Owner's Manual

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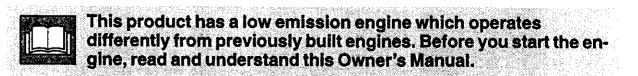
17 HP ELECTRIC START 42" MOWER 6 SPEED TRANSAXLE LAWN TRACTOR

Model No. 917.270731





- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Repair Parts



CAUTION:

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

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1-800-659-5917

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WARRANTY

LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT PARTS 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. Warranty service is available free of charge by taking your Craftsman riding equipment to your nearest Sears Service Center. In-home warranty service is available but a trip charge will apply. This warranty applies only while this product is in the United States.

This Warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plugs, air cleaners, belts and oil filters.
- Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects, such as nails, thorns, stumps, or glass.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse, including but not limited to, damage caused by towing objects beyond the capability of the riding equipment, impacting objects that bend the frame or crankshaft, or over speeding the engine.
- Repairs necessary because of operator negligence, including but not limited to, electrical and mechanical damage caused by improper storage, failure to use the proper grade and amount of engine oil, failure to keep the deck clear of flammable debris, or the failure to maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.
- Engine (fuel system) cleaning or repairs caused by fuel determined to be contaminated or oxidized (stale). In general, fuel should be used within thirty (30) days of its purchase date.
- 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. Warranty service is available free of charge by taking your Craftsman riding equipment to your nearest Sears Service Center. In-home warranty service is available but a trip charge will apply. This warranty applies only while this product is in the United States. TO LOCATE THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER OR TO SCHEDULE IN-HOME WARRANTY SERVICE, SIMPLY CONTACT SEARS AT 1-800-4-MY-HOME 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.
- 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 mowerrelated 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.

SAFETY RULES

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

SAFETY RULES

A Look 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.

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.

GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	1.25 GALLONS UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL TYPE (API-SF/SG/SH):	SAE 30 (ABOVE 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	W/FILTER: 3.5 PINTS W/OFILTER: 3.0 PINTS
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .030")	CHAMPION RJ19LM OR J19LM
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE: .003"005" EXHAUST: .005"007"
GROUND SPEED (MPH):	DFORWARD: 1 ST 1.2 2 ND 1.5 3 RD 2.4 4 TH 3.5 5 TH 4.8 6 TH 5.3 REVERSE: 1.5
	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 10 PSI
CHARGING SYSTEM:	3 AMPS BATTERY 5 AMPS HEADLIGHTS
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 25 MIN. CCA: 190 CASE SIZE: U1R
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	27–35 FT. LBS.

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

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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

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

REPAIR AGREEMENT

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

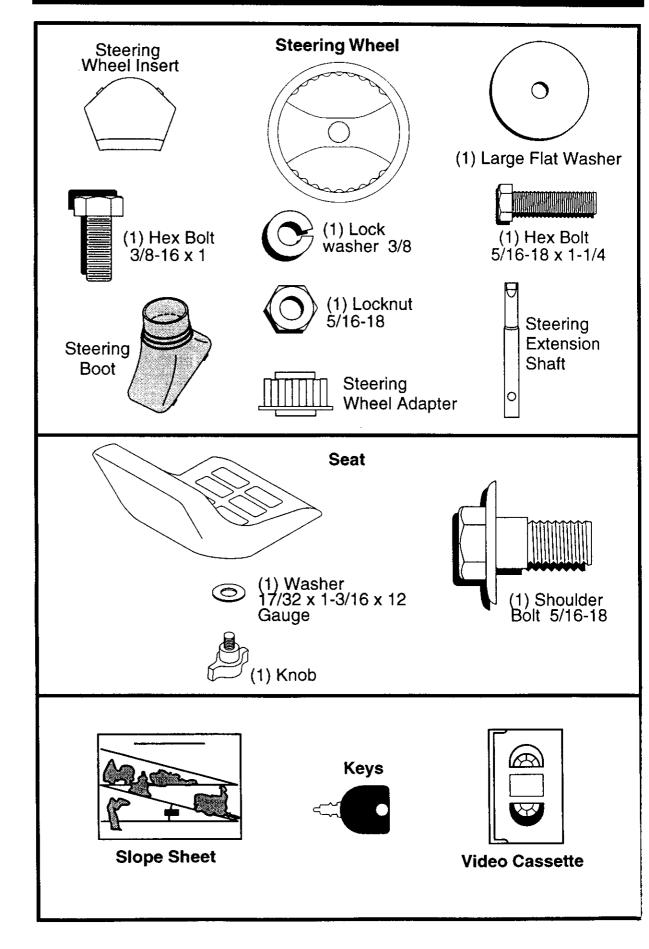
CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- · 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.

AWARNING: 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 authorized service center/department (See REPAIR PARTS

5 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) Pliers

- (1) 9/16" wrench
- (2) 1/2" wrench
- (1) Utility knife (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 boxes from shipping carton.
- · Cut, from top to bottom, along lines on all four corners of shipping carton, and lay panels flat.
- · Check for any additional loose parts or boxes and remove.

BEFORE ROLLING TRACTOR OFF SKID

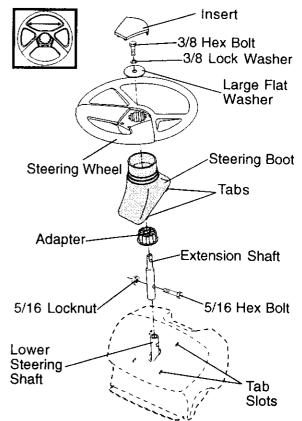
ATTACH STEERING WHEEL

ASSEMBLE EXTENSION SHAFT AND BOOT

- Slide extension shaft onto lower ٠ 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.

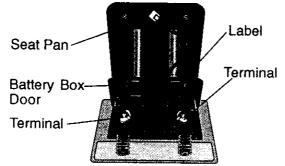


- Assemble large flat washer, 3/8 lock washer, 3/8 hex bolt and tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

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

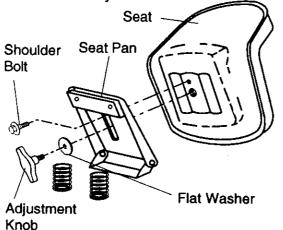
- Lift seat pan to raised postion and open battery box door.
- If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps. (See "BATTERY" in MAINTE-NANCE section of this manual for charging structions.)



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)

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

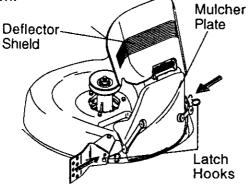
- Be sure all the above assembly steps have been completed.
- Check engine oil level and fill fuel tank with gasoline.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment 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.

INSTALL MULCHER PLATE

(If previously removed)

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

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



TO CONVERT TO BAGGING OR DISCHARGING

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

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

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

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

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

CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

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

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

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

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

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

✓ CHECKLIST

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:

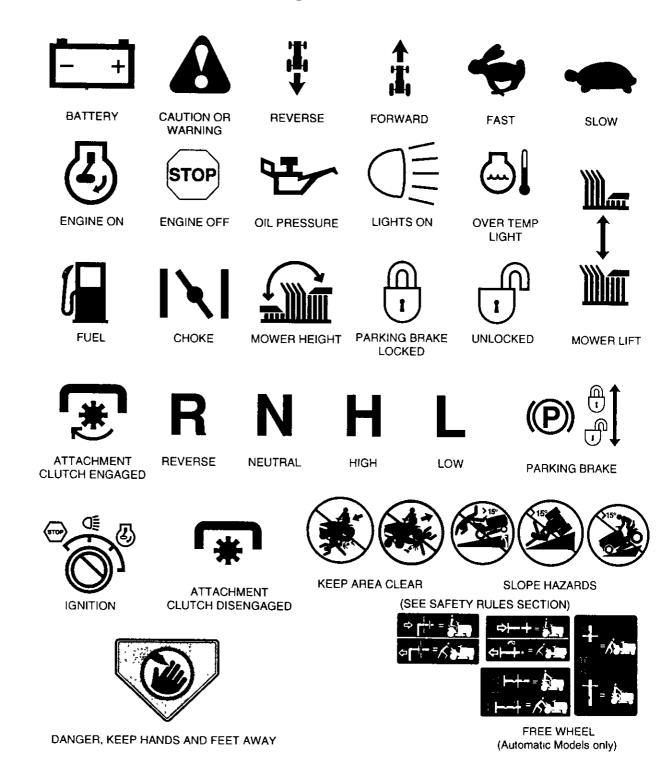
- All assembly instructions have been completed.
- ✓ No remaining loose parts in carton.
- Battery is properly prepared and charged. (Minimum 1 hour at 6 amps).
- Seat is adjusted comfortably and tightened securely.
- ✓ All tires are properly inflated. (For shipping purposes, the tires were overinflated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

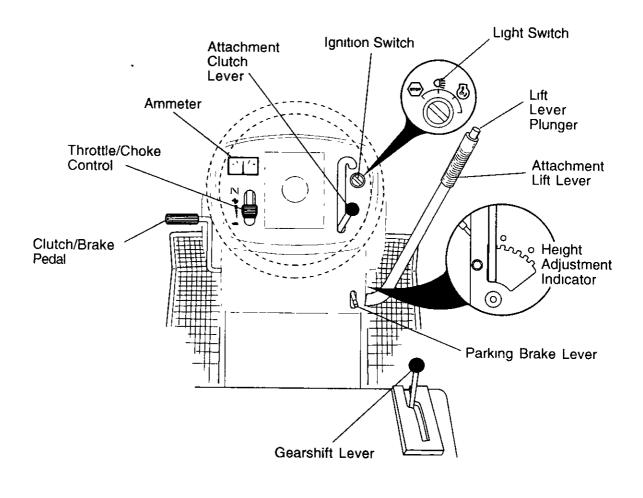
OPERATION

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



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.

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

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.

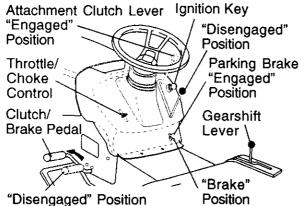
THROTTLE/CHOKE CONTROL - Used for starting and controlling engine speed.

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.



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.

A CAUTION: 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.

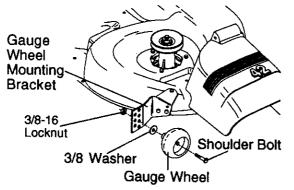
• The average lawn should be cut to approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and to over 3 inches during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.

 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 ADJUST GAUGE WHEELS

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

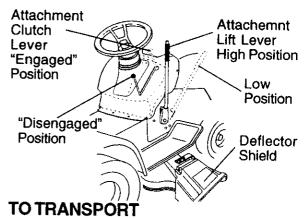
- Adjust gauge wheels with tractor on a flat level surface.
- Adjust mower to desired cutting height (See "TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT" in the Operation section of this manual).
- With mower in desired height of cut position, gauge wheels should be assembled so they are slightly off the ground. Install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



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



- 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.).

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.

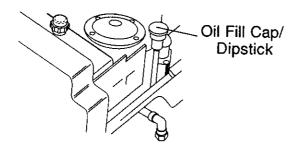
- Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills.
- Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills.
- If slowing is necessary, move throttle control lever to slower position.
- If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake.
- Move 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.

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 ENGINE CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL

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



ADD GASOLINE

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

IMPORTANT: When operating in temperatures below 32°F(0°C), use fresh, clean winter grade gasoline to help insure good cold weather starting. **WARNING:** Experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. To avoid engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer. Drain the gas tank, start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty. Use fresh fuel next season. See Storage Instructions for additional information. Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur. **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.

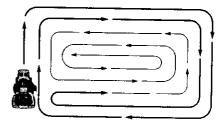
COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

- 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 CARBURE-TOR" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

MOWING TIPS

- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the 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.

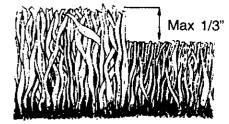
• When operating attachments, select a ground speed that will suit the terrain and give best performance of the attachment being used.



MULCHING MOWING TIPS

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

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



MAINTENANCE

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- Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures. 5 - If equip

2 - Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

3 - If equipped with oil filter, change oil every 50 hours.

4 - Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.

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

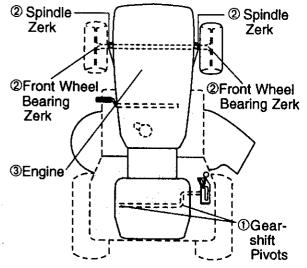
- Check engine oil level.
- Check brake operation.
- Check tire pressure.
- Check operator presence and interlock systems for proper operation.
- Check for loose fasteners.

5 - If equipped with adjustable system. 6 - Not required if equipped with maintenance-free battery.

7 - Tighten front axle pivot bolt to 35 ft.-lbs. maximum.

Do not overtighten.

LUBRICATION CHART



①SAE 30 or 10w30 MOTOR OIL ②GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE

③REFER TO Maintenance "ENGINE" SECTION IMPORTANT: Do not oil or grease the pivot points which have special nylon bearings. Viscous lubricants will attract dust and dirt that will 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

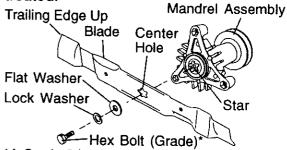
- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing blade.
- Install new or resharpened blade with trailing edge up towards deck as shown.

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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

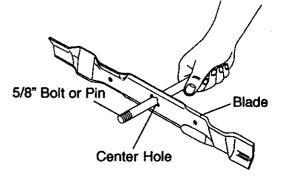
NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening blade - but if you do, be sure the blade is balanced.

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 jelly.
- 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.

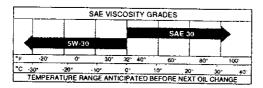
TRANSAXLE COOLING

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.

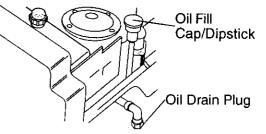
Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 25 hours in one year.

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.



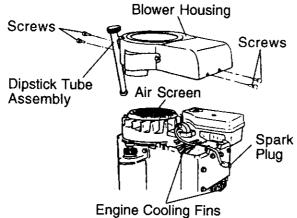
CLEAN AIR SCREEN

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

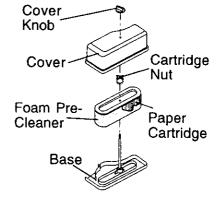
- · Slide foam pre-cleaner off cartridge.
- · Wash it in liquid detergent and water.
- Squeeze it dry in a clean cloth.
- Saturate it in engine oil. Wrap it in clean, absorbent cloth and squeeze to remove excess oil.
- If very dirty or damaged, replace precleaner.
- · Reinstall pre-cleaner over cartridge.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

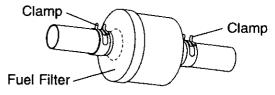
SPARK PLUGS

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.

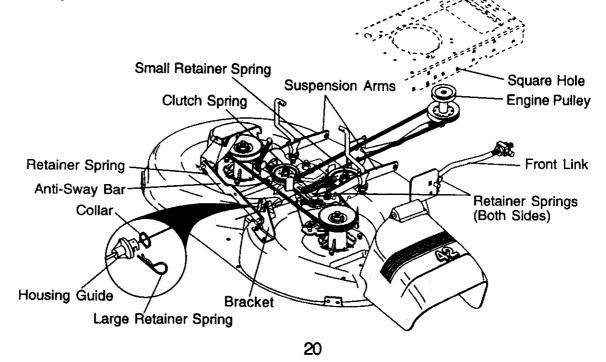
- Place attachment clutch in "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Remove small retainer spring, and lift clutch spring off pulley bolt.
- Remove large retainer spring, slide collar off and push housing guide 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 onto 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

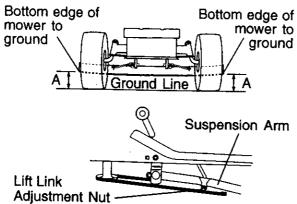
Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

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.



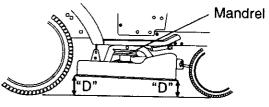
FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT

IMPORTANT: Deck must be level side-to side. If the following front-to-back adjustment is necessary, be sure to adjust both front links equally so mower will stay level side-to-side.

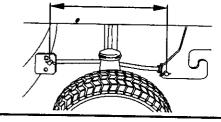
To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

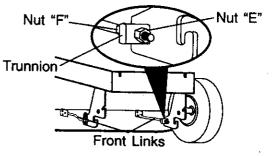
Check adjustment on right side of tractor. Measure distance "D" directly in front and behind the mandrel at bottom edge of mower housing as shown.

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length. Both links should be approximately 10-3/8".
- If links are not equal in length, adjust one link to same length as other link.
- To lower front of mower loosen nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nuts "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- To raise front of mower, loosen nut "F" from trunnion on both front links. Tighten nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- Recheck side-to-side adjustment.



Both Front Links Should be Equal in Length





TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT

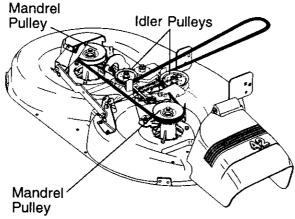
The mower blade drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

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.

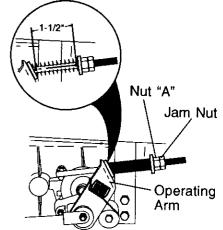


TO ADJUST BRAKE

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.

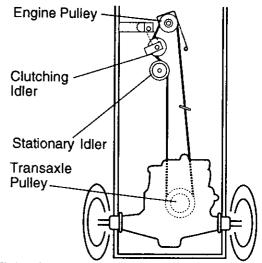
With Parking Brake "Engaged"



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.



TRANSAXLE GEAR SHIFT LEVER NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT

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

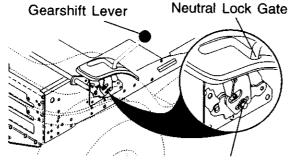
• Make sure transaxle is in neutral (N).

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

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

· Tighten adjustment bolt securely.

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



Adjustment Bolt

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

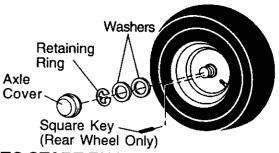
The front wheel toe-in and camber are not adjustable on your tractor. If damage has occurred to affect the front wheel toe-in or camber, contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

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

ACAUTION: 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).

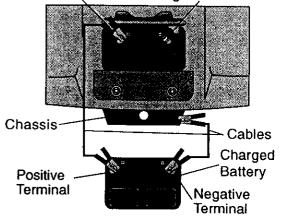
If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure: **IMPORTANT**: Your tractor is equipped with a 12 volt negative grounded system. The other vehicle must also be a 12 volt negative grounded system. Do not use your tractor battery to start other vehicles.

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. Positive Terminal Negative Terminal



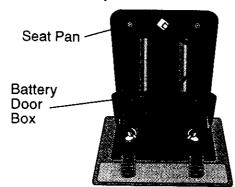
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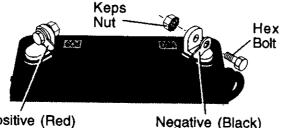
REPLACING BATTERY

ACAUTION: 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 aroundina.

- 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 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.





Positive (Red) Cable

Cable

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.

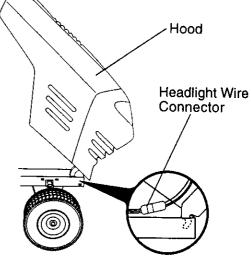
· Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section.

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

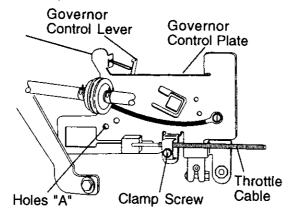
Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems, which are being done at the customers expense, may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. Warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized engine manufacturer's service outlet. TO ADJUST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

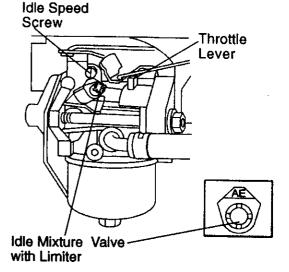
FINAL SETTING -

- 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.



STORAGE

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

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

TRACTOR

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

- Clean entire tractor (See "CLEANING" in the 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.

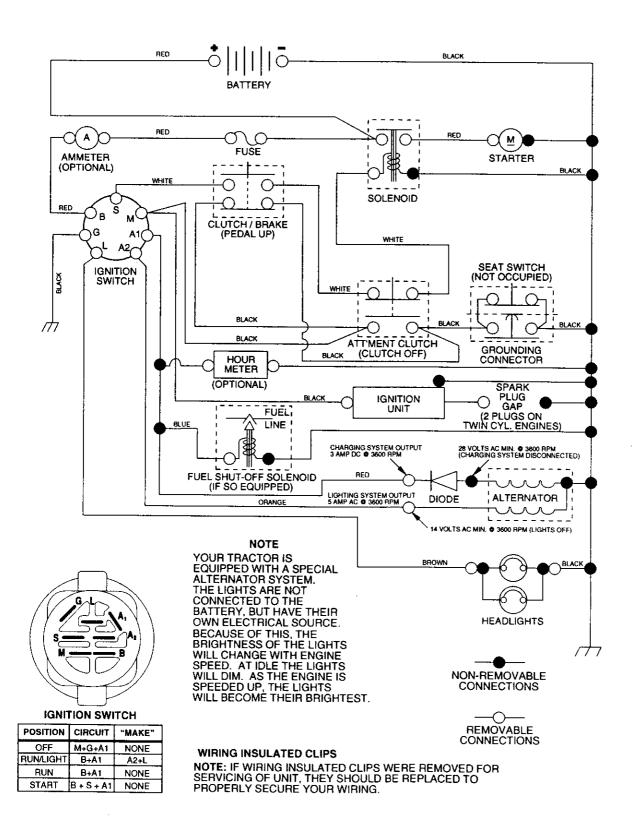
PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	 Out of fuel. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. Engine flooded. Bad spark plug. Dirty air filter. Dirty fuel filter. Water in fuel. 	 Fill fuel tank. See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section. Wait several minutes before attempting to start. Replace spark plug. Clean/replace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

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine clicks but will not start	 Weak or dead battery. Corroded battery terminals. Loose or damaged wiring. Faulty solenoid or starter. 	 Recharge or replace battery. Clean battery terminals. Check all wiring. Check/replace solenoid or starter.
Loss of power	 Cutting too much grass/too fast. Throttle in "CHOKE" position. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Dirty air filter. Low oil level/dirty oil. Faulty spark plug. Dirty fuel filter. Stale or dirty fuel. Water in fuel. Water in fuel. Dirty engine air screen/fins. Dirty/clogged muffler. Loose or damaged wiring. Carburetor out of adjustment. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	 Set in "Higher Cut" position/ reduce speed. Adjust throttle control. Clean underside of mower housing. Clean/replace air filter. Check oil level/change oil. Clean and regap or change spark plug. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Drain fuel tank and carbure tor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. Clean engine air screen/fins. Clean/replace muffler. Check all wiring. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Excessive vibration	 Worn, bent or loose blade. Bent blade mandrel. Loose/damaged part(s). 	 Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Replace blade mandrel. Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts.
Engine continues to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	 Faulty operator-safety presence control system. 	• Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact an autho rized service center/ department.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Poor cut - uneven	 Worn, bent or loose blade. Mower deck not level. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. Bent blade mandrel. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels. 	 Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. Level mower deck. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace blade mandrel. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Mower blades will not rotate	 Obstruction in clutch mechanism. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. Frozen idler pulley. Frozen blade mandrel. 	 Remove obstruction. Replace mower drive belt. Replace idler pulley. Replace blade mandrel.
Poor grass discharge	 Engine speed too slow. Travel speed too fast. Wet grass. Mower deck not level. Low/uneven tire air pressure Worn, bent or loose blade. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Mower drive belt worn. Blades improperly installed. Improper blades used. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels. 	 Place throttle control in "FAST" position. Shift to slower speed. Allow grass to dry before mowing. Level mower deck. Check tires for proper air pressure. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. Clean underside of mower housing. Replace mower drive belt. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. Replace with blades listed in this manual. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	 Switch is "OFF". Bulb(s) burned out. Faulty light switch. Loose or damaged wiring. Blown fuse. 	 Turn switch "ON". Replace bulb(s). Check/replace light switch. Check wiring and connections Replace fuse.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Battery will not charge	 Bad battery cell(s). Poor cable connections. Faulty regulator (if so equipped). Faulty alternator. 	 Replace battery. Check/clean all connections. Replace regulator. Replace alternator.
Engine "backfires" • Engine throttle control not when turning engine "OFF" • Engine throttle control not set at "SLOW" position for 30 seconds before stopping engine.		 Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine.

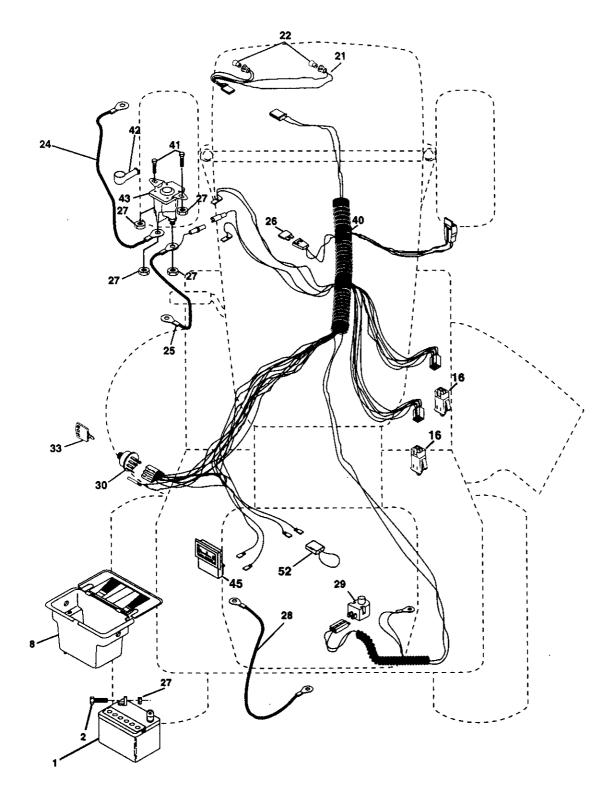
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REPAIR PARTS

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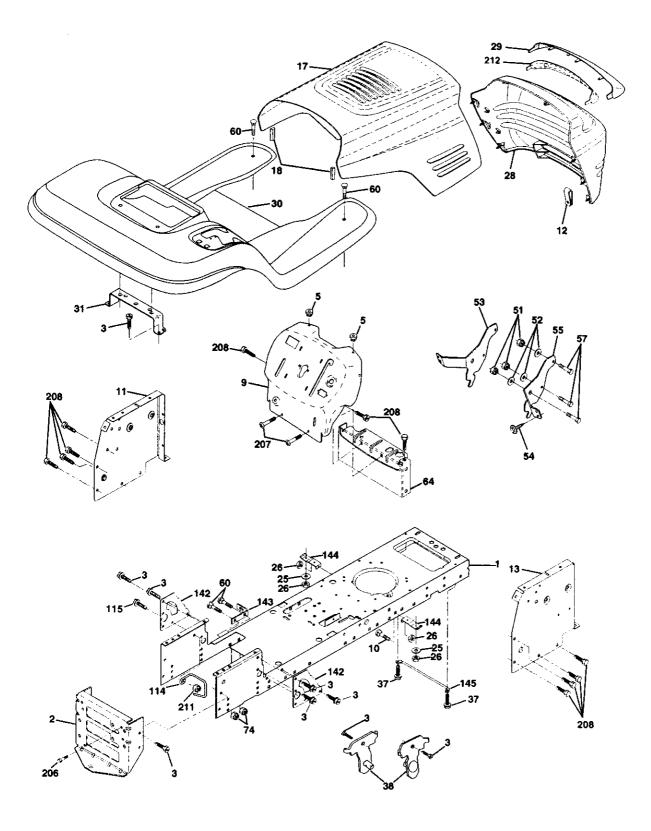
KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 8 16 21 22 24 25	144925 74760412 156417 153664 166182 4152J 4799J	Battery Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc x 3/4 Case Battery Switch, Interlock Harness Asm Light W/4152j Bulb Light #1156 Cable Battery 6 Ga 11" red
25 26 27 28 29 30 340 41 42 43 45 52	146147 166180 73510400 4207J 121305X 163968 140403 170217 71110408 131563 145673 121433X 141940	Cable Battery 6 Ga w/16 wire red Fuse 15 AMP Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc Cable Ground 6 Ga 12" black Switch Plunger Switch Ign Key Ign Hamess Ign Bolt Blk. Fin Hex 1/4-20 Unc x 1/2 Cover Terminal Red Solenoid Ammeter Rectangular 6 Amp Protection Wire Loop

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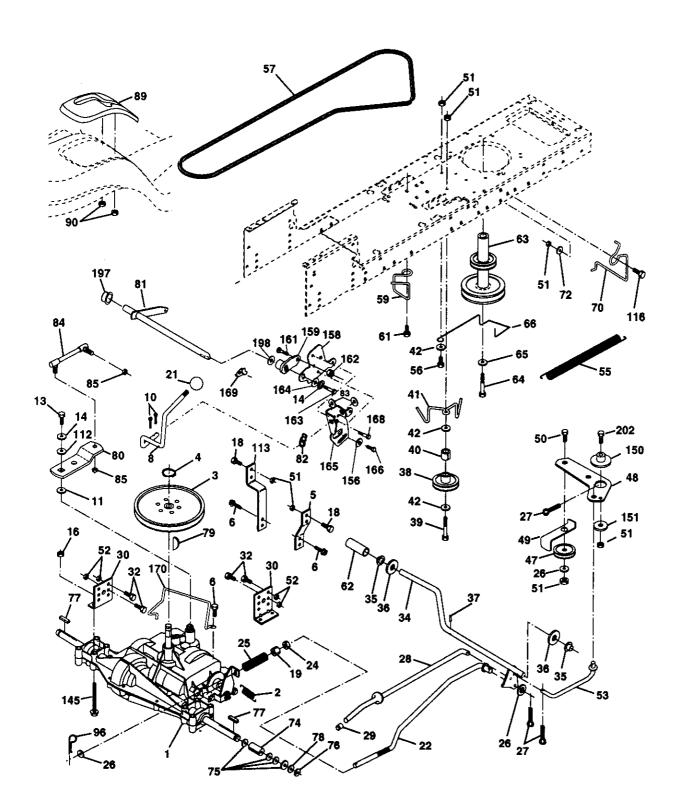
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TRACTOR -- MODEL NUMBER 917.270731 CHASSIS AND ENCLOSURES

KEN NO.	Y PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	169830	Chassis
2	169061	Drawbar
3	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
5	155272	Bumper Hood/Dash
9	168337X013	
10	STD533710	Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 3/4
11 12	155927	Panel, Dash, L.H.
13	145660 172107X010	Clip Tinnerman Grille P/L
17	144983X558	
18	126938X	Hood Assembly Bumper Hood
25	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Gauge
26	STD541437	Nut
28	156725X558	Grille w/Lens Asm.
29	155217X599	
30	164918X558	
31	139976	Bracket, Fender Support
37	17490508	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2
38	169834	Pivot Bracket Assembly, Rear
51	73800400	Nut Lock w/Insert 1/4-20 UNC
52	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
53 54	145201	Bracket Grille Pickoff LH
54 55	161464 145202	Screw Hex Wshd 8-18 x 7/8
55 57	STD522507	Bracket Grille Pickoff RH
60	72140606	Bolt, Fin Hex 1/4-20 UNC x .75
64	154798	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 3/8-16 UNC x 3/4 Dash Lower STLT
74	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8016 UNC
114	158112	Keeper Belt Rear Lh Stl P930
115	17060620	Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
142	165867	Plate Reinforcement STLT
143	154966	Bracket Swaybar Chassis
144	154207	Bracket Pnt Footrest STLT
145	156524	Rod Pivot Chassis/Hood
206	170165	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 TT
207 208	17670508	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2 Tytt
208	17670608 145212	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1/2
212	145212	Nut Hex Flange Lock
	5479.J	Insert Lens Reflective Plug, Button
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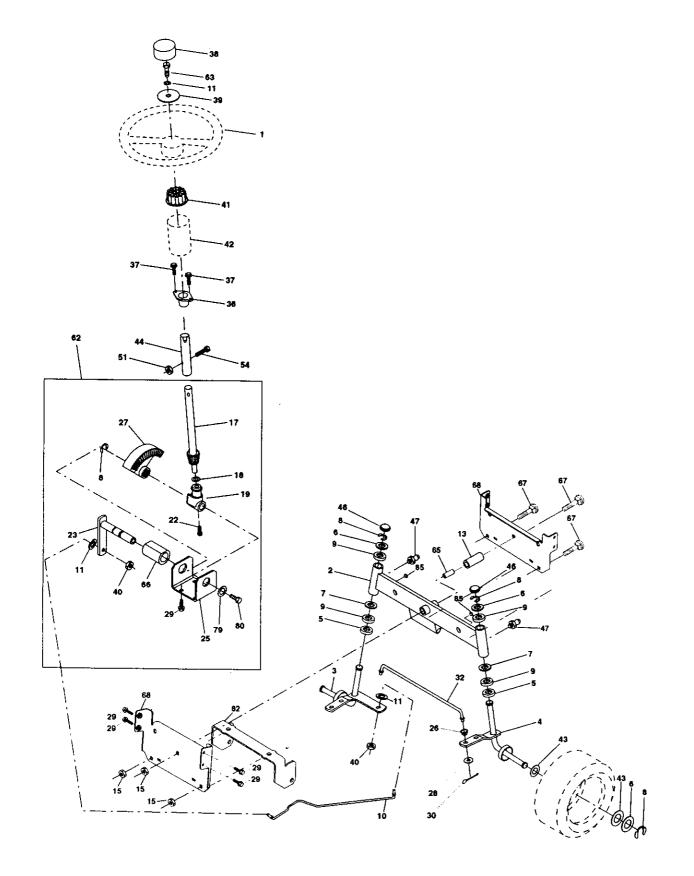
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GROUND DRIVE

	Y PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1		Transaxle (See Breakdown)	62		
		Peerless 206-545C	62 63	8883R	Cover, Pedal
2	146682	Spring, Return, Brake	63 64	140186	Pulley, Engine
3	123666X	Pulley, Transaxle	65	71170764 STD551143	Bolt, Hex 7/16-20 x 4 Grade 5
4	12000028	Ring, Retainer	66	154778	Washer
5	121520X	Strap, Torque	70	134683	Keeper, Belt, Engine, Fool Proof
6	17060512	Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4	72	19132012	Guide, Mower Drive Belt, R.H.
8	165866	Rod Shifter Fender STLT	74	137057	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Ga.
10	STD561210	Pin, Cotter	75	121749X	Spacer, Axle
11	105701X	Washer, Shift Plate	76	STD581075	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga. E-Ring
13	74550412	Bolt 1/4-28 UNF W/Patch Gr. 8	77	123583X	Key, Square 2.0 x .1845/1865
14	10040400	Washer Lock Hvy Helical	78	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga
16	STD541431	Nut Lock Hx W/Ins 5/16-18 x Gr.5	79	STD580025	Key Woodruff
18	STD523710	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16UNC x 1 Gr. 5	80	145090	Arm, Shift
19	STD541437	Nut	81	165592	Shaft Asm Cross Tapered 650 20
21	106933X	Knob	82	165711	Spring, Torsion
22	130804	Rod, Brake	83	19171216	Washer 17/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
24	STD541237	Nut	84	166231	Link Transaxie
25	106888X	Spring, Brake Rod	85	150360	Nut, Nylock
26	STD551037	Washer	89		Console, Shift, STLT
27	STD561210	Pin	90	124346X	Nut, Self-Thding, Wsh Hd 1/4
28	145204	Rod, Parking Brake	96	STD624003	Retainer Spring 1"
29	71673	Cap, Parking Brake	112	19091210	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga.
30 32	169592	Bracket, Transaxle	113	127285X	Strap Torque 90 Degrees
32 34	STD533107	Bolt	116	72110610	Bolt Rdhd Sqneck 3/8-16 x 1.25
34	155071	Shaft Assembly, Foot Pedal	145	74490540	Bolt, Hex Fighd 5/16-18 Gr. 5
36	120183X	Bearing, Nylon	150	165850	Bushing Bellcrank Grd. Drive
37	STD551062 STD571810	Washer	151	19133210	Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Ga.
38	131494	Roll Pin Bullow Idlan Flat	156	166002	Washer Srited 5/16ID x 1.125
39	STD523727	Pulley, Idler, Flat Bolt	158	165589	Bracket Shift Mount
40	4470J		159	165494	Hub Tapered Flange Shift Lt
41	165838	Spacer, Split .395 x .59 Keeper, Belt, Idler	161	72140406	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20 x 3/4 Gr.5
42	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12Ga.	162	73680400	Nut Crownlock 1/4-20 Unc
47	127783	Pulley, Idler, V-Groove, Plastic	163	74780416	Bolt Hex Fin 1/4-20Unc x 1 Gr 5
48	154407	Bellcrank Clutch Grnd Dry Stl	164	19091010	Washer 5/8 x .281 x 10 Ga
49	123205X	Retainer, Belt	165	165623	Bracket Pivot Lever
50	STD523715	Bolt	166	166880	Screw 5/16-18 x 5/8
51	STD541437	Nut Crown Lock 3/8-16 UNC	168	165492	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 x .561
52	STD541431	Nut Crown Lock 5/16-18 UNC	169	165580	Plate Fastening Lt
53	105710X	Link, Clutch	170	165849	Keeper Belt Transaxle Gear
55	105709X	Spring, Clutch Return	197	169613	Nyliner Snap-In
56	STD523712	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 x 1-1/4	198	169593	WasherNyliner
57	130801	V-Belt, Ground Drive	202	72110612	Bolt Carr. SH 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5
59	169691	Keeper, Belt, Center Span	204	17060516	Screw 5/16-18 x 1 SMGML
61	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4	NOTE	: All compone	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches
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TRACTOR - - MODEL NUMBER 917.270731 STEERING ASSEMBLY

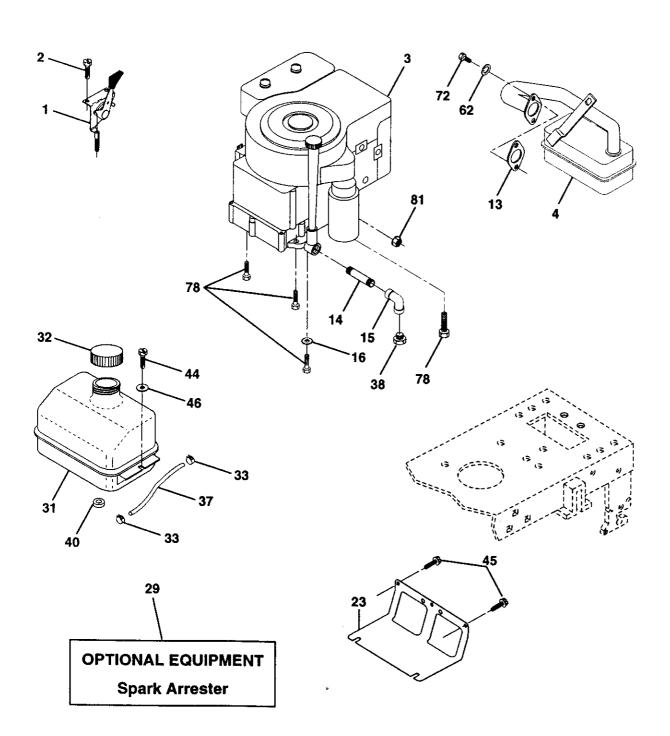


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1	139768	Steering Wheel
2	154427	Axle Assembly STMP Dropped STL
3	169840	Spindle Assembly, L.H.
4	169839	Spindle Assembly, R.H.
5	6266H	Bearing, Race, Thrust, Hardened
6	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Gauge
7	19272016	Washer 27/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge
8 9	12000029	Ring, Klip
9 10	3366R 169832	Bearing, Steering Column
11	STD551137	Draglink Washer, Lock
13	136518	Spacer Bearing Axle Front
15	145212	Nut, Hex Flange Lock
17	156546	Shaft Assembly, Steering
18	57079	Washer, Thrust .515 x .750 x .033
19	160395	Support, Shaft
22	165857	Screw, Hex Wsh Hd Torx
23	165851	Pittman Shaft Assembly
25	154406	Bracket, Steering
26	126847X	Bushing, Link, Drag
27	136874	Gear, Sector
28 29	19131416	Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 16 Gauge
30	17060612 STD561210	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
32	130465	Pin Cotter Rod, Tie
36	155099	Bushing, Steering
37	152927	Screw
38	139769	Insert, Steering Wheel
39	19133812	Washer 13/32 x 2-3/8 x 12 Gauge
40	STD541537	Nut Lock Center 3/8-24 Unf
41	100711L	Adaptor, Steering Wheel
42	145054X428	Boot, Steering Shaft
43	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge
44	153720	Extension Shaft Steering LR.LT
46	121232X	Cap, Spindle
47 51	6855M STD541431	Fitting, Grease
54	74780520	Nut Lock Hex w/ins. 5/16-18 UNC
62	167902	Bolt Fin Hex 5/16-18 UNC x 1-1/4 Kit Steering Asm Service
63	STD523710	Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1 Gr 5
65	160367	Spacer Brace Axle
66	154404	Bearing Arm Pittman
67	72140618	Bolt RDHD Sqnk 3/8-16 x 2-1/4
68	169829	Axle, Brace
79	19132012	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Ga.
80	74950612	Bolt Hex Nylon 3/8-16 x 3/4
82	169835	Bracket Susp. Chassis Front
85	133835	Fastener Christmas Tree

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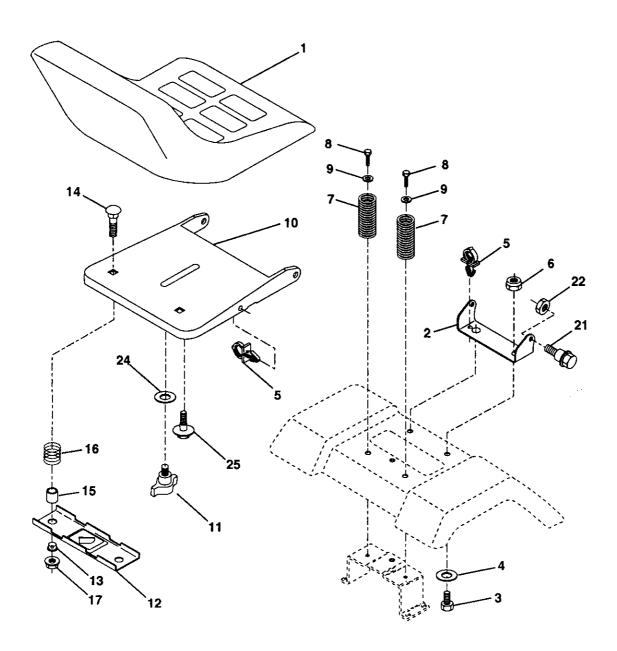


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1	162157	Control, Throttle
2	17720410	Screw, Hex Head, Thread Cutting
0		1/4-20 x 5/8
3		Engine, (See Breakdown)
	407050	Briggs Model 311707-0132-E3
4	137352	Muffler
13	165291	Gasket
14	13280324	Nipple, Pipe 3/8 NPT x 3
15	13200300	Elbow, Standard 90°, 3/8-18 NPT
16	STD551231	Washer
23	169837	Shield Brn/Dbr Guard
29	137180	Arrestor, Spark
31	109202X	Tank, Fuel
32	158990	Cap Assembly, Fuel Sears, Vented
33	123487X	Clamp, Hose
37	137040	Line, Fuel
38		Plug, Oil Drain (See Engine Breakdown)
40	124028X	Bushing, Snap, Fuel Line
44	17670412	Screw, Hex Washer Head, Thd., Roll. 1/4-20 x 3/4
45	17000612	Screw Hexwsh Thdr 3/8-16 x 3/4
46	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Gauge
62	STD551131	Washer, Lock
72	71070512	Screw Hex Hd Cap 5/16-18 x 3/4
78	17060620	Screw 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
81	73510400	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc
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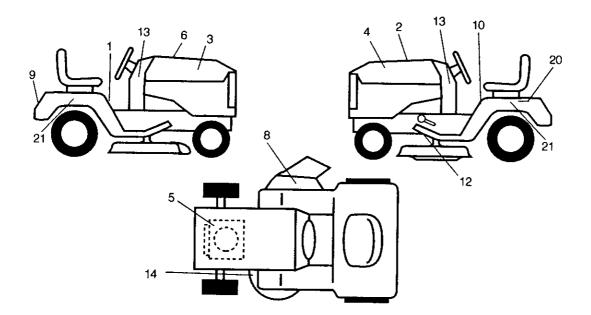
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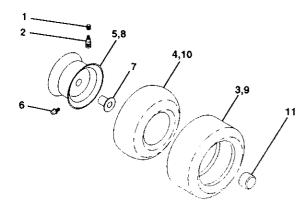


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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	140123 140551 71110616 19131610 145006 STD541437 124181X 17000616 19131614 155925 166369 121246X	Seat Bracket Pnt Pivot Seat (blk) Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 1 Washer 13/32 X 3/4 X 10 Ga Clip Push In Hinged Nut Hex Lock w/Ins 3/8-16 Unc Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi Screw 3/8-16 X 1 Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga Pan Pnt Seat (blk) Knob Seat Adj Wingnut Bracket Pnt Mounting Switch	13 14 15 16 17 21 22 24 25 NOT	121248X 72050412 134300 121250X 123976X 171852 STD541431 19171912 127018X E: All compon 1 inch = 25.	Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 ld Bolt Rdhd Sht Nk 1/4-20x1-1/2 Spacer Split 28 X 96 Zinc Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Unc-2A Nut Hex Lock w/Ins 5/16-18 Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X12Ga. Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 X 62 ent dimensions given in U.S. inches 4 mm



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10 12	156368 171760 171696 171697 165406 133644 166887 163204 156439 146046	Decal, Oper. Instr. Decal, Replacement Decal, Hood, R.H. Decal, Hood, L.H. Decal, HP Engine Decal, Customer Maintenance Decal, Deck Mower EZ Decal, Fender, Craftsman Decal, Fender Danger Decal, V-Belt Drive Schematic	13 14 20 21 	165799X428 174272	Decal, Dash Panel Decal, V-Belt Schematic Decal Battery Dngr/Psn Eng Decal, Fender Sd. Wht Decal, Lift Handle Pad Footrest LH STLT Pad Footrest RH STLT Owner's Manual, English Owner's Manual, Spanish

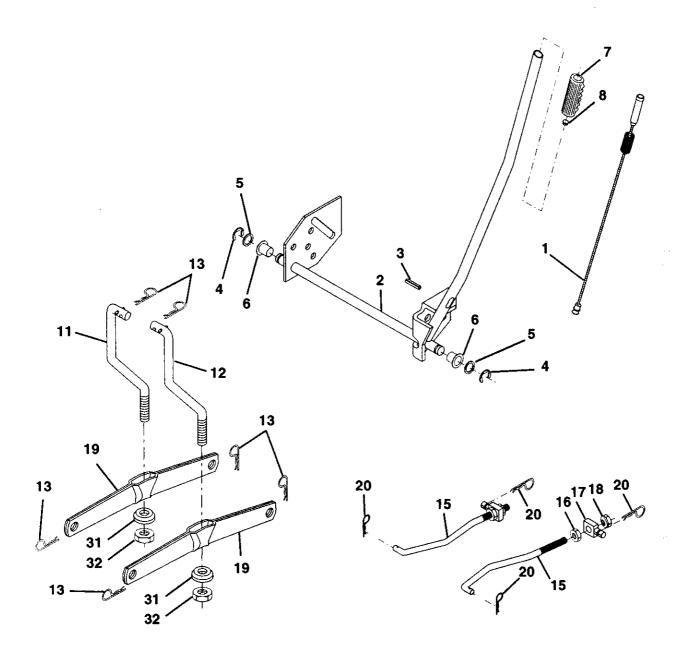
WHEELS & TIRES



KEY NO.	PART 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	122082X	Tire R Ts 20 X 10-8 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		At dimonsions given in LLC, inches

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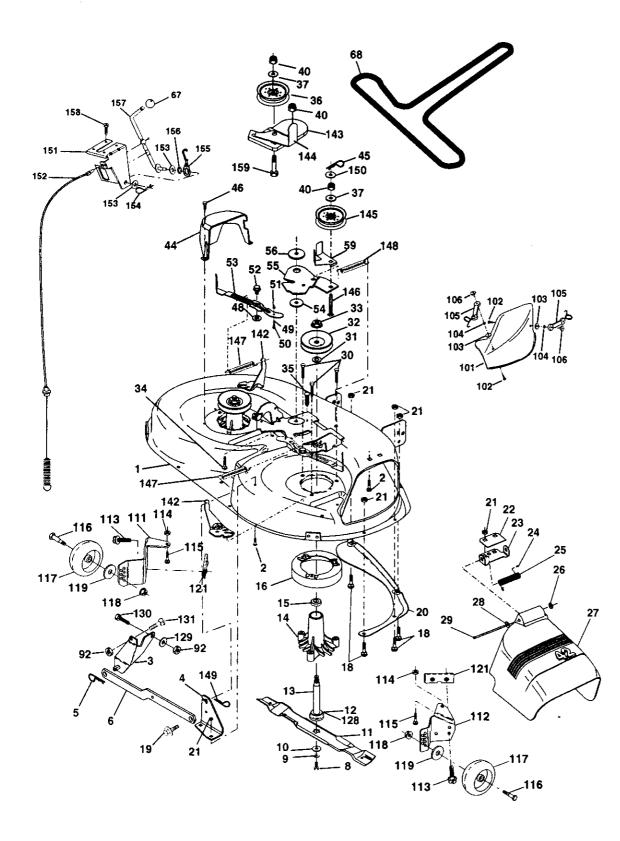
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1	159460	Washer Asm Inner Spring W/Plunger			
2	159471	Shaft Asm. Lift			
3	105767X	Pin Groove			
4	12000002	E Ring #5133-62			
5	19211621	Washer 21/32 x 1 x 21 Ga.			
6	120183X	Bearing Nylong			
7	125631X	Grip Handle Fluted			
8	122365X	Button Plunger Read			
11	139865	Link Asm Lift L.H.			
12	139866	Link Asm Lift R.H.			
13	STD624008	Retainer Spring			
15	173288	Link Front			
16	73350800	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc			
17	130171	Trunnion Blk Zinc			
18	73800800	Nut Lock w/Wsh 1/2-13 Unc			
19	139868	Arm Suspension Mower			
20	163552	Retainer Spring			
31	169865	Bearing, Pvt. Lift			
32	73540600	Nut Crownlock 3/8-24			
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MOWER DECK



TRACTOR -- MODEL NUMBER 917.270731

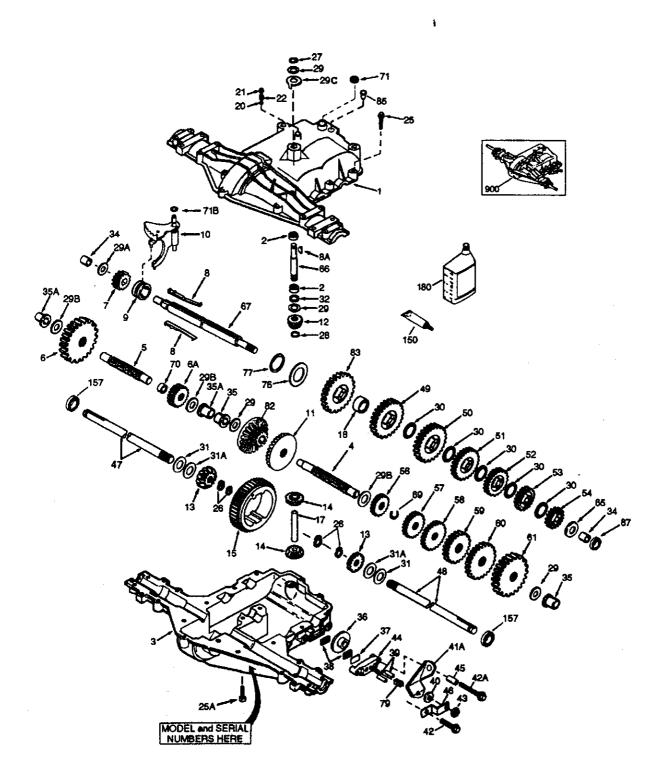
MOWER DECK

	PART			PART	
NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	165892	Mower Deck Assembly, 42"	67	149846	Knob Custom Oval
2	STD533107	Bolt	68	144959	V-Belt
3	138017	Bracket Assembly, Sway Bar,	92	STD541437	Nut
		Front	101	136420	MulcherCover
4	165460	Bracket Sway Bar 38/42" Deck	102	71161010	Screw
5	STD624008	Retainer Spring	103	19061216	Washer #10
6	130832	Arm, Suspension, Rear	104	STD551110	Washer, Lock
8	850857	Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1.25 Gr. 8	105	160793	Latch Assembly, Bagger
9	STD551137	Washer, Lock	106	2029J	Nut, Weld
10	140296	Washer, Hardened	111	155197	Bracket Gauge Wheel Lh
11 12	134149	Blade, Mulching	112	155198	Bracket Gauge Wheel Rh
13	129895	Bearing, Ball	113	17060512	Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4
13	137645	Shaft Assembly, Mandrel,	114	73510500	Nut Keps 5/16-18 Unc
14	100774	Vented (Includes Key Number 12)	115	72110504	Bolt Carr 5/16-Unc x 1/2
14 15	128774	Housing, Mandrel, Vented	116	4898H	Bolt Shoulder
16	110485X	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel	117	165746	Wheel Gauge Std
18	140329	Stripper, Vented Mower Deck	118	73930600	Nut Centerlock 3/8-16 Unc
19	72140505	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8	119	19121414	Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 4 Ga.
20	132827	Bolt, Shoulder	121	143723	Bracket Extruded Gauge Wheel
21	159770 STD541431	Baffle, Vortex	128	153390	Washer Felt
22	134753	NutCrownlock 5/16-18 UNC	129	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12Ga.
23	131267	Stiffener Bracket	130	STD523710	Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1 Gr. 5
24	105304X	Bracket, Deflector	131	STD533710	Bolt, Rdhd Sank 3/8-16UNC x1
25	123713X	Cap, Sleeve	142	165890	Arm Spring Brake Mower
26	110452X	Spring, Torsion, Deflector Nut, Push	143	157109	Bracket Arm Idler 42"
27	1309688428	Shield, Deflector	144	158634	Keeper Belt 42" Clutch Cable
28	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	145	165888	Pulley Idler Flat
29	131491	Rod, Hinge	146	165891	Bolt Carriage Idler
30	157722	Screw Thdrol Washer Head	147	131335	Spring Extension
31	129963	Washer, Spacer	148	169022	Spring Return Idler
32	153535	Pulley, Mandrel	149	165898	Retainer Spring Yellow Zinc
33	137266	Nut, Toplock, Flanged	150 151	19091216	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
34	STD533717	Bolt	152	169670 169676	Bracket Clutch
35	133835	Fastner, Christmas Tree		169674	Cable Clutch 42 In
36	131494	Pulley, Idler, Flat		169675	Washer Flat 3/8" Type B
37	STD551037	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16Ga.		169671	Spring Retainer
40	STD541437	NutCrownlock 3/8-16 UNC		169672	Spring Retention Lever
44	140088	Guard, Mandrel, L.H.		169669	Spacer Rod Clutch
45	STD624003	Retainer		17720410	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 5/8
46	137729	Screw, Thd. Roll 1/4-20 x 5/8		72140614	Bolt Rdhd Sqn 3/8-16 Unc x 3/4
48	133944	Washer, Hardened		130794	Mandrel Assembly (Includes
49	155066	Roller Assembly, Cam Follower		100704	Key Numbers 8-10, 12-15, 31
50	131340	Bolt, Shoulder #10-24 Grade 5			and 32)
51	STD541410	Locknut		169583	MowerDeck, Complete
52	139888	Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 UNC			(Standard Deck, Order
53	131845	Arm Assembly, Pad, Brake			Separately Mulcher Plate and
54		Washer, Hardened			Gauge Wheel Components, Key
55		Arm, Idler			Nos. 101-106 and 111-121)
56	165723	Spacer, Retainer		•	,
59	141043	Guard, TUV Idler	NOTE	All compone	nt dimensions given in U.S. inches

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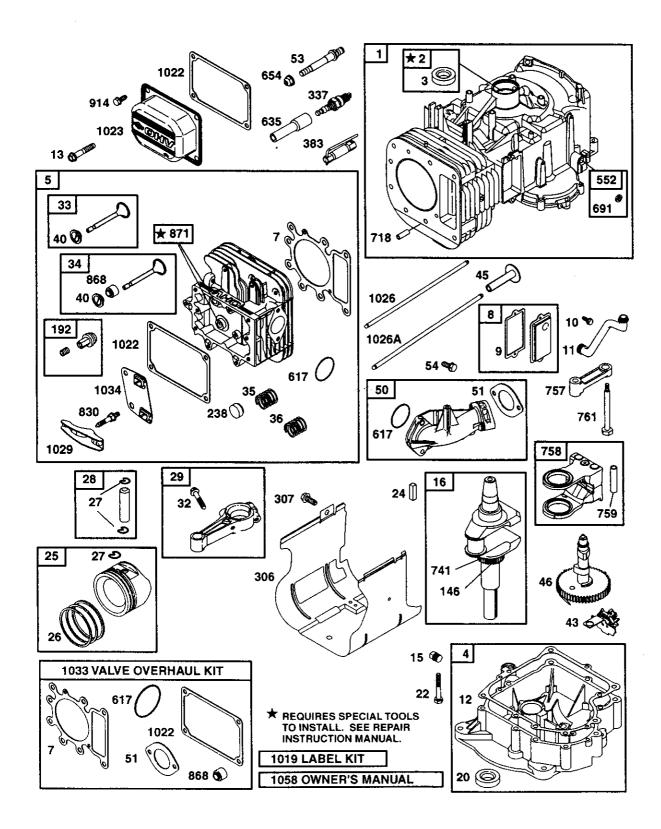
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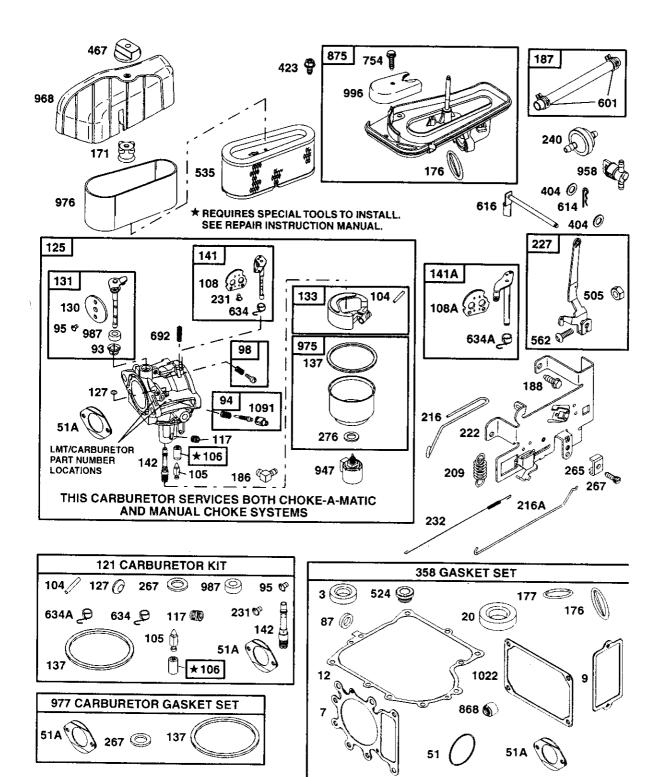
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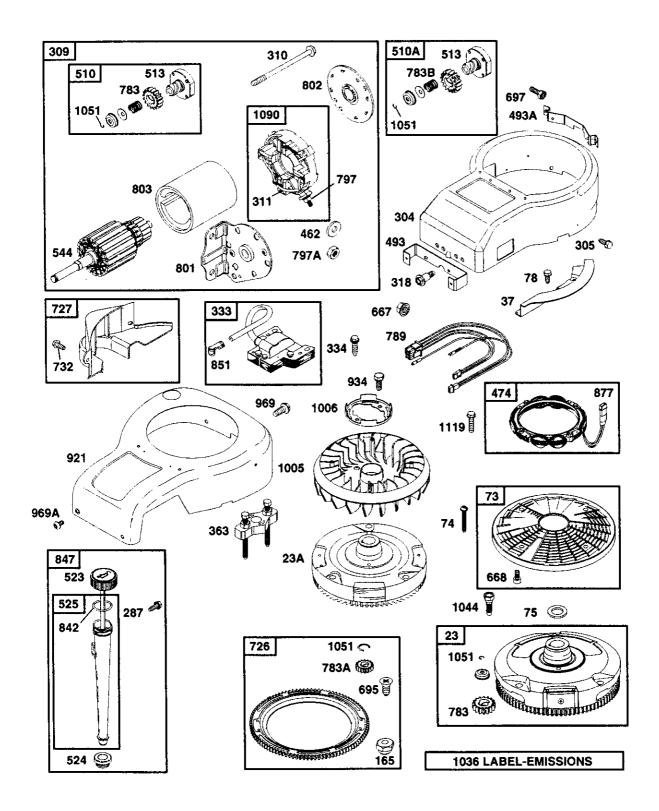


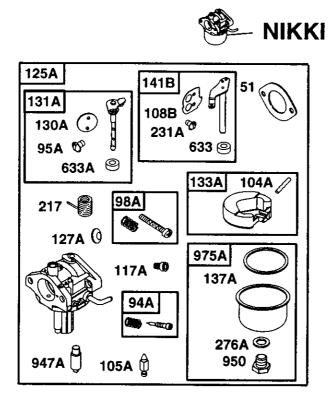
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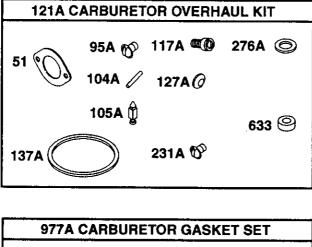
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1	772147	Transaxle Cover	41A	790079	Brake Lever
2	780086A	Needle Bearing 5/8"	42	792073A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 1-1 /4"
3	770128	Transaxle Case	42A	792085A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 2 1/4"
4	776395	Countershaft	43	792075	Locknut 5 / 16 - 24
5	776409	Output Shaft	44	790025	Brake Pad Holder
6	778364	Spur Gear (38 teeth)	45	786066	Spacer .2625 x 1.0
6A 7	778369	Spur Gear (15 teeth)	46	786086	Brake Lever Bracket
8	778330 792180	Spur Gear (11 teeth)	47	774690	Axle (11-15 / 16" Long)
8A	792047	Shift Key	48	774691	Axle (16 - 1 / 2" long)
9	784352	Woodruff Key #9 Shift Collar	49 50	778356	Spur Gear (29 teeth)
10	784378	Shift Rod & Fork	50 51	778338 778354	Spur Gear (27 teeth)
11	778334	Bevel Gear (30 teeth)	52	778352	Spur Gear (23 teeth)
12	778309	Input Bevel Pinion (13 teeth)	53	778350	Spur Gear (19 teeth) Spur Gear (16 teeth)
13	778368	Bevel Gear (13 teeth)(Include, 14)	54	778346	Spur Gear (15 teeth)
14	778368	Bevel Pinion (13 teeth)(Include, 13)	56	778355	Spur Gear (11 teeth)
15	778370	Ring Gear (43 teeth)	57	778337	Spur Gear (13 teeth)
17	786188	Drive Pin	58	778353	Spur Gear (17 teeth)
18	786102	Spacer 1.130 X .695	59	778351	Spur Gear (21 teeth)
20	792077A	Ball 5/16" dia	60	778349	Spur Gear (24 teeth)
21	792078	Set Screw 3/8 - 16 x 3/8"	61	778345	Spur Gear (25 teeth)
22	792079	Spring .310 OD x .625 L	65	780189	Flat Washer .563 ID x .062W
25	792073A	Screw 1/4 - 20 x 1-1/4"	66	776422	Input Shaft
25A	792177	Screw 1/4-20 x 1-3/8"	67	776396	Shifter & Brake Shaft
26 27	792125	Retaining Ring (pkg of 2)	69	792170	Retaining Ring
28	792035 788040	Retaining Ring	70	786187	Spacer .890
29	780072	Retaining Ring Thrust Washer .627 ID x.031W	71 71B	788069	Square Cut Ring
29A	780160	Thrust Washer .762 ID x.031W	76	788092 780090	*O" Ring
29B	780051	Thrust Washer .762 ID x.031W	77	788078A	Flat Washer 1.128 ID x .058W
29C	780199	Anti-Rotation Washer .632	79	792144	Inverted Retaining Ring Spring .430 OD x .5000 L
30	780108	Cup Washer 1.127 ID x .032W	82	778333	Bevel & Spur Gear (30 & 13 teeth)
31	780001	Flat Washer .750 ID x .056W	83	778338	Spur Gear (27 teeth)
		(Use As Needed)	85	792154	Oil Fill Plug
31A	780195	Flat Washer .750 ID x .062W	87	788089A	Oil Seal 9 / 16"
32	788083	Oil Seal 5/8"	150	788093A	Liquid Gasket RTV Silicone
34	780194	Bushing .563	157	788088A	Oil Seal 3 /4"
35	780193	Flanged Bushing 5 / 8" ID	180	730229A	Gear Oil 80W90
35A	780197	Flanged Bushing .751	900	794712	Replacement MST - 206-545C
36	790075	Brake Disk			Transaxle
37	790007	Brake Pad Plate			
38	799021	Brake Pad (pkg of 2)	NOTE	: All compon	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches
39 40	786026	Dowel Pin		1 inch = 25.	.4 mm
40	792076 A	Flat Washer .312 ID x .059W			

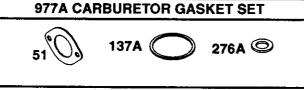












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1 690156 2 399265 3 391086 ★ 4 494238 5 690188 7 692410 ★+ 8 495735 9 27803 ★ 10 691666 11 691328 12 271916 ★ 271997 ★	Cylinder Assembly Bushing/Seal Kit Seal-Oil Sump-Engine Head-Cylinder Gasket-Cylinder Head Breather Assembly Gasket-Breather Screw (Breather Assembly) Tube-Breather Gasket-Crankcase (.015 Thick, Std.) Gasket-Crankcase (.005	108 690464 Valve-Choke (Manual Choke) 108A 692344 Valve-Choke (Choke A Matic) 108B 695419 Choke Valve 117 692408 Jet- Main (Standard) 692411 Jet- Main (High Altitude) 117A 695415 Jet-Main (High Altitude) 117A 695416 Jet-Main (High Altitude) 121 690191 Carburetor Overhaul Kit 125 690194 Carburetor 125A 695412 Carburetor 127 — Plug-Welch (Sold in Kit Only) 127A 690727 Plug-Welch
271997 🗴	Thick) Gasket-Crankcase (.009	130 224539 Valve-Throttle 130A 695418 Valve-Throttle
13 690360 15 94239 16 690136 20 291675 * 22 692125 23 693557 23A 492326 24 2226	Thick) Screw (Cylinder Head) Plug-Oil Drain Crankshaft Seal-Oil Screw (Crankcase Cover) Flywheel (Steel Ring Gear) Flywheel (Plastic Ring Gear)	131494379Throttle Shaft Kit131A695421Throttle Shaft Kit133494381Float-Carburetor133A694914Float-Carburetor137281165 ● Gasket-Float Bowl137A695426 ● Gasket-Float Bowl141495097Choke Shaft Kit (Man. Choke)141A495931Choke Shaft Kit (Choke-A-
24 222698 25 692271 692272 692273	Key-Flywheel Piston Assembly (Std.) Piston Assembly (.010 O.S.) Piston Assembly (.020 O.S.)	Matic) 141B 695420 Choke Shaft Kit 142 692412 ● Nozzle-Carburetor 146 94196 Key-Timing
692274 26 690162 690164 690166	Piston Assembly (.030 O.S.) Ring Set, Piston (Std.) Ring Set (.010 O.S.) Ring Set (.020 O.S.)	165 693148 Nut (Ring Gear) 167 281051 Air Cleaner Stud Seal 176 281106 ★ O-Ring Seal (Air Cleaner Base) 186 493496 Connector-Hose
690168 27 691299 28 498319 498320	Ring Set (.030 O.S.) Lock-Piston Pin Pin Assembly, Piston (Std.) Pin Assembly-Piston (.005	187298049Line-Fuel (Cut to Required Length)18894929Screw (Control Bracket)192492160Adjuster- Rocker Arm202262767Link-Choke
29 692419 499940	O.S.) Rod-Connecting (Std.) Rod-Connecting (.020 U.S.)	202 262767 Link-Choke 209 260695 Spring- Governor 216 262766 Link-Choke
32 692852 33 495856 34 495857 35 691279 36 691279 37 690456 40 224641 43 490815 45 690564 46 692421 48 692706 50 690193 51 273650 53 690227 54 691148 73 494439 74 94821 75 225136 78 94896 93 690902 94 498030 94A 695425 95 94098 ●	Screw (Connecting Rod) Valve-Exhaust Valve-Intake Spring- Valve (Intake) Spring-Valve (Exhaust) Guard-Flywheel Retainer- Valve Governor-Oil Slinger Tappet- Valve Camshaft Short Block Manifold- Intake Gasket-Intake Stud (Carburetor) Screw (Intake Manifold) Screen-Rotating Screw (Rotating Screen) Washer (Flywheel Screw	 217 695409 Choke Return Spring 222 694042 Bracket- Control 227 691374 Lever-Governor Control 231 94098 Screw (Choke Valve) 231A 690718 Screw (Choke Valve) 232 262785 Spring-Link 238 262836 Cap- Valve 240 394358 Filter-Fuel 265 221535 Clamp-Casing 267 695134 Screw (Casing Clamp) 276 281164 ● Sealing Washer 276A 695410 ● Sealing Washer 287 94903 Screw (Dipstick Tube) 304 690497 Housing-Blower 305 690969 Screw (Blower Housing) 306 690499 Shield-Cylinder 307 94930 Screw (Cylinder Shield) ★ Included in Engine Gasket Set, Ref Number 358. Included in Carburetor Overhaul Kit, Ref Number 121 and 121A. Included in Carburetor Gasket Set, Ref Number 977.
95A 690718 ● 98 495800 98A 695408 104 690525 ● 104A 694918 ● 105 231855 ● 105A 695424 ● 106 231854 ●	Screw (Throttle Valve) Kit-Idle Speed Kit-Idle Speed Pin-Float Hinge Pin-Float Hinge Valve-Float Needle Valve-Float Needle Seat-Inlet	 Included in Value Overhaul Kit, Ref Number 1033. NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S. inches 1 inch = 25.4 mm
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309 (693551	Motor-Starter (For Steel Ring	783B 693058	Gear-Pinion (For Plastic Ring Gear Only)
	497595	Gear Only) Motor-Starter (For Plastic Ring Gear Only)	789 695050 797 693167	Harness- Wiring Nut (Brush Retainer)
	690323 497608	Screw (Starter Motor) Brush Set	797A 92278 801 691429	Nut (Brush Retainer) Cap-Drive
	692127 495859	Screw (Mounting Bracket) Armature- Magneto	802 497607 803 691427	Cap-End Housing-Starter
334 9	94731	Screw (Magneto Armature)	830 691095 842 270920 ★	Stud (Rocker Arm)
358 6	491055 690189	Spark Plug Gasket Set	847 496415	Dipstick/Tube Seal Dipstick/Tube Assembly
	19203 89838	Flywheel Puller Wrench-Spark Plug	851 692424 868 690968 ☆+	Terminal-Sparkplug Seal- Valve
404 9	94927 496894	Washer (Governor Crank) Filter- A/C Cartridge	871 262835 875 693686	Bushing-Guide Base- Air Cleaner
462 2	225137	Washer (Starter Cable)	877 393456	Wire-Alternator
	493903 393474	Knob-Air Cleaner Alternator	914 690969 921 692493	Screw (Rocker Cover) Cover-Blower Housing
493 (690493	Bracket-Mounting (Front)	934 94627 947 497672	Screw (Fan Retainer) Solenoid-Fuel
505 (690494 691251	Bracket-Mounting (Rear) Nut (Governor Control Lever)	947A 695423	Solenoid-Fuel
510 (693699	Drive- Starter (Use With Steel Ring Gear Only)	950 695407 967 272403	Float Bowl Screw Filter-Pre Cleaner
510A	497606	Drive- Starter (Use With	968 692502 969 690969	Cover, Air Cleaner Screw (Blower Housing
	398003	Plastic Ring Gear Only) Clutch-Drive		Cover)
	495230 281370 ★	Dipstick Dipstick Tube Seal	969A 690365	Screw (Blower Housing Cover)
525 (544)	691398 497603	Dipstick Tube Armature-Starter	971 692129 975 495933	Screw (Air Cleaner Base) Bowl-Float
552	491986	Bushing-Gov. Lever	975A 695417	Bowl-Float
601	691119 95162	Bolt (Governor Control Lever) Clamp-Hose	977 690192 977A 695428	Gasket Set-Carburetor Gasket Set-Carburetor
	93306 495157	Pin-Cotter Crank-Governor	987 691326 ● 996 690678	Seal-Throttle Shaft Carburetor Shield
617		O-Ring Seal (Intake Manifold)	1005 281400 1006 690452	Fan-Flywheel Retainer-Fan
633	690998 🔴	Choke/Throttle Shaft Seal Choke/Throttle Shaft Seal	1019 690180	Label Kit
634	690801 ●	Seal/Spring Assembly (Manual Choke)	1022 272475 *+ 1023 692492	Gasket-Rocker Cover Cover-Rocker
634A	690802 ●	Seal/Spring Assy. (Choke A Matic)	1026 494432 1026A 495136	Rod-Push (Intake) Rod-Push (Exhaust)
	280872	Boot- Spark Plug	1029 224554 1033 690190	Arm-Rocker Valve Overhaul Kit
667	94010 94010	Nut (Carburetor) Nut (Air Cleaner Brace)	1034 690822	Guide-Push Rod
	805402 491323 ☆	Spacer Seal-Governor Shaft	1036 694497 1044 94673	Label-Emission Screw (Flywheel)
	690572 693109	Spring-Detent Screw (Ring Gear)	1051 263080 1058 274271	Ring-Retainer Owner's Manual
697	690372	Screw (Starter Motor)	1090 497605	Retainer-Brush
718	690703 230192	Screw (Carburetor Shield) Pin-Locating	1091 691333 1119 93621	Cap-Limiter Screw (Alternator)
726	399676	Gear Ring (Aluminum- Services Plastic Ring Gear	— — 311707-00	028-E1 Replacement Engine
	490324 94903	Only) Cover- Starter Drive Screw (Starter Drive Cover)	RPM Settings:	Low Speed: 1900-2100 High Speed: 3000-3200
741 757	691284 213998	Gear-Timing Link-Counterweight	358.	Engine Gasket Set, Ref Number
759	692423 691239	Counterweight Pin-Counterweight	Number 121	
	691096 693713	Screw (Counterweight) Gear-Pinion (For Steel Ring	 Included in Number 977 	Carburetor Gasket Set, Ref
	693059	Gear Only) Gear-Pinion (For Aluminum		Value Overhaul Kit, Ref Number
		Ring Gear Only)		nent dimensions given in U.S. 25.4 mm

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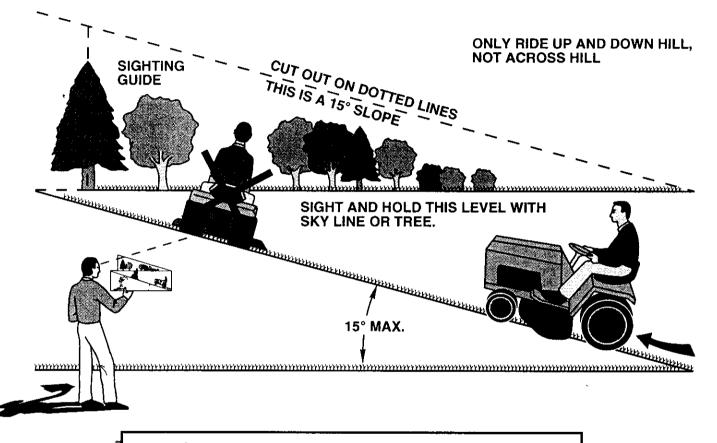
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