

Operator's Manual

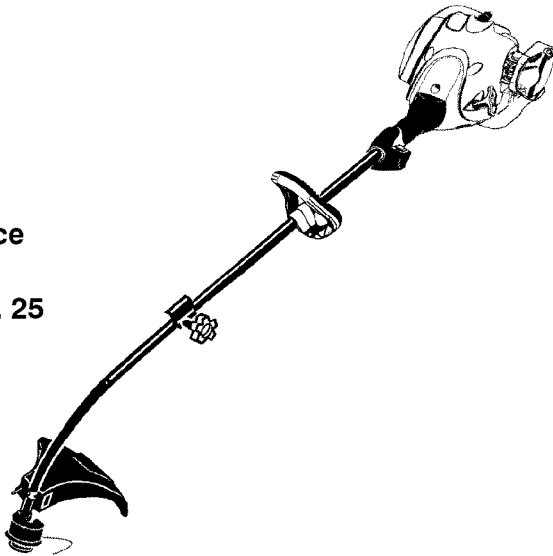


25cc/1.5 cu.in. 2-Cycle
17 Inch Cutting Path / 0.080 Inch Line

GASOLINE WEEDWACKER®

Model No.
358.791032

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WARNING:

Read and follow all Safety Rules and Operating Instructions before first use of this product.



For answers to your questions about this product:
Call 7 am–7 pm, Mon.–Sat., or 10 am–7 pm, Sun.

1-800-235-5878 (Hours listed are Central Time)

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WARRANTY STATEMENT

CRAFTSMAN FULL WARRANTY

If this Craftsman product fails due to a defect in material or workmanship within two years from the date of purchase, return it to any Sears store, Parts & Repair Service Center, or other Craftsman outlet in the United States for free repair (or replacement if repair proves impossible).

This warranty applies for only 90 days if this product is ever used for commercial or rental purposes.

This warranty covers ONLY defects in material and workmanship. Sears will NOT pay for:

- Expendable items that can wear out from normal use within the warranty period, such as cutting line, filters or spark plugs.
- Repairs necessary because of accident or failure to operate or maintain the product according to all supplied instructions.
- Preventive maintenance, or repairs necessary due to improper fuel mixture, contaminated or stale fuel.

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

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REPAIR PROTECTION AGREEMENTS

Congratulations on making a smart purchase. Your new Craftsman product is designed and manufactured for years of dependable operation. But like all products, it may require repair from time to time. That's when having a Repair Protection Agreement can save you money and aggravation.

Here's what the Repair Protection Agreement* includes:

- ✓ **Expert service** by our 10,000 professional repair specialists
- ✓ **Unlimited service and no charge** for parts and labor on all covered repairs
- ✓ **Product replacement** up to \$1500 if your covered product can't be fixed
- ✓ **Discount of 10%** from regular price of service and related installed parts not covered by the agreement; also, 10% off regular price of preventive maintenance check
- ✓ **Fast help by phone** – we call it Rapid Resolution – phone support from a Sears representative. Think of us as a "talking operator's manual".

Once you purchase the Repair Protection Agreement, a simple phone call is all that it takes for you to schedule service. You can call anytime day or night, or schedule a service appointment online. The Repair Protection Agreement is a risk-free purchase. If you cancel for any reason during the product warranty period, we will provide a full refund. Or, a prorated refund anytime after the product warranty period expires. Purchase your Repair Protection Agreement today!

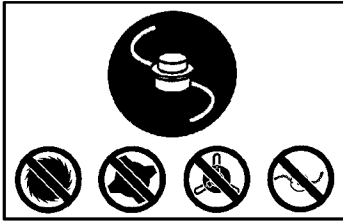
Some limitations and exclusions apply. For prices and additional information in the U.S.A. call 1-800-827-6655.

***Coverage in Canada varies on some items. For full details call Sears Canada at 1-800-361-6665.**

Sears Installation Service

For Sears professional installation of home appliances, garage door openers, water heaters, and other major home items, in the U.S.A. or Canada call **1-800-4-MY-HOME®**.

IDENTIFICATION OF SAFETY SYMBOLS



⚠ DANGER: Use only specified trimmer head, spool, and 0.080 inch (2 mm) recommended trimmer line. Never use blades, flailing devices, wire, rope, string, etc. This attachment is designed for line trimmer use only. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury.



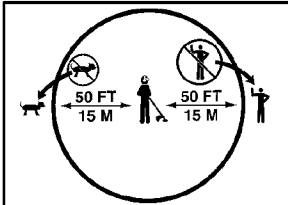
⚠ WARNING: This unit can be dangerous! Careless or improper use can cause serious injury.



Read the operator's manual before use. Failure to follow instructions could result in serious injury. Save operator's manual.



Trimmer line can throw objects violently. You can be blinded or injured. Always wear hearing protection and safety glasses marked Z87. Always wear head protection, heavy, long pants, long sleeves, boots and gloves.

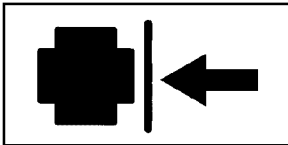


Hazard zone for thrown objects.

- Trimmer line throws objects violently.
- You and others can be blinded/injured.
- Keep children, bystanders, and animals 50 feet (15 meters) away.

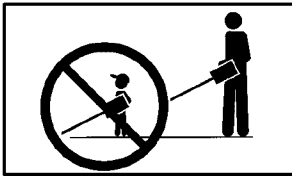


Secure hair above shoulder length. Do not wear jewelry, loose clothing, or clothing with loosing hanging straps, ties, tassels, etc. They can be caught in moving parts.



Assist handle to be positioned only below the arrow.

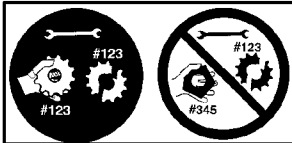
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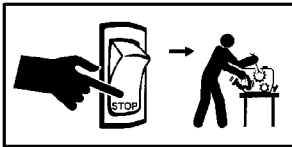
Never allow children to operate this unit.



Store unit indoors in a high, dry place out of the reach of children. Store unit and fuel in area where fuel vapors cannot reach sparks or open flames from water heaters, electric motors or switches, furnaces, etc.



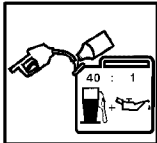
When servicing unit, use only identical replacement parts.



Always stop unit and disconnect spark plug before cleaning or servicing.



WARNING: Fire hazard. Never mix, pour, or store gasoline or use the unit near a flame or sparks (including smoking, open flames, or work that can cause sparks).



Use unleaded gasoline and two-stroke oil mixed at a ratio of 40:1 (2.5%).

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS

These attachments used in combination with the specified powerhead have been evaluated to ANSI B175.3-2003, "Grass Trimmers and Brushcutters - Safety Requirements".

Powerhead including trimmer attachment 358.79103
 Brushcutter attachment 358.79244

These attachments used in combination with the specified powerhead have been evaluated to applicable ISO and EN safety requirement standards by the Swedish Machinery Testing Institute:

Edger attachment 358.79240
 Cultivator attachment 358.79241
 Blower attachment 358.79242
 Pruner attachment 358.79245

SAFETY RULES

⚠ WARNING: When using gardening appliances, basic safety precautions must always be followed to reduce the risk of fire and serious injury. Read and follow all instructions.

This power unit can be dangerous! Operator is responsible for following instructions and warnings on unit and in manual. Read entire operator's manual before using unit! Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the unit. Restrict the use of this unit to persons who have read, understand, and will follow the instructions and warnings on the unit and in the manual. Never allow children to operate this unit.



OPERATOR'S
MANUAL



SAFETY INFORMATION
ON THE UNIT

⚠ DANGER: Never use blades with line trimmer attachment. Never use flailing devices with any attachment. This unit (when used with supplied line trimmer attachment) is designed for line trimmer use only. Use of any other accessories with line trimmer attachment will increase the risk of injury.

If situations occur which are not covered in this manual, use care and good judgment. If you need assistance, contact your Sears Service Center or call 1-800-235-5878.

OPERATOR SAFETY

- Dress properly. Always wear safety glasses or similar eye protection when operating, or performing maintenance, on your unit (safety glasses are available). Eye protection should be marked Z87.
- Always wear face or dust mask if operation is dusty.
- Always wear heavy, long pants, long sleeves, boots, and gloves. Wearing safety leg guards is recommended.
- Always wear foot protection. Do not go barefoot or wear sandals. Stay clear of spinning line.
- Secure hair above shoulder length. Secure or remove loose clothing or clothing with loosely hanging ties, straps, tassels, etc. They can be caught in moving parts.

- Being fully covered also helps protect you from debris and pieces of toxic plants thrown by spinning line.
- Stay Alert. Do not operate this unit when you are tired, ill, upset or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. Watch what you are doing; use common sense.
- Wear hearing protection.
- Never start or run inside a closed room or building. Breathing exhaust fumes can kill.
- Keep handles free of oil and fuel.
- Always keep engine on the right hand side of your body.
- Hold the unit firmly with both hands.
- Keep trimmer head (or other optional attachment) below waist level and away from all parts of your body. Do not raise engine above your waist.
- Keep all parts of your body away from muffler and spinning line (or other optional attachment). A hot muffler can cause serious burns.
- Keep firm footing and balance. Do not overreach or use from unstable surfaces such as ladders, trees, steep slopes, rooftops, etc.
- Use only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Use only for jobs explained in this manual (or manuals for optional attachments).

UNIT / MAINTENANCE SAFETY

⚠ WARNING: Stop unit and disconnect the spark plug before performing maintenance (except carburetor adjustments).

- Look for and replace damaged or loose parts before each use. Look for and repair fuel leaks before use. Keep in good working condition.
- Replace trimmer head parts that are chipped, cracked, broken, or damaged in any other way before using the unit.
- Maintain unit according to recommended procedures. Keep cutting line at proper length.
- Use only 0.080 inch (2 mm) diameter Craftsman brand line. Never use wire, rope, string, etc.
- Install required shield properly before using the unit. Use only specified trimmer head; make sure it is properly installed and securely fastened.

- Make sure unit is assembled correctly as shown in this manual.
- Make carburetor adjustments with lower end supported to prevent line from contacting any object.
- Keep others away when making carburetor adjustments.
- Use only recommended Craftsman accessories and replacement parts.
- Have all maintenance and service not explained in this manual performed by a Sears Service Center.

FUEL SAFETY

- Mix and pour fuel outdoors.
- Keep away from sparks or flames.
- Do not smoke or allow smoking near fuel or the unit.
- Avoid spilling fuel or oil. Wipe up all fuel spills.
- Move at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from fueling site before starting engine. Stop engine and allow it to cool before removing fuel cap.
- Empty the fuel tank before storing or transporting the unit. Use up fuel left in the carburetor by starting the engine and letting it run until it stops.
- Store unit and fuel in area where fuel vapors cannot reach sparks or open flames from water heaters, electric motors or switches, furnaces, etc.
- Always store gasoline in a container approved for flammable liquids.

TRANSPORTING AND STORAGE

- Stop the unit before carrying.
- Allow engine to cool before storing or transporting in vehicle.
- Empty the fuel tank before storing or transporting the unit. Use up fuel left in the carburetor by starting the engine and letting it run until it stops.
- Store unit and fuel in area where fuel vapors cannot reach sparks or open flames from water heaters, electric motors or switches, furnaces, etc.
- Store unit so line limiter blade cannot accidentally cause injury. The unit can be hung by the shaft.
- Store unit out of reach of children.


This unit is not equipped with an anti-vibration system and is intended for occasional use only.

SAFETY NOTICE: Exposure to vibrations through prolonged use of gasoline powered hand tools could cause blood vessel or nerve damage in the fingers, hands, and joints of people prone to circulation disorders or abnormal swellings. Prolonged use in cold weather has been linked to blood vessel damage in otherwise healthy people. If symptoms


occur such as numbness, pain, loss of strength, change in skin color or texture, or loss of feeling in the fingers, hands, or joints, discontinue the use of this tool and seek medical attention. An anti-vibration system does not guarantee the avoidance of these problems. Users who operate power tools on a continual and regular basis must monitor closely their physical condition and the condition of this tool.

SPECIAL NOTICE: This unit is equipped with a temperature limiting muffler and spark arresting screen which meets the requirements of California Codes 4442 and 4443. All U.S. forest land and the states of California, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington require by law that many internal combustion engines be equipped with a spark arresting screen. If you operate in a locale where such regulations exist, you are legally responsible for maintaining the operating condition of these parts. Failure to do so is a violation of the law. For normal homeowner use, the muffler and spark arresting screen will not require any service. After 50 hours of use, we recommend that your muffler be serviced or replaced by a Sears Service Center.

LINE TRIMMER SAFETY

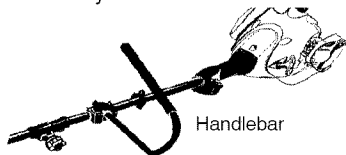
-  **WARNING:** Inspect the area to be trimmed before each use. Remove objects (rocks, broken glass, nails, wire, etc.) which can be thrown by or become entangled in line. Hard objects can damage the trimmer head and be thrown causing serious injury.
- Keep others including children, animals, bystanders, and helpers at least 50 feet (15 meters) away. Bystanders should be encouraged to wear safety glasses. Stop engine immediately if you are approached.
 - Only use the trimmer attachment for trimming, scalping, mowing and sweeping. Do not the trimmer attachment for edging, pruning or hedge trimming.
 - Cut only from your right to your left. Cutting on left side of the shield will throw debris away from the operator.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY RULES FOR OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS

-  **WARNING:** For each optional attachment used, read entire operators manual before use and follow all

warnings and instructions in manual and on attachment.

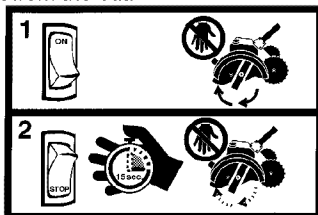
⚠ WARNING: Ensure handlebar is installed when using brushcutter attachment. Attach handlebar above arrow on safety label on the upper shaft (engine end of unit). If your brushcutter attachment does not include a handlebar, a handlebar accessory kit (#530071451) is available from your Sears Service Center.



EDGER SAFETY

⚠ WARNING: Inspect the area to be edged before each use. Remove objects (rocks, broken glass, nails, wire, etc.) which can be thrown by the blade or can wrap around the shaft.

- Blade rotates momentarily after the trigger is released. The blade can seriously cut you or others.
- Allow blade to stop before removing it from the cut.



- Throw away blades that are bent, warped, cracked, broken or damaged in any other way. Replace parts that are cracked, chipped, or damaged before using the unit.
- Do not attempt to remove cut material nor hold material to be cut when the engine is running or when cutting blade is moving.
- Always keep the wheel and depth adjusting skid in contact with the ground.
- Always push the unit slowly over the ground. Stay alert for uneven sidewalks, holes in the terrain, large roots, etc.

BLOWER/VACUUM SAFETY

⚠ WARNING: Inspect area before starting unit. Remove all debris and hard objects such as rocks, glass, wire, etc. that can ricochet, be thrown, or otherwise cause injury or damage during operation.

- Do not set unit on any surface except a clean, hard area while engine is running. Debris such as gravel, sand, dust, grass, etc., could be picked up by the air intake and thrown out through discharge opening, damaging unit, property, or causing serious injury to bystanders or operator.
- Never place objects inside the blower tubes, vacuum tubes or blower outlet. Always direct the blowing debris away from people, animals, glass, and solid objects such as trees, automobiles, walls, etc. The force of air can cause rocks, dirt, or sticks to be thrown or to ricochet which can hurt people or animals, break glass, or cause other damage.
- Never run unit without the proper equipment attached. When using your unit as a blower, always install blower tubes.
- Check air intake opening, blower tubes or vacuum tubes frequently, always with engine stopped and spark plug disconnected. Keep vents and discharge tubes free of debris which can accumulate and restrict proper air flow.
- Never place any object in air intake opening as this could restrict proper air flow and cause damage to the unit.
- Never use for spreading chemicals, fertilizers, or other substances which may contain toxic materials.
- To avoid spreading fire, do not use near leaf or brush fires, fireplaces, barbecue pits, ashtrays, etc.

BRUSHCUTTER SAFETY

⚠ DANGER: Blade can thrust violently away from material it does not cut. Blade thrust can cause amputation of arms or legs.

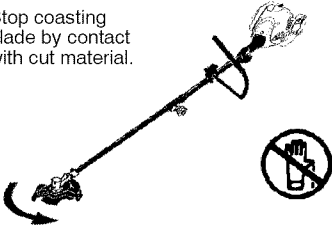


⚠ WARNING: Do not use trimmer head as a fastening device for the blade.



WARNING: The blade continues to spin after the throttle is released or engine is turned off. The coasting blade can throw objects or seriously cut you if accidentally touched. Stop the blade by contacting the right hand side of the coasting blade with material already cut.

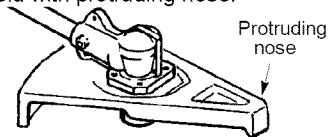
Stop coasting blade by contact with cut material.



WARNING: Inspect the area to be cut before each use. Remove objects (rocks, broken glass, nails, wire, etc.) which can be thrown or become entangled in the blade or trimmer line.

- Throw away and replace blades that are bent, warped, cracked, broken or damaged in any other way.
- Install required shield properly before using the unit. Use the metal shield for all metal blade use.

WARNING: Only use brushcutter attachments that provide a metal shield with protruding nose.



- Use only specified blade and make sure it is properly installed and securely fastened.
- Cut from your right to your left.
- Always use the handlebar and a properly adjusted shoulder strap with blade (see ASSEMBLY instructions in brushcutter attachment operator's manual).

CULTIVATOR SAFETY

WARNING: Rotating tines can cause serious injury. Keep away from rotating tines. Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug before unclogging tines or making repairs.

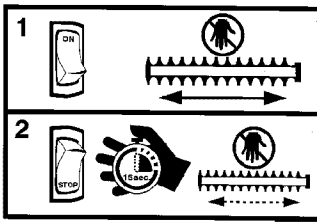


WARNING: Inspect the area to be cultivated before starting the unit. Remove all debris and hard and sharp objects such as rocks, vines, branches, rope, string, etc.

- Avoid heavy contact with solid objects that might stop the tines. If heavy contact occurs, stop the engine and inspect the unit for damage.
- Never operate the cultivator without the tine cover in place and properly secured.
- Keep the tines and guard clear of debris.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug and inspect the cultivator for damage. Repair before restarting.
- Disconnect attachment from the drive engine before cleaning the tines with a hose and water to remove any build-up. Oil the tines to prevent rust.
- Always wear gloves when servicing or cleaning the tines. The tines become very sharp from use.
- Do not run unit at high speed unless cultivating.

HEDGE TRIMMER SAFETY

DANGER: RISK OF CUT; KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM BLADE - Blade moves momentarily after the trigger is released. Do not attempt to clear away cut material when the blade is in motion. Make sure engine is stopped, the spark plug wire is disconnected, and the blade has stopped moving before removing jammed material from the cutting blade. Do not grab or hold the unit by the cutting blade.



WARNING: Inspect the area before starting the unit. Remove all debris and hard objects such as rocks, glass, wire, etc. that can ricochet, be thrown, or otherwise cause injury or damage during operation.

- Do not use a cutting blade that is bent, warped, cracked, broken or damaged in any other way. Have worn or damaged parts replaced by your Sears Service Center.
- Always keep unit in front of your body. Keep all parts of your body away from the cutting blade.
- Keep the cutting blade and air vents clear of debris.

POLE PRUNER SAFETY

WARNING: The reciprocating blade/rotating chain can cause severe injury. Inspect the unit before use. Do not operate unit with a bent, cracked or dull blade or dull chain. Keep away from the blade/chain.

WARNING: The reciprocating blade/rotating chain is sharp. Do not touch. To prevent serious injury, always stop engine and ensure blade/chain has stopped moving, disconnect spark plug, and wear gloves when changing or handling the blade or chain.

WARNING: A coasting blade/rotating chain can cause injury while it continues to move after the engine is stopped. Maintain proper control of the unit until the blade/chain has completely stopped moving. Keep hands, face and feet at a distance from all moving parts. Do not attempt to touch or stop the blade or chain when it is moving.



WARNING: Falling objects can cause severe head injury. Wear head protection when operating this unit with a pole pruner attachment.



WARNING: To prevent serious injury, do not use more than one boom extension with a pole pruner attachment.

WARNING: Keep the pruner away from power lines or electrical wires.

- Only use for pruning limbs or branches up to 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter.
- Do not operate the unit faster than the speed needed to prune. Do not run the unit at high speed when not pruning.
- Always stop the unit when work is delayed or when walking from one cutting location to another.
- If you strike or become entangled with a foreign object, stop the engine immediately and check for damage. Have any damage repaired by a Sears Service Center before attempting further operations. Discard blades that are bent, warped, cracked or broken.
- Stop the unit immediately if you feel excessive vibration. Vibration is a sign of trouble. Inspect thoroughly for loose nuts, bolts or damage before continuing. Contact Sears Service for repair or replacement of affected parts as necessary.

SNOW THROWER SAFETY

⚠ WARNING: Keep hands and feet away from the rotor when starting or running the engine. Never attempt to clear the rotor with the engine/motor running. Stop engine and disconnect spark plug before unclogging snow or debris from discharge chute or when adjusting vanes.



⚠ WARNING: Never lean over discharge chute. Rocks or debris could be thrown into the eyes and face and cause serious injury or blindness.

⚠ WARNING: Inspect the area where the unit is to be used. Remove objects that could be thrown or damage the unit. Some objects may be hidden by fallen snow - be alert for the possibility.

- Direct material discharge away from glass enclosures, automobiles, etc.
- Do not run engine at high speed while not removing snow.
- Be attentive when using the snowthrower, and stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards.

- Make sure the rotor will spin freely before attaching the snowthrower to the powerhead.
- If the rotor will not rotate freely due to frozen ice, thaw the unit thoroughly before attempting to operate under power.
- Keep the rotor clear of debris.
- Do not throw snow near other people. The snow thrower could propel small objects at high speed causing injury.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, disconnect spark plug and inspect the snowthrower for damage and repair if necessary before restarting unit.
- Never operate the snowthrower near glass enclosures, automobiles and trucks.
- Never attempt to use the snowthrower on a roof.
- Never operate the snowthrower near window wells, dropoffs, etc.
- Never discharge snow onto public roads or near moving traffic.
- Clear snow from slopes by going up and down; never across. Use caution when changing directions. Never clear snow from steep slopes.
- Let snowthrower run for a few minutes after clearing snow so moving parts do not freeze.
- Look behind and use care when backing up. Exercise caution to avoid slipping or falling, especially when operating in reverse.
- Know how to stop quickly.

ASSEMBLY

CARTON CONTENTS

Check carton contents against the following list.

Model 358.791032

- Powerhead
- Trimmer attachment
- Shield
- Wing nut (screwed onto shield)
- Container of oil

Examine parts for damage. Do not use damaged parts.

NOTE: If you need assistance or find parts missing or damaged, call 1-800-235-5878.

It is normal for the fuel filter to rattle in the empty fuel tank.

Finding fuel or oil residue on muffler is normal due to carburetor adjustments and testing done by the manufacturer.

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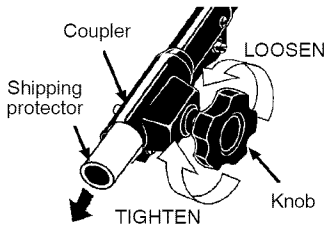
⚠ WARNING: Always stop unit and disconnect spark plug before performing any assembly procedures.

⚠ WARNING: If received assembled, repeat all steps to ensure your unit is properly assembled and all fasteners are secure.

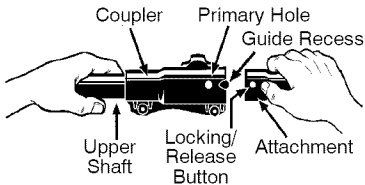
INSTALLING TRIMMER ATTACHMENT

CAUTION: When installing trimmer attachment, place the unit on a flat surface for stability.

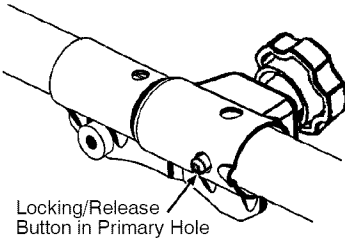
1. Loosen the coupler by turning the knob counterclockwise.



2. Remove shipping protector from coupler.
3. Remove the shaft cap from the trimmer attachment (if present).
4. Position locking/release button of attachment into guide recess of coupler.
5. Push the attachment into the coupler until the locking/release button snaps into the primary hole.
6. Before using the unit, tighten the knob securely by turning clockwise.



WARNING: Make sure the locking/release button is locked in the primary hole and the knob is securely tightened before operating the unit. All attachments are designed to be used in the primary hole unless otherwise stated in the applicable attachment operator's manual. Using the wrong hole could lead to serious injury or damage to the unit.



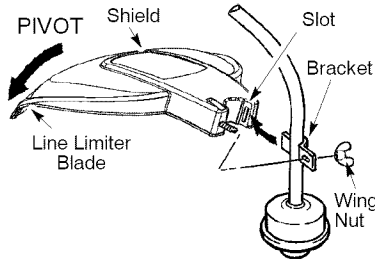
Locking/Release Button in Primary Hole

For assembly of optional attachments (see list on page 14), refer to the ASSEMBLY section of the applicable attachment operator's manual.

ATTACHING SHIELD

WARNING: The shield must be properly installed. The shield provides partial protection from the risk of thrown objects to the operator and others and is equipped with a line limiter blade which cuts excess line to the proper length. The line limiter blade (on underside of shield) is sharp and can cut you. For proper orientation of shield, see KNOW YOUR TRIMMER illustration in OPERATION section.

1. Remove wing nut from shield.
2. Insert bracket into slot as shown.
3. Pivot shield until bolt passes through hole in bracket.
4. Securely tighten wing nut onto bolt.



ADJUSTING THE HANDLE

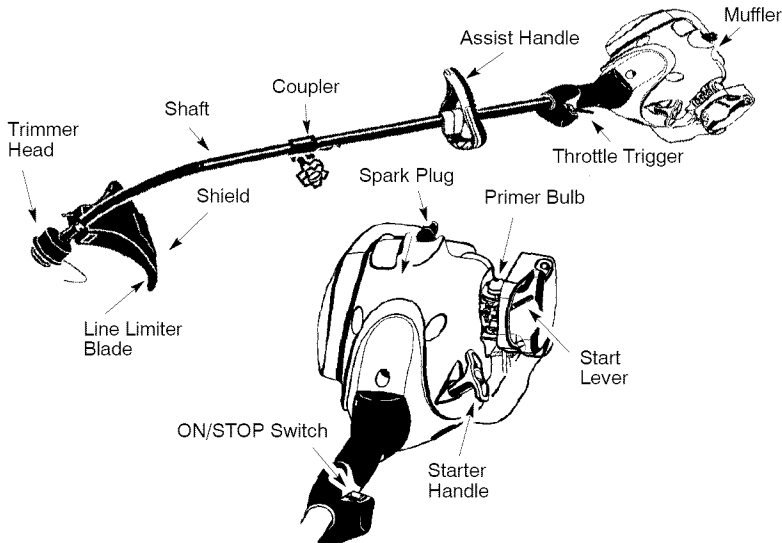
WARNING: When adjusting the handle, be sure it remains above the safety label and below the mark or arrow on the shaft.

1. Loosen wing nut on handle.
2. Rotate the handle on the shaft to an upright position; retighten wing nut.

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR TRIMMER

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



ON/STOP SWITCH

The ON/STOP switch is located on the trigger handle and is used to stop the engine. To stop the engine, push and release the engine ON/STOP switch.

PRIMER BULB

The PRIMER BULB removes air from the carburetor and fuel lines and fills them with fuel. This allows you to start the engine with fewer pulls on the starter rope. Activate the primer bulb by pressing it and allowing it to return to its original form.

START LEVER

The START LEVER helps to supply fuel to the engine to aid in starting. Activate the starting system by moving the start lever to the START position. DO NOT squeeze the throttle trigger until the engine has started and runs. After the engine starts, allow the engine to warm-up 10-15 seconds, then fully squeeze the throttle trigger to deactivate the starting system (start lever returns to RUN position).

COUPLER

The COUPLER enables optional attachments to be installed on the unit.

BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

⚠ WARNING: Be sure to read the fuel information in the safety rules before you begin. If you do not understand the safety rules, do not attempt to fuel your unit. Call 1-800-235-5878.

FUELING ENGINE

⚠ WARNING: Remove fuel cap slowly when refueling.

This engine is certified to operate on unleaded gasoline. Before operation, gasoline must be mixed with a good quality synthetic 2-cycle air-cooled engine oil. We recommend Craftsman brand synthetic oil. Mix gasoline and oil at a ratio of 40:1. A 40:1 ratio is obtained by mixing 3.2 fluid ounces of oil with 1 gallon of unleaded gasoline. Included with this trimmer is a 3.2 ounce container of oil. Pour the entire

contents of this container into 1 gallon of gasoline to achieve the proper fuel mixture. DO NOT USE automotive oil or marine oil. These oils will cause engine damage. When mixing fuel, follow instructions printed on container. Once oil is added to gasoline, shake container momentarily to assure that the fuel is thoroughly mixed. Always read and follow the safety rules relating to fuel before fueling your unit.

CAUTION: Never use straight gasoline in your unit. This will cause permanent engine damage and void the limited warranty.

FUEL REQUIREMENTS

This engine requires the use of minimum 87 octane [R+M]/2 clean gasoline.

IMPORTANT

Use of alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can cause major engine performance and durability problems.

⚠ WARNING: Alternative fuels (not gasoline) such as E-15 (15% alcohol), E-20 (20% alcohol), E-85 (85% alcohol) are NOT classified as gasoline and are NOT approved for use in 2-stroke gasoline engines. Use of alternative fuels will cause problems such as: improper clutch engagements, overheating, vapor lock, power loss, lubrication deficiency, deterioration of fuel lines, gaskets and internal carburetor components, etc. Alternative fuels cause high moisture absorption into the fuel/oil mixture leading to oil and fuel separation.

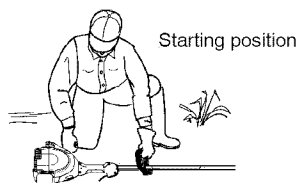
HOW TO STOP YOUR UNIT

- Release the throttle trigger.
- Push and release the engine ON/STOP switch. The switch will automatically return to the ON position. Wait 5 seconds before attempting to restart unit to allow switch to reset.



HOW TO START YOUR UNIT

⚠ WARNING: Avoid any contact with the muffler. A hot muffler can cause serious burns.

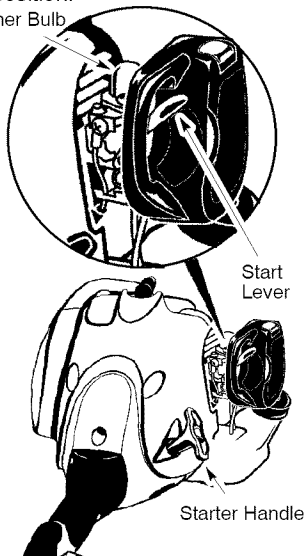


STARTING A COLD ENGINE

NOTE: DO NOT squeeze the throttle trigger until the engine has started and runs.

1. Set unit on a flat surface.
2. Slowly press the primer bulb 6 times.
3. Move the start lever to the START position.

Primer Bulb



4. This unit has the Sim-pul™ starting system. You do not have to pull the starter rope handle sharply or briskly. Pull starter rope handle with a controlled and steady motion until engine starts and runs.
5. Allow unit to run for 10–15 seconds, then fully squeeze the throttle trigger to disengage the starting system (start lever returns to RUN position) and begin normal operation.

STARTING A WARM ENGINE

1. Squeeze and hold the throttle trigger.
2. Pull starter rope handle with a controlled and steady motion while squeezing throttle trigger until engine starts and runs.

NOTE: Normally, the warm starting procedure can be used within 5-10 minutes after the unit is turned off. If the unit sits for more than 10 minutes without being used, it will be necessary to start the unit by following the steps under STARTING A COLD ENGINE or following the starting instruction steps shown on the unit.

STARTING A FLOODED ENGINE

Flooded engines can be started by placing the start lever to the RUN position. Fully squeeze throttle trigger. Pull the starter handle repeatedly while squeezing throttle trigger until engine starts and runs. This could require pulling the starter handle many times, depending on how badly the unit is flooded.

If the unit still doesn't start, refer to the TROUBLESHOOTING TABLE or call 1-800-235-5878.

CRAFTSMAN® CONVERTIBLE™ FEATURE

This model is equipped with a coupler which enables optional attachments to be installed. The optional attachments are:

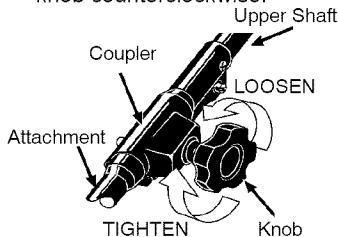
Edger	358.79240
Cultivator	358.79241
Blower	358.79242
Brushcutter	358.79244
Pruner	358.79245

⚠ WARNING: Always stop unit and disconnect spark plug before removing or installing attachments.

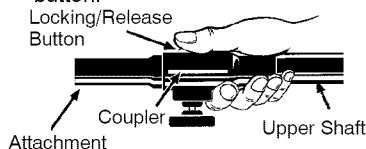
REMOVING TRIMMER ATTACHMENT (OR OTHER OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS)

CAUTION: When removing or installing attachments, place the unit on a flat surface for stability.

1. Loosen the coupler by turning the knob counterclockwise.



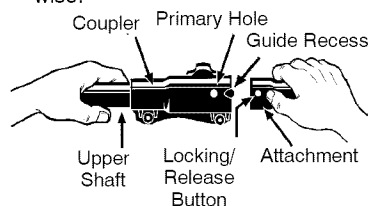
2. Press and hold the locking/release button.



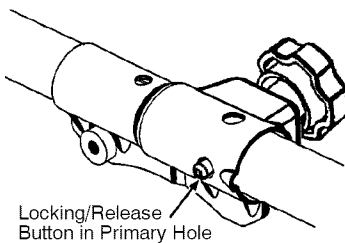
3. While securely holding the engine and upper shaft, pull the attachment straight out of the coupler.

INSTALLING OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS

1. Remove the shaft cap from the attachment (if present).
2. Position locking/release button of attachment into guide recess of coupler.
3. Push the attachment into the coupler until the locking/release button snaps into the primary hole.
4. Before using the unit, tighten the knob securely by turning clockwise.



⚠ WARNING: Make sure the locking/release button is locked in the primary hole and the knob is securely tightened before operating the unit. All attachments are designed to be used in the primary hole unless otherwise stated in the applicable attachment operator's manual. Using the wrong hole could lead to serious injury or damage to the unit.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To maximize operating efficiency, do not run the engine for longer than 1 minute at a time at full throttle.

OPERATING POSITION

ALWAYS WEAR:



Cut only from your right to your left.

WARNING: Always wear eye protection. Always use hearing protection. Never lean over the trimmer head. Rocks or debris can ricochet or be thrown into eyes and face and cause blindness or other serious injury.

When operating unit, stand as shown and check for the following:

- Wear eye protection and heavy clothing.
- Hold trigger handle with right hand and assist handle with left hand.
- Hold unit so that engine is below waist level.
- Cut only from your right to your left to ensure debris is thrown away from you. Without bending over, keep line near and parallel to the ground and not crowded into material being cut.

Do not run the engine at a higher speed than necessary. The cutting line will cut efficiently when the engine is run at less than full throttle. At lower speeds, there is less engine noise and vibration. The cutting line will last longer and will be less likely to "weld" onto the spool.

Always release the throttle trigger and allow the engine to return to idle speed when not cutting.

HOW TO STOP YOUR UNIT

- Release the throttle trigger.
- Push and release the engine ON/STOP switch.

TRIMMER LINE ADVANCE

The trimmer line will advance approximately 2 inches (5 cm) each time the bottom of the trimmer head is tapped on the ground with the engine running at full throttle.

The most efficient line length is the maximum length allowed by the line limiter. Always keep the shield in place when the tool is being operated.

To advance line:

- Operate the engine at full throttle.
- Hold the trimmer head parallel to and above the grassy area.
- Tap the bottom of the trimmer head lightly on the ground one time. Approximately 2 inches (5 cm) of line will be advanced with each tap.

Always tap the trimmer head on a grassy area. Tapping on surfaces such as concrete or asphalt can cause excessive wear to the trimmer head. If the line is worn down to 2 inches (5 cm) or less, more than one tap will be required to obtain the most efficient line length.

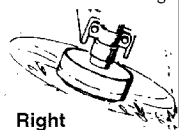
WARNING: Use only 0.080 inch (2 mm) diameter round line. Other sizes and shapes of line will not advance properly and will result in improper cutting head function or can cause serious injury. Do not use other materials such as wire, string, rope, etc. Wire can break off during cutting and become a dangerous missile that can cause serious injury.

CUTTING METHODS

WARNING: Use minimum speed and do not crowd the line when cutting around hard objects (rock, gravel, fence posts, etc.), which can damage the trimmer head, become entangled in the line, or be thrown causing a serious hazard.

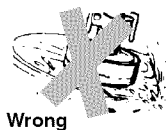
- The tip of the line does the cutting. You will achieve the best performance and minimum line wear by not crowding the line into the cutting area. The right and wrong ways are shown below.

Tip of the Line Does The Cutting



Right

Line Crowded Into Work Area



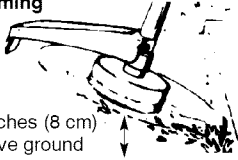
Wrong

- The line will easily remove grass and weeds from around walls, fences, trees and flower beds, but it also can cut the tender bark of trees or shrubs and scar fences.
- For trimming or scalping, use less than full throttle to increase line life and decrease head wear, especially:

- During light duty cutting.
- Near objects around which the line can wrap such as small posts, trees or fence wire.
- For mowing or sweeping, use full throttle for a good clean job.

TRIMMING - Hold the bottom of the trimmer head about 3 inches (8 cm) above the ground and at an angle. Allow only the tip of the line to make contact with vegetation. Do not force trimmer line into work area.

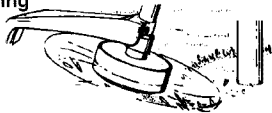
Trimming



3 inches (8 cm)
above ground

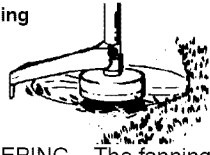
SCALPING - The scalping technique removes unwanted vegetation down to the ground. Hold the bottom of the trimmer head about 3 in. (8 cm) above the ground and at an angle. Allow the tip of the line to strike the ground around trees, posts, monuments, etc. This technique increases line wear.

Scalping



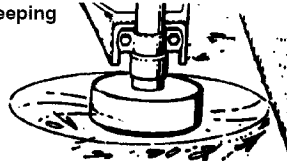
MOWING - Your trimmer is ideal for mowing in places conventional lawn mowers cannot reach. In the mowing position, keep the line parallel to the ground. Avoid pressing the head into the ground as this can scalp the ground and damage the tool.

Mowing



SWEEPING - The fanning action of the rotating line can be used to blow away loose debris from an area. Keep the line parallel to and above the area surface and swing the tool from side to side.

Sweeping



MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

⚠ WARNING: Disconnect the spark plug before performing maintenance except for carburetor adjustments.

CARE & MAINTENANCE TASK	WHEN TO PERFORM
Check for loose fasteners and parts	Before each use
Check for damaged or worn parts	Before each use
Inspect and clean unit and labels	After each use
Clean air filter	Every 5 hours of operation
Inspect muffler and spark arresting screen	Every 50 hours of operation
Replace spark plug	Yearly

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this unit does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, the operator must maintain unit as instructed in this manual. Various adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your unit.

CHECK FOR LOOSE FASTENERS AND PARTS

- Spark Plug Boot
- Air Filter
- Housing Screws
- Assist Handle Screw
- Debris Shield

CHECK FOR DAMAGED OR WORN PARTS

Contact Sears Service Center for replacement of damaged or worn parts.

- ON/STOP Switch - Ensure ON/STOP switch functions properly by pushing and releasing the switch. Make sure engine stops. Wait 5 seconds before attempting to restart unit to allow switch to reset. Restart engine and continue.
- Fuel Tank - Discontinue use of unit if fuel tank shows signs of damage or leaks.
- Debris Shield - Discontinue use of unit if debris shield is damaged.

INSPECT AND CLEAN UNIT AND LABELS

- After each use, inspect complete unit for loose or damaged parts. Clean the unit and labels using a damp cloth with a mild detergent.
- Wipe off unit with a clean dry cloth.

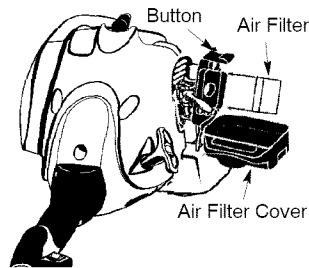
CLEAN AIR FILTER

A dirty air filter decreases engine performance and increases fuel consumption and harmful emissions. Always clean after every 5 hours of operation.

1. Clean the cover and the area around it to keep dirt from falling into the carburetor chamber when the cover is removed.
2. Remove parts by pressing latch to release air filter cover.

NOTE: To avoid creating a fire hazard or producing harmful evaporative emissions, do not clean filter in gasoline or other flammable solvent.

3. Wash the filter in soap and water.
4. Allow filter to dry.
5. Add a few drops of oil to the filter; squeeze the filter to distribute oil.
6. Replace parts.



INSPECT MUFFLER AND SPARK ARRESTING SCREEN

WARNING: The muffler on this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.

WARNING: Muffler is very hot during and after use. Do not touch the muffler or allow combustible material such as dry grass or fuel to do so.

As your unit is used, carbon deposits build up on the muffler and spark arresting screen. For normal homeowner use, however, the muffler and spark arresting screen will not require any service.

After 50 hours of use, we recommend that your muffler be serviced or replaced by your Sears Service Center.

REPLACE SPARK PLUG

Replace the spark plug each year to ensure the engine starts easier and runs better. Set spark plug gap at 0.025 inch. Ignition timing is fixed and nonadjustable.

1. Twist, then pull off spark plug boot.
2. Remove spark plug from cylinder and discard.
3. Replace with Champion RCJ-6Y spark plug and tighten securely with a 3/4 inch socket wrench.
4. Reinstall the spark plug boot.

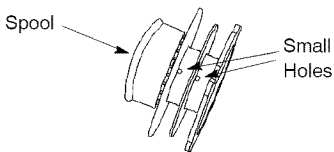
SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

LINE REPLACEMENT

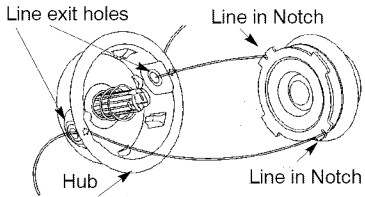
1. Move the ON/OFF switch to the OFF position.
2. Disconnect the spark plug wire.
3. Remove spool by firmly pulling on tap button.
4. Clean entire surface of hub and spool.
5. Replace with a pre-wound spool (#71-85819), or cut two lengths of 12-1/2 feet (3.8 meters) of 0.080" (2 mm) diameter Craftsman brand line.

WARNING: Never use wire, rope, string, etc., which can break off and become a dangerous missile.

6. Insert ends of line about 1/2 inch (1 cm) into the small holes on the inside of the spool.



7. Wind line evenly and tightly onto spool. Wind in the direction of the arrow on the spool.
8. Push the line into the notches, leaving 3 to 5 inches (7 - 12 cm) unwound.
9. Insert the line into the exit holes in the hub as shown in the illustration.



10. Align the notches with the line exit holes.
11. Push spool into hub until it snaps into place.
12. Pull the lines extending outside of the hub to release them from the notches.

REPLACING THE TRIMMER HEAD

1. Hold the dust cup with a wrench to keep the shaft from turning while removing and installing trimmer head.



2. Remove trimmer head by turning counterclockwise (looking from bottom of unit).
3. Thread replacement trimmer head onto the shaft by turning clockwise.

Only tighten hand tight!

CARBURETOR IDLE SPEED ADJUSTMENT

⚠ WARNING: Keep others away when making idle speed adjustments. The trimmer head or any optional attachment will be spinning during most of

this procedure. Wear your protective equipment and observe all safety precautions. After making adjustments, the trimmer head or any optional attachment must not move/spin at idle speed. The carburetor has been carefully set at the factory. Adjustments may be necessary if you notice any of the following conditions:

- Engine will not idle when the throttle is released.
- The trimmer head or optional attachment moves/spins at idle.

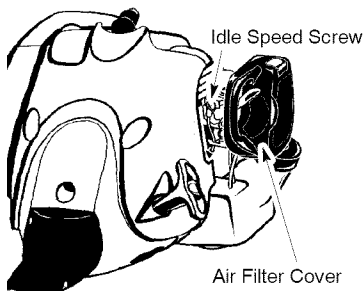
Make adjustments with the unit supported so the cutting attachment is off the ground and will not make contact with any object. Hold the unit by hand while running and making adjustments. Keep all parts of your body away from the cutting attachment and muffler.

To adjust idle speed:

Allow engine to idle. Adjust speed until engine runs without trimmer head or optional attachment moving or spinning (idle too fast) or stalling (idle speed too slow).

- Turn idle speed screw clockwise to increase engine speed if engine stalls or dies.
- Turn idle speed screw counterclockwise to decrease engine speed if trimmer head or optional attachment moves or spins at idle.

⚠ WARNING: Recheck the idle speed after each adjustment. The trimmer head or optional attachment must not move or spin at idle speed to avoid serious injury to the operator or others.



If you require further assistance or are unsure about performing this procedure, contact your Sears Service Center or call our customer assistance help line at 1-800-235-5878.

STORAGE

⚠ WARNING: Perform the following steps after each use:

- Allow engine to cool before storing or transporting.
- Store unit and fuel in a well ventilated area where fuel vapors cannot reach sparks or open flames from water heaters, electric motors or switches, furnaces, etc.
- Store unit with all guards in place. Position unit so that any sharp object cannot accidentally cause injury.
- Store unit and fuel well out of the reach of children.

SEASONAL STORAGE

Prepare unit for storage at end of season or if it will not be used for 30 days or more.

If your unit is to be stored for a period of time:

- Clean the entire unit before lengthy storage.
- Store in a clean dry area.
- Lightly oil external metal surfaces.

FUEL SYSTEM

Empty the fuel system 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. Under FUELING ENGINE in the OPERATION section of this manual, see message labeled **IMPORTANT** regarding the use of gasohol in your engine.

Fuel stabilizer is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to the gasoline in the fuel tank or fuel storage container. Follow the mix instructions found on stabilizer container. Run engine at least 3 minutes after adding stabilizer.

Craftsman 40:1, 2-cycle engine oil (air cooled) is already blended with fuel stabilizer. If you do not use this Sears oil, you can add a fuel stabilizer to your fuel tank.

ENGINE

- Remove spark plug and pour 1 teaspoon of 40:1, 2-cycle engine oil (air cooled) through the spark plug opening. Slowly pull the starter rope 8 to 10 times to distribute oil.
- Replace spark plug with new one of recommended type and heat range.
- Clean air filter.
- Check entire unit for loose screws, nuts, and bolts. Replace any damaged, broken, or worn parts.
- At the beginning of the next season, use only fresh fuel having the proper gasoline to oil ratio.

OTHER

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if it starts to rust.

TROUBLESHOOTING TABLE

⚠ WARNING: Always stop unit and disconnect spark plug before performing all of the recommended remedies below except remedies that require unit to be operating.

TROUBLE	CAUSE	REMEDY
Engine will not start.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engine flooded. 2. Fuel tank empty. 3. Spark plug not firing. 4. Fuel not reaching carburetor. 5. Carburetor requires adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See "Starting a Flooded Engine" in Operation Section. 2. Fill tank with correct fuel mixture. 3. Install new spark plug. 4. Check for dirty fuel filter; replace. Check for kinked or split fuel line; repair or replace. 5. Contact Sears Service (see back cover).
Engine will not idle properly.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carburetor requires adjustment. 2. Crankshaft seals worn. 3. Compression low. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See "Carburetor Idle Speed Adjustment" in Service and Adjustments Section. 2. Contact Sears Service (see back cover). 3. Contact Sears Service (see back cover).
Engine will not accelerate, lacks power, or dies under a load.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Air filter dirty. 2. Spark plug fouled. 3. Carburetor requires adjustment. 4. Carbon build-up on muffler outlet screen. 5. Compression low. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean or replace air filter. 2. Clean or replace plug and regap. 3. Contact Sears Service (see back cover). 4. Contact Sears Service (see back cover). 5. Contact Sears Service (see back cover).
Engine smokes excessively.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fuel mixture incorrect. 2. Air filter dirty. 3. Carburetor requires adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Empty fuel tank and refill with correct fuel mixture. 2. Clean or replace air filter. 3. Contact Sears Service (see back cover).
Engine runs hot.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fuel mixture incorrect. 2. Spark plug incorrect. 3. Carburetor requires adjustment. 4. Carbon build-up on muffler outlet screen. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See "Fueling Engine" in Operation section. 2. Replace with correct spark plug. 3. Contact Sears Service (see back cover). 4. Contact Sears Service (see back cover).

U.S. EPA/CALIFORNIA EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY STATEMENT

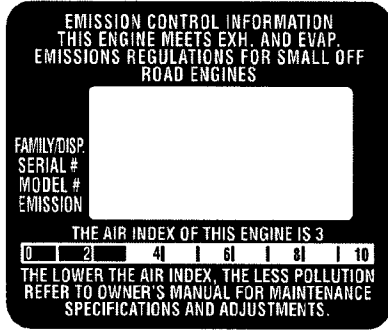
YOUR WARRANTY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/California Air Resources Board and Sears, Roebuck and Co., U.S.A., are pleased to explain the emissions control system warranty on your year 2009 and later small off-road engine. In California, all small off-road engines must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. Sears must warrant the emission control system on your small off-road engine for the periods of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance of your small off-road engine. Your emission control system includes parts such as the carburetor, the ignition system and the fuel tank. Where a warrantable condition exists, Sears will repair your small off-road engine at no cost to you. Expenses covered under warranty include diagnosis, parts and labor. **MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY COVERAGE:** If any emissions related part on your engine (as listed under Emissions Control Warranty Parts List) is defective or a defect in the materials or workmanship of the engine causes the failure of such an emission related part, the part will be repaired or replaced by Sears. **OWNER'S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES:** As the small off-road engine owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your operator's manual. Sears recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your small off-road engine, but Sears cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance. As the small off-road engine owner, you should be aware that Sears may deny you warranty coverage if your small off-road engine or a part of it has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, unapproved modifications, or the use of parts not made or approved by the original equipment manufacturer. You are responsible for presenting your small off-road engine to a Sears authorized repair center as soon as a problem exists. Warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact

your nearest authorized service center, call Sears at 1-800-469-4663, or send e-mail correspondence to emission_warranty@HCOP-emission.com. **WARRANTY COMMENCEMENT DATE:** The warranty period begins on the date the small off-road engine is purchased. **LENGTH OF COVERAGE:** This warranty shall be for a period of two years from the initial date of purchase. **WHAT IS COVERED: REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS.** Repair or replacement of any warranted part will be performed at no charge to the owner at an approved Sears Service Center. If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact your nearest authorized service center, call Sears at 1-800-469-4663, or send e-mail correspondence to emission_warranty@HCOP-emission.com. **WARRANTY PERIOD:** Any warranted part which is not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance, or which is scheduled only for regular inspection to the effect of "repair or replace as necessary" shall be warranted for 2 years. Any warranted part which is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance shall be warranted for the period of time up to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. **DIAGNOSIS:** The owner shall not be charged for diagnostic labor which leads to the determination that a warranted part is defective if the diagnostic work is performed at an approved Sears Service Center. **CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES:** Sears may be liable for damages to other engine components caused by the failure of a warranted part still under warranty. **WHAT IS NOT COVERED:** All failures caused by abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance are not covered. **ADD-ON OR MODIFIED PARTS:** The use of add-on or modified parts can be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim. Sears is not liable to cover failures of warranted parts caused by the use of add-on or modified parts. **HOW TO FILE A CLAIM:** If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact your nearest authorized service center, call Sears at 1-800-469-4663, or send e-mail correspondence to emission_warranty@HCOP-emission.com.

WHERE TO GET WARRANTY SERVICE: Warranty services or repairs shall be provided at all Sears Service Centers. Call 1-800-469-4663 or send e-mail correspondence to emission_warranty@HCOP-emission.com.
MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF EMISSION RELATED PARTS: Any Sears approved replacement part used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repair on emission related parts will be provided without charge to the owner if the part is under warranty.

EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY PARTS LIST: Carburetor, air filter (covered up to maintenance schedule), ignition system: spark plug (covered up to maintenance schedule), ignition module, muffler including catalyst (if equipped), fuel tank.
MAINTENANCE STATEMENT: The owner is responsible for the performance of all required maintenance as defined in the operator's manual.

The information on the product label indicates which standard your engine is certified.
Example: (Year) EPA and/or CALIFORNIA.



This engine is certified to be emissions compliant for the following use:

- Moderate (50 hours)
- Intermediate (125 hours)
- Extended (300 hours)