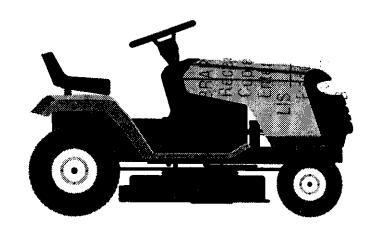
### Owner's Manual

# **CRAFTSMAN®**

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

Model No. 917.270530

- Safety
- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Repair Parts





This product has a low emission engine which operates differently from previously built engines. Before you start the engine, read and understand this Owner's Manual.

#### **CAUTION:**

Read and follow all Safety Rules and Instructions before operating this equipment. For answers to your questions about this product, Call:

1-800-659-5917

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### WARRANTY

LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT For two (2) years from the date of purchase, if this Craftsman Riding Equipment is maintained, lubricated and tuned up according to the instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair or replace, free of charge, any parts found to be defective in material or workmanship.

This Warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plugs, air cleaners, belts, etc.
- Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects, such as nails, thorns, stumps, or glass.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse, negligence, improper storage or accident or the failure to maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.
- · Riding equipment used for commercial or rental purposes.

#### LIMITED 90 DAY WARRANTY ON BATTERY

For ninety (90) days 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. In-home warranty service on your Craftsman riding equipment is available at no charge for 30 days from the date of purchase. Please contact your nearest service center. After 30 days from the date of purchase, warranty service is available by taking your Craftsman riding equipment to your nearest Sears Service Center. (In-home warranty service will still be available after 30 days from the date of purchase but a standard trip charge will apply). This warranty applies only while this product is in the United States. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state.

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### SAFETY RULES

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

#### **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.

### SAFETY RULES

- 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.

#### SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to lossof-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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### SAFETY RULES

- 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.
- 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.

ALook for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means CAU-TION!!! BECOME AWARE!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.

ACAUTION: 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.

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

- 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.

ACAUTION: 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.

AWARNING: The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

#### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	1.25 GALLONS UNLEADED
AND TYPE:	REGULAR
OILTYPE	SAE 30(ABOVE 32°F)
(API-SF/SG/SH):	
	(Below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	3.0 PINTS
SPARK PLUG:	
(GAP: .030")	RJ19LM OR J19LM
VALVE	INTAKE: .005"007"
CLEARANCE:	EXHAUST:.009"011"
GROUND SPEED	FORWARD:
(MPH):	1ST 1.1
	2ND 1.4
	3RD 2.2
	4TH 3.4
	5TH 4.3
	6TH 5.5
	REVERSE: 1.7
TIRE	FRONT: 14 PSI
	REAR: 12 PSI
CHARGING	3 AMPS BATTERY
SYSTEM:	5 AMPS HEADLIGHTS
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 25
	MIN. CCA: 190 CASE SIZE:U1R
DI ADE BOLT	
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	27-35 F1. LBS

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your purchase of a Craftsman 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 Center. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this tractor.

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

#### **MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

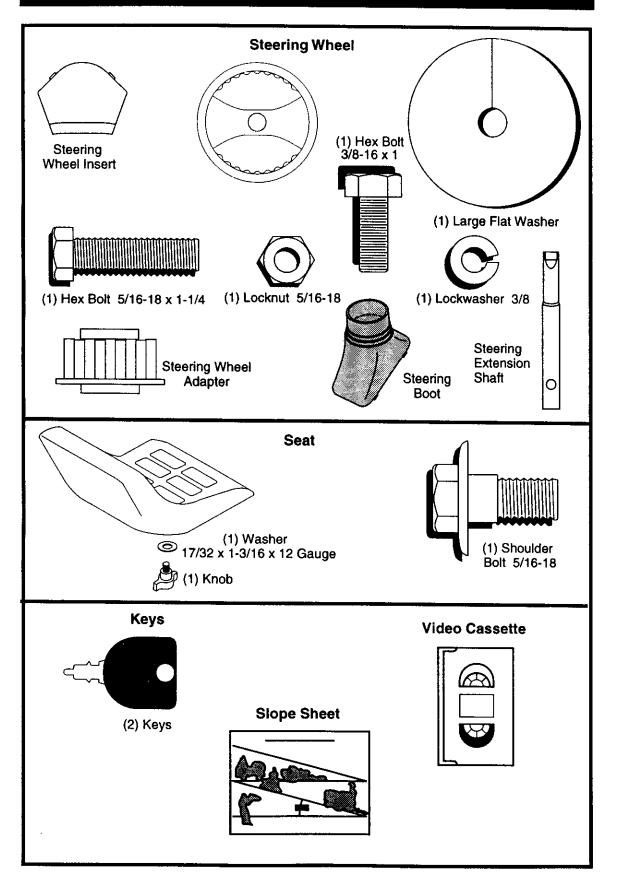
A Sears Maintenance Agreement is available on this product. Contact your nearest Sears store for details.

#### **CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

A WARNING: This tractor is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brushcovered 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. In the state of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest Sears Authorized Service Center/Department (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

## **UNASSEMBLED PARTS**



### **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. Review the video cassette before you begin.

# TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

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

- (1) 9/16" wrench
- (1) Pliers
- (1) 1/2" wrench
- (1) Utility knife
- (1) 5/16" wrench
- (1) Tire pressure gauge

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means, from your point of view, 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.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

# BEFORE REMOVING TRACTOR FROM SKID

#### ATTACH STEERING WHEEL

# ASSEMBLE EXTENSION SHAFT AND BOOT

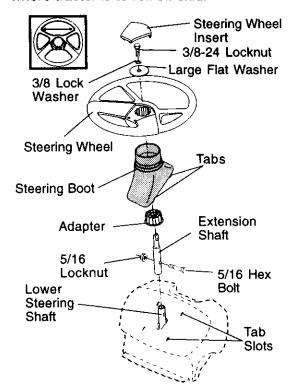
- Slide extension shaft onto lower steering shaft. Align mounting holes in extension and lower shafts and install 5/16 hex bolt and locknut. Tighten securely.
- Place tabs of steering boot over tab slots in dash and push down to secure.

#### **INSTALL STEERING WHEEL**

- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Remove steering wheel adapter from steering wheel and slide adapter onto steering shaft extension.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide inside boot and onto adapter.

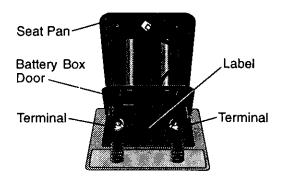
- Assemble large flat washer, 3/8 lock washer, 3/8 hex bolt and tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

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



# HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR CHECK BATTERY

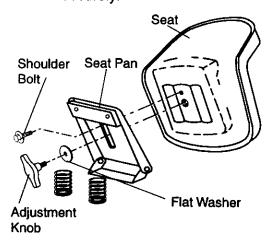
- Lift seat pan to raised position and open battery box door.
- If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps. (See "BATTERY" in Maintenance section of this manual for charging instructions).



#### **INSTALL SEAT**

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment knob.

- Remove adjustment knob and flat washer securing seat to cardboard packing and set aside for assembly of seat to tractor.
- Pivot seat upward and remove from the cardboard packing. Remove the cardboard packing and discard.
- Place seat on seat pan 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.



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

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

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

# TO DRIVE TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section 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.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Start the engine. After engine has started, move throttle control to idle position.
- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold. Move gearshift lever to 1st gear.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal and slowly drive tractor off skid.
- Apply brake to stop tractor, set parking brake and place gearshift lever in neutral position.
- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position.
   Continue with the instructions that follow.

#### **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 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 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 BRAKE SYSTEM**

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

#### ✓ CHECKLIST

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

### PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

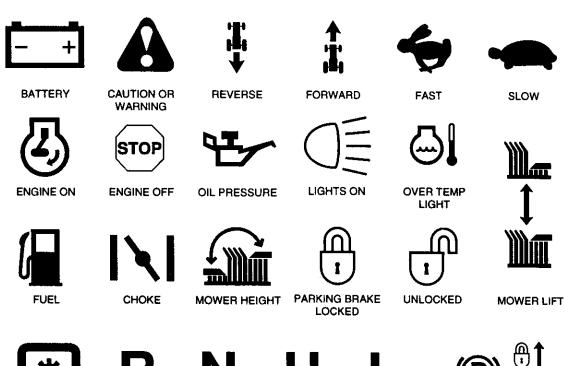
- ✓ All assembly instructions have been completed.
- ✓ No remaining loose parts in carton.
- Battery is properly prepared and charged. (Minimum 1 hour at 6 amps).
- ✓ Seat is adjusted comfortably and tightened securely.
- ✓ All tires are properly inflated. (For shipping purposes, the tires were overinflated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

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

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

### **OPERATION**

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





**ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED** 



REVERSE



**NEUTRAL** 



HIGH



LOW







**ATTACHMENT CLUTCH DISENGAGED** 











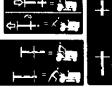
**KEEP AREA CLEAR** 

SLOPE HAZARDS (SEE SAFETY RULES SECTION)









**FREE WHEEL** (Automatic Models only)

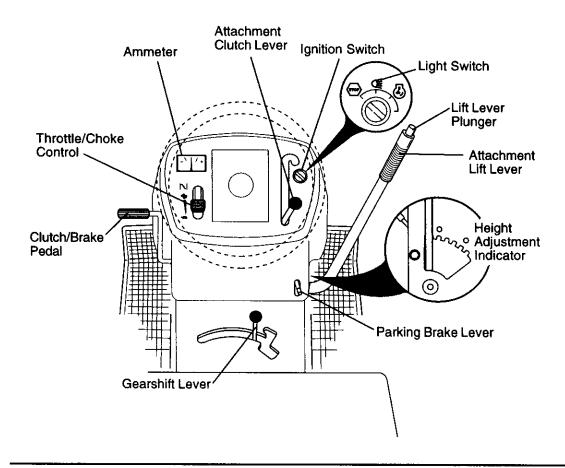


DANGER, KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY

#### **KNOW YOUR TRACTOR**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**IGNITION SWITCH** - Used for starting and stopping the engine.

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

**LIGHT SWITCH** - Turns the headlights on and off.

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

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

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



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

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 "EN-GAGED" position and release pressure from clutch/brake pedal. Pedal should remain in "BRAKE" position. Make sure parking brake will hold tractor secure.

Attachment Clutch Lever

"Engaged" Position Throttle/Choke Control "Disengaged" Clutch/ Position Brake Pedal Parking Brake "Engaged" Position Gearshift Lever "Brake" "Disengaged" Position **Position** 

#### **STOPPING**

#### **MOWER BLADES -**

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

#### **GROUND DRIVE -**

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

#### **ENGINE -**

Move throttle control to slow position.

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

- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving tractor to prevent unauthorized use.
- Never use choke to stop engine.
   IMPORTANT: Leaving the ignition switch in any position other than "OFF" will cause the battery to be discharged, (dead).

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

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

#### TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL

Always operate engine at full throttle.

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

# TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD

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

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

IMPORTANT: Bring tractor to a complete stop before shifting or changing gears. Failure to do so will shorten the useful life of your transaxle.

## TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT

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

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

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

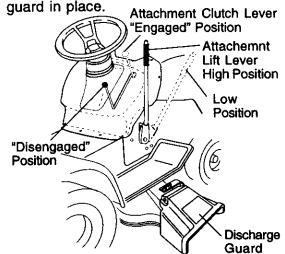
- The average lawn should be cut to approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and to over 3 inches during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.
- For best cutting performance, grass over 6 inches in height should be mowed twice. Make the first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

#### TO OPERATE MOWER

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

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

**ACAUTION:** Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the discharge



#### TO OPERATE ON HILLS

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

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

#### **TO TRANSPORT**

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

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

# 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.

# BEFORE STARTING THE ENIGNE CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL

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

#### **ADD GASOLINE**

 Fill fuel tank. 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.

A 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.

ACAUTION: 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

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

- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- Move throttle control to choke position.
   NOTE: Before starting, read the warm and cold starting procedures below.
- Insert key into ignition and turn key clockwise to "START" position and release key as soon as engine starts. Do not run starter continuously for more than fifteen seconds per minute. If the engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to fast position, wait a few minutes and try again. If engine still does not start, move the throttle control back to the choke position and retry.

WARM WEATHER STARTING (50° F and above)

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

COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

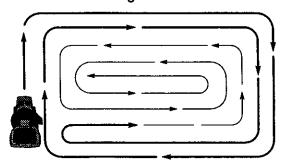
- When engine starts, allow engine to run with the throttle control in the choke position until the engine runs roughly, then move throttle control to fast position. This may require an engine warm-up period from several seconds to several minutes, depending on the temperature.
- The attachments can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

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

#### **MOWING TIPS**

- Tire chains cannot be used when the mower housing is attached to tractor.
- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- 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 tractor. 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.

- 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.



### **MAINTENANCE**

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- Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures. 5 If equipped with adjustable system.
- 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 moving in sandy soil.

- 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.

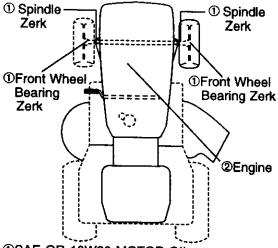
 Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter. and check blades and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

#### **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**



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**IMPORTANT:** Do not oil or grease the pivot points which have special nylon bearings. Viscous lubricants will attract dust and dirt that will shorten the life of the self-lubricating bearings. If you feel they must be lubricated, use only a dry, powdered graphite type lubricant sparingly.

#### TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

#### **BRAKE OPERATION**

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

#### **TIRES**

- Maintain proper air pressure in all tires (See "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**

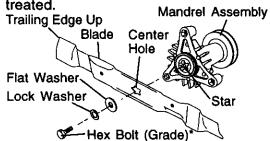
- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing blade.

 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.



\*A Grade 8 heat treated bolt can be identified by six lines on the bolt head.

#### **TO SHARPEN BLADE**

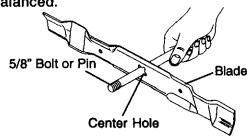
NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening blade - but if you do, be sure the blade is balanced.

Care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will cause 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.



#### **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.

- · Open battery box door.
- 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 ielly.
- Reinstall battery (See "REPLACING BATTERY" in the SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS 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.

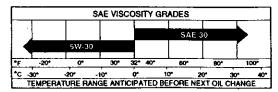
#### TRANSAXLE COOLING

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

#### **ENGINE**

#### LUBRICATION

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



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

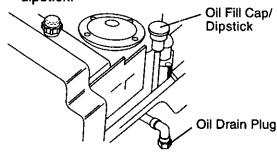
Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 25 hours in one year.

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

#### TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL

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.



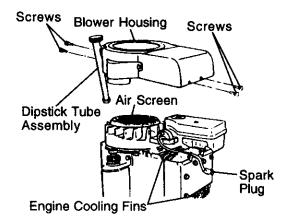
#### **CLEAN AIR SCREEN**

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

#### **ENGINE COOLING FINS**

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

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



#### **AIR FILTER**

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

· Remove knob(s) and cover.

#### TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER

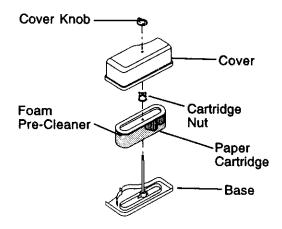
- · Slide foam pre-cleaner off cartridge.
- Wash it in liquid detergent and water.
- Squeeze it dry in a clean cloth.
- Saturate it in engine oil. Wrap it in clean, absorbent cloth and squeeze to remove excess oil.
- If very dirty or damaged, replace precleaner.
- · Reinstall pre-cleaner over cartridge.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

#### TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

- Remove cartridge nut.
- Carefully remove cartridge to prevent debris from entering carburetor. Clean base carefully to prevent debris from entering carburetor.

- Clean cartridge by tapping gently on flat surface. If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.
- Reinstall cartridge, nut, precleaner, cover and secure with knob(s).

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



#### MUFFLER

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

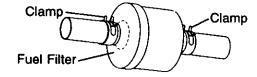
#### SPARK PLUGS

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**

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.



#### **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

**ACAUTION:** Before performing any service or adjustments:

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

#### TRACTOR TO REMOVE MOWER

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

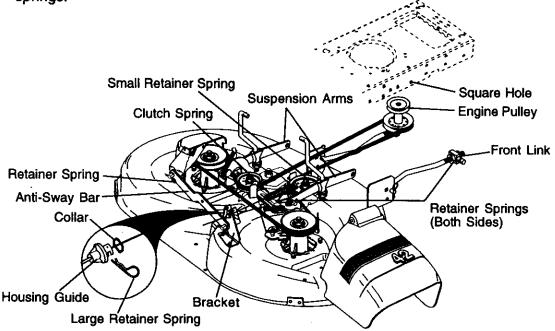
- · Place attachment clutch in "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Remove small retainer spring, and lift clutch spring off pulley bolt.
- Remove large retainer spring, slide collar off and push housing guide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

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

IMPORTANT: If an attachment other than the mower deck is to be mounted on the tractor, remove the front links and hook the clutch spring into square hole in frame.

#### TO INSTALL MOWER

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



#### TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

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

#### SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT

- · 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.

Bottom edge of mower to ground

A Ground Line

A Suspension Arm

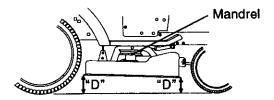
FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT
IMPORTANT: Deck must be level side-to
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adjustment is necessary, be sure to
adjust both front links equally so mower
will stay level side-to-side.

Lift Link Adjustment Nut

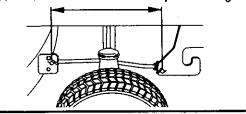
To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

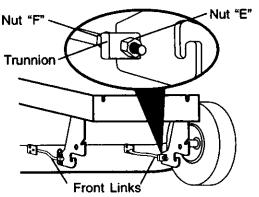
Check adjustment on right side of tractor. Measure distance "D" directly in front and behind the mandrel at bottom edge of mower housing as shown.

- 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.



Both Front Links Should be Equal in Length





## TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT

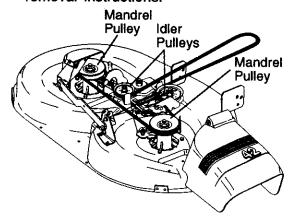
The mower blade drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

#### **BELT REMOVAL -**

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

#### **BELT INSTALLATION -**

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



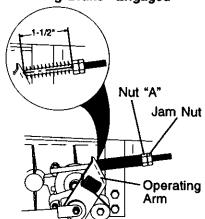
#### **TO ADJUST BRAKE**

Your tractor is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the right side of the transaxle. If tractor requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then brake must be adjusted.

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and engage parking brake.
- Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- If distance is other than 1-1/2", loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-1/2". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".

 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.

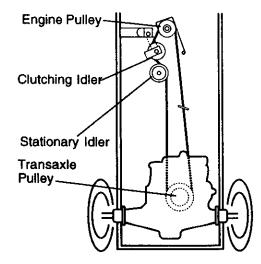
With Parking Brake "Engaged"



#### TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT

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

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



# 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.

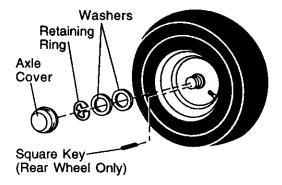
#### FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

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

- 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.



# TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY

A 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. (See "BATTERY" in the MAINTENANCE section of this manual).

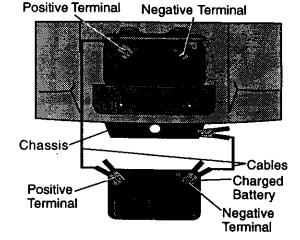
If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure: IMPORTANT: Your tractor is equipped with a 12 volt negative grounded system. The other vehicle must also be a 12 volt negative grounded system. Do not use your tractor battery to start other vehicles.

#### 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.

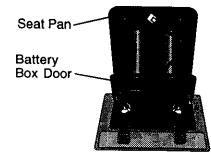


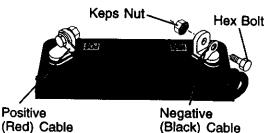
#### **REPLACING BATTERY**

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

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

- Lift seat pan to raised position and open battery box door.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and carefully remove battery from tractor.
- Install new battery with terminals in same position as old battery.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) terminal with hex bolt and keps nut as shown. Tighten securely.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) terminal with remaining hex bolt and keps nut. Tighten securely.
- · Close battery box door.





#### 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.

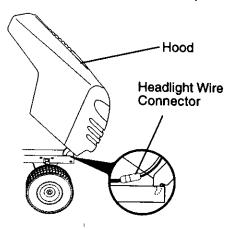
 Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section.

#### TO REPLACE FUSE

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

# TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY

- · 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.



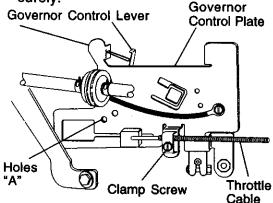
#### **ENGINE**

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

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

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



#### TO ADJUST CARBURETOR

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

The carburetor has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. However, minor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude or load. If the carburetor does need adjustment, proceed as follows: In general, turning idle mixture valve in (clockwise) decreases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a leaner fuel/air mixture. Turning the idle mixture valve out (counterclockwise) increases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a richer fuel/air mixture.

**IMPORTANT:** Damage to the needle valve and the seat in carburetor may result if screw is turned in too tight.

#### PRELIMINARY SETTING -

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

#### FINAL SETTING -

 Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes. Make final adjustments with engine running and shift/motion control lever in neutral (N) position.

- Move throttle control lever to slow position. With finger, rotate and hold throttle lever against idle speed screw. Turn idle speed screw to attain 1750 RPM.
- While still holding throttle lever against idle speed screw, turn idle mixture valve full travel clockwise then counterclockwise until engine runs rough. Turn valve to a point midway between those two positions. Release throttle lever.

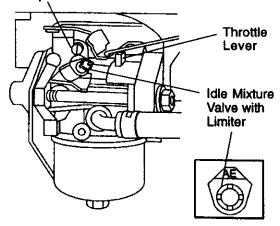
#### **ACCELERATION TEST -**

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

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

IMPORTANT: 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.

Idle Speed Screw



### **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.

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

#### TRACTOR

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

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

#### **BATTERY**

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

#### **ENGINE**

#### **FUEL SYSTEM**

IMPORTANT: It is important to prevent gum deposits from forming in essential fuel system parts such as carburetor, fuel filter, fuel hose, or tank during storage. Also, experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels 9called 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 Maintenance section of this manual). CYLINDER(S)

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

#### OTHER

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

IMPORTANT: Never cover tractor while engine and exhaust areas are still warm.

### TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	<ul> <li>Out of fuel.</li> <li>Engine not "CHOKED" properly.</li> <li>Engine flooded.</li> <li>Bad spark plug.</li> <li>Dirty air filter.</li> <li>Dirty fuel filter.</li> <li>Water in fuel.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fill fuel tank.</li> <li>See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section.</li> <li>Wait several minutes before attempting to start.</li> <li>Replace spark plug.</li> <li>Clean/replace air filter.</li> <li>Replace fuel filter.</li> <li>Drain fuel tank and carbureto.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Carburetor out of adjustment. section.</li> <li>Engine valves out of adjustment.</li> </ul>	refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter.  Check all wiring.  See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments  Contact an authorized service center/department.
Hard to start	Dirty air filter.     Bad spark plug.     Weak or dead battery.     Dirty fuel filter.     Stale or dirty fuel.	Clean/replace air filter. Replace spark plug. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and refill with
	fresh gasoline.  Loose or damaged wiring.  Carburetor out of adjustment. section.  Engine valves out of	<ul> <li>Check all wiring.</li> <li>See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments</li> <li>Contact an authorized</li> </ul>
Engine will not turn over	<ul> <li>adjustment.</li> <li>Clutch/brake pedal not depressed.</li> <li>Attachment clutch is engaged.</li> <li>Weak or dead battery.</li> <li>Blown fuse.</li> <li>Corroded battery terminals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>service center/department.</li> <li>Depress clutch/brake pedal.</li> <li>Disengage attachment clutch.</li> <li>Recharge or replace battery.</li> <li>Replace fuse.</li> <li>Clean battery terminals.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Faulty ignition switch.</li> <li>Faulty solenoid or starter.</li> <li>Faulty operator presence switch(es).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check all wiring.</li> <li>Check/replace ignition switch</li> <li>Check/replace solenoid or starter.</li> <li>Contact an authorized service center/department.</li> </ul>
Engine clicks but will not start	<ul> <li>Weak or dead battery.</li> <li>Corroded battery terminals.</li> <li>Loose or damaged wiring.</li> <li>Faulty solenoid or starter.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recharge or replace battery.</li> <li>Clean battery terminals.</li> <li>Check all wiring.</li> <li>Check/replace solenoid or starter.</li> </ul>

#### TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Loss of power	Cutting too much	• Set in "Higher Cut" position/
	grass/too fast.	reduce speed.
	Throttle in "CHOKE"	Adjust throttle control.
	position. • Build-up of grass,	Clean underside (
	leaves and trash	Clean underside of mower housing.
	under mower.	Flousing.
	Dirty air filter.	Clean/replace air filter.
	Low oil level/dirty oil.     Faulty aparts plus.	• Check oil level/change oil.
	Faulty spark plug.     spark plug.	<ul> <li>Clean and regap or change</li> </ul>
	Dirty fuel filter.	Replace fuel filter.
	Stale or dirty fuel.	Drain fuel tank and refill with
	Water in fuel.	fresh gasoline.
	• water in fuel.	Drain fuel tank and carburetor,     Total tank with free learnings.
		refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter.
	Spark plug wire loose.	Connect and tighten spark
	a Distriction of the second	plug wire.
	Dirty engine air screen/     fins.	Clean engine air screen/fins.
	Dirty/clogged muffler.	Clean/replace muffler.
	• Loose or damaged	Check all wiring.
	wiring.	<u> </u>
	Carburetor out of adjustment.	See "To Adjust Carburetor"     in Sonion Adjustments
		in Service Adjustments section.
	Engine valves out of	Contact an authorized
	adjustment.	service center/department.
Excessive vibration	Worn, bent or loose	Replace blade. Tighten
	blade.  • Bent blade mandrel.	blade bolt.
	• Loose/damaged part(s).	Replace blade mandrel.     Tighten loose part(s).
	== v== == ============================	Replace damaged parts.
Engine continues	Faulty operator-safety	Check wiring, switches and
to run when operator	presence control	connections. If not corrected,
leaves seat with attachment clutch	system.	contact an authorized
engaged		service center/department.
Poor cut - uneven	• Worn hant or loose	Double Live Town
ar alletell	<ul> <li>Worn, bent or loose blade.</li> </ul>	Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt.
	<ul> <li>Mower deck not level.</li> </ul>	Level mower deck.
	Buildup of grass,  leaves, and troop	Clean underside of mower
	leaves, and trash under mower.	housing.
	<ul> <li>Bent blade mandrel.</li> </ul>	Replace blade mandrel.
	Clogged mower deck     vent belog from building	<ul> <li>Clean around mandrels to</li> </ul>
	vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and	open vent holes.
	trash around mandrels.	
Mower blades will not	Obstruction in clutch	Remove obstruction.
rotate	mechanism.	
	<ul> <li>Worn/damaged mower drive belt.</li> </ul>	Replace mower drive belt.
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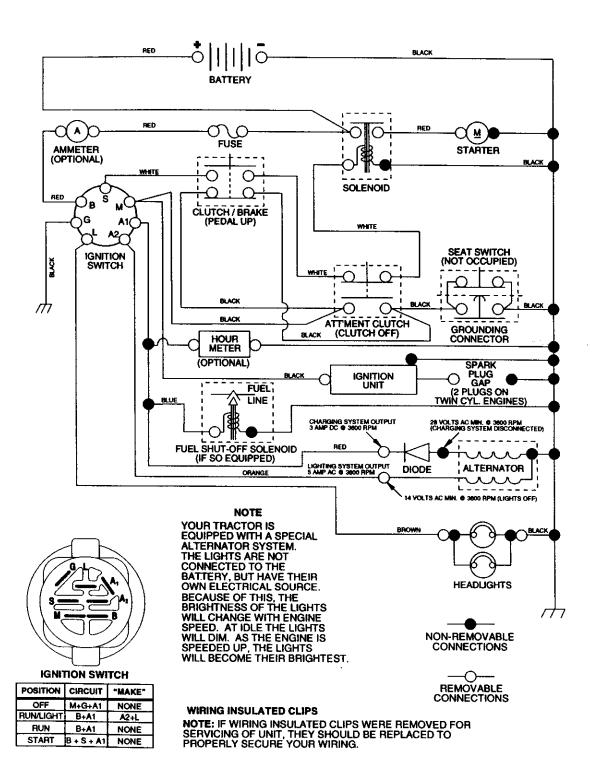
### TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

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

### **NOTES**

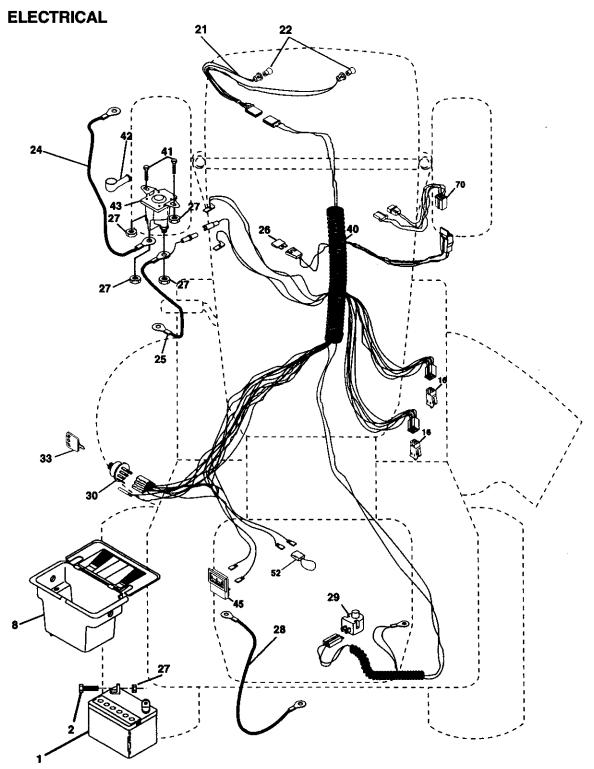
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#### **SCHEMATIC**



### REPAIR PARTS

### TRACTOR-MODEL NUMBER 917.270530



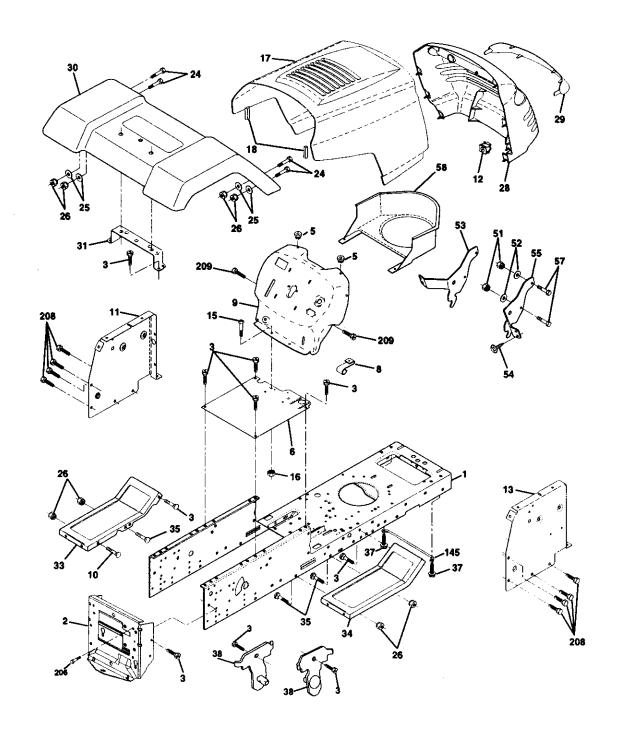
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### **ELECTRICAL**

KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 144925 2 74760412	Battery 12 Volt 25 AMP
8 156417	Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc X 3/4 Case Battery
16 153664	Switch Interlock Push-In
20 73350400	Nut Jam Hex 1/4-20 Unc
21 166181	Harness Socket Light W/4152J
22 4152J	Bulb Light #1156
24 4799J	Cable Battery 6ga 11" red
25 146147	Cable Battery 6 Ga W/16 Wir red
26 166180	Fuse 15 AMP
27 73510400	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc
28 4207J	Cable Ground 6ga 12" black
29 121305X	Switch Plunger Nc Gray
30 163968	Switch Ign Delta Push-In
33 140403	Key Ign Molded Craftsman, Delta
40 170217	Hamess Ign
41 71110408	Bolt Blk Hex 1/4-20unc x 1/2
42 131563	Cover Terminal Red
43 145673	Solenoid
45 121433X	Ammeter Rectangular 6 AMP
52 141940	Protection Wire Loop
70 170243	Harness Engine, B&S

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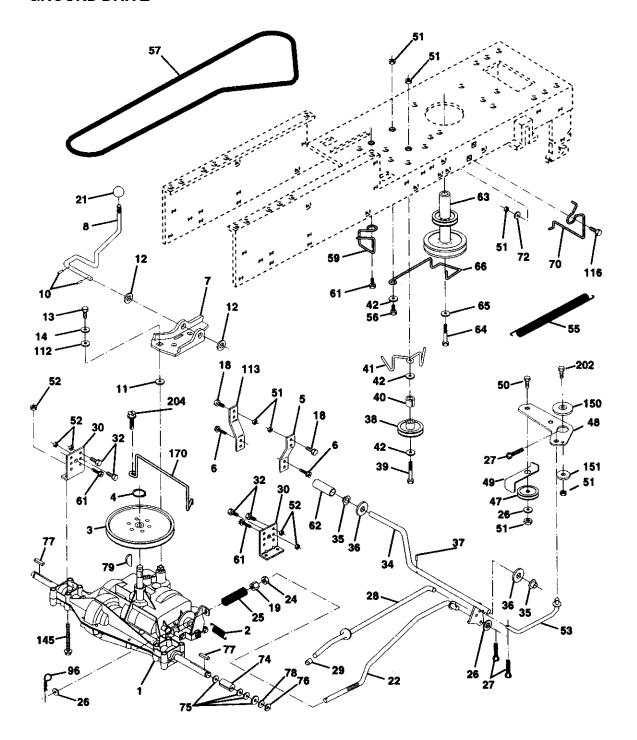
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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 169831	Chassis Lt Stamping
2 169061	Drawbar
3 17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
4 19131216	Washer 13/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
5 155272	Bumper Hood/Dash
6 155924X012	Saddle SLKSCRE FLT SDL
8 126471X	Clip Insulator .406 Mtg Hole
9 168348X010	Dash Sikscr Pim Mech Sym
10 72140608	Bolt RdHd Sqnk. 3/8-16 x 1
11 155927	Panel Asm. Dash Lh
12 145660	Clip Tinnerman Grille P/L
13 169117X010	Panel Dash Rh
14 17670608	Screw Thdrol. 3/8-16 x 1/2
15 74180512	Screw Mach Trhd 5/16-18unc x 3/4
16 73510500 17 159639X558	Nu Keps 5/16-18unc
17 159639X558 18 126938X	Hood Pnt Steel Private Label
24 74780616	Bumper Hood
25 19131312	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 Unc x 1 Gr. 5 Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.
26 73800600	Nut Lock Hex w/lns 3/8-16 Unc
28 157373	Grill Private Lable Blk
29 140273X599	Lens Grille Private label
30 169465X558	Fender Pnt
31 136619	Bracket Fender Support
33 145244X558	Footrest Pnt. Lh
34 145243X558	Footrest Pnt. Rh
35 72110606	Bolt RdHd Sht. Sqnk. 3/8-16 x 3/4
37 17490508	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2 Tyt
38 169834	Bracket Asm. Pivot Mower Rear
51 73800400	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins. 1/4-20
52 19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
53 144697	Bracket Grille LH
54 161464	Screw Hex Wshd #8-18 x 7/8
55 144696	Bracket, Grille RH
57 74780412	Bolt Fin Hex 1/4-20 x 3/4
58 150127	Air Duct Private Label LT Engine
145 156524	Rod Pivot Chassis /Hood
194 17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
206 170165	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 TT
209 17000612	Screw Hex Wsh Thdrol 3/8-16 BL
5479J	Plug Button Blk .359 Dia. Choke

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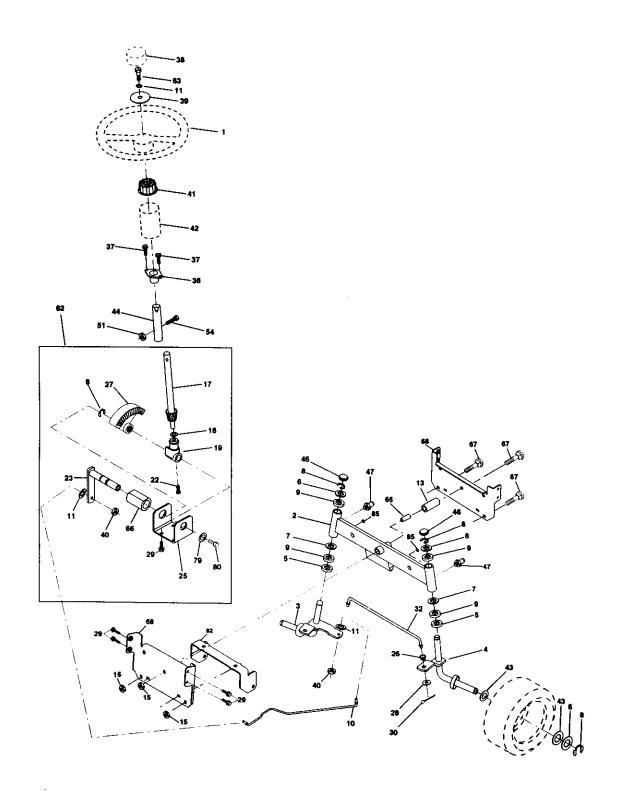
### **GROUND DRIVE**



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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
	Transaxle (See Breakdown) Peerless 206-545C Spring Return Brake T/a Zinc Pulley Transaxle 18/20" tires Ring Retainer # 5100-62 Strap Torque 30 Degrees Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4 Bracket Saddle Shift T/a Rod Shf Sdl LY/YT Str Blk Zinc Pin Cotter 1/8 x 1 Cad Washer Plate Shf 388 Sq Hole Washer 15/32 x 3/4 x 16ga Bolt 1/4-28unf Gr8 W/Patch Washer Lock Hvy Helical 1/4 Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 x 1 Nut Lock Hex W/Ins. 3/8-16 Unc Knob Rd 1/2-13 Plstc Thds Blk Rod Brake Blk Zinc 26 840 Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 Unc Spring Rod Brake 2 00 Zinc Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Cad Rod Brake Parking Bracket Mtg Transaxle Keeper Belt LH LT 14 Ga Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18unc x 3/4 Shaft Asm Pedal Foot Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id Washer 21/32 x 1 x 16 Ga Pin Roll 3/16 x 1" Pulley Idler Flat Bolt Rdhd 3/8-16unc x 2-3/4 Gr. 5 Spacer Split 395 x 59 Bzp Keeper Belt Idler	NO. NO.  47 127783 48 154407 49 123205X 50 STD523715 51 STD541437 52 STD541431 53 105710X 55 105709X 56 STD523712 57 130801 58 127274X 59 169595 61 17060612 62 8883R 63 140186 64 71170764 65 STD551143 66 54778 70 134683 72 19132012 74 137057 75 121749X 76 STD581075 77 123583X 78 121748X 79 2228M 96 4497H 112 19091210 113 127285X 116 72110610 145 74490540 150 165850 151 19133210 170 165849 202 72110612	Pulley Idler V Groove Plastic Beilcrank Clutch Grn Drv Stl Retainer Belt Style Spring Bolt Hex Hd 3/8-16unc x 1-1/2 Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC Nut Crown Lock 5/16-18 Link Clutch 7 66 Spring Return Clutch 6 75 Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 unc x 1-1/4 V-Belt Gd Drive Keeper Belt RH LT Pnt/zinc 16g Keeper Belt Centerspan Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4 Cover Pedal Blk Round Pulley Eng Cl Mech 38deg LT/YT Bolt Hex 7/16-20 x 4 Gr 5 Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 7/16 Keeper Belt Engine Guide Belt Mower Drive RH Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Ga Spacer Axle Washer 25/32 x 1 1/4 x 16 Ga E-ring #5133-75 Key Square 2 0 x 1845/ 1865 Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16ga Key Woodruff #9 3/16 x 3/4 Retainer Spring Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga Strap Torque Bolt Rdhd Sq Neck 3/8-16 x 1.25 Bolt Hex FLGHD 5/16-18 Gr. 5 Bushing Bellcrank Grd. Drive Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Ga Keeper Belt Transaxle Gear Bolt Carr Sh 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5
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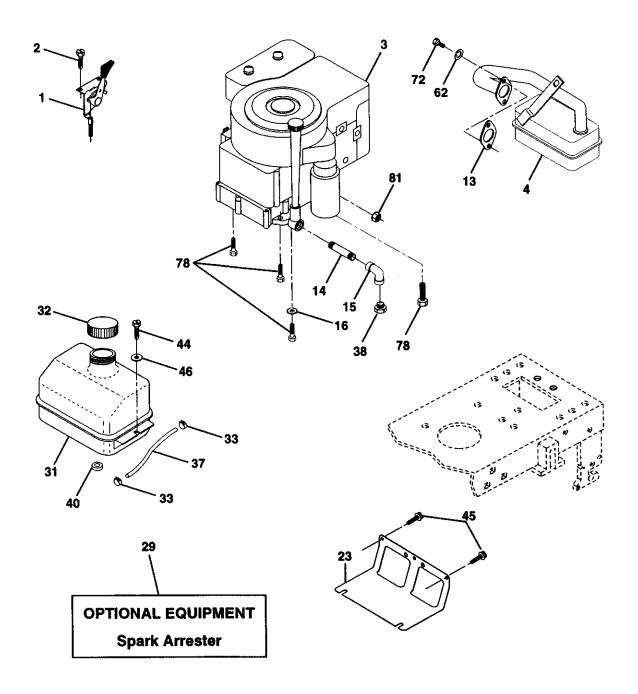
#### **STEERING**



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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 139768	Wheel Steering Opp Sears Blk
2 154427	Axle Asm Front Lt
3 169840	Spindle Asm Lh
4 169839	Spindle Asm Rh
5 <b>6266H</b>	Washer Thrust .75 x 1.230
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	RingKlip#T5304-75
9 3 <b>366F</b> R	Bearing Col Strg Blk
10 169832	Draglink
11 10040600	Washer Lock Hvy Hicl Spr 3/8
13 136518	Spacer Brg Axle Front
15 145212	Nut Hexflange Lock
17 156546	Shaft Asm Strg
18 57079	Washer Thrust .515 x .750 x .033
19 160395	Support Shaft
22 165857	Screw Hex Wsh Hd Torx
23 165851	Shaft Asm Pitman
25 154406	Bracket Steering
26 126847X	Bushing Link Drag Blk LR
27 136874	Gear Sector 22 Teeth
28 19131416	Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
29 17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
30 STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Cad
32 130465	Rod Tie Wire Form 19.75 Mech
36 155099 37 152927	Bushing Strg. 5/8 ID Dash
37 152927 38 139769	Screw
	Cap Wheel Steer Opp Sears USA Washer 13/32 x 2-3/8 x 12 Ga.
39 19133812 40 7810H	Nut Lock Center 3/8-24
40 7610H 41 100711L	
42 145054X428	Adaptor Wheel Strg. Boot Steering Dash P/L MTL Blk
43 121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
44 153720	Extension Steering Non-adjust
46 121232X	Cap Spindle Fr Top Blk
47 6855M	Fitting Grease
51 73800500	Nut Lock Hx W/ins 5/16-18unc
54 74780520	Bolt Fin Hex 5/16-18unc
62 167902	Steering Assembly
63 74780616	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc x 1 Gr. 5
65 160367	Spacer Axle
66 154404	Bearing Arm Pittman
67 72110618	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 x 2-1/4
68 169827	Brace Axle
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 Chasis Front
85 133835	Fastner Christmas Tree
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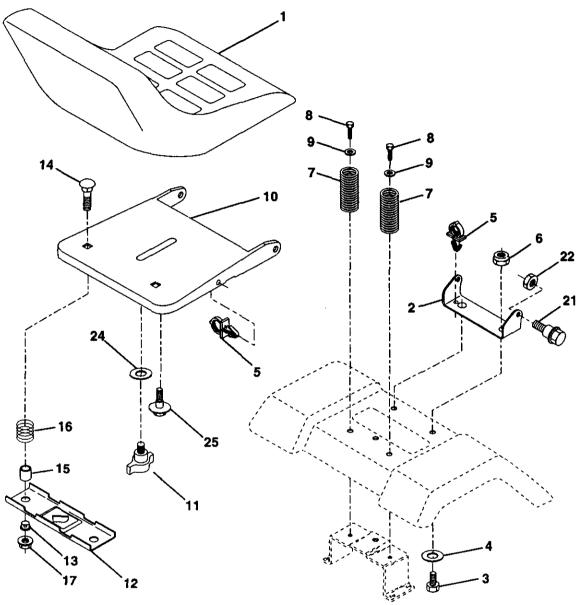


#### **ENGINE**

KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 162157 2 17720410	Control Th/ch LH IV 1 80 20 22 Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20x5/8 T
3	Engine (See Breakdown)
4 137352	Briggs, Model No 287707-1255-E1 Muffler Exh LT B&S 14HP IC OHV
13 165291	Gasket Eng 1 313 ld Tin Plated
14 13280324	Nipple Pipe 3/8 Npt x 3"
15 13200300	Elbow Std 90 Degree 3/8-18 Npt
16 STD551237	Washer Lock Ext Tooth 3/8
23 169837	Shield Browning/Debris Guard
29 137180	Kit Spark Arrestor (Flat Scm)
31 109202X	Tank Fuel Front 1 25
32 158990	Cap Asm Fuel Sears Vented
33 123487X	Clamp Hose Blk
37 137040	Line Fuel 20*
38	Plug Oil Drain
	(See Engine Breakdown)
40 124028X	Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line
44 17490412	Screw Hexwish Thdrol 1/4-20 x 3/4
45 17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
46 19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 ga
62 STD551131	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 5/16
72 71070512	Screw Hex Hd Cap 5/16-18 X 3/4
78 17060620	Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
81 128861	Nut Flange 1/4-20 Starter Nut

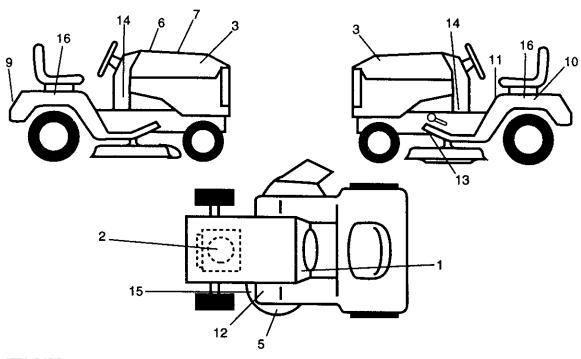
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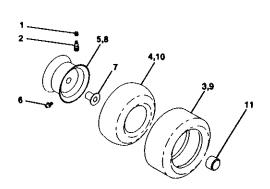
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4 5	140122 140551 71110616 19131610 145006 STD541437 124181X 17000616 19131614 155925 166369 121246X	Seat Bracket Pvt St Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 1 Washer Flat 13/32 X 1 X 10 Ga Clip Push-In Hinged Locknut Hex W/Wsh 3/8-16 Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi Screw 3/8-16 X 1-1/2 Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga Pan Seat Knob Seat Adj. Wingnut Bracket Mounting Switch		Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id Bolt Rdhd Sht Nk 1/4-20x1-1/2 Spacer Split 28x 96 Yel Zinc Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc Bolt Shld 5/16-18 Unc-2A Blk D Nut Lock Hex "W/Ins 5/16-18 Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga Bolt Shoulder  ment dimensions given in U. S. inch = 25/4 mm

#### **DECALS**



	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 5 6 7 9 10	156867 165393 171704 133179 133644 171760 163204 149516	Decat Dash Inst Oper English Decat HP Engine Decat Hood Logo Decat Mower QC System Decat Maint Cust Sears Domesti Decat Replomnt Sears Decat Fender Craftsman White Decat Battery Dngr/Psn Eng Acme	11 12 13 14 15 16 	156439 4900J 146046 163249 160396 163207 157199X428 138311 171766 171767	Decal Danger Fender Eng/span Decal Clutch/brake English Decal V-Belt Dr Sch Tractor Decal Panel Dash 6sp 42" Decal V-Belt Sch Decal Fender Sd 6/42 Pad Footrest Decal Handle Lft Height Adjust Manual Owners English Manual Owners Spanish
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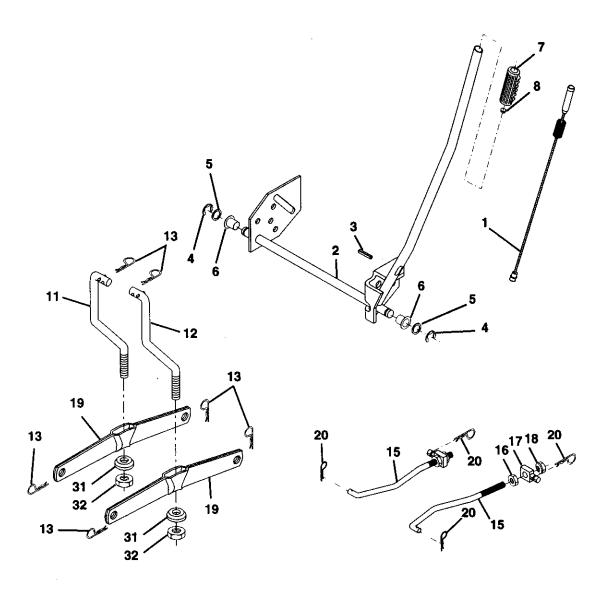
#### **WHEELS AND TIRES**



KEY NO.		DESCRIPTION
1	59192	Cap Value Tire
2	65139	Stem Value
3	106222X	Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service
4	59904	Tube Inner Front #35060
5	106732X427	Rim Asm 6"front White Service
6	278H	Fitting Grease
7	9040H	Bearing Flange
8	106108X427	Rim Asm 8*rear White Service
9	106268X	Tire R Ts 18x9 5-8 Service
10	7152J	Tube Rear 9 5 X 8 Service
11	104757X	Cap Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00
	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. tube)

NOTE: All component dimensions given in U. S. inches 1 inch = 25/4 mm

#### LIFT ASSEMBLY

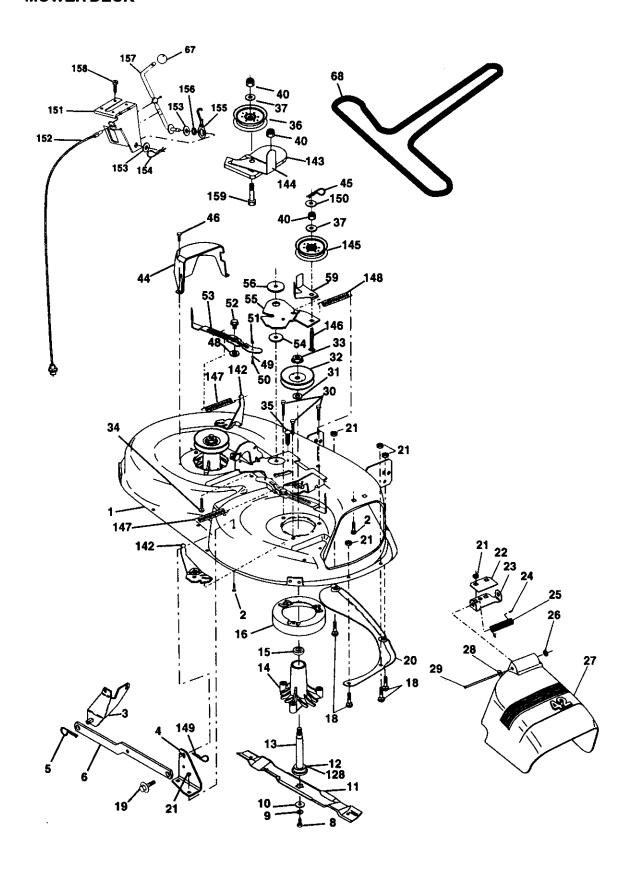


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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	N
1 159460		er/Sprg W/plunger LT
2 159471		
3 105767		500 Zinc
4 120000		-62
5 192116		21/32 X 1 X 21ga
6 120183	BX Bearing Nylor	n Blk 629 ld
7 125631		Fluted Blk
8 122365		er Red
11 139865		
12 139866		
13 STD624	4008 Retainer Spri	ng
15 167253	B Link Front	J
16 733508	300 Nut Jam Hex	1/2-13 Unc
17 130171	Trunnion Blk:	Zinc
18 738008	300 Nut Lock W/	Wsh 1/2-13unc
19 139868	3 Arm Suspens	ion Rear
20 163552		
31 140302	Bearing Pvt L	
32 735406	Nut Crownloo	

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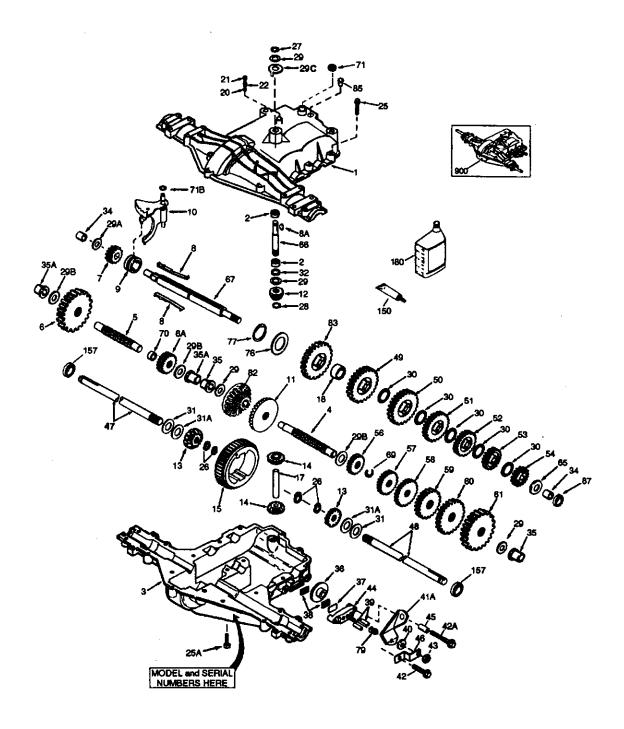
#### **MOWER DECK**



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KE NO		DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	165892	Mower Deck Assembly, 42"	46 137729	Screw, Thd. Roll 1/4-20 x 5/8
2	STD533107	Bolt	48 133944	Washer, Hardened
3	138017	Bracket Assembly, Sway Bar,	49 155066	Roller Assembly, Cam Follower
		Front	50 131340	Bolt, Shoulder #10-24 Grade 5
4	165460	Bracket Sway Bar 38/42" Deck	51 STD541410	Locknut
5	STD624008	Retainer Spring	52 139888	Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 UNC
6	130832	Arm, Suspension, Rear	53 131845	Arm Assembly, Pad, Brake
8	850857	Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1.25 Gr. 8	54 133943	Washer, Hardened
9	STD551137	Washer, Lock	55 155046	Arm, Idler
10	140296	Washer, Hardened	56 165723	Spacer, Retainer
11	134149	Blade, Mulching	59 141043	Guard, TUV Idler
12	129895	Bearing, Ball	67 149846	Knob Custom Oval
13	137645	Shaft Assembly, Mandrel, Vented	68 144959	V-Belt
		(Includes Key	128 153390	WasherFelt
14	120774	Number 12)	142 165890	Arm Spring Brake Mower
14 15	128774 110485X	Housing, Mandrel, Vented	143 157109	Bracket Arm Idler 42"
16	140329	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel	144 158634	Keeper Belt 42" Clutch Cable
18	72140505	Stripper, Vented Mower Deck	145 165888	Pulley Idler Flat
19	132827	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8 Bolt, Shoulder	146 165891	Bolt Carriage Idler
20	159770	Baffle, Vortex	147 131335	Spring Extension
21	STD541431	Nut Crownlock 5/16-18 UNC	148 169022	Spring Return Idler
22	134753	Stiffener Bracket	149 165898	Retainer Spring Yellow Zinc
23	131267	Bracket, Deflector	150 19091216 151 169670	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
24	105304X	Cap, Sleeve	152 169676	Bracket Clutch
25	123713X	Spring, Torsion, Deflector	153 169674	Cable Clutch 42 in
26	110452X	Nut, Push	154 169675	Washer Flat 3/8" Type B Spring Retainer
27	130968X428	Shield, Deflector	155 169671	Spring Retention Lever
28	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	156 169672	Spacer
29	131491	Rod, Hinge	157 169669	Rod Clutch
30	157722	Screw Thdrol Washer Head	158 17720410	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 5/8
31	129963	Washer, Spacer	159 72140614	Bolt Rdhd Sqn 3/8-16unc x 1-3/4
32	153535	Pulley, Mandrel	130794	Mandrel Assembly (Includes Key
33	137266	Nut, Toplock, Flanged	100701	Numbers 8-10, 12-15, 31 and 32)
34	STD533717	Bolt	169583	Mower Deck, Complete (Standard
35	133835	Fastner, Christmas Tree		Deck, Order Separately Mulcher
36	131494	Pulley, Idler, Flat		Plate and Gauge Wheel
37	STD551037	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Gauge		Components, Key Nos. 101-106 and 111-121)
40	STD541437	Nut Črownlock 3/8-16 UNC		•
44	140088	Guard, Mandrel, L.H.	NOTE: All compo	onent dimensions given in U.S.
45	STD624003	Retainer	inches 1	inch = 25/4 mm

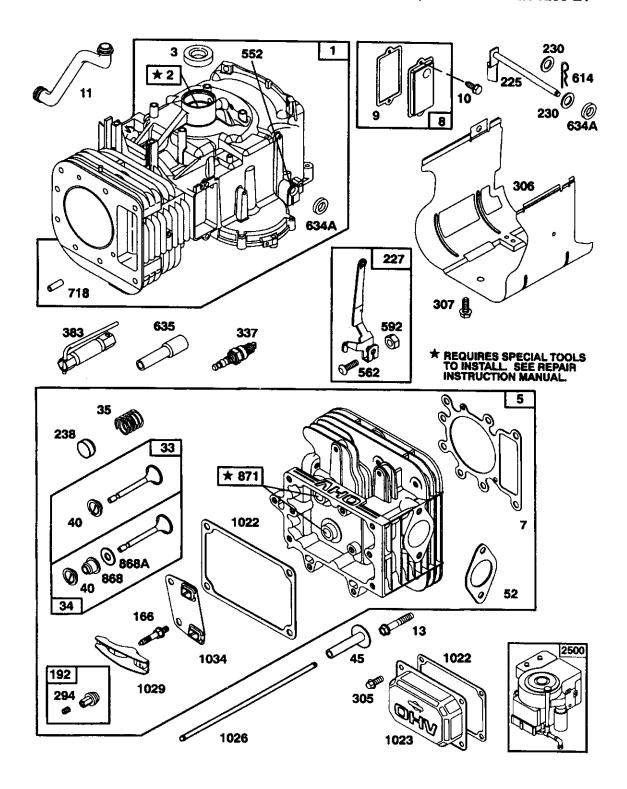
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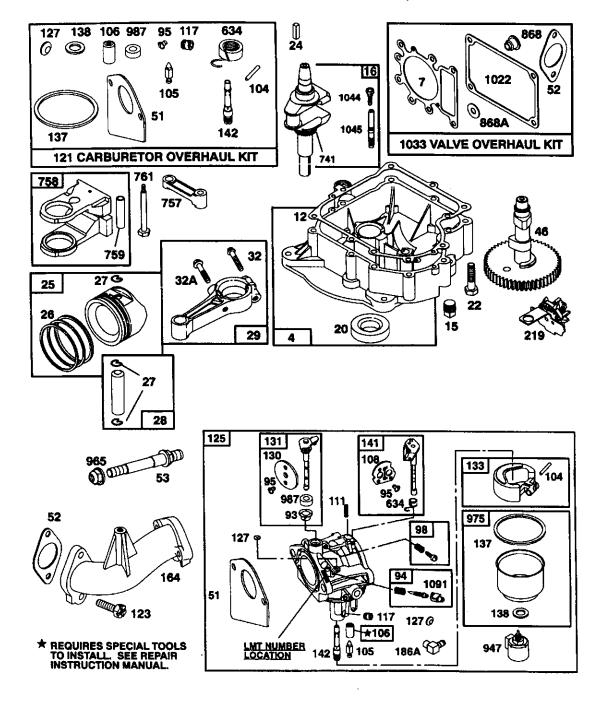
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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 772147	Transaxle Cover	41A 790079	Brake Lever
2 780086A	Needle Bearing 5/8"	42 792073A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 1-1 /4"
3 770128	Transaxle Case	42A 792085A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 2 1/4"
4 776395	Countershaft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

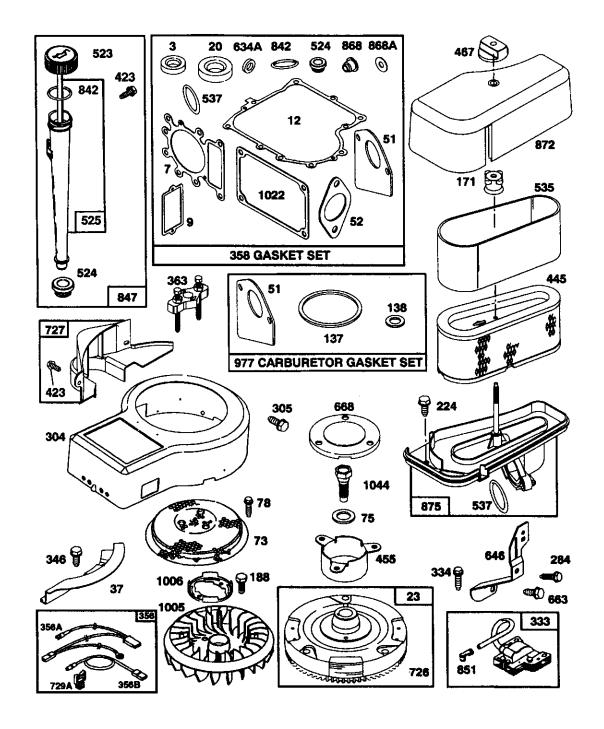
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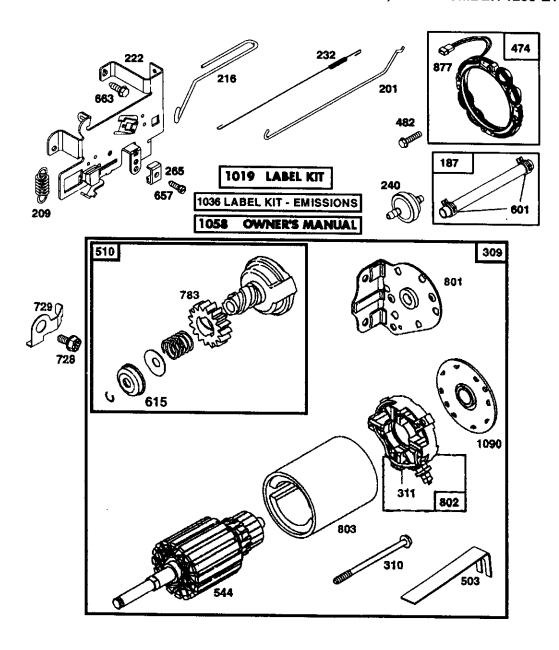
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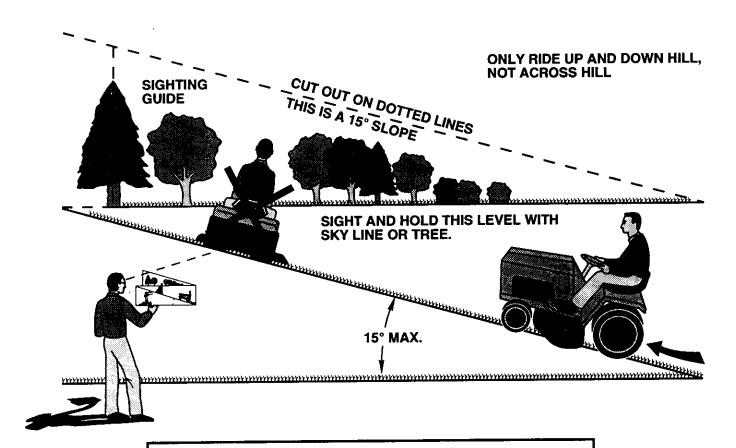
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	496412	Cylinder Assembly	53	94637	Stud, Carburetor Mounting
2	399265	Bearing, Cylinder	73	224948	Screen, Flush Rotating
3	391086 494238	' Seal, Ōil Base, Engine	75	225136	Washer, Spring
4 5 7	495858	Head, Cylinder	78	94626	Screw, Sems
7	272614 ***	' Gasket, Cylinder Head	93 94	281346 498030	Bushing, Throttle Shaft
8	495735	Breather Assembly	95	94098 **	Valve, Needle Screw, Throttle
. 9	27803	' Gasket, Valve Cover	98	495800	Screw, Idle Speed
10 11	94621	Screw, Sems	104	231789 **	Pin, Float Hinge
12	281246 271916	Tube, Breather Gasket, Crankcase Cover,	105	231855 ** 231854 **	valvo i loat
•-	2,1010	1/64"	106 108	231854 ** 224540	Coul, mot varye
	271997	Gasket, Crankcase Cover,	111	262719	Valve, Choke Spring, Choke
	074000	.005"	117	232118	Jet, Main (Std.)
	271996	Gasket, Crankcase Cover, .009"	404	232119	Jet, Main (Hi-Alt.)
13	94728	Screw, Cylinder Head	121 123	499233 94913	Carburetor Overhaul Kit
15	94239	Plug, Oil Drain	125	499153	Screw, Elbow Mounting Carburetor Assembly
16	495162	Crankshaft		**	Plug, Welch (Sold in Kit
20	94196 291675	Timing Gear Key * Seal, Oil			Only)
22	94624	Screw, Sems, Base	130	224539	Valve, Throttle
		Mounting	131 133	494379 494381	Shaft and Lever, Throttle Float, Carburetor
23	492326	Flywheel and Ring Gear	137	281165****	Gasket, Float Bowl
24	222698	Assembly, Magneto	138	281164****	Washer, Bowl
25	495860	Key, Flywheel Piston Assembly, Standard	141 142	495931	Shaft and Lever, Choke
		Size	164	232117 214047	Nozzle, Carburetor Elbow, Carburetor
	495977	Piston Assembly, .010"	166	94555	Stud, Rocker Arm
	495978	Oversize Piston Assembly, .020"	171	281051	Nut, Air_Cleaner Mounting
	483870	Oversize	186A 187	493496 492790	Elbow, Fuel Pipe
	495979	Piston Assembly, .030"	107	432730	Line, Fuel (11" Long, Cut to Suit)
26	495854	Oversize	188	94627	Screw, Hex Head, 3/4
20		Ring Set, Piston, Standard Size	192	492160	Screw Assembly, Rocker Arm
	495852	Ring Set, Piston, .010* Oversize	201	262767	Link, Governor
	495851	Ring Set, Piston, .020"	209 216	260695 262766	Spring, Governor Link, Choke
		Oversize	219	490815	Gear, Governor
	495855	Ring Set, Piston, .030"	222	495611	Plate, Governor Control
27	263129	Oversize Lock, Piston Pin	224	94729	Screw, Sems, Air Cleaner
28	498319	Pin Assy., Piston, Standard	225 227	495157 493935	Crank, Governor Lever Assembly, Governor
		Size	230	94927	Washer, Governor Crank
29	494504	Rod Assembly, Connecting	232	262785	Spring, Governor Link
	495490	Rod Assembly, Connect-	238	262836	Cap, Valve
		ing, .020" Undersize Crankpin	240 265	394358 221535	Filter, Fuel (In Fuel Line) Clamp, Casing
32	94695	Bore Screw, Hex Washer Head,			ent dimensions given in U.S.
		1-57/64		. All compon	inches
32A	94648	Screw, Hex Washer Head, 1-5/8		1 inch = 25	5.4 mm
33	495856	Valve, Exhaust	*		Gasket Set (495993)
34 35	495857 262811	Valve, Intake Spring, Valve	***		Carburetor Kit (499233)
37	224502	Guard, Flywheel		molugeg IN	Both Gasket Set (495993) and
40	224641	Retainer, Valve Spring		Valve Overh	aul Kit (495992)
45 46	262411	Tappet, Valve	****		Gasket Set (495993),
46 51	496884 272465 ***	Gear, Cam * Gasket, Carburetor		(400000)	Carburetor Kit
•		(Carburetor to Elbow)		(499233) an	d Carburetor Gasket Set (494385)
52	272569 **	* Gasket, Carburetor (Elbow to Cylinder)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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284	94704	Screw, Hex Head	757	213998	Link, Counterweight
294	810068	Screw, Set	758	399891	Counterweight Assembly
304	496318	Housing, Blower	759	298909	Pin, Counterweight
305	94786	Screw, Hex, Head,	761	94593	Screw, Counterweight
		Blower Housing Mounting	783	280104	Gear, Starter
306	225020	Shield, Cylinder	801	394856	Çap, Drive
307	94930	Screw, Cylinder Shield	802	497605	Cap, End_
309	497595	Motor, Starter	803	497604	Housing, Starter
310	497602	Bolt, Thru	842 847	270920 1	Seal, Oil Filler Cap
311 333	497608 495859	Brush Set Armature, Magneto	847 851	496415 493880	Fill Group, Oil
334	94731	Screw, Sems, Armature	868	494435 ***	Terminal, Ignition Cable ' Seal Assembly, Valve
004	34731	Mounting	868A	707700	Ceai Asseriibiy, vaive
337	491055	Plug, Spark	871	262835	Bushing, Guide (Intake &
346	93705	Screw, Hex Head			Exhaust)
356	497708	Wire Assembly	872	281104	Cover, Air Cleaner
356A	497671	Wire, Stop	875	495862	Body, Air Cleaner
356B	494705	Wire Stop	877	393456	Diode and Connector
358	495993	Gasket Set		400000	Assembly
363	19203	Puller, Flywheel	947	497672	Solenoid
383 423	89838 94903	Wrench, Spark Plug Screw, Sems	965 975	94108 495933	Nut, Hex
445	496894	Cartridge, Air Cleaner	977	494385	Bowl Assembly, Carburetor Carburetor Gasket Set
455	222561	Cup, Screen Mounting	987		* Seal, Throttle Shaft
467	493903	Knob, Air Cleaner	1005		Fan, Flywheel
474	393474	Stator, Alternator	1006		Retainer, Fan
482	93621	Screw, Sems	1019	496758	Label Kit
503	806000	Grounding Strap	1022		Gasket, Cover
510	497606	Drive, Starter	1023		Cover, Rocker Arm
523	495230	Cap and Dipstick, Oil Filler	1026		Rod, Push, Intake
524 525	281370 496113	Ceal, I life! Tube	1000	495136	Rod, Push, Exhaust
535	272403	Tube, Oil Filler Element, Filter	1029 1033		Arm, Rocker Valve Overhaul Kit
537	281106	* O-Ring, Air Cleaner	1033		Guide Assembly, Push Rod
544	497603	Armature, Starter	1036		Label Kit, Emissions
552	231597	Bushing, Governor Crank	1044		Screw, Hex Head
562	94907	Bolt, Governor Lever	1045		Extension, Crankshaft
592	231978	Nut, Hex	1058		Manual, OwnerŌs
601	93053	Clamp, Fuel Pipe	1090		Retainer, Brush
614	93306	Pin, Cotter	1091		Cap, Limiter
615 634	263080	Retainer	2500	28N/07-10	26 Replacement Engine
	494455 1 491323	** Seal, Choke Shaft * Seal, Governor		496050	Replacement Shortblock
635	280872	Elbow, Spark Plug	DDM	Settings:	Low: 1650-1850, High:
646	224546	Brace, Air Cleaner	111 191	Jettings.	3200-3400
657	94906	Screw, Sems			0200 0400
663	94929	Screw, Self-Tapping	NOTI	E: All compor	nent dimensions given in U.S.
668	280848	Spacer			nch = 25.4 mm
718	230192	Pin, Dowel			
726	392134	Gear, Ring	*		Gasket Set (495993)
		(Includes Mounting Hardware)	***	Included in	Carburetor Kit (499233)
727	490324	Cover, Starter			Both Gasket Set (495993) Overhaul Kit (495992)
728	94951	Screw, Hex Head	****	Included In	Gasket Set (495993),
729	225170	Retainer, Wire			Kit (499233) and Carburetor
729A	281390	Clip, Wire		Gasket Set	
741	262932	Gear, Timing			•

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