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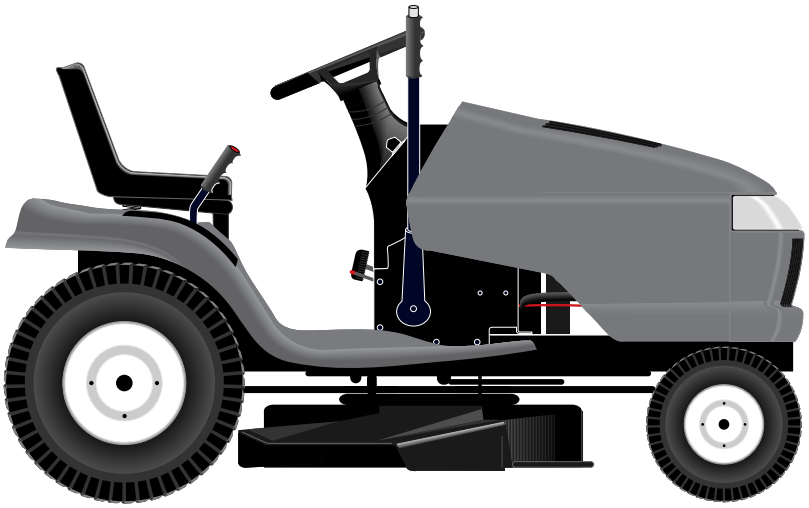
OWNER'S MANUAL

MODEL NO. 944.609881

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



CRAFTSMAN®

18.5 HP ELECTRIC START 46" MOWER AUTOMATIC LAWN TRACTOR

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

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SAFETY RULES

Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers

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

I. GENERAL OPERATION

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

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.

SAFETY RULES

Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers

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

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

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

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

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

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	3.5 GALLONS UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL TYPE (API-SF/SG/SH):	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	4.0 W/FILTER PINTS 3.75 W/O FILTER PINTS
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .040")	CHAMPION RC12YC
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE: .004" - .006" EXHAUST: .004" - .006"
GROUND SPEED (MPH):	FORWARD: 5.5 REVERSE: 2.4
TIRE PRESSURE:	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 10 PSI
CHARGING SYSTEM:	16 AMPS @ 3600 RPM
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 30 MIN. CCA: 240 CASE SIZE: U1R
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	27-35 FT. LBS.

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.

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

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

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”.

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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UNASSEMBLED PARTS

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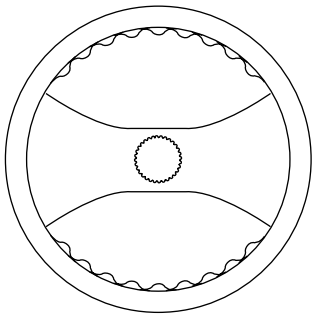

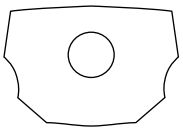

Steering Wheel Insert

Steering Sleeve

Steering Sleeve Extension

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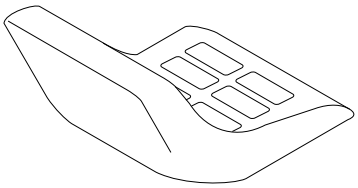

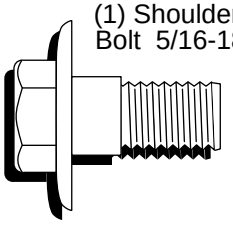

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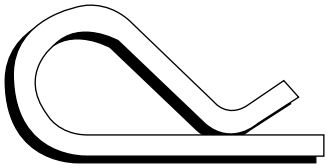
(1) Washer 17/32 x 1-3/16 x 12 Gauge

(1) Knob

Mower

(2) Front Link Assemblies



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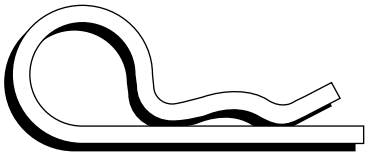

(3) Retainer Springs (double loop)

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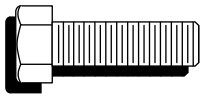

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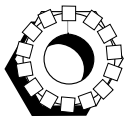
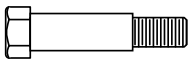


(2) Keps Nuts 1/4-20

Gauge Wheel

(2) Center-lock Nuts



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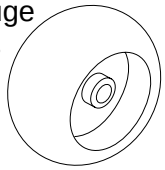

(2) Washers 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Gauge

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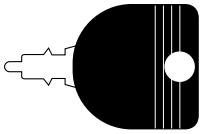

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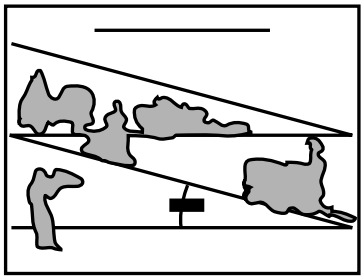


ASSEMBLY

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) 9/16" wrench
(2) 7/16" wrenches
(1) 1/2" wrench
(1) 3/4" socket w/drive ratchet
Pliers
Tire pressure gauge
Utility knife

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

TO REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON

UNPACK CARTON

- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts cartons from carton.
- Cut, from top to bottom, along lines on all four corners of carton, and lay panels flat.
- Remove mower and packing materials.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

BEFORE ROLLING TRACTOR OFF SKID

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 1)

- Remove hex bolt, lock washer and large flat washer from steering shaft.
- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Slide the steering sleeve over the steering shaft.
- Align tabs and press steering sleeve extension into bottom of steering wheel.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide onto steering wheel adapter.
- Secure steering wheel to steering shaft with hex bolt, lock washer and large flat washer previously removed. Tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

IMPORTANT: Check for and remove any staples in skid that may puncture tires where tractor is to roll off skid.

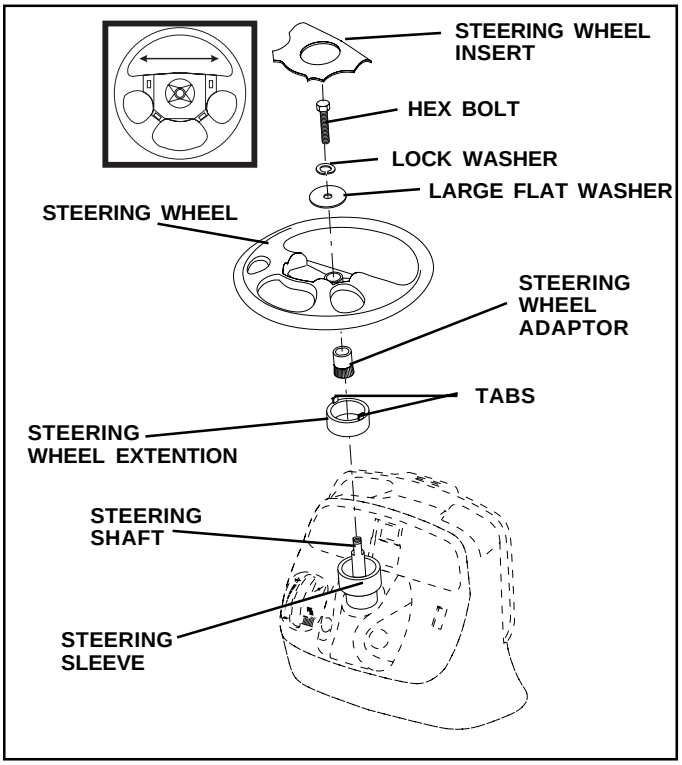


FIG. 1

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR

CONNECT BATTERY (See Fig. 2)

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

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

ASSEMBLY

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

Use terminal access doors for:

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

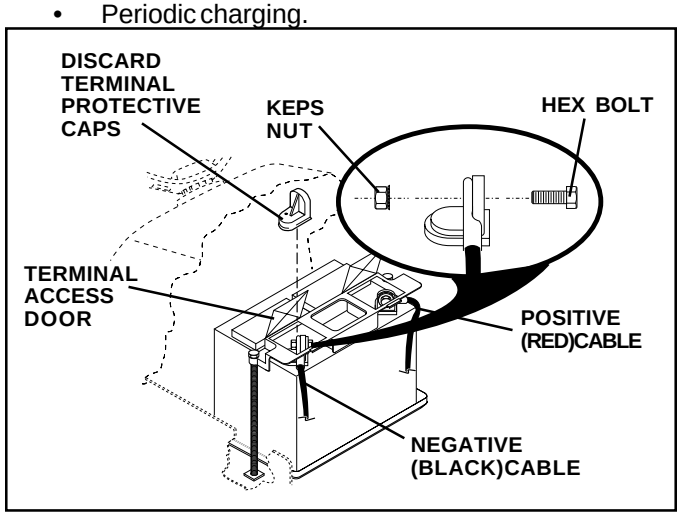


FIG. 2

INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 3)

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment knob.

- Remove adjustment knob and flat washer securing seat to cardboard packing and set aside for assembly of seat to tractor.
- Pivot seat upward and remove from the cardboard packing. Remove cardboard packing and discard.
- Place seat on seat pan and assemble shoulder bolt. Tighten shoulder bolt securely.
- Assemble adjustment knob and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- 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 knob securely.

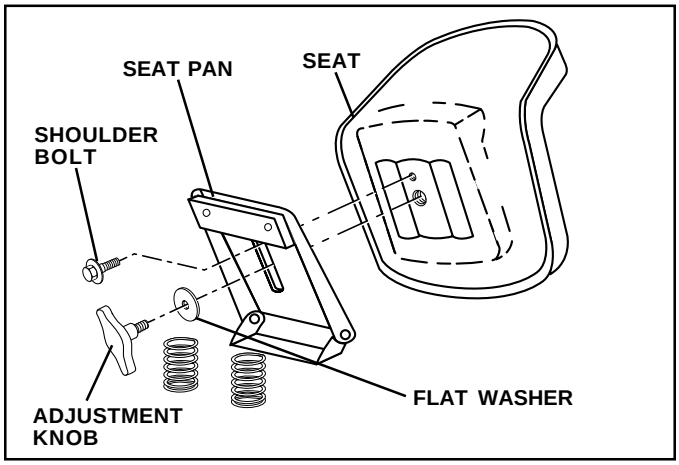


FIG. 3

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

TO ROLL TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section, Page 11 for location and function of controls)

- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Release parking brake by depressing clutch/brake pedal.
- Place freewheel control in freewheeling position to disengage transmission (See "TO TRANSPORT" in the Operation section of this manual).
- Roll tractor forward off skid.

TO DRIVE TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section, Page 11 for location and function of controls)

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

- Be sure all the above assembly steps have been completed.
- Check engine oil level and fill fuel tank with gasoline.
- Place freewheel control in "transmission engaged" position.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.
- Place motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Start the engine. After engine has started, move throttle control to idle position.
- Release parking brake.
- Slowly move the motion control lever forward and slowly drive tractor off skid.
- Apply brake to stop tractor, set parking brake and place motion control lever in neutral position.
- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position.

Continue with the instructions that follow.

ASSEMBLY

INSTALL MOWER AND DRIVE BELT (See Figs. 4 and 6)

Be sure tractor is on level surface and mower suspension arms are raised with attachment lift control. Engage parking brake.

- Cut and remove ties securing anti-sway bar and belts. Swing anti-sway bar to left side of mower deck.
- Slide mower under tractor with discharge guard to right side of tractor.

IMPORTANT: CHECK BELT FOR PROPER ROUTING IN ALL MOWER PULLEY GROOVES. INSTALL BELT INTO ELECTRIC CLUTCH PULLEY GROOVE.

- Install one front link in top hole of the R.H. front mower bracket and R.H. front suspension bracket. Retain with two single loop retainer springs as shown.
- Install second front link in L.H. front suspension bracket only and retain with single loop retainer spring as shown.
- Turn height adjustment knob counterclockwise until it stops.
- Lower mower linkage with attachment lift control.
- Place the L.H. suspension arm on outward pointing deck pin. If necessary, rock and raise front of mower to align deck pin with the hole in suspension arm. Retain with double loop retainer spring with loops down as shown.
- Slide left side of mower back and install the unattached front link in top hole of the L.H. front mower bracket. Retain with single loop retainer spring as shown.
- Place the R.H. suspension arm on outward pointing deck pin. If necessary, rock and raise front of mower to align deck pin with the hole in suspension arm. Retain with double loop retainer spring with loops down as shown.
- Connect anti-sway bar to chassis bracket under left footrest and retain with double loop retainer spring.
- Turn height adjustment knob clockwise to remove slack from mower suspension.
- Raise mower to highest position.
- Assemble gauge wheels (See "TO ADJUST GAUGE WHEELS" in the Operation section of this manual).

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

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

- Reduce tire pressure to PSI shown in “PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS” section of this manual.

CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

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

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

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

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

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

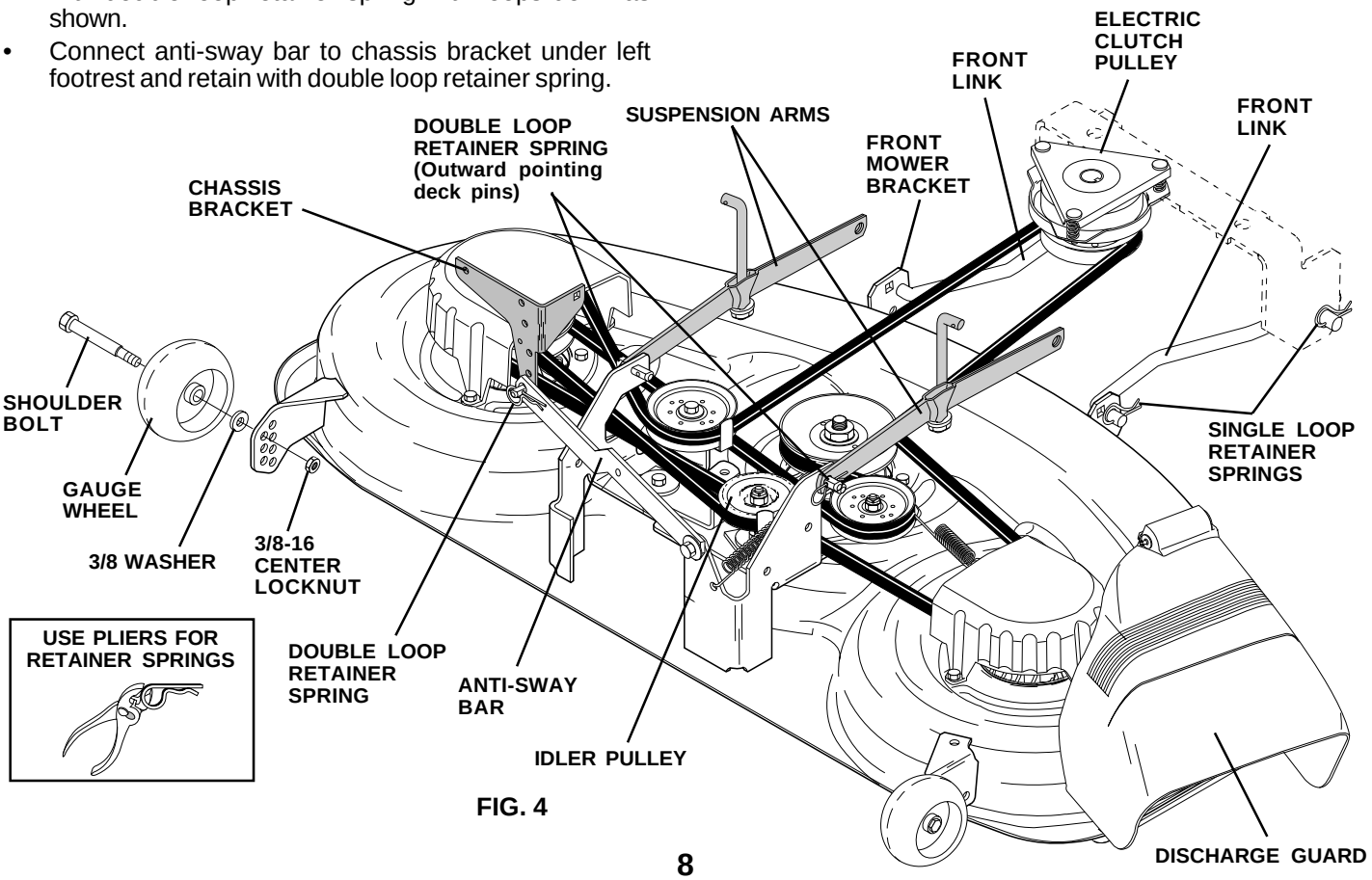


FIG. 4

ASSEMBLY

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

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

CAUTION: Do not remove deflector shield from mower. Raise and hold shield when attaching mulcher plate and allow it to rest on plate while in operation.

TO CONVERT TO BAGGING OR DISCHARGING

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

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

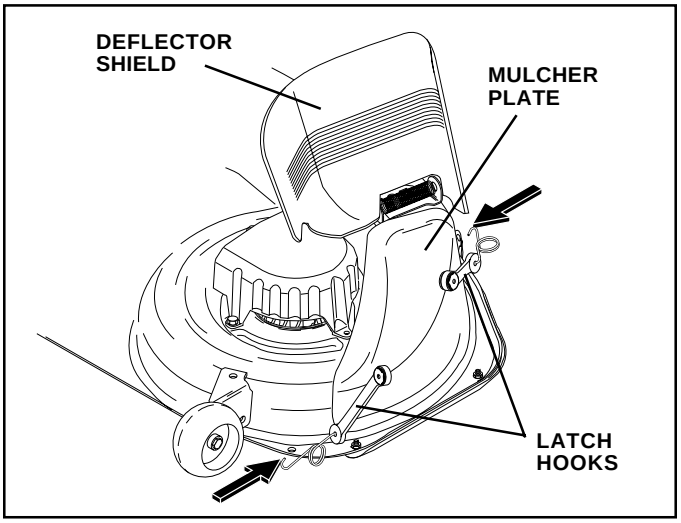


FIG. 5

✓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:

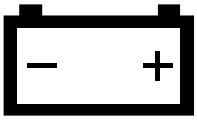
- ✓ All assembly instructions have been completed.
- ✓ No remaining loose parts in carton.
- ✓ Battery is properly prepared and charged. (Minimum 1 hour at 6 amps).
- ✓ Seat is adjusted comfortably and tightened securely.
- ✓ All tires are properly inflated. (For shipping purposes, the tires were overinflated 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.
- ✓ Before driving tractor, be sure freewheel control is in drive position.

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.
- ✓ It is important to purge the transmission before operating your tractor for the first time. Follow proper starting and transmission purging instructions (See “TO START ENGINE” and “PURGE TRANSMISSION” in the Operation section of this manual).

OPERATION

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



BATTERY

CAUTION OR WARNING

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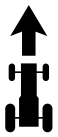

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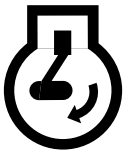

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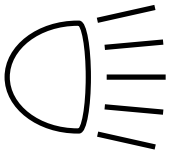

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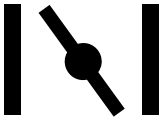

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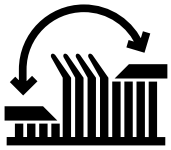

MOWER HEIGHT

PARKING BRAKE LOCKED

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ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED

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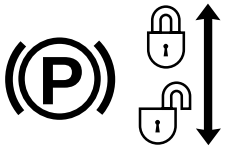

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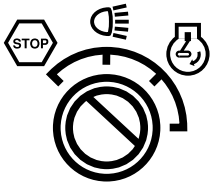

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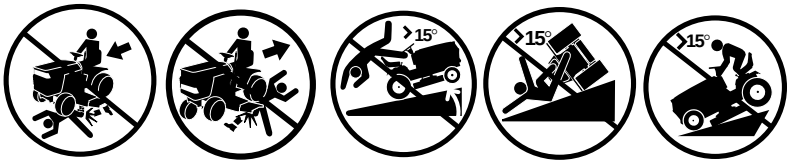
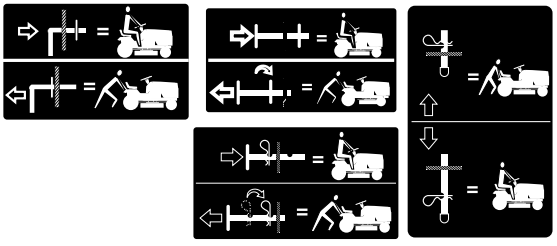


KEEP AREA CLEAR

SLOPE HAZARDS

(SEE SAFETY RULES SECTION)

DANGER, KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY



FREE WHEEL
(Automatic Models only)

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR TRACTOR

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

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

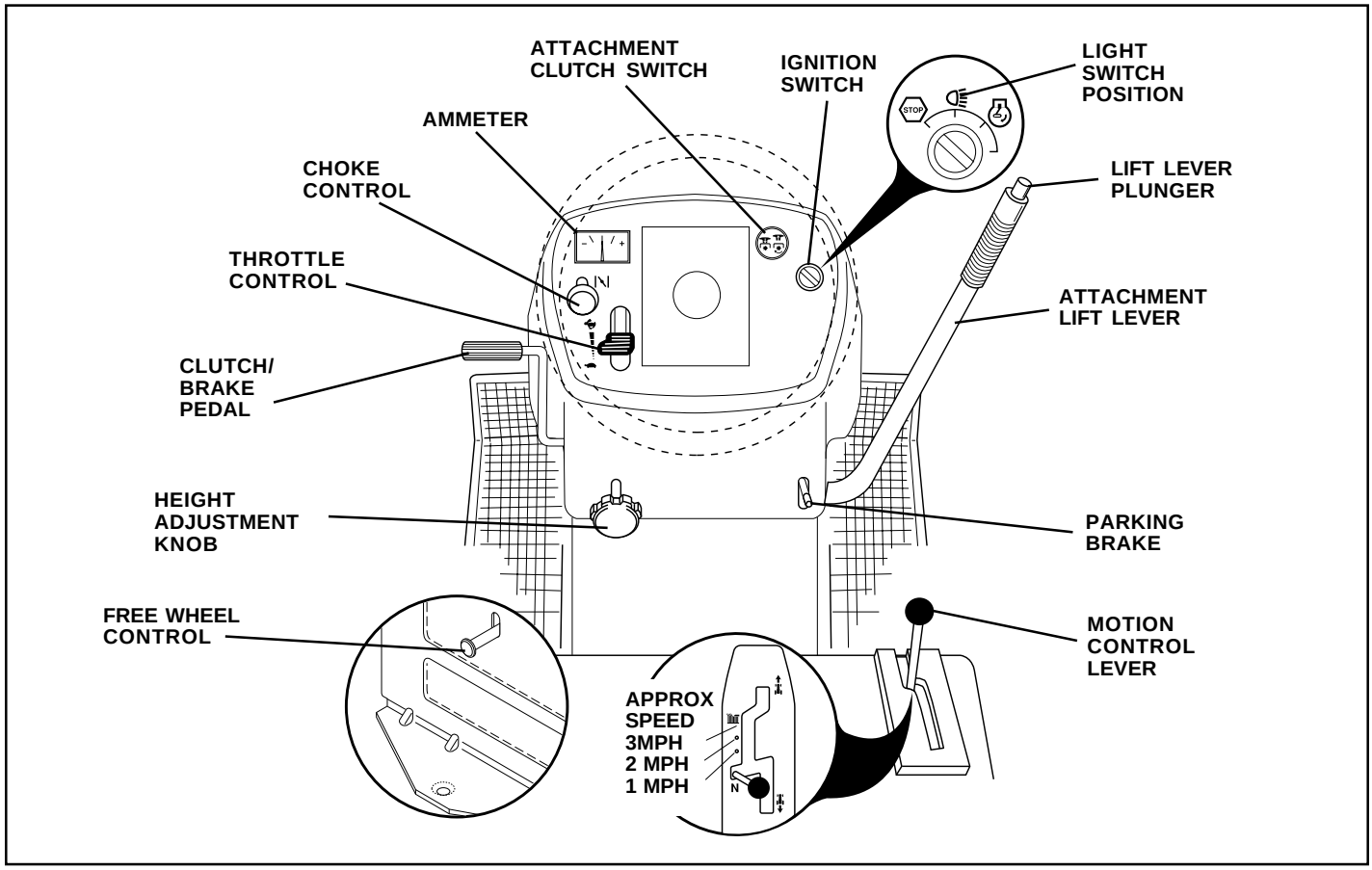


FIG. 6

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

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

LIGHT SWITCH: Turns the headlights on and off.

THROTTLE CONTROL: Used to control engine speed.

CHOKE CONTROL: Used when starting a cold engine.

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

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

FREEWHEEL CONTROL: Disengages transmission for pushing or slowly towing the tractor with the engine off.

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

MOTION CONTROL 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.

HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT KNOB: Used to adjust mower cutting height.

OPERATION

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

HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR

TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 7)

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

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

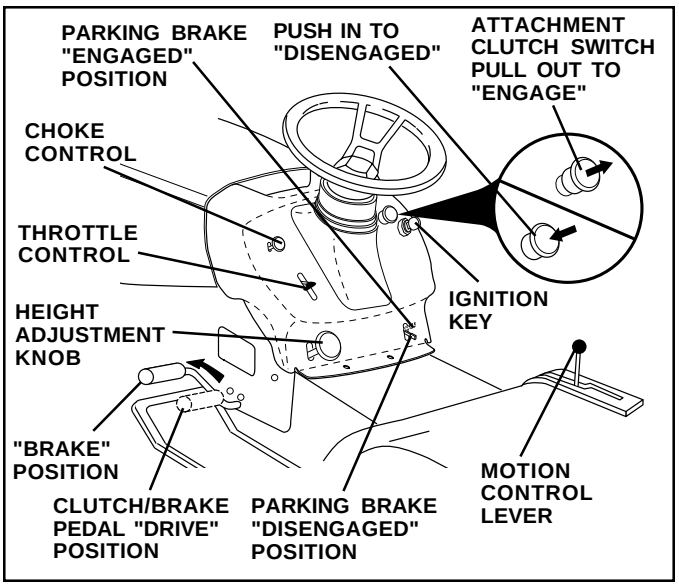


FIG. 7

STOPPING (See Fig. 7)

MOWER BLADES -

- To stop mower blades,move attachment clutch switch to “DISENGAGED” position.

GROUND DRIVE -

- To stop ground drive, depress clutch/brake pedal into full “BRAKE” position.
- Move motion control lever to neutral (N) position.

IMPORTANT: THE MOTION CONTROL LEVER DOES NOT RETURN TO NEUTRAL (N) POSITION WHEN THE CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL IS DEPRESSED.

ENGINE -

- Move throttle control to slow position.

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

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

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

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

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

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 7)

Always operate engine at full throttle.

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

TO USE CHOKE CONTROL (See Fig. 7)

Use choke control whenever you are starting a cold engine. Do not use to start a warm engine.

- To engage choke control, pull knob out. Slowly push knob in to disengage.

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD (See Fig. 7)

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

- Start tractor with motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- Release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Slowly move motion control lever to desired position.

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 7)

The cutting height is controlled by turning the height adjustment knob in desired direction.

- Turn knob clockwise (↷) to raise cutting height.
- Turn knob counterclockwise (↶) to lower cutting height.

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.

OPERATION

TO ADJUST GAUGE WHEELS (See Fig. 8)

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

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

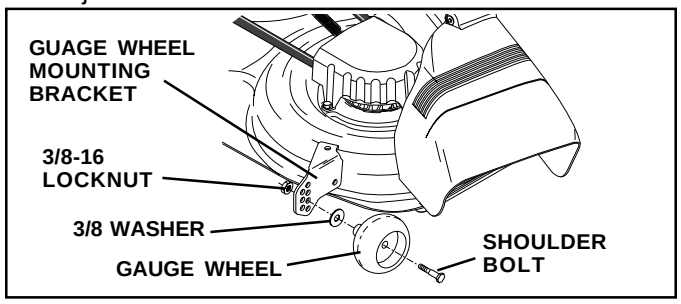


FIG. 8

TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig. 9)

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

- Select desired height of cut.
- Lower mower with attachment lift control.
- 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.

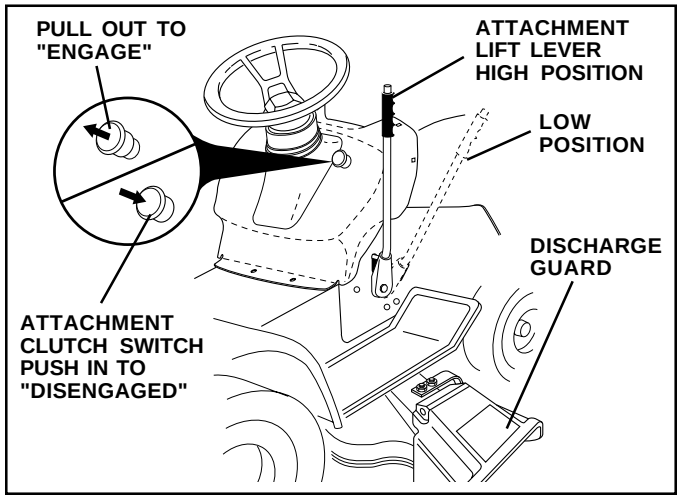


FIG. 9

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 motion control lever to neutral (N) position.

IMPORTANT: THE MOTION CONTROL LEVER DOES NOT RETURN TO NEUTRAL (N) POSITION WHEN THE CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL IS DEPRESSED.

- To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Slowly move motion control lever to slowest setting.
- Make all turns slowly.

TO TRANSPORT (See Figs. 6 and 10)

When pushing or towing your tractor, be sure to disengage transmission by placing freewheel control in freewheeling position. Free wheel control is located at the rear drawbar of tractor.

- Raise attachment lift to highest position with attachment lift control.
- Pull freewheel control out and down into the slot and release so it is held in the disengaged position.
- Do not push or tow tractor at more than two (2) MPH.
- To reengage transmission, reverse above procedure.

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.).

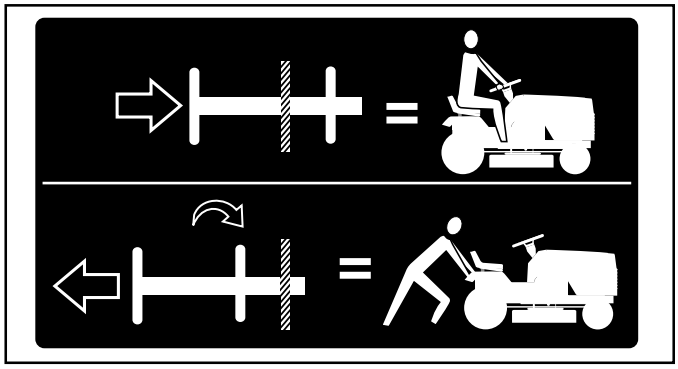


FIG. 10

TOWING CARTS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

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

OPERATION

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 with a minimum of 87 octane. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life). Do not mix oil with gasoline. Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness.

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. 6)

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

- Be sure freewheel control is in the transmission engaged position.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- Place motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control to fast position
- Pull choke control out for a cold engine start attempt. For a warm engine start attempt the choke control may not be needed.

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

- Insert key into ignition and turn key clockwise to "START" position and release key as soon as engine starts. Do not run starter continuously for more than fifteen seconds per minute. If the engine does not start after several attempts, push choke control in, wait a few minutes and try again. If engine still does not start, pull the choke control out and retry.

WARM WEATHER STARTING (50° F and above)

- When engine starts, slowly push choke control in until the engine begins to run smoothly. If the engine starts to run roughly, pull the choke control out slightly for a few seconds and then continue to push the control in slowly.
- The attachments and ground drive can now be used. If the engine does not accept the load, restart the engine and allow it to warm up for one minute using the choke as described above.

COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

- When engine starts, slowly push choke control in until the engine begins to run smoothly. Continue to push the choke control in small steps allowing the engine to accept small changes in speed and load, until the choke control is fully in. If the engine starts to run roughly, pull the choke control out slightly for a few seconds and then continue to push the control in slowly. This may require an engine warm-up period from several seconds to several minutes, depending on the temperature.

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION WARM UP

- Before driving the unit in cold weather, the transmission should be warmed up as follows:
  - Be sure the tractor is on level ground.
  - Place the motion control lever in neutral. Release the parking brake and let the clutch/brake slowly return to operating position.
  - Allow one minute for transmission to warm up. This can be done during the engine warm up period.
- The attachments can be used during the engine warm-up period after the transmission has been warmed up and may require the choke control be pulled out slightly.

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.

PURGE TRANSMISSION

CAUTION: Never engage or disengage freewheel lever while the engine is running.

To ensure proper operation and performance, it is recommended that the transmission be purged before operating tractor for the first time. This procedure will remove any trapped air inside the transmission which may have developed during shipping of your tractor.

IMPORTANT: SHOULD YOUR TRANSMISSION REQUIRE REMOVAL FOR SERVICE OR REPLACEMENT, IT SHOULD BE PURGED AFTER REINSTALLATION BEFORE OPERATING THE TRACTOR.

- Place tractor safely on level surface with engine off and parking brake set.
- Disengage transmission by placing freewheel control in freewheeling position (See "TO TRANSPORT" in this section of manual).

- Sitting in the tractor seat, start engine. After the engine is running, move throttle control to slow position. With motion control lever in neutral (N) position, slowly disengage clutch/brake pedal.
- Move motion control lever to full forward position and hold for five (5) seconds. Move lever to full reverse position and hold for five (5) seconds. Repeat this procedure three (3) times.

NOTE: During this procedure there will be no movement of drive wheels. The air is being removed from hydraulic drive system.

- Move motion control lever to neutral (N) position. Shut-off engine and set parking brake.
- Engage transmission by placing freewheel control in driving position (See "TO TRANSPORT" in this section of manual).
- Sitting in the tractor seat, start engine. After the engine is running, move throttle control to half (1/2) speed. With motion control lever in neutral (N) position, slowly disengage clutch/brake pedal.
- Slowly move motion control lever forward, after the tractor moves approximately five (5) feet, slowly move motion control lever to reverse position. After the tractor moves approximately five (5) feet return the motion control lever to the neutral (N) position. Repeat this procedure with the motion control lever three (3) times.
- Your tractor is now purged and now ready for normal operation.

MOWING TIPS

- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 11A).
- 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.

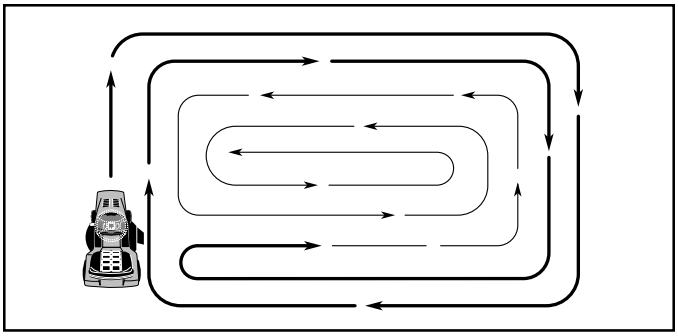


FIG. 11A

MULCHING MOWING TIPS

IMPORTANT: FOR BEST PERFORMANCE, KEEP MOWER HOUSING FREE OF BUILT-UP GRASS AND TRASH. CLEAN AFTER EACH USE.

- The special mulching blade will recut the grass clippings many times and reduce them in size so that as they fall onto the lawn they will disperse into the grass and not be noticed. Also, the mulched grass will biodegrade quickly to provide nutrients for the lawn. Always mulch with your highest engine (blade) speed as this will provide the best recutting action of the blades.
- Avoid cutting your lawn when it is wet. Wet grass tends to form clumps and interferes with the mulching action. The best time to mow your lawn is the early afternoon. At this time the grass has dried and the newly cut area will not be exposed to the direct sun.
- For best results, adjust the mower cutting height so that the mower cuts off only the top one-third of the grass blades (See Fig. 11B). For extremely heavy mulching, reduce your width of cut on each pass and mow slowly.
- Certain types of grass and grass conditions may require that an area be mulched a second time to completely hide the clippings. When doing a second cut, mow across or perpendicular to the first cut path.
- Change your cutting pattern from week to week. Mow north to south one week then change to east to west the next week. This will help prevent matting and graining of the lawn.

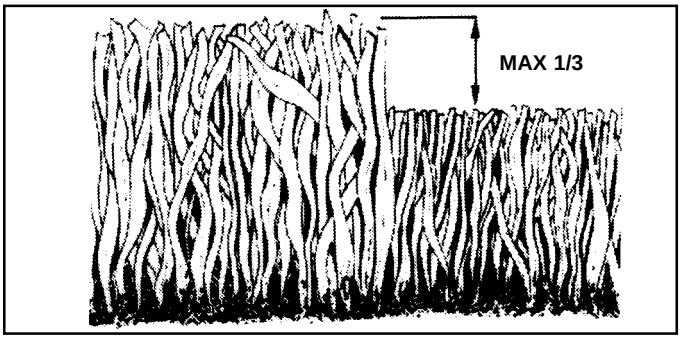


FIG. 11B

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FILL IN DATES AS YOU COMPLETE REGULAR SERVICE		BEFORE EACH USE	EVERY 8 HOURS	EVERY 25 HOURS	EVERY 50 HOURS	EVERY 100 HOURS	EVERY SEASON	BEFORE STORAGE	SERVICE DATES				
TRACTOR	Check Brake Operation	✔	✔										
	Check Tire Pressure	✔	✔										
	Check Operator Presence and Interlock Systems	✔											
	Check for Loose Fasteners	✔				✔7		✔					
	Sharpen/Replace Mower Blades			✔4									
	Lubrication Chart			✔				✔					
	Check Battery Level			✔6									
	Clean Battery and Terminals			✔				✔					
	Check Transaxle Cooling			✔									
	Adjust Blade Belt(s) Tension					✔5							
	Adjust Motion Drive Belt(s) Tension					✔5							
ENGINE	Check Engine Oil Level	✔	✔										
	Change Engine Oil			✔1,2,3				✔					
	Clean Air Filter			✔2									
	Clean Air Screen			✔2									
	Inspect Muffler/Spark Arrester				✔								
	Replace Oil Filter (If equipped)					✔1,2							
	Clean Engine Cooling Fins					✔2							
	Replace Spark Plug					✔	✔						
	Replace Air Filter Paper Cartridge					✔2							
	Replace Fuel Filter						✔						

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.

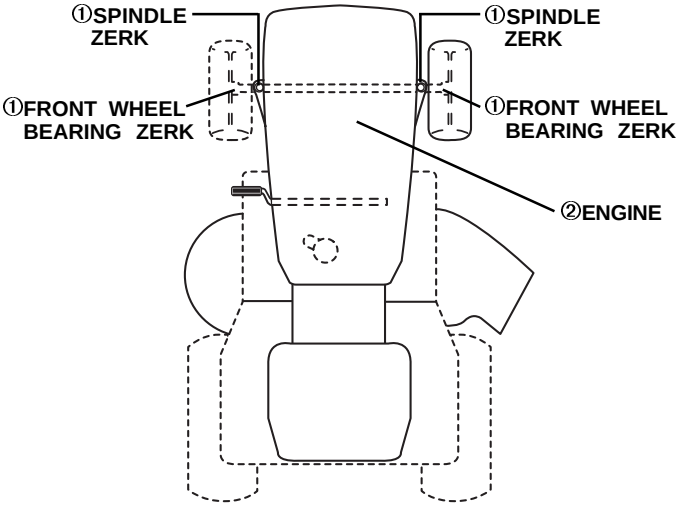
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

- 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 operator presence and interlock systems for proper operation.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION CHART



①GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE
②REFER 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.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

BRAKE OPERATION

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

TIRES

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

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

OPERATOR PRESENCE SYSTEM

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

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

BLADE CARE

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

BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 12A)

- 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.

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

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

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS GRADE 8 HEAT TREATED.

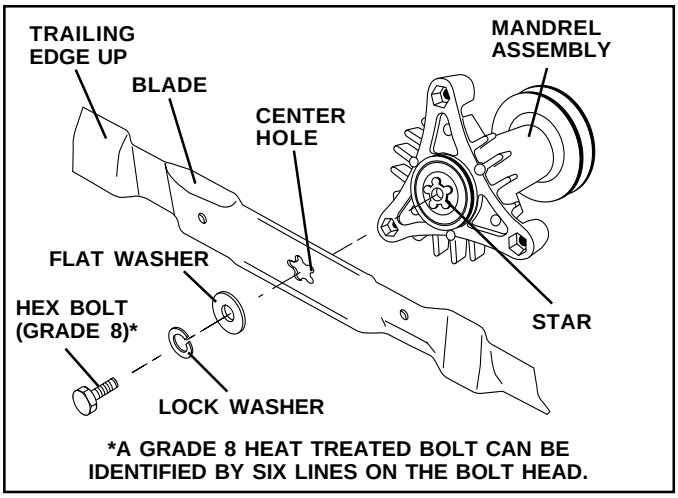


FIG. 12A

TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 12B)

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

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

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

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

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

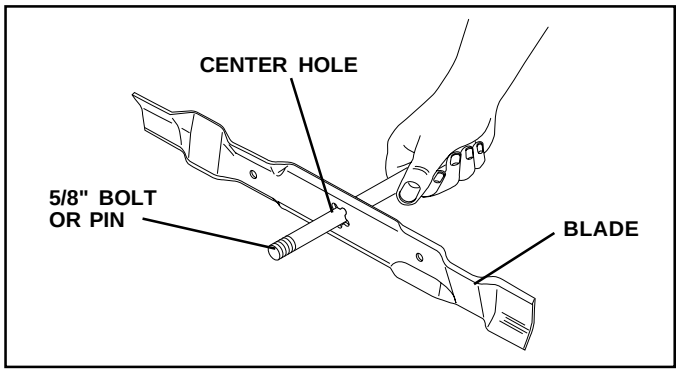


FIG. 12B

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

BATTERY

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

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

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

TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS

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

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

V-BELTS

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

TRANSAXLE COOLING

The transmission fan and cooling fins should be kept clean to assure proper cooling.

Do not attempt to clean fan or transmission while engine is running or while the transmission is hot. To prevent possible damage to seals, do not use high pressure water or steam to clean transaxle.

- Inspect cooling fan to be sure fan blades are intact and clean.
- Inspect cooling fins for dirt, grass clippings and other materials. To prevent damage to seals, do not use compressed air or high pressure sprayer to clean cooling fins.

TRANSAXLE PUMP FLUID

The transaxle was sealed at the factory and fluid maintenance is not required for the life of the transaxle. Should the transaxle ever leak or require servicing, contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

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

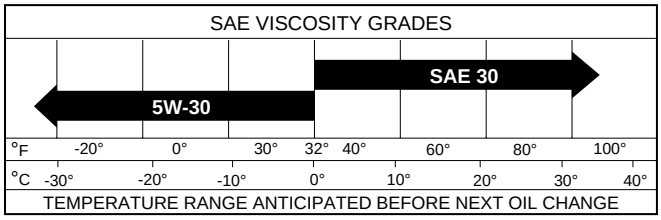


FIG. 13

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 every 50 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 50 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, SG or SH.

- 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" section of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. Be sure dipstick cap is tightened securely for accurate reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick.

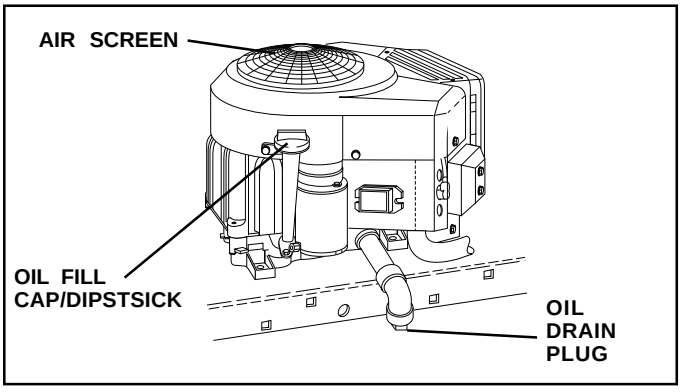


FIG. 14

CLEAN AIR SCREEN (See Fig. 14)

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.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

CLEAN AIR INTAKE/COOLING AREAS

To insure proper cooling, make sure the grass screen, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of the engine are kept clean at all times.

Every 100 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions), remove the blower housing and other cooling shrouds. Clean the cooling fins and external surfaces as necessary. Make sure the cooling shrouds are reinstalled.

NOTE: Operating the engine with a blocked grass screen, dirty or plugged cooling fins, and/or cooling shrouds removed will cause engine damage due to overheating.

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 knobs and cover.

TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER

- 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.

TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

- Clean cartridge by tapping gently on flat surface. If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.
- Reinstall precleaner cartridge, cover and secure with knobs.

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.

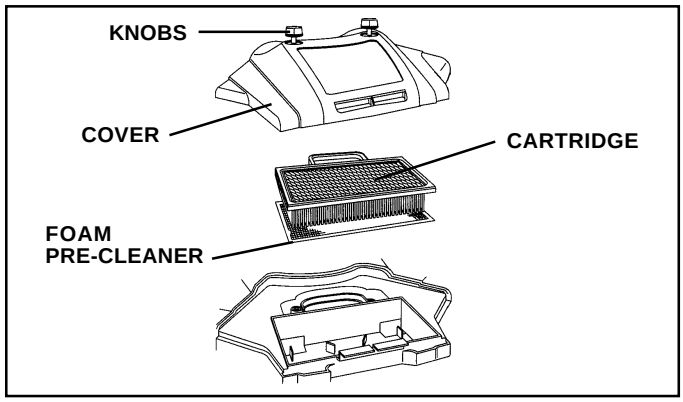


FIG. 15

ENGINE OIL FILTER

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

MUFFLER

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

SPARK PLUGS

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

IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 16)

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.

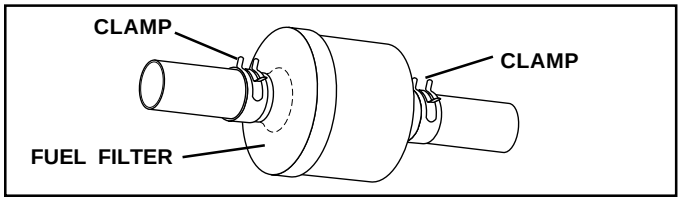


FIG. 16

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.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

- **Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.**
- **Place motion control 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.**

TRACTOR

TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 17)

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Turn height adjustment knob to lowest setting.
- Lower mower to its lowest position.
- Remove retainer spring holding anti-swaybar to chassis bracket and disengage anti-swaybar from bracket.
- Remove retainer springs from suspension arms at deck and disengage arms from deck.
- Raise attachment lift to its highest position.
- Remove two retainer springs from each front link and remove links.
- Slide mower forward and remove belt from electric clutch pulley.
- Slide mower out from under right side of tractor.

IMPORTANT: IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER DECK IS TO BE MOUNTED ON THE TRACTOR, REMOVE THE FRONT LINKS.

TO INSTALL MOWER

Follow procedure described in "INSTALL MOWER AND DRIVE BELT" in the Assembly section of this manual.

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

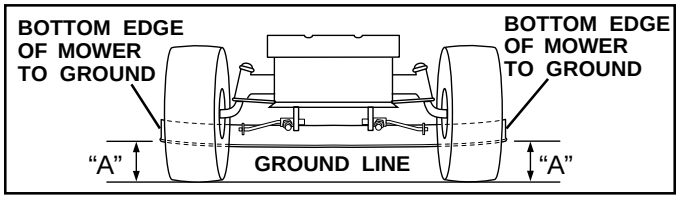
Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 18 and 19)

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

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

- Recheck measurements after adjusting.



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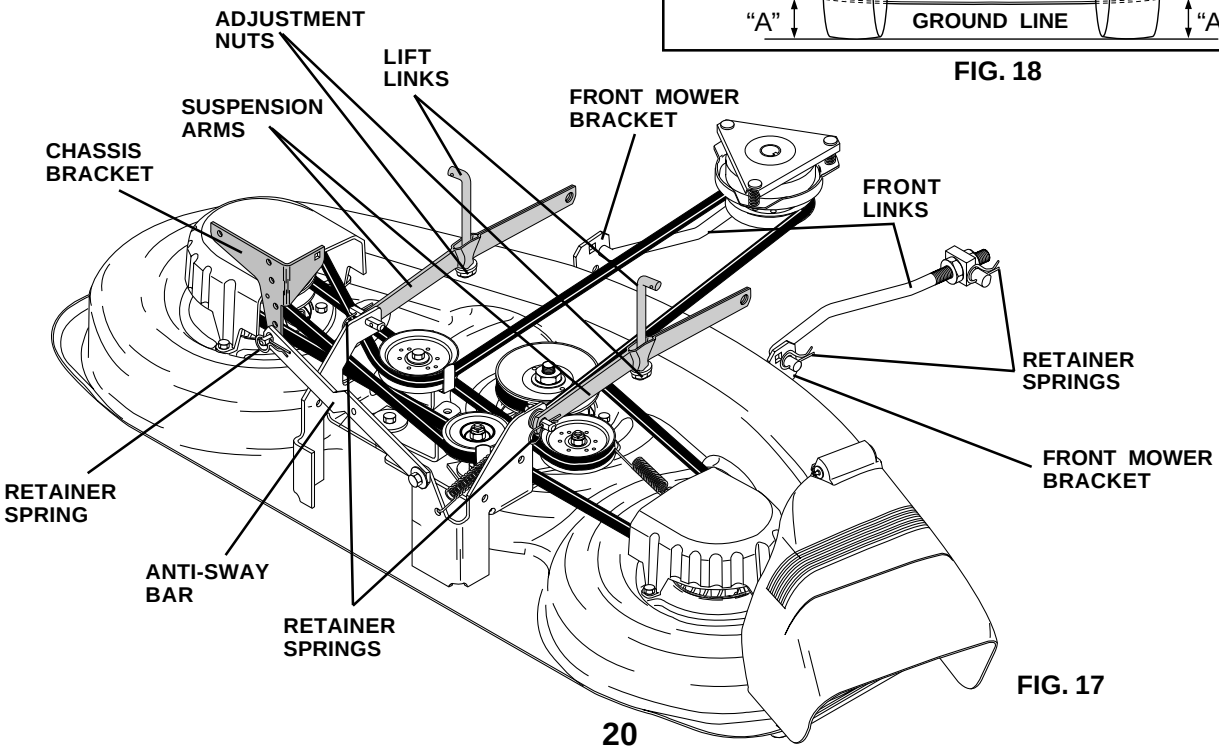

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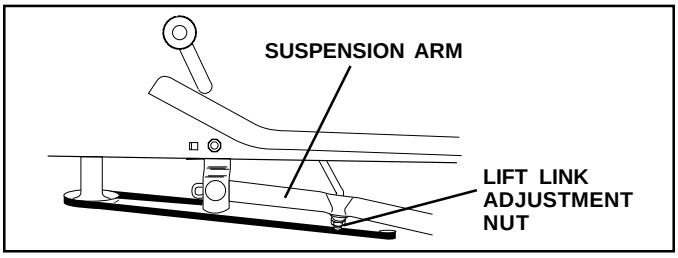


FIG. 19

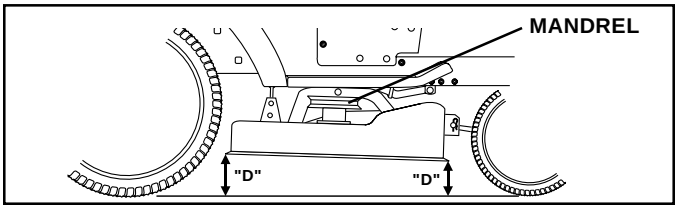
FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 20 and 21)

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

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

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

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length. 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 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nuts "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- To raise front of mower, loosen nut "F" from trunnion on both front links. Tighten nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- Recheck side-to-side adjustment.



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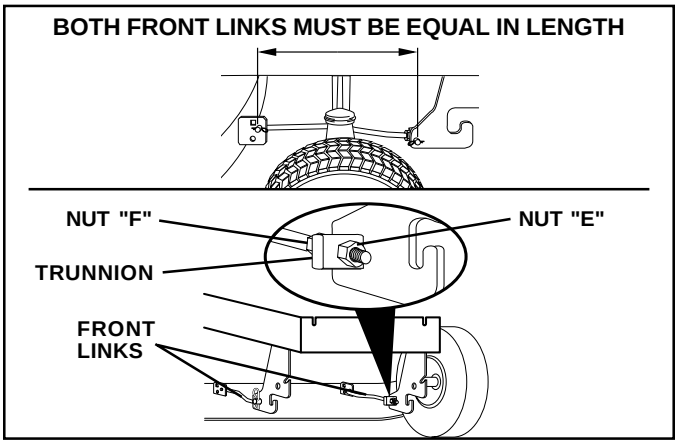

FIG. 21

TO REPLACE MOWER DRIVE BELT

MOWER DRIVE BELT REMOVAL (See Fig. 22) -

- Park tractor on a level surface. Engage parking brake.
- Remove screws from L.H. mandrel cover and remove cover.
- Roll belt over the top of L.H. mandrel pulley.
- Remove belt from electric clutch pulley.
- Remove belt from idler pulleys.
- Remove any dirt or grass clippings which may have accumulated around mandrels and entire upper deck surface.
- Check primary idler arm and two idlers to see that they rotate freely.
- Be sure spring is securely hooked to primary idler arm and bolt in mower housing.

MOWER DRIVE BELT INSTALLATION (See Fig. 22) -

- Install belt in both idlers. Make sure belt is in both belt keepers at the idlers as shown.
- Install new belt onto electric clutch pulley.
- Roll belt into upper groove of L.H. mandrel pulley.
- Carefully check belt routing making sure belt is in the grooves correctly and inside belt keepers.
- Reassemble L.H. mandrel cover.

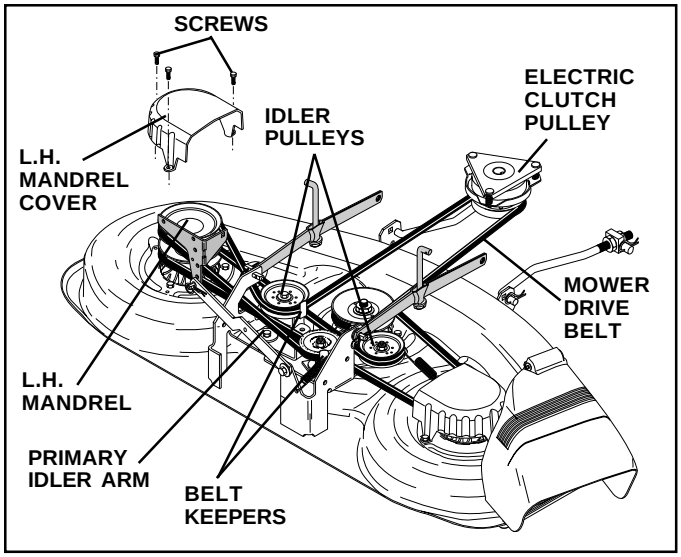

FIG. 22

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

Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

- Remove mower drive belt (See "TO REPLACE MOWER DRIVE BELT" in this section of this manual).
- Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of this manual).
- Remove screws from R.H. mandrel cover and remove cover. Unhook spring from bolt on mower housing.
- Carefully roll belt off R.H. mandrel pulley.
- Remove belt from center mandrel pulley, idler pulley, and L.H. mandrel pulley.
- Remove any dirt or grass which may have accumulated around mandrels and entire upper deck surface.

- Check secondary idler arm and idler to see that they rotate freely.
- Be sure spring is hooked in secondary idler arm and sway-bar bracket.
- Install new belt in lower groove of L.H. mandrel pulley, idler pulley, and center mandrel pulley as shown.
- Roll belt over R.H. mandrel pulley. Make sure belt is in all grooves properly.
- Reconnect spring to bolt in mower housing and reinstall R.H. mandrel cover.
- Reinstall mower to tractor (See "INSTALL MOWER AND DRIVE BELT" in the Assembly section of this manual).
- Reassemble mower drive belt (See "TO REPLACE MOWER DRIVE BELT" in this section of this manual).

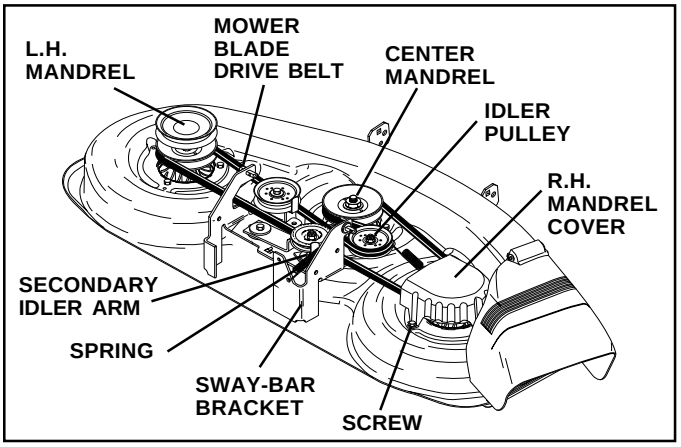

FIG. 23

TO ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 24)

Your tractor is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the 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 1-9/16", loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-9/16". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".
- Road test tractor for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than six (6) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

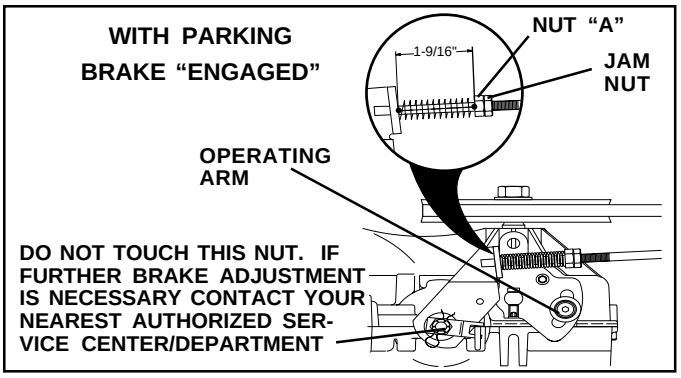

FIG. 24

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.)
- Disconnect clutch wire harness.
- Remove clutch locator.
- Remove belt from stationary idler and clutching idler.
- Pull belt slack toward rear of tractor. Carefully remove belt upwards from transmission input pulley and over cooling fan blades.
- Pull belt toward front of tractor and remove downwards from around electric clutch.
- Install new belt by reversing above procedure.

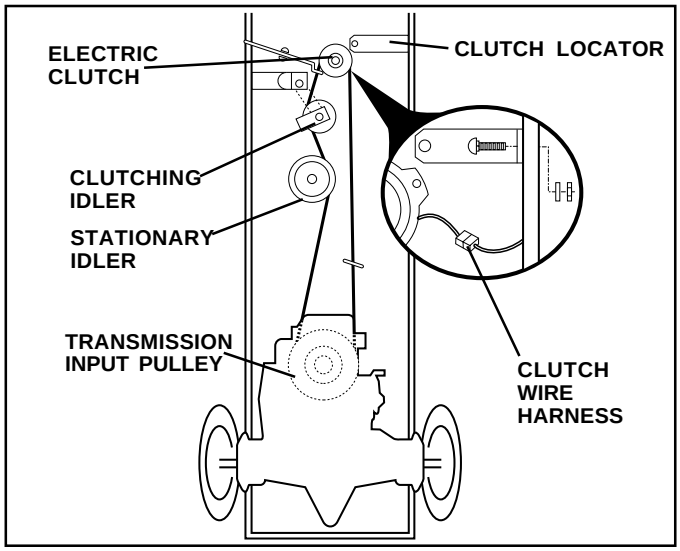

FIG. 25

TRANSAXLE MOTION CONTROL LEVER NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT(See Fig. 26)

The motion control lever has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary.

- Loosen adjustment bolt in front of the right rear wheel, and lightly tighten.
- Start engine and move motion control lever until tractor does not move forward or backward.
- Hold motion control lever in that position and turn engine off.
- While holding motion control lever in place, loosen the adjustment bolt.
- Move motion control lever to the neutral (N) (lock gate) position.
- Tighten adjustment bolt securely.

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

After above adjustment is made, if the tractor still creeps forward or backward while motion control lever is in neutral position, follow these steps:

- Loosen the adjustment bolt.

- Move the motion control lever 1/4 to 1/2 inch in the direction it is trying to creep.
- Tighten adjustment bolt securely.
- Start engine and test.
- If tractor still creeps, repeat above steps until satisfied.

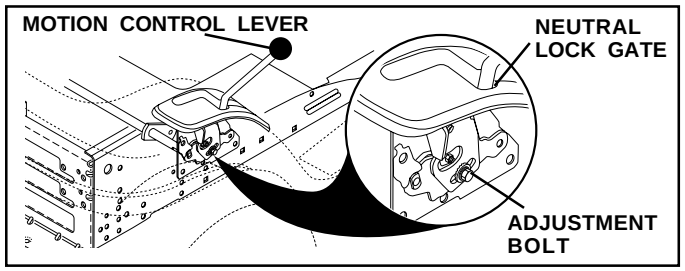

FIG. 26

TRANSMISSION REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT

Should your transmission require removal for service or replacement, it should be purged after reinstallation and before operating the tractor. See "PURGE TRANSMISSION" in the Operation section of this manual.

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. 27)

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

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

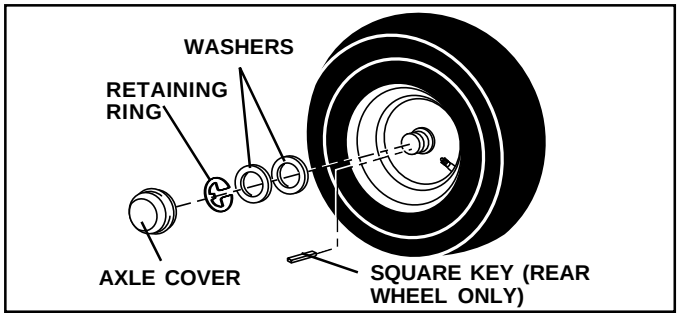

FIG. 27

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

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 NEGATIVE (-) 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.

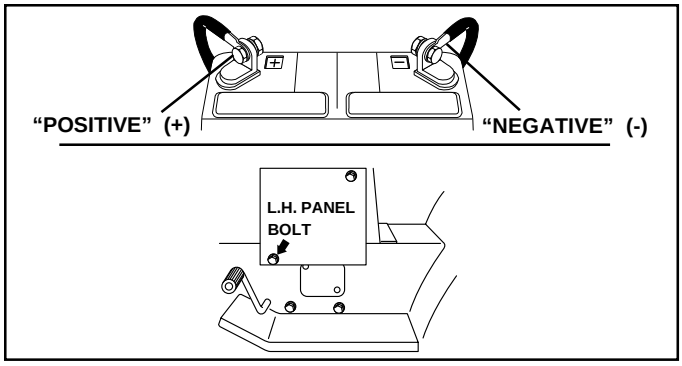

FIG. 28

TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

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

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

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

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

TO REPLACE FUSE

Replace with 15 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located behind the dash.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

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

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

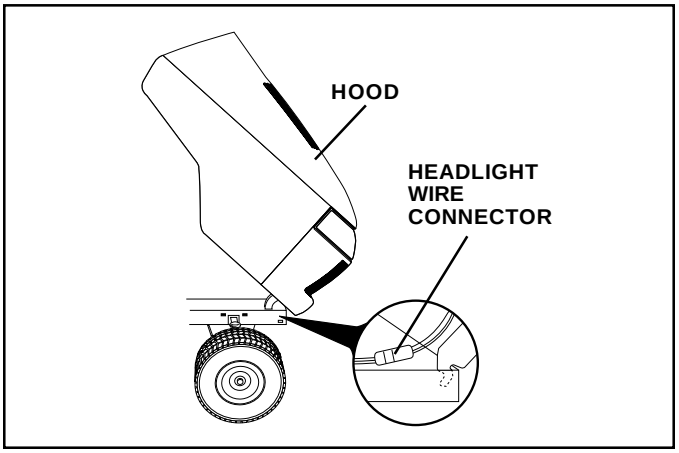

FIG. 29

ENGINE

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

TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 30)

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

- With engine not running, move throttle control lever to fast position.
- Check that swivel is against stop. If it is not, loosen cable clamp screw and pull cable back until swivel is against stop. Tighten cable clamp screw securely.

TO ADJUST CHOKE CONTROL (See Fig. 31)

The choke 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 choke control (located on dash panel) to full choke position.
- Loosen knob and remove cover assembly from air cleaner.
- Choke should be closed. If it is not, loosen casing clamp screw and move choke cable until choke is completely closed. Tighten casing clamp screw securely.
- Replace air cleaner cover assembly and tighten knob.

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR

Your carburetor is not adjustable. If your engine does not operate properly due to suspected carburetor problems, take your tractor to an authorized service center for repair and/or adjustment.

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.

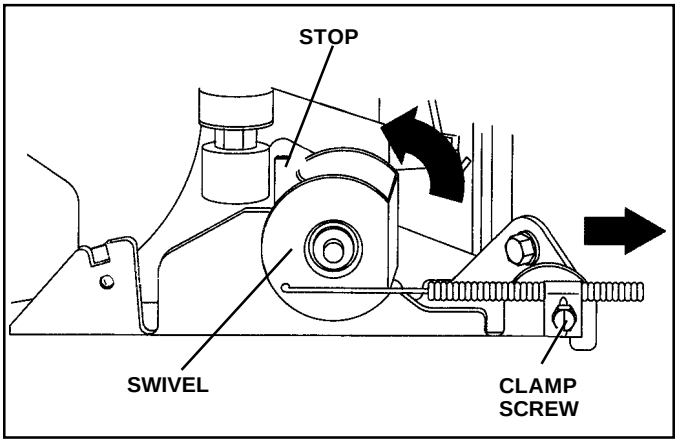

FIG. 30

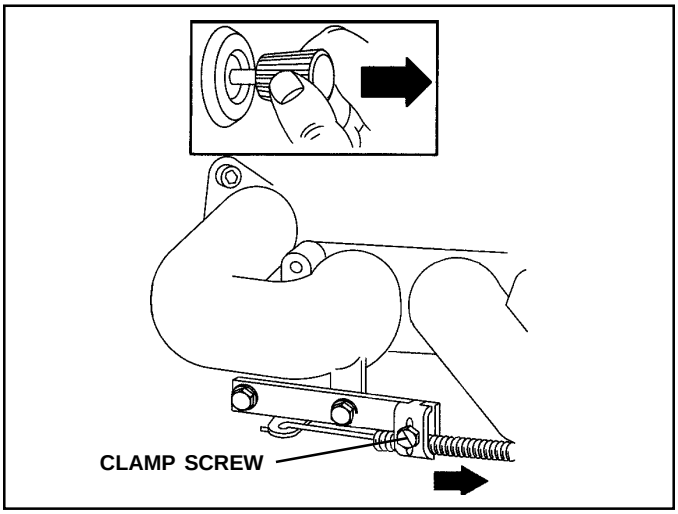

FIG. 31

STORAGE

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

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.
- 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).

CYLINDER(S)

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

OTHER

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

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

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	1. Out of fuel. 2. Engine not “CHOKED” properly. 3. Engine flooded. 4. Bad spark plug. 5. Dirty air filter. 6. Dirty fuel filter. 7. Water in fuel. 8. Loose or damaged wiring. 9. Carburetor out of adjustment. 10. Engine valves out of adjustment.	1. Fill fuel tank. 2. See “TO START ENGINE” in Operation section. 3. Wait several minutes before attempting to start. 4. Replace spark plug. 5. Clean/replace air filter. 6. Replace fuel filter. 7. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 8. Check all wiring. 9. See “To Adjust Carburetor” in Service Adjustments section. 10. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Hard to start	1. Dirty air filter. 2. Bad spark plug. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Dirty fuel filter. 5. Stale or dirty fuel. 6. Loose or damaged wiring. 7. Carburetor out of adjustment. 8. Engine valves out of adjustment.	1. Clean/replace air filter. 2. Replace spark plug. 3. Recharge or replace battery. 4. Replace fuel filter. 5. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. 6. Check all wiring. 7. See “To Adjust Carburetor” in Service Adjustments section. 8. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine will not turn over	1. Clutch/brake pedal not depressed. 2. Attachment clutch is engaged. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Blown fuse. 5. Corroded battery terminals. 6. Loose or damaged wiring. 7. Faulty ignition switch. 8. Faulty solenoid or starter. 9. Faulty operator presence switch(es).	1. Depress clutch/brake pedal. 2. Disengage attachment clutch. 3. Recharge or replace battery. 4. Replace fuse. 5. Clean battery terminals. 6. Check all wiring. 7. Check/replace ignition switch. 8. Check/replace solenoid or starter. 9. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine clicks but will not start	1. Weak or dead battery. 2. Corroded battery terminals. 3. Loose or damaged wiring. 4. 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	1. Cutting too much grass/too fast. 2. Throttle in “CHOKE” position. 3. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 4. Dirty air filter. 5. Low oil level/dirty oil. 6. Faulty spark plug. 7. Dirty fuel filter. 8. Stale or dirty fuel. 9. Water in fuel. 10. Spark plug wire loose. 11. Dirty engine air screen/fins. 12. Dirty/clogged muffler. 13. Loose or damaged wiring. 14. Carburetor out of adjustment. 15. Engine valves out of adjustment.	1. Set in “Higher Cut” position/reduce speed. 2. Adjust throttle control. 3. Clean underside of mower housing. 4. Clean/replace air filter. 5. Check oil level/change oil. 6. Clean and regap or change spark plug. 7. Replace fuel filter. 8. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. 9. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 10. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. 11. Clean engine air screen/fins. 12. Clean/replace muffler. 13. Check all wiring. 14. See “To Adjust Carburetor” in Service Adjustments section. 15. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Excessive vibration	1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Bent blade mandrel. 3. Loose/damaged part(s).	1. Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. 2. Replace blade mandrel. 3. Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine continues to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	1. Faulty operator-safety presence control system.	1. Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact an authorized service center/ department.
Poor cut - uneven	1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Mower deck not level. 3. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. 4. Bent blade mandrel. 5. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.	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	1. Obstruction in clutch mechanism. 2. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. 3. Frozen idler pulley. 4. Frozen blade mandrel.	1. Remove obstruction. 2. Replace mower drive belt. 3. Replace idler pulley. 4. Replace blade mandrel.
Poor grass discharge	1. Engine speed too slow. 2. Travel speed too fast. 3. Wet grass. 4. Mower deck not level. 5. Low/uneven tire air pressure. 6. Worn, bent or loose blade. 7. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 8. Mower drive belt worn. 9. Blades improperly installed. 10. Improper blades used. 11. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.	1. Place throttle control in “FAST” position. 2. Shift to slower speed. 3. Allow grass to dry before mowing. 4. Level mower deck. 5. Check tires for proper air pressure. 6. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. 7. Clean underside of mower housing. 8. Replace mower drive belt. 9. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. 10. Replace with blades listed in this manual. 11. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	1. Switch is “OFF”. 2. Bulb(s) burned out. 3. Faulty light switch. 4. Loose or damaged wiring. 5. Blown fuse.	1. Turn switch “ON”. 2. Replace bulb(s). 3. Check/replace light switch. 4. Check wiring and connections. 5. Replace fuse.
Battery will not charge	1. Bad battery cell(s). 2. Poor cable connections. 3. Faulty regulator (if so equipped). 4. Faulty alternator.	1. Replace battery. 2. Check/clean all connections. 3. Replace regulator. 4. Replace alternator.
Loss of drive	1. Freewheel control in “disengaged” position. 2. Motion drive belt worn, damaged, or broken. 3. Air trapped in transmission during shipment or servicing.	1. Place freewheel control in “engaged” position. 2. Replace motion drive belt. 3. Purge transmission.
Engine “backfires” when turning engine “OFF”	1. Engine throttle control not set at “SLOW” position for 30 seconds before stopping engine.	1. Move throttle control to “SLOW” position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine.

SERVICE NOTES

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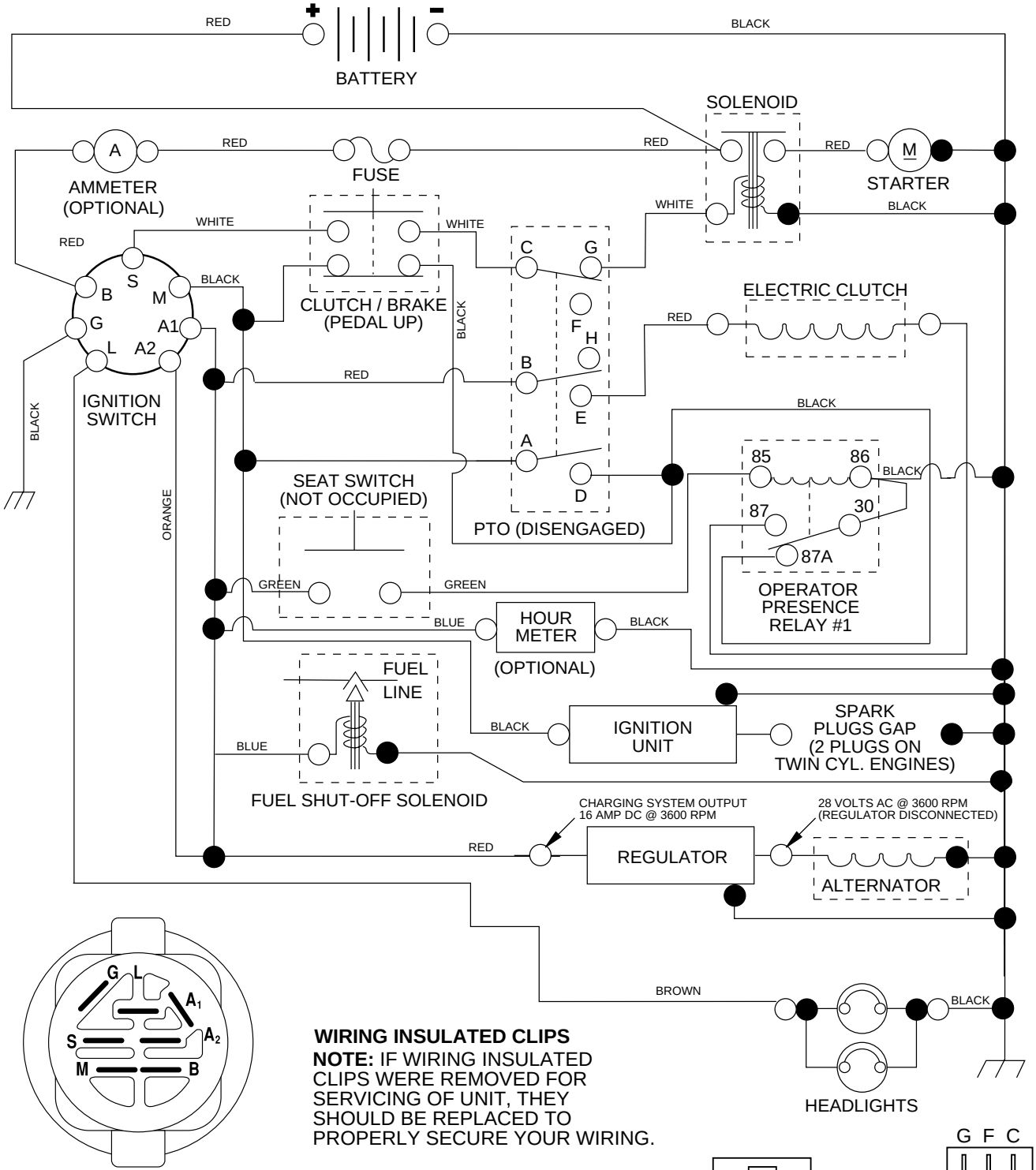


IGNITION SWITCH

POSITION	CIRCUIT	"MAKE"
OFF	M+G+A1	NONE
RUN/LIGHT	B+A1	A2+L
RUN	B+A1	NONE
START	B + S + A1	NONE

WIRING INSULATED CLIPS

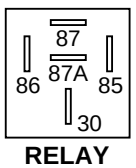
NOTE: IF WIRING INSULATED CLIPS WERE REMOVED FOR SERVICING OF UNIT, THEY SHOULD BE REPLACED TO PROPERLY SECURE YOUR WIRING.

PTO SWITCH

POSITION	CIRCUIT
OFF	C + G, B + H
ON	C + F, B + E, A + D

NON-REMOVABLE CONNECTIONS

REMOVABLE CONNECTIONS



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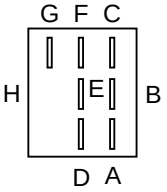

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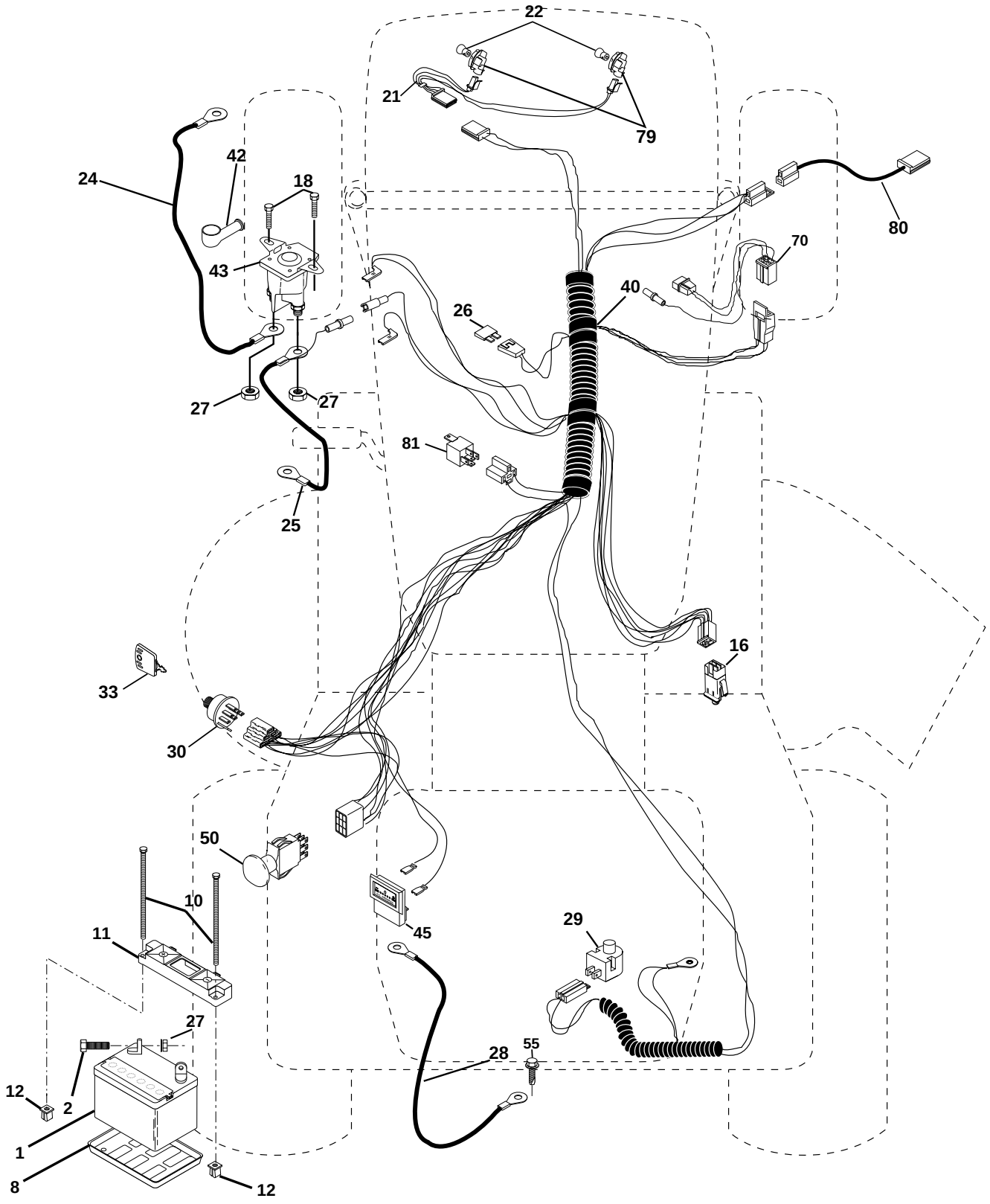
ELECTRICAL



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ELECTRICAL

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	163465	Battery
2	74760412	Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc X 3/4
8	7603J	Tray Battery
10	145211	Bolt Btr Frt 1/4-20 x 7.5
11	150109	Holddown Battery Front Mount
12	145769	Nut Push Nylon 1/4" Battery
16	153664	Switch Interlock
18	17720408	Screw Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 1/2
21	166184	Harness Asm Light W/4152J
22	4152J	Bulb Light #1156
24	8860R	Cable Battery 6 Ga 17"red
25	146148	Cable Battery 6 Ga w/16 wire,red
26	166180	Fuse 15 Amp
27	73510400	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc
28	145491	Cable Ground
29	160784	Switch Plunger OP Olive
30	163968	Switch Ign
33	140403	Key Ign
40	1**70233**	Harness Ign
42	131563	Cover Terminal Red
43	145673	Solenoid
45	122822X	Ammeter
50	**169416**	Switch PTO 3PDT Red Delta
55	17490508	Screw Thdro l 5/16-18 x 1/2
70	**170247**	Harness Eng
79	163996	Bulbholder Asm Incandescent SV
80	146685	Harness Clutch Evx
81	109748X	Relay Asm.

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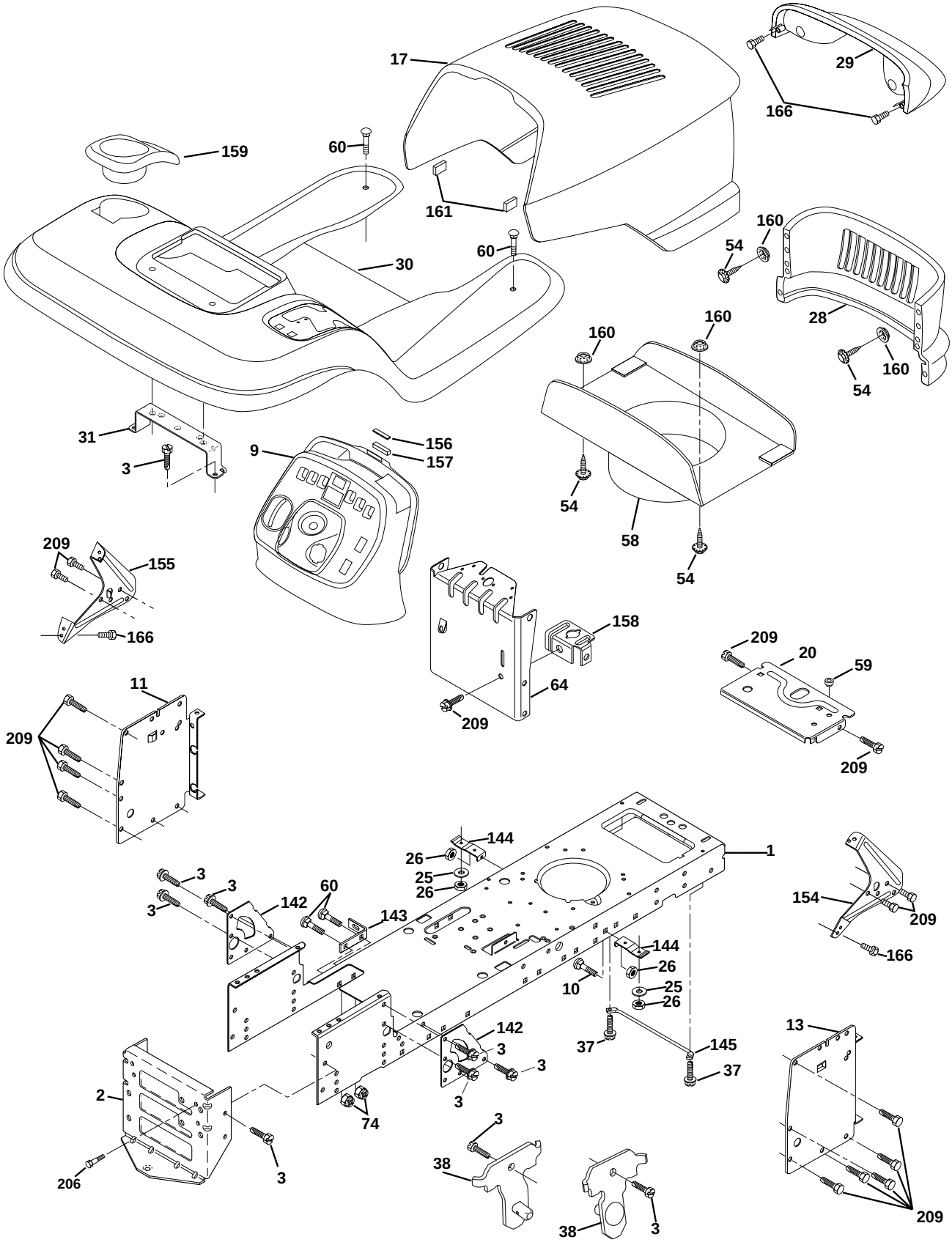
CHASSIS AND ENCLOSURES



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CHASSIS AND ENCLOSURES

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	**169830**	Chassis Stamping
2	**169061**	Drawbar, Stretch
3	**17060612**	Screw 3/8-16x3/4
9	163976	Dash Stealth YTGT 2cyl
10	STD533710	Bolt Carriage 3/8-16 x 1
11	**167203**	Panel Dash Lh
13	**167202**	Panel Dash Rh
17	161023X558	Hood Asm Pnt YTGT
20	162026	Plate Battery STYT
25	19131312	Washer 13/32 X 13/16 X 12 Ga
26	STD541437	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins 3/8-16 Unc
28	160564X558	Grille
29	161235	Lens
30	**164919X558**	Fender Footrest STLT Pnt
31	139976	Bracket Support Fender
37	17490508	Screw Thdrol 6/16-18 x 1/2 TYT
38	**169834**	Bracket, Asm. Pivot, Mower Rear
54	161464	Screw Hex Wshd 8-18 x 7/8
58	161236	Duct Hood
59	110436X	Bushing Snap Split Blk
60	STD533707	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16unc x 3/4
64	162025	Dash Lower STYT
74	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
142	165867	Plate Reinforcement STLT
143	154966	Bracket Swaybar Chassis
144	154207	Bracket Pnt Footrest STLT
145	156524	Rod Pivot Chassis/Hood
154	161897	Bracket Dash Rh
155	161900	Bracket Dash Lh
156	163805	Striker Plate YTGT
157	163806	Magnet YTGT
158	162037	Bracet Parking Brake
159	155123X428	Cupholder Stl Black
160	162967	Fastener Nut pal
161	164655	Extrusion Bumper
166	164863	Screw Hwhd Hi-Lo #13-16 x 3/4
206	**170165**	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18
209	**17000612**	Screw Hex Wsh Thdr 3/8-16 x 3/4

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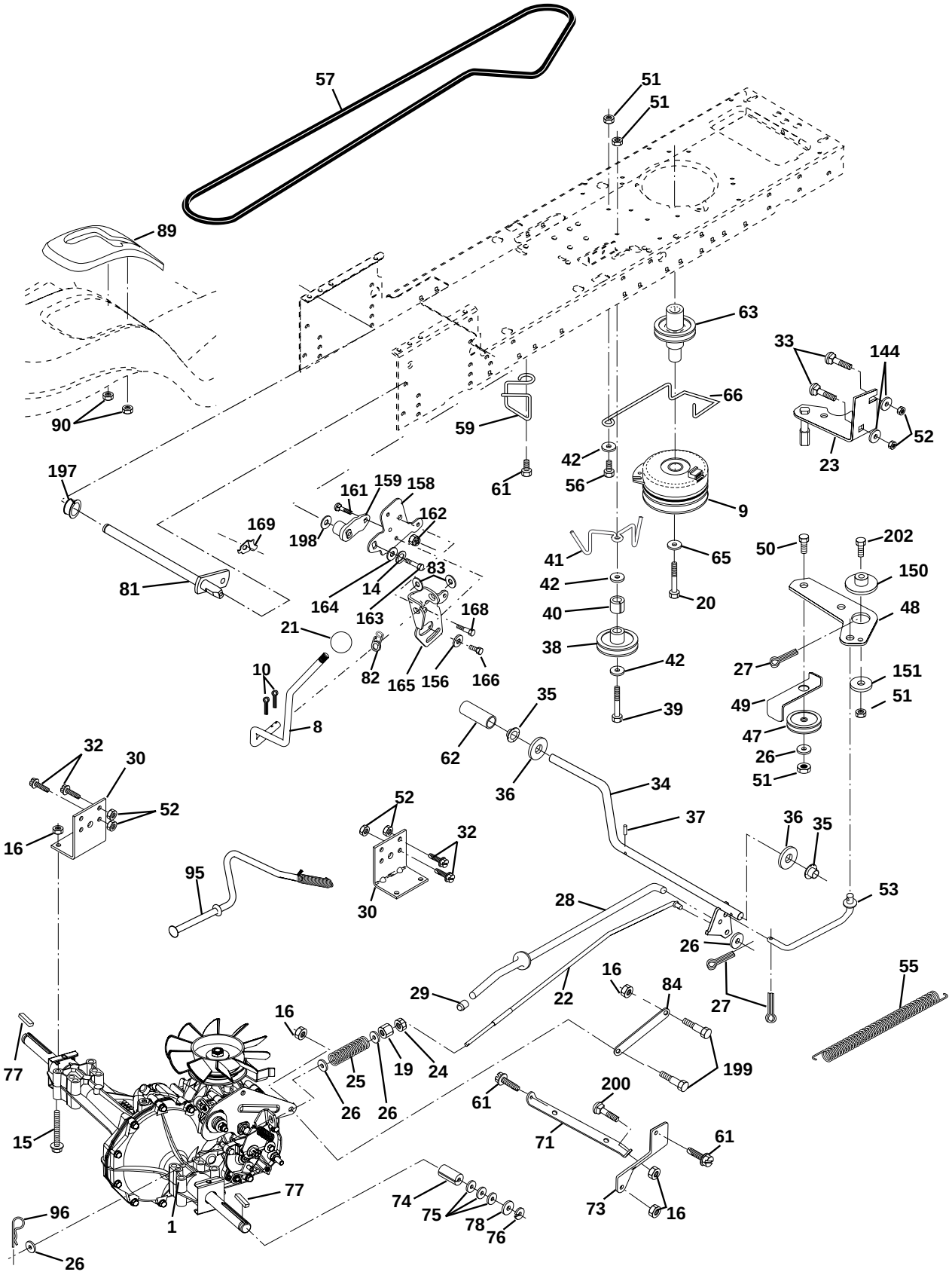
DRIVE



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DRIVE

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	- - - - -	Transaxle (See Breakdown) Hydro Gear Model 314-0510
8	165866	Rod Shift
9	160889	Clutch Elect Evx 80 lb.
10	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 1 CAD
14	10040400	Washer Lock Hvy. Helical 1/4
15	74490544	Bolt, Hex FLGHD 5/16-18 Gr. 5
16	STD541431	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins 5/16-18 Unc P
19	STD541437	Nut Lock Hex W/Wsh 3/8-16Unc
20	150280	Bolt, Hex
21	130564	Knob, Deluxe 1/2-13
22	169498	Rod, Brake Hydro
23	171258	Bracket Asm. Anti-Rot Evx.
24	STD541273	Nut
25	106888X	Spring, Brake Rod
26	STD551037	Washer
27	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 CAD.
28	145204	Rod, Parking Brake
29	71673	Cap, Parking Brake
30	169592	Bracket, Transaxle
32	STD523107	Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18 Unc x 3/4
33	72140506	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 5/16-18 Unc x 3/4
34	155071	Shaft, Foot Pedal
35	120183X	Bearing, Nylon
36	STD551062	Washer
37	STD571810	Pin, Roll
38	131494	Pulley, Idler, Flat
39	72110622	Bolt
40	4470J	Spacer, Split
41	165838	Keeper, Belt Retainer
42	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Gauge
47	127783	Pulley, Idler, V-Groove
48	154407	Bellcrank Clutch Grnd Drv STL
49	123205X	Retainer, Belt
50	STD523715	Bolt
51	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
52	STD541431	Nut Crownlock 5/16-18 UNC
53	105710X	Link, Clutch
55	105709X	Spring, Return, Clutch
56	STD523712	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1-1/4
57	140294	V-Belt, Ground Drive
59	169691	Keeper, Center Span
61	17060612	Screw Thdrol. 3/8-16 x 3/4
62	8883R	Cover, Pedal
63	145868	Pulley, Clutch
65	STD551143	Washer
66	154778	Keeper Belt Engine
71	169183	Strap Torque Lh Hydro
73	169182	Strap Torque Rh Hydro
74	169496	Spacer, Split
75	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge
76	STD581075	E-Ring
77	123583X	Key, Square
78	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Gauge
81	165596	Shaft Asm. Cross
82	165711	Spring Torsion
83	19171216	Washer 17/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
84	169594	Link, Transaxle
89	164890X428	Console, Shift
90	124346X	Nut Self Thd Wsh-Hd 1/4 Zinc
95	170201	Control Asm Bypass Hydro
96	STD624003	Retainer Spring 1" Zinc/Cad
144	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.
150	165850	Bushing Bellcrank Grd Drive
151	19133210	Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Ga.
156	166002	Washer Srrted 5/16 ID x 1 x .125
158	165589	Bracket Shift Mount
159	165494	Hub Tapered Flange Shift LT
161	72140406	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20 x 3/4 Gr. 5
162	73680400	Nut Crownlock 1/4-20 Unc
163	74780416	Bolt Hex Fin 1/4-20 Unc x 1 Gr. 5
164	19091010	Washer 5/8 x .281 x 10 Ga.
165	165623	Bracket Pivot Lever
166	166880	Screw 5/16-18 x 5/8
168	165492	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 x .561
169	165580	Plate Fastening LT
197	169613	Nyliner Snap-in 5/8"
198	169593	Washer Nyl 7/8ID x .105"
199	169612	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Unc
200	72140508	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 5/16-18 Unc x 1
202	72110612	Bolt Carr 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr 5

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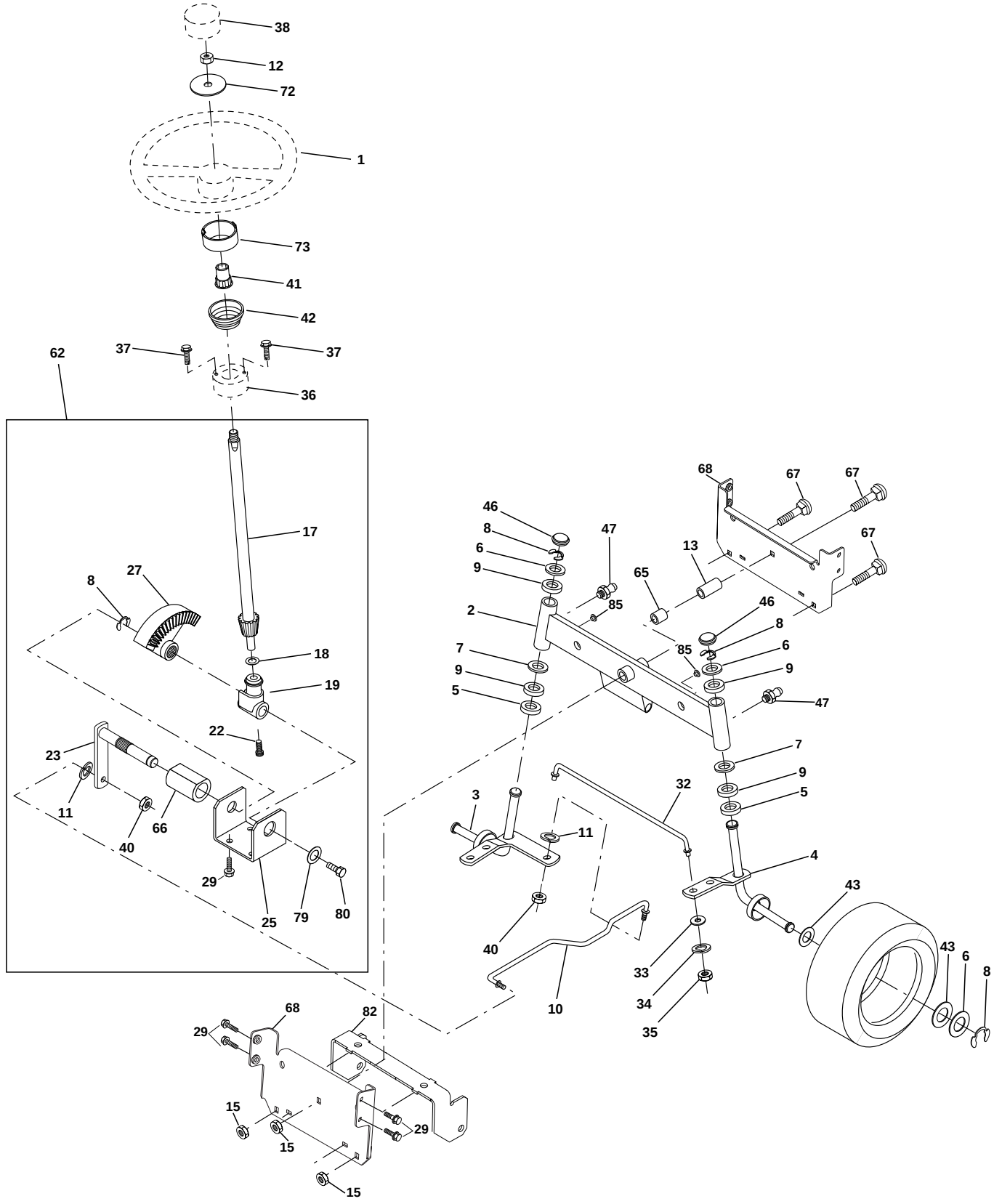

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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	159944X428	Wheel Steering
2	154427	Axle Asm STMP Dropped STL
3	**169840**	Spindle Asm LH
4	**169839**	Spindle Asm RH
5	6266H	Bearing Race Thrust Harden
6	121748X	Washer 25/32 X 1-5/8 X 16 Ga
7	19272016	Washer 27/32 X 1-1/4 X 16 Ga
8	12000029	Ring Klip #t5304-75
9	3366R	Bearing Col Strg Blk
10	**169832**	Link Drag
11	STD551137	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 3/8
12	73940800	Nut Hex Jam Toplock 1/2-20 Unf
13	**136518**	Spacer Bearing Axle Front
15	**145212**	Nut Hex Flange Lock
17	156543	Shaft Asm Strg
18	57079	Washer Thrust 515x 750x 033
19	160395	Support Shaft
22	165857	Screw Hex Wshhd Torx
23	165851	Shaft Asm Pittman
25	154406	Bracket Steering
27	136874	Gear Sector
29	**17060612**	Screw 3/8-16x3/4
32	**171888**	Rod Tie BJ Solid 19 75
33	19111216	Washer 11/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
34	10040500	Washer Lock Hlcl Spr 5/16
35	73810500	Locknut 5/16-24 Unf
36	155105	Bushing Strg
37	152927	Screw
38	159946X428	Insert Cap Strg Wh
40	STD541537	Lock nut Center 3/8-24
41	159945	Adaptor Wheel Strg
42	163888	Boot Steering
43	121749X	Washer 25/32 X 1 1/4 X 16 Ga
46	121232X	Cap Spindle Fr Top Blk
47	6855M	Fitting Grease
62	167905	Kit, Steering Assembly Svc
65	**160367**	Spacer Axle
66	154404	Bearing Arm Pittman
67	**72140618**	Bolt, Rdhd Sq 3/8-16 Unc x 2-1/4
68	**169827**	Axle, Brace
72	19182411	Washer 9/16 ID x 1-1/2 OD 11Ga.
73	160135	Extension Steering Premuim
79	19132012	Washer 13/32 x 1 1/4 x 12 Ga
80	74950612	Bolt Hex Nylon 3/8-16 x 3/4
82	**169835**	Bracket Susp. Chassis Front
85	**133835**	Fastener Christmas Tree

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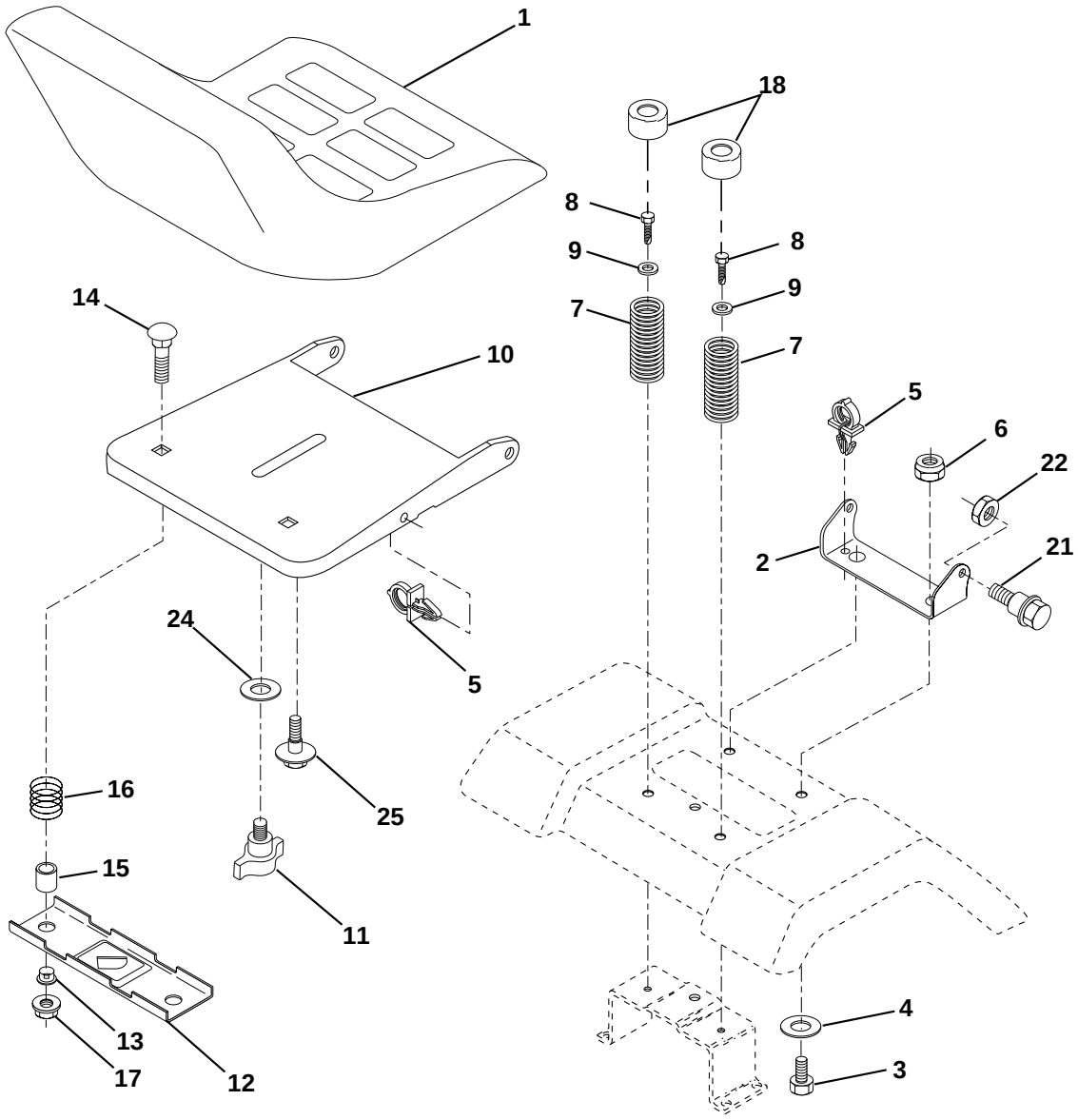
SEAT ASSEMBLY



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	140124	Seat
2	140551	Bracket Pivot Seat 8 720
3	**71110616**	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 1
4	19131610	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 10 Ga
5	145006	Clip Push-In
6	STD541437	Nut Hex w/Ins. 3/8-16 Unc
7	124181X	Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi
8	**17000616**	Screw 3/8-16 X 1-1/2
9	19131614	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga.
10	155925	Pan Seat
11	166369	Knob Seat Adj. Wingnut
12	121246X	Bracket Mounting Switch

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
13	121248X	Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id
14	72050412	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20x1-1/2
15	121249X	Spacer Split 28x .88 Zinc
16	123740X	Spring Cprsn Plate 1.310 Ga
17	123976X	Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc
18	124238X	Cap Spring Seat
21	**171852**	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Unc
22	STD541431	Nut Hex Lock W/Ins 5/16-18
24	19171912	Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga.
25	127018X	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 X 62

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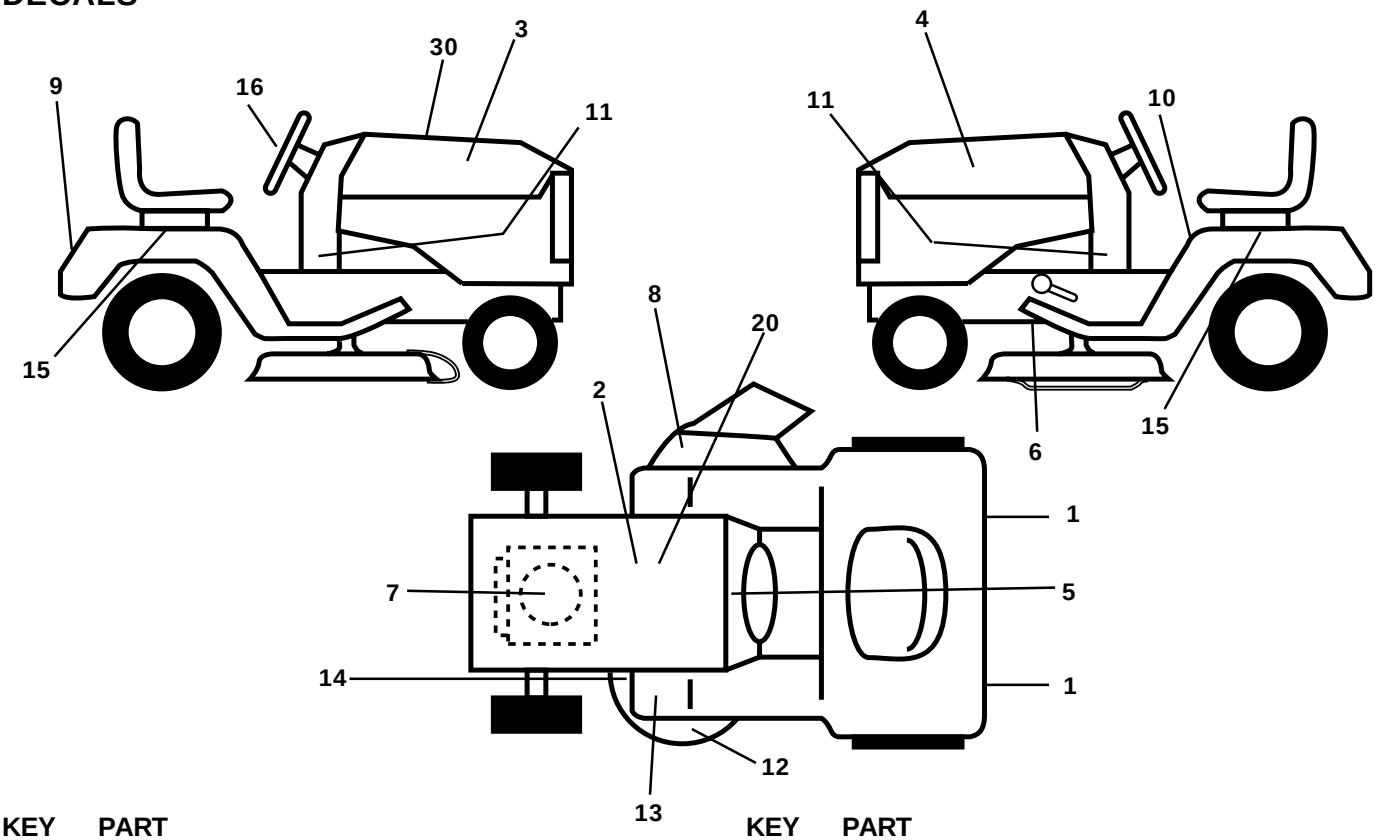
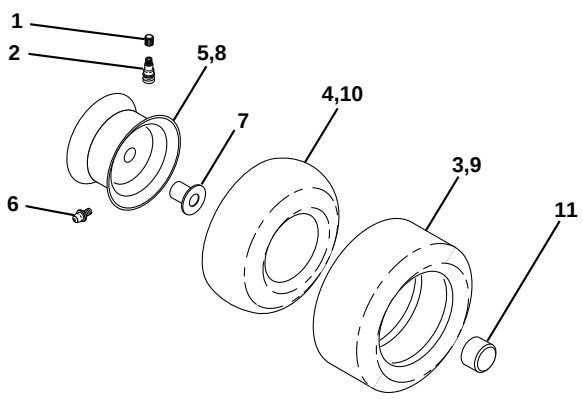


KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	106202X	Reflector Tail Light Red/Amber
2	138047	Decal Battery Diehard Sears
3	163916	Decal Hood RH
4	163917	Decal Hood LH
5	164095	Decal Dash Hyd
6	146046	Decal V Belt Drive Sch
7	167049	Decal Hp Engine
8	137259	Decal Warning Mult-Language
9	163204	Decal Craftsman Fender/Hood
10	157140	Decal Fender Danger Eng/Fr
11	167329	Decal Pnl Dash Intek 18 V-Twin
12	166887	Decal Mower EZ3
13	164657	Decal Brake/Clutch Stlth EF
14	160397	Decal V-Belt Schematic
15	163206	Decal Fender Auto
16	164065	Decal Strng Whl Domed Prem Srs.
20	149517	Decal Bat Dan/Psn
30	169344	Decal Replacement Parts
- -	169210	Decal Drawbar Cntrl Mvt. Hyd.
- -	**165800X428**	Pad Footrest LH STLT
- -	**165799X428**	Pad Footrest RH STLT
- -	138311	Decal Handle Lft Height Adjust
- -	**173614**	Manual Owner's (English)
- -	**173615**	Manual Owner's (French)

WHEELS & TIRES



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	59192	Cap Valve Tire
2	65139	Stem Valve
3	106222X	Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service
4	59904	Tube Front (Service Item Only)
5	106732X427	Rim Asm 6"front Service
6	278H	Fitting Grease (Front Wheel Only)
7	9040H	Bearing Flange (Front Wheel Only)
8	106108X427	Rim Asm 8"rear Service
9	122082X	Tire R Ts 20x10-8 C Service
10	7152J	Tube Rear (Service Item Only)
11	104757X	Cap Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00
- -	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. Tube)

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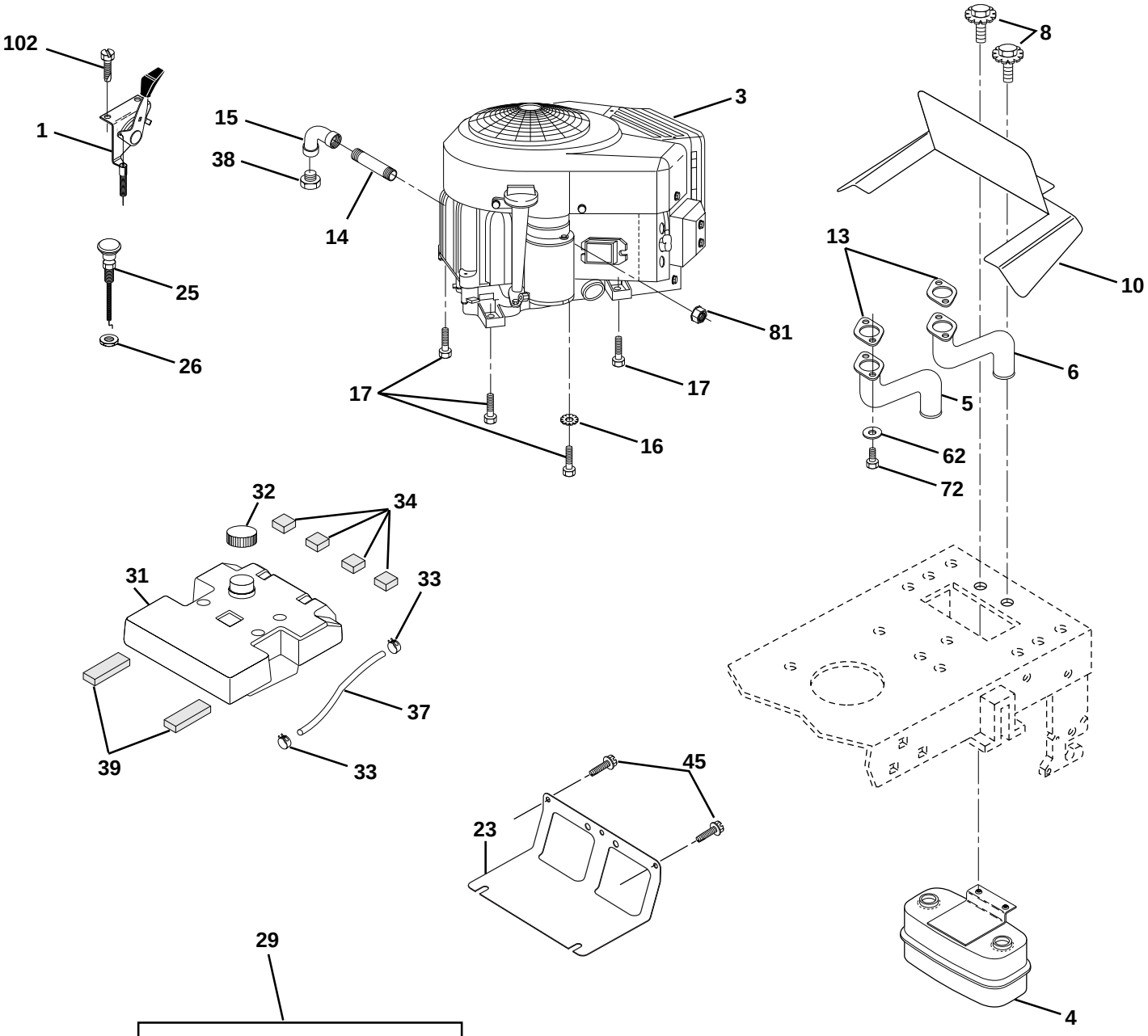
ENGINE



OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Spark Arrester

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ENGINE

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	164067	Control, Throttle
3	- - - - - - -	Engine (See Breakdown) Briggs Model 407777-0121-E1
4	149723	Muffler, Asm. Twin Lo-Tone
5	160589	Pipe Exhaust Intek 20 RH
6	159955	Pipe Exhaust Intek 20 LH
8	150176	Bolt 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4
10	162797	Shield Browing B&S Intek II
13	165391	Muffler Gasket
14	13280336	Nipple, Pipe
15	13200300	Elbow, Standard 90°, 3/8-18 NPT
16	STD551237	Washer, Lock Ext tooth 3/8
17	17490624	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1-1/2
23	**169837**	Shield, Browning/Debris Guard
25	164068	Control Choke
26	73920600	Nut Keps 3/8-24 UNF
29	137180	Arrester, Spark
31	157103	Tank, Fuel
32	161696	Cap Gauge, Fuel
33	123487X	Clamp, Hose Blk
34	106082X	Spacer, Pad
37	8543R	Line, Fuel 7.5
38	- - - - - - -	Plug, Oil Drain (See Engine Breakdown)
39	109227X	Pad, Idler
45	**17000612**	Screw Hex Wsh Thdr 3/8-16 x 3/4
62	10040500	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 5/16
72	71070512	Screw Hex Hd Cap 5/16-18 x 3/4
81	**73510400**	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc
102	**164863**	Screw Hwhd Hi-Lo #13-16 x 3/4

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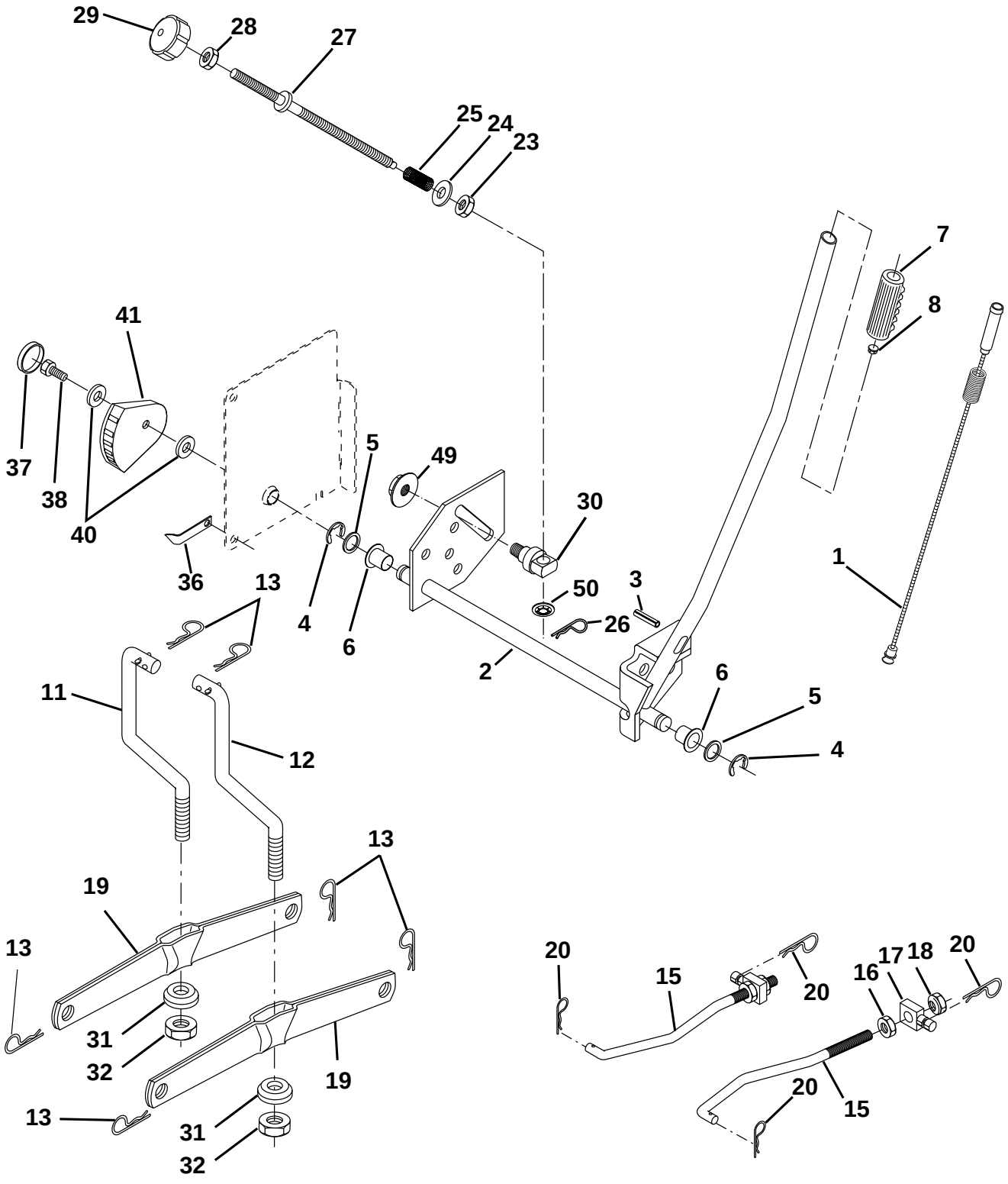
MOWER LIFT



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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	159461	Wire Asm Inner W/Plunge5r
2	159476	Shaft Asm Lift
3	138284	Pin Groove
4	STD581062	E Ring #5133-62
5	19211621	Washer 29/32 x 1-1/4 x 21 Ga.
6	120183X	Bearing Nylon Blk .629 ID
7	125631X	Grip Handle Fluted
8	122365X	Button, Plunger
11	139865	Link Lift Lh Fixed Length
12	139866	Link Lift Rh Fixed Length
13	STD624008	Retainer Spring
15	**167253**	Link Front
16	73350800	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc
17	130171	Trunnion Blk Zinc
18	**73800800**	Nut Lock w/Wsh 1/2-13 Unc
19	139868	Arm Suspension Rear
20	163552	Spring Retainer
23	110807X	Nut Special
24	19131016	Washer 13/32 X 5/8 X 16 Ga
25	164024	Spring
26	**169484**	Retainer Clip
27	164543	Rod Adjust Lift STYT
28	73350600	Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 Unc
29	138057	Knob Infinite 3/8-16 Unc Black
30	150233	Trunnion Infinite Height
31	140302	Bearing Pvt. Lift Spherical
32	73540600	Nut Lock 3/8-24
36	155097	Pointer Height Indicator
37	123935X	Plug Hole
38	**17060516**	Screw 5/16-18 x 1
40	19112410	Washer 11/32 x 1-1/2
41	155098	Indicator Height STLT
49	145212	Nut Hex Flange Lock
50	110452X	Nut Push Phos & Oil

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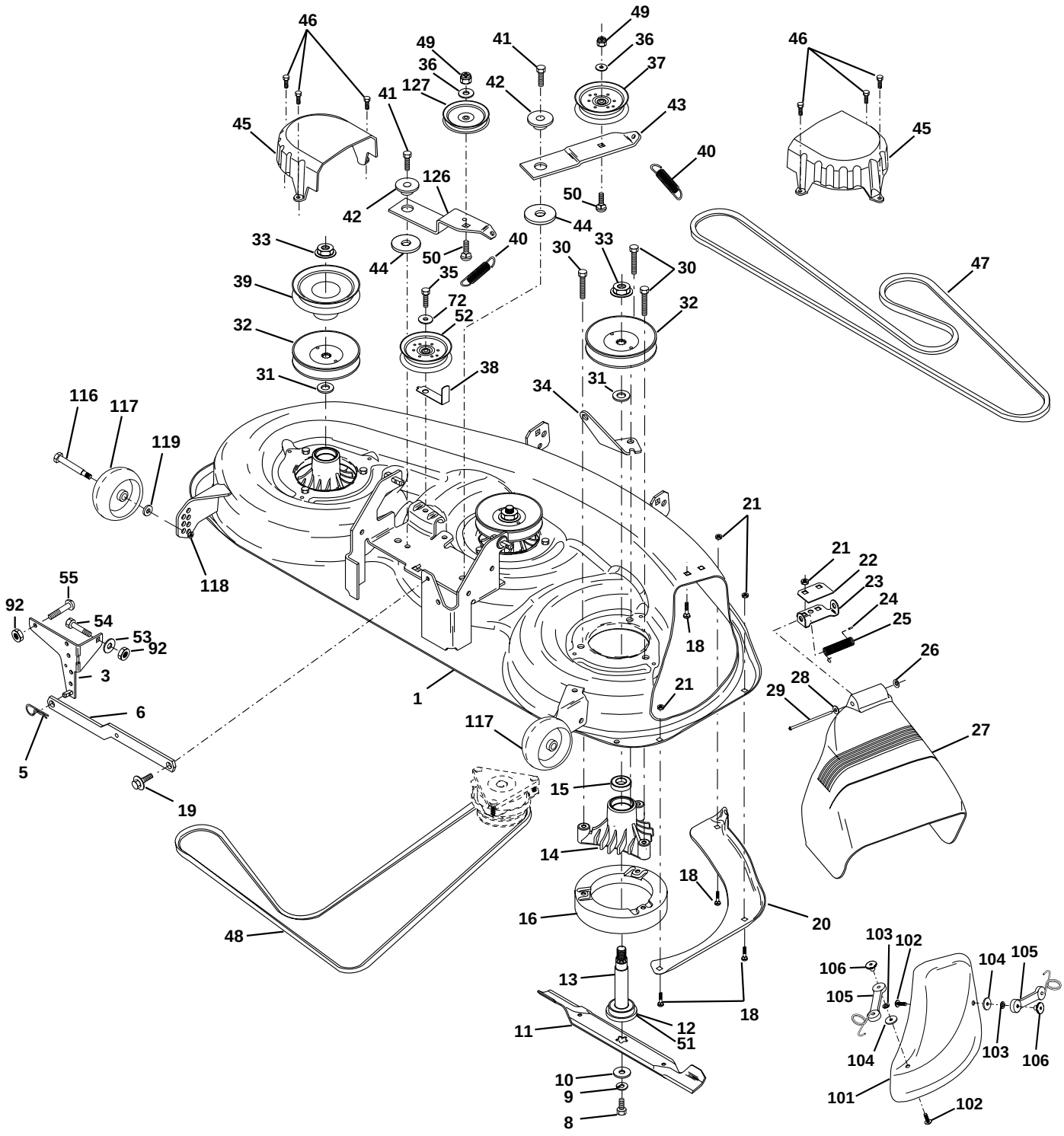
MOWER DECK



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1	164210	Deck Weldment Mower 46
3	138457	Bracket Asm., Sway Bar
5	STD624008	Retainer Spring
6	130832	Arm, Suspension, Rear (Sway Bar)
8	850857	Bolt, Patched 3/8-24 x 1-1/4 Gr. 8
9	STD551137	Washer, Lock Hvy., Unplated 3/8
10	140296	Washer, Hard Blade, Mower Vented
11	**152443**	Blade, 46" Mulching (Following Blades are Optional)
	157033	Blade Hi-Lift Premium 46" (For better bagging, especially in wet conditions)
	159705	Blade 46" Hi-Lift Bahia (For better quality of cut in trash, pasture or bahia grass) **Note:** This blade does not work well in good quality grasses!
12	129895	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel #6204
13	137553	Shaft Asm. w/Lower Bearing (Includes Key No. 12)
14	137152	Housing, Mandrel
15	110485X	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel
16	140329	Stripper, Mower Round
18	STD533106	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8
19	132827	Bolt, Hex Head, Shoulder 5/16-18
20	145055	Baffle, Vortex Mower 46"
21	STD541431	Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18 UNC
22	134753	Stiffiner, Bracket
23	131267	Bracket, Deflector
24	105304X	Cap, Sleeve
25	149287	Spring, Torsion, Deflector
26	110452X	Nut, Push
27	**166883**	Deflector Clipping
28	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.
29	131491	Rod, Hinge
30	157722	Screw Thd Rolling Washer Head
31	129963	Washer, Spacer Mower Vented
32	153531	Pulley, Mandrel
33	137266	Nut, Flg. Top Lock Cntr. 9/16
34	144945	Anchor, Spring Deck 46"
35	17490628	Screw, Thdroll 3/8-16 x 1-3/4 Tytt
36	STD551037	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga.
37	131494	Pulley, Idler, Flat
38	156086	Keeper, Belt, Idler
39	144917	Pulley, Idler, Driven
40	137273	Spring, Secondary 44/46/50 Vent
41	**17060620**	Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
42	**165723**	Spacer, Retainer
43	144949	Arm, Idler Secondary
44	133943	Washer, Hardened
45	145059	Cover, Mandrel Deck
46	137729	Screw, Thdroll. 1/4-20 x 5/8
47	144959	V-Belt, Mower, Secondary
48	148763	V-Belt, Mower, Primary
49	STD541437	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
50	72110612	Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5
51	153390	Washer, Felt
52	156493	Pulley Idler 46 Pri Drive 97
53	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.
54	74780616	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 Unc x 1 Gr.5
55	72140608	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 x 1
72	19131616	Washer
92	73800600	Nut Lock Hex w/Ins 3/8-16 Unc.
101	145579	Cover, Mulching
102	71161010	Screw, Truss Hd Phil 10-24 x 5/8
103	STD551110	Washer, Lock #10
104	19061216	Washer #10
105	160793	Latch Asm. Bagger
106	2029J	Nut, Weld
116	137644	Bolt, Shoulder
117	133957	Gauge Wheel, Wide
118	73930600	Nut, Centerlock 3/8-16 UNC
119	19121414	Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Ga.
126	144948	Arm, Idler, Primary Deck 46"
127	146763	Pulley, Idler, V-Groove Dim. 4.25
- -	166222	Deck Complete (Std. Deck-Order separately mulcher plate and gauge wheel components Key Nos. 101-106 and 116-118)
- -	143651	Mandrel Asm. Service (Includes Key Nos. 8-10, 12-15, 31 and 33)

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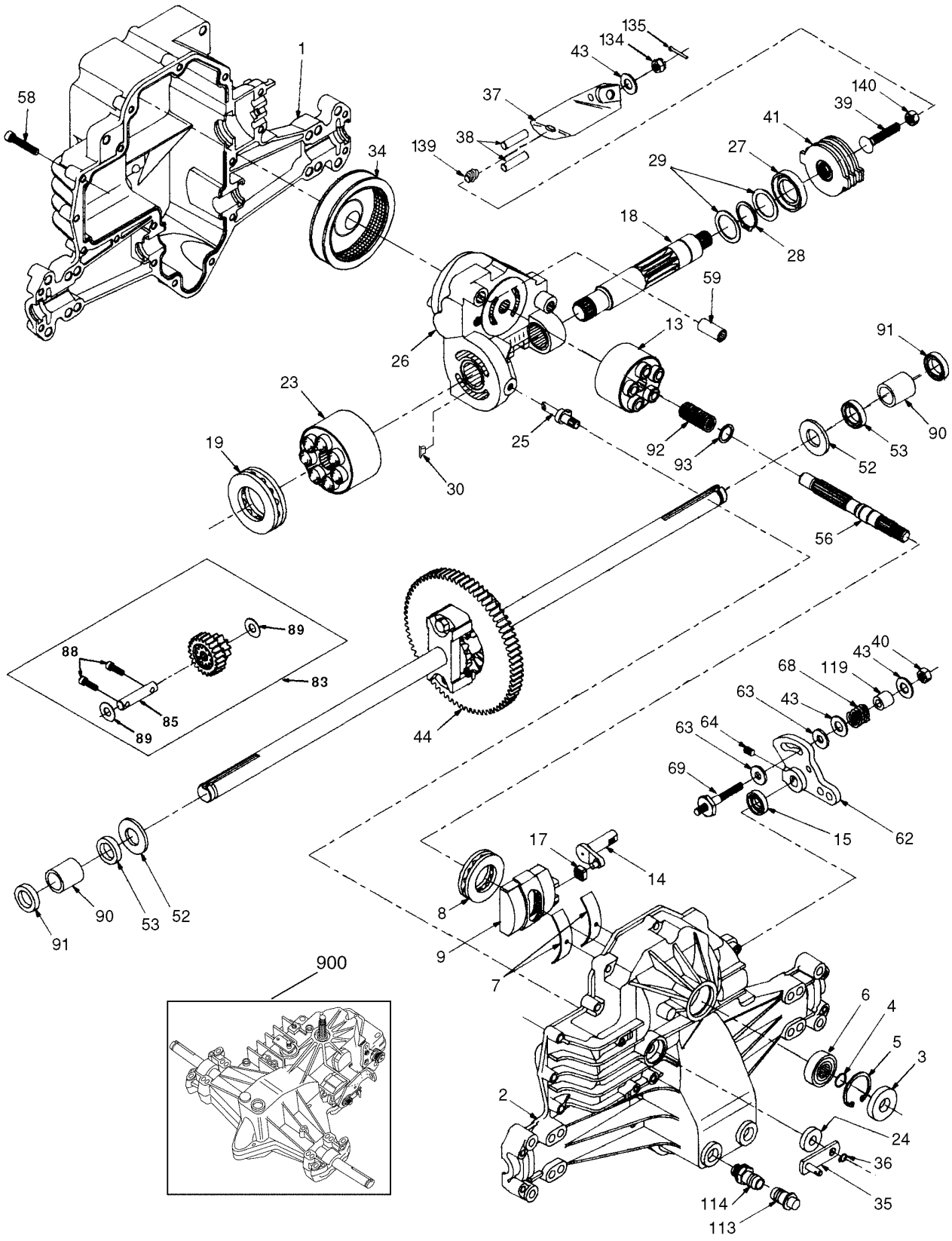

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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	170351	Main Housing, Assembly
2	170352	Side Housing, Assembly
3	170353	Center Section, Assembly
4	170354	Swashplate, Trunion Machined
5	169898	Block - Assembly
6	170355	Sealant 10.5 Oz
7	170356	Hex Flange Screw 1/4-20 X 1.25
8	170357	Stud, 5/16-24 Hex Double End
9	170358	Shaft, Input
10	170359	Ring - Retaining
11	170360	Spacer
12	169870	Ring - Retaining
13	170361	Seal, Lip .67 X 1.58 X .276
14	169869	Ball Brg 17mm Id X 40mm Od X 12mm
16	170362	Hex Flange Head Screw 5/16-24X0.75
17	170363	Lip Seal 18 X 32 X 7
18	170364	Arm, Control
19	150771	Bearing, 30x52x13 Thrust
23	170365	Check Plug Assembly, Washer
24	170366	Shaft, Motor
27	170367	Gear - Pinion, 13t
28	170368	10t/48t Gear
29	170369	Gear, 10t Jackshaft
30	170370	60t Bull Gear
31	170371	Sleeve Bearing .75 X 1.575 X .625
32	170389	SleeveBearing(Outboard) .75x1.750x.625
33	142991	Washer, 3/4 Id X 1-1/2 Od X .13 Thk
34	170390	Lip Seal Axle Seal
35	170391	Shaft, Axle .75 X 11.39 (Key, R.H.)
36	170392	Shaft, Axle .75 X 16.99 (Key, L.H.)
37	150792	Miter Gear (Splined)
38	150793	Miter Gear 15t (0.5 Id)
39	150809	Shaft
40	170393	Ring, Spiral Retaining
41	170394	Pin, Jackshaft
42	170395	Magnet, Ring
43	170396	Spring, Bypass
44	150797	Hydro Mtg Screw 3/8-24 X 2.5 Long
45	170397	Filter
46	170398	Base, Filter
47	170999	Actuator, Bypass
48	170400	Rod, Bypass Actuator
49	170401	Arm, Bypass
50	170202	Retaining Ring .250 External
51	170403	Seal, Lip .741 X .250 X .250 Tc
52	170404	Flat Washer, 5/8 Id X 1.0 Od X .05 Thk
53	170405	Retaining Ring
54	170406	Bearing, Center Block
55	142977	Spring - Helical Compression
56	142978	Washer
57	150798	20w-50 Oil
58	170407	Brake Yoke
59	170408	Rotor, Brake
60	142883	Brake Puck
61	142881	Puck Plate
62	142887	Brake Actuating Pin
63	170410	Hfhcs 1/4-20x2 W/ Patch,SpecialFlange
64	142892	Bolt, 1/4-20 X 1 W/Patch
65	170411	Spacer
66	170412	Spring, Brake Arm Bias
67	170413	Sq. Hd. Bolt 5/16-24-Ribbed
68	170414	Arm, Brake
69	170415	Slotted Hex Nut 5/16-24
70	170416	Cotter Pin 3/32 X 3/4
71	170417	Compression Spring Brake Anti-Drag
72	170418	Washer, Ht .5 I.D. X 1 O.D. X .032
73	142884	Flat - Washer 11/32 I.D. X 7/8 O.D
74	170419	Oil Seal .625 X 1.0 X .25
75	170420	Check Plug Assembly, .027, Washer
76	170421	Stud, 5/16-24 Friction Pack
77	170422	Puck, .330 X 1.50 X .0975
78	142969	Spring, Helical Comp
79	142980	Spacer
80	150778	Hex Lock Nut 5/16-24Unjf(Nylon Insert)
81	170423	Wedge, Friction Pack
82	170424	Clip, Washer .316x1.50x.1046 (Plated)
83	161162	Pin, Standard Headless
84	170425	Fitting, 5/16 Sae 5/32 Tube
85	170426	Hose, Expansion Tank
86	170427	Expansion Tank
87	170424	Cap - Poppet Valve
88	170429	Bolt, Self Tapping 10-32 X 1/2
90	170430	Puck, Inner Wedge
93	170431	Spring Clip - Housing Thrust
107	170432	Deflector
108	170433	Washer,Motor Shaft .71idx1.15odx.030thk
109	170434	Plug, Sae #6
111	170435	O-Ring .07 X .301 I.D.
112	170436	Shield, Vent
113	170437	Bracket, Support Expansion Tank
116	170438	Silicon Sponge
119	170439	Fan, 7 In.
120	170440	Pulley
121	170441	Hex Lock Nut 1/2-20 (Nylon Insert)
122	170442	Washer, Belleville
123	170443	Belt Keeper
124	170444	Center Section-Filter-Bypass Assembly
125	170445	Filter Assembly
126	170446	Fan - Pulley Service Assembly
127	170447	Seal - O-Ring Kit
128	173165	Kit, Expansion Tank
900	166768	Transaxle Complete

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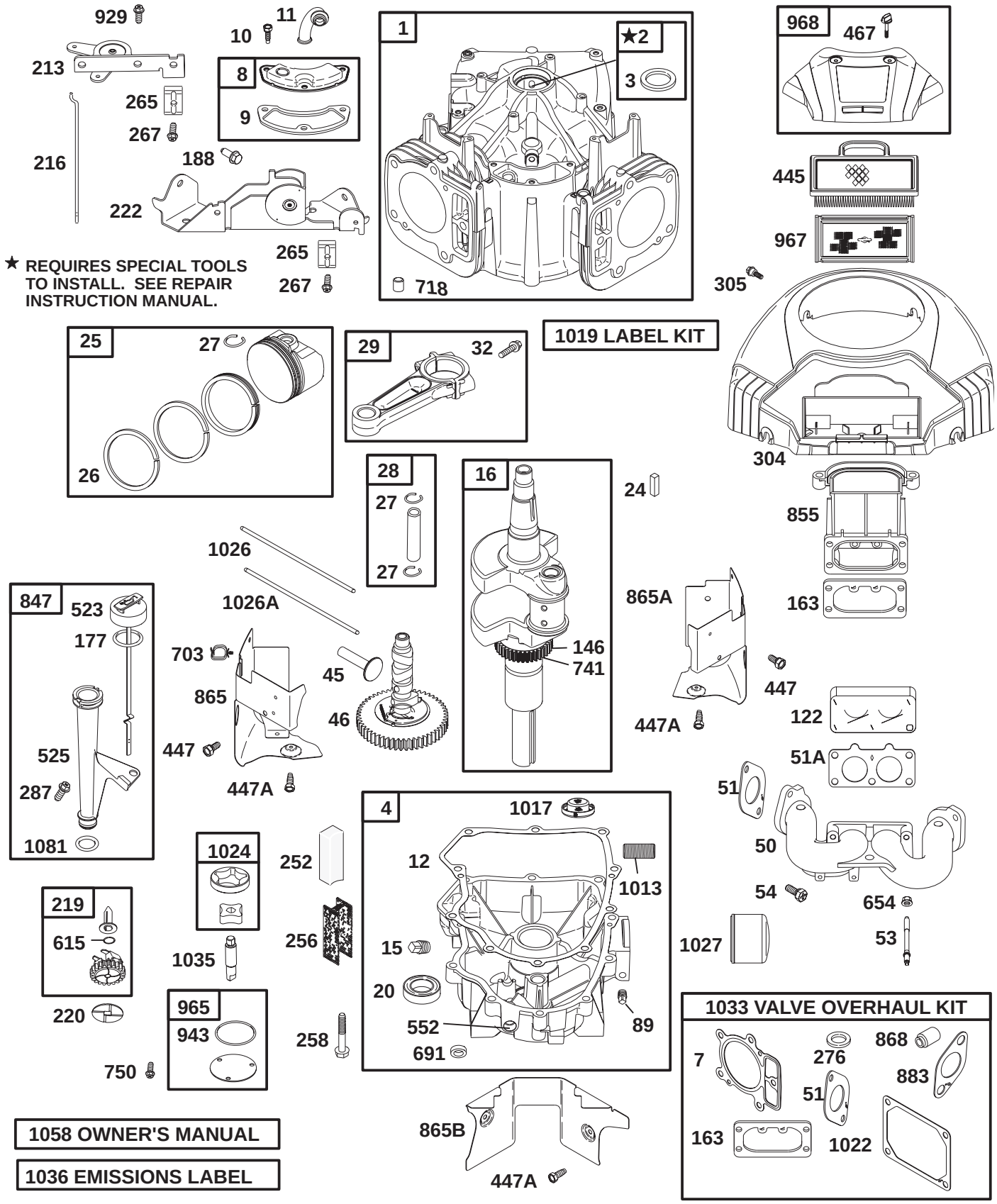

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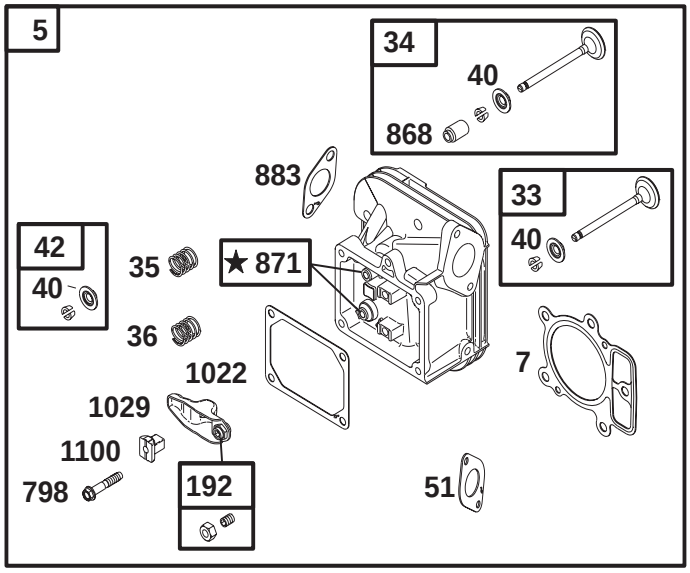

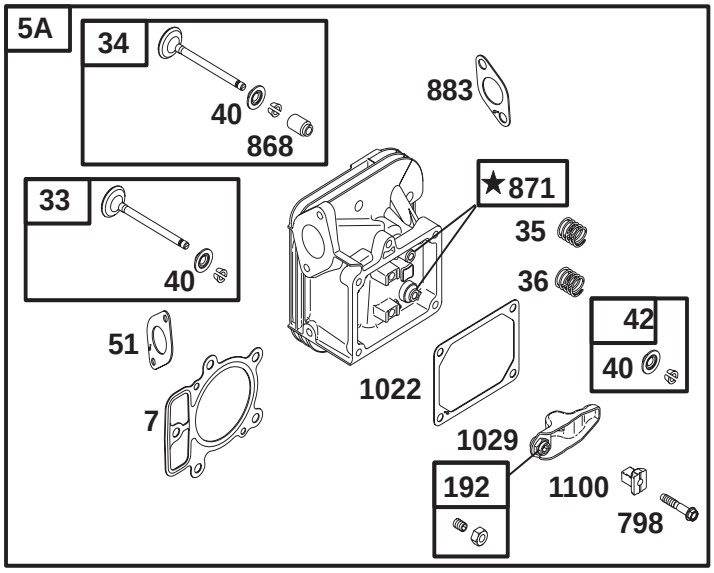

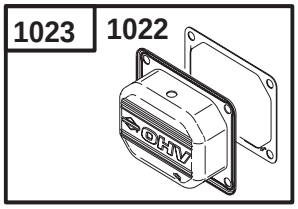

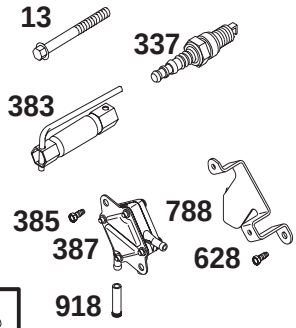

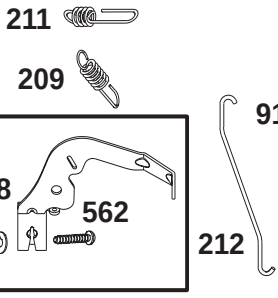

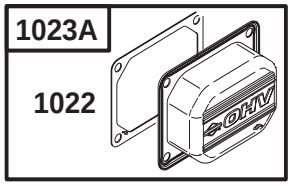

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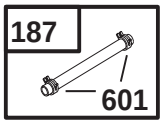

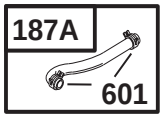

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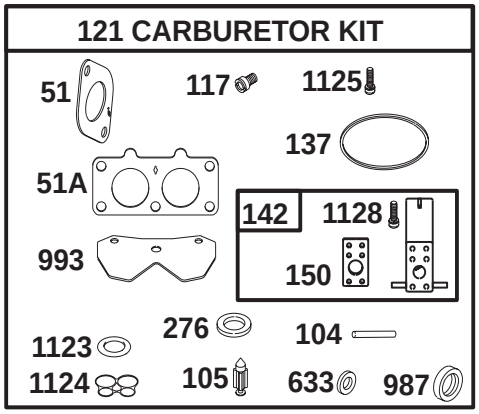

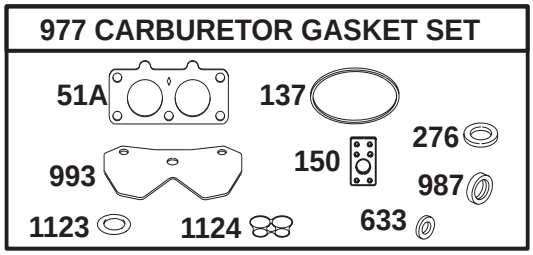

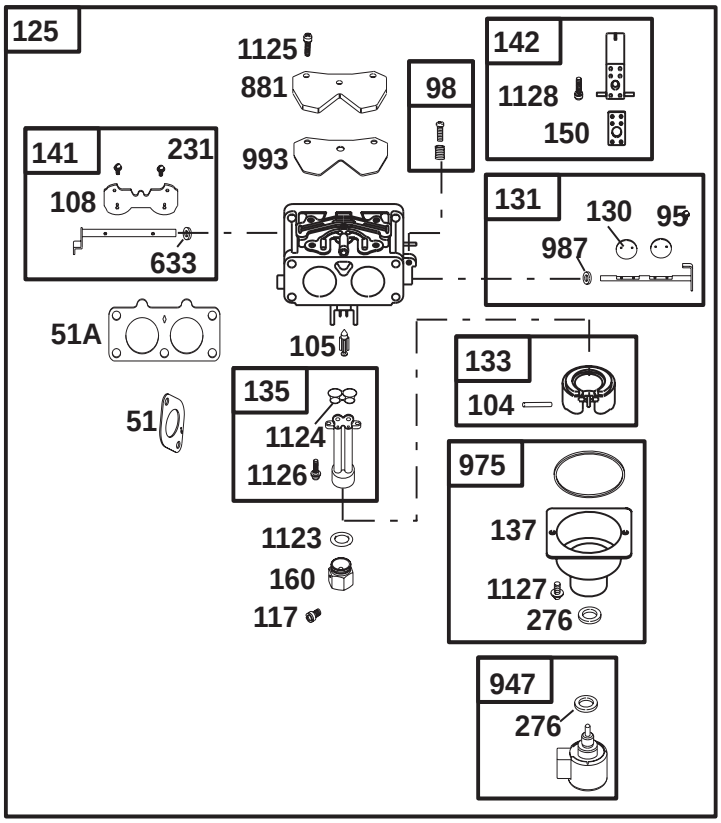

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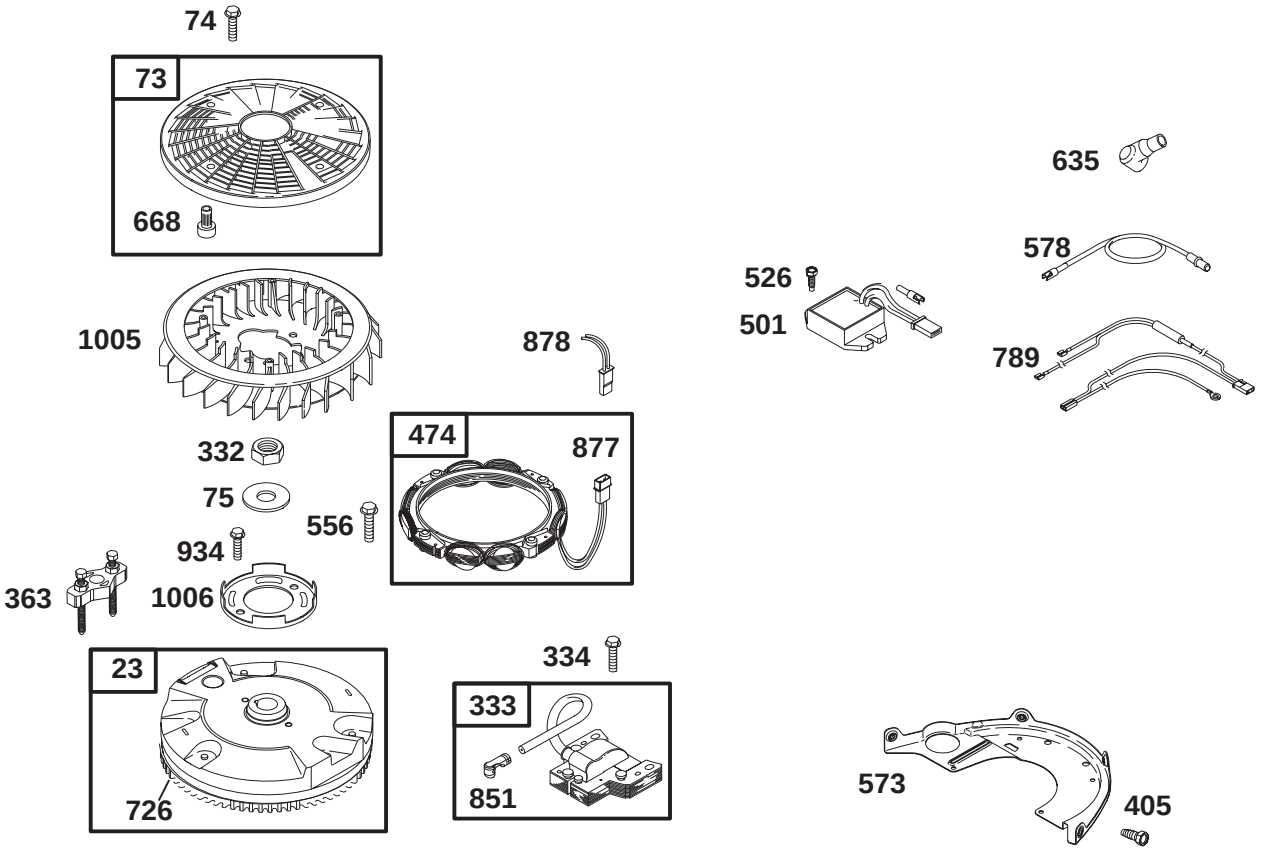

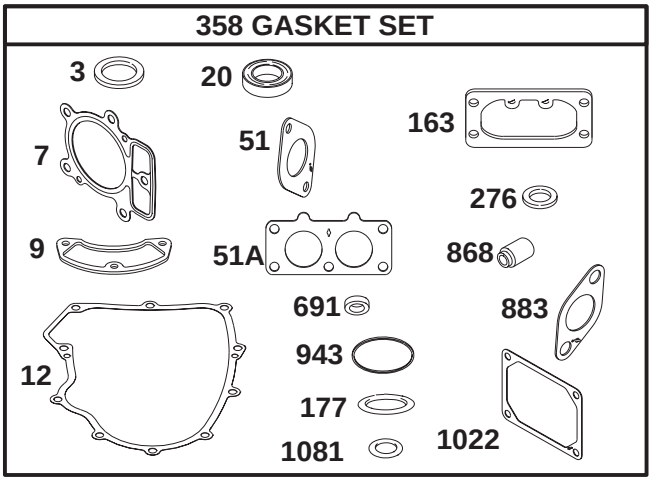

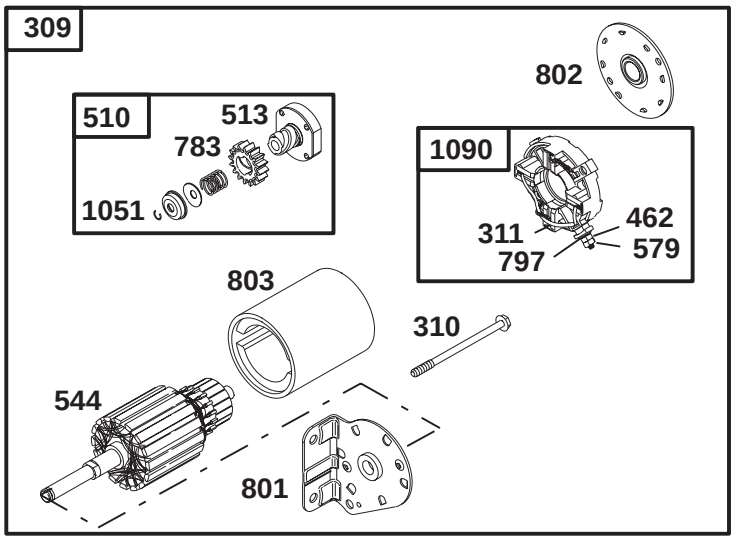

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1	690231	Cylinder Assembly
2	499585	Bushing-Cylinder
3	690926	+ Seal-Oil
4	690069	Sump-Engine
5	499587	Head-Cylinder No. 1
5A	499595	Head-Cylinder No. 2
7	690962	+֍ Gasket-Cylinder Head
8	499601	Breather Assembly
9	690937	+ Gasket-Breather
10	690960	Screw (Breather Assy.)
11	690942	Tube-Breather
12	690945	+ Gasket-Crankcase
13	690360	Screw (Cylinder Head)
15	690946	Plug-Oil Drain
16	691046	Crankshaft
20	690947	+ Seal-Oil (PTO Side)
23	691053	Flywheel
24	690974	Key-Flywheel
25	499588	Piston Assembly (Std.)
	499589	Piston Assembly (.010 “O.S.)
	499590	Piston Assembly (.020" O.S.)
	499591	Piston Assembly (.030" O.S.)
26	499604	Ring Set-Piston (Std.)
	499605	Ring Set-Piston (.010 “O.S.)
	499606	Ring Set-Piston (.020 “O.S.)
	499607	Ring Set-Piston (.030 “O.S.)
27	690975	Lock-Piston Pin
28	499582	Pin-Piston
29	499583	Rod-Connecting
32	690976	Screw (Connecting Rod)
33	499596	Valve-Exhaust
34	499597	Valve-Intake
35	690963	Spring-Valve (Intake)
36	690963	Spring-Valve (Exhaust)
40	690964	Retainer-Valve
42	499586	Keeper-Valve
45	690977	Valve Tappet
46	690978	Cam Shaft
48	692714	ShortBlock
50	690948	Manifold-Intake
51	690949	+●֍ Gasket-Intake
51A	690950	+●◆ Gasket-Intake
53	690951	Stud (Carburetor)
54	690953	Screw (Intake Manifold)
73	691055	Screen-Rotating
74	691057	Screw (Rotating Screen)
75	691056	Washer (Flywheel)
89	690238	Plug-Oil
95	690718	Screw (Throttle Valve)
98	499802	Idle Speed Kit
104	690984	● Pin-Float Hinge
105	690985	● Valve-Float Needle
108	690986	Valve-Choke
117	690232	● Jet-Main (Standard)
117	690989	Jet-Main High Altitude)
121	499811	Carburetor Overhaul Kit
122	690952	Spacer-Carburetor
125	499804	Carburetor
130	690993	Valve-Throttle
131	499805	Throttle Shaft Kit
133	499806	Float-Carburetor
135	499803	Fuel Transfer Tube
137	690994	●◆ Gasket-Float Bowl
141	499807	Choke Shaft Kit
142	499808	● Nozzle-Carburetor
146	94388	Key-Timing
150	281767	●◆ Gasket-Nozzle
160	690996	Retainer-Solenoid
163	691001	+֍ Gasket-Air Cleaner
177	691031	+ O-Ring Seal (Dipstick)
187	691050	Line-Fuel (Cut to Required Length)
187A	691049	Line-Fuel
188	690960	Screw (Control Bracket)
192	690083	Adjuster-Rocker Arm
209	690018	Spring-Governor
211	690019	Spring-Governed Idle
212	691020	Link-Throttle
213	691021	Bracket-Choke Control
216	691022	Link-Choke
219	394348	Gear-Governor
220	690412	Washer (Governor Lever)
222	691023	Bracket-Control
227	691048	Control Lever-Governor
231	690718	Screw (Choke Valve)
240	691035	Filter-Fuel
252	690956	Element-Breather
256	690957	Retainer-Element
258	690308	Screw (Engine Sump)
265	691024	Clamp-Casing
267	691044	Screw (Casing Clamp)
276	690997	+●֍ Sealing Washer
278	690097	Washer (Gov. Control Lever)
287	690960	Screw (Dipstick Tube)
304	691004	Housing-Blower
305	691005	Screw (Blower Housing)
309	691262	Motor-Starter
310	691263	Bolt-Starter Motor
311	691264	Brush Set
332	690059	Nut (Flywheel)
333	691060	Armature-Magneto
334	691061	Screw (Armature)
337	691043	Spark Plug
358	499889	Gasket Set
363	691062	Flywheel Puller
383	690966	Wrench-Spark Plug
385	690960	Screw (Fuel Pump)
387	691034	Pump-Fuel
404	690442	Washer (Governor Crank)
405	690960	Screw (Back Plate)
445	691007	Filter-Air Cleaner Cartridge
447	691003	Screw (Air Guide Cover)
447A	690960	Screw (Air Guide Cover)
462	691261	Washer (Starter Cable)
467	691008	Knob-Air Cleaner
474	691064	Alternator
501	691185	Regulator
505	691029	Nut (Gov. Control Lever)
510	497606	Drive-Starter
513	692024	Clutch-Drive
523	691036	Dipstick
525	691037	Dipstick Tube
526	690960	Screw (Regulator)
544		Armature-Starter (Service with 691262 Starter Motor)
552	690552	Bushing-Governor Crank
552A	690553	Bushing-Governor Crank

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TRACTOR - - MODEL NUMBER 944.609881

BRIGGS ENGINE - MODEL NUMBER 407777, TYPE NUMBER 0121-E1

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
556	691183	Screw (Alternator)
562	690311	Bolt (Gov. Control Lever)
573	691009	Plate-Back
578	691208	Wire Assembly
579	691029	Nut (Starter Cable)
601	691038	Clamp-Hose
615	690317	Retainer-Governor Shaft
616	691045	Crank-Governor
628	690960	Screw (Fuel Pump Bracket)
633	690998	●◆ Seal-Choke Shaft
635	691210	Boot-Spark Plug
654	690958	Nut (Carburetor)
668	691215	Spacer
691	690657	+ Governor Shaft Seal
697	690372	Screw (Drive Cap)
703	690010	Clip
718	690959	Pin-Locator
726	499612	Gear-Ring
741	690980	Gear-Timing
742	690328	E-Ring Retainer
750	691033	Screw (Oil Pump Cover)
783	693058	Gear-Pinion
788	691039	Fuel Pump Bracket
789	691220	Harness-Wiring
797	693167	Screw (Brush Retainer)
798	690967	Screw (Rocker Arm)
801	691283	Cap-Drive
802	691286	Cap-End
803		Housing-Starter (Service with 691262 Starter Motor)
847	499602	Dipstick/Tube Assembly
851	691234	Terminal-Cable
855	691011	Adapter-Air
865	691012	Cover-Air Guide
865A	691014	Cover-Air Guide
865B	691015	Cover-Air Guide
868	690968	+֍ Seal-Valve
871	690969	Bushing-Guide
877	399916	Alternator Connector/Wire
878	691237	Harness-Alternator
881	690999	Plate-Cover
883	690970	+֍ Gasket-Exhaust
914	690960	Screw (Rocker Cover)
918	691040	Hose-Vacuum
929	691003	Screw (Choke Control Bracket)
934	691058	Screw (Fan Retainer)
943	690589	+ O-Ring Seal (Oil Pump Cover)
947	499809	Solenoid-Fuel
965	499613	Oil Pump Cover
967	691016	Filter-Pre-Cleaner
968	499788	Cover-Air Cleaner
975	499810	Bowl-Float
977	499812	Gasket Set-Carburetor
987	691000	●◆ Seal-Throttle Shaft
993	690234	●◆ Gasket-Plate
1005	691243	Fan-Flywheel
1006	691247	Retainer-Fan
1013	690954	Nipple-Oil Filter
1017	690770	Oil Pump Screen
1019	690103	Label Kit
1022	690971	+֍ Gasket-Rocker Cover
1023	499599	Cover-Rocker (Cyl. No. 1)
1023A	499600	Cover-Rocker (Cyl. No. 2)
1024	499054	Pump-Oil
1026	690981	Rod-Push (Steel)
1026A	690982	Rod-Push (Aluminum)
1027	690041	Filter-Oil
1029	690972	Rocker Arm
1033	499890	Valve Overhaul Kit
1035	691042	Shaft-Pump
1036	499783	Emissions Label
1051	691265	Ring-Retaining
1058	273694	Owner's Manual
1081	691032	+ O-Ring Seal (Dipstick Tube)
1090	691293	Retainer-Brush
1100	690973	Rocker Arm Pivot
1123	690987	●◆ O-Ring Seal (Solenoid Retainer)
1124	690988	●◆ O-Ring Seal-Fuel Transfer Tube
1125	690990	● Screw (Cover Plate)
1126	690991	Screw (Fuel Transfer Tube
1127	690992	Screw (Float Bowl)
1128	690990	● Screw (Carburetor Nozzle)
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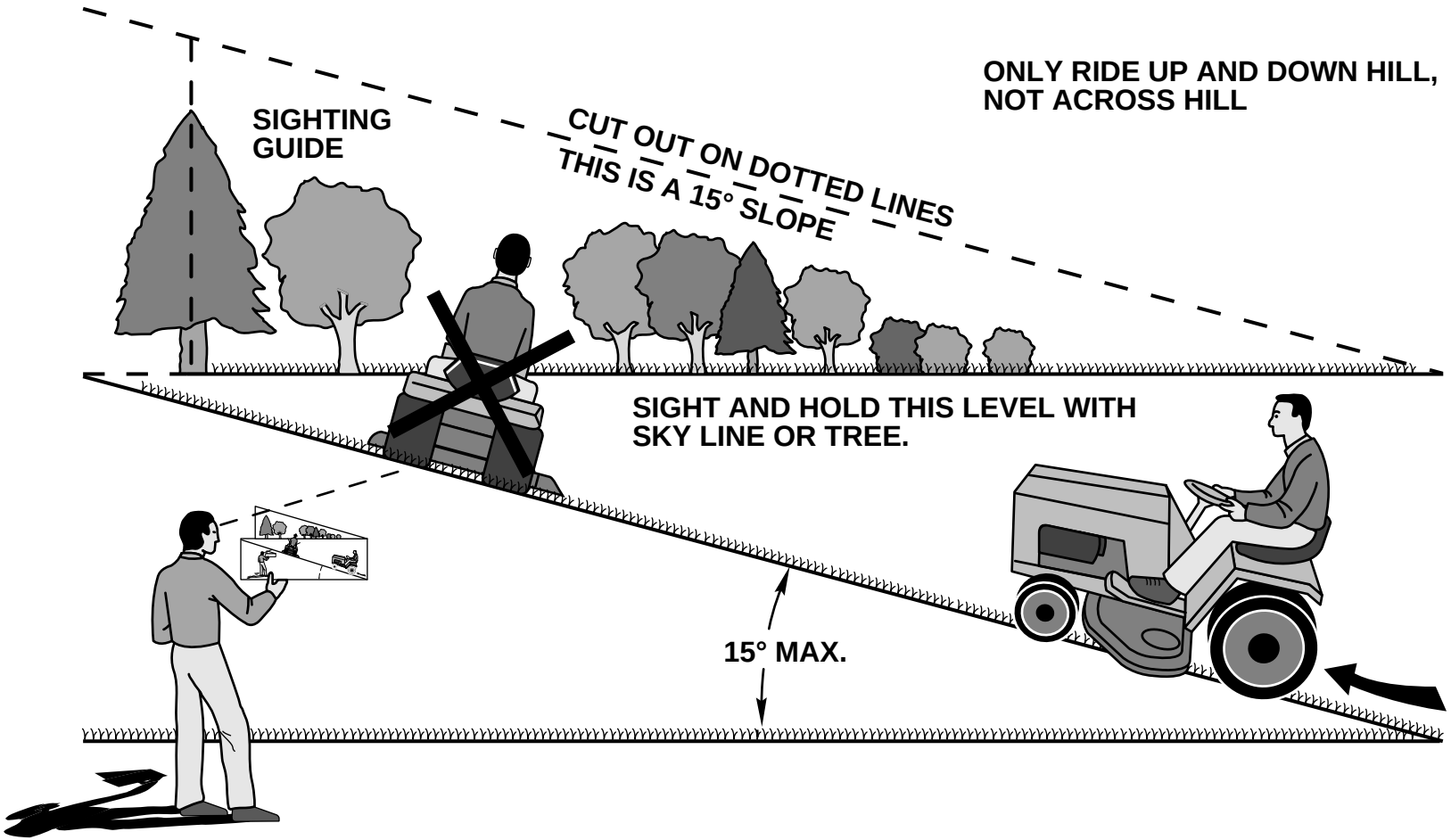

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