MODEL NUMBER 917.372282

OWNER'S MANUAL

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

all Safety Rules and Instructions

Caution: Read and Follow **Before Operating** This Equipment



SAFETY RULES



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



IMPORTANT

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

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

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



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

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

dependability and performance.

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

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

 MODEL NUMBER 917.372282
SERIAL NUMBER
DATE OF PURCHASE
THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE FOUND ON A DECAL ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE LAWN MOWER HOUSING.
YOU SHOULD RECORD BOTH SERIAL NUMBER AND DATE OF PURCHASE AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

HORSE POWER:	4.0
DISPLACEMENT:	10.49 cu. in.
GASOLINE CAPACITY:	1.5 quarts (Unleaded)
OIL (20 oz. Capacity):	SAE 30 or (SAE 10W30)
SPARK PLUG (GAP .030 in.):	Champion RJ19-LM or Sears Z1 33312 or STD 361458 or STD 360950
VALVE CLEARANCE: Intake: Exhaust:	.008 in. .008 in.
SOLID STATE IGNITION AIR GAP:	.0125 in.
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	35-40 ftlbs.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

Read and observe the safety rules.

Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your lawn mower. Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this Owner's Manual.

ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN POWER MOWER

For one year from the date of purchase, when this Craftsman Lawn Mower 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.

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

This warranty does not cover:

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

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

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

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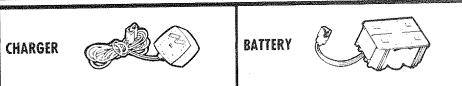
LAWN MOWER ACCESSORIES

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

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LAWN MOWER PERFORMANCE

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ASSEMBLY

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

TO REMOVE LAWN MOWER FROM CARTON

- Cut down the corners of the carton and lay ends and sides down flat.
- Remove packing material.
- Lift lawn mower off of shipping base and check carton thoroughy for loose parts.

HOW TO SET-UP YOUR LAWN MOWER TO UNFOLD HANDLE

- Raise handles until lower handle section locks into place in mowing position (See Fig. 1).
- Raise upper handle section into place on lower handle, remove protective padding and tighten both handle knobs.
- Remove handle padding holding operator presence control bar to upper handle.
- Your lawn mower handle can be adjusted for your mowing comfort. Refer to "Adjust Handle" in the Service and Adjustment section of this manual.

TO ASSEMBLE GRASS CATCHER

- Put grass catcher frame into grass bag with stiff part of bag on the bottom.
- Slip vinyl bindings over frame (See Fig. 2).

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

TO ATTACH GRASS CATCHER

- Lift the rear door on the lawn mower housing and place the grass catcher frame onto the formed up tabs on the rear door hinge bracket (See Fig. 3).
- The grass catcher is secured to the lawn mower housing when the rear door is lowered onto the grass catcher frame.

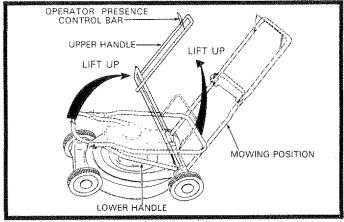


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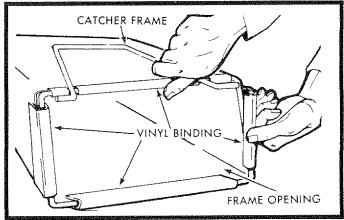


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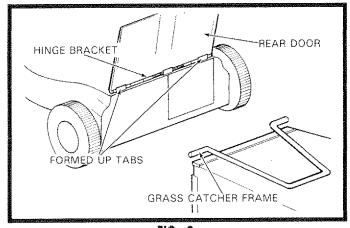


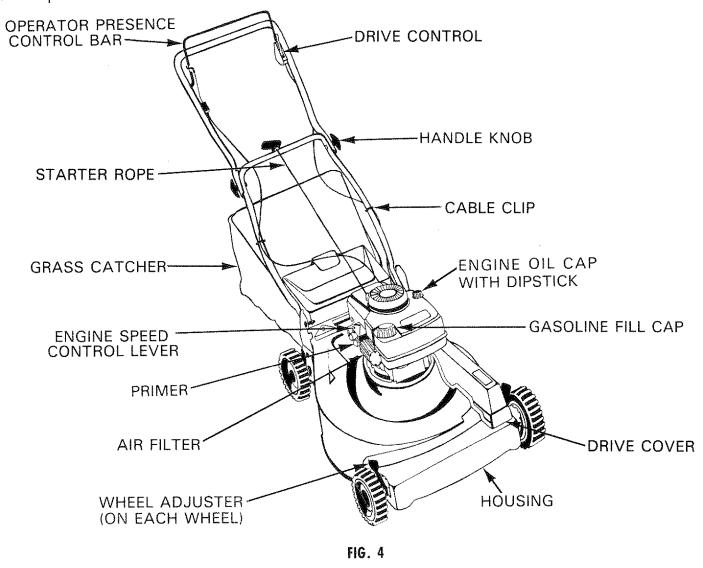
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CAUTION: DO NOT RUN YOUR LAWN MOWER WITHOUT CLIPPING DEFLECTOR OR APPROVED GRASS CATCHER IN PLACE. NEVER ATTEMPT TO OPERATE THE LAWN MOWER WITH THE REAR DOOR REMOVED OR PROPPED OPEN.

KNOW YOUR LAWN MOWER

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



MEETS CPSC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

ENGINE SPEED CONTROL LEVER - located on the right side of the engine which allows you to select either "HIGH" or "LOW" engine speed.

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

STARTER ROPE - used for starting the engine.

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

HOW TO USE YOUR LAWN MOWER ENGINE SPEED CONTROL

The engine speed is controlled by a lever (red knob) located on the right side of the engine. "HIGH" position is for starting engine, normal cutting and better grass bagging. "LOW" position is for light cutting, trimming and fuel economy (See Fig. 5).

ENGINE ZONE CONTROL



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

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

DRIVE CONTROL

- Self-propelling is controlled by holding the Operator Presence Control Bar down to the Handle and pushing the Drive Control Lever forward until it clicks; then release the Lever (See Fig. 6).
- Forward motion will stop when the Operator Presence Control Bar is released. To stop forward motion without stopping the engine, release the Operator Presence Control Bar slightly until the Drive Control disengages. Hold Operator Presence Control Bar down to Handle to continue mowing without self-propelling.

To keep Drive Control engaged when turning corners, push down on Handle and lift Front Wheels off ground while turning lawn mower.

NOTE: When your lawn mower is new, the Drive Wheels may rotate without the Drive Control engaged when the Wheels are lifted off the ground. This is normal and should stop after the first few hours of operation.

TO EMPTY GRASS CATCHER

 To remove Grass Catcher, release Operator Presence Control Bar to stop engine.

 Lift up Rear Door and remove the Grass Catcher by the Handle (See Fig. 7).

 Do not drag the Bag when emptying; it will cause unnecessary wear.

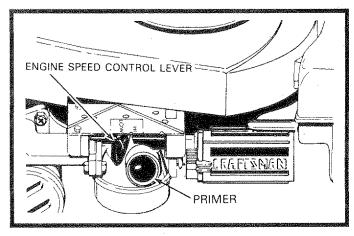


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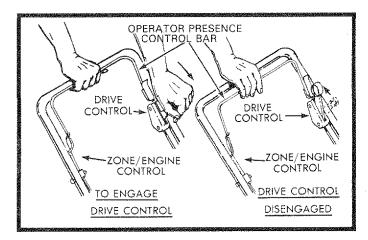


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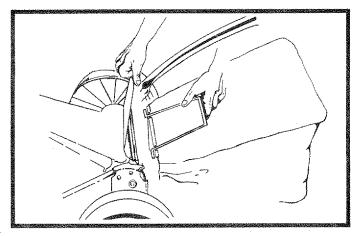


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TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT

 Raise Wheels for low cut and lower Wheels for high cut.

 Wheels are set in low cut for shipping. Adjust cutting height to suit your requirements. Medium

position is best for most lawns.

 To change cutting height, squeeze Adjuster Lever toward Wheel. Move Wheel up or down to suit your requirements. Be sure all Wheels are in the same setting (See Fig. 8).

BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

OIL:

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

 Rémove Engine Oil Cap (See Fig. 9) and fill to the FULL line on the dipstick.

- Use 20 ozs. of SAE 30 oil. SAE 10W 30 oil can also be used.
 DO NOT use SAE 10W 40 oil.
- POUR OIL SLOWLY. DO NOT OVERFILL.
- Check oil level before each use. Add oil if needed. Fill to FULL line on dipstick.
- To read proper level, tighten Engine Oil Cap each time.

Reinstall Engine Oil Cap and tighten.

 After the first two (2) hours of mowing, change the oil, and every 25 hours thereafter. You may need to change the oil more often under dusty, dirty conditions.

GAS:

 Fill gasoline tank with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline. DO NOT USE PREMIUM GASOLINE.
 BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERFILL TANK (SEE FIG. 9).

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.

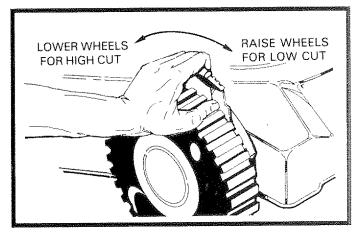


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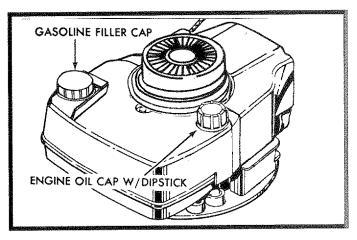


FIG. 9

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

 Push Primer two (2) or three (3) times. Wait about two (2) seconds between each push. In cold weather (50°F/10°C or below) push five (5) times.

NOTE: Do not use primer to restart a warm engine after a short shutdown.

 Push Engine Speed Control Lever forward to HIGH position.

 Hold Operator Presence Control Bar down to the Handle and pull Starter Handle quickly. DO NOT allow Starter Rope to snap back.

To STOP engine, release Operator Presence Control Bar.

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

MOWING TIPS

 Under certain conditions, such as very tall grass, it may be necessary to raise the height of cut to reduce pushing effort and to keep from overloading the engine and leaving clumps of grass clippings. For extremely heavy cutting, reduce the width of cut and raise the rear of the lawn mower housing one (1) wheel adjuster setting higher than the front for better discharge of grass.

 For better grass bagging and most cutting conditions, the engine speed should be set in the

"HIGH" (FAST) position.

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

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

lect the clippings on the next pass.

 Pores in cloth grass catchers can become filled with dirt and dust with use and catchers will collect less grass. To prevent this, regularly hose catcher off with water and let dry before using.

 Keep top of engine around starter clear and clean of grass clippings and chaff. This will help engine

air flow and extend engine life.

MAINTENANCE

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

- Once a year you should replace the Spark Plug, Air Filter and check Blade for wear. A new Spark Plug and Air Filter assures proper air-fuel mixture and helps your engine run better and last longer.
- You should check all fasteners and be sure they
- Follow the Service Recommendation Schedule on page 17.

LAWN MOWER BLADE/BLADE ADAPTER CARE

Your lawn mower will work better with a sharp Blade.



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

TO REMOVE BLADE:

- Turn lawn mower on its side. Make sure Air Filter and Carburetor are up.
- Use block of wood between Blade and Lawn Mower Housing to prevent Blade from turning when removing the Blade Bolt.
- Protect your hands with gloves and/or wrap Blade with heavy cloth.
- Remove Blade Bolt by turning counter-clockwise.
 Use a 9/16" box or open-end wrench.
- Remove Blade and attaching hardware (Bolt, Lockwasher and Hardened Washer) (See Fig. 10)

NOTE: Remove the Blade Adapter and check the Key inside Hub of Blade Adapter. The Key must be in good condition to work properly. Replace Adapter if damaged.

TO REPLACE BLADE:

- Position the Blade Adapter on the Engine Crankshaft. Be sure Key in Adapter and Keyway in Crankshaft are aligned.
- Position Blade on to the Blade Adapter aligning the two (2) holes in the Blade with the raised lugs on the Adapter.

NOTE: Be sure the word TOP (stamped on the Blade) is toward the engine (See Fig. 10).

 Install the Blade Bolt with the Lockwasher and Hardened Washer into Blade Adapter and Crankshaft (See Fig. 10).

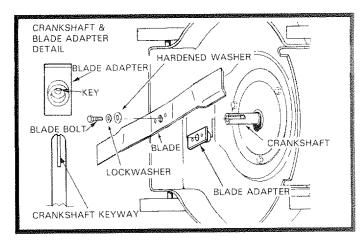


FIG. 10

- Use block of wood between Blade and Lawn Mower Housing and tighten the Blade Bolt, turning clockwise.
- The recommended tightening torque is 35-40 ft.
- Torque wrenches are available at most Sears stores and through the catalog.



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

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

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

TO SHARPEN BLADE:

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

MAINTENANCE

DRIVE WHEELS

Check Front Drive Wheels each time before you mow to be sure they move freely.

The Wheels not turning freely means trash, grass cuttings, etc. are in the Drive Wheel area and must be cleaned to free Drive Wheels.

If necessary to clean the Drive Wheels, check both Front Wheels.

- Remove Hubcaps, Hairpin Cotters and Washers.
- Remove Wheels from Wheel Adjusters.
- Remove any trash or grass cuttings from inside the Dust Cover, Pinion and/or Drive Wheel Gear Teeth.
- Put Wheels back in place.
- If after cleaning, the Drive Wheels do not turn freely, contact your nearest Sears Service Center.

GRASS CATCHER

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

ENGINE

TO CHANGE OIL (WARM OIL DRAINS BETTER)



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

- Remove Engine Oil Cap; lay aside on a clean surface.
- Tip lawn mower on its side as shown in Fig. 11 and drain oil into suitable container. Rock lawn mower back and forth to remove any oil trapped inside of engine.
- Wipe off any spilled oil on lawn mower and on side of engine.
- Fill engine with SAE 30 or 10W 30 Oil. Fill only to the "FULL" line on the dipstick. DO NOT overfill.
- Replace Engine Oil Cap.
- Reconnect Spark Plug Wire to Spark Plug.

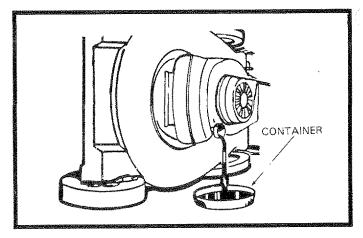


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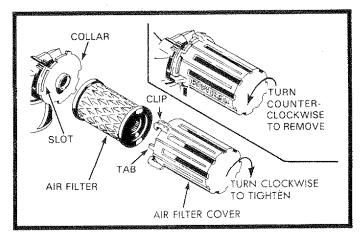


FIG. 12

AIR FILTER

Your engine will not run properly and may be damaged by using a dirty Air Filter.

Replace the Air Filter every year, more often if you mow in very dusty, dirty conditions. Do not wash Air Filter.

TO CHANGE AIR FILTER

- Remove the Air Filter Cover by turning counterclockwise to the stop and pull away from Collar (See Fig. 12).
- Remove Filter from inside of Cover (See Fig. 12).
- Clean the inside of the Cover and the Collar to remove any dirt accumulation.
- Insert new Filter into Cover.
- Put Air Filter Cover and Filter into Collar aligning the Tab with the Slot.
- Push in on Cover and turn clockwise to tighten (See Fig. 12).

MAINTENANCE

SPARK PLUG

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

CLEANING

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



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

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

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENT

TO REMOVE/REPLACE DRIVE BELT



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

- Remove Drive Cover by removing Screw at rear of Cover. Keep for reuse.
- Remove Belt from Drive Pulley (See Fig. 13).
- Take off Front Hubcaps, (2) Ketainer Clips, (2)
 Washers, two (2) Front Wheels and two (2)
 Washers (See Fig. 14).
- Remove (2) E-Rings, (2) Pinions, (2) Roll Pins, (2)
 Felt Washers and (2) Dust Covers (See Fig. 14).
- Remove Retainer Clip from Drive Shaft on leftside of Pulley.
- While holding Pulley slide Drive Shaft to the right until Belt can be removed from hole in Housing (See Fig. 13)
- Pull Belt free from Pulley and take out of Clutch Frame (See Fig. 13).
- Reverse procedure to install new Belt.
- When re-assembling, be sure that the Felt Washer is in place behind the Roll Pins.
- Be sure that the Roll Pins are seated in the slots on the bearing and within the slot in the back of the Pinions.
- When reinstalling the Belt cover be sure the Front Hook is under the Clutch Frame (See Fig. 15).
 Reinstall Screw in rear of Cover.

NOTE: For Belt routing see Fig. 15.

DRIVE BELT ADJUSTMENT

NOTE: A misadjusted Belt will wear faster. Be sure to keep Belt properly adjusted.

If the Clutch Lever has reached the top of the slot in the Clutch Frame and the Belt is still loose, move Pulley to next position up in the Belt Adjustment Slot (See Fig. 13) and repeat steps 1 through 4 above.

CLEAN UNDER DRIVE COVER

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

CARBURETOR

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

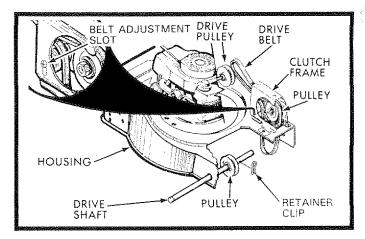


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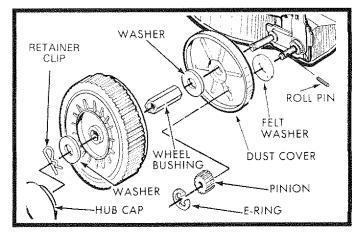


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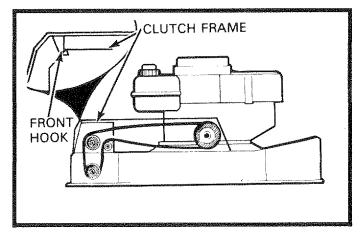


FIG. 15

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENT

ENGINE SPEED

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

REAR DEFLECTOR

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

If the Rear Deflector becomes damaged, it should be replaced.



Your Lawn Mower Handle can be raised or lowered for your mowing comfort. Figs. 16A, 16B, 17A and 17B show the four (4) positions that are available: High, Medium High, Medium Low and Low. Handles are shipped mounted in the Medium Low position (See Fig. 16A)

- To change from Medium Low to Medium High position, the Upper and Lower Handle sections will have to be turned over (See Fig. 16B).
- Remove the Controls and Operator Presence Control Bar from the Upper Handle.
- Remove the Starter Rope Guide from the Lower Handle.
- Remove Hairpin Cotters.
- Disconnect the Lower Handle from the Handle Brackets (See Fig. 18).
- Turn the Handle over and reassemble the Hairpin Cotters that have been removed (See Fig. 18).
- Reassemble the Starter Rope Guide.
- Reassemble the Controls and the Operator Presence Control Bar to the Upper Handle.



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

- To change from Medium Low to High position only the Upper Handle section will have to be turned over (See Fig. 17A).
- To change from Medium Low to Low position, only the Lower Handle section will have to be turned over (See Fig. 17B).

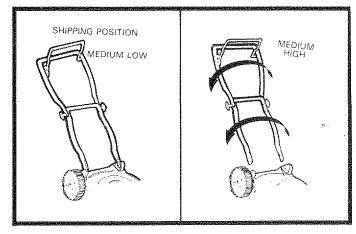


FIG. 16A

FIG. 16B

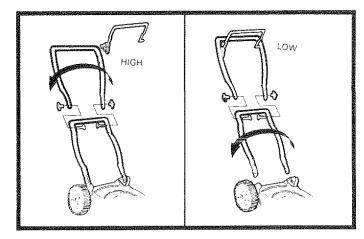


FIG. 17A

FIG. 17B

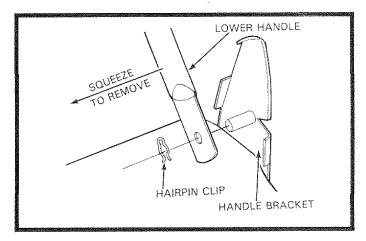


FIG. 18

STORAGE

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

LAWN MOWER

- Clean underside of Lawn Mower Housing. (See "Cleaning" in maintenance section of manual.)
- Inspect and replace/sharpen Blade, if required (See "Blade/Blade Adapter Care" in maintenance section of manual).
- Hose Grass Catcher off with water and let dry before storing.
- Lubricate as shown in Service Recommendation chart on page 17 of manual.

HANDLE

- You can fold your Lawn Mower Handle for storage as shown in Fig. 19.
- To fold, squeeze the bottom ends of the Lower Handle toward each other until the Lower Handle clears the Handle Bracket, then move Handle forward (See Fig. 20).

IMPORTANT: WHEN FOLDING THE HANDLE FOR STORAGE OR TRANSPORTATION, BE SURE TO FOLD THE HANDLE AS SHOWN IN FIG. 19. IF YOU FOLD THE UPPER HANDLE SECTION THE WRONG WAY, YOU MAY DAMAGE THE CONTROL CABLES.

ENGINE

- Change oil (See "To Change Oil" in maintenance section of manual).
- Drain fuel and run engine until fuel system is

IMPORTANT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS THE CARBURETOR, FUEL FILTER, FUEL HOSE, OR TANK DURING STORAGE, ALSO, EX-PERIENCE INDICATES THAT ALCO-HOL 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.

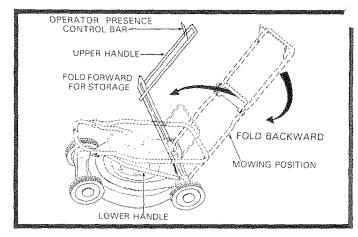


FIG. 19

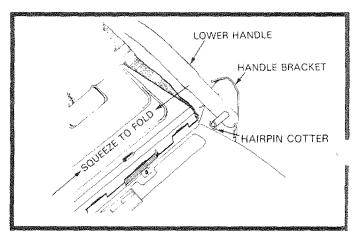


FIG. 20

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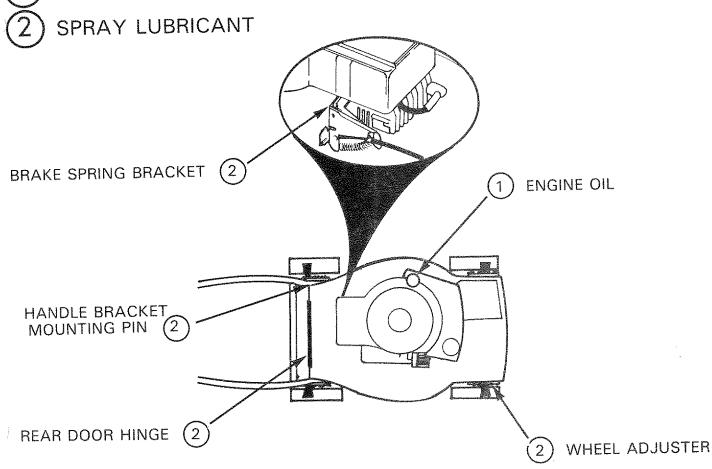
- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust. Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline can cause problems.
- Do not store your lawn mower under any plastic cover. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and can cause your lawn mower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

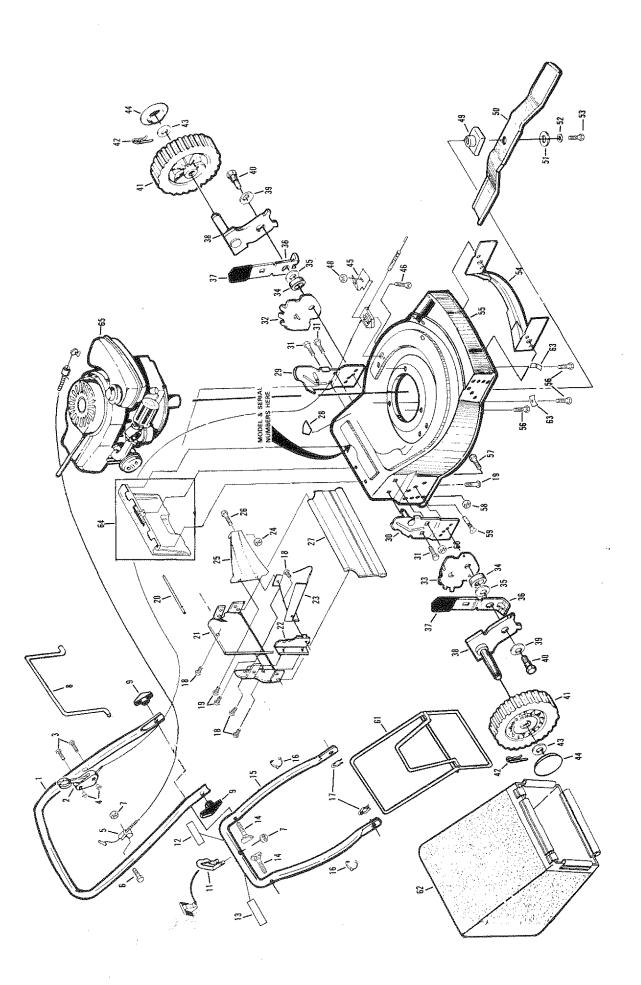
SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

SERVICE RECORD	SCHEDULE				SERVICE DATES	
Fill in dates as you complete regular service	First 2 Hours	Every 10 Hours	Every 25 Hours	Every Use		
Blade Checked		V				
Blade Replaced (Sharpened)			V			
Engine Oil Change	1		L			
Engine Oil Check				10		
Air Cleaner						
Spark Plug Replaced		ALMONE SUMMARIAN THE SHEPPET PRINTED IN CONTROL OF THE SHEPPET PRINTED IN	1			
Lubricate Lawn Mower						
Cleaning				L		
Grass Catcher (if applicable)				L		
Muffler			2			

LUBRICATION CHART

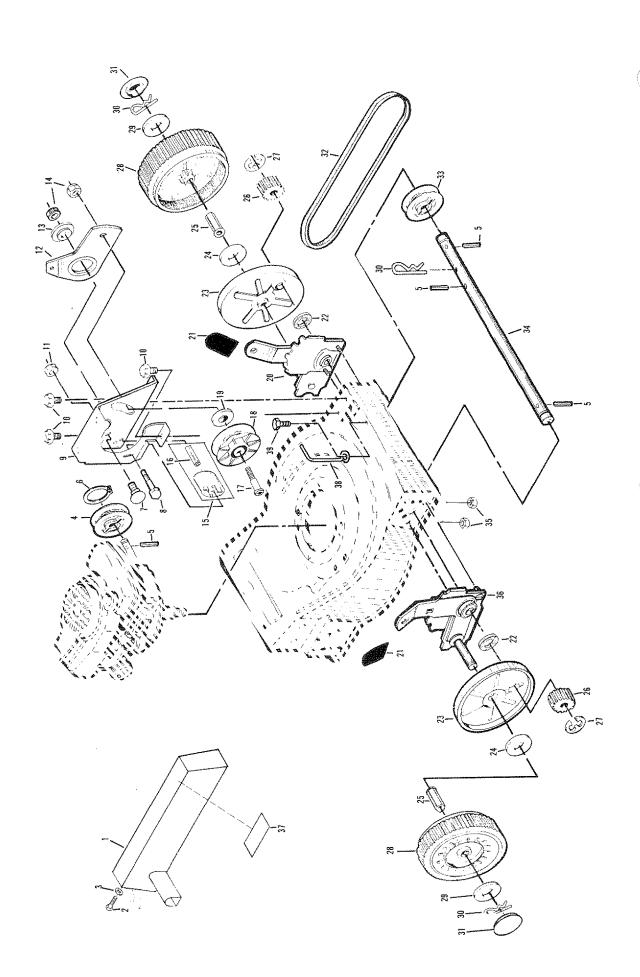
(1) SAE 30 MOTOR OIL (10W 30)



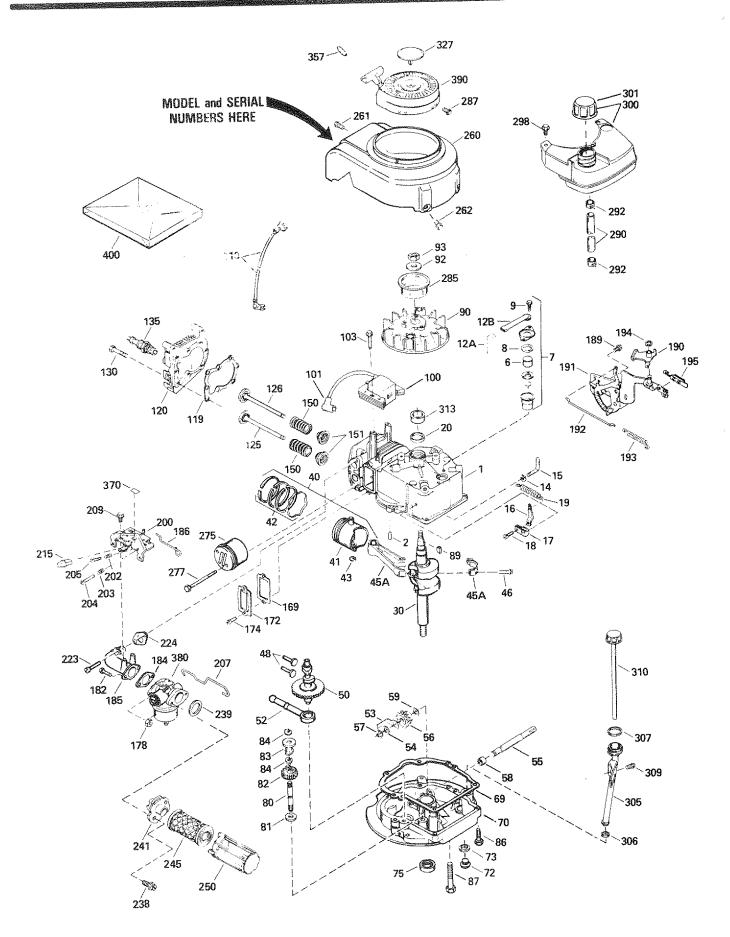


CRAFTSMAN 22" ROTARY LAWN MOWER MODEL NUMBER 917.372282

. Part Name	Spacer Washer Selector Spring Selector Spring Selector Spring Knob Axle Arm Belleville Washer Shoulder Bolt 3/8-16 Wheel & Tire Assembly 8.00 x 2.00 Retainer Clip Washer Hub Cap Cover Bracket Machine Screw 10-24 x 5/8 Blade Adapter Blade 22" Washer Helical Spring Washer Helical Spring Washer Helical Spring Screw 3/8 x 24 x 1 3/8 Grd. 8 Front Baffle Lawn Mower Housing Kit (Incl. Ref. #21,22,25,28, & 54) Hex Head Thread Rolling Screw 3/8-16 Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x 5/8 Locknut 3/8-16 Deflector Hinge Screw Locknut 5/16 x 18 Catcher Frame Assembly Grass Bag Assembly Model No. 143. 414382 (See pages 22-24) Owners Manual
Part No.	84920 88348 850855X004 87877 85021X004 62335 84921 750001 85179 52160 77400 750346 57155 851074 850973 851074 850973 851074 850973 850973 850973 850973 851074 851074 851074 751663 87587X479 88652 87587X479 88614 751663 87587X479 88614 751663 87587X479 88107 751663 87587X479 88107 751663 87587X479 88107 751663 87587X479 88108 87587X479 88108 87587X479 88108 87587X479 88108 87587X479 88108 87587X479 88108 87587X479 88108 87587X479 881137 751663
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Part Name	Upper Handle Drive Control Pan Head Machine Screw 10-24 x 2 Locknut 10-24 Cable Assembly Hex Head Bolt 1/4-20 x 1 1/2 Locknut 1/4-20 Control Bar Handle Knob Rope Guide Instruction Decal (Engine) Instruction Decal (Engine) Handle Bolt Lower Handle Cable Clip Hairpin Cotter Self Tapping Screw 10-24 x 3/8 Hex Tapping Screw 1/4-20 x 1/2 Hinge Rod Back Plate Side Baffle Locknut 10-24 Rear Baffle Locknut 10-24 Rear Baffle Locknut 10-24 Rear Baffle Locknut Screw 10-24 x 1/2 Rear Decal Handle Bracket Assembly (Left) Handle Bracket Assembly (Right) Thread Cutting Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4 Wheel Adjuster Bracket (Right)
Part Name No.	3/8 3/8 (1/2 /2 /2)



Part Name	Selector Assembly (Left) Selector Knob Felt Washer Dust Shroud Washer Wheel Bushing Pinion E-Ring Drive Wheel Assembly 8.00 × 2.00 Washer (Flat) Retainer Clip Hub Cap Drive Belt Drive Belt Drive Shaft Locknut 1/4-20 Selector Assembly (Right) Drive Cover Decal Snubber, Belf Screw, Hex Tapping 1/4 - 20 × 1/2
Part No.	751809 87877 88118 88080 67725 88446 750003 STD581050 75000 52160 85179 77400 88519 88519 88519 750972 75112 750972 75112
Ref. No.	20 27 27 27 28 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 34 33 34 33 34 34
Part Name	Drive Cover Hex Wash Head Tapping Screw 10-24 x 1/2 Washer Drive Pulley Roll Pin 3/16 x 7/8 Retaining Ring Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x 1/2 Hex Head Bolt 1/4-20 x 1 1/2 Frame Clutch Hex Head Bolt 1/4-20 x 3/8 Hex Locknut 1/4-20 Clutch Lever Clutch Spacer Locknut Idler Assembly Kit (Incl. Ref. #16) Idler Spacer Shoulder Bolt 5/16-18 x 1 3/8 Idler Pulley Spacer
Part No.	750540 750097 STD551010 88043 88028 58334 72907 STD522515 88548X004 75919 STD522515 88548X004 75919 STD52515 88548X004 75919 STD52515 88548X004 75919 STD52516 88516 88516 88516 88516 88516 88516 88516 88516 88516 88516
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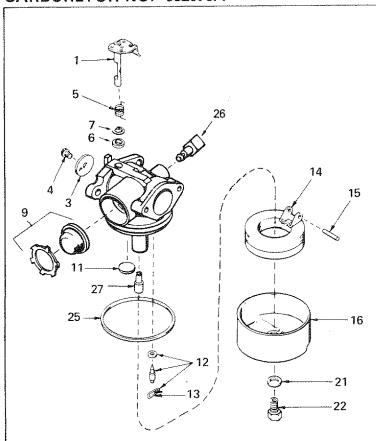
Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name	Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name
190.	INO.		 		
1	35010	Cylinder Assy. (Incl. Nos. 2 & 20)	125	29313C	Valve, Exhaust (Std.) (Incl. No. 151)
2	26727	Pin, Dowel	125	29315C	Valve, Exhaust (1/32" oversize) (Incl
6	33734	Element, Breather		000445	No. 151)
7	34214A	Breather Assy. (Incl. Nos. 6, 8, 9, 12A	126	29314B	Valve, Intake (Std.) (Incl. No. 151)
		[& 12B)	126	29315C	Valve, Intake (1/32" oversize
8	*33735	Gasket, Breather		2004	(Incl. No. 151)
9	30200	Screw, Hex washer hd. self-tap Sems,	130	6021A	Screw, Hex flange hd., 5/16-18 x 1-1/
		10-24 x 9/16	135	35395	Spark Plug, Resistor (Champion R.
12A	34695	Elbow, Breather tube			19LM or equivalent)
12B	33886	Tube, Breather	150	31672	Spring, Valve
14	28277	Washer, Flat	151	31673	Cap, Lower valve spring
15	31513	Rod, Governor	169	*27234A	Gasket, Valve spring box
16	31383A	Lever, Governor	172	32755	Cover, Valve spring box
17	31335	Clamp, Governor lever	174	650128	Screw, Hex hd. Sems, 10-24 x 1/2
18	650548	Screw, Hex washer hd., 8-32 x 5/16	178	29752	Nut & Lockwasher, 1/4-28
19	31361	Spring, Extension	182	6201	Screw, Hex hd., 1/4-28 x 7/8
20	32600	Seal, Oil	184	*26756	Gasket, Carburetor
30	34470B	Crankshaft Assy.	185	31384A	Pipe, Intake (Incl. No. 224)
40	35544	Piston, Pin & Ring Assy. (Std.)	186	34337	Link, Governor spring Screw. Hex hd. Sems, Powerlok
	00045	(Incl. Nos. 41, 42 & 43)	189	650839	
40	35545	Piston, Pin & Ring Assy. (.010 over-	100	25024	1/4-20 x 3/8
		size) (Incl. Nos. 41, 42 & 43)	190	35831	Lever, Brake Bracket, S.E. Brake (Incl. No. 195)
40	35546	Piston, Pin & Ring Assy. (.020 over-	191	35040	
		size) (Incl. Nos. 41, 42 & 43)	192	34966	Link, Control
41	35541	Piston & Pin Assy. (Std.) (Incl. No. 43)	193	34965	Spring, Extension Ring, Retaining
41	35542	Piston & Pin Assy. (.010 oversize)	194	32309	
	000 10	(Incl. No. 43)	195	610973 35727	Terminal Assy. Bracket Assy., Control (Oncl. Nos. 20
41	35543	Piston & Pin Assy. (.020 oversize)	200	35/2/	
	055 47	(Incl. No. 43)	300	22002	thru 205) Spring, Compression
42	35547	Ring Set, Piston (Std.)	202	33802	
42	35548	Ring Set, Piston (.010 oversize)	203	31342 650549	Spring, Compression Screw, Fil. hd., 5-40 x 7/16
42	35549	Ring Set, Piston (.020 oversize)	204	650777	
43	20381	Ring, Piston pin retaining	205 207	34336	Screw, Fil. hd., 6-32 x 21/32 Link, Throttle
45A	32875	Rod Assy., Connecting (Incl. No. 46)	209	30200	Screw, Hex washer hd. self-tab Sems
46	32610A	Bolt, Connecting rod	209	30200	10-24 x 9/16
48	27241	Valve, Lifter Camshaft (Compression Release)	215	32410	Knob, Control
50	33148A		223	650451	Screw, Hex hd. Sems, 1/4-20 x 1
52	29914	Pump Assy., Oil	224	*34690A	Gasket, Intake pipe
53	31745	Washer, Tang Washer, Thrust	238	650932	Screw, Hex washer hd., shoulder
54	31787 35667	Shaft, P.T.O.	200	030332	10-32 x 49/64
55			239	*34338	Gasket, Air cleaner
56 57	31746 31749	Gear, L.H. worm Ring, Retaining	241	35797	Collar, Air cleaner
58	3174 3 31744	Seal, Oil	245	35066	Filter, Air cleaner (Paper)
59	31747	Washer, Flat	250	35065	Cover, Air cleaner
		Gasket, Mounting flange	260	35393	Housing, Blower
69	*35261	Flange, Mounting flange Flange, Mounting (Incl. Nos. 58, 72,	261	30200	Screw, Hex washer hd. self-tap Sems
70	33521D		201	30200	10-24 x 9/16
l	20572	73, 75 & 80) Plug, Oil drain (Incl. No. 73)	262	650831	Screw, Hex washer hd. Powerlo
72	30572	Cooket Oil plus (Not required with	202	000001	thread, 1/4-20 x 1/2
73	*28833	Gasket, Oil plug (Not required with plastic oil plug)	275	27181B	Muffler (Incl. No. 277)
75	26208	Seal, Oil	277	650795	Screw, Hex hd., 1/4-20 x 2-1/4
80	30574	Shaft, Governor	285	35000	Hub, Starter
81	30590A	Washer, Flat	287	650884	Screw, Hex washer hd., 8-32 x 1/2
82	30590A 30591	Gear Assy., Governor (Incl. No. 81)	290	30705	Line, Fuel
83	30588A	Spool, Governor	292	26460	Clamp, Fuel line
84	29193	Ring, Retaining	298	28763	Screw, Hex washer hd. shakeproo
86	650488	Screw, Hex hd. Sems, 1/4-20 x 1-1/4	2.00		10-32 x 19/32
87	650492	Screw, Hex hd. Sems, 1/4-20 x 2-1/4			weather to the control
89	611004	Key, Flywheel			
90	611112	Flywheel			
92	650815	Washer, Belleville		1	
93	650816	Nut, Flywheel		1	
100	34443A	Solid State Assy.		-	
101	610118	Cover, Spark plug		1	
103	650814	Screw, Torx T-15 hex washer hd.		1	
100	000017	Sems, 10-24 x 1		1	
Ł		Wire, Ground			
110	34961		l .	1	1
110 119	34961 *33015A				
119	*33015A	Gasket, Cylinder head			*Indicates Parts Included in
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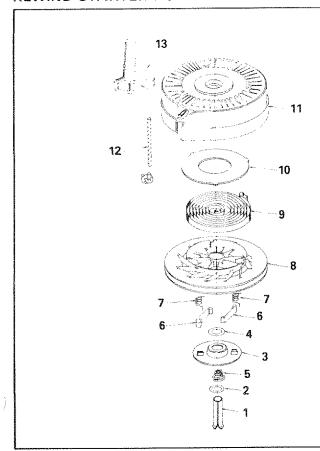
Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name	Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name
300 301 305 306 307 309 310 313 327 357	34369A 35355 35557 34265 35499 650562 35578 34080 35392 34985	Tank Assy. (Incl. Nos. 292 & 301) Cap, Fuel Tube, Oil fill Gasket, Fill tube "O" Ring Screw, Hex washer hd. shakeproof, 10-32 x 1/2 Dipstick, Oil fill Spacer, Flywheel key Plug, Starter Retainer, Starter rope	370 380 390 400	35167 632078A 590621 33238D	Decal, Instruction Carburetor (Incl. No. 184) Starter, Rewind Gasket Set (Incl. items marked *) RPM Settings: High Speed: 2900 - 3200 Low Speed: 2000 - 2300 *Indicates Parts Included in Gasket Set, Ref. No. 400.

CARBURETOR NO. 632078A



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

REWIND STARTER NO. 590621



Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name
1 2 3	590621 590599A 590600 590615	Starter, Rewind Pin, Spring (Incl. No. 4) Washer Retainer
23456789	590601 590598	Washer Spring, Brake
6 7 8	590616 590617 590618	Dog, Starter Spring, Dog Pulley
10	590619 590620	Spring, Rewind Cover, Spring
11 12	590622 590535	Housing Assy., Starter Rope, Starter (Length 98" & 9/64" dia.)
13	590452	Handle, Starter

TROUBLE SHOOTING POINTS

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

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HOW TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS

CRAFTSMAN®

4.0 HORSE POWER 22'' REAR BAGGER POWER PROPELLED ROTARY LAWN MOWER

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

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

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

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

WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS, ALWAYS GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- * PRODUCT "ROTARY LAWN MOWER"
- * MODEL NUMBER 917.372282
- * ENGINE CRAFTSMAN
 MODEL NO. 143,414382
- * PART NUMBER
- * PART DESCRIPTION

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