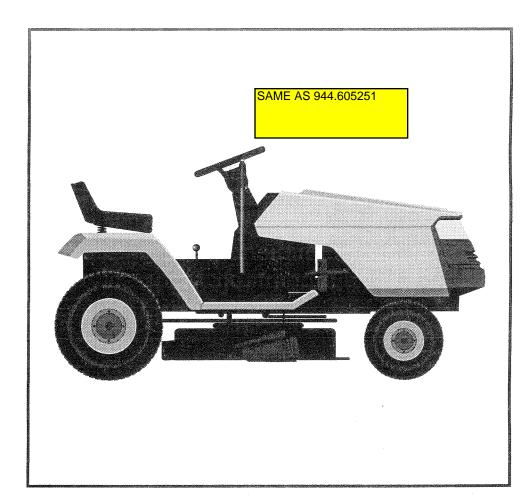


MODEL NO. 944.605021

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



# CRAFTSMAN®

12.5 HP IC ELECTRIC START 38" MOWER 5 SPEED TRANSAXLE LAWN TRACTOR

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

## **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.

#### 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.



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



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

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

Should you experience any problem you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest Sears Authorized Service Centre/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".

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### MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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

### **CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

HORSEPOWER:	12.5
GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	5 QUARTS UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL TYPE (API-SF/SG):	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	3 PINTS
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .030")	CHAMPION RJ19LM STD361458
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE: .005"007" EXHAUST: .009"011"
GROUND SPEED (MPH):	FORWARD: 1st 1.0 2nd 2.1 3rd 3.1
	4th 4.0 5th 5.1 REVERSE: 1.6
TIRE PRESSURE:	4th 4.0 5th 5.1
	4th 4.0 5th 5.1 REVERSE: 1.6 FRONT: 14 PSI

**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 Sears Authorized Service Centre/Department (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

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## WARRANTY

## 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:

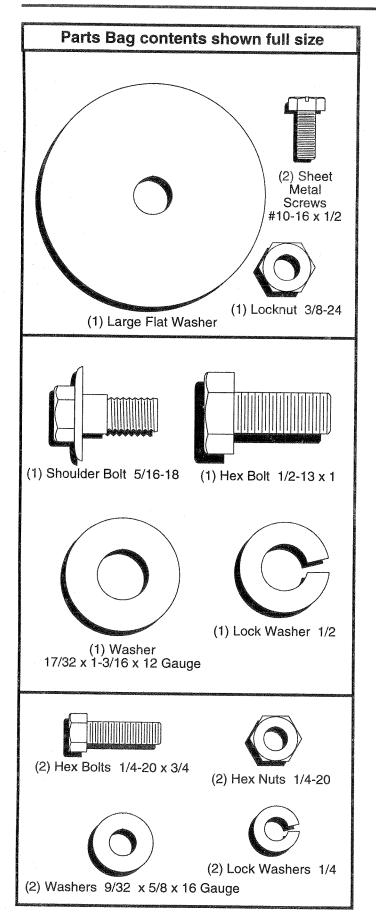
- 1. Pre-delivery set-up.
- 2. Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects (such as nails, thorns, stumps, or glass).
- 3. Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plug, air cleaners and belts.
- 4. Repairs necessary because of operator abuse 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.

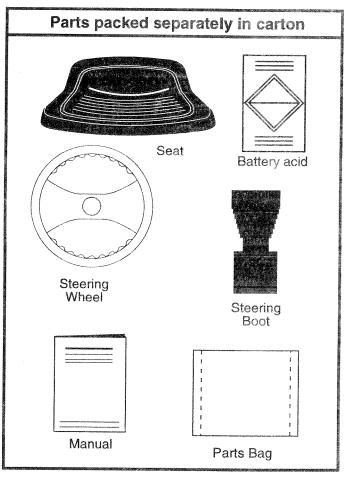
Warranty service is available by returning the Craftsman Riding Equipment to the nearest Sears Service Centre/Department in Canada. This warranty applies only while this product is in use in Canada.

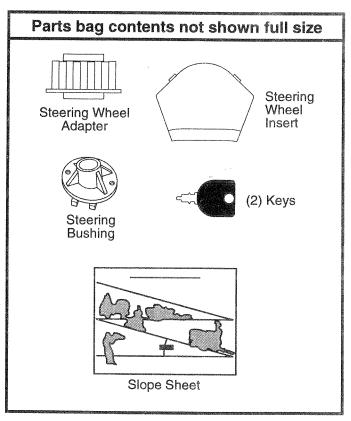
This warranty is in addition to any statutory warranty and does not exclude or limit legal rights you may have but shall run concurrently with applicable provincial legislation. Furthermore, some provinces do NOT allow limitation on how long an implied warranty will last so the above limitations may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

(1) 5/16" wrench

(1) 3/4" wrench

(2) 7/16" wrenches

Tire pressure gauge

(1) 1/2" wrench

Utility knife

(1) 9/16" wrench

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

### TO REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON

#### **UNPACK CARTON**

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

### **BEFORE ROLLING TRACTOR OFF SKID**

### ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 1)

- Slide the steering bushing over the steering shaft.
- Raise steering shaft forward until screw holes in dash line up with steering bushing. Install two (2) sheet metal screws and tighten securely.
- Position steering boot over steering shaft.
- Place tabs of steering boot over tab slots in dash and push down to secure.
- Slide steering wheel adapter onto upper steering shaft.
- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide onto adapter.
- Assemble large flat washer and 3/8-24 locknut and tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective plastic from tractor hood and grill.
   IMPORTANT: CHECK FOR AND REMOVE ANY STAPLES
   IN SKID THAT MAY PUNCTURE TIRES WHERE TRACTOR
   IS TO ROLL OFF SKID.

### TO ROLL TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Fig. 6)

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

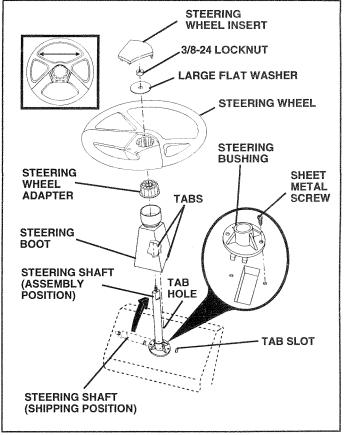


FIG. 1

### **HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR**

### PREPARE BATTERY (See Figs. 2A and 2B)



**CAUTION:** Wear eye and face shield.

Wash hands or clothing immediately if accidentally in contact with battery acid.

Do not smoke. Fumes from charged battery acid are explosive.

Read the instructions included with the battery vent caps. Always wear gloves, clothing and goggles to protect your hands, skin and eyes.

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.

- See instructions packed with vent caps in parts bag.
- Remove cardboard packing from seat pan, raise seat pan and open battery box door.
- Remove battery from tractor to fill with acid and charge.
- Fill battery with acid. Fill each cell until it reaches the bottom of the vent wells. Do not overfill.

# **ASSEMBLY**

 Allow battery to stand and settle for at least thirty minutes. After standing, check the battery cell acid level. If below the vent wells, add more acid until the correct level is reached.

While battery is standing (after adding acid) and later, while battery is being charged, continue with assembly of tractor.

IMPORTANT: TO MAXIMIZE THE LIFE OF YOUR BATTERY, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE BATTERY BE CHARGED BEFORE USE. FAILURE TO CHARGE BATTERY CAN RESULT IN A SHORTENED BATTERY LIFE.

- Charge battery at a rate of 6 amperes for 1 hour. Use a 12 volt battery charger. Observe all safety precautions required for battery charging.
- Check the acid level after the battery is charged. If the acid has fallen below the correct level, add distilled or iron free water.
- Install the vent caps to cover the vent wells. Wash the top of the battery with water to remove any acid, then wipe dry.
- Check battery case for leakage to make sure that no damage has occurred in handling.
- Dispose of excess battery acid. Neutralize acid for disposal by adding it to two gallons of water in a five gallon plastic container. Stir with a wooden or plastic paddle while adding baking soda until the addition of more soda causes no more foaming.
- Follow instructions on how to install battery.

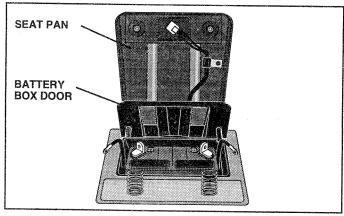


FIG. 2A

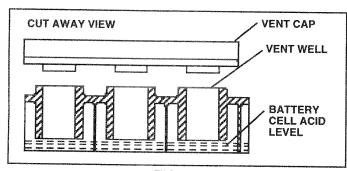


FIG. 2B

### **INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 3)**

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment bolt.

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

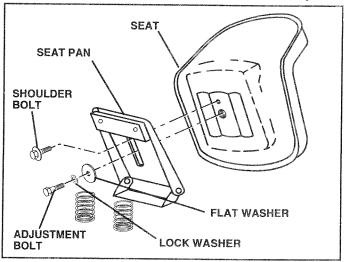


FIG. 3

### **CHECK TIRE PRESSURE**

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

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

### CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

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

# CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

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

#### CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

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

# **ASSEMBLY**

### **INSTALL BATTERY (See Figs. 4 and 5)**



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

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

- · Lift seat to raised position.
- Open battery box door.
- Be sure battery drain tube is attached to battery box.
- Lower battery into battery box with battery terminals toward front of tractor.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) terminal with hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut as shown. Tighten securely.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) terminal with remaining hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut. Tighten securely.
- Close battery box door.

### Open battery box door for:

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

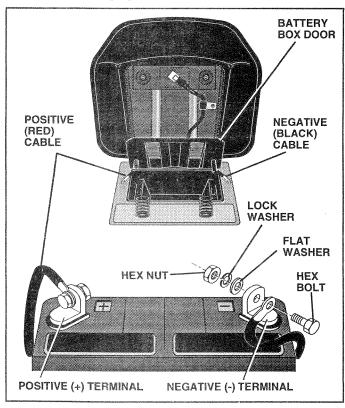


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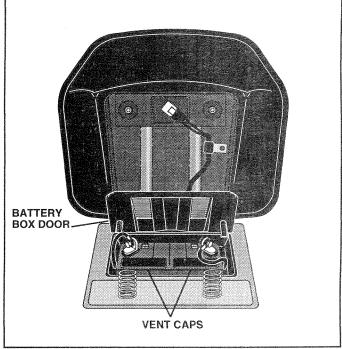


FIG. 5

### ✓ CHECKLIST

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

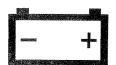
#### PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

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

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

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

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



BATTERY



CAUTION OR WARNING



**REVERSE** 



**FORWARD** 



**FAST** 



SLOW



ENGINE ON



**ENGINE OFF** 



OIL PRESSURE



**CLUTCH** 



LIGHTS ON



LIGHTS OFF



**FUEL** 



CHOKE



MOWER HEIGHT



DIFFERENTIAL LOCK



PARKING BRAKE LOCKED



UNLOCKED



MOWER LIFT



**REVERSE** 



NEUTRAL



HIGH



LOW



PARKING BRAKE



ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED



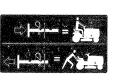
ATTACHMENT CLUTCH DISENGAGED



**IGNITION** 



DANGER, KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY

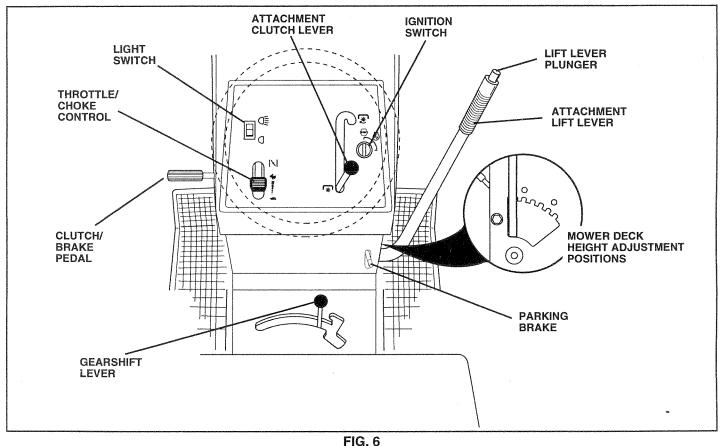


HYDROSTATIC FREE WHEEL (Hydro Models only)

### **KNOW YOUR TRACTOR**

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

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



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

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

LIGHT SWITCH: Turns the headlights on and off.

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

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

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

GEARSHIFT LEVER: Selects the speed and direction of tractor.

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

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

IGNITION SWITCH: Used for starting and stopping the engine.



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

### **HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR**

### TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 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.

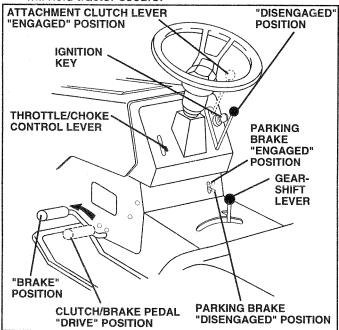


FIG. 7

### STOPPING (See Fig. 7)

MOWER BLADES -

Move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.

#### **GROUND DRIVE -**

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

#### **ENGINE** -

Move throttle control to slow (
) position.

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

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

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



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

### TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 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 TRANSAXLE.

# TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 6)

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

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

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

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

### TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig. 8)

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

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



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

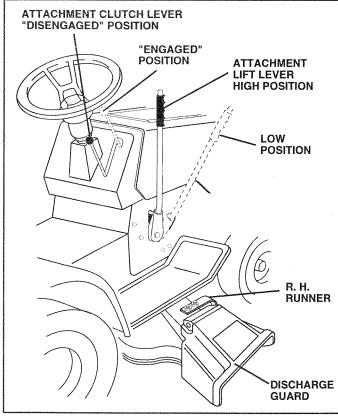


FIG. 8

### TO OPERATE ON HILLS



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

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

### **TO TRANSPORT**

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

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

# BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL (See Fig. 14)

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

#### ADD GASOLINE

 Fill fuel tank. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life).

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

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



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

## TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 7)

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

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control lever to choke (|\scrt{\crt{\chti}}\single\sint\single\sint\sinn\sinchtarent\sinchtaren\sint\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sint\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sint\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sint\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sinchtaren\sint\sinchtaren\sin
- 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 engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to fast (4) position, wait a few minutes and try again.
- When engine starts, move throttle control to desired position.
- Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes before engaging drive or attachments.

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

### **MOWING TIPS**

- Tire chains cannot be used when the mower housing is attached to tractor.
- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- Use the runner on the right hand side of mower as a guide. The blade cuts approximately an inch outside the runner (See Fig. 8)
- 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. 9).
- 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.

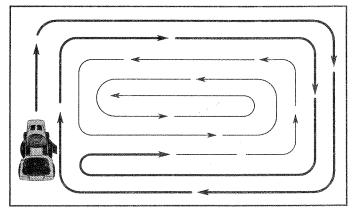


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0	Clean Battery and Terminals				V				V					
R	Check Transaxle Cooling				V									
	Adjust Blade Belt(s) Tension						5							
	Adjust Motion Drive Belt(s) Tension						<b>1</b> 5							
	Check Engine Oil Level	1		V										
	Change Engine Oil		See .		1,2,3				W					
E	Clean Air Filter				<b>1</b> 2				1					
I.	Clean Air Screen				<b>1</b> 2									
G	Inspect Muffler/Spark Arrester					Service Control								
	Replace Oil Filter (If equipped)						1,2							
N	Clean Engine Cooling Fins						<b>1</b> 2							
E	Replace Spark Plug						W	1						
	Replace Air Filter Paper Cartridge						<b>V</b> 2							
	Replace Fuel Filter							8.00						

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

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

## **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

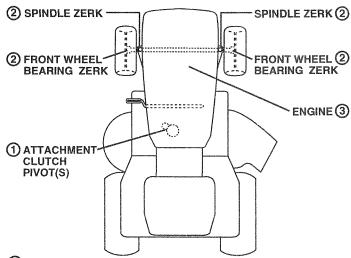
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

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

### **BEFORE EACH USE**

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

### **LUBRICATION CHART**



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

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

### TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

### **BRAKE OPERATION**

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

#### **TIRES**

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

#### **BLADE CARE**

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

### **BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 10)**

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

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS GRADE 8 HEAT TREATED.

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

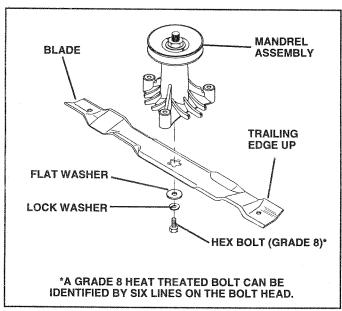


FIG. 10

### TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 11)

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

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

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

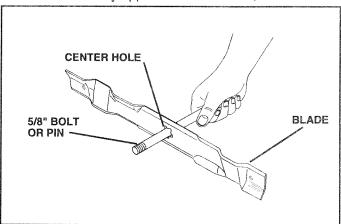


FIG. 11

### BATTERY (See Fig. 12)

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.

- Acid solution level in each battery cell should be even with bottoms of vent wells. Add only distilled or iron free water if necessary. Do not overfill.
- Keep battery and terminals clean.
- · Keep battery bolts tight.
- Keep vent caps tight and small vent holes in caps open.
- Recharge at 6 amperes for 1 hour.

#### TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS

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

- Open battery box door.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- Wash battery with solution of four tablespoons of baking soda to one gallon of water. Be careful not to get the soda solution into the cells.
- 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 "INSTALL BATTERY" in the Assembly section of this manual).

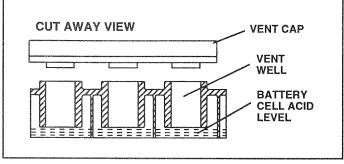


FIG. 12

### **V-BELTS**

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

### TRANSAXLE COOLING

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

### **ENGINE**

### LUBRICATION

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

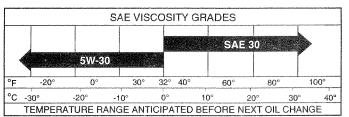


FIG. 13

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

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

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

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Figs. 13 and 14)

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

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

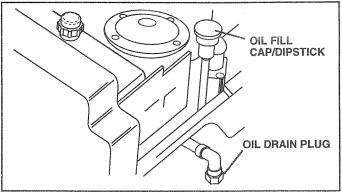


FIG. 14

### AIR FILTER (See Fig. 15)

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

Remove knob(s) and cover.

#### TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER

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

#### TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

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

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

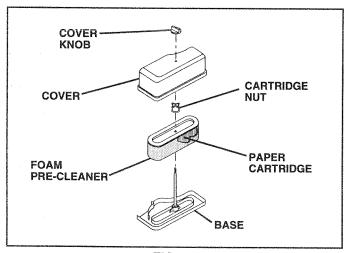


FIG. 15

### **CLEAN AIR SCREEN (See Fig. 16)**

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

### **ENGINE COOLING FINS (See Fig. 16)**

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

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

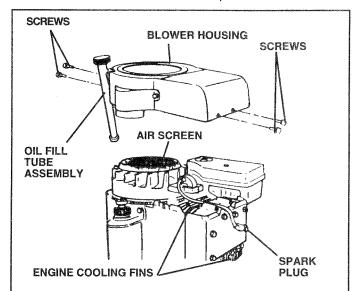


FIG. 16

### **MUFFLER**

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

#### **SPARK PLUGS**

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

### IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 17)

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

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

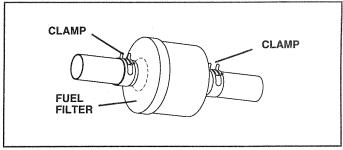


FIG. 17

### **CLEANING**

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

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



#### **CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:**

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

## TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 18)

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

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

**IMPORTANT:** IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER IS TO BE MOUNTED TO THE TRACTOR, THE R.H. AND L.H. SUSPENSION ARMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM TRACTOR.

### TO INSTALL MOWER (See Fig. 18)

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

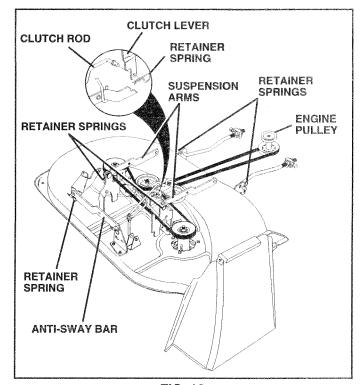


FIG. 18

### TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

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

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

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

**NOTE**: Three full turns of adjustment nut will change mower height about 1/8".

Recheck measurements after adjusting.

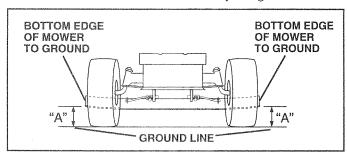


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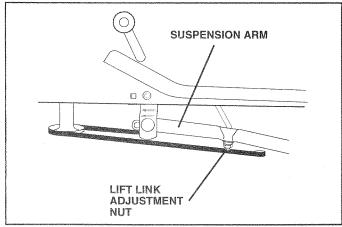


FIG. 20

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

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

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

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

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

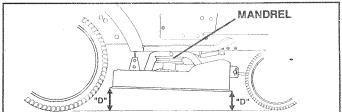
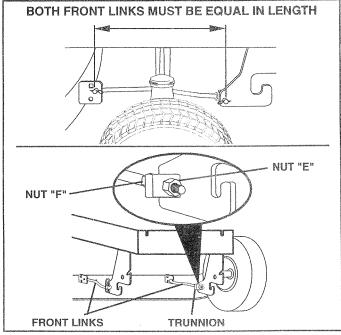


FIG. 21



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FIG. 22

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

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

#### BELT REMOVAL -

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Disconnect R.H. suspension arm from rear deck bracket by removing retainer spring.
- 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.

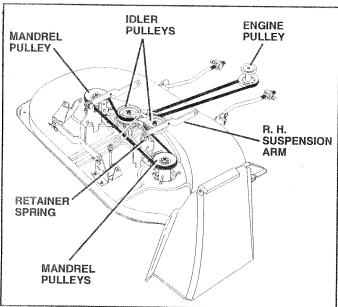


FIG. 23

## TO ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 24)

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

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

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

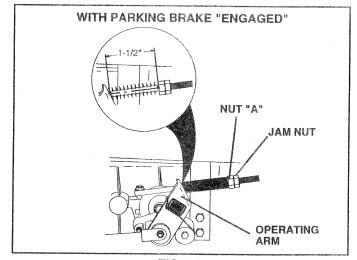


FIG. 24

# TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 25)

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

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

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

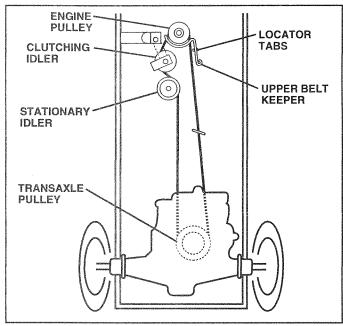


FIG. 25

### TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT

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

#### FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

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

# TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 26)

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

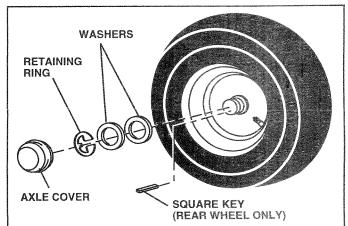


FIG. 26

# TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Fig. 27)



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

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

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

#### TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

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

#### TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

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

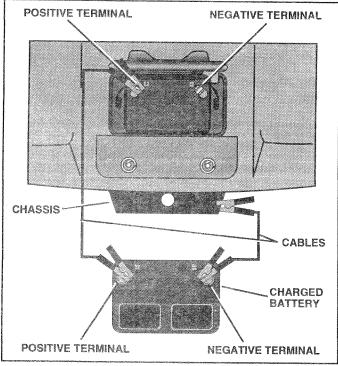


FIG. 27

### TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

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

### **INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS**

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

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

### TO REPLACE FUSE

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

# TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY (See Fig. 28)

- 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.

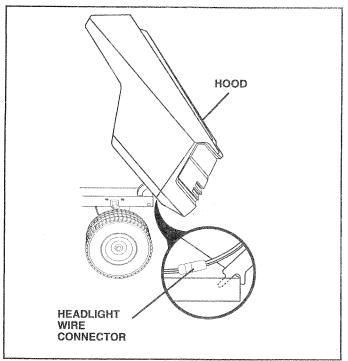


FIG. 28

### **ENGINE**

# TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 29)

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.

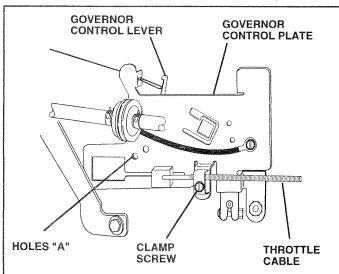


FIG. 29

## TO ADJUST CARBURETOR (See Fig. 30)

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

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

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

#### PRELIMINARY SETTING -

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

#### FINAL SETTING -

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

#### **ACCELERATION TEST -**

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

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

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

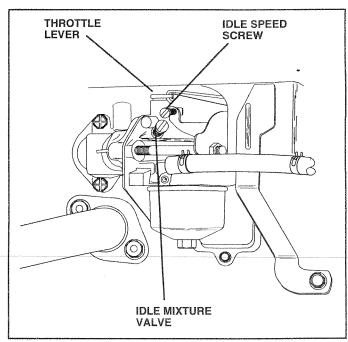


FIG. 30

# STORAGE

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



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

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

#### BATTERY

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

### 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.

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

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

#### **ENGINE OIL**

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

### **CYLINDERS**

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

### OTHER

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

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

# TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

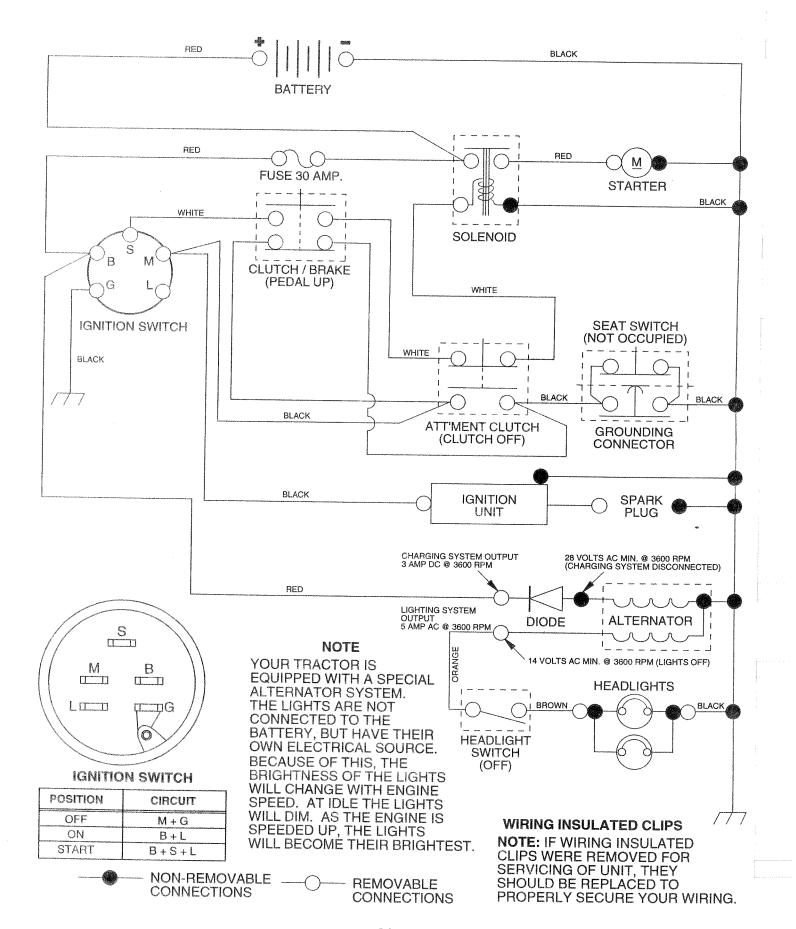
PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	<ol> <li>Out of fuel.</li> <li>Engine not "CHOKED" properly.</li> <li>Engine flooded.</li> <li>Bad spark plug.</li> <li>Dirty air filter.</li> <li>Dirty fuel filter.</li> <li>Water in fuel.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Carburetor out of adjustment.</li> <li>Engine valves out of adjustment.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Fill fuel tank.</li> <li>See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section.</li> <li>Wait several minutes before attempting to start.</li> <li>Replace spark plug.</li> <li>Clean/replace air filter.</li> <li>Replace fuel filter.</li> <li>Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter.</li> <li>Check all wiring.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> </ol>
Hard to start	<ol> <li>Dirty air filter.</li> <li>Bad spark plug.</li> <li>Weak or dead battery.</li> <li>Dirty fuel filter.</li> <li>Stale or dirty fuel.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Carburetor out of adjustment.</li> <li>Engine valves out of adjustment.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Clean/replace air filter.</li> <li>Replace spark plug.</li> <li>Recharge or replace battery.</li> <li>Replace fuel filter.</li> <li>Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline.</li> <li>Check all wiring.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> </ol>
Engine will not turn over	<ol> <li>Clutch/brake pedal not depressed.</li> <li>Attachment clutch is engaged.</li> <li>Weak or dead battery.</li> <li>Blown fuse.</li> <li>Corroded battery terminals.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Faulty ignition switch.</li> <li>Faulty solenoid or starter.</li> <li>Faulty operator presence switch(es).</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Depress clutch/brake pedal.</li> <li>Disengage attachment clutch.</li> <li>Recharge or replace battery.</li> <li>Replace fuse.</li> <li>Clean battery terminals.</li> <li>Check all wiring.</li> <li>Check/replace ignition switch.</li> <li>Check/replace solenoid or starter.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> </ol>
Engine clicks but will not start	Weak or dead battery.     Corroded battery terminals.     Loose or damaged wiring.     Faulty solenoid or starter.	1. Recharge or replace battery. 2. Clean battery terminals. 3. Check all wiring. 4. Check/replace solenoid or starter.
Loss of power	<ol> <li>Cutting too much grass/too fast.</li> <li>Throttle in "CHOKE" position.</li> <li>Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower.</li> <li>Dirty air filter.</li> <li>Low oil level/dirty oil.</li> <li>Faulty spark plug.</li> <li>Dirty fuel filter.</li> <li>Stale or dirty fuel.</li> <li>Water in fuel.</li> <li>Dirty engine air screen/fins.</li> <li>Dirty/clogged muffler.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Carburetor out of adjustment.</li> <li>Engine valves out of adjustment.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Set in "Higher Cut" position/reduce speed.</li> <li>Adjust throttle control.</li> <li>Clean underside of mower housing.</li> <li>Clean/replace air filter.</li> <li>Check oil level/change oil.</li> <li>Clean and regap or change spark plug.</li> <li>Replace fuel filter.</li> <li>Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline.</li> <li>Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter.</li> <li>Connect and tighten spark plug wire.</li> <li>Clean engine air screen/fins.</li> <li>Clean/replace muffler.</li> <li>Check all wiring.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> </ol>
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	<ol> <li>Worn, bent or loose blade.</li> <li>Mower deck not level.</li> <li>Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower.</li> <li>Bent blade mandrel.</li> <li>Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.</li> </ol>	1. Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. 2. Level mower deck. 3. Clean underside of mower housing. 4. Replace blade mandrel. 5. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.			
Mower blades will not rotate	<ol> <li>Obstruction in clutch mechanism.</li> <li>Worn/damaged mower drive belt.</li> <li>Frozen idler pulley.</li> <li>Frozen blade mandrel.</li> </ol>	Remove obstruction.     Replace mower drive belt.     Replace idler pulley.     Replace blade mandrel.			
Poor grass discharge	<ol> <li>Engine speed too slow.</li> <li>Travel speed too fast.</li> <li>Wet grass.</li> <li>Mower deck not level.</li> <li>Low/uneven tire air pressure.</li> <li>Worn, bent or loose blade.</li> <li>Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower.</li> <li>Mower drive belt worn.</li> <li>Blades improperly installed.</li> <li>Improper blades used.</li> <li>Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Place throttle control in "FAST" position.</li> <li>Shift to slower speed.</li> <li>Allow grass to dry before mowing.</li> <li>Level mower deck.</li> <li>Check tires for proper air pressure.</li> <li>Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt.</li> <li>Clean underside of mower housing.</li> <li>Replace mower drive belt.</li> <li>Reinstall blades sharp edge down.</li> <li>Replace with blades listed in this manual.</li> <li>Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.</li> </ol>			
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	<ol> <li>Switch is "OFF".</li> <li>Bulb(s) burned out.</li> <li>Faulty light switch.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Blown fuse.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Turn switch "ON".</li> <li>Replace bulb(s).</li> <li>Check/replace light switch.</li> <li>Check wiring and connections.</li> <li>Replace fuse.</li> </ol>			
Battery will not charge	<ol> <li>Bad battery cell(s).</li> <li>Poor cable connections.</li> <li>Faulty regulator (if so equipped).</li> <li>Faulty alternator.</li> </ol>	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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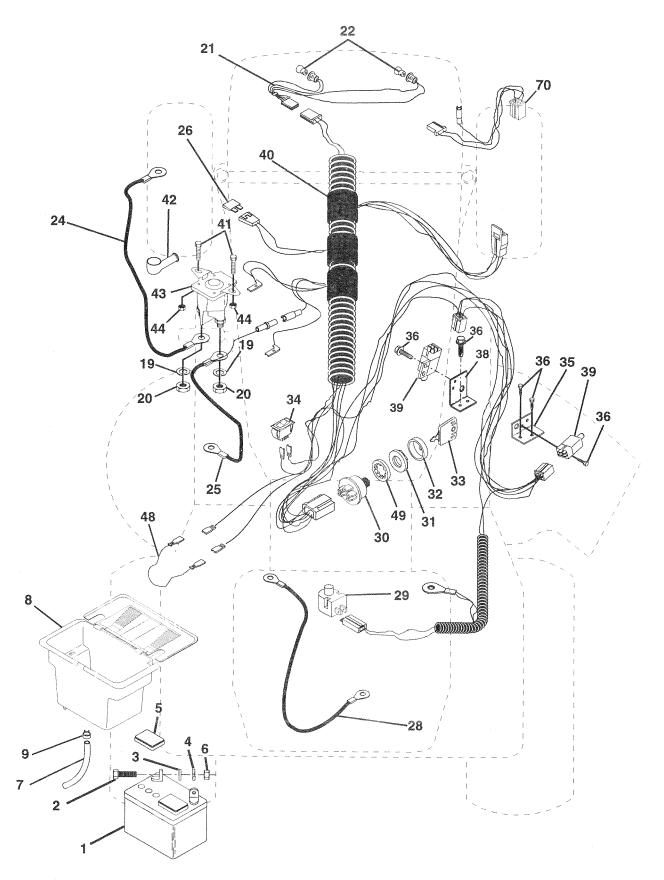
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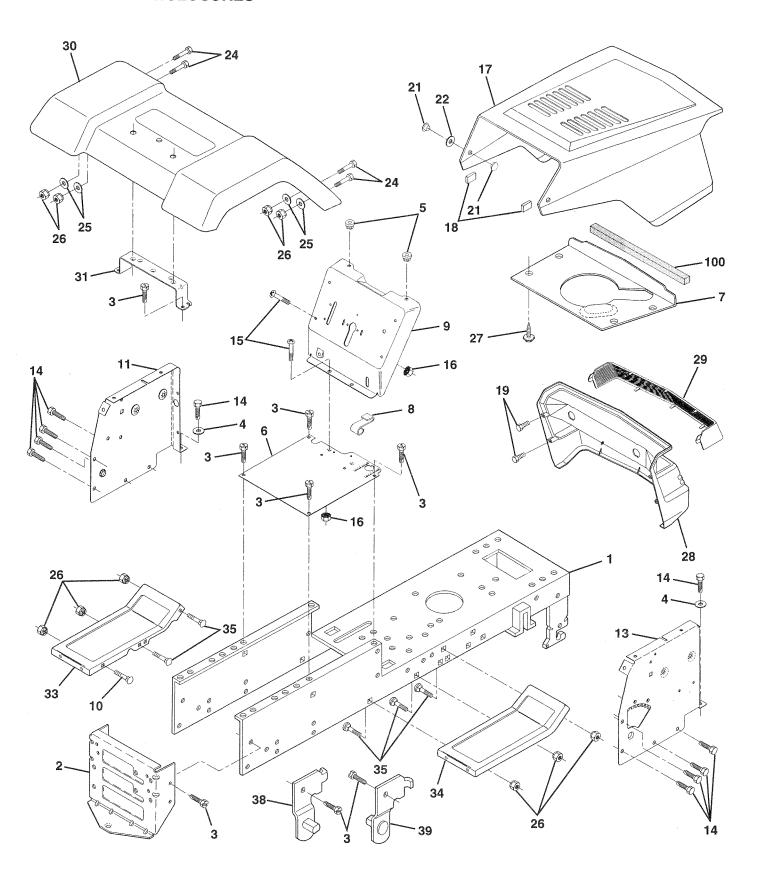
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24		Battery 12 Volt 25 Amp Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc X 3/4 Washer 9/32 X 5/8 X 16 Ga Washer Lock Hvy Helical 1/4 Caps Battery 20/25/30 AMP Nut Fin Hex 1/4-20 Unc Tube Plastic 12" Case Battery Clamp Hose Olive Washer Lock 1/4 Nut Jam Hex 1/4-20 Unc Harness Asm Light W/4152J Bulb Light #1156 Cable Battery 6 Ga 11" red Cable Battery 6 Ga 44" red w/16
26 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 49 70 48	108824X 4207J 121305X 144921 140400 141226 140403 110712X 108236X 17021008 140336 109553X 146057 71110408 131563 145673 73640400 11151000 140413 140844	Wire Fuse 30 AMP Auto Green Cable Ground 6 Ga 12" black Switch Plunger Nc Gray Switch Ign 3 Nut Ignition Cover Sw Ignition Key Ign Switch Light Blk Blk Red Bracket Switch Clutch Screw Tap Hex #10-24unc X 1/2 Bracket Switch Interlock Switch Intlk Clutch Gry 4 Term Harness Ign Bolt Blk Fin Hex 1/4-20 x 1/2 Cover Terminal Red Solenoid Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc Washer Lock Internal Tooth 5/8 Harness Eng B&S/Tec Dual Adapter Ammeter Rectangular

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## **CHASSIS AND ENCLOSURES**



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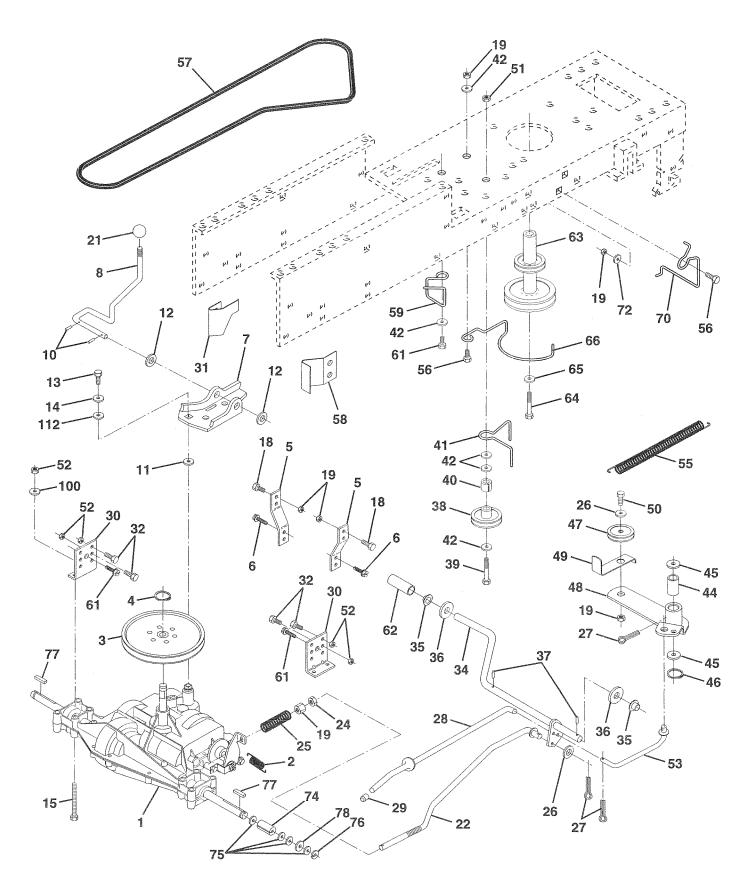
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## DRIVE



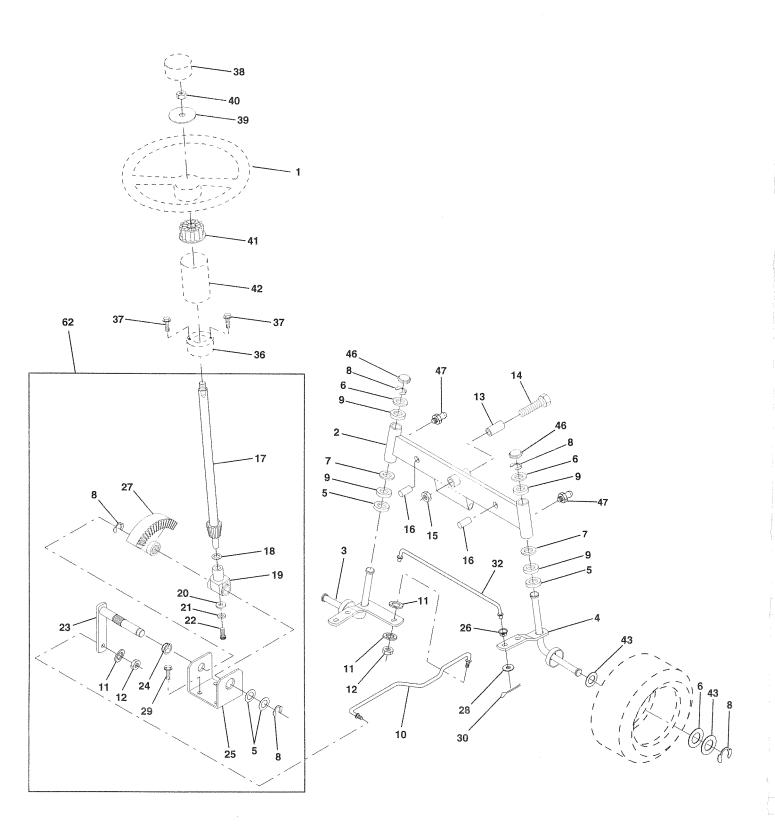
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## STEERING ASSEMBLY



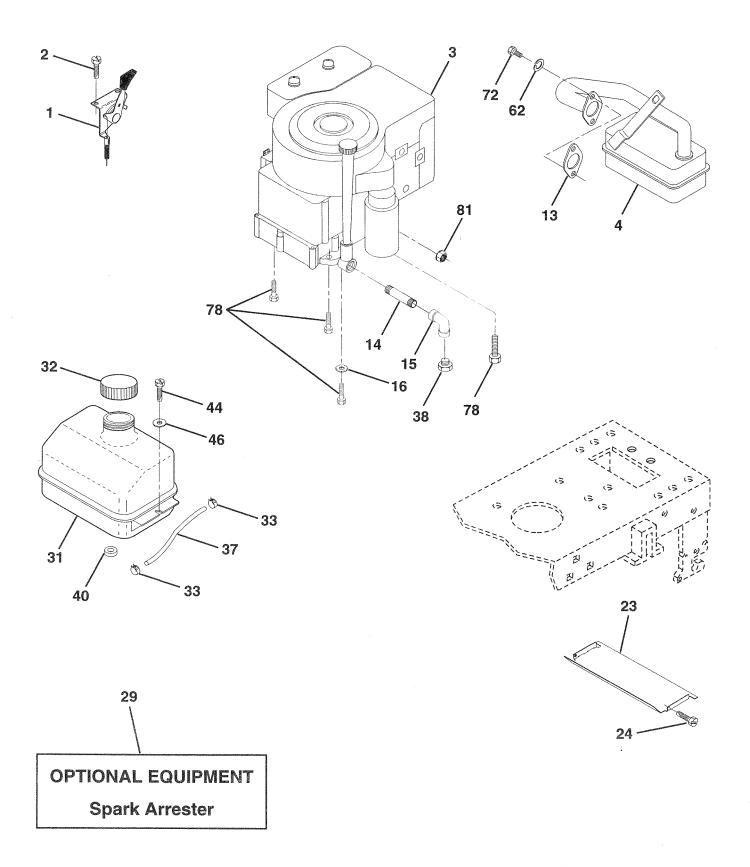
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#### **ENGINE**



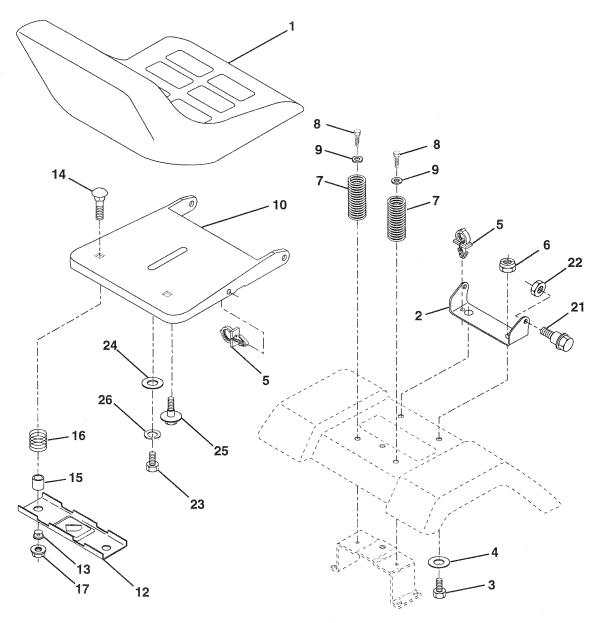
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1 2 3	132759 17720410 145300	Control Throt Rh Blk Pdl 15 10 Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20x5/8 T Engine B&S 12.5 Hp IC Dual 1V Model No. 289707 Type No. 0168-01
4 13 14 15 16	137348 272293 13280324 13200300 STD551237	Muffler Lt B&S 12/12.5 Hp Gasket 1 313 ld Tin Plate Nipple Pipe 3/8 Npt X 3" Elbow Std 90 Degree 3/8-18 Npt Washer
23 24 27	128953X STD601005	Shield Pnt Heat Browning Grass Screw Scre, self-tapping #10-24 x 1/2 Type TT-B (Order From Engine Manufacturer)
29 31 32 33 37 38	137180 109202X 123549X 123487X 137040	Arrestor Spark Tank Fuel 1 25 Fr Cap Asm Fuel W/sym Vented Clamp Hose Blk Line Fuel 20" Plug Oil Drain (Order From Engine
40 44 46 62 72 78 81	124028X 17490412 19091416 STD551131 71070512 17490620 128861	Manufacturer) Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line Screw Hexwsh Thdrol 1/4-20x3/4 Washer 9/32 X 7/8 X 16ga Lockwasher Screw Hexhd Cap 5/16-18x3/4 Screw Thdrol 3/8-16x1-1/4 Tytt Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Starter Nut

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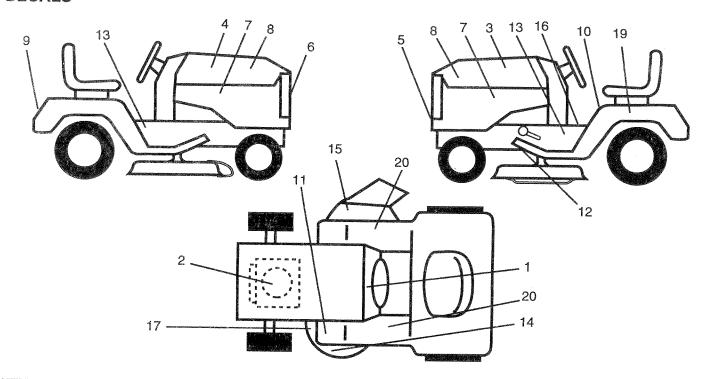
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Ame	127437	Seat V350 Blk/red Craftsman	14	72050411	Bolt Rdhd Sht Nk 1/4-20x1-3/8
2	140551	Bracket Pnt Pivot Seat	15	134300	Spacer Split 28 X 96 Zinc
3	STD523710	Bolt	16	121250X	Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt
4	19131610	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 10 Ga	17	123976X	Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc
5	145006	Clip Push-In	21	139888	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Unc Blkz
6	STD541437	Nut	22	STD541431	Nut
7	124181X	Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi	23	74780814	Bolt Fin Hex 1/2-13 X 7/8 Gr 5
8	17490616	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 X 1 Ty-tt	24	19171912	Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga
9	19131614	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga	25	127018X	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 X 62
10	140552	Pan Pnt Seat (blk)	26	STD551150	Lockwasher
12 13	121246X 121248X	Bracket Pnt Mounting Switch Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id	NOT	E: All compon	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches

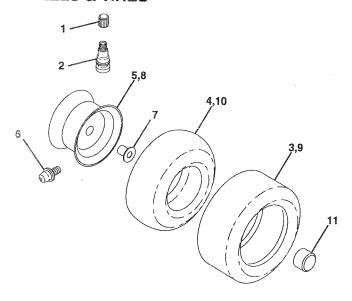
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#### **DECALS**



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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	138956 272936 140561 140560 128261 131265 142249 142252 125880X 133795 101892X	Decal Oper Instruction Eng/fr Decal Eng 12.5 Hp B&S IC Crafts Decal Hood Slope Lh Craftsman Decal Hood Slope Rh Craftsman Decal Grille Lt4000 Craftsman Decal Lightbox Grille Decal Panel Side I/c B&S Blk Decal Ins. Hood 12.5 Hp Black Decal Fender Craftsman Red Decal Caution English/french Decal Clutch/brake Eng/fr	12 13 14 15 16 17 19 20	146832 105809X 133179 137259 140837 136832 121549X 145245 138311	Decal V-belt Dr Sch Tractor E Decal Chassis 5sp 38" Decal Mower QC System Decal Warning Multi-Language Decal Brake Parking Saddle Decal V-Belt Drive Sch. Decal Battery Caution Pad Footrest Rbr Sq Craftsman Decal Handle Lft Height Adj (Lift Handle) Manual Owner's English Manual Owner's French

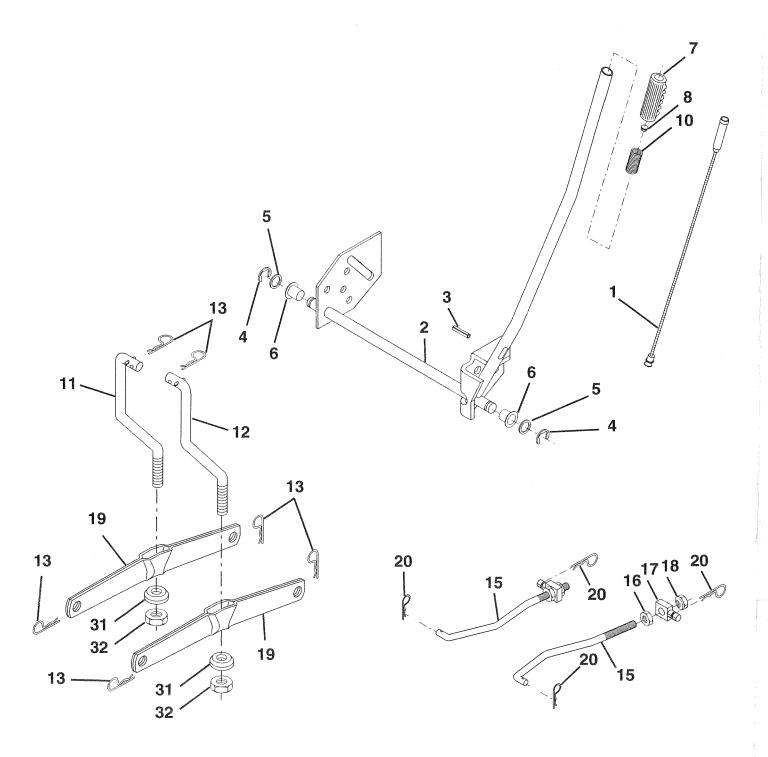
#### WHEELS & TIRES



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	59192 65139 106222X 59904 106732X417 278H 9040H 106108X417 124635X 7152J 104757X 144334	Cap Valve Tire Stem Valve Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service Tube Front (Service Item Only) Rim Asm 6" front Silver Service Fitting Grease (Front Wheel Only) Bearing Flange (Front Wheel Only) Rim Asm 8" rear Silver Service Tire R Ts 18x8 5-8 S Service Tube Rear (Service Item Only) Cap Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00 Sealant, Tire (10 oz. Tube)

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#### LIFT LEVER



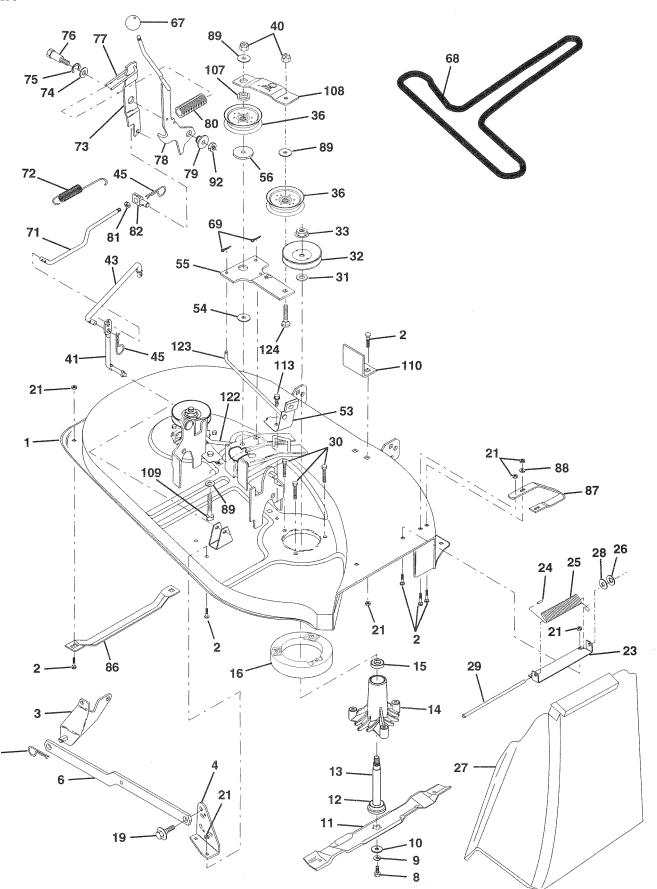
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#### LIFT LEVER

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 15 16 17 18 19 20	127218 73350800 130171 73800800 139868 3146R 140302	Wire Asm Inner w/Plunger Shaft Asm Lift Pin Groove E Ring #5133-62 Washer 21/32 x 1 x 21 Ga. Bearing Nylon Grip Handle Fluted Button Plunger Red Spring Cprsn Link Lift Lh Link Lift Rh Retainer Spring Link Front Nut Jam Hex 1/2 - 13 Unc Trunnion Blk Zinc Nut Lock w/Wsh 1/2 - 13 Unc Arm Suspension Rear Retainer Spring Bearing Pvt. Lift Sperical Nut, Crownlock 3/8-24

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#### MOWER



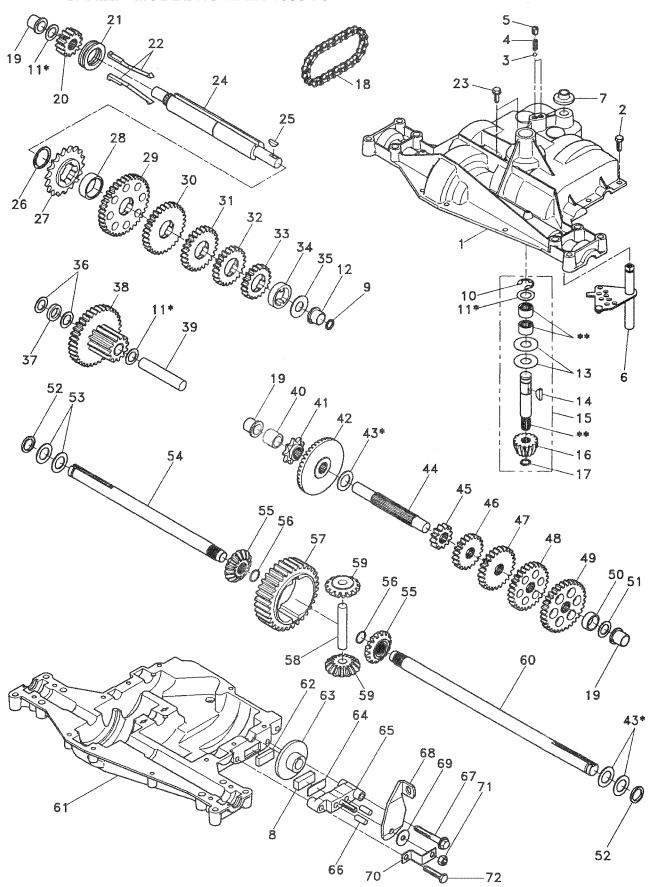
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#### MOWER

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	142829	Mower Asm 38" welded	56	122052X	Spacer Retainer Pm Mower
2 3	72140506	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 5/16-18unc X3/4	67	106932X	Knob Rd 3/8-16 Plstc Thds Blk
4	138017 138440	Bracket assembly, front	68	144200	V-Belt Mower "
5	4939M	Bracket assembly, decl Retaining spring	69	76020312	Pin Cotter 3/32 X 3/4 Cad
6	130832	Arm, suspension rear	71 72	142427	Rod Clutch Primary 38/42
8	850857	Bolt 3/8-24x1 25 Gr8 Patched	73	131870	Spring Return
9	10030600	Washer Lock Hvy 3/8 Unplated	73 74	127847 121748X	Arm Clutch Secondary
10	140296	Washer Hard Blade Mower Vented	75	12000029	Washer 25/32 X 1-5/8 X 16 Ga
11	134148	Blade Mulching 38"	76	128903	Ring Klip #t5304-75 Bolt Shoulder 3/8-16 Unc 1 44
12	129895	Bearing Ball #6204 (Mandrel)	77	127845	Keeper Spring 4 000
13	137645	Shaft Asm W/lower Bearing	78	140334	Arm Asm Clutch Primary
14	128774	Housing Mandrel Vented (machd)		127498	Bushing 747 Od X 794 Lg Brass
15	110485X	Bearing Ball Mandrel	80	128759	Spring Clutch Mower 2 750 Zinc
16	140329	Stripper MWR	81	73350600	Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16
19	132827	Bolt Shoulder	82	142028	Trunnion Adj '94
21	73680500	Nut Crownlock 5/16-18 Unc	86	7631J	Runner Mower LH 10 00
23	137607	Bracket Deflector Mower	87	128772	Runner RH 38"
24	105304X	Cap Sleeve 80x 112 Blk Mower	88	19111216	Washer 11/32 X 3/4 X 16 Ga
25 26	123713X	Spring Deflector	89	19131612	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 12 Ga
20 27	110452X	Nut Push Phos & Oil	92	73800600	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins. 3/8-16 UNC
28	106736X 19111016	Shield Deflector Mower 38"blk		133502	Spacer Arm Idler Upper Hdn 42"
29	106735X	Washer 11/32 X 5/8 X 16 Ga		133503	Stiffener Arm Idler Upper 42"
30	138776	Rod Hinge Brt/blk Zinc 9 88 Lg Screw Thdrol Hex Head Zinc Mwr		74760640	Bolt Hex Fin 3/8-16 x 2-1/2
31	129963	Washer Spacer Mower Vented		142587	Upstop Deck front
32	129206	Pulley Mandrel 38" Single		17490512 131289	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 X 3/4 TYT
33	137266	Nut 9/16top Lock Fing Cntr	122	131288	Rod Brake Mandrel LH 4 856
36	131494	Pulley Idler Flat 3 060		72110614	Rod Brake Mandrel RH 10 744
40	73680600	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 Unc	124	130794	Bolt Rdhd 3/8-16uncx1-3/4 Gr5
41	133551	Rod Pivot W/nibs		100734	Mandrel Asm Service (Includes Key Nos. 12-15, 8-10, 31 and 33)
43	133504	Rod Clutch Secondary W/nibs		142820	Deck Serv 38"mech Vent Eng/FR
	4497H	Spring Retainer 1" Zinc/cad		1 12020	beek berv 56 meen vent Eng/111
53	130840	Brake Asm Mower Vented	NOT	E. All compos	cent dimensions given in U.S. inches
54	133943	Washer Hardened	190	1 inch = 25	nent dimensions given in U.S. inches
55	133840	Arm Idler 38"		1 111011 – 20	7. T 11011.

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#### **DANA TRANSAXLE - MODEL NUMBER 4360-78**

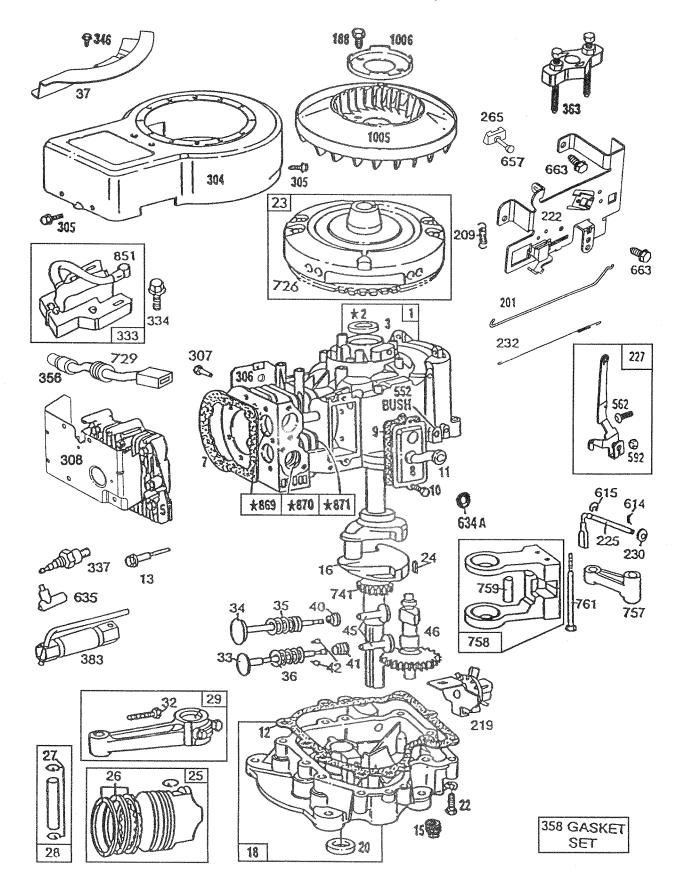


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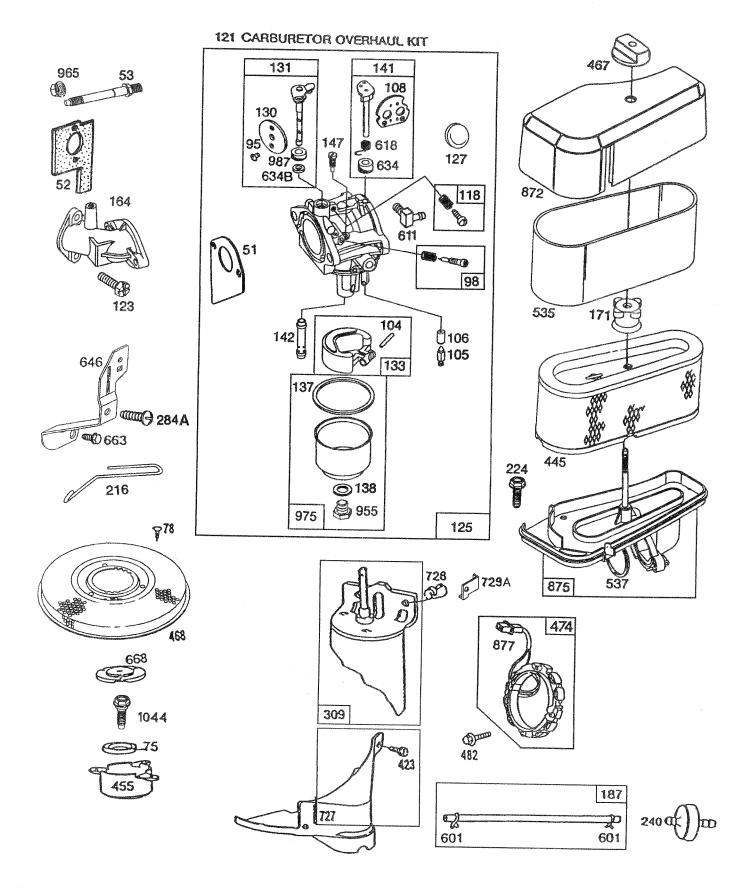
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	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	142671	Housing, Upper	41	105928X	Sprocket, 9 Teeth (Reverse)
2	2274J	Screw, Self-Tapping, Large	42	110084X	Gear, Bevel, 42 Teeth
~	101100	1/4-20 x .734	43	134394	* Assembly, Kit, Shim .750 Shaft
3	134400	Ball, Detent	44	120473X	Shaft, Drive
4 5	105904X 105905X	Spring, Detent Screw, Set	45	142678	Gear, Spur, 12 Teeth (1-)
6	138235	Kit, Shifter Assembly	46 47	120407X 106589X	Gear, Spur, 20 Teeth (2™)
7	134399	Boot, Shifter	48	120408X	Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth (3-)
8	120951X	Puck, Friction		105937X	Gear, Spur, 28 Teeth (4+) Gear, Spur, 31 Teeth (5+)
9	143045	Seal, Oil		105936X	Spacer .781 x 1.00 x .375
10	142672	Ring, Retaining	51	2226J	Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .060
11	134793	* Assembly, Kit, Shim .625 Shaft		134401	Washer, Neoprene
12	143051	Bearing, Flange	53	2264J	Washer, Plain .758 x 1.25 x .031
13 14	120415 <b>X</b> 142674	Washer, Plain .632 x 1.38 x .046		120474X	Axle, L.H.
15	138234	Key, Woodruff, #9 Assembly, Kit, Input Shaft		110081X	Gear, Miter, 15 Teeth
16	110078X	Pinion, Bevel, 14 Teeth		105941X	Ring, Retaining
17	105909X	Ring, Retaining		110071X 120952X	Gear, Spur, 32 Teeth Shaft, Cross
18	105910X	Chain, 24 Pitches		110082X	Gear, Miter, 15 Teeth
19	105911X	Bearing, Flange		120475X	Axle, R.H.
20	142675	Gear, Spur, 14 Teeth	61	142680	Housing, Lower
21	138246	Collar, Clutch		120961X	Puck, Friction
22 23	138236 134791	Assembly, Kit, Clutch Keys		7294J	Disc, Brake
24	142676	Screw, Tapping w/Sealer Shaft, Intermediate		108989X	Spacer
25	2244J	Key, Woodruff, #61	65 66	120953X 120954X	Jaw, Brake
	105916X	Ring, Retaining	67	134799	Pin, Dowel
27	120470X	Sprocket, 18 Teeth (Reverse)	07	104133	Screw, Self-Tapping, Large 5/16-18 x 2.25
	110070X	Spacer	68	138244	Lever, Actuating
	142677	Gear, Spur, 37 Teeth (1 <sub>°</sub> )	69	108996X	Washer, Plain .321 x 1.00 x .055
30	120405X	Gear, Spur, 30 Teeth (2∞)		120956X	Bracket, Anti-Rotation
31 32	108980X 120406X	Gear, Spur, 25 Teeth (3")	71	73810500	Locknut 5/16-24
	134796	Gear, Spur, 22 Teeth (4-)	72	106596X	Screw, Self-Tapping, Large
	134797	Gear, Spur, 19 Teeth (5 <sup>a</sup> ) Spacer 1.133 x 1.50 x .375	70	10041CV	5/16-18 x 1.44
	105925X	Washer, Plain .640 x 1.37 x .061	73	120416X	Grease
	2232J	Washer, Plain .632 x 1.00 x .026	*	Use in combina	ations to maintain proper clearances
	108978X	Spacer .630 x 1.00 x .169		000 00	ations to maintain proper clearances
38	110079X	Assembly, Gear, Combination of	**	Order Key No.	15
20	40400014	12 Teeth and 35 Teeth			
	124639X	Shaft, Idler	NOT	E: All compone	nt dimensions given in U.S. inches
40	120472X	Spacer .635 x .875 x .755		1 inch = 25.4	4 mm

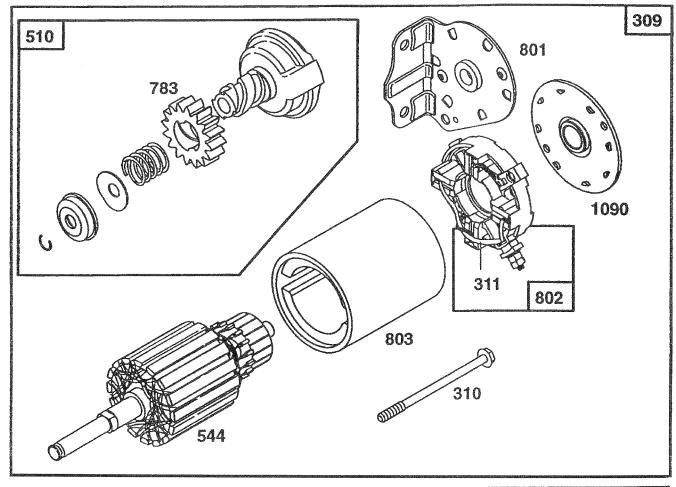
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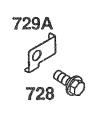


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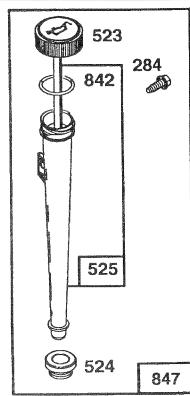


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	Y PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		Y PART . NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2	496413 399265	Cylinder Assembly Bearing, Cylinder (Requires Special	52	272554	* Gasket, Carburetor
Ripa	000200	Tools For Installation)	53 75	94637 224061	Stud, Carburetor Mounting Washer, Spring
3	391086	* Seal, Oil	78	93805	Screw, Sems
5	494240	Head, Cylinder	95	94098	** Screw, Throttle
7	271866	* Gasket, Cylinder Head	98	495800	Screw, Idle Speed
8 9	391406 27803	Breather Assembly	104	231789	** Pin, Float Hinge
10	94621	* Gasket, Valve Cover	105	231855	** Valve Assembly, Inlet Needle
11	280100	Screw, Sems Tube, Breather	106	231854	Inlet, Valve Seat
12	271916	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover 1/64"		224540 494383	Valve, Choke
	271997	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover .005"		497535	** Valve, Needle Carburetor Overhaul Kit
	271996	* Gasket, Crankcase Cover .009"		94616	Screw, Elbow Mounting
13	94622	Screw, Cylinder Head		495706	Carburetor Assembly
15	94239	Plug, Oil Drain	127		** Plug, Welch (Sold in Kit Only)
16	495162	Crankshaft	130	224539	Valve, Throttle
18	94196 494238	Key, Timing Gear	131	494379	Shaft and Lever, Throttle
20	291675	Base, Engine * Seal, Oil		494381	Float, Carburetor
22	94624	Screw, Sems, Base Mounting	137	281165	*** Gasket, Float Bowl
23	492326	Flywheel and Ring Gear Assembly,	130	281164 494380	*** Washer, Float Bowl Screw
		Magneto Magneto		494537	** Shaft and Lever, Choke ** Nozzle / Jet, Carburetor
24	222698	Key, Flywheel	147	497472	** Pilot, Jet
25	394661	Piston Assembly, Standard		213819	Carburetor, Elbow
	394662	Piston Assembly .010" Oversize	171	281051	Nut, Air Cleaner Mounting
	394663 394664	Piston Assembly .020" Oversize		393815	Line, Fuel
26	391780	Piston Assembly .030" Oversize		93535	Screw, Sems
U	392331	Ring Set, Piston, Standard Size Ring Set, Piston, Chrome, Standard		262767	Link, Governor
	391781	Ring Set, Piston .010" Oversize		260871 262766	Spring, Governor
	391782	Ring Set, Piston .020" Oversize		490815	Link, Choke Oil Slinger, Governor Gear and
	391783	Ring Set, Piston .030" Oversize	2.0	100010	Bracket Assembly
27	260924	Lock, Piston Pin	222	494887	Plate, Governor Control
28	299691	Pin Assembly, Piston, Standard	224	94513	Screw, Sems, Air Cleaner
29	391286	Pin Assy., Piston .005" Oversize	225	231058	Crank, Governor
29	490348 490469	Rod Assembly, Connecting		493935	Lever Assembly, Governor
	T30403	Rod Assembly, Connecting, .020" Undersize Crankpin Bore		94742	Washer, Governor Crank
32	94671	Screw, Connecting Rod		262785 394358	Spring, Governor Link
33	262246	Valve, Exhaust		221535	Filter, Fuel
34	262247	Valve, Intake	200	221000	Clamp, Casing
	65906	Spring, Intake Valve	*	Included in	Gasket Set (494241)
36	26828	Spring, Exhaust Valve			441)
37	224502	Guard, Flywheel	**	Included in	Carburetor Overhaul Kit (497535)
40	221596	Retainer, Intake Valve			
41 42	292260 93630	Rotocoil, Exhaust Valve	***	Included in	both Carburetor Overhaul Kit (497535)
45	262248	Retainer, Exhaust Valve Rotocoil Tappet, Valve		and Carbui	retor Gasket Set (494385)
	212897	Gear, Cam	NOT	E. Allooma	conent dimensione since in U.O. inches
51	272465	*** Gasket, Carburetor (to Elbow)	i VFI	1 inch =	onent dimensions given in U.S. inches 25.4 mm

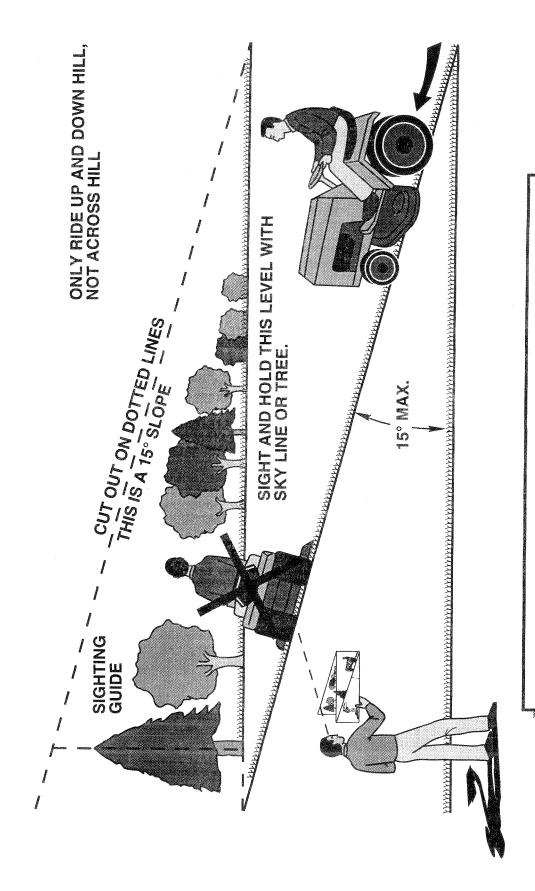
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284 94073	Screw, Shoulder, Hex Washer Head	726 392134 Gear, Ring
284A 94704	Screw, Hex Head	(Includes Mounting Parts) 727 490324 Cover, Starter
304 496319	Housing, Blower	(Includes Mounting Screws)
305 94619	Screw, Sems, Blower Housing	728 94627 Screw, Hex Head
006 004545	Mounting	729 281159 Clip, Lead Wire
306 224545 307 94623	Shield, Öylinder	729A 225170 Retainer Wire
307 34023	Screw, Sems, Cylinder Shield Mounting	741 262135 Gear, Timing 757 212359 Link, Counterweight
308 491490	Cover, Cylinder Head	758 399891 Counterweight Assembly
309 497595	Motor, Starter	759 298909 Pin, Counterweight
310 497602	Bolt, Thru	761 93875 Screw, Counterweight
311 497608	Brush Set	783 280104 Gear, Starter
333 492341	Armature, Magneto	801 394856 Cap, Drive
334 93381 337 802592	Screw, Sems, Armature Mounting	802 497605 Cap, End
346 93705	Plug, Spark Screw, Hex Head	803 497604 Housing, Starter 842 270920 Seal, Oil Filler Cap
356 494328	Wire, Ground	842 270920 Seal, Oil Filler Cap 847 496415 Fill Group, Oil
358 494241	Gasket Set	851 221798 Terminal, Ignition Cable
363 19203	Puller, Flywheel	869 261463 Seat, Intake Valve, Standard
383 89838	Wrench, Spark Plug	870 213316 Seat, Exhaust Valve, Standard
423 94073	Screw, Sems	871 261961 Guide, Exhaust Valve
445 493909 455 222561	Cartridge, Air Cleaner	231218 Guide, Intake Valve
467 493903	Cup, Screen Mounting Knob, Air Cleaner	872 281104 Cover, Air Cleaner
468 222562	Screen, Flush Rotating	875 494237 Body, Air Cleaner 877 393456 Diode and Connector Assembly,
474 393474	Stator, Alternator	Didde and Conflector Assembly,  Dual Circuit
482 93621	Screw, Sems	955 94642 ** Screw, Fuel Bowl
510 497606	Drive, Starter	965 94108 Locknut, Air Cleaner Mounting
523 490327	Cap and Dipstick, Oil Filler	975 494378 Bowl Assembly, Carburetor
524 68838	Seal, Filler Tube	977 494385 Carburetor Gasket Kit
525 496113 535 272403	Tube, Oil Filler	987 281166 ** Seal, Throttle Shaft
537 281106	Element, Air Cleaner * O-Ring, Air Cleaner	1005 280687 Fan, Flywheel 1006 224413 Retainer, Fan
544 497603	Armature, Starter	1006 224413 Retainer, Fan 1019 491255 Label Kit
552 231597	Bushing, Governor Crank	1044 94673 Screw, Hex Head
562 92613	Bolt, Governor Lever	1058 272697 Manual, Owner's
592 231082	Nut, Hex	1090 497607 Retainer, Brush
601 93053	Clamp, Fuel Pipe	
611 494451	Fuel Inlet Tube	RPM Settings: Low Speed: 1550 - 1950
614 93306 615 93307	Cotter, Hair Pin	High Speed: 3200 - 3400
618 262803	Retainer, E-Ring Spring, Choke Return	* Included in Gasket Set (497535)
634 281168	** Seal, Choke Shaft	included in dasket Set (497555)
634A 491323	* Seal, Governor	** Included in Carburetor Overhaul Kit (495799)
634B 281167	** Washer, Throttle Shaft	, , ,
635 66538	Elbow, Spark Plug	*** Included in both Carburetor Overhaul Kit (497535)
646 224546	Brace, Air Cleaner	and Carburetor Gasket Set (494385)
657 93496 663 94620	Screw, Sems	NOTE: All common and disconnices always in 11 O inches
668 280848	Screw, Hex Head Spacer	<b>NOTE:</b> All component dimensions given in U.S. inches 1 inch = 25.4 mm
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