

MODEL NO. 944.604190

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



CRAFTSMAN®

18.0 HP ELECTRIC START 42" MOWER 6 SPEED TRANSAXLE LAWN TRACTOR

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

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SAFETY RULES

Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers



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

I. GENERAL OPERATION

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary.
 Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the guard in place.
- Slow down before turning.
- Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove keys before dismounting.
- Turn off blades when not mowing.
- Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Data indicates that operators, age 60 years and above, are involved in a large percentage of riding mower-related injuries. These operators should evaluate their ability to operate the riding mower safely enough to protect themselves and others from serious injury.
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves or other debris build-up which can touch hot exhaust/engine parts and burn. Do not allow the mower deck to plow leaves or other debris which can cause build-up to occur. Clean any oil or fuel spillage before operating or storing the machine. Allow machine to cool before storage.

II. SLOPE OPERATION

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

DO:

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

DO NOT:

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

III. CHILDREN

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

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

IV. SERVICE

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

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- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers or children even with the blades off.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and down for small children.
- Mow up and down slopes (15° Max), not across.
- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Use slow speed. Choose a low gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly straight down the slope.
- If machine stops while going uphill, disengage blades, shift into reverse and back down slowly.
- Do not turn on slopes unless necessary, and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.



WARNING: Do not coast down a hill in neutral, you may lose control of the tractor.



WARNING: Tow only the attachments that are recommended by and comply with specifications of the manufacturer of your tractor. Use common sense when towing. Operate only at the lowest possible speed when on a slope. Too heavy of a load, while on a slope, is dangerous. Tires can lose traction with the ground and cause you to lose control of your tractor.



WARNING: 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.

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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Gasoline Capacity and type:	1.25 Ga Unlead	allons ed Regula	ar		
Oil Type (API-SF-SJ): Your tractor was shipped SAE 10W30 motor oil	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F) Synthetic (below 0°F) I from the factory with non-synthetic				
Oil Capacity:		3.5 Pint ter 3.0 Pi			
Spark Plug: (Gap: .030")	Champion RC12		YC		
Ground Speed (MPH):	Forward	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th	1.1 1.4 2.2 3.3 4.4 4.9 1.4		
Tire Pressure:	Front: Rear:	14 PSI 12 PSI			
Charging System:	3 Amps Battery 5 Amps Headlin AMP/HR: Min. CCA: Case Size:		nts		
Battery:			28 230 U1R		
Blade Bolt Torque:	27-35 F	T. LBS.			

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

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

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

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

WARNING: This tractor is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest authorized service center/department (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

LIMITED TWO (2) YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN TRACTOR (RIDING EQUIPMENT)

For two (2) years from date of purchase Sears Canada, Inc. will repair or replace at Sears option free of charge parts which are defective as a result of material or workmanship.

FULL ONE (1) YEAR WARRANTY ON BATTERY

For one (1) year from date of purchase, if any battery included with this riding equipment proves defective in material or workmanship and our testing determines the battery will not hold a charge, Sears will replace the battery at no charge.

COMMERCIAL OR RENTAL USE

Warranty on Riding Equipment used for commercial or rental purposes is limited to ninety (90) days.

This Warranty does **NOT** cover:

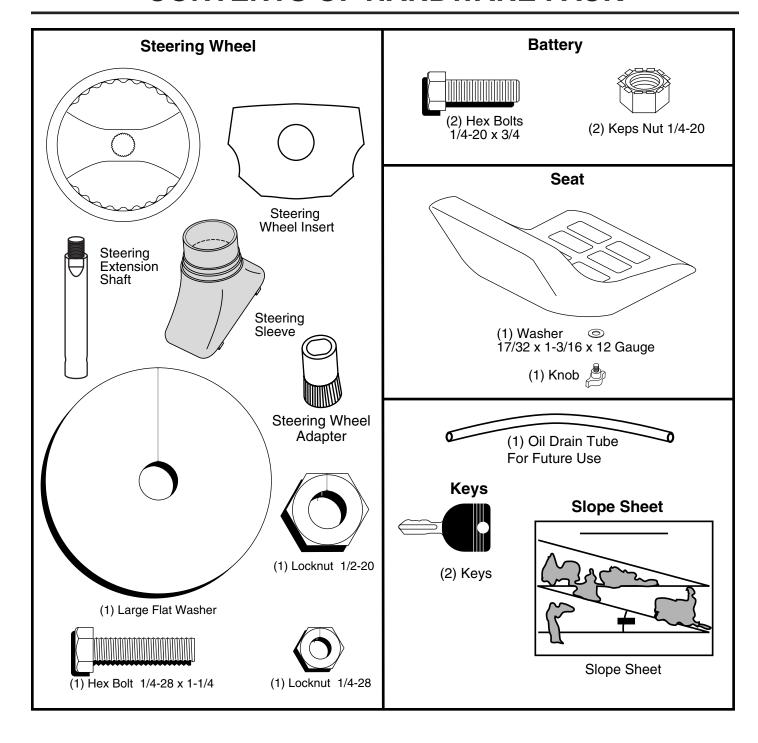
- 1. Pre-delivery set-up.
- 2. Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects (such as nails, thorns, stumps, or glass).
- 3. Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plug, air cleaners and belts.
- 4. Repairs necessary because of operator abuse or negligence, including damaged jackshaft or mandrel and the failure to operate and maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the Owner's Manual.
- 5. In Home service.

Warranty service is available by returning the Craftsman Riding Equipment to the nearest Sears Service Centre/Department in Canada. This warranty applies only while this product is in use in Canada.

This warranty is in addition to any statutory warranty and does not exclude or limit legal rights you may have but shall run concurrently with applicable provincial legislation. Furthermore, some provinces do NOT allow limitation on how long an implied warranty will last so the above limitations may not apply to you.

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CONTENTS OF HARDWARE PACK



ASSEMBLY

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

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

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

(2) 7/16" wrenches Utility knife

(1) 3/4" wrench Tire pressure gauge

Phillips screwdriver

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

TO REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON

UNPACK CARTON

- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts cartons from carton.
- Cut along dotted lines on all four panels of carton.
 Remove end panels and lay side panels flat.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

BEFORE REMOVING TRACTOR FROM SKID

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (SEE FIG. 1)

ASSEMBLE EXTENSION SHAFT AND BOOT

 Slide extension shaft onto lower steering shaft. Align mounting holes in extension and lower shafts and install 1/4 hex bolt and locknut. Tighten securely.

IMPORTANT: TIGHTEN BOLT AND NUT SECURELY TO 10-12 FT. LBS TORQUE.

 Place tabs of steering boot over tab slots in dash and push down to secure.

INSTALL STEERING WHEEL

- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Remove steering wheel adapter from steering wheel and slide adapter onto steering shaft extension.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide inside boot and onto adapter.
- Assemble large flat washer, 1/2 hex nut and tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

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

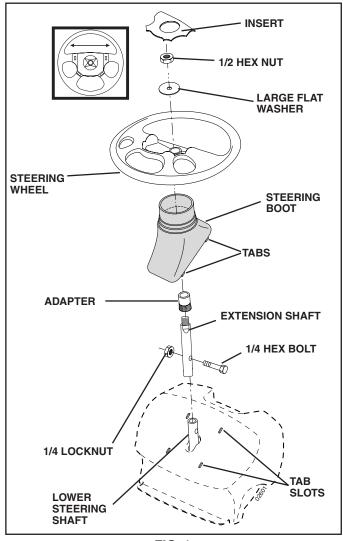


FIG. 1

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 2)

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment knob.

- Remove adjustment knob and flat washer securing seat to cardboard packing and set aside for assembly of seat to tractor.
- Pivot seat upward and remove from the cardboard packing. Remove the cardboard packing and discard.
- Place seat on seat pan so head of shoulder bolts are positioned over the large slotted holes in pan.
- Push down on seat to engage shoulder bolts in slots and pull seat towards rear of tractor.
- Pivot seat and pan forward and assemble adjustment knob and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- Lower seat into operating position and sit in seat.
- Slide seat until a comfortable position is reached which allows you to press clutch/brake pedal all the way down.

ASSEMBLY

- Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- Raise seat and tighten adjustment knob securely.

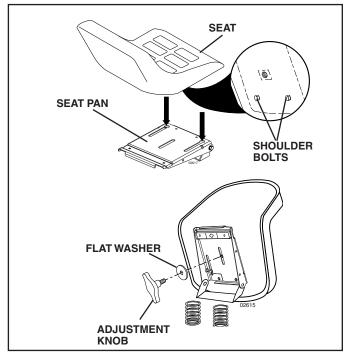


FIG. 2

CONNECT BATTERY (See Figs. 3 and 4)



CAUTION: Do not short battery terminals by allowing a wrench or any other object to contact both terminals at the same time. Before connecting battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands, rings, etc.

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

- Lift seat pan to raised position.
- Remove terminal protective caps and discard.
- If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) terminal with hex bolt and keps nut as shown. Tighten securely. Slide terminal cover over terminal.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) terminal with remaining hex bolt and keps nut. Tighten securely.

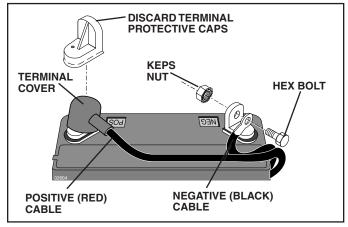


FIG. 3

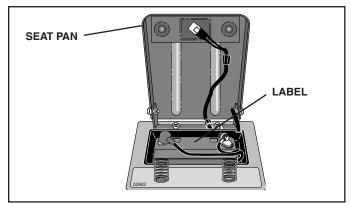


FIG. 4

NOTE: You may now roll or drive your tractor off the skid. Follow the appropriate instruction below to remove the tractor from the skid.

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

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

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

AWARNING: Before starting, read, understand and follow all instructions in the Operation section of this manual. Be sure tractor is in a well-ventilated area. Be sure the area in front of tractor is clear of other people and objects.

- Be sure all the above assembly steps have been completed.
- Check engine oil level and fill fuel tank with gasoline.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.

ASSEMBLY

- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Start the engine. After engine has started, move throttle control to idle position.
- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold. Move gearshift lever to 1st gear.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal and slowly drive tractor off skid.
- Apply brake to stop tractor, set parking brake and place gearshift lever in neutral position.
- Turn ignition key to "STOP" position.

Continue with the instructions that follow.

INSTALL MULCHER PLATE (See Fig. 5) (If previously removed)

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



CAUTION: Do not remove deflector shield from mower.

TO CONVERT TO BAGGING OR DISCHARGING

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

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

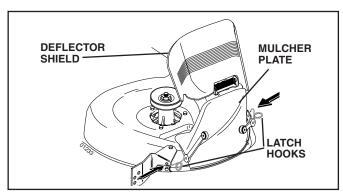


FIG. 5

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

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

 Reduce tire pressure to PSI shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.

CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

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

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

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

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

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

✓ CHECKLIST

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

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

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

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

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

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





HIGH











SLOW IGNITION









PARKING BRAKE





PARKING BRAKE PARKING BRAKE **LOCKED UNLOCKED**



LIGHT

















MOWER HEIGHT MOWER LIFT







ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED CLUTCH DISENGAGED



AND FEET AWAY











DANGER, KEEP HANDS

KEEP AREA CLEAR

SLOPE HAZARDS (SEE SAFETY RULES SECTION)





FREE WHEEL (Automatic Models only)



Failure to follow instructions could result in serious injury or death. The safety alert symbol is used to identify safety information about hazards which can result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.



DANGER indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, might result in minor or moderate injury.

CAUTION when used without the alert symbol, indicates a situation that **could result in damage** to the tractor and/or engine.



HOT SURFACES indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.



FIRE indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.

KNOW YOUR TRACTOR

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

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

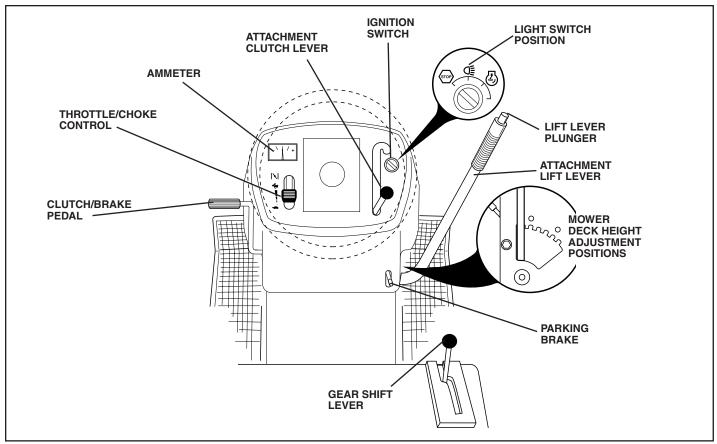


FIG. 6

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

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

LIGHT SWITCH POSITION - Turns the headlights on and off.

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

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

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

GEARSHIFT LEVER - Selects the speed and direction of the tractor.

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

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

IGNITION SWITCH - Used for starting and stopping the engine.

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



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

HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR

TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 7)

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

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

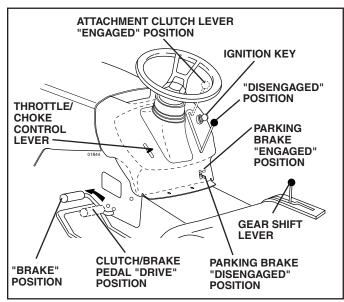


FIG. 7

STOPPING (See Fig. 7)

MOWER BLADES -

 To stop mower blades, move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.

GROUND DRIVE -

- To stop ground drive, depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position.
- Move gearshift lever to neutral (N) position.

ENGINE -

Move throttle control to slow position.

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

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

IMPORTANT: LEAVING THE IGNITION SWITCH IN ANY POSITION OTHER THAN "OFF" WILL CAUSE THE BATTERY TO BE DISCHARGED, (DEAD).

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



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

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 7)

Always operate engine at full throttle.

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

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD (See Fig. 7)

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

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

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

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 9)

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

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

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

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

TO ADJUST GAUGE WHEELS (See Fig. 8)

Gauge wheels are properly adjusted when they are slightly off the ground when mower is at the desired cutting height in operating position. Gauge wheels then keep the deck in proper position to help prevent scalping in most terrain conditions.

NOTE: Adjust gauge wheels with tractor on a flat level surface.

- Adjust mower to desired cutting height (See "TO AD-JUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT" in the Operation section of this manual).
- With mower in desired height of cut position, gauge wheels should be assembled so they are slightly off the ground. Install gauge wheel in appropriate hole with shoulder bolt, 3/8 washer, and 3/8-16 locknut and tighten securely.
- Repeat for opposite side installing gauge wheel in same adjustment hole.

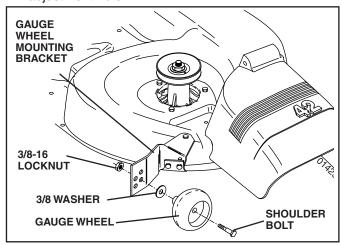


FIG. 8

TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig. 9)

Your tractor is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. Any attempt by the operator to leave the seat with the engine running and the attachment clutch engaged will shut off the engine. You must remain fully and centrally positioned in the seat to prevent the engine from hesitating or cutting off when operating your equipment on rough, rolling terrain or hills.

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



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

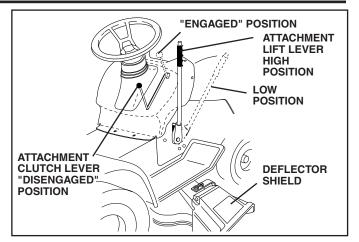


FIG. 9

TO OPERATE ON HILLS



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

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

TO TRANSPORT

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

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

TOWING CARTS AND OTHER ATTACH-MENTS

Tow only the attachments that are recommended by and comply with specifications of the manufacturer of your tractor. Use common sense when towing. Too heavy of a load, while on a slope, is dangerous. Tires can lose traction with the ground and cause you to lose control of your tractor.

BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE

CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL

 The engine in your tractor has been shipped, from the factory, already filled with summer weight oil.

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

ADD GASOLINE

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



CAUTION: Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

IMPORTANT: WHEN OPERATING IN TEMPERATURES BELOW32°F(0°C), USE FRESH, CLEAN WINTER GRADE GASOLINE TO HELP INSURE GOOD COLD WEATHER STARTING.

CAUTION: 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.

TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 5)

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

- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control to choke (ℕ) position.

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

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

WARM WEATHER STARTING (50° F and above)

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

COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F AND BELOW)

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

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

MOWING TIPS

- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 10).

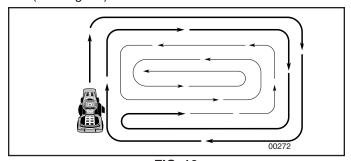


FIG. 10

- If grass is extremely tall, it should be mowed twice to reduce load and possible fire hazard from dried clippings. Make first cut relatively high; the second to the desired height.
- Do not mow grass when it is wet. Wet grass will plug mower and leave undesirable clumps. Allow grass to dry before mowing.
- Always operate engine at full throttle when mowing to assure better mowing performance and proper discharge of material. Regulate ground speed by selecting a low enough gear to give the mower cutting performance as well as the quality of cut desired.
- When operating attachments, select a ground speed that will suit the terrain and give best performance of the attachment being used.

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

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

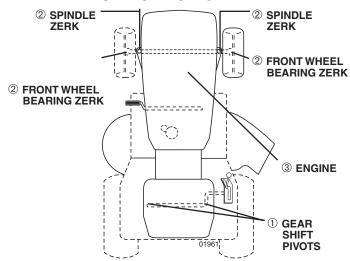
At least once a season, check to see if you should make any of the adjustments described in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

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

BEFORE EACH USE

- Check engine oil level.
- Check brake operation.
- Check tire pressure.
- Check operator presence and interlock systems for proper operation.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION CHART



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

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

TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

BRAKE OPERATION

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

TIRES

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

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.

OPERATOR PRESENCE SYSTEM

Be sure operator presence and interlock systems are working properly. If your tractor does not function as described, repair the problem immediately.

- The engine should not start unless the clutch/brake pedal is fully depressed and attachement clutch control is in the disengaged position.
- When the engine is running, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat without first setting the parking brake should shut off the engine.
- When the engine is running and the attachment clutch is engaged, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat should shut off the engine.
- The attachment clutch should never operate unless the operator is in the seat.

BLADE CARE

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

BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 11)

- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove blade bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing blade.
- Install new or resharpened blade with trailing edge up towards deck as shown.

IMPORTANT: TO ENSURE PROPER ASSEMBLY, CENTER HOLE IN BLADE MUST ALIGN WITH STAR ON MANDREL ASSEMBLY.

- Reassemble blade bolt, lock washer and flat washer in exact order as shown.
- Tighten blade bolt securely (27-35 Ft. Lbs. torque).

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS HEATTREATED. IF BOLT NEEDS REPLACING, REPLACE ONLY WITH APPROVE BOLT SHOWN IN THE REPAIR PARTS.

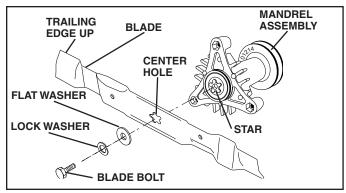


FIG. 11

TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 12)

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 excessive vibration and eventual damage to mower and engine.

- The blade can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. Do not attempt to sharpen while on the mower.
- To check blade balance, you will need a 5/8" diameter steel bolt, pin, or a cone balancer. (When using a cone balancer, follow the instructions supplied with balancer.)

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

 Slide blade on to an unthreaded portion of the steel bolt or pin and hold the bolt or pin parallel with the ground.
 If blade is balanced, it should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of the blade moves downward, sharpen the heavy end until the blade is balanced.

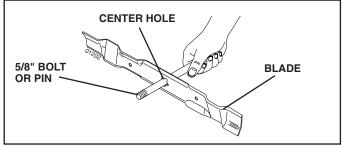


FIG. 12

BATTERY

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

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

NOTE: The original equipment battery on your tractor is maintenance free. Do not attempt to open or remove caps or covers. Adding or checking level of electrolyte is not necessary.

TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS

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

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

V-BELTS

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

TRANSAXLE COOLING

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

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF-SJ. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature. When operating in temperatures below 0° F (-18° C) synthetic oil must be used.

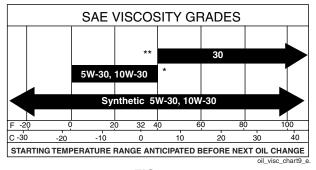


FIG. 13

- * **CAUTION:** Air cooled engines run hotter than automotive engines. The use of non-synthetic multi-viscosity oils (5W30, 10W30 etc.) in temperatures above 40° F (4° C) will result in higher than normal oil consumption. When using a multi-viscosity oil, check oil level more frequently.
- ** **CAUTION:** SAE 30 oil, if used below 40° F (4° C), will result in hard starting and possible engine bore damage due to inadequate lubrication.



NOTE: Synthetic oil meeting ILSAC GF-2, API certification mark and API service symbol (shown at left) with "SJ/CF ENERGY CONSERVING" or higher, is an acceptable oil at all temperatures. **Use of synthetic oil does not alter required oil change intervals.**

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

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

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Fig. 13 & 14)

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SF-SJ.

- Be sure tractor is on level surface.
- · Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- · Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove oil fill cap/dipstick. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when changing oil.
- Remove yellow cap from end of drain valve and install the drain tube onto the fitting.

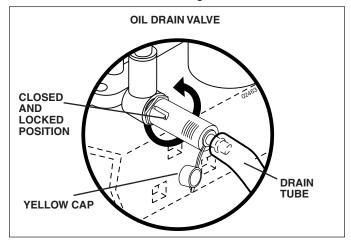


FIG. 14

- Unlock drain valve by pushing inward and turning counterclockwise.
- To open, pull out on the drain valve.
- After oil has drained completely, close and lock the drain valve by pushing inward and turning clockwise until the pin is in the locked position as shown.
- Remove the drain tube and replace the cap onto to the bottom fitting of the drain valve.
- Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill. For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual
- Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. Be sure dipstick cap is tightened securely for accurate reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick. Tighten cap onto the tube securely when finished.

CLEAN AIR SCREEN

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

ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM (See Fig. 15)

Debris may clog the engine's air cooling system. Remove blower housing and clean the area shown to prevent overheating and engine damage.

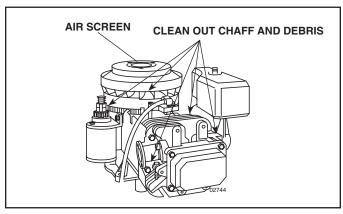


FIG. 15

AIR FILTER (See Fig. 16)

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

Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions.

- Pull up on air filter cover handle and rotate towards engine.
- Remove cover.
- Carefully remove air filter cartridge and pre-cleaner from base.
- Clean base carefully to prevent debris from falling into carburetor.

NOTE: If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.

- Place new pre-cleaner and cartridge firmly in base.
- Align tabs on cover with slots in blower housing and replace cover.
- Hook handle on cover and push down on handle to close.

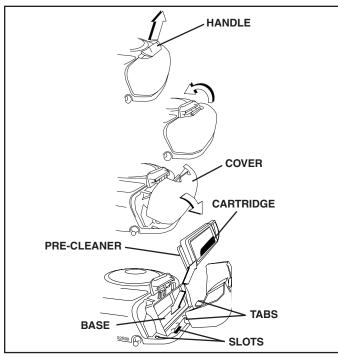


FIG. 16

IMPORTANT: Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean the cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. Do not oil cartridge. Do not use pressurized air to clean cartridge.

ENGINE OIL FILTER

Replace the engine oil filter every season or every other oil change if the tractor is used more than 100 hours in one year.

MUFFLER

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

SPARK PLUGS

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of use, whichever comes first. Spark plug type and gap setting is shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.

IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 17)

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

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

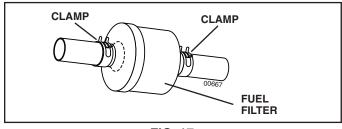


FIG. 17

CLEANING

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

We do not recommend using a garden hose or pressure washer to clean your tractor unless the engine and transmission are covered to keep water out. Water in engine or transmission will shorten the useful life of your tractor. Use compressed air or a leaf blower to remove grass, leaves and trash from tractor and mower.



WARNING: TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY, BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUST-MENTS:

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

TRACTOR

TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 18)

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

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Remove small retainer spring, and remove clutch spring off pulley bolt.
- Remove large retainer spring, slide collar off and push housing guide out of bracket.
- Disconnect anti-swaybar from chassis bracket by removing retainer spring.
- Disconnect suspension arms from rear deck brackets by removing retainer springs.

- Disconnect front links from deck by removing retainer springs.
- Raise lift lever to raise suspension arms. Slide mower out from under tractor.

IMPORTANT: IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER DECK IS TO BE MOUNTED ON THE TRACTOR, REMOVE THE FRONT LINKS AND HOOKTHE CLUTCH SPRING INTO SQUARE HOLE IN FRAME.

TO INSTALL MOWER (See Fig. 18)

- Raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Slide mower under tractor with deflector shield to right side of tractor.
- Lower lift lever to its lowest position.
- Connect front links to mower deck and secure with retainer springs..

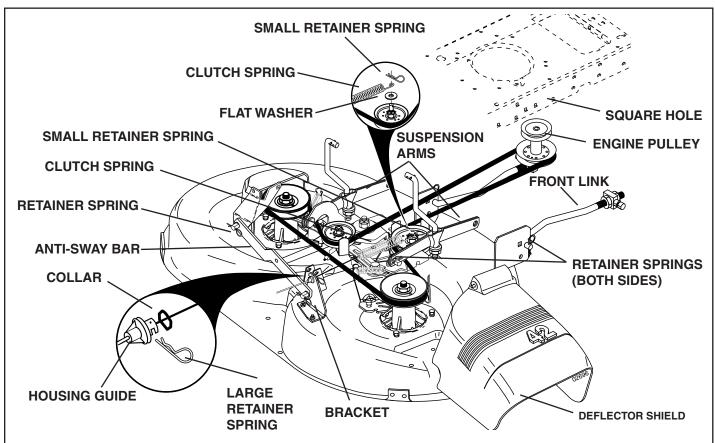


FIG. 18

- Connect suspension arms to rear deck brackets and secure with retainer springs.
- Connect anti-swaybar to chassis bracket and secure with retainer spring.
- Push clutch cable housing guide into bracket, slide collar onto guide and secure with large retainer spring.
- Place flat washer and clutch spring on idler pulley bolt and secure with small retainer spring.
- · Install belt onto engine pulley.

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

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

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

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

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

Recheck measurements after adjusting.

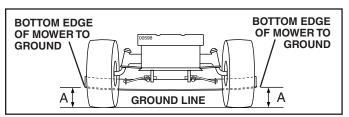


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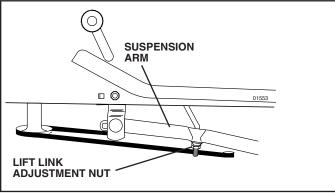


FIG. 20

FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 21 and 22) IMPORTANT: DECK MUST BE LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE. IF THE FOLLOWING FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY, BE SURE TO ADJUST BOTH FRONT LINKS EQUALLY SO MOWER WILL STAY LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE.

To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

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

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length.
- If links are not equal in length, adjust one link to same length as other link.
- To lower front of mower loosen nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nuts "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- To raise front of mower, loosen nut "F" from trunnion on both front links. Tighten nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns. The two front links must remain equal in length.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- Recheck side-to-side adjustment.

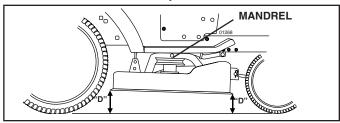


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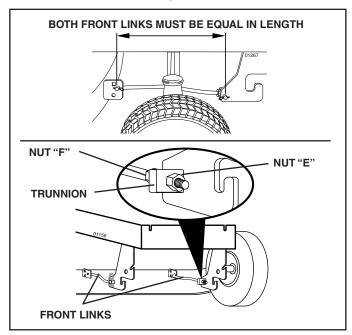


FIG. 22

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

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

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

BELT INSTALLATION -

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

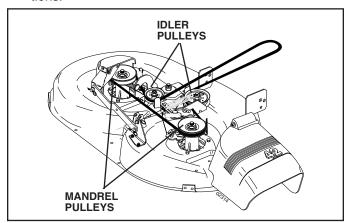


FIG. 23

TO CHECK AND ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 24)

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

If tractor requires more than five (5) feet to stop at highest speed in highest gear on a level, dry concrete or paved surface, then brake must be checked and adjusted.

TO CHECK BRAKE

- Park tractor on a level, dry concrete or paved surface, depress clutch/brake pedal all the way down and engage parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.

The rear wheels must lock and skid when you try to manually push the tractor forward. If the rear wheels rotate, the brake needs to be adjusted or the pads need to be replaced.

TO ADJUST BRAKE

- Depress clutch/brake pedal all the way down and engage parking brake.
- Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- If distance is other than 1-1/2", loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-1/2". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".
- Road test tractor for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than five (5) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Replace brake pads or contact a qualified service center.

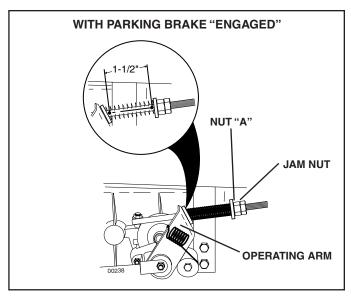


FIG. 24

TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 25)

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

BELT REMOVAL -

 Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of manual).

NOTE: Observe entire motion drive belt and position of all belt guides and keepers.

- Remove belt from stationary idler and clutching idler.
- Remove belt downward from around engine pulley.
- Pull belt slack toward rear of tractor. Remove belt upwards from transaxle pulley by deflecting belt keepers.
- Remove belt from center span keeper and pull belt away from tractor.

BELT INSTALLATION -

- Carefully work new belt down between transaxle belt keepers and onto the input pulley.
- Slide belt into the center span keeper.
- Pull belt toward front of tractor and roll around the top groove of engine pulley.
- Install belt through stationary idler and clutching idler
- Make sure belt is in all pulley grooves and inside all belt guides and keepers.
- Install mower (See "TO INSTALL MOWER" in this section of manual).

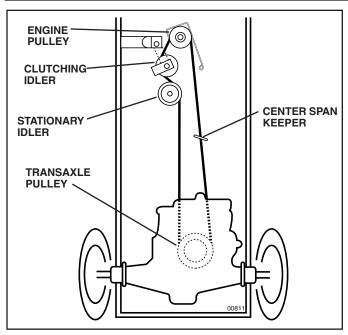


FIG. 25

TRANSAXLE GEAR SHIFT LEVER NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT (See Fig. 26)

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

Make sure transaxle is in neutral (N).

NOTE: When the tractor rear wheels move freely, the transaxle is in neutral.

- Loosen adjustment bolt in front of the right rear wheel.
- Position the gear shift lever in the neutral (N) position.
- Tighten adjustment bolt securely.

NOTE: If additional clearance is needed to get to adjustment bolt, move mower deck height to the lowest position.

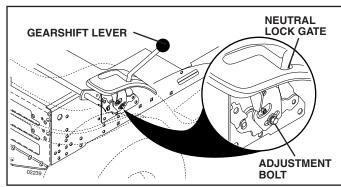


FIG. 26

TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGN-MENT

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

FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

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

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 27)

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

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.

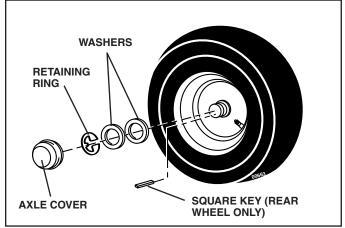


FIG. 27

TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Fig. 28)



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

If your battery is too weak to start the engine, it should be recharged. (See "BATTERY" in the Maintenance section of this manual).

If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure:

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

TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

- Connect one end of the RED cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal of each battery(A-B), taking care not to short against tractor chassis.
- Connect one end of the BLACK cable to the NEGATIVE
 (-) terminal (C) of fully charged battery.
- Connect the other end of the BLACK cable (D) to good chassis ground, away from fuel tank and battery.

TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

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

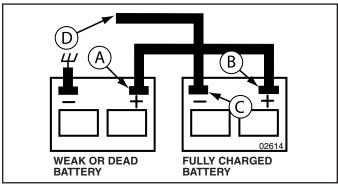


FIG. 28

TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

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

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

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

 Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section.

TO REPLACE FUSE

Replace with 20 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located behind the dash.

TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY (See Fig. 29)

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

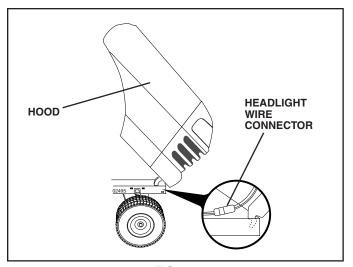


FIG. 29

ENGINE

Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems, which are being done at the customers expense, may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. Warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized engine manufacturer's service outlet.

TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 30)

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

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

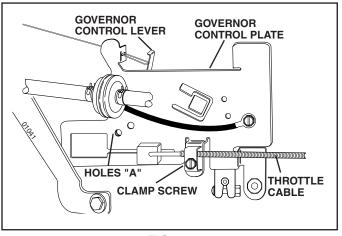


FIG. 30

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR (See Fig. 31)

NOTE: The carburetor on this engine is low emission. It is equipped with an idle fuel adjusting needle with a limiter cap, which allows some adjustment within the limits allowed by the cap. Do not attempt to remove the limiter cap. The limiter cap cannot be removed without breaking the adjusting needle.

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

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

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

PRELIMINARY SETTING -

- Air cleaner assembly must be assembled to the carburetor when making carburetor adjustments.
- Be sure the throttle control cable is adjusted properly (see above).

FINAL SETTING -

- Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes. Make final adjustments with engine running and shift/motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move throttle control lever to slow position. With finger, rotate and hold throttle lever against idle speed screw. Turn idle speed screw to attain 1750 RPM.
- While still holding throttle lever against idle speed screw, turn idle mixture valve full travel clockwise then counterclockwise until engine runs rough. Turn valve to a point midway between those two positions. Release throttle lever.

ACCELERATION TEST -

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

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

IMPORTANT: NEVERTAMPERWITHTHEENGINE 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, CONTACTYOUR NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS PROPER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

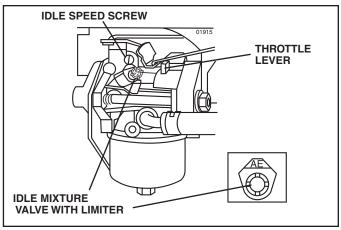


FIG. 31

STORAGE

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



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

TRACTOR

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

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

BATTERY

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

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.

- Empty the fuel tank by starting 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 empty 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(S)

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

OTHER

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

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

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

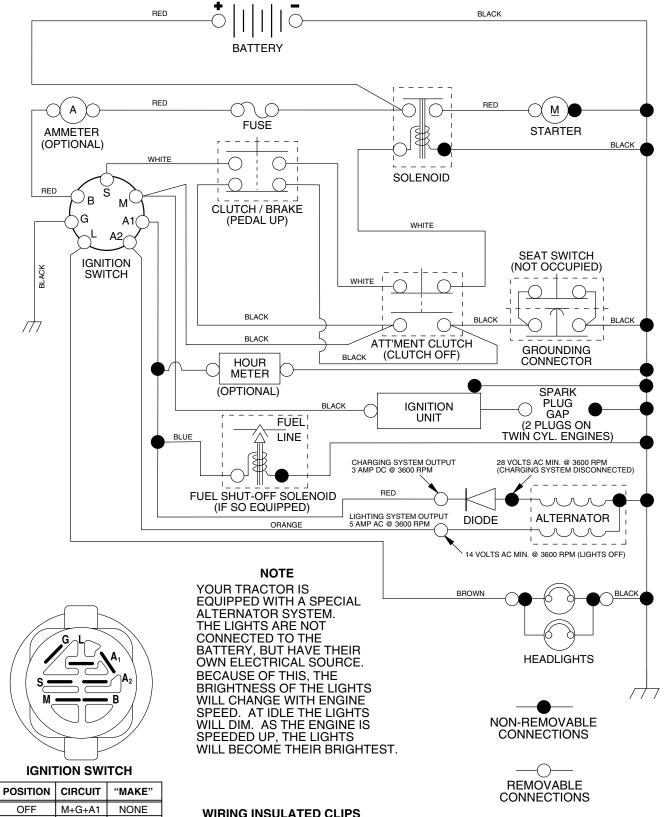
PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	 Out of fuel. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. Engine flooded. Bad spark plug. Dirty air filter. Dirty fuel filter. Water in fuel. Loose or damaged wiring. Carburetor out of adjustment. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	 Fill fuel tank. See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation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

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

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

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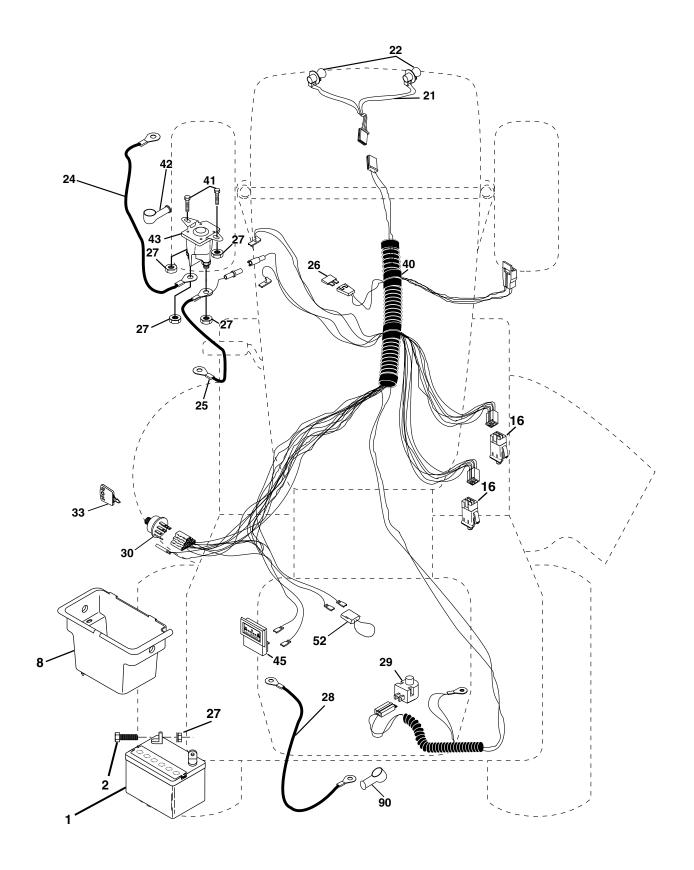
RUN/LIGHT B+A1 A2+L RUN B+A1 NONE START B + S + A1 NONE

WIRING INSULATED CLIPS

NOTE: IF WIRING INSULATED CLIPS WERE REMOVED FOR SERVICING OF UNIT, THEY SHOULD BE REPLACED TO PROPERLY SECURE YOUR WIRING.

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ELECTRICAL



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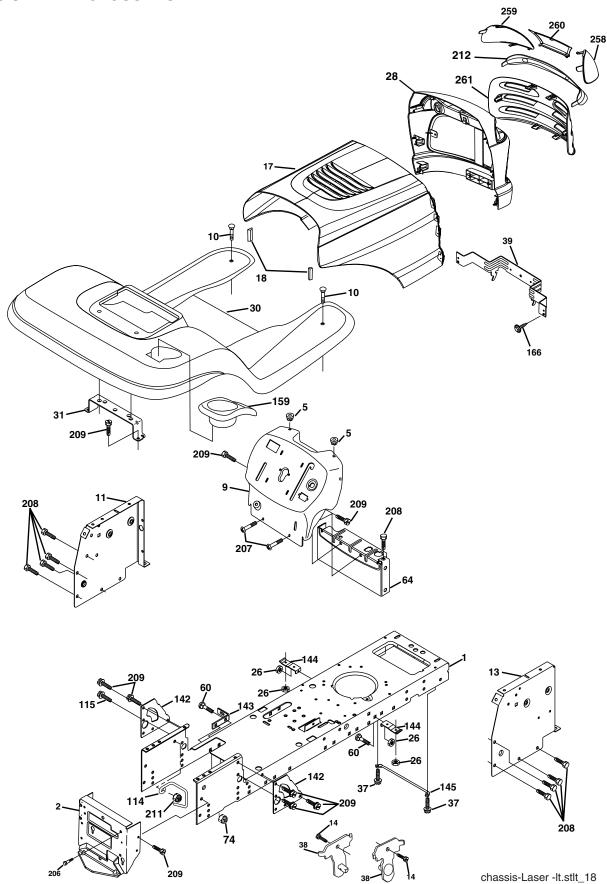
ELECTRICAL

KEY NO.		DESCRIPTION
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CHASSIS AND ENCLOSURES



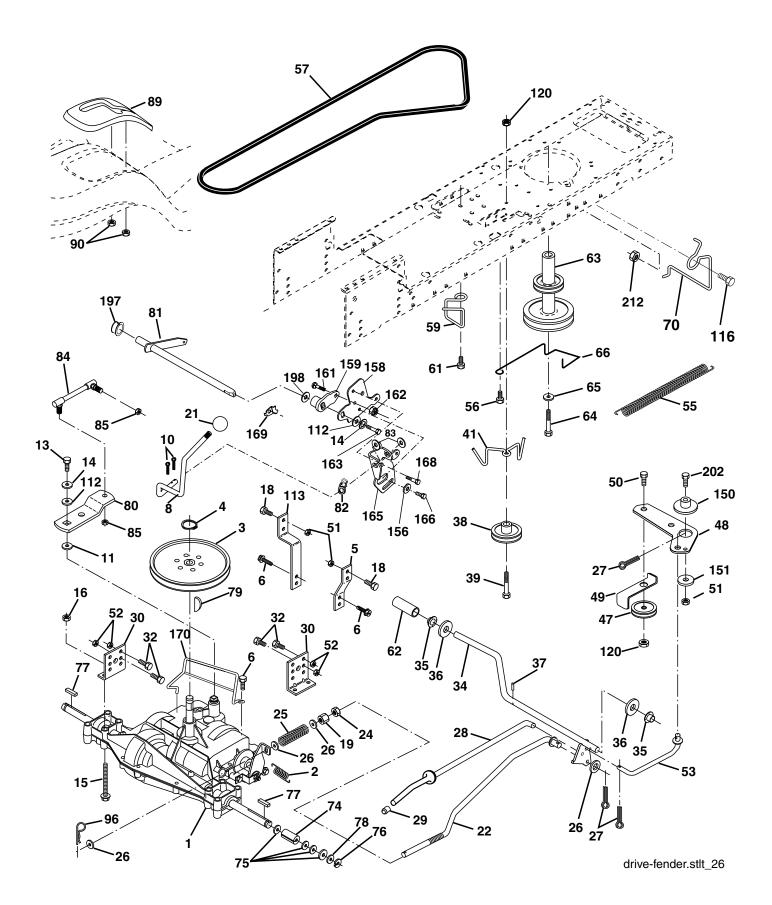
TRACTOR - - MODEL NUMBER 944.604190 CHASSIS AND ENCLOSURES

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	174619	Chassis
2	176554	Drawbar
5	155272	Bumper Hood/Dash
9 10	187846X011 STD533710	
11	174996	Bolt Carriage 3/8-16 x 1 Panel Dash Lh
13		Panel Dash Rh
14	17490608	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1/2
17	185682X613	
18	184921	Bumper Hood
26	STD541437	
28	184247	Grille/Len Laser (Includes Key Nos. 212, and 258 - 261)
29 30	174332X599	Fender Footrest
31	139976	Bracket Support Fender
37	17490508	Screw Thdrol 6/16-18 x 1/2 TYT
38	175710	Bracket, Assembly Pivot
39	174714	Bracket Pivot Laser
60	STD533707	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 unc x 3/4
64	154798	Dash Lower STLT
74	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 unc
	158112	Keeper Belt Rear LH
	17490620	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1-1/4 Plate Reinforcement STLT
	175702 186689	Bracket Swaybar Chassis
144	175582	Bracket Pnt Footrest STLT
	156524	Rod Pivot Chassis/Hood
159	155123X428	
	171875	Screw HwHd Hi-Lo #13-16 x 3/4
	170165	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18
	17670508	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2
	17670608	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1/2
209	17000612	Screw Hex Wsh Thdr. 3/8-16 x 3/4
211	145212	Nut Hexflange Lock
	184248	Insert Lens Reflective Lens Laser Clear RH
		Lens Laser Clear LH
	184250X428	
261	184258X428	00101 20110
	5479J	Plug Button

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DRIVE



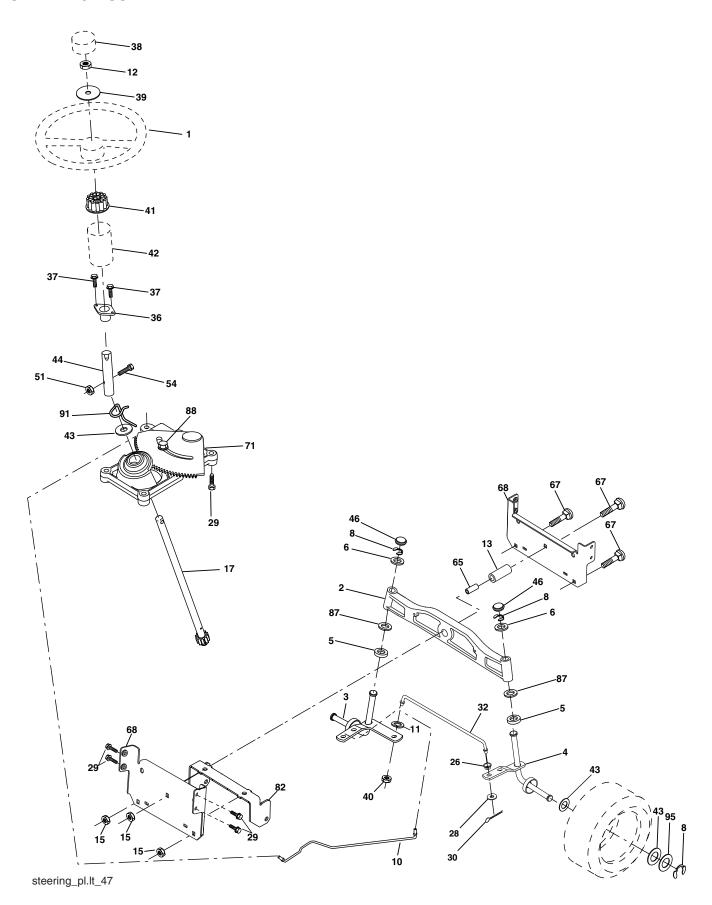
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DRIVE

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NO. NO. 1 2 146682 3 123666X 4 12000028 5 121520X 6 17060512 8 165866 10 STD561210 11 105701X 13 74550412 14 10040400 15 74490544 16 STD541431 18 STD523710 19 STD541437 21 106933X 22 130804 24 STD541237 25 106888X 26 STD551037 27 STD561210 28 175765 29 71673 30 169592 32 STD523107 34 175578 35 120183X 36 STD551062 37 STD571810 38 179114 39 72110622 41 175556 47 127783 48 154407 49 123205X 50 72110612 51 STD541437 52 STD541431 53 105710X 55 105709X 56 17060620	Transaxle (See Breakdown) Peerless 206-545C Spring Return Brake T/a Zinc Pulley Transaxle 18" tires Ring Retainer # 5100-62 Strap Torque 30 Degrees Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 3/4 TYT Rod Shift Fender Adjust LT Pin Cotter 1/8 x 1 Cad Washer Plate Shf 388 Sq Hole Bolt 1/4-28 unf Gr. 8 W/Patch Washer Lock Hvy Helical 1/4 Bolt Hex 5/16-18 Gr. 5 Nut Lock Hx w/Ins 5/16-18 unc Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8-16 unc x 1 Gr. 5 Nut Lock 3/8-16 unc Knob Rod Brake Blk Zinc 26 840 Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 unc Spring Rod Brake 2 00 Zinc Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga. Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Cad Rod Brake Parking Bracket Mtg Transaxle Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18 unc x 3/4 Shaft Asm Pedal Foot Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id	62 8883F 63 17541 64 17393 65 STD55 66 15477 70 13468 74 13705 75 12174 76 STD56 77 12358 78 12174 79 2228N 80 14509 81 16559 82 16571 83 19171 84 16623 85 15036	Cover Pedal Blk Round Engine Pulley LT/YT Bolt Hex Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 7/16 Keeper Belt Engine Foolproof Guide Belt Mower Drive RH Spacer Axle Washer 25/32 x 1 1/4 x 16 Ga. E-ring #5133-75 Key Square 2 0 x 1845/ 1865 Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga. Key Woodruff Arm Shift Shaft Asm Cross Spring Torsion T/a Washer 17/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga. Link Transaxle Nut Lock Center 1/4 - 28 FNTHD X428 Console Shift STLT Kut Self-thd Wsh-hd 1/4 Zinc Retainer Spring Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga. Strap Torque LH Bolt Bolt Rdhd Sq Neck 3/8-16 x 1 Mut Lock Flg 3/8-16 unc Bushing Retainer Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Washer Srrted 5/16 ID x 1 x .125 Bracket Shift Mount Hub Tapered Flange Shift LT Washer Street Shift Mount Hub Tapered Flange Shift LT Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20 x 3/4 Gr. 5 Nut Crownlock 1/4-20 unc Hub Tapered Flange Shift LT Gold Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20 unc Hub Tapered Flange Shift LT Hofe Bolt Hex Fin 1/4-20 unc x 1 Gr. 5 Bracket Pivot Lever Screw 5/16-18 x 5/8 Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 x .561 Plate Fastening LT Keeper Belt Transaxle Nyliner Snap-In Washer Nyliner Bolt 3/8-16 x 1-3/4 Gr. 5
57 130801 59 169691 61 17120614	V-Belt Ground Drive Keeper Belt Span Ctr Screw 3/8-16 x .875		omponent dimensions given in U.S. inches h = 25.4 mm

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STEERING ASSEMBLY



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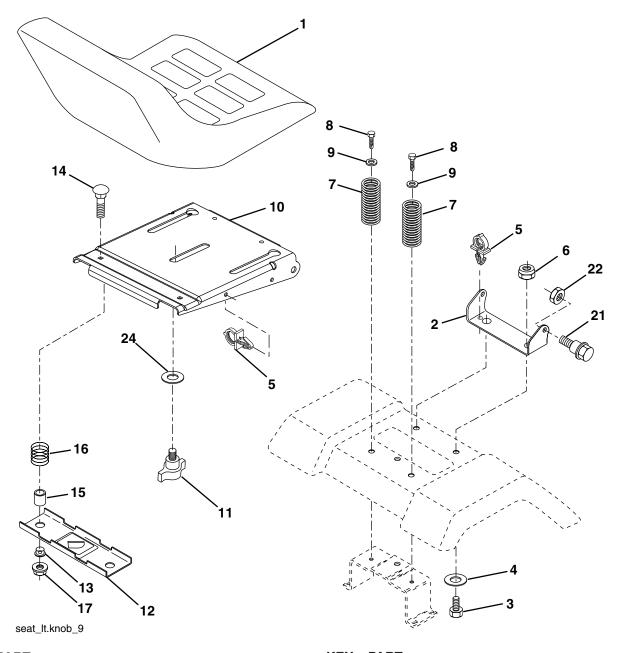
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SEAT ASSEMBLY

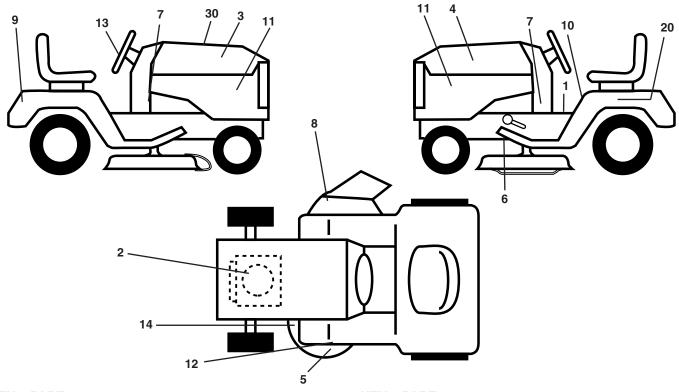


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1	180597	Seat	12	121246X	Bracket Mounting Switch	
2	180166	Bracket Pivot Seat 8 720	13	121248X	Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id	
3	71110616	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 unc x 1	14	72050412	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20 x 1-1/2	
4	19131610	Washer 13/32 x 1 x 10 Ga.	15	134300	Spacer Split 28x 96 Yel Zinc	
5	145006	Clip Push-In	16	121250X	Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt	
6	STD541437	Nut Hex w/Ins. 3/8-16 unc	17	123976X	Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr. 5 Zinc	
7	124181X	Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi	21	171852	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 unc	
8	17000616	Screw 3/8-16 x 1.5	22	STD541431	Nut Hex Lock W/Ins 5/16-18	
9	19131614	Washer 13/32 x 1 x 14 Ga.	24	19171912	Washer 17/32 x 1-3/16 x 12 Ga.	
10	180186	Pan Seat				
11	166369	Knob Seat	NOTE	: All compone	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches	

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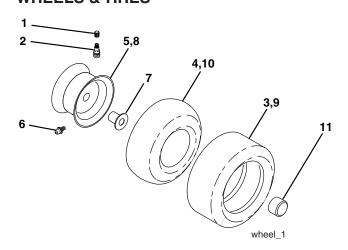
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DECALS



KEY	PART		KEY	PART	
NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	156369	Decal Fend STLT Oper	12	179128	Decal Mower "B" "42"
2	189100	Decal Engine	13	164065	Decal Strng Whl.
3	186281	Decal Hood LH	14	160396	Decal V-Belt Schematic
4	186280	Decal Hood RH	20	149517	Decal Bat Dan/Psn
5	172331	Decal Deck Heavy Duty	30	190136	Decal Replacement Parts
6	146046	Decal V Belt Drive Sch		184310X428	Pad Footrest LH STLT
7	183827	Decal Lower Dash		184311X428	Pad Footrest RH STLT
8	170563	Decal Warning		138311	Decal Handle Lft Height Adjust
9	186282	Decal Craftsman		190728	Manual Owner's (English)
10	157140	Decal Fender Danger Eng/Fr		190729	Manual Owner's (French)
11	186283	Decal Side Panel			,

WHEELS & TIRES

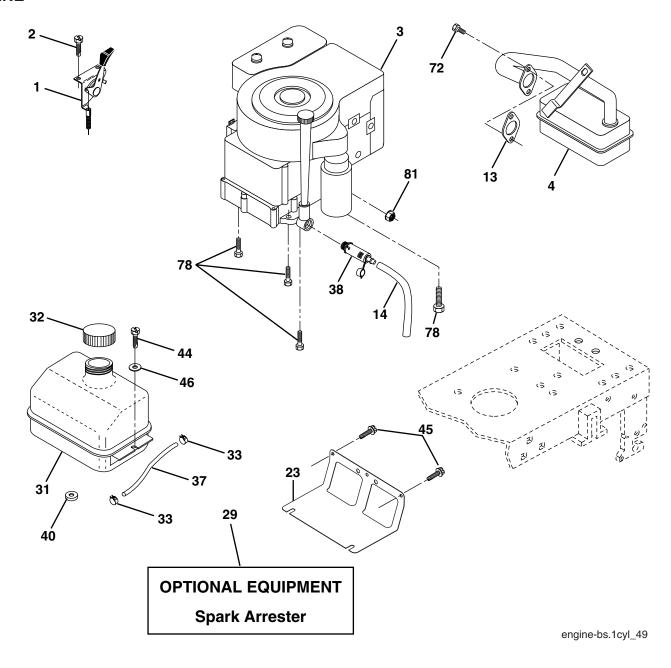


KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	59192	Cap Valve Tire
2	65139	Stem Valve
3	106222X	Tire F
4	59904	Tube Front (Service Item Only)
5	106732X624	Rim Asm 6" front Service
6	278H	Fitting Grease (Front Wheel Only)
7	9040H	Bearing Flange (Front Wheel Only)
8	106108X624	Rim Asm 8" rear Service
9	122082X	Tire R
10	7152J	Tube Rear (Service Item Only)
11	104757X428	Cap Axle Blk 1 50 x 1 00
	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. Tube)

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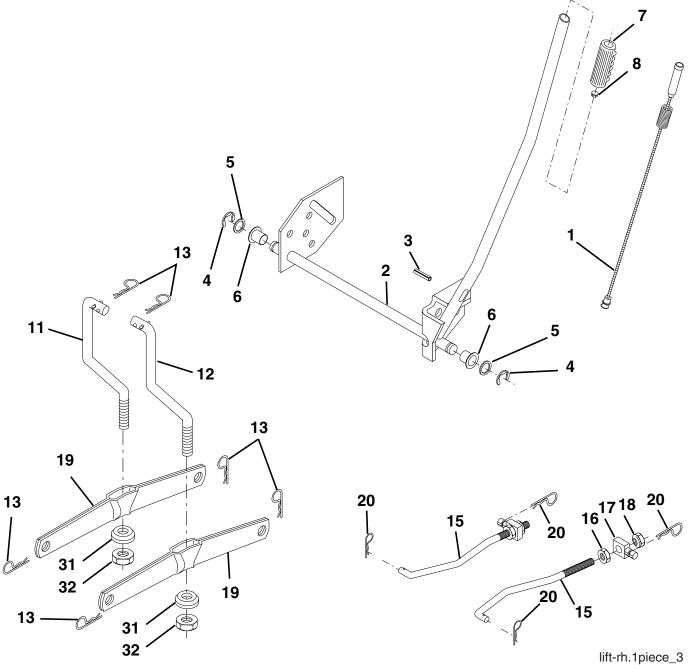
ENGINE



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	170545X505	Control Throttle /Choke	37	137040	Line Fuel 20"
2	17720408	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 1/2	38	181654	Plug Drain Oil Easy
3		Engine (See Breakdown)	40	124028X	Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line
		B&Š, Model 31H777-0297-E1	44	17670412	Screw Hexwsh Thdrol 1/4-20 x 3/4
4	137352	Muffler Exhaust B&s Lt	45	17000612	Screw Hex Wsh Thdrol 3/8-16 x 3/4
13	165291	Gasket	46	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
14	148456	Tube Drain Oil Easy	72	183906	Screw Socket Head 5/16-18 x 1
23	169837	Shield Browning	78	17060620	Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
29	137180	Arrestor Spark	81	73510400	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 unc
31	184900	Tank Fuel 1 25 Fr			•
32	140527	Cap Asm Fuel W/sym Vented			
33	123487X	Clamp Hose Blk	NOTE	E: All compo	onent dimensions given in U.S. inches 5.4 mm

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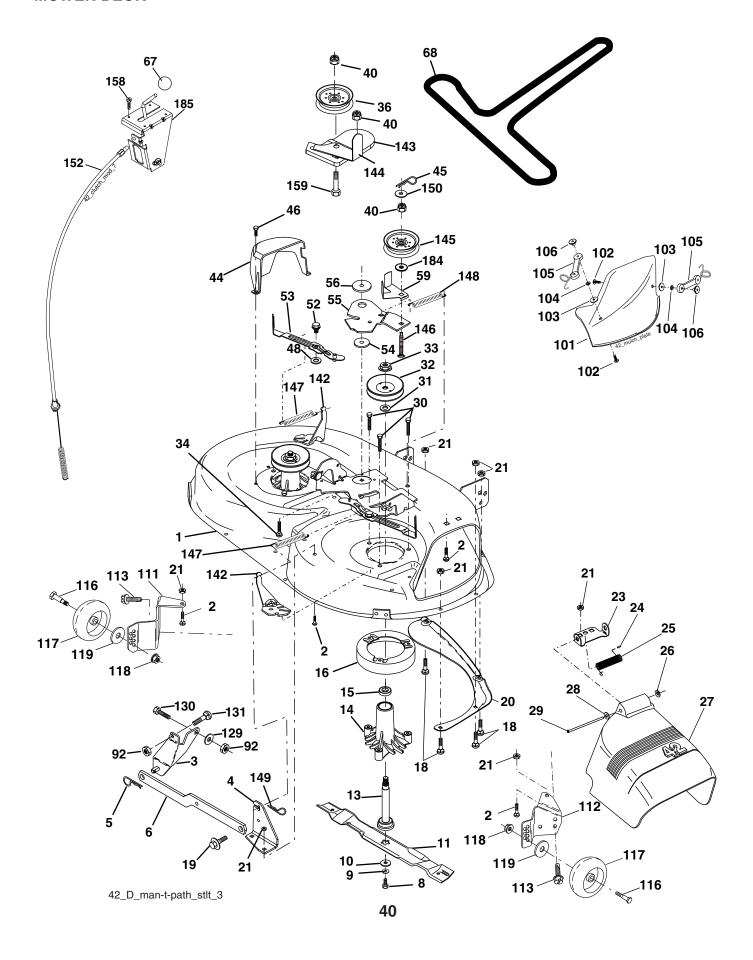
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	159460	Wire Asm Inner W/Plunger	13	STD624008	Retainer Spring
2	159471	Shaft Asm Lift	15	173288	Link Front
3	105767X	Pin Groove	16	73350800	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 unc
4	STD581062	E Ring	17	175689	Trunnion Blk Zinc
5	19211621	Washer 29/32 x 1-1/4 x 21 Ga.	18	73800800	Nut Lock W/Wsh 1/2-13 unc
6	120183X	Bearing Nylon Blk .629 ID	19	139868	Arm Suspension Rear
7	125631X	Grip Handle Fluted	20	163552	Spring Retainer
8	122365X	Button, Plunger	31	169865	Bearing Pvt. Lift
11	139865	Link Lift Lh Fixed Length	32	73540600	Nut Lock 3/8-24
12	139866	Link Lift Rh Fixed Length	NOTI	E: All compone	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches

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MOWER DECK

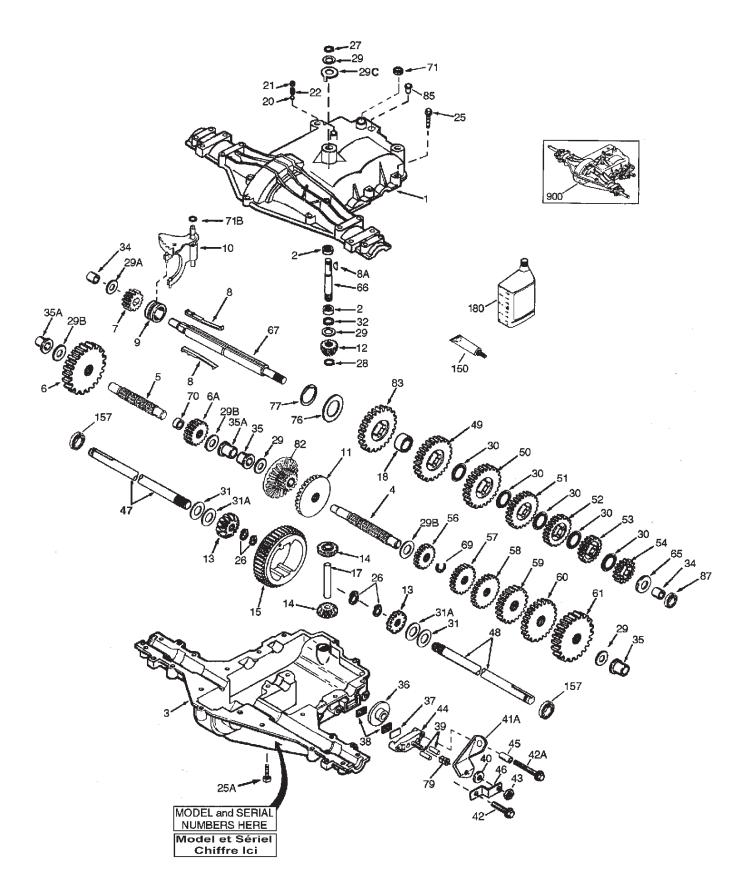


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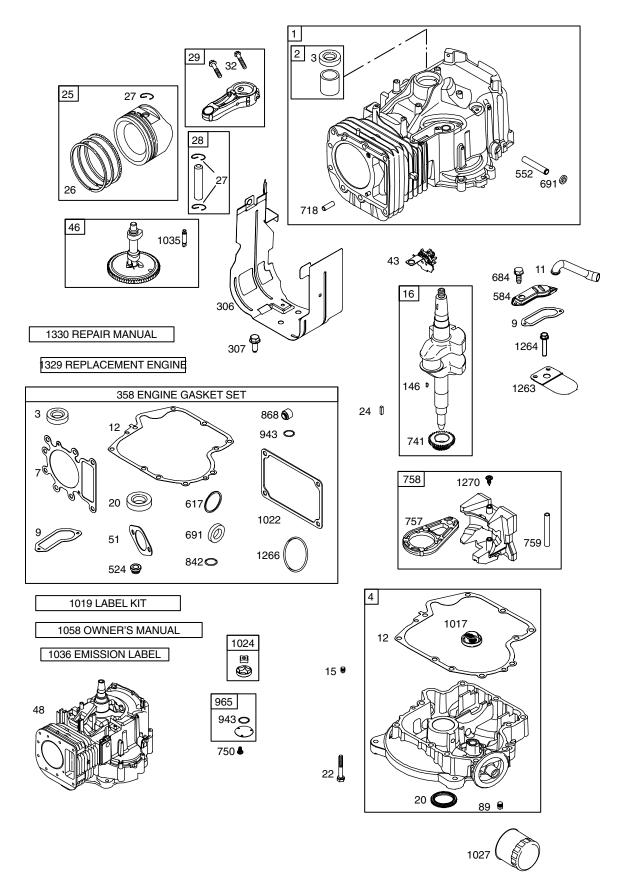
KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2	165892 STD533107	Mower Deck Assembly, 42" Bolt	56 59	165723 141043	Spacer, Retainer Guard, TUV Idler
3	138017	Bracket Assembly,Sway Bar, Front	67	184939	Knob Custom Oval Red
4	165460	Bracket Sway Bar 38/42" Deck	68	144959	V-Belt
5	STD624008	Retainer Spring	92	STD541437	Nut
6	178024	Bar Sway Deck	101	136420	Mulcher Cover
8	850857	Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1.25 Gr. 8	102	71081010	Screw
9	STD551137	Washer, Lock	103	19061216	Washer #10
10	140296	Washer, Hardened	104	STD551110	Washer, Lock
	101110	(The following blades are available)	105	160793	Latch Assembly, Bagger
11	134149	Blade, 42" Mulching Std	106	2029J	Nut, Weld
	100775	(For mulching mowers only)	111	179292	Bracket, Gauge, Wheel L.H.
	139775	Blade, 42" Mulching Premium (For better wear when mulching)	112 113	179293 17000500	Bracket, Gauge, Wheel R.H. Bolt Hex Whs. Hd. Lckserr 5/16-18
	138971	Blade, 42" Hi-Lift	116	4898H	Bolt, Shoulder
	100071	(For bagging or discharging)	117	165746	Wheel, Gauge
13	137645	Shaft Assembly, Mandrel, Vented	118	73930600	Nut, Centerlock 3/8-16
14	128774	Housing, Mandrel, Vented	119	STD551037	Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Ga.
15	110485X	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel	129	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.
16	174493	Stripper, Vented Mower Deck	130	STD523710	Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8-16 unc x 1 Gr. 5
18	72140505	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8	131	STD533710	Bolt, Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 unc x 1
19	132827	Bolt, Shoulder	142	165890	Arm Spring Brake Mower
20	159770	Baffle, Vortex	143	157109	Bracket Arm Idler 42"
21	STD541431	Nut Crownlock 5/16-18 unc	144	158634	Keeper Belt 42" Clutch Cable
23	177563	Bracket, Deflector	145	165888	Pulley Idler Flat
24 25	105304X	Cap, Sleeve	146 147	171977 131335	Bolt Carriage Idler
26 26	123713X 110452X	Spring, Torsion, Deflector Nut, Push	148	169022	Spring Extension Spring Return Idler
27	130968X428		149	165898	Retainer Spring Yellow Zinc
28	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	150	19091210	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga.
29	131491	Rod, Hinge	152	169676	Cable Clutch 42 In
30	173984	Screw Thdrol Washer Head	158	17720408	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 5/8
31	187690	Washer, Spacer	159	72140614	Bolt Rdhd Sqn 3/8-16 unc x 1-3/4
32	153535	Pulley, Mandrel	184	19131410	Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 10 Ga.
33	178342	Nut, Toplock, Flanged	185	188234	Head Asm. Cable Clutch
34	72110612	Bolt Carr. Sh. 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5		130794	Mandrel Assembly (Includes Hous-
36	131494	Pulley, Idler, Flat			ing, Shaft and Shaft Hardware Only
40	73900600	Nut Lock Flg. 3/8-16 unc			- Pulley Not Included)
44	140088	Guard, Mandrel, L.H.		169583	Replacement Mower Complete
45 46	STD624003	Retainer			(Std. Deck-Order separately
46 48	137729 133944	Screw, Thd. Roll 1/4-20 x 5/8 Washer, Hardened			mulcher cover and guage wheels components key nos 101 - 106 and
40 52	139888	Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 unc			116 - 119)
53	184907	Arm Assembly, Pad, Brake			110 119)
54	178515	Washer, Hardened	NOTE	E: All compon	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches
55	155046	Arm, Idler		1 inch = 25	.4 mm
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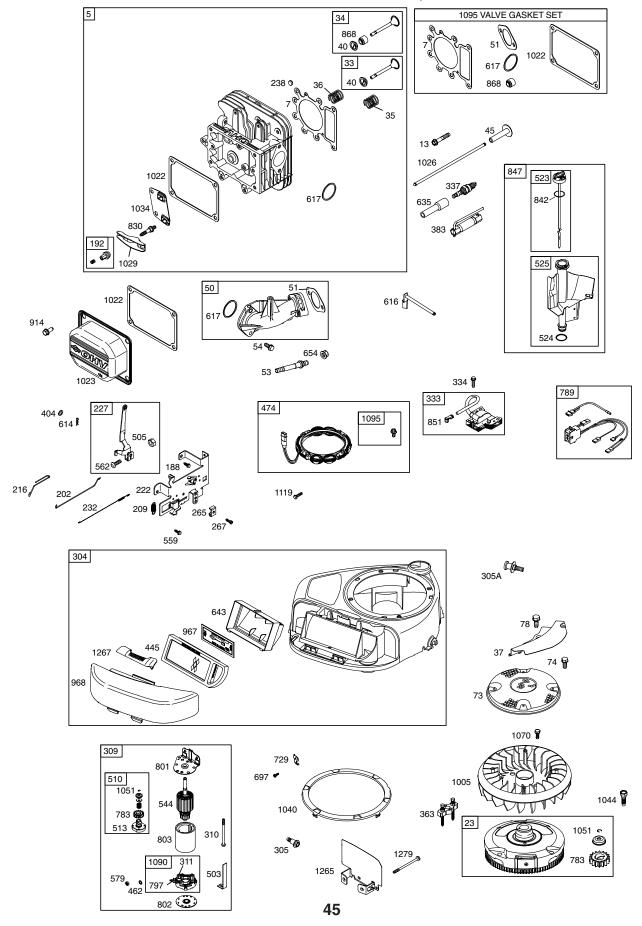
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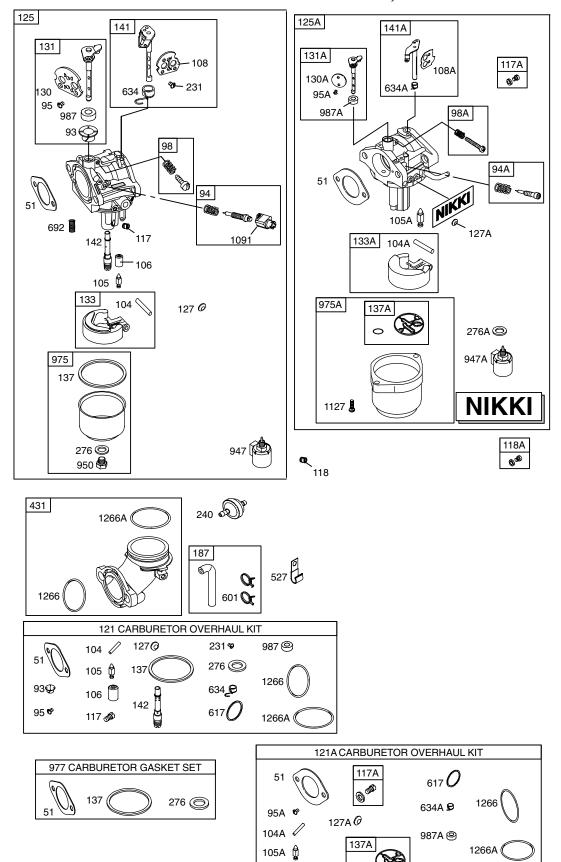


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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	772147	Transaxle Cover	41A	790079	Brake Lever
2	780086A	Needle Bearing 5/8"	42	792073A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 1-1 /4"
3	770128	Transaxle Case	42A	792085A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 2 1/4"
4	776395	Countershaft	43	792075	Locknut 5 / 16 - 24
5	776409	Output Shaft	44	790025	Brake Pad Holder
6	778364	Spur Gear (38 teeth)	45	786066	Spacer .2625 x 1.0
6A	778369	Spur Gear (15 teeth)	46	786086	Brake Lever Bracket
7	778330	Spur Gear (11 teeth)	47	774690	Axle (11-15 / 16" Long)
8	792180	Shift Key	48	774691	Axle (16 - 1 / 2" long)
8A	792047	Woodruff Key #9	49	778356	Spur Gear (29 teeth)
9	784352	Shift Collar	50	778338	Spur Gear (27 teeth)
10	784378	Shift Rod & Fork	51	778354	Spur Gear (23 teeth)
11	778334	Bevel Gear (30 teeth)	52	778352	Spur Gear (19 teeth)
12	778309	Input Bevel Pinion (13 teeth)	53	778350	Spur Gear (16 teeth)
13	778368	Bevel Gear (13 teeth) (Include. 14)	54	778346	Spur Gear (15 teeth)
14	778368	Bevel Pinion (13 teeth) (Include. 13)	56	778355	Spur Gear (11 teeth)
15	778370	Ring Gear (43 teeth)	57	778337	Spur Gear (13 teeth)
17	786188	Drive Pin	58	778353	Spur Gear (17 teeth)
18	786102	Spacer 1.130 X .695	59	778351	Spur Gear (21 teeth)
20	792077A	Ball 5/16" dia	60	778349	Spur Gear (24 teeth)
21	792078	Set Screw 3/8 - 16 x 3/8"	61	778345	Spur Gear (25 teeth)
22	792079	Spring .310 OD x .625 L	65	780189	Flat Washer .563 ID x .062W
25	792073A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 1-1/4"	66	776422	Input Shaft
25A	792177	Screw 1/4-20 x 1-3/8"	67	776396	Shifter & Brake Shaft
26	792125	Retaining Ring (pkg of 2)	69	792170	Retaining Ring
27	792035	Retaining Ring	70	786187	Spacer .890
28	788040	Retaining Ring	71	788069	Square Cut Ring
29	780072	Thrust Washer .627 ID x .031W	71B	788092	"O" Ring
29A	780160	Thrust Washer .762 ID x .031W	76	780090	Flat Washer 1.128 ID x .058W
29B	780051	Thrust Washer .762 ID x .031W	77	788078A	Inverted Retaining Ring
29C	780199	Anti-Rotation Washer .632	79	792144	Spring .430 OD x .5000 L
30	780108	Cup Washer 1.127 ID x .032W	82	778333	Bevel & Spur Gear (30 & 13 teeth)
31	780001	Flat Washer .750 ID x .056W (Use	83	778338	Spur Gear (27 teeth)
		As Needed)	85	792154	Oil Fill Plug
31A	780195	Flat Washer .750 ID x .062W	87	788089A	Oil Seal 9 / 16"
32	788083	Oil Seal 5/8"	150	788093A	Liquid Gasket RTV Silicone
34	780194	Bushing .563	157	788088A	Oil Seal 3 /4"
35	780193	Flanged Bushing 5 / 8" ID	180	730229A	Gear Oil 80W90
35A	780197	Flanged Bushing .751	900	794712	Replacement MST - 206-545C
36	790075	Brake Disk			Transaxle
37	790007	Brake Pad Plate			
38	799021	Brake Pad (pkg of 2)			nent dimensions given in U.S. inches
39	786026	Dowel Pin	1 incl	n = 25.4 mm	
40	792076A	Flat Washer .312 ID x .059W			







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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY P		DES	SCRIPTION
140.	110.	DECOME HOR	100 0	200577	α	Coat Inlat
1	697174	Cylinder Assembly	106 6 108 6	690577 800464	Ø	Seat-Inlet Valve-Choke (Manual Choke)
2	399265	Kit-Bushing/Seal (Magneto Side)	108 6			Valve-Choke (Nikki)
3	391086	 Seal-Oil (Magneto Side) 	117 6		Ø	Jet-Main (Standard)
4	697188	Sump-Engine	117A 6		Ø	Jet-Main (Standard) (Nikki)
5	698147	Head-Cylinder	118 6			Jet-Main (High Altitude)
7	699168	•+ Gasket-Cylinder Head	118A 6			Jet-Main (High Altitude) (Nikki)
9	697109	Gasket-Breather	121 6			Kit-Carburetor Overhaul
11	697113	Tube-Breather	121A 6			Kit-Carburetor Overhaul (Nikki)
12	697110	Gasket-Crankcase Gasket-Crankcase	125 6	698445		Carburetor
13	690360	Screw (Cylinder Head)	125A			Carburetor (For Complete Carburetor,
15	690946	Plug-Oil Drain				Service with 698445)
16	697127	Crankshaft • Seal-Oil (PTO Side)	127 6	695005		Plug-Welch
20 22	690947 692125	Screw (Crankcase Cover/Sump)	127A 6	690727	Ø	Plug-Welch (Nikki)
23	693557	Flywheel	130 6	91750		Valve-Throttle
24	222698	Key-Flywheel	130A 6	699500		Valve-Throttle (Nikki)
25	699052	Piston Assembly (Standard)	131 4			Kit-Throttle Shaft
	699054	Piston Assembly (.020" Oversize)	131A 6			Kit-Throttle Shaft (Nikki)
26	699051	Ring Set (Standard)	133 4			Float-Carburetor
	697559	Ring Set (Otandard)	133A 6			Float-Carburetor (Nikki)
27	698469	Lock-Piston Pin	135 6		~.	Tube-Fuel Transfer
28	697099	Pin-Piston	137 2			Gasket-Float Bowl
29	697126	Rod-Connecting (Standard)	137A 6		Ø	Gasket-Float Bowl (Nikki)
	697263	Rod-Connecting (.020" Undersize)	141 4			Kit-Choke Shaft (Manual Choke)
32	692852	Screw (Connecting Rod)	141A 6		~	Kit-Choke Shaft (Nikki)
33	695760	Valve-Exhaust	142 6		Ø	Nozzle-Carburetor
34	695761	Valve-Intake		691639		Key-Timing
35	691279	Spring-Valve (Intake)		697098		Line-Fuel
36	691279	Spring-Valve (Exhaust)		691693 691986		Screw (Control Bracket)
37	697108	Guard-Flywheel		591841		Adjuster-Rocker Arm Link-Mechanical Governor
40	691752	Retainer-Valve		692208		Spring-Governor
43	691968	Slinger-Governor/Oil		392208 391840		Link-Choke
45	690564	Tappet-Valve		694042		Bracket-Control
46	698492	Camshaft		691374		Lever-Governor Control
48	697762	Short Block		691636		Screw (Choke Valve)
50	690193	Manifold-Intake		691842		Spring-Governor
51	692137	•؇+Gasket-Intake		691843		Cap-Valve
53	690227	Stud (Carburetor)		394358		Filter-Fuel
54	691148	Screw (Intake Manifold)		591024		Clamp-Casing
73	697133	Screen-Rotating		695134		Screw (Casing Clamp)
74	697897	Screw (Rotating Screen)	276 6	692255	؇	Washer-Sealing
78	691003	Screw (Flywheel Guard)	276A 6		•	Washer-Sealing
89 93	690283	Plug-Oil Ø Bushing-Throttle Shaft	304 6	697783		Housing-Blower
93 94	690602	Ø Bushing-Throttle Shaft Kit-Idle Mixture	305 6	697102		Screw (Blower Housing)
94 94A	498030 695425	Kit-Idle Mixture (Nikki)	305A 6	697103		Screw (Blower Housing)
95 95	691636	Screw (Throttle Valve)	306 6	697107		Shield-Cylinder
	690718	Ø Screw (Throttle Valve)	307 6	691003		Screw (Cylinder Shield)
98 98	495800	Kit-Idle Speed				
	695408	Kit-Idle Speed (Nikki)				jine Gasket Set, Key. No. 358
	690525	Ø Pin-Float Hinge				buretor Overhaul Kit, Key. No. 121
	694918	Ø Pin-Float Hinge (Nikki)				buretor Gasket Set, Key. No. 977
	231855	Ø Valve-Float Needle	+ Ir	ncluded in	ı Valı	e Gasket Set, Key. No. 1095
	696136	Ø Valve-Float Needle (Nikki)	NOTE	A 11		at alternations where the U.S. the
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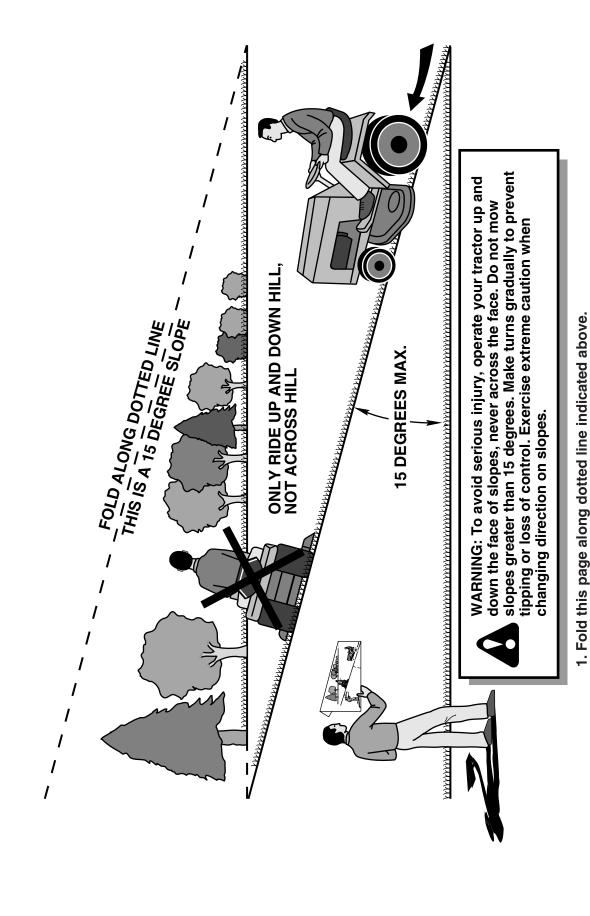
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	Motor-Starter Bolt (Starter Motor) Brush Set Armature-Magneto Screw (Magneto Armature) Plug-Spark Gasket Set-Engine Flywheel Puller Wrench-Spark Plug Washer (Governor Crank) Elbow-Intake Filter-Air Cleaner Cartridge Washer (Starter Cable) Alternator Strap-Starter Nut (Governor Control Lever) Drive-Starter Clutch-Drive Dipstick • Seal-Dipstick Tube Tube-Dipstick clamp-Tube Starter-Armature Bushing-Governor Crank Screw (Remote Choke Stop) Bolt (Governor Control Lever) Nut (Starter Cable) Cover-Breather Passage Clamp-Hose Pin-Cotter Crank-Governor Ø • Seal-O Ring (Intake Manifold) Ø Spring/Seal Assembly (Manual Choke) Ø Spring/Seal Assembly (Manual Choke) Ø Spring/Seal Assembly (Nikki) Boot-Spark Plug Retainer-Air Filter Nut (Carburetor) Screw (Breather Passage Cover) • Seal-Governor Shaft Spring-Detent Screw (Drive Cap) Pin-Locating Clip-Wire Gear-Timing Screw (Oil Pump Cover) Link-Counterweight Counterweight Pin-Counterweight Counterweight Pin-Counterweight Gear-Pinion Harness-Wiring Nut (Brush Retainer) Cap-Drive Cap-End Housing-Starter Stud (Rocker Arm) • Seal-O Ring (Dipstick Tube) Dipstick/Tube Assembly	
851 692424	Terminal-Spark Plug	

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