Owner's Manual CRAFTSMAN®

6.5 HORSEPOWER
21" MULTI-CUT
POWER PROPELLED
ROTARY LAWN MOWER

Model No. 917.377801

- Safety
- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Español
- Repair Parts



CAUTION:

Read and follow all Safety Rules and Instructions before operating this equipment

Sears, Roebuck and Co., Hoffman Estates, IL 60179 Visit our Craftsman website: www.sears.com/craftsman

TABLE OF CONTENTS Warranty 2 Product Specifications 12 Safety Rules 2 Service and Adjustments 15 Assembly 5 Storage 16 Operation 6 Troubleshooting 17 Maintenance 11 Repair Parts 36 Maintenance 11 Parts Ordering Back Cover

WARRANTY

LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN POWER MOWER

For two years from date of purchase, when this Craftsman Lawn Mower is maintained, lubricated, and tuned up according to the operating and maintenance instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair free of charge any defect in material or 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 vary from state to state.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO., D/817 WA, HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS 60179

SAFETY RULES

IMPORTANT: This cutting machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

I.GENERAL OPERATION

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine and in the manual(s) before starting. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the machine before starting.
- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
- Only allow responsible individuals, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, bones, sticks, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.

- Do not operate the mower when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
 Always wear substantial foot wear.
- Do not pull mower backwards unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while moving backwards.
- Do not operate the mower without proper guards, plates, grass catcher or other safety protective devices in place.
- See manufacturer's instructions for proper operation and installation of accessories. Only use accessories approved by the manufacturer.
- Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads.
- Stop the engine (motor) whenever you leave the equipment, before cleaning

- the mower or unclogging the chute.
- Shut the engine (motor) off and wait until the blade comes to complete stop before removing grass catcher.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never operate machine in wet grass.
 Always be sure of your footing: keep a firm hold on the handle and walk; never run.
- Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on mowers so equipped before starting the engine (motor).
- If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine (motor) and check immediately for the cause.
 Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when operating mower.

II. SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to slip and fall accidents which can result in severe injury. All slopes require extra caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow it.

DO:

- Mow across the face of slopes: never up and down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

DO NOT:

- Do not trim near drop-offs, ditches or embankments. The operator could lose footing or balance.
- Do not trim excessively steep slopes.
- Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced footing could cause slipping.

III. CHILDREN

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

 Keep children out of the trimming area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.

- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and while walking backwards, look behind and down for small children.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

IV. SERVICES

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

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

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

plug.

BELTS

BLADES

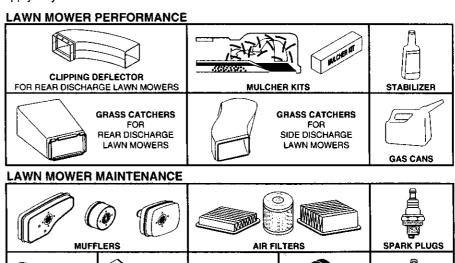
AWARNING: Engine exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

AWARNING: Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

ENGINE OIL

ACCESSORIES

These accessories were available when this lawn mower was produced. They are not shipped with your mower. They are also available at most Sears retail outlets and service centers. Most Sears stores can also 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.



BLADE ADAPTERS

ASSEMBLY

Read these instructions and this manual in its entirety before you attempt to assemble or operate your new lawn mower.

IMPORTANT: This lawn mower is shipped WITHOUT OIL OR GASOLINE in the engine

Your new lawn mower has been assembled at the factory with the exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. All parts such as nuts, washers, bolts, etc., necessary to complete the assembly have been placed in the parts bag. To ensure safe and proper operation of your lawn mower, all parts and hardware you assemble must be tightened securely. Use the correct tools as necessary to ensure proper tightness.

TO REMOVE LAWN MOWER FROM CARTON

- Remove loose parts included with mower.
- Cut down two end corners of carton and lay end panel down flat.
- Remove all packing materials except padding between upper and lower handle and padding holding operator presence control bar to upper handle.
- Roll lawn mower out of carton and check carton thorougly for additional loose parts.

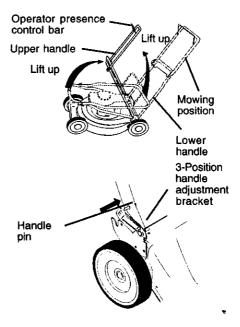
HOW TO SET UP YOUR LAWN MOWER

TO UNFOLD HANDLE

IMPORTANT: Unfold handle carefully so as not to pinch or damage control cables.

- Raise lower handle section to operating position and squeeze the bottom ends of lower handle towards each other until the pin in handle can be inserted into one of the three height adjustment holes.
- Remove protective padding, raise upper handle section into place on lower handle and tighten both handle knobs.
- Remove any packing material from around control bar.

Your handles may be adjusted for your mowing comfort. Refer to Service and Adjustments section of this manual.



TO INSTALL ATTACHMENTS

Your lawn mower was shipped ready to be used as a mulcher. To convert to bagging or discharging; See OPERATION section of this manual.

OPERATION

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.

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







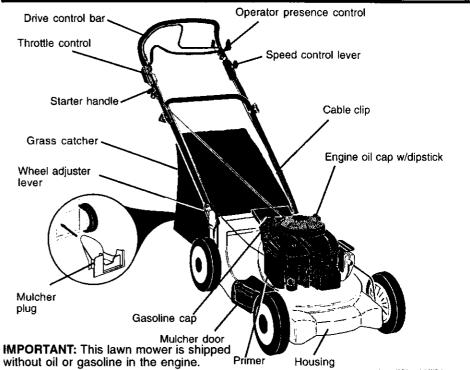








CAUTION ENGINE ENGINE FAST SLOW CHOKE FUEL OIL DANGER KEEP HANDS OR WARNING ON OFF



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 - must be held down to the handle to start the engine. Release to stop the engine. Primer - pumps additional fuel from the carburetor to the cylinder for use when starting a cold engine.

Starter handle - used for starting the engine.

Drive control bar - used to engage power-propelled foward motion of lawn mower.

Mulcher plug - Located at the rear discharge opening must be removed when converting to bagging operation.



The operation of any lawn mower can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage.

Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your lawn mower or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend a wide vision safety mask over spectacles or standard safety glasses.

HOW TO USE YOUR LAWN MOWER ENGINE SPEED

The engine speed is controlled by a throttle located on the side of the upper handle. Fast position is for starting, normal cutting, trimming and better grass bagging. Slow position is for light cutting, trimming and fuel economy.



ENGINE ZONE CONTROL

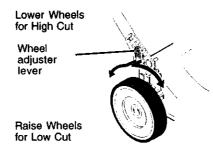
ACAUTION: Federal regulations require an engine control to be installed on this lawn mower in order to minimize the risk of blade contact injury. Do not under any circumstances attempt to defeat the function of the operator control. The blade turns when the engine is running.

 Your lawn mower is equipped with an operator presence control bar which requires the operator to be positioned behind the lawn mower handle to start and operate the lawn mower.

TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT

All four wheels are adjusted by a single lever.

 Pull adjuster lever toward wheel. To raise mower, move lever forward to desired position. To lower mower, move the lever toward the rear.



GROUND DRIVE SPEEDS

Your lawn mower provides multiple speeds to let you select the speed that suits you best.

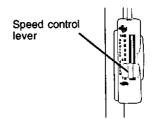
- Lower speeds are for, heavy/thick grass cutting or trimming.
- Medium speeds are for normal grass cutting or trimming.
- High is for light cutting and for ground transport.

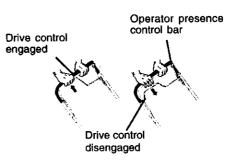
NOTE: Do not move speed control lever unless the engine is running

TO OPERATE DRIVE SYSTEM

- With engine running select ground speed by moving speed control lever to desired position.
 To start forward motion, pull drive
- To start forward motion, pull drive control bar back against handle.
- To stop forward motion, release drive control bar.

IMPORTANT: Always keep drive control fully engaged against handle when in use.





COMBI-CUT MOWERS TO CONVERT MOWER

Your lawn mower was shipped ready to be used as a mulcher. To convert to bagging or discharging:

REAR BAGGING

- Open rear door and remove mulcher plug. Store mulcher plug in a safe place.
- · You can now install grass catcher.
- To convert to mulching or discharging operation, install mulcher plug into rear discharge opening of mower.

SIDE DISCHARGING

- Mulcher plug must be installed into rear discharge opening of mower.
- Open discharge guard and install discharge deflector under guard as shown.
- Mower is now ready for discharging operation.
- To convert to mulching or bagging operation, discharge deflector must be removed and discharge guard must be closed.

SIMPLE STEPS TO REMEMBER WHEN CONVERTING YOUR LAWN MOWER

FOR MULCHING -

- 1. Rear mulcher plug installed.
- 2. Side discharge guard closed.

FOR REAR BAGGING -

- 1. Rear mulcher plug removed.
- 2. Grass catcher installed.
- 3. Side discharge guard closed.

FOR SIDE DISCHARGING -

Mulcher plug

- 1. Rear mulcher plug installed.
- 2. Side discharge deflector installed.

ACAUTION: Do not run your lawn mower without rear mulcher plug in place or approved grass catcher in place.

Never attempt to operate the lawn mower with the rear door removed or propped open.

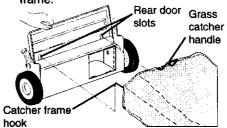
Mulcher door





TO ATTACH GRASS CATCHER

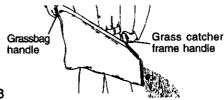
- Lift the rear door of the lawn mower and place the grass catcher frame side hooks into the slots of the rear door.
- The grass catcher is secured to the lawn mower housing when the rear door is lowered onto the grass catcher frame.



♠CAUTION: Do not run your lawn mower without clipping deflector or approved grass catcher in place. Never attempt to operate the lawn mower with the rear door removed or propped open. **TO EMPTY GRASS CATCHER**

- Lift up on grass catcher using the frame handle.
- Remove grass catcher with clippings from under lawn mower handle.
- Empty clippings from bag using both frame handle and bag handle.

NOTE: Do not drag the bag when emptying; it will cause unnecessary wear.



BEFORE STARTING ENGINE ADD OIL

Your lawnmower is shipped without oil in the engine. Engine holds 20 oz. of oil. For type and grade of oil to use, see "ENGINE" in Maintenance section of this manual.

- Be sure lawnmower is level and area around oil fill is clean.
- Remove engine oil cap and fill to the full line on the dipstick. Pour oil slowly. Do not over fill.

NOTE: Allow oil to settle down into engine for accurate reading. To read proper level, tighten engine oil cap, then remove it to read the dipstick.

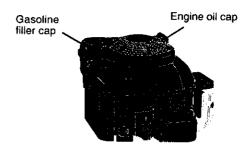
- 3. Reinstall engine oil cap and tighten.
- Check oil level before each use. Add oil if needed. Fill to full line on dipstick.
- Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or each season. You may need to change the oil more often under dusty, dirty conditions.

ADD GASOLINE

 Fill fuel tank. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline with a minimum of 87 octane. Do not mix oil with gasoline Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness.

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

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



TO START ENGINE

NOTE: Due to protective coatings on the engine, a small amount of smoke may be present during the initial use of the product and should be considered normal.

- To start a cold engine, push primer three (3) times before trying to start. Use a firm push. This step is not usually necessary when starting an engine which has already run for a few minutes.
- Move throttle control lever to fast 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

 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.

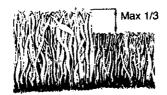
MOWING TIPS

- 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. It may also be necessary to reduce ground speed and/or run the lawn mower over the area a second time.
- For extremely heavy cutting, reduce the width of cut by overlapping previously cut path and mow slowly.
- For better grass bagging and most cutting conditions, the engine speed should be set in the fast position.
- 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.

MULCHING MOWING TIPS

IMPORTANT: For best performance, keep mower housing free of built-up grass and trash. See "Cleaning" in MAINTENANCE section of this manual.

- The special mulching blade will recut
 the grass clippings many times and
 reduce them in size so that as they fall
 onto the lawn they will disperse into the
 grass and not be noticed. Also, the
 mulched grass will biodegrade quickly
 to provide nutrients for the lawn.
 Always mulch with your highest engine
 (blade) speed as this will provide the
 best recutting action of the blades.
- Avoid cutting your lawn when it is wet.
 Wet grass tends to form clumps and
 interferes with the mulching action. The
 best time to mow your lawn is the early
 afternoon. At this time the grass has
 dried and the newly cut area will not be
 exposed to the direct sun.
- For best results, adjust the lawn mower cutting height so that the lawn mower cuts off only the top one-third of the grass blades. If the lawn is overgrown it will be necessary to raise the height of cut to reduce pushing effort and to keep from overloading the engine and leaving clumps of mulched grass. For extremely heavy mulching, reduce your width of cut by overlapping previously cut path and mow slowly.
- Certain types of grass and grass conditions may require that an area be mulched a second time to completely hide the clippings. When doing a second cut, mow across or perpendicular to the first cut path.
- Change your cutting pattern from week to week. Mow north to south one week then change to east to west the next week. This will help prevent matting and graining of the lawn.



MAINTENANCE

	MAINTENANCE SCHEDU FILL IN DATES AS YOU COMPLETE REGULAR SERVICE	JLE	agrof	AFTER A	VERY 10 YER	OURS NOVE HOUSE REVERY REVERY	REASON SEASON SEASON SE	RVICE	DATE	S
MOWER	Check for Loose Fasteners Clean/Inspect Grass Catcher (If Equipped) Clean Lawn Mower Clean Under Drive Cover (Power-Propelled Mowers) Check drive belt/pulleys (Power-Propelled Mowers) Check/Sharpen/Replace Blade Lubrication Chart Clean Battery/Recharge (Electric Start Mowers)	<i>V</i>	<i>y y</i>	V	V V 3 V	<i>y y y y y</i>				
WZG-ZH	Check Engine Oil Level Change Engine Oil Clean Air Filter Inspect Muffler Clean or Replace Spark Plug Replace Air Filter Paper Cartridge	V			V _{1,2} V ₂ V V					

- 1 Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures.
- 2 Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions
- 3 Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.
- 4 Charge 48 hours at end of season.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

- Once a year, replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter element and check blade for wear. A new spark plug and clean/new air filter element assures proper air-fuel mixture and helps your engine run better and last longer.
- Follow the maintenance schedule in this manual.

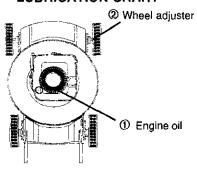
BEFORE EACH USE

- 1. Check engine oil level.
- 2. Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION

Keep unit well lubricated (See "LUBRI-CATION CHART").

LUBRICATION CHART



- ① Refer to maintenance "Engine" section.
- ② Spray lubricant

IMPORTANT: Do not oil or grease plastic wheel bearings. viscous lubricants will attract dust and dirt that will shorten the life of the self-lubricating bearings. if you feel they must be lubricated, use only a dry, powdered graphite type lubricant sparingly.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

SERIAL NUMBER				
DATE OF PURCHASE				
GASOLINE CAPACITY/ TYPE:	1.6 QUARTS			
	UNLEADED REGULAR			
OILTYPE (API-SF-SJ):	SAE 30 (ABOVE 32°F)			
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	SAE 5W-30 (BELOW 32°F)			
OIL CAPACITY:	20 OZS.			
SPARK PLUG(GAP: .030")	CHAMPION RJ19LM OR J19LM			
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE: .004008			
	EXHAUST: .004008			
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	35-40 FT, LBS.			

 The model and serial numbers will be found on a decal attached to the rear of the lawn mower housing. Record both serial number and date of purchase in space provided above.

LAWN MOWER

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance. TIRES

- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

BLADE CARE

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

TO REMOVE BLADE

- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with spark plug.
- 2. Turn lawn mower on its side. Make sure air filter and carburetor are up.
- Use a wood block between blade and mower housing to prevent blade from turning when removing blade bolt.

NOTE: Protect your hands with gloves and/or wrap blade with heavy cloth.

- Remove blade bolt by turning counterclockwise.
- Remove blade and attaching hardware (bolt, lock washer and hardened washer).

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 crankshaft keyway are aligned.
- Position blade on the blade adapter aligning the two (2) holes in the blade with the raised lugs on the adapter.
- Be sure the trailing edge of blade (opposite sharp edge) is up toward the engine.
- Install the blade bolt with the lock washer and hardened washer into blade adapter and crankshaft.
- 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. lbs.

IMPORTANT: Blade bolt is grade 8 heat treated.

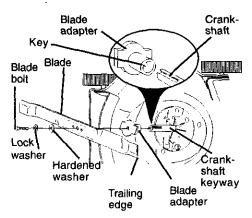
TO SHARPEN BLADE

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

Care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will cause eventual damage to lawn mower or engine.

- The blade can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. Do not attempt to sharpen while on the mower.
- To check blade balance, 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, sharpen the heavy end until the blade

12 is balanced.



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. Give the lawn mower model number when ordering.

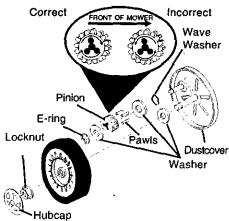
DRIVE WHEELS

Check rear drive wheels each time you mow to be sure they move freely. The wheels not turning freely means trash, grass cuttings, etc., may be inside the drive wheel and dust cover area and must be cleaned out to free drive wheels. If necessary to clean the drive wheels, check both rear wheels.

- 1. Remove hubcaps and locknuts.
- Remove wheels from wheel adjuster axles.
- Remove any trash or grass cuttings from inside the dust cover, pinion and/ or drive wheel gear teeth.
- If you remove the drive pinions, wipe clean with dry cloth. Reassemble dry. Do not lubricate. Do not use oil or grease.

NOTE: The pinion gear, on both sides of the mower, are the same, however, they must be installed correctly. If installed incorrectly, the drive system will not work.

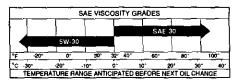
- 5. There are arrows embossed on both sides of the pinion gear. With the arrow at the top of the pinion, the arrow must point towards front of mower. If the arrow points to the rear, turn the pinion around and assemble to mower.
- 6. Place wheels back on adjuster axles.
- 7. Replace locknuts and hubcaps.



ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Use only high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF-SJ. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature.



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

Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the lawn mower is not used for 25 hours in one year.

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each five (5) hours of continuous use. Tighten oil plug securely each time you check the oil level.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL

NOTE: Before tipping lawn mower to drain oil, drain fuel tank by running engine until fuel tank is empty.

- 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 and drain oil into a 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.
- 5. Fill engine with oil. (See "Add Oil" in the Operacion section of this manual.)
- Reconnect spark plug wire to spark plug.



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.

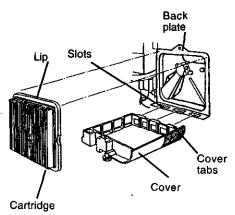
TO CLEAN AIR FILTER

- 1. Loosen screw and tilt cover to remove.
- 2. Carefully remove cartridge.
- Clean by gently tapping on a flat surface. If very dirty, replace cartridge.
 ACAUTION: Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean

kerosene, are not to be used to clean cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. Do not oil cartridge. Do not use pressurized air to clean or dry cartridge.

 Install cartridge, then replace cover making sure the tabs are aligned with the slots in the back plate. Fasten

screw securely.



MUFFLER

Inspect and replace corroded muffler as it could create a fire hazard and/or dam-

SPARK PLUG

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

ૡૹ૱ૹૹૹ૽૽ૹ૽૽ૡ૽૽ઌ૽ૺૡ૽૽ૹ૽૱૱ૢ૽ૢ૽૽ૢ૱ૢ૱ૢ૽૽ૢ

CLEANING

IMPORTANT: For best performance, keep mower housing free of built-up grass and trash. Clean the underside of your mower after each use.

ACAUTION: Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with the spark plug.

- Clean the underside of your lawn mower by scraping to remove build-up of grass and trash.
- Clean engine often to keep trash from accumulating. A clogged engine runs hotter and shortens engine life.
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil,etc.
- 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 shortened engine life.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

ACAUTION: Before performing any service or adjustments:

- 1. Release control bar and stop engine.
- Make sure the blade and all moving parts have completely stopped.
- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place where it cannot come in contact with plug.

LAWN MOWER

TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT

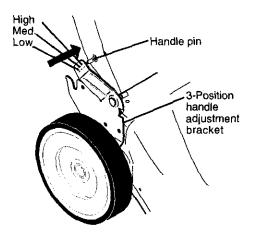
See "TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT" in the Operation section of this manual. **REAR DEFLECTOR**

The rear deflector, attached between the rear wheels of your mower, is provided to minimize the possibility that objects will be thrown out of the rear of the mower into the operator mowing position. If the deflector becomes damaged, it should be replaced.

TO ADJUST HANDLE

The handle on your lawn mower has three (3) height positions - adjust to height that suits you.

 Squeeze the bottom ends of lower handle towards each other until the pin in handle can be inserted into one of the three height adjustment holes.

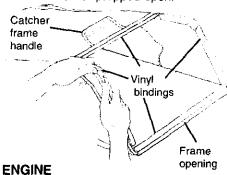


TO ASSEMBLE GRASS CATCHER

- Put grass catcher frame into grass bag with rigid part of bag on the bottom.
 Make sure the frame handle is outside of the bag top.
- 2. Slip vinyl bindings over frame.

 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.

ACAUTION: 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.



ENGINE SPEED

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

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 service center/department for repair and adjustment.

IMPORTANT: Never tamper with the engine governor, which is factory set for proper engine speed. Overspeeding the engine above the factory high speed setting can be dangerous. if you think the engine-governed high speed needs adjusting, contact your nearest authorized service center, which has proper equipment and experience to make any necessary adjustments.

STORAGE

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

LAWN MOWER

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

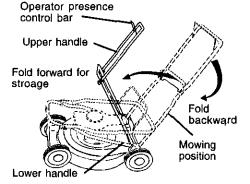
- Clean entire lawn mower (See "CLEANING" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- Lubricate as shown in the Maintenance section of this manual.
- Be sure that all nuts, bolts, screws, and pins are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace if necessary.
- Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

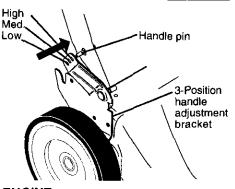
HANDLE

You can fold your lawn mower handle for storage.

- Loosen the two (2) handle knobs on sides of the upper handle and allow handle to fold down to the rear.
- Squeeze the bottom ends of lower handle toward each other until pins in handle clear the brackets and pivot entire handle assembly forward and allow it to rest on mower.
- When setting up your handle from the storage position, the lower handle will require manually locking into the moving position.

IMPORTANT: When folding the handle for storage or transportation, be sure to fold the handle as shown or you may damage the control cables.





ENGINE FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: It is important to prevent gum deposits from forming in essential fuel system parts such as carburetor, fuel filter, fuel hose, or tank during storage. Also, experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage.

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

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

ENGINE OIL

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

- Remove spark plug.
- Pour one ounce (29 ml) of oil through spark plug hole into cylinder.
- Pull starter handle slowly a few times to distribute oil.
- 4. Replace with new spark plug.

OTHER

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust. Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems.
- If possible, store your unit indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt

Cover your unit with a suitable protective cover that does not retain moisture. Do not use plastic. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and will cause your unit to rust.

IMPORTANT: Never cover mower while

The protection of the protectio

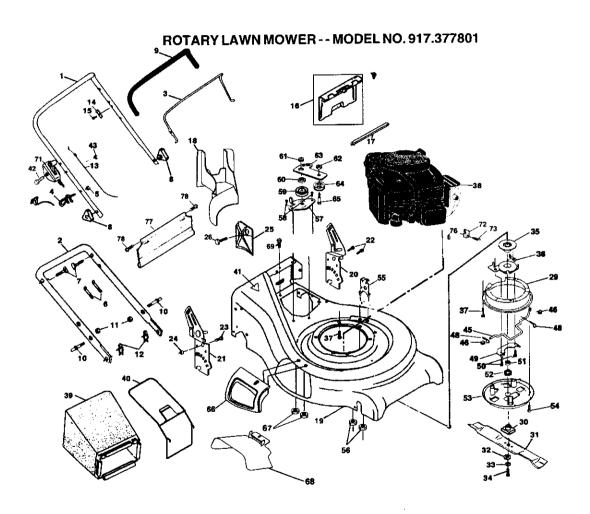
IMPORTANT: Never cover mower while engone and exhaust areas are still warm. A CAUTION: Never store the lawn mower with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

TROUBLESHOO PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION			
Does not start	 Dirty air filter. Out of fuel. Stale fuel. Water in fuel. Spark plug wire is disconnected. Bad spark plug. Loose blade or broken blade adapter. Control bar in released position. Control bar defective. 	1. Clean/replace air filter. 2. Fill fuel tank. 3. Drain tank and refill with fresh clean fuel. 4. Drain fuel tank and carburetor and refill tank with fresh gasoline. 5. Connect wire to plug. 6. Replace spark plug. 7. Tighten blade bolt or replace blade adapter. 8. Depress control bar to handle. 9. Replace control bar.			
Loss of power	1. Rear of lawn mower housing or cutting blade dragging in heavy grass. 2. Cutting too much grass. 3. Dirty air filter. 4. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. 5. Too much oil in engine. 6. Walking speed too fast.	1. Set to "Higher Cut" position. 2. Set to "Higher Cut" position. 3. Clean/replace air filter. 4. Clean underside of mower housing. 5. Check oil level. 6. Cut at slower walking speed.			
Poor cut – uneven	 Worn, bent or loose blade. Wheel heights uneven. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Set all wheels at same height Clean underside of mower housing.			
Excessive vibration	Worn, bent or loose blade. Bent engine crankshaft.	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Contact a qualified service center.			

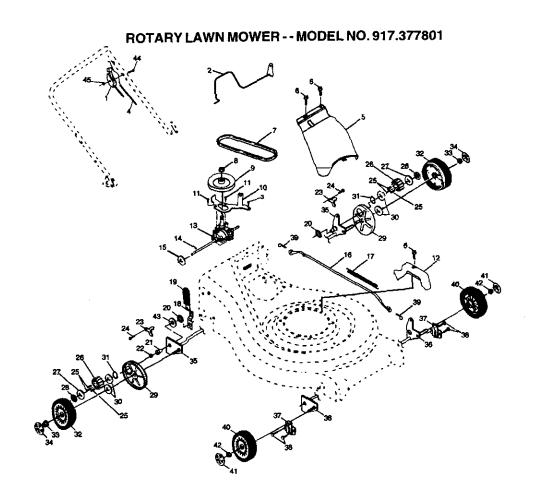
TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

ROUBLESHOOTING CHART						
PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION				
Starter rope hard to pull	 Engine flywheel brake is on when control bar is released Bent engine crankshaft. Blade adapter broken. Blade dragging in grass. 	 Depress control bar to upper handle before pulling starter rope. Contact a qualified service center. Replace blade adapter. Move lawn mower to cut grass or to hard surface. 				
Grass catcher not filling (If so equipped)	Cutting height too low. Lift on blade worn off. Catcher not venting air.	Raise cutting height. Replace blade. Clean grass catcher.				
Hard to push	 Grass is too high or wheel height is too low. Rear of lawn mower housing/blade dragging in grass. Grass catcher too full. Handle height position not right for you. 	Raise cutting height. Raise rear of lawn mower housing one (1)setting higher. Empty grass catcher. Adjust handle height to suit.				
Loss of drive	Belt wear. Belt off of pulley. Drive cable worn or broken. Dirt in drive pinions.	Check/replace drive belt. Check/reinstall drive belt. Replace drive cable. Clean drive pinions.				



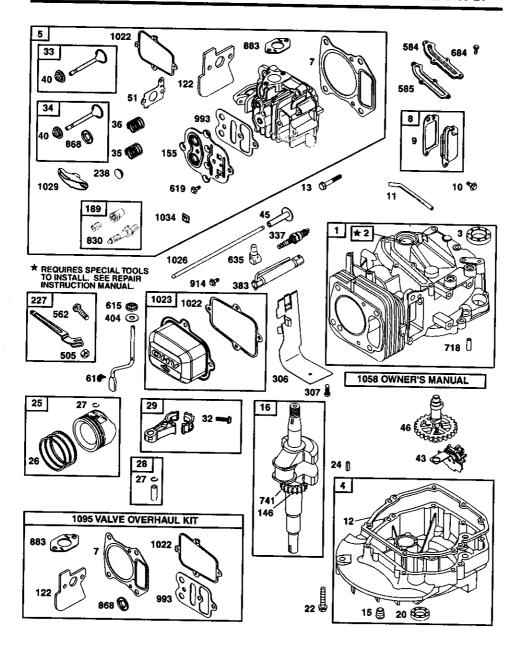
HUI AHY LAWN MOWER -- MODEL NO. 917.377801

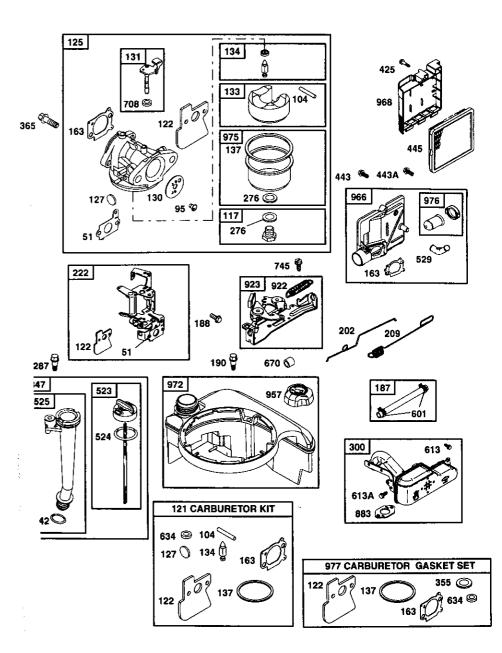
KEY NO.	PART NO	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO	DESCRIPTION
1	167163	Handle, Upper Dix Comf. (Includes Grip)	39	169294	Grass Catcher Bag
2	161105X479	Handle, Lower	40	161358	Grass Catcher Frame
3	175788	Bail, Cont. Wire Dlx Comf. Blk	41	85463	Danger Decal
4	132001	Guide, Rope, Side	42	144929	Screw
5	63601	Nut, Hex Lockwasher 1/4-20	43	63601	Nut
6	66426	Wire, Tie	45	166034	Rod, Pulley Engage
7	131959	Bolt, Handle 5/16-18 x 1.75	46	166041	Bushing
8	175003	Knob, Handle	48	169605	Retainer Clip
9	164265	Grip, Hdl Foam Smooth	49	175787X008	Clamp
10	161551	Bolt, Sq. Neck	50	54583	Screw
11	73990500	Nut, Hex Lockwasher Ins. 5/16-18 UNC	51	169980	Spacer
12	51793	Cotter, Hairpin	52	170868	Wave Washer
13	133107	Engine Zone Control Cable	53	173041	Belt Cover, Bottom
14	850733X004	Bracket, Upstop	54	750097	Screw
15	83816	Screw, Hex Washer Head Tapping 10-2	55	166383X479	Cable Support Bracket
16	175018	Kit, Door Rear	56	63601	Nut
17	161548	Seal, Door	57	166391X004	Bracket Assy.
18	165261	Plug, Mulcher	58	57808	Screw
19	175017	Kit, Housing	59	166042	V-Groove Pulley
20	161568X479	Handle, Bracket Asm. Left	60	166050	Idler Arm Spacer
21	168227X479	Handle, Bracket Asm. Right	61	145212	Flange Nut
22	150078	Screw, Hex Wshd	62	155552	Locknut
23	163183	Bolt, Hex Head 5/16-18 x 5/8	63	166022X008	idler Arm
24	63124	Nut, Hex Lock Wshr 5/16-18	64	166043	Idler Pulley
25	161333	Baffle, Side	65	160829	Shoulder B olt
26	163409	Screw 12 x 5/8	66	175002	Door Assy.
29	166036X479	Belt Cover, Top	67	88349	Nut
30	851514	Adapter, Blade w/key Longer	68	175015	Multi Cut Guard
31	159267	Blade, 21"	69	54583	Screw
32	851074	Washer, Hardened	71	168246	Throttle Control
	850263	Lockwasher, Helical Spring 3/8	72	111190X	Engine Clamp
	851084	Screw, Hex Head 3/8-24 x 1.38	73	83816	Screw
	169809	Pulley, Fixed	76	87677	Hi Pro Key
	170045	Bearing Support Assy.	77	175001	Skirt
37	150406	Bolt, Engine	78	88652	Screw
38		Engine (See Breakdown) Briggs and Stratton 120602-0138-E1		161058 176022	Warning Decal (Not Sho Owner's Manual

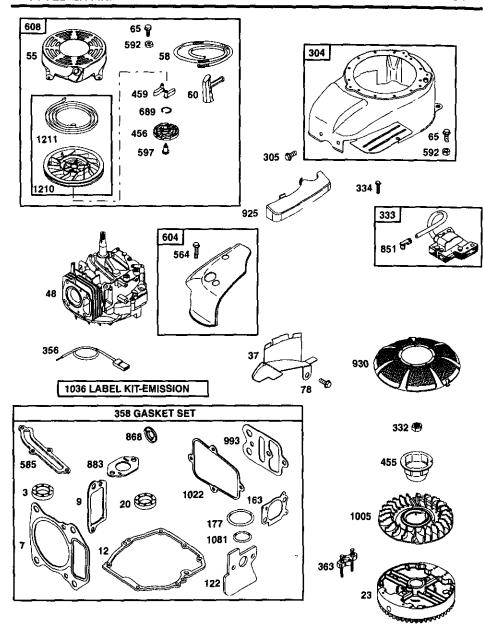


ROTARY LAWN MOWER -- MODEL NO. 917.377801

	KEY NO.	PART NO	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO	DESCRIPTION
	4	171050	Speed Control	23	161118X004	Retainer Drive Asm. Stmp.
	2	175786	Bail Control Drive	24	57808	Screw Hex Head Tapping 1/4-20 x .75
	3	17060408	Screw	25	170011	Drive Pawl
		170050	Drive Cable	26	166450	Pinion, Drive
	4	175011	CoverDrive	27	52160	Washer
	5		Screw Thdroi 10-25 x .50	28	12000058	E-Ring 7/16
	6	750634	V-Belt	29	88080	Cover, Dust Wheel
	/	166060	Nut Lock Flanged 3/8-16 Zinc	30	67725	Washer 1/2 x 1-1/2 x 134
	8	132010	Pulley Driven	31	57143	Wave Washer
	9	166049		32	172324	Wheel 9 x 2
6.3	10	166021X004	Belt Keeper Bracket Screw Hex Wash Head 10-24 X .668	33	145212	Nut Hex Flange Lock
සි	11	17541011		34	175012	Hubcap, Mag Platinum 9"
_	12	175009	Pivot Rod Cover	35	160785 X004	Shaft Asm. Rear
	13	166388	Transmission Asm.	36	160786X004	Shaft Asm. Front
	14	145354	Pin Spring Thrust	37	161463	Retainer Front Shaft
	15	57079	Washer Hardened	38	163409	Screw 12 x 5/8
	16	175000	Rod Connecting	39	700279	Clip Retainer
	17	161602	Spring Extension	40	172323	Wheel 8 x 2
	18	160477X004	Spring Selector	41	175012	Hubcap, Mag Platinum 8"
	19	175008	Knob Selector Spring	42	83923	Nut, Hex Flange Lock 3/8-16
	20	12000022	E-Ring 7/8	43	19572216	Washer
	21	163365	Bearing Support	43 44	144929	Screw 1/4 x 2.12
	22	169911	Bearing Ball			Locknut
				45	751152	LUCKINI







KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.		DESCRIPTION
1 2	692670 399269	Cylinder Assembly Bushing/Seal Kit (Magneto	121 122	692703	Ø	Carburetor Overhaul Kit +Carburetor Spacer
3		Side) Oil Seal (Magneto Side)	125 127	694202 694468		Carburetor Spacer Carburetor Welch Plug
4	499619	Engine Sump	130	691203	U	Throttle Valve
5 7	692800	Cylinder Head	131	499682		Throttle Shaft
7 8		- Cylinder Head Gasket	133 134	398187	0	Carburetor Float
9	495786 272481	Breather Assembly Breather Gasket	137	398188 693981	0+	Needle/Seat Kit Float Bowl Gasket
10	691125	Screw (Breather Assembly)	146	94388	-	Timing Key
11	499675	Breather Tube	155	691231		Cylinder Head Plate
12		Crankcase Gasket	163	692667	•0‡	+Air Cleaner Gasket
13 15	691137 691680	Screw (Cylinder Head) Oil Drain Plug	187 188	298049 691147		Fuel Line
16	691457	Crankshaft	189	694543		Screw (Control Bracket) Rocker Arm Ball
20		Oil Seal (PTO Side)	190	94511		Screw (Fuel Tank)
22	691092	Screw (Crankcase Cover/	202	691303		Mechanical Governor Link
22A	04640	Sump)	209 222	691290 692672		Governor Spring
22A	94612	Screw (Crankcase Cover/ Sump)(Used in Hole	227	691467		Control Bracket Governor Control Lever
		Nearest Breather)	238	691300		Valve Cap
23	692452	Flywheel	276	271716	؇	Sealing Washer
24	222698	Flywheel Key	287 300	94511		Screw (Dipstick Tube)
25	690021 694167	Piston Assembly (Standard) Piston Assembly (.010 O.S.)	304	693982 499677		Exhaust Muffler Blower Housing
	694168	Piston Assembly (.020 O.S.)	305	691108		Screw (Blower Housing)
	694169	Piston Assembly (.020 O.S.) Piston Assembly (.030 O.S.)	306	691232		Cylinder Shield
6	499631	Ring Set (Standard)	307	690345		Screw (Cylinder Shield)
	692785 692786	Ring Set (.010 O.S.)	332 333	94877 802574		Nut (Flywheel) Magneto Armature
	692787	Ring Set (.020 O.S.) Ring Set (.030 O.S.)	334	94731		Screw (Magneto Armature)
7	263190	Piston Pin Lock	337	499608		Spark Plug
8	499423	Piston Pin	356	692390		Stop Wire
9	499424 94699	Connecting Rod Screw (Connecting Rod)	358 363	694090 19069	•	Engine Gasket Set Flywheel Puller
2 3	499642	Exhaust Valve	365	691136		Screw (Carburetor)
1	499641	Intake Valve				
}	691304	Valve Spring (Intake)	RPM	Settings:		Low Speed: 1900-2100
) ,	691304 694086	Valve Spring (Exhaust)				High Speed: 3000-3200
)	93312	Flywheel Guard Valve Retainer	•	Included	in E	ngine Gasket Set, Ref
3	493737	Governor/Oil Slinger		Number	358	
}	262679	Valve Tappet	Ø	Included	in C	arburetor Overhaul Kit, Ref
) }	692453 692745	Camshaft	4	Number	121.	Control Control Cot Def
í		Shortblock Intake Gasket	‡	Number	977	arburetor Gasket Set, Ref
5	691421	Rewind Starter Housing	+			alue Overhaul Kit, Ref
. 3	280399	Starter Rope (Cut To		Number	1095	5.
٥	281434	Length) Starter Rope Grip	NOTE	: All com	pon	ent dimensions given in U.S.
5	94904	Screw (Rewind Starter)		1 inch =		
8	691108	Screw (Flywheel Guard)				
5 04	94098 691242 Ø	Screw (Throttle Valve) Float Hinge Pin				
117	498978	Main Jet (Standard)				

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
383	19374	Spark Plug Wrench	851	493880	Spark Plug Terminal
404	690272	Washer (Governor Crank)	868	498592 • +	
425	94872	Screw (Air Cleaner Cover)	883		Exhaust Gasket
443	94118	Screw (Air Cleaner Primer	914	691108	Screw (Rocker Cover)
		Base)	922	262640	Brake Spring
443A	94873	Screw (Air Cleaner Primer	923	493442	Brake
		Base)	925	690595	Linkage Cover
445	491588	Air Cleaner Cartridge Filter	930	692675	Rewind Guard
455	691219	Flywheel Cup	957 966	498697	Fuel Tank Cap
456	281503	Pawl Friction Plate		692673	Air Cleaner Primer Base
459	281505	Ratchet Pawl	968 972	281340 499618	Air Cleaner Cover Fuel Tank
505	231082	Nut (Governor Control Lever)	975	493640	Float Bowl
523	499621	Dipstick	975		Carburetor Primer
524		Dipstick Tube Seal	977		Carburetor Gasket Set
525	495265	Dipstick Tube	993		Cylinder Head Plate Gasket
529		Grommet		691346	Flywheel Fan
562	94852	Bolt (Governor Control			Rocker Cover Gasket
F.C.4	000000	Lever)		499624	Rocker Arm Cover
564 584	693808 692342	Screw (Control Cover) Breather Passage Cover		498597	Push Rod
585		Breather Passage Gasket	1029	691230	Rocker Arm
592	94908	Nut (Rewind Starter)		691343	Push Rod Guide
597	94943	Screw (Pawl Friction Plate)		694507	Emissions Label
601	93053	Hose Clamp	1058	3 274264	Owner's Manual (Emission
604	692669	Control Cover	4000		Engines)
608	497680	Rewind Starter	1095		Valve Gasket Set
613	691108	Screw (Muffler)		498144	Pulley/Spring
613A	691140	Screw (Muffler)(Muffler	1211		Pulley/Spring 5-E1 Replacement Engine
_		Guard)		121002-051	5-ET Replacement Engine
615	690340	Governor Shaft Retainer	RPM	Settings:	Low Speed: 1900-2100
	691306	Governor Crank	(41 144	Coungs.	High Speed: 3000-3200
619	691108	Screw (Cylinder Head Plate)			g opo don't da
635	66538	Spark Plug Boot	•	Included in	Engine Gasket Set, Ref
670 684	280512 690345	Fuel Tank Spacer Screw (Breather Passage		Number 35	
004	090343	Cover)	Ø	Included in	Carburetor Overhaul Kit, Ref
689	263073	Friction Spring		Number 121	
708	691321 Ø:		‡		Carburetor Gasket Set, Ref
718	230192	Locating Pin		Number 97	
741	262598	Timing Gear	+		Value Overhaul Kit, Ref
745	94512	Screw (Brake)		Number 109	∌5.
830	694544	Stud (Rocker Arm)	NOT	E. All sames	nont dimensions diven in U.S.
842		 Dipstick/Tube Seal 	inchi	e: All compo es 1 inch = 25	nent dimensions given in U.S.
847	498715	Dipstick/Tube Assembly	HIGH	55 1 HIOH # 20	, T 11H11

SERVICE NOTES

SERVICE NOTES

SERVICE NOTES

Get it fixed, at your home or ours!

For repair of major brand appliances in your own home... no matter who made it, no matter who sold it!

1-800-4-MY-HOME SM Anytime, day or night (1-800-469-4663)

www.sears.com

To bring in products such as vacuums, lawn equipment and electronics for repair, call for the location of your nearest Sears Parts & Repair Center.

1-800-488-1222 Anytime, day or night

www.sears.com

For the replacement parts, accessories and owner's manuals that you need to do-it-yourself, call **Sears PartsDirect** SM!

1-800-366-PART 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. CST, (1-800-366-7278) 7 days a week

www.sears.com/partsdirect

To purchase or inquire about a Sears Service Agreement:

1-800-827-6655

7 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST, Mon. - Sat.

Para pedir servicio de reparación a domicilio, y para ordenar piezas con entrega a domicilio:

1-888-SU-HOGAR SM (1-888-784-6427) Au Canada pour service en français: 1-877-LE-FOYER SM (1-877-533-6937)



© Sears, Roebuck and Co.

® Registered Trademark / ™ Trademark of Sears, Roebuck and Co.
® Marca Registrada / ™ Marca de Fábrica de Sears, Roebuck and Co.

176022 09.19.00 VB

Printed in U.S.A.