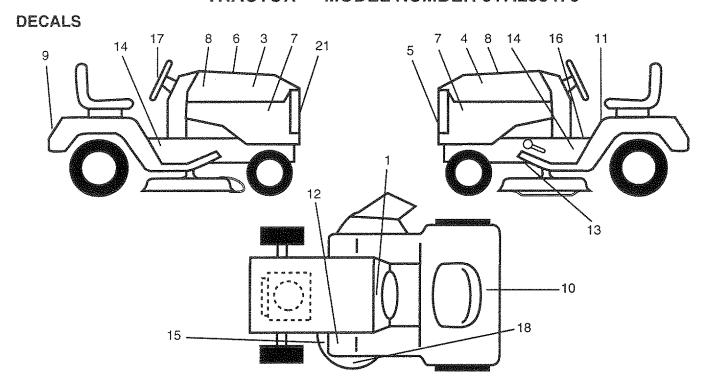
SEAT ASSEMBLY



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1	140122	Seat 3350 Blk/blk Craftsman	14	72050411	Bolt Rdhd Sht Nk 1/4-20x1-3/8
2	140551	Bracket Pnt Pivot Seat (blk)	15	134300	Spacer Split 28 X 96 Zinc
3	STD523710	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 1	16	121250X	Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt
4	19131610	Washer 13/32 X 3/4 X 10 Ga	17	123976X -	Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc
5	145006	Clip Push In Hinged	21	153236	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Unc-2A
6	STD541437	Nut Hex Lock w/lns 3/8-16 Unc	22	STD541431	Nut Hex Lock w/lns 5/16-18
7	124181X	Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi	23	74780814	Bolt Fin Hex 1/2-13 X 7/8 Gr 5
8	17490616	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 X 1 Ty-tt	24	19171912	Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga
9	19131614	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga	25	127018X	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 X 62
10	155925	Pan Pnt Seat (blk)	26	STD551150	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 1/2
12 13	121246X 121248X	Bracket Pnt Mounting Switch Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 ld	МОТ	E: All compor	nent dimensions given in U.S. inches

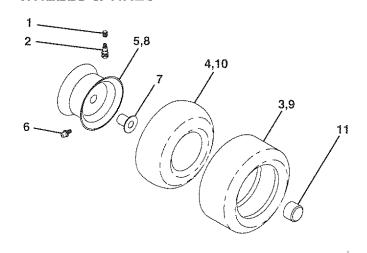
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	156834	Decal, Instruction Operat Eng	14	150678	Decal, Chassis 42" 6sp
3	150676	Decal, Hood Slope Rh Craftsman	15	136832	Decal, Mower Drive Schematic
4	150677	Decal, Hood Slope Lh Craftsman	16	140837	Decal, Saddle Brake Parking
5	150680	Decal, Grille Craftsman Slp LT Dov	17	150333	Decal, Cap Cnsmr Help Line Srs.
6	133644	Decal, Maint Customer Sears Dom	18	156787	Decal, Mower EZ3 Mulching Sears
7	151799	Decal, Panel Side	21	131265	Decal, Lightbox
8	150685	Decal, Insert Hood		138311	Decal, Lift Handle
9	128314	Decal, Fender Craftsman White		145245	Pad, Footrest Rbr Sq Craftsman 95
10	149516	Decal, Btry Dngr/Psn Eng		145247	Fastner Pop In Footrest
11	156439	Decal, Fender Danger Sears E/S	~ ~	156841	Manual, Owner's (English)
12	4900J	Decal, Clutch/brake Eng	w m	156842	Manual, Owner's (Spanish)
13	146046	Decal, V-belt Dr Sch Tractor			. , ,

WHEELS & TIRES

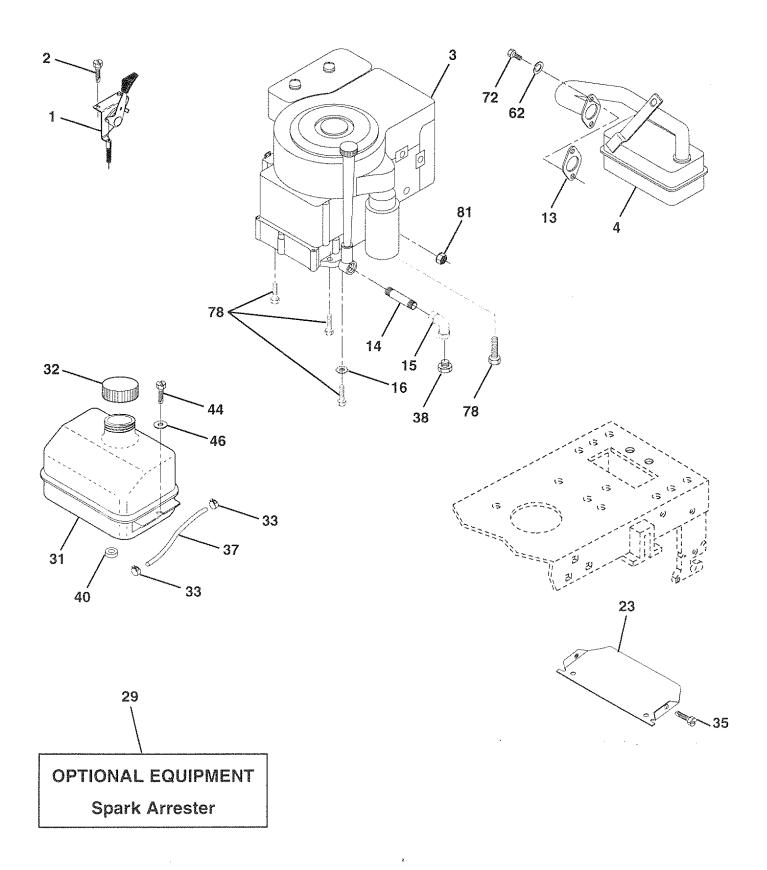


KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	59192	Cap Value Tire
2 3	65139 106222X	Stem Value Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service
4	59904	Tube Inner Front #35060
5	106732X427	Rim Asm 6"front White Service
6	278H	Fitting Grease
7	9040H	Bearing Flange
8	106108X427	Rim Asm 8"rear White Service
9	106268X	Tire R Ts 18x9 5-8 Service
10	7152J	Tube Rear 9 5 X 8 Service
11	104757X	Cap Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00
	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. tube)

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ENGINE



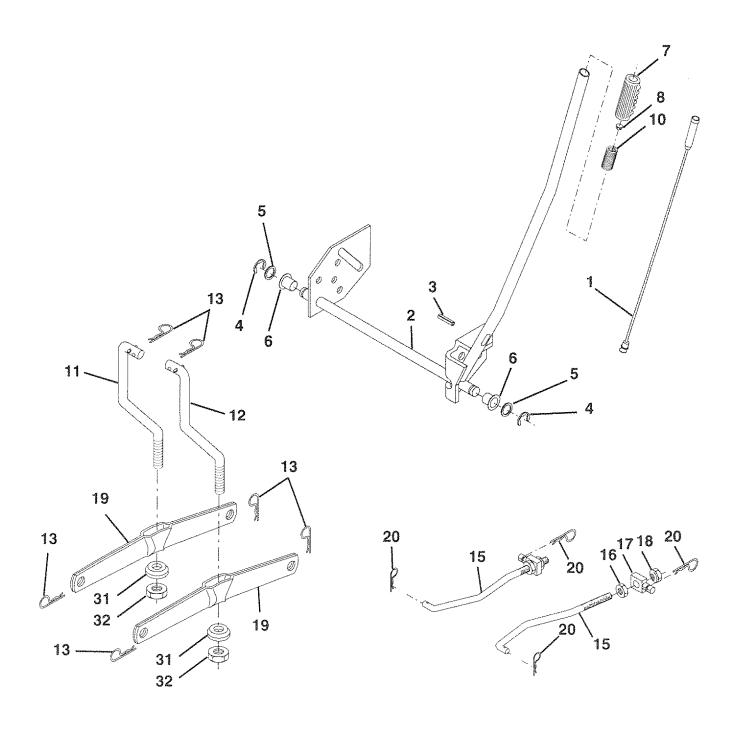
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ENGINE

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	132759	Control Throt Rh Blk Pdl 15 10 Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20x5/8 T
3	17720410	Engine (See Breakdown) B&S Model 28N707-0173-01
4	137352	Muffler Exhaust B&S Lt
13	272293	Gasket 1 313 ld Tin Plated
14	13280324	Nipple Pipe 3/8 Npt X 3"
	13200300	Elbow Std 90 Degree 3/8-18 Npt
	STD551237	Washer Lock Ext Tooth 3/8
	156123	Shield Browning
29 31	137180 109202X	Arrestor Spark Tank Fuel 1 25 Fr
32		Cap Asm Fuel W/sym Vented
	123487X	Clamp Hose Blk
	17490512	Screw, Thdrol 5/16-18 x 3/4 Tyt
37	137040	Line Fuel 20"
38		Plug Oil Drain (Order From Engine Manufacturer)
40	124028X	Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line
44	17490412	Screw Hexwsh Thdrol 1/4-20x3/4
46	19091416	Washer 9/32 X 7/8 X 16ga
62	STD551131	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 5/16
	71070512	Screw Hexhd Cap 5/16-18x3/4
	17490620	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16x1-1/4 Tytt
81	128861	Nut Flange 1/4-20 Starter Nut

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LIFT



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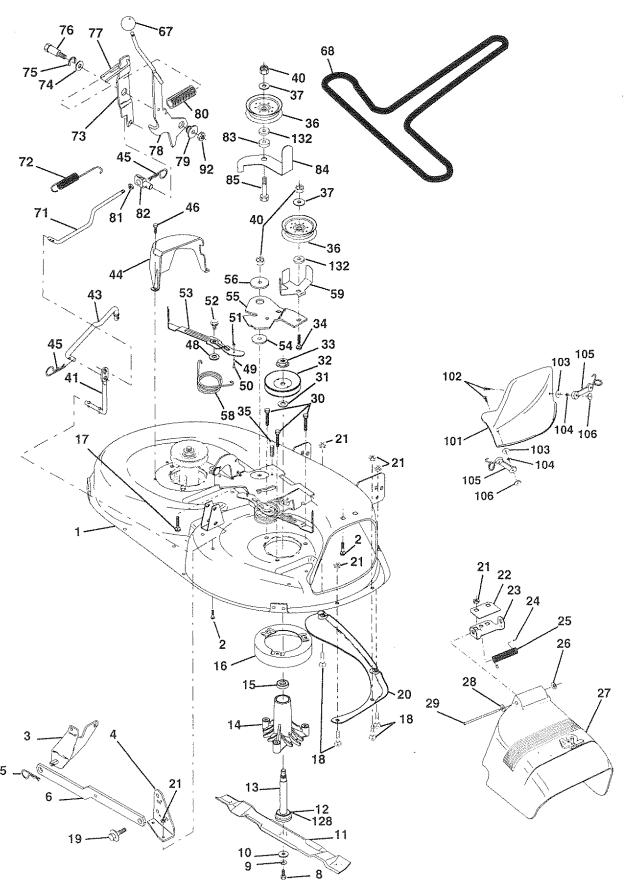
LIFT

KEY	PART	
NO.		DESCRIPTION
1	136973	Rod Asm. Lever
ာ်		Shaft Asm. Lift
<u>د.</u>	122507X 105767X	Pin Groove
4	12000002	E Ring #5133-62
€	12000002	Washer 21/32 x 1 x 21 Ga.
0	12000002 19211621 120183X 125631X 122365X	
b	120183X	Bearing Nylong
/	125631X	Grip Handle Fluted
8	122365X	Button Plunger Read
10	122512X	Spring Cprsn
11	139865	Link Asm Lift L.H.
12	139866	Link Asm Lift R.H.
13	STD624008	Retainer Spring
	127218	Link Front
	73350800	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc
	130171	Trunnion Blk Zinc
	73800800	Nut Lock W/Wsh 1/2-13 Unc
	139868	Arm Suspension Mower
	STD624008	Retainer Spring
	140302	Bearing, Pvt. Lift. Spherical
32	73540600	Nut Crownlock 3/8-24

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MOWER



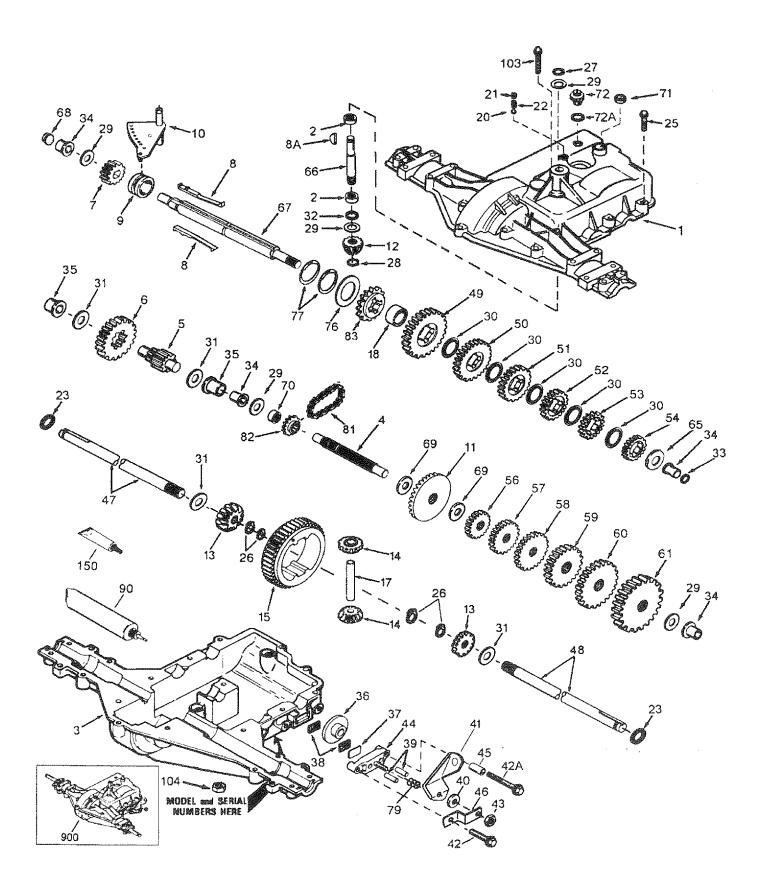
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MOWER

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45 46 48	STD624003 137729 133944	Retainer Screw, Thd. Roll 1/4-20 x 5/8 Washer, Hardened	NOT	E: All compon 1 inch = 25	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches .4 mm.

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PEERLESS TRANSAXLE - MODEL NUMBER 930-055A

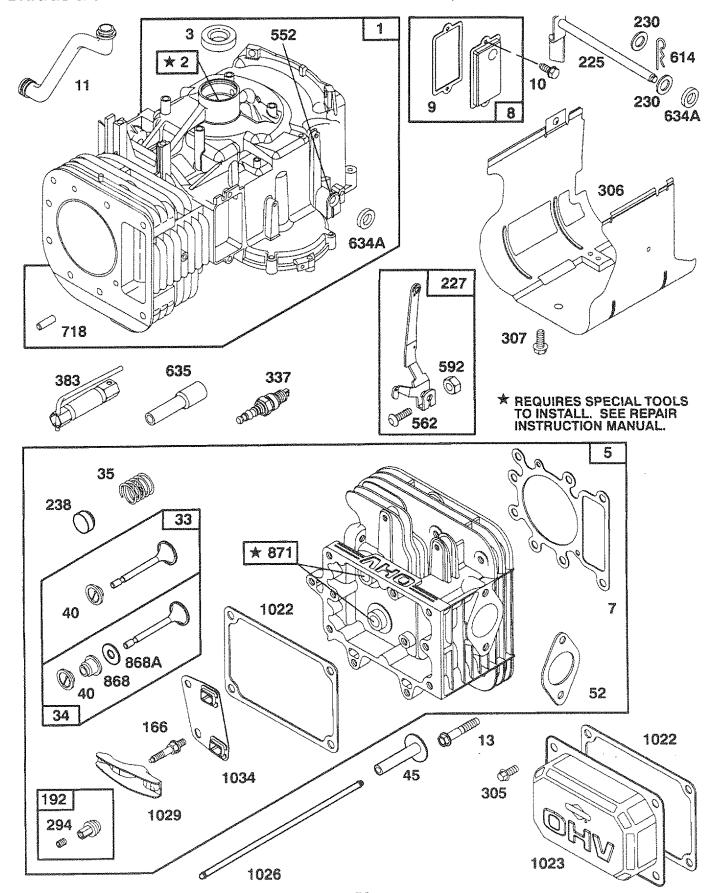


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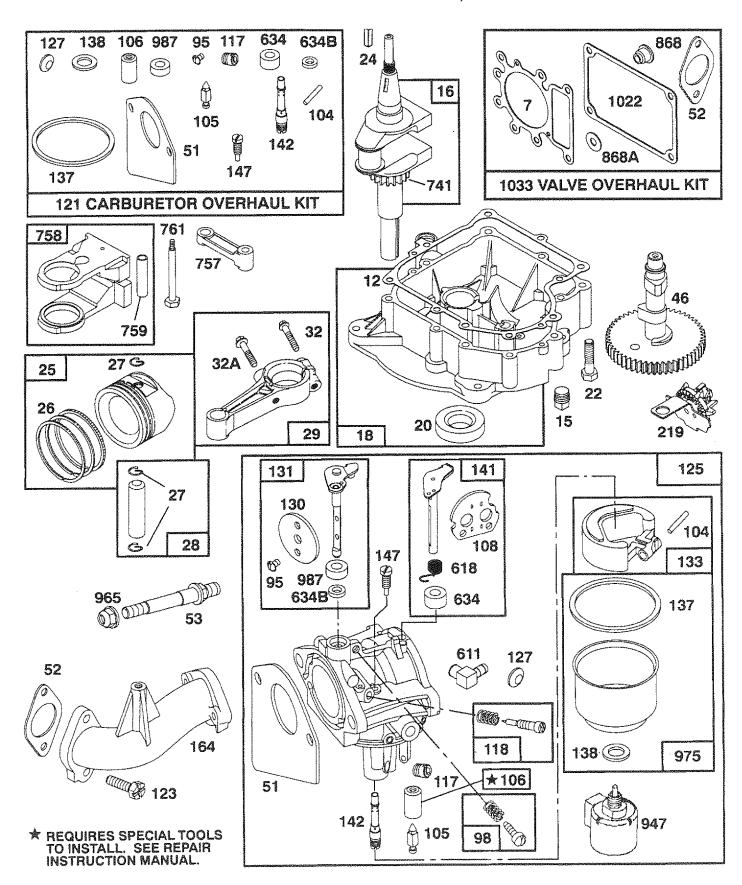
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REF NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	772108A	Cover, Transaxle	43	792075	Locknut 5/16-24
2	780086	Bearing, Needle	44	790025	Holder, Brake Pad
3	770102A	Case, Transaxle	45	786066	Spacer
4	776260	Shaft, Counter	46	786086	Bracket, Brake Lever
5	776219B	Shaft and Pinion Assembly, Output	47	774690	Axle 11-5/16" long
6	778139	Gear, Output	48	774691	Axle 16-1/2" long
7	778136	Gear, Spur, 15 Teeth	49	778215	Gear, Spur, 37 Teeth, Steel (14)
8	792136A	Key, Shift		778125	Gear, Spur, 35 Teeth (2 [™])
8Ă	792047	Key, Woodruff	51	778124A	Gear, Spur, 30 Teeth (34)
9	784352	Collar, Shifter	52	778123A	Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth (4 _*)
10	784355	Rod and Fork Assembly, Shift	53	778122A	Gear, Spur, 22 Teeth (5 _*)
11	778229	Gear, Bevel, 42 Teeth	54	778273	Gear, Spur, 19 Teeth, Steel (6*)
	778113A	Bevel Pinion, Input	56	778230	Gear, Spur, 12 Teeth (14)
13	778221	Gear, Bevel	57	778151	Gear, Spur, 15 Teeth (2nd)
14	778068	Gear, Bevel Pinion	58	778126A	Gear, Spur, 20 Teeth (34)
15	778260	Gear, Ring		778127A	Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth (4+)
17	786139	Pin, Drive		778128A	Gear, Spur, 28 Teeth (5*)
18	786102	Spacer, Neutral	61	778163	Gear, Spur, 31 Teeth (6*)
	792077	Ball, Steel 5/16" diameter	65	780109	Washer, Thrust
21	792078	Set Screw 3/8-16 x 3/8		776135	Shaft, Input
	792079		67	776315A	Shaft, Brake, 4 Keyed
23	788061	Spring Ring, Seal	68	786116A	Plug
25 25	792073	Screw, Flanged Hex Head, Thread		780051	Washer, Thrust
20	1,32013	Forming 1/4-20 x 1-1/4		786118	Spacer
26	792125	Ring, Retainer	71	788069	Seal, Square Cut
20	192125	(4 Required, Package of 2)		792165	Plug, Threaded 9/16-18
27	792035	Ring, Retainer		788091	"O" Ring
	788040	Ring, Retainer	76	780090	Washer, Thrust
	780072	Washer, Thrust	77	788078A	Ring, Retaining, Inverted
	780108	Washer, Thrust	, ,	7000707	(Package of 2)
31	780001	Washer	79	792144	Spring, Brake
32	792001	"O" Ring	81	786081	Chain, Roller
33	788095	Seal, Square Cut	٥.	700001	(Number 41 Chain, 24 Links)
34	780105A	Bushing, Flanged	82	786082	Sprocket, 9 Teeth (Reverse)
	780118A	Bushing, Flanged	83	786123	Sprocket, 18 Teeth (Reverse)
		Disk, Brake	90	788067B	Grease, Bentonite, 32 Ounce Bottle
36	790003	Plate, Brake Pad		792166	Screw 1/4-20 x 2
37 38	790007 799021			792167	Locknut 1/4-20
39	786026	Pad, Brake Pin, Dowel		510334	Gasket Eliminator (Loctite #515)
				794603	Replacement Transaxle
	792076A	Washer, Flat	300	1 3-4000	replacement rightsaxie
41	790079	Lever, Brake	NOT	E. All company	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches
42	792073	Screw, Flanged Hex Head, Thread	IVI	1 inch = 25.	
AOA	70000E A	Forming 1/4-20 x 1-1/4 Screw 1/4-20 x 2-1/4		1 111011 = 25.	***
42H	792085A	OUIEW 1/4*4U X 4*1/4			

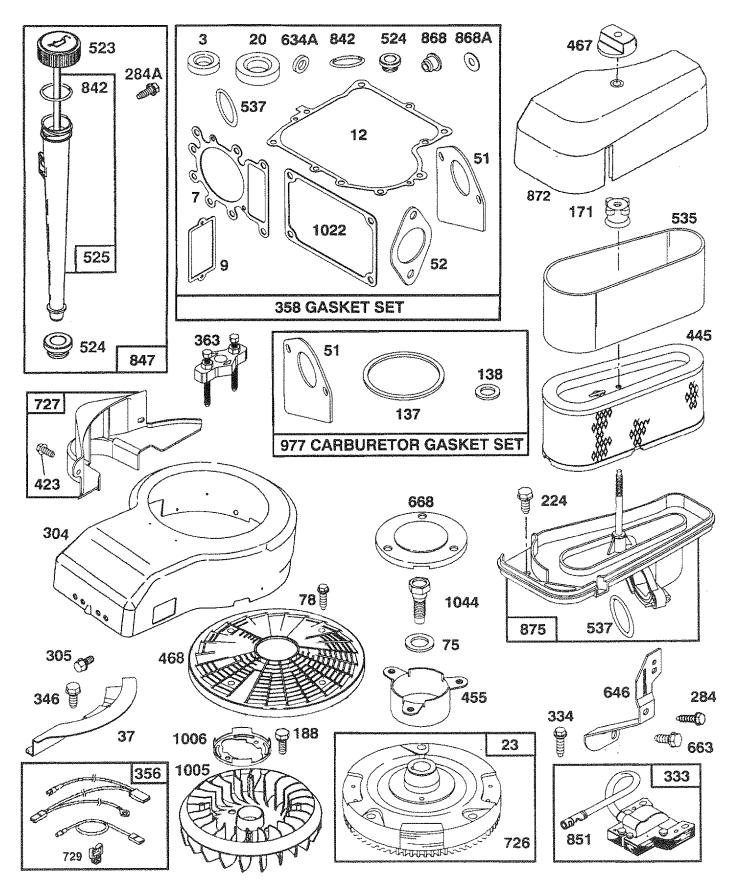
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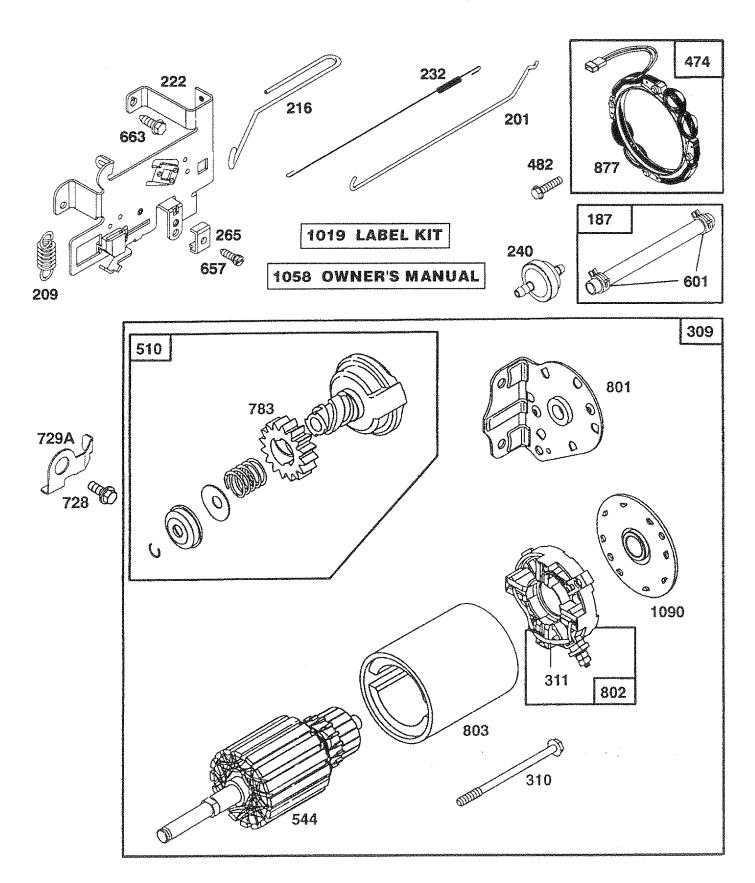
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	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	496412	Cylinder Assembly	95	94098	** Screw, Throttle
2	399265	Bearing, Cylinder	98	495800	Screw, Idle Speed
3	391086	* Seal, Oil	104	231789	** Pin, Float Hinge
5	495858	Head, Cylinder		231855	** Valve Float
7	272614	*** Gasket, Cylinder Head		231854	** Seat, Inlet Valve
8	495735	Breather Assembly		224540	Valve, Choke
9	27803	* Gasket, Valve Cover		231858	** Jet, Needle Valve
10	94621	Screw, Sems		495932	Valve, Needle
11	281246	Tube, Breather		498116	Carburetor Overhaul Kit
12	271916	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover, .015"		94616	Screw, Elbow Mounting
	271997	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover, .005"		498051	Carburetor Assembly
40	271996	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover, .009"	127	224539	** Plug, Welch (Sold in Kit Only) Valve, Throttle
13 15	94728 94239	Screw, Cylinder Head Plug, Oil Drain		494379	Shaft and Lever, Throttle
16	495162	Crankshaft		494381	Float, Carburetor
10	94196	Timing Gear Key		281165	**** Gasket, Float Bowl
18	494238	Base, Engine		281164	**** Washer, Bowl
20	291675	* Seal, Oil		495931	Shaft and Lever, Choke
22	94624	Screw, Sems, Base Mounting		231859	** Nozzle, Carburetor
23	492326	Flywheel and Ring Gear Assembly,		497472	** Pilot, Jet
		Magneto		214047	Elbow, Carburetor
24	222698	Key, Flywheel	166	94555	Stud, Rocker Arm
25	495860	Piston Assembly, Standard Size		281051	Nut, Air Cleaner Mounting
	495977	Piston Assembly, .010" Oversize		393815	Line, Fuel (11" Long, Cut to Suit)
	495978	Piston Assembly, .020" Oversize		94627	Screw, Sems
	495979	Piston Assembly, .030" Oversize		492160	Screw Assembly, Rocker Arm
26	495854	Ring Set, Piston, Standard Size		262767	Link, Governor
	495852	Ring Set, Piston, .010" Oversize		260695	Spring, Governor
	495851	Ring Set, Piston, .020" Oversize		262766 490815	Link, Choke
27	495855 260924	Ring Set, Piston, .030" Oversize Lock, Piston Pin		495611	Gear, Governor Plate, Governor Control
28	299691	Pin Assy., Piston, Standard Size		94729	Screw, Sems, Air Cleaner
20	391286	Pin Assy., Piston, .005" Oversize		495157	Crank, Governor
29	494504	Rod Assembly, Connecting		493935	Lever Assembly, Governor
	495490	Rod Assembly, Connecting,		94742	Washer, Governor Crank
		.020" Undersize Crankpin Bore		262785	Spring, Governor Link
32	94695	Screw, Hex Washer Head, 1-57/64		262836	Cap, Valve
32A	94648	Screw, Hex Washer Head, 1-5/8		394358	Filter, Fuel (In Fuel Line)
33	495856	Valve, Exhaust		221535	Clamp, Casing
34	495857	Valve, Intake	284	94704	Screw, Hex Head
35	262811	Spring, <u>V</u> alve	4.		0 1 (0 1 (40 7 0 0 0)
37	224502	Guard, Flywheel	*	Included I	n Gasket Set (495993)
40	224641	Retainer, Valve Spring	**	1	- Carley water (Vit (407505)
45	262411	Tappet, Valve		inciuaea i	n Carburetor Kit (497535)
46 51	496884 272465	Gear, Cam **** Gasket, Carburetor (Carburetor to	***	Included i	n both Gasket Set (495993) and
51	272400	Elbow) (Also Included in Gasket			erhaul Kit (495992)
		Set, Part Number 495993)		Valve Ove	Stridar (400002)
52	272569	*** Gasket, Carburetor	****	Included i	n Gasket Set (495993), Carburetor Kit
~-		(Elbow to Cylinder)			and Carburetor Gasket Set (494385)
53	94637	Stud, Carburetor Mounting		,	,
75	224061	Washer, Spring	TON		ponent dimensions given in U.S. inches
78	94832	Screw, Pan Head		1 inch :	= 25.4 mm

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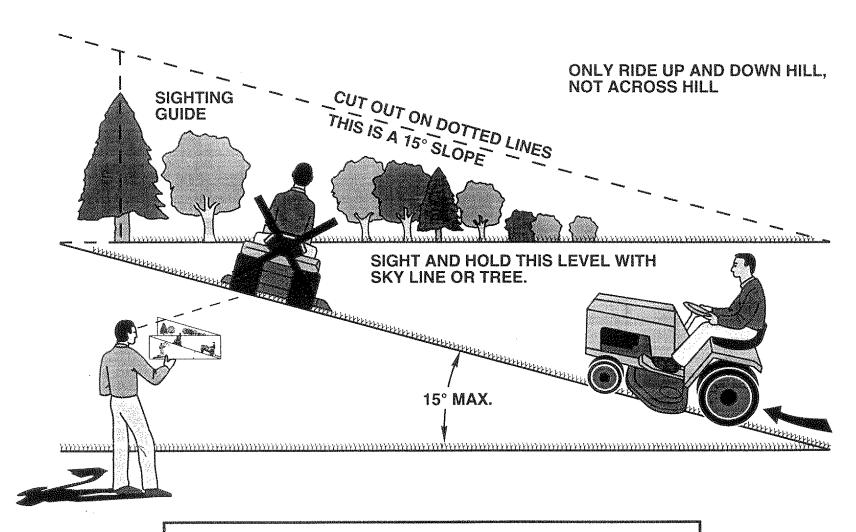
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668 280848 718 230192 726 392134	Spacer Pin, Dowel Gear, Ring	Valve Overhaul Kit (495992) **** Included in Gasket Set (495993), Carburetor Kit
727 490324 728 94627	(Includes Mounting Hardware) Cover, Starter Screw, Hex Head	(497535) and Carburetor Gasket Set (494385) NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S. inches
729 281390	Clip, Wire	1 inch = 25.4 mm

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SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR SIGHTING SLOPES FOR SAFE OPERATION





Operate your Tractor up and down the face of slopes (not greater than 15°), never across the face. Make turns gradually to prevent tipping or loss of control. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.