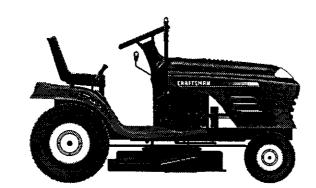
Owner's Manual



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

Model No. 917.271633





- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Repair Parts



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

CAUTION:

Read and follow all Safety Rules and Instructions before operating this equipment. For answers to your questions about this product, Call: **1-800-659-5917** Sears Crattsman Help Line 5 am - 5 pm, Mon - Sat

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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 returning 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. A product is "used for commercial purpose" if is used for any purpose other than single family household dwellings or in usage where profit is made.

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 returning 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.

I. GENERAL OPERATION

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

II. SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to loss-ofcontrol 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.

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SAFETY RULES

III. CHILDREN

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

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

IV. SERVICE

- Use extra care in handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive.
 - Use only an approved container.
 Never remove gas cap or add fuel
 - with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke.
 - Never refuel the machine indoors.
 Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as a water heater.

- Never run a machine inside a closed area.
- Keep nuts and bolts, especially blade attachment bolts, tight and keep equipment in good condition.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up. Clean oil or fuel spillage. Allow machine to cool before storing.
- Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object. Repair, if necessary, before restarting.
- Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.
- Grass catcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. Frequently check components and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary.
- Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.



- 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.

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- 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.
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A Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means CAUTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!! 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: Engine exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

AWARNING: Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:		
OIL TYPE (API-SF - SJ):	SAE 30 (ABO SAE 5W-30 (BELOW 32°)	
OIL CAPACITY:	3.0 PINTS	
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .030")	CHAMPION	RC12YC
GROUND SPEE FORWARD:	1ST 1 2ND 1 3RD 2 4TH 3 5TH 4	1.3 5.5
TIRE PRESSUR	E: FRONT:1 REAR: 1	
CHARGING SYSTEM:	3 AMPS BAT 5 AMPS HEA	
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 2 MIN. CCA: 1 CASE SIZE: U	90
BLADE BOLT TO	RQUE: 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. Should you experience any problem you

cannot easily remedy, please contact a Sears or other qualified service center. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this tractor.

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

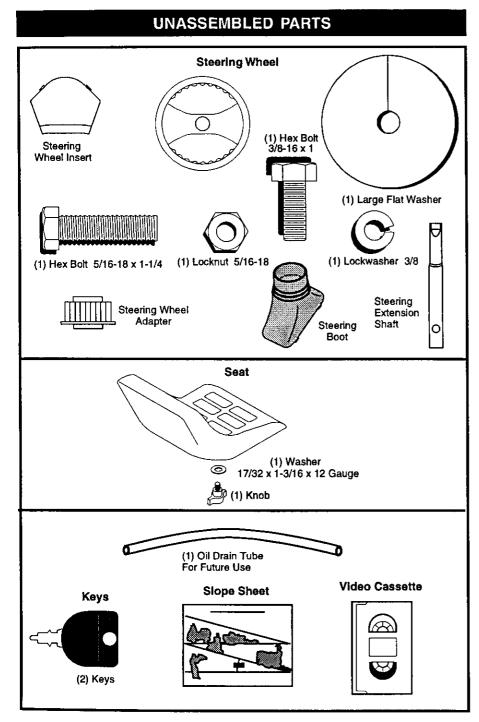
REPAIR AGREEMENT

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 maintain-
- ing, caring for and using your tractor. • Follow the instructions under "Mainte-
- Pollow 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 Sears service center (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).



ASSEMBLY

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

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

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

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

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

TO REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON

UNPACK CARTON

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

BEFORE REMOVING TRACTOR FROM SKID

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL

ASSEMBLE EXTENSION SHAFT AND BOOT

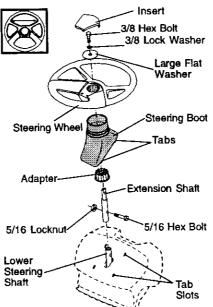
 Slide extension shaft onto lower steering shaft. Align mounting holes in extension and lower shafts and install 5/16 hex bolt and locknut. Tighten securely.

IMPORTANT: Tighten bolt and nut securely to 18-22 ft. lbs torque.

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

INSTALL STEERING WHEEL

- 3. 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.



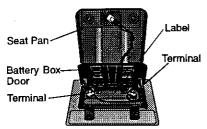
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- 8. Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

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

1. Lift seat pan to raised position and open battery box door.

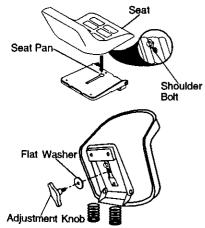
NOTE: If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps. (See "BATTERY" in Maintenance section of this manual for charging instructions).



INSTALL SEAT

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment knob.

- 1. Remove adjustment knob and flat washer securing seat to cardboard packing and set aside for assembly of seat to tractor.
- 2. Pivot seat upward and remove from the cardboard packing. Remove the cardboard packing and discard.
- Place seat on seat pan so head of shoulder bolt is positioned over large slotted hole in pan.
- Push down on seat to engage shoulder bolt in slot and pull seat towards rear of tractor.
- 5. Pivot seat and pan forward and assemble adjustment knob and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- 6. Lower seat into operating position and sit in seat.
- Slide seat until a comfortable position is reached which allows you to press clutch/brake pedal all the way down.
- 8. Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- 9. 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 ROLLTRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section for location and function of controls)

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

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

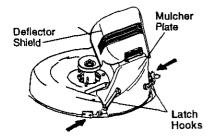
AWARNING: Before starting, read, understand and follow all instructions in the Operation section of this manual. Be sure tractor is in a well-ventilated area. Be sure the area in front of tractor is clear of other people and objects.

- 1. Be sure all the above assembly steps have been completed.
- 2. 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.
- 4. 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.
- gearshift lever to 1st gear. 8. 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.
- 10. Turn ignition key to "OFF" position.
- Continue with the instructions that follow.

INSTALL MULCHER PLATE

(if previously removed)

- 1. Raise and hold deflector shield in upright position.
- Place front of mulcher plate over front 2. of mower deck opening and slide into place, as shown. Hook front latch into hole on front of
- 3 mower deck.
- Hook rear latch into hole on back of 4 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 beit 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.

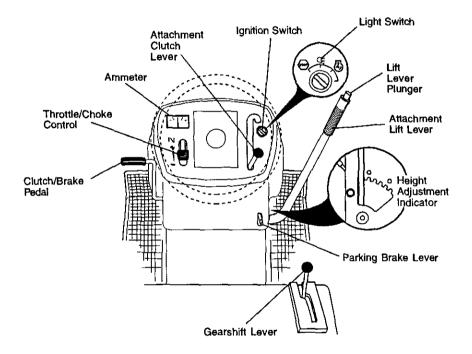






KNOW YOUR TRACTOR READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TRACTOR

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.

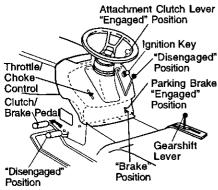


The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your tractor or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend a wide vision safety mask over spectacles or standard safety 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-
- 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)
- Move gearshift lever to ne 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. **IMPORTANT:** Leaving the ignition switch in any position other than "OFF" will cause the battery to be discharged, (dead).

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

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

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL

Always operate engine at full throttle.

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

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD

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

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

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

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT

The position of the attachment lift lever

- determines the cutting height.
- Grasp lift lever.
- Press plunger with thumb and move lever to desired position.

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

Never use choke to stop engine.

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

TO OPERATE MOWER

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

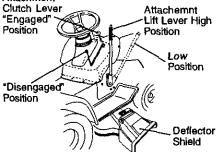
- 1. Select desired height of cut.
- 2. Start mower blades by engaging attachment clutch control.

TO STOP MOWER BLADES

disengage attachment clutch control.

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

Attachment



TO OPERATE ON HILLS

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

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

- To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Make all turns slowly.

TO TRANSPORT

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

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

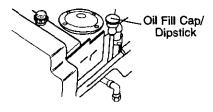
TOWING CARTS AND OTHER ATTACH-MENTS

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

BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL

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

- 1. 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.

AWARNING: 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.
- 3. Move attachment clutch to "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- 4. Move throttle control to choke position.

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

5. 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)

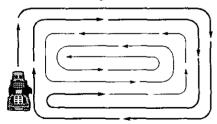
- When engine starts, move the throttle control to the fast position.
- The attachments and ground drive can now be used. If the engine does not accept the load, restart the engine and allow it to warm up for one minute using the choke as described above.

COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

- 6. 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 attitude (above 3000 feet) or in cold temperatures (below 32 F) the carburetor fuel mixture may need to be adjusted for best engine performance. See "TO ADJUST CARBURETOR" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

MOWINGTIPS

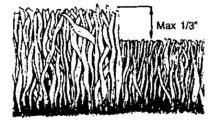
- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to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

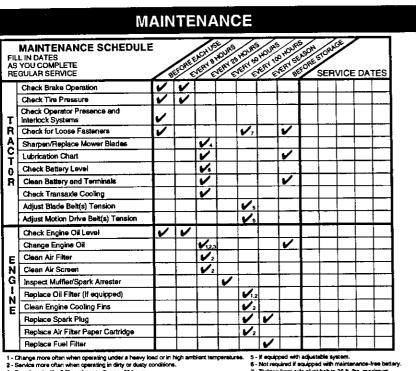


MULCHING MOWING TIPS

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.





If equipped with oil filter, change oil every 50 hours.
 Beclace blades more often when moving 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.

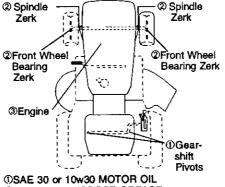
· Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check blades and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

BEFORE EACH USE

- 1. Check engine oil level,
- Check brake operation. 2.
- 3. Check tire pressure.
- Check operator presence and 4. interlock systems for proper operation.
- 5. Check for loose fasteners.

If equipped with adjustable system. Not required if equipped with maintenance-free bettery Tighten front axie pivot bolt to 35 h.-lbs. maximum. Do not overtightan.

LUBRICATION CHART



©GENERAL 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 17 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.

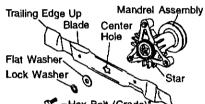
BLADE REMOVAL

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

IMPORTANT: To ensure proper assembly, center hole in blade must align with star on mandrel assembly.

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

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

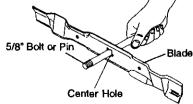
NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening blade - but if you do, be sure the blade is balanced.

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.

- 1. Open battery box door.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- 3. Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.
- 4. 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.

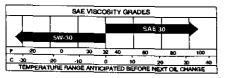
TRANSAXLE COOLING

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- SJ. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature.



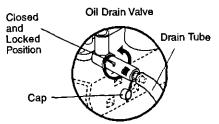
NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W30, 10W30 etc.) improve starting in cold weather, these multi-viscosity oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F. Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil.

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-SJ.

- Be sure tractor is on level surface.
- · Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- · Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove oil fill cap/dipstick. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when changing oil.
- Remove cap from end of drain valve and install the drain tube onto the fitting.
- 3. Unlock drain valve by pushing inward slightly and turning counterclockwise.
- 4. To open, pull out on the drain valve.
- After oil has drained completely, close and lock the drain valve by pushing inward and turning clockwise until the pin is in the locked position as shown.
- 6. Remove the drain tube and replace the cap onto to the end of the drain valve.
- Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill. For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. Be sure dipstick cap is tightened securely for accurate reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick.



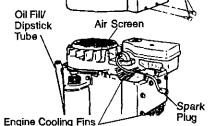
CLEAN AIR SCREEN

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 oil fill cap/dipstick. 1.
- Remove hex bolts from blower 2. housing and lift housing off engine.
- 3 Cover oil fill opening to prevent entry of dirt.
- Use compressed air or stiff bristle 4. brush to thoroughly clean engine cooling fins.
- To reassemble, reverse above 5. procedure.

Blower Housing Hex Bolts-



Hex

Bolts

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.

- 1. Remove knob(s) and cover.
- TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER
- Slide foam pre-cleaner off cartridge. 2.
- 3. Wash it in liquid detergent and water.
- 4. Squeeze it dry in a clean cloth.

5. Saturate it in engine oil. Wrap it in clean, absorbent cloth and squeeze to remove excess oil.

NOTE: If very dirty or damaged, replace pre-cleaner.

- 6. Reinstall pre-cleaner over cartridge.
- Reinstall cover and secure with 7. knob(s).

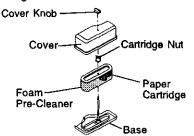
TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

- 1. Remove cartridge nut.
- Carefully remove cartridge to prevent 2. debris from entering carburetor. Clean base carefully to prevent debris
- from entering carburetor. Clean cartridge by tapping gently on 3. flat surface.

NOTE: If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.

4. 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 1. plug fuel line sections.
- 2 Place new fuel filter in position in fuel line with arrow pointing towards 20
 - carburetor.

- 3. Be sure there are no fuel line leaks and clamps are properly positioned.
- 4. Immediately wipe up any spilled gasoline.

CLEANING

Clean engine, battery, seat, finish, etc. of all foreign matter.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

- 1. Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.
- 2. Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- 3. Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Turn ignition key "OFF" and remove key.
 Make sure the blades and all moving parts have completely stopped.
- 6. 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. 1. Place attachment clutch in "DISEN-GAGED" position.
- 2. 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 5 collar off and push housing guide out of bracket.
- 6. Disconnect anti-swaybar from chassis bracket by removing retainer spring.
- 7. Disconnect suspension arms from rear deck brackets by removing retainer springs.
- 8. Disconnect front links from deck by

9. Raise lift lever to raise suspension arms. Slide mower out from under tractor.

Keep finished surfaces and wheels free

Protect painted surfaces with automo-

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

of all gasoline, oil, etc.

tive type wax.

engine life.

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

TO INSTALL MOWER

- 1. Raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Slide mower under tractor with 2. deflector shield to right side of tractor.
- Lower lift lever to its lowest position. 3.
- 4. Install mower in reverse order of removal instructions.
- removing retainer springs. Square Hole Suspension Arms Small Retainer Spring **Engine Pulley Clutch Spring** ---- Front Link Â. **Retainer Spring** Anti-Sway Bar Retainer Springs Collar (Both Sides) Housing Guide Bracket Large Retainer Spring 21

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

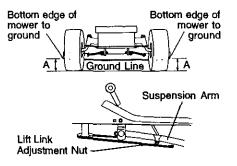
Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

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
- 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 adjust-

ing.



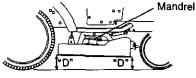
FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT

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.

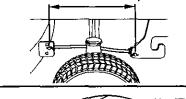
To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

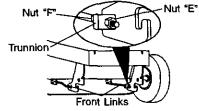
Check adjustment on right side of tractor. Measure distance "D" directly in front and behind the mandrel at bottom edge of mower housing as shown.

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length.
- 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

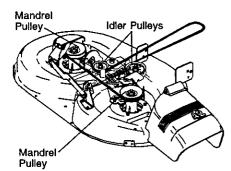
The mower blade drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

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.
- 3. Pull belt away from mower.

BELT INSTALLATION -

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



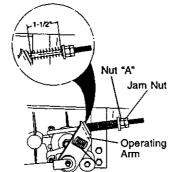
TO ADJUST BRAKE

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 on a level dry concrete or paved surface, then brake must be adjusted.

- 1. 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 a Sears or other gualified service center.

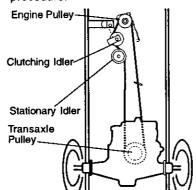
With Parking Brake "Engaged"



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.)
- 2. Remove belt from stationary idler and clutching idler.
- 3. 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.
- 5. Install new belt by reversing above procedure.



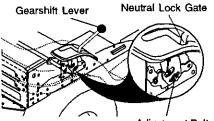
TRANSAXLE GEAR SHIFT LEVER NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENT

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:

1. 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.

4. 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 toein or camber, contact a Sears or other qualified service center.

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS

- 1. Block up axle securely.
- Remove axle cover, retaining ring and washers to allow wheel removal (rear wheel contains a square key - Do not lose).

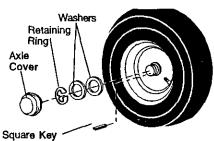
3. Repair tire and reassemble.

NOTE: On rear wheels only: align grooves in rear wheel hub and axle. insert square key.

4. Replace washers and snap retaining ring securely in axle groove.

5. 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.



(Rear Wheel Only)

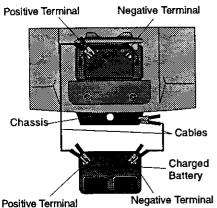
TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY

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 vehical 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 -

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



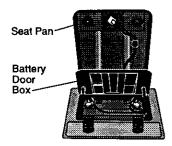
Positive terminal

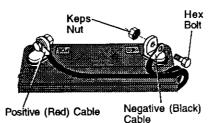
REPLACING BATTERY

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 grounding.

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





TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

- 1. Raise hood.
- 2. Pull buib 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.
- 4. Close hood.

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

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

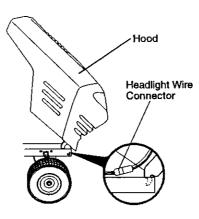
Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section.

TO REPLACE FUSE

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

TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL

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

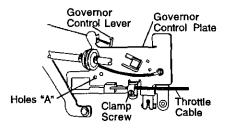


ENGINE

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

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

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



TO ADJUST CARBURETOR

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

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

PRELIMINARY SETTING -

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

FINAL SETTING -

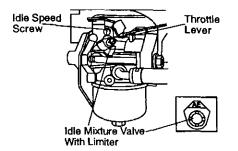
- Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes. Make final adjustments with engine running and shift/motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move throttle control lever to slow position. With finger, rotate and hold throttle lever against idle speed screw. Turn idle speed screw to attain 1750 RPM.
- 3. 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 a Sears or other qualified service center, 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.

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

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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).
- 3. 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.
- 5. 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 TERMI-NALS" 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.

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FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: It is important to prevent gum deposites from forming in essential fuel system parts such as carburetor, fuel hose, or tank during storage. Also, experiance 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 and engine while in storage.

- 1. 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)

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

OTHER

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

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

TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	 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
	 Loose or damaged wiring. Carburetor out of adjustment. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	 fuel filter. 8. Check all wiring. 9. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. 10. Contact a a Sears or other qualified service center.
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 a a Sears or other qualified service center.
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 a Sears or other qualified service center.
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.

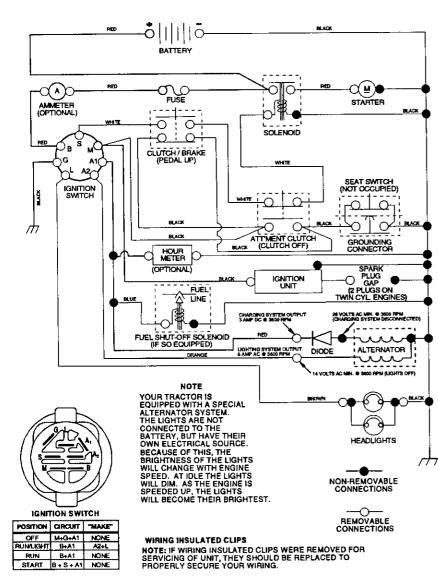
TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
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. Spark plug wire loose. 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. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. Clean/replace muffler. Check all wiring. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. Contact a a Sears or other qualified service center.
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	1. Faulty operator-safety presence control system.	1. Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact a Sears or other qualified service center.
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.

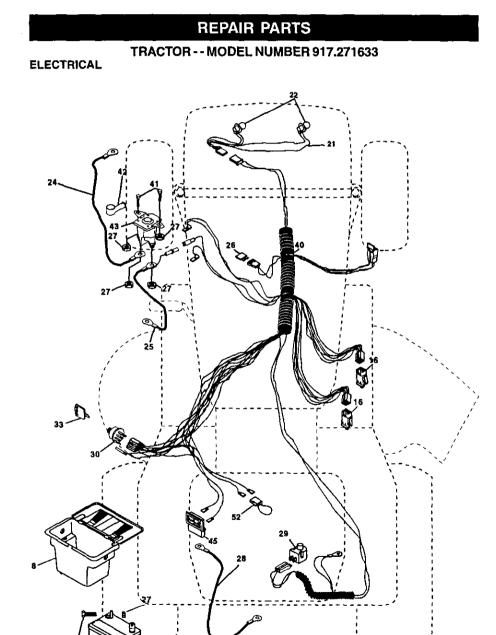
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PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Mower blades will not rotate	 Obstruction in clutch mechanism. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. Frozen idler pulley. Frozen blade mandrel. 	 Remove obstruction. Replace mower drive belt. Replace idler pulley. Replace blade mandrel.
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. Replace with blades sharp edge down. Replace with blades listed in this manual. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	 Switch is "OFF". Bulb(s) or lamp(s) burned out. Faulty light switch. Loose or damaged wiring. Blown fuse. 	 Turn switch "ON". Replace bulb(s) or lamp(s). Check/replace light switch. Check wiring and connections. Replace fuse.
Battery will not charge	 Bad battery cell(s). Poor cable connections. Faulty regulator (if so equipped). Faulty alternator. 	 Replace battery. Check/clean all connections. Replace regulator. Replace alternator.
Engine"backfires" when turning engine "OFF"	 Engine throttle control not set at "SLOW" position for 30 seconds before stopping engine. 	 Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine.

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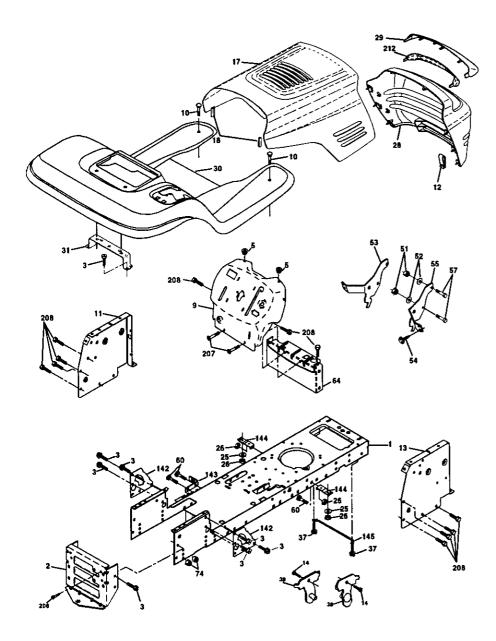
ELECTRICAL

	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	144925	Battery 12 VOLT 25 AMP
2	74760412	Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc x 3/4
8	156417	Case Battery
16	153664	Switch, Interlock Push-In
21	175688	Hamess Asm Light W/4152j
22	4152J	Bulb Light #1156
24	4799J	Cable Battery 6 Ga 11" red
25	146147	Cable Battery 6 Ga w/16 wire red
26	175158	Fuse 20 AMP
27	73510400	Nut, Keps Hex 1/4-20 UNC
28	4207J	Cable Ground 6 Ga 12" black
29	121305X	Switch Plunger Nc Gray
30	175566	Switch Ign
33	140403	Key Ign Molded Craftsman
40	178437	Hamess Ign
41	71110408	Bolt Blk. Fin Hex 1/4-20 Unc x 1/2
42	131563	Cover Terminal Red
43	178861	Solenoid
45	121433X	Ammeter Rectangular 6 Amp
52	141940	Protection Wire Loop

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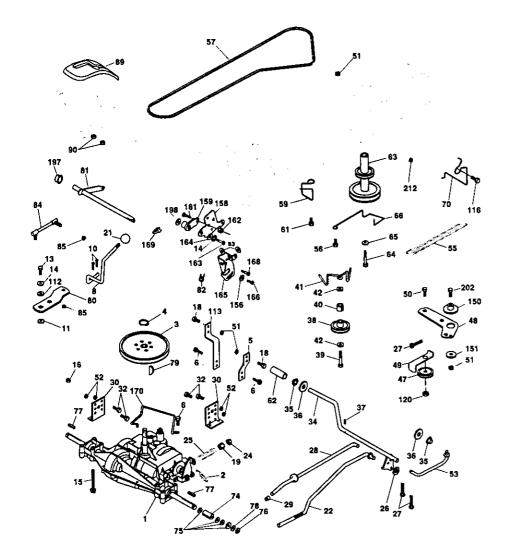
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VEV	PART	
NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	174619	Chassis
2	176554	Drawbar
3	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
5	155272	Bumper Hood/Dash
9	168337X013	Dash.
10	STD533710	Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 1
11	155927	Panel, Dash, L.H.
12	145660	Clip Tinnerman Grille P/L
13	172107X010	
- 14	17490608	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1/2
17	144983X558	Hood Assembly
18	126938X	BumperHood
25	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Gauge
26	STD541437	Nut, Lock Hex W/Ins. 3/8-16 UNC
28	178987X558	
29	155217X599	
30	174738X558	
31	139976	Bracket, Fender Support
37	17490508	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2 TYT
38	175710	Bracket Asm Pivot
51	73800400	Nut Lock w/insert 1/4-20 UNC
52	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
53	145201	Bracket Grille Pickoff LH
54	161464	Screw Hex WSHD 8-18 x 7/8
55	45202	Bracket Gritte Pickoff RH
57	STD522507	Bolt, Fin Hex 1/4-20 UNC x .75
60	STD533707	Bolt Rahd Sank 3/8-16 UNC x 3/4
64	154798	DashLowerSTLT
74	STD541437	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC
142	165867	Plate Reinforcement STLT
143	154966	Bracket Swaybar Chassis
144	175582	Bracket Footrest
145	156524	Rod Pivot Chassis/Hood
206	170165	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 TT
207	17670508	Screw Thdrol 5/8-18 x 1/2
208	17670608	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1/2
212	165919	Insert Lens Reflective
	5479J	Plug, Button

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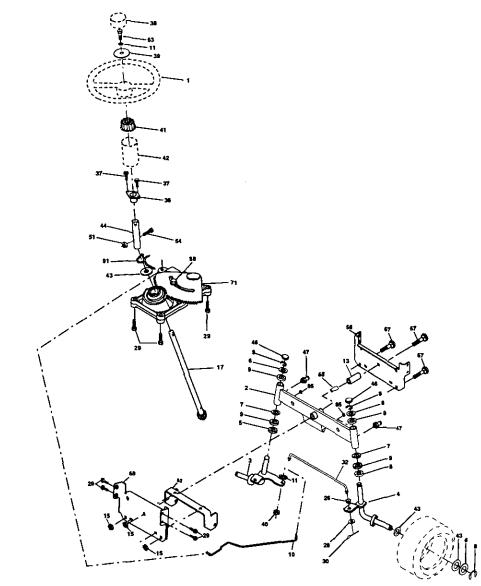


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GROUND DRIVE

KEV	PART		KEY	PART	
NO.		DESCRIPTION	NO.		DESCRIPTION
1		Transaxle (See Breakdown)	62	8883F3	Cover Pedal Blk Round
•		Dana D4360-140	ឆ	175410	Pulley Eng
2	146682	Spring Return Brake T/a Zinc	64	71170764	Bolt Hex 7/16-20 x 4 Gr 5
3	123666X	Pulley Transaxle 18/20" tires	65	STD551143	Washer Lock Hvy Hicl Spr 7/16
4	12000028	Ring Retainer # 5100-62	66	154778	Keeper Belt Engine
5	121520X	Strap Torque 30 Degrees	70	134683	Guide Belt Mower Drive RH
6	17060512	Screw 5/16-18 x 3/4	74	109502X	Spacer Split
8	165866	Rod Shifter Fender STLT	75	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1 1/4 x 16 Ga
10	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 1 Cad	76	STD581075	E-ring#5133-75
11	105701X	Washer Plate Shf 388 Sq Hole	77	123583X	Key Šquare
13	74550412	Bolt 1/4-28unf Gr8 W/Patch	78	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16ga
14	10040400	Washer Lock Hvy Helical 1/4	79	2228M	Key Woodruff
15	74490544	Bolt Hex FLGHD 5/16-18 Gr.5	80	131488	Arm, Shift
16	STD541431	Nut Lock Hex w/Ins. 5/16-18 Unc	81	165594	Shaft Assembly
18	STD523710	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc x 1 Gr.5	82	165711	Spring, Torslon
19	STD541437	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins. 3/8-16 Unc	83	19171216	Washer 17/32 x 3/4 x 16 Gauge
21	106933X	Knob Rd 1/2-13 Pistc Thds Bik	84	166229	Link Transaxle
22	130804	Rod Brake Blk Zinc 26 840	85	150360	Nut, Nylock
24	STD541237	Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 Unc	89	158391X428	
25	106888X	Spring Rod Brake 2 00 Zinc	90	124346X	Nut, Self-Threading, Washer
26	STD551037	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga			Hoi 1/4
27	STD561210	Pin Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Cad	112	19091210	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga
28	175765	Rod Brake Parking Lt/Yt	113	127285X	Strap Torque
29	71673	Cap Brake Parking	116	STD533710	Bolt RdHd Sqnk 3/8-16 x 1 Unc
30	174973	Bracket Mtg Transaxle	120	73900600	Nut Lock Fig. 3/8-16 Unc
32	STD523107	Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18unc x 3/4	150	175456	Spacer Retainer
34	175578	Shaft Asm Pedal Foot	151	19133210	Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Ga.
35	120183X	Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id	156	166002	Washer Strited 5/16ID x 1 .125
36 37	STD551062	Washer 21/32 x 1 x 16 Ga Pin Roll 3/16 x 1"	158	165589	Bracket Shift Mount
37	STD571810	Pin Roll 3/16 X 1" Pulley Composite Flat	159	165494	Hub Tapered Flange Shift Lt
38 39	165936	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc x 3	161	72140406	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20 x 3/4 Gr.5
-39 40	74760648		162	73680400	Nut Crownlock 1/4-20 UNC
40	175461 175556	Spacer Split Steel Keeper Bett Idler	163	74780416	Bolt Hex Fin 1/4-20 UNC x 1 Gr.5 Washer 5/8 x .281 x 10 Ga.
42	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga	164 165	19091010	Bracket Pivot Lever
42.	127783	Pulley Idler		165623 166880	Screw 5/16-18 x 5/8
48	154407	Belicrank Clutch Grnd Drv STL	166 168	165492	Bolt shoulder 5/16-18 x .561
49	123205X	Retainer Belt Style Spring	169	165580	Plate Fastening Lt
50	STD523715	Bolt Hex Hd 3/8-16unc x 1-1/2	170	173898	Keeper Belt T/A
51	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC	197	169613	Nyliner Snap-In 5/8" ID
52	STD541431	Nut Crown Lock 5/16-18	198	169593	Washer Nyl 7/8ID x .105"
53	105710X	Link Clutch 7 66	202	72110614	Bott Carr Sh 3/8-16 x 1-3/4 Gr.5
55	105709X	Spring Return Clutch 6 75	212	145212	Nut Hex Flange Lock
56	17060616	Screw 3/8-16 x 1.0	212	1 106 16	That Front Hange Book
57	160855	V-Belt Gd Drive	NOT		ent dimensions sive in LLC inches
59	169691	Keeper Belt Centerspan			ent dimensions give in U.S. inches
61	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4	1 Inc	h = 25.4 mm	

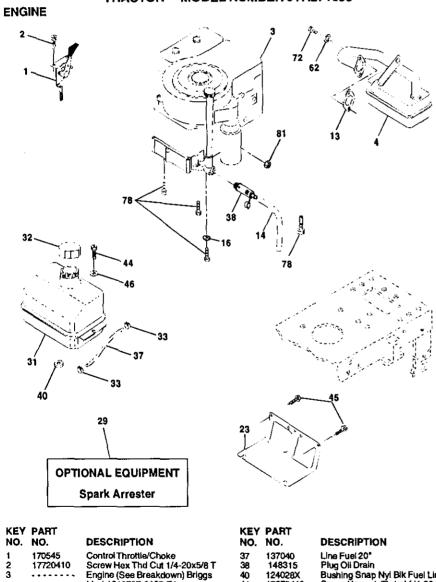


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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	139768	Steering Wheel
2	154427	Front Axle Assembly
3	169840	Spindle Assembly, L.H.
4	169839	Spindle Assembly, R.H.
5	6266H	Bearing, Race, Thrust, Hardened
6	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Gauge
7	19272016	Washer 27/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge
8	12000029	Ring, Klip
9	3366R	Bearing, Steering Column
10	175121	Link, Drag
11 13	STD551137	Washer, Lock
	136518	Spacer, Bearing, Front Axle
15 17	145212	Nut Lock Hex Flange
26	177876	Shaft Asm. Steering
28	126847X 19131416	Bushing, Link, Drag Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 16 Gauge
29	17060612	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
30	STD561210	Pin
32	130465	Rod, Tie
36	155099	Bushing, Steering
37	152927	Screw TT #I0-32 x 5 x 3/8 Flange
38	139769	Cap Wheel Steer OPP Blk
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	
43	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge
44	153720	Extension Steering Non-Adjust
46	121232X	Cap, Spindle
47	6855M	Fitting, Grease
51	STD541431	Nut Lock Hx W/Ins 5/16-18 UNC
54	74780520	Bolt Fin Hex 5/18-18 UNC x 1-1/4
63	STD523710	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 unc. x 1 Gr. 5
65	160367	Spacer Brace Axle
67	72140618	Bolt Rdhd Sg 3/8-16 x 2-1/4
68	169827	Brace Axle
71	175146	Steering Asm.
82	169835	Bracket Susp Chassis Front
85	133835	Fastener Christmas Tree
88	175118	Bolt Shoulder 7/16-20 Unc
91	175553	Clip Steering

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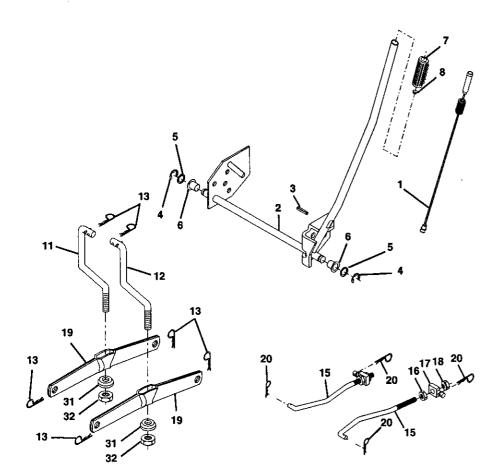


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NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	170545	Control Throttle/Choke
2	17720410	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20x5/8
3	•••••	Engine (See Breakdown) Briggs Model 310707-0137-E1
4	137352	Muffler Exhaust B&S Lt
13	165291	Gasket 1 313 Id Tin Plated
14	148456	Tube Drain Oil
16	STD551237	Washer Lock Ext Tooth 3/8
23	169837	Shield BRN/DBR Guard
29	137180	Arrestor Spark
31	109202X	Tank Fuel 1 25 Fr
32	158990	Cap Asm Fuel W/sym Vented
33	123487X	Clamp Hose Blk

NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
37	137040	Line Fuei 20"
38	148315	Plug Oli Drain
40	124028X	Bushing Snap Nyl Bik Fuel Line
44	17670412	Screw Hexwsh Thdrol 1/4-20x3/4
45	17000612	Screw Hexwsh Thdr 3/8-16 x 3/4
46	19091416	Washer 9/32 X 7/8 X 16ga
62	STD551131	Washer Lock Hvy Hicl Spr 5/16
72	71070512	Screw Hexhd Cap 5/16-18x3/4
78	17060620	Screw 3/8-16x1-1/4
81	73510400	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20unc
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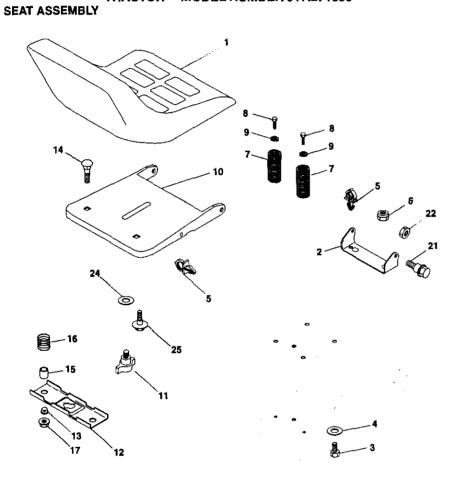
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	159460	Washer Asm Inner Spring W/ Plunger
2	159471	Shaft Asm. Lift RH
2 3 4	105767X	Pin Groove
4	12000002	E Ring #5133-62
5	19211621	Washer 21/32 x 1 x 21 Ga.
6	120183X	Bearing Nylong
7	125631X	Grip Handle Fluted
8	122365X	Button Plunger Read
11	139865	Link Asm Lift L.H.
12	139866	Link Asm Lift R.H.

KEY NO.	' PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
13	STD624008	Retainer Spring
15	173288	Link Front
16	73350800	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc
17	175689	Trunnion Front Susp.
18	73800800	Nut Lockw/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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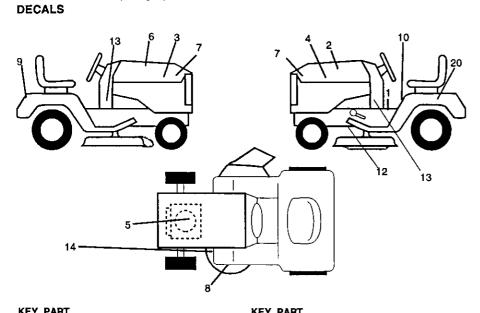
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	140122	Seat 3350 Blk/blk Craftsman
2	140551	Bracket Pnt Pivot Seat (blk)
3	71110616	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 1
4	19131610	Washer 13/32 X 3/4 X 10 Ga
5	145006	Clip Push In Hinged
6	STD541437	Nut Hex Lock w/ins 3/8-16 Unc
7	124181X	Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zl
8	17000616	Screw 3/8-16 X 1 -1/2
9	19131614	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga
10	174894	Pan Pnt Seat (blk)
11	166369	Knob Seat
12	121246X	Bracket Pnt Mounting Switch

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
13	121248X	Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 ld
14	72050412	Bolt Rohd Sht Nk 1/4-20x1-1/2
15	134300	Spacer Split 28 X 96 Zinc
16	121250X	Spring Corsn 1 27 Blk Pnt
17	123976X	Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Fig Gr 5 Zinc
21	171852	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Unc-2A
22	STD541431	Nut Hex Lock w/Ins 5/16-18
24	19171912	Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga
25	127018X	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 X 62

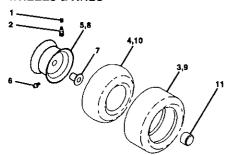
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KEY	PAHI		KEY	PART	
NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	156368	Decal, Oper. Instr.	10	156439	Decal, Fender Danger
2	174210	Decal, Replcmnt	12	146046	Decal, V-belt Dr Sch
3	171696	Decal, Hood Rh	13	177259	Decal, Dash, Panel
4	171697	Decal, Hood Lh	14	160396	Decal, V-belt Schematic
5	176677	Decal, Hp Engine	20	149516	Decal, Battery Dngr/Psn Eng
6	133644	Decal, Maint Čustomer Sears Dom		138311	Decal, Lift Handle
7	177253	Decal, Hood Side		165800X428	Pad, Footrest LH STLT
8	172331	DecalMower		165799X428	Pad, Footrest RH STLT
9	163204	Decal, Fender Craftsman		179167	Manual, Owner's (English)
				179168	Manual, Owner's (Spanish)

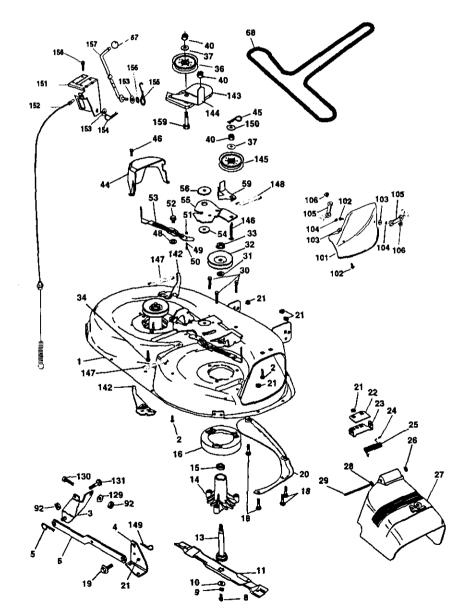
WHEELS & TIRES



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	106268X	Tire R Ts 18x9 5-8 Service
10	7152J	Tube Rear 9 5 X 8 Service
11	104757X428	Cap Axie Bik 1 50 X 1 00
	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. tube)

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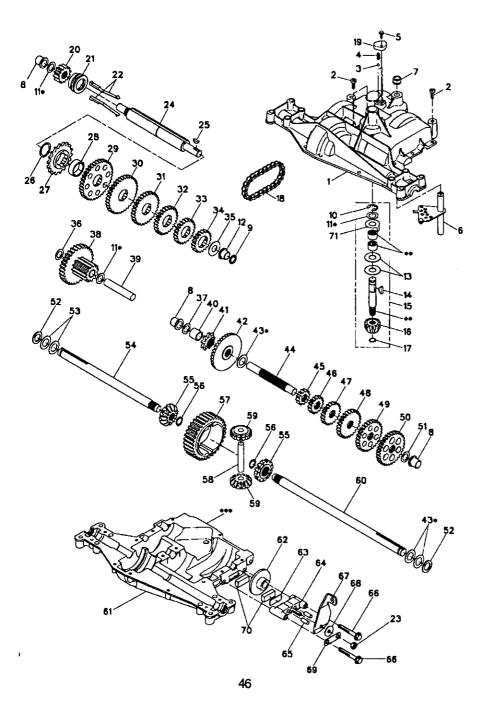


MOWER DECK

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MOWER DECK

KEV	PART		KEY	PART	
NO.		DESCRIPTION	NO.		DESCRIPTION
1	165892	Mower Deck Assembly, 42*	52	139888	Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 UNC
2	STD533107	Bolt	53	131845	Arm Assembly, Pad, Brake
3	138017	Bracket Assembly, Sway Bar,	54	133943	Washer, Hardened
Ŷ	130017	Front	55	155046	Arm, Idter
4	165460	Bracket Sway Bar 38/42" Deck	56	165723	Spacer, Retainer
5	STD624008	Retainer Spring	59	141043	Guard, TUV Idler
6	130832	Arm, Suspension, Rear	67	149846	Knob Custom Oval
8	850857	Bott, Hex 3/8-24 x 1.25 Gr. 8	68	144959	V-Belt
ğ	STD551137	Washer, Lock	92	STD541437	Nut
10	140296	Washer, Hardened	101	136420	Mulcher Cover
11	134149	Blade, Mulching	102	71081010	Screw
13	137645	Shaft Assembly, Mandrel, Vented	103	19061216	Washer #10
14	128774	Housing, Mandrel, Vented	104	STD551110	
15	110485X	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel	105	160793	Latch Assembly, Bagger
16	174493	Stripper, Vented Mower Deck	106	2029J	Nut, Weld
18	72140505	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 5/8	129	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.
19	132827	Bolt, Shoulder	130	STD523710	Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1 Gr.5
20	159770	Baffle, Vortex	131	STD533710	Bolt, Rdhd Sgnk 3/8-16UNC x 1
21	STD541431	NutCrownlock 5/16-18UNC	142	165890	Arm Spring Brake Mower
22	134753	Stiffener Bracket	143	157109	Bracket Arm Idler 42"
23	131267	Bracket, Deflector	144	158634	Keeper Belt 42* Clutch Cable
24	105304X	Cap, Sleeve	145	165888	Pulley Idler Flat
25	123713X	Spring, Torsion, Deflector	146	171977	Bolt Carriage Idler
26	110452X	Nut, Push	147	131335	Spring Extension
27	130968X428		148	169022	Spring Return Idler
28	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	149	165898	Retainer Spring Yellow Zinc
29	131491	Rod, Hinge	150	19091216	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
30	157722	Screw Thdroi Washer Head	150	169670	Bracket Clutch
31	129963	Washer, Spacer	152	169676	Cable Clutch 42 in
32	153535	Pulley, Mandrel	153	169674	Washer Flat 3/8" Type B
33	178342	Nut, Toplock, Flanged	154	169675	Spring Retainer
34	STD533717	Bolt	155	169671	Spring Retention Lever
36	131494	Pulley, idler, Fiat	156	169672	Spacer
37	STD551037	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga.	157	169669	RodClutch
40	STD541437	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC	158	17720410	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 5/8
44	140088	Guard, Mandrel, L.H.	159	72140614	Bolt Tahd Sgn 3/8-16UNC x 1-3/4
45	STD624003	Retainer		130794	Mandrel Assembly (Includes Key
46	137729	Screw, Thd. Roll 1/4-20 x 5/8		100104	Numbers 8-10, 13-15, 31 and 32)
48	133944	Washer, Hardened		169583	Replacement Mower, Complete
49	174284	Roller Assembly, Cam Follower		103303	rteplacement wower, complete
50	131340	Bolt, Shoulder #10-24 Grade 5	1077	. All	ant dimensions also in LLO1
51	STD541410	Locknut			ent dimensions given in U.S.inches
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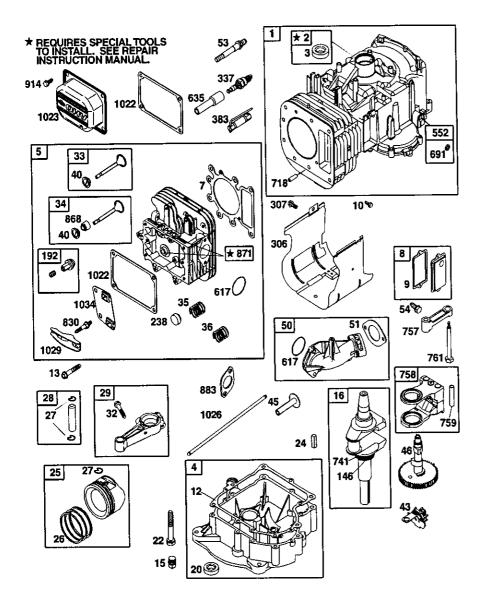


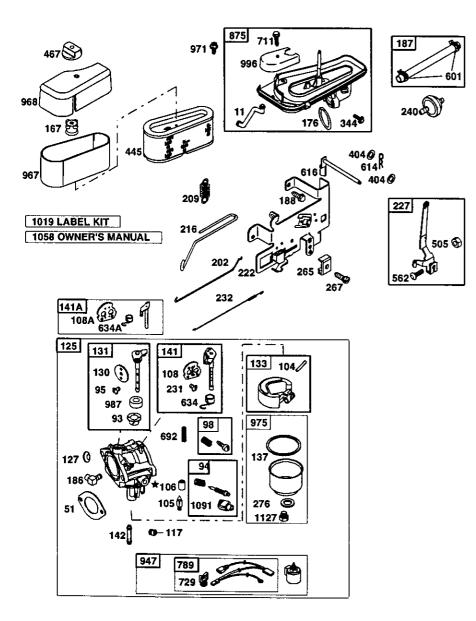
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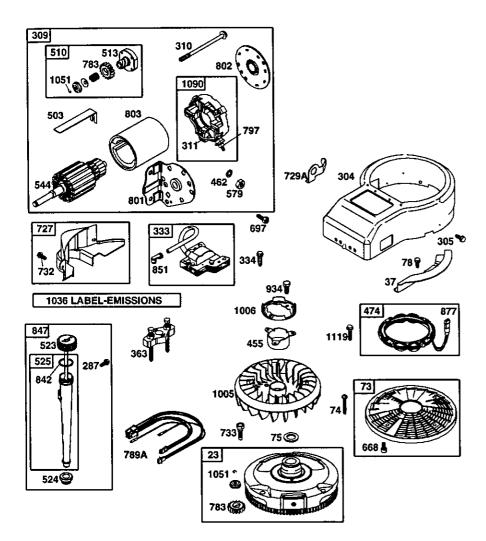
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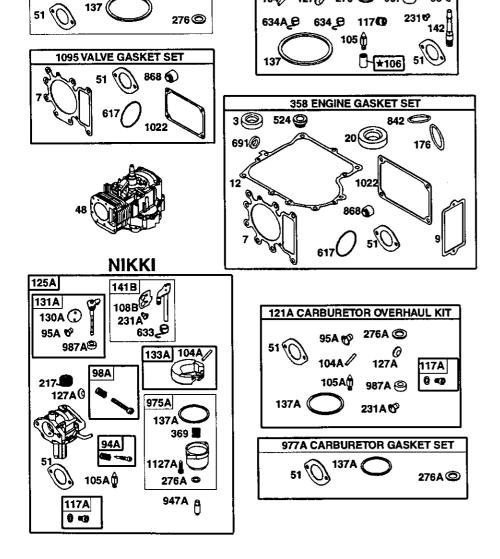
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NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	170981	Housing, Upper	40	120472X	Spacer, .633 X .87 X .755
2	2274J	Screw, Tapping, 1/4-20 X .734	41	105928X	Sprocket, 9T
3	134400	Ball, Detent	42	170988	Gear, Bevel, 36T
4 5	105904X	Spring, Detent	43	134394	*Assy, Kit, Shim, .750 Shaft
5	160940	Screw, Tapping, No. 10-24 X .482	44	120473X	Shaft, Drive
6	138235	Assy, Kit, Shifter	45	142678	Gear, Spur, 12T
7	108727X	V-Ring	46	143697	Gear, Spur, 15T
8	148266	Bearing, Flange	47	124641X	Gear, Spur, 20T
9	148269	Seal, Öl	48	106589X	Gear, Spur, 25T
10	2225J	Ring, Retaining	49	120408X	Gear, Spur, 28T
11	134793	*Assy, Kit, Shim, .625 Shatt	50	105937X	Gear, Spur, 31T
12	148268	Bearing, Flange	51	2226J	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.00 X .060
13	120415X	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.38 X .046	52	134401	Washer, Neoprene
14	142674	Key, Woodruff, No. 9	53	2264J	Washer, Plain, .758 X 1.25 X .031
15	170983	Assy, Kit, Input Shaft	54	160946	Axle, LH
16	170986	Pinión, Bevel, 12T	55	170990	Gear, Miter, 1 2T, Splined
17	105909X	Ring, Retaining	56	160948	Ring, Retaining
18	105910X	Chain, 24 Pitches	57	110071X	Gear, Spur, 32T
19	160942	Cover, Detent	58	120952X	Shaft, Cross
20	160943	Gear, Spur, 1 2T	59	170991	Gear, Miter, 1 2T, Idler
21	148267	Collar, Clutch	60	160950	Axle, RH
22	138236	Assy, Kit, Clutch Keys	61	170992	Housing, Lower
23	73810500	Nut, Lock, 5/16-24	62	7294J	Disc, Brake
24	142676	Shaft, Intermediate	63	108989X	Spacer, Brake Puck
25	2244J	Key, Woodruff, No. 61	64	160952	Jaw, Brake
26	105916X	Ring, Retaining	65	120954X	Pin, Dowel
27	12047OX	Sprocket, 1 8T	66	160953	Screw, Tapping, 5/16-18 X 2.35
28	110070X	Spacer, 1. 131 X 1.45 X .494	67	138244	Lever, Actuating
29	142677	Gear, Spur, 37T	68	108996X	Washer, Plain, .321 X 1.00 X .055
30	142681	Gear, Spur, 35T	69	160954	Bracket, Anti-Rotation
31	124644X	Gear, Spur, 30T	70	120951X	Puck, Friction
32	108980X	Gear, Spur, 25T	71	174256	Washer, Anti Rotation
33	120406X	Gear, Spur, 22T	72	120416X	Grease
34	134796	Gear, Spur, 19T		LOTION	Gitab
35	105925X	Washer, Plain, .640 X 1.37 X .061	NOT		nent dimensions given in U.S.
36	2228J	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.00 X .046	inche		25.4 mm
37	170987	Washer, Plain, .632 X 1.00 X .040	110110		29.7 U.U.
38	174255	Assy, Gear, Comb., 12T & 30T	* He	o in various o	ombinations to maintain proper
39	124639X	Shatt, Idler		arances.	ononations to manifall proper
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Use in various combinations to maintain proper clearances.
 Order Key No. 15.
 Silicone Sealant to be applied between Upper and Lower Housings (use Loctite Ultra Gray Silicone 5699 or equivalent).









977 CARBURETOR GASKET SET

121 CARBURETOR OVERHAUL KIT

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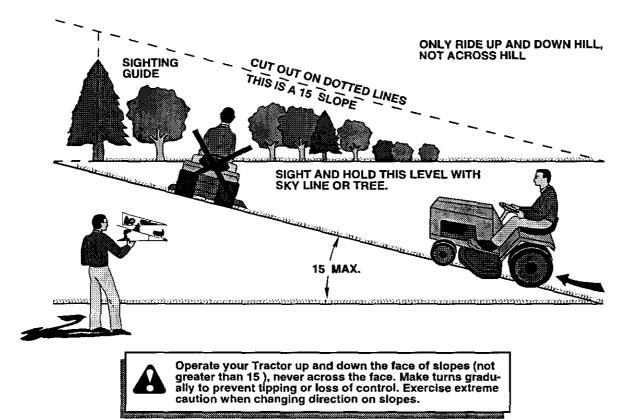
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	PART NO.		DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.		DESCRIPTION
1	690156		Cylinder Assembly	106	690577		Seat-Inlet
	399265		Kit-Bushing/Seal	108	690464		Valve-Choke (Manual Choke)
	391086	٠	Seal-Oil (Magneto Side)		692344		Valve-Choke(Choke-A-Matic)
4	494238		Sump-Engine	108B	695419		Valve-Choke
5 7	690188		Head-Cylinder		000 100	a	(Nikki Carburetor)
8		•+	Gasket-Cylinder Head	117		Ø	Jet-Main (Standard)
9	495735 27803		Breather Assembly Gasket-Breather	1178	692411 695415	ø	Jet-Main (High Altitude) Jet-Main (Standard)
10	691666	-	Screw (Breather Assembly)		695416		Jet-Main (High Altitude)
iĭ	691328		Tube-Breather	121	690191	~	Kit-Carburetor Overhaul
12	692226		Gasket-Crankcase		695427		Kit-Carburetor Overhaul
			(.015 Thick, Std)	125	690194		Carburetor
	692406	•	Gasket-Crankcase	125A			Carburetor (Nikki) (Service
	002405		(.005 Thick)	107	005005	a	with Walbro Carburetor)
	692405	•	Gasket-Crankcase (.009 Thick)	127	695005 690727		Plug-Welch Plug-Welch
13	690360		Screw (Cylinder Head)	130	691750	U	Valve-Throttle
15	690946		Plug-Oil Drain		695418		Valve-Throttle
16	690136		Crankshaft	131	494379		Kit-Throttle Shaft
20	291675	٠	Seal-Oil	131A	695421		Kit-Throttle Shaft
22	692125		Screw (Crankcase Cover)	133			Float-Carburetor
23	693557		Flywheel Kay Ehwheel		694914	л т	Float-Carburetor
24 25	222698 692271		Key-Flywheel Piston Assembly (Standard)	137	695426	21	Gasket-Float Bowl Gasket-Float Bowl
20	692272		Piston Assembly (.010 O.S.)	141	495097	<i>v</i> +	Kit-Choke Shaft (Manual
	692273		Piston Assembly (.010 O.S.) Piston Assembly (.020 O.S.) Piston Assembly (.030 O.S.)				Choke)
	692274		Piston Assembly (.030 O.S.)	141A	495931		Kit-Chóke Shaft (Choke-A-
26	690162		Ring Set-Piston (Standard)				Matic)
	692164		Ring Set-Piston (.010 O.S.)		695420	~	Kit-Choke Shaft (Nikki)
	692166 692168		Ring Set-Piston (.020 O.S.)	142	692412	Ø	
27	691299		Ring Set-Piston (.030 O.S.) Lock-Piston Pin	146 167	691639 692297		Key-Timing Air Cleaner Stud Seal
28	498319			176	691917		O-Ring Seal (Air Cleaner)
	498320		Pin-Piston (Standard) Pin-Piston (.020 O.S.)	186	692317		Connector-Hose
29	692419		Rod-Connecting (Standard)	187	691050		Line-Fuel (Cut to Required
	499940		Rod-Connecting (.020 U.S.)				Length)
32	692852		Screw (Connecting Rod)	188	691693		Screw (Control Bracket)
33 34	495856 495857		Valve-Exhaust Valve-Intake	192	691986		Adjuster-Rocker Arm
35	691279		Spring-Valve (Intake)	202 209	691841 692208		Link-Mechanical Governor Spring-Governor
36	691279		Spring-Valve (Exhaust)	216	691840		Link-Choke
37	690456		Guard-Flywheel	217	695409		Spring-Choke Return
40	691752		Retainer-Valve	222	694042		Bracket-Control
43	691968		Slinger-Governor/Oil	227	691374	_	Control Lever-Governor
45	690564		Tappet-Valve	231	691636		
46 48	692421 692706		Camshaft Short Block (311707-0028-	231A 232	690718 691842	Ø	Screw (Choke Valve) Spring-Governor Link
40	032700		E1 Replacement Engine)	238	691843		Cap-Valve
50	690193		Manifold-Intake	240	394358		Filter-Fuel
51	692137•	Ø	+ Gasket-Intake	265	691024		Clamp-Casing
53	690227		Stud (Carburetor)	267	695134		Screw (Casing Clamp)
54	691148		Screw (Intake Manifold)	276			Sealing Washer
73 74	690492 691674		Screen-Rotating Screw (Rotating Screen)	2764	RPM Set		Sealing Washer
75	690582		Washer (Flywheel)			ung	Low Speed: 1900-2100
78	690661		Screw (Flywheel Guard)				High Speed: 3000-3200
93	690602		Bushing-Throttle Shaft				
94	498030		Kit-Idle Mixture	•	Included	in	Engine Gasket Set,
	695425	0	Kit-Idle Mixture	~	Key. No.	358	
95 95A	691636		Screw (Throttle Valve)	ø			Carburetor Overhaul Kit,
98	495800	U	Screw (Throttle Valve) Kit-Idle Speed	ŧ			and121A Carburetor Gasket Set,
98A			Kit-Idle Speed	+			and 977A
104	690525		Pin-Float Hinge	+			Valve Gasket Set,
	694918	Ø	Pin-Float Hinge		Key. No.	10	95
	231855		Valve-Float Needle				nent dimensions given in U.S.
1054	094922	Ø	Valve-Float Needle		s 1 inch =	25	.4 mm
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KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIP		KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
287 6910	2 Screw (Di	ostick Tube)	789	692037	Hamess-Wiring
304 6908		lower	789A	695050	Hamess-Wiring
305 6909		ower Housing)	797	693167	Nut (Brush Retainer)
306 6904		inder	801	691429	Cap-Drive
307 6910	03 Screw (Cy	linder Shield)	802	691286	Cap-End
309 6935	51 Motor-Sta	rter	803	693757	Housing-Starter
310 6903		arter Motor)	830	691095	Stud (Rocker Arm)
311 4976			842		Dipstick/Tube Seal
333 4958	59 Armature-	Magneto	847	496415	Dipstick/Tube Assembly
334 6910	51 Screw (Ar	magneto mature Magneto)	851	692424	Terminal-Spark Plug
337 4910	oo spark Plu			690968 •+	
344 6936		ible Clamp)	871 875 877 883 914	690969	Bushing-Guide
358 6901		asket Set	875	694942	Base-Air Cleaner
363 1920	3 Flywheel I	Puller Pat Bowl park Plug Bovernor Crank) Cleaner Cartridge Jeal	877	393456	Wire-Connector/Alternator
369 6954	22 Spring-Flo	at Bowl	883	692236 •	Gasket-Exhaust
383 8983	S Wrench-S	park Plug	914	690960	Screw (Rocker Cover)
404 6916	91 vvasner (C	sovernor Crank)	934	691058	Screw (Fan Retainer)
	74 Finter-Air (Jeaner Cannoge	947	497672	Solenoid-Fuel
455 6911	о оцренули		947A	695423 272043 691916 692129	Solenoid-Fuel
		Brush Retainer)	907	272043	Filter-Pre Cleaner
467 6916		Cleaner	908	691916	Cover-Air Cleaner
503 6915		tor	975	405000	Screw (Air Cleaner Base) Bowl-Float
505 6912	52 Strap-Star 51 Nut/Gove	mor Control Lever)	975	495933	
510 6936	99 Drive-Star	tor	977	690192	Bowi-Float
513 6920	14 Clutch Deb		077 A	005400	Set-Carburetor Gasket Set-Carburetor Gasket
523 6920	14 Dinstick	ve tick Tube tick Starter avernor Lever ernor Control Lever) er Cable) se	097	601326 .	Seal-Throttle Shot
524 2813	70 Seal-Dins	tick Tube	307A	600008	Seal-Throttle Shalt
525 6913	98 Tube-Dips	tick	301 0	690678	Carburator Shield
544 6920	34 Armature-	Starter	1005	695056	Ean-Elixybool
552 4919	86 Bushing-O	Sovemor Lever	1006	690452	Retainer-Ean
562 6911	19 Bolt (Gove	ernor Control Lever)	1019	690180	Kit-I abel
579 6910	29 Nut (Starte	er Cable)	1022	272475 •+	Gasket-Bocker Cover
601 9516	2 Clamp-Ho	se	1023	691192	Cover-Rocker
614 6916			1026	692003	Rod-Push (Intake)
616 6920				692011	Rod-Push (Exhaust)
617 6921	38 • O-Ring Se	vemor eal (Intake Manifold) ea/Throttle Shaft g Assembly Choke) g Assembly Matic) k Plug	1029	691751	Arm-Rocker
633 6954	14 Seal-Chol	ke/Throttle Shaft	1034	690822	Guide-Push Rod
634 6908	01 Ø Seal-Sprir	ng Assembly	1036	695700	Label-Emissions
	(Manual C	čhoke)	1051	691265	Retainer-Brush
634A 6908	02 Ø Seal-Sprir	ng Assembly	1058	274789	Owner's Manual
	(Choke-A-	Matic)	1090	691293	Retainer-Brush
635 6919	09 Boot-Spar	k Plug	1091	691333	Cap-Limiter
668 6913	23 Spacer	-	1095	690190	Valve Gasket Set
691 6924	07 • Seal-Gove	ernor Shaft Itent ive Cap) arburetor Shield) ng	1119	691183	Screw (Alternator) Screw (Float Bowl)
692 6905	72 Spring-De	tent	1127	691657	Screw (Float Bowl)
697 6903	72 Screw (Dr	ive Cap)	1127/	4695407	Screw (Float Bowł)
711 6907	03 Screw (Ca	arburetor Shield)		RPM Setting	
718 6909					Low Speed: 1900-2100
727 4903		rter Drive			High Speed: 3000-3200
729 6913					
729A 6912			•		Engine Gasket Set,
732 6910	JZ SCIEW (ST	arter Drive Cover)	~	Key. No.358	
733 6916	Do SCIEW (CI		ø		Carburetor Overhaul Kit,
741 6912 757 6917		ng		Key. No.121	
		nerweignt	ŧ		Carburetor Gasket Set,
758 6924 759 6912				Key. No.977	and 9/7A
761 6910			+		Valve Gasket Set,
783 6937		ounterweight)	NOTE	Key. No. 105	
.00 0001			inches	:: All compoi s1 inch = 25.	nent dimensions given in U.S. 4 mm

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