

**CENTRAL MACHINERY**®

**CEMENT MIXER - 3.5 CUBIC FOOT  
WITH BRIGGS & STRATTON® 3.5 HP ENGINE**

**Model 90178**

**ASSEMBLY AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**



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## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Item	Description
Drum Capacity	3.5 Cubic Foot
Drum Opening	14-1/4" Diameter
Drum Diameter	22" Diameter
Drive Type	Belt Driven
Engine Type	3.5 HP Briggs & Stratton® Model #922502-1229E2 600 RPM Engine Code: 0204013A
Wheels	Two @ 9-1/2" Diameter x 1-1/4" Wide with 1" Arbor
Construction	Cast Iron Engine Sleeve / All Steel Construction
Weight	154 Pounds

## SAVE THIS MANUAL

**You will need this manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly, operating, inspection, maintenance and cleaning procedures, parts list and assembly diagram. Keep your invoice with this manual. Write the invoice number on the inside of the front cover. Keep this manual and invoice in a safe and dry place for future reference.**

## GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

1. **Keep work area clean and dry.** Cluttered, damp, or wet work areas invite injuries.
2. **Keep children away from work area.** Do not allow children to handle or climb on or in this product.
3. **Store idle equipment.** When not in use, tools and equipment should be stored in a dry location to inhibit rust. Always lock up tools and equipment, and keep out of reach of children.
4. **Do not use this product if under the influence of alcohol or drugs.** Read warning labels on prescriptions to determine if your judgement or reflexes are impaired while taking drugs. If there is any doubt, do not attempt to use this product.
5. **Dress safely.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry, as they can become caught in moving parts. Wear a protective hair covering to prevent long hair from becoming caught in moving parts. If wearing a long-sleeve shirt, roll sleeves up above elbows.

6. **Do not overreach.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times to prevent tripping, falling, back injury, etcetera.
7. **Industrial applications must follow OSHA requirements.**
8. **Stay alert.** Watch what you are doing at all times. Use common sense. Do not use this product when you are tired or distracted from the job at hand.
9. **Check for damaged parts.** Before using this product, carefully check that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for damaged parts and any other conditions that may affect the operation of this product. Replace or repair damaged or worn parts immediately.
10. **Replacement parts and accessories:** When servicing, use only identical replacement parts. Only use accessories intended for use with this product. Approved accessories are available from Harbor Freight Tools.
11. **Maintain this product with care.** Keep this product clean and dry for better and safer performance.
12. **Maintenance:** For your safety, service and maintenance should be performed regularly by a qualified technician.
13. **Use the right tool for the job.** Do not attempt to force a small tool or attachment to do the work of a larger industrial tool. There are certain applications for which this tool was designed. It will do the job better and more safely at the rate for which it was intended. Do not modify this tool, and do not use this tool for a purpose for which it was not intended.
14. **WARNING!** The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. The operator must understand that common sense and caution are factors, which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

## **SPECIFIC PRODUCT WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

1. **Maintain a safe working environment.** Keep the work area well lit. Make sure there is adequate surrounding workspace. Always keep the work area free of obstructions, grease, oil, trash, and other debris. Do not use the Cement Mixer in areas near flammable chemicals, dusts, and vapors.
2. **Always place the Cement Mixer on a solid, flat, level, surface that is capable of supporting the weight of the Mixer and its load.**

3. **Keep a safe clearance around the Cement Mixer.** Keep all people (except the operator) a minimum of six feet from the Mixer during operation.
4. **Keep all guards in place and in proper working condition.**
5. **Remove adjusting tools, shovels, hand trowels, etc.** Make sure all adjusting tools, shovels, hand trowels, and other tools and equipment are removed from the Cement Mixer prior to turning it on.
6. **Never stick your hands and/or tools into the Drum Assembly (parts #44, #47) while the Cement Mixer is in operation.**
7. **Do not overload the Cement Mixer.** An overload may damage the equipment.
8. **Do not move the Cement Mixer during operation.** The Mixer could tip over or the Engine could be damaged.
9. **Use eye and hand protection.** Wear ANSI approved safety impact eye goggles and heavy-duty work gloves when using the Cement Mixer. ANSI approved safety impact eye goggles and heavy-duty work gloves are available from Harbor Freight Tools.
10. **Prolonged exposure to noise levels above 85 dBA is hazardous to hearing.** Always wear ANSI approved hearing protection when operating or working near the Cement Mixer while it is running. ANSI approved hearing protectors are available from Harbor Freight Tools.
11. **Prior to using the Cement Mixer, make sure you read and completely understand this instruction manual *and* the gasoline Engine manufacturer's instruction manual.**
12. **Make sure to fill the gasoline Engine (part #14) with a premium quality, 30-weight, non-detergent, engine oil before each use.** Running the Engine with no oil or low oil will cause damage to the Engine and void the warranty.
13. **When checking the Engine's (part #14) oil level, make sure to unscrew (do not pull) the Dip Stick out.**
14. **Gasoline fuel and fumes are flammable, and potentially explosive.** Use proper fuel storage and handling procedures. Always have multiple ABC class fire extinguishers nearby.
15. **Keep the Cement Mixer and surrounding area clean at all times.**
16. **When spills of fuel or oil occur, they must be cleaned up immediately.**

Dispose of fluids and cleaning materials in accordance with all local, state, or federal codes and regulations. Store oil rags in a covered metal container.

17. **Never store fuel or other flammable materials near the Cement Mixer.**
18. **Do not smoke, or allow sparks, flames, or other sources of ignition around the Engine (part #14) and its fuel tank.** Fuel vapors are explosive.
19. **Keep grounded conductive objects, such as tools, away from exposed, live electrical parts and connections to avoid sparking or arcing.** These events could ignite fumes or vapors.
20. **Do not refill the fuel tank while the Engine (part #14) is running.**
21. **Do not operate the Cement Mixer with known leaks in the fuel system.**
22. **Avoid body contact with fuels, oils, and lubricants used for the Cement Mixer. Avoid contact with hot fuel, oil, exhaust fumes, and solid surfaces.**
23. **Excessive buildup of unburned fuel gases in the exhaust system can create a potentially explosive condition.** This buildup can occur after repeated failed start attempts, valve testing, or hot Engine (part #14) shutdown. If this occurs, open the exhaust system drain plugs, if equipped, and allow the gases to dissipate before attempting to restart the Engine.
24. **WARNING! Carbon monoxide exhaust from the Engine (part #14) can cause severe nausea, fainting, or death. Do not operate the Cement Mixer inside a closed building or a poorly ventilated area. Carbon monoxide is a colorless odorless gas that can cause death.**
25. **Use only Engine (part #14) manufacturer recommended fuel and oil.**
26. **Always turn off the Engine (part #14).** Allow the Engine to completely cool, and disconnect the Engine's spark plug cable from the spark plug before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning on the Cement Mixer.
27. **WARNING!** This product contains or produces a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects (or other reproductive harm).  
(California Health & Safety Code 25249.5 et seq.)
28. **WARNING!** People with pacemakers should consult with their physician(s) before using this product. Operation of equipment in close proximity to a heart pacemaker could cause interference or failure of the pacemaker.

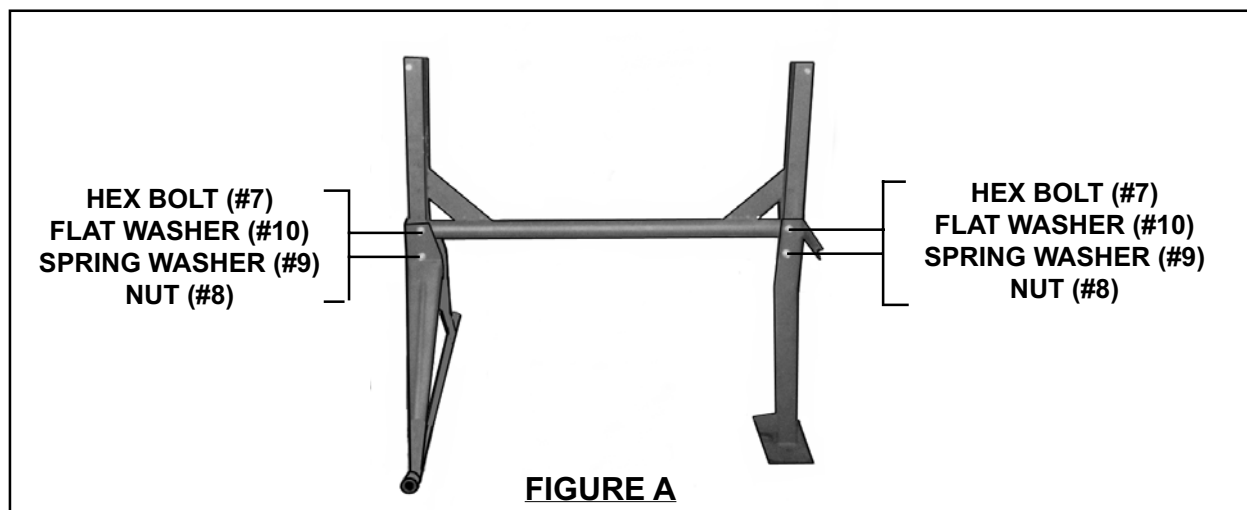
## UNPACKING

When unpacking, check to make sure all the parts shown on the **Parts List on page 18** are included. If any parts are missing or broken, please call Harbor Freight Tools at the number shown on the cover of this manual as soon as possible.

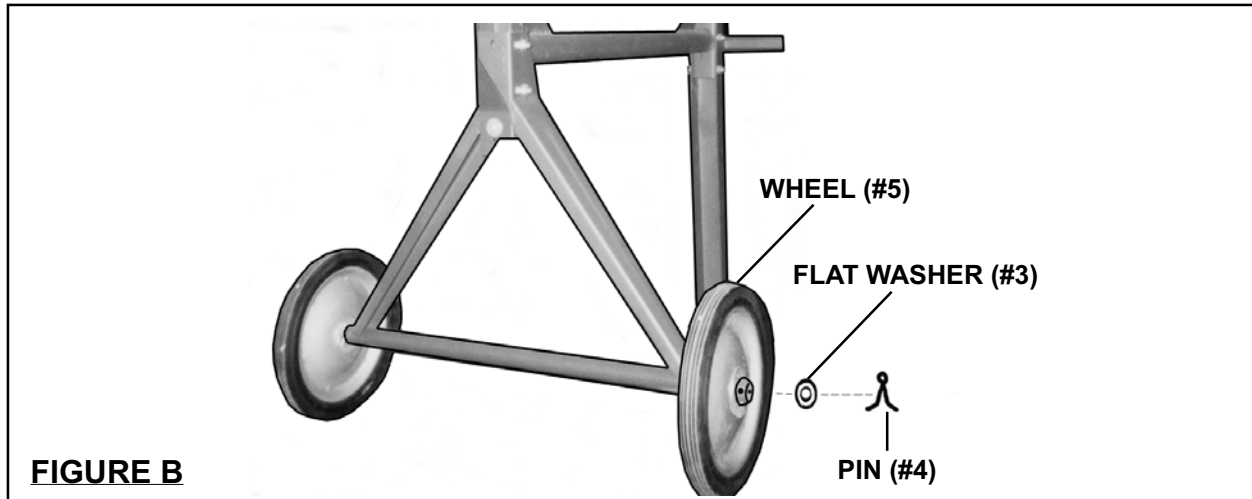
### ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

**NOTE:** For additional references to the parts listed in the following pages, refer to the **Assembly Diagram on page 19**. Assemble the Cement Mixer in a clean work area with a flat, level floor surface that is capable of supporting the weight of this product, and all required assembly tools (not included).

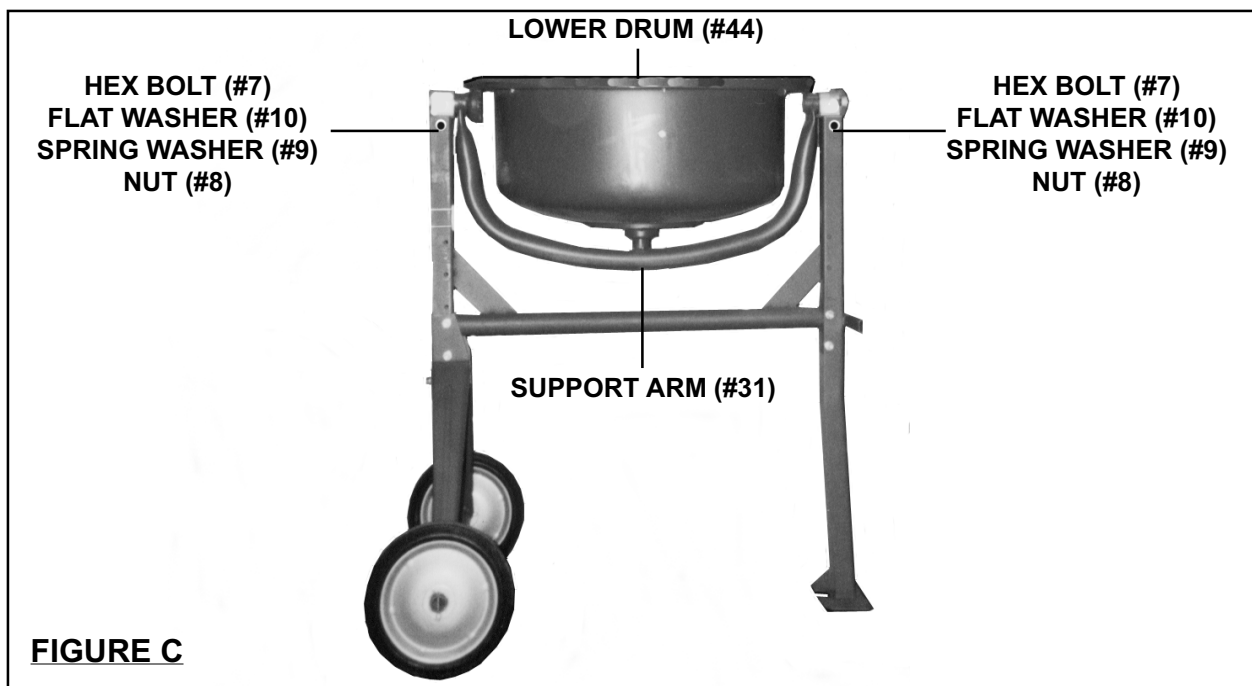
1. With assistance, insert the Stand (part #1) into the Hinge Bracket (part #2) and Support Bracket (part #6). Align the four mounting holes of the Stand with the two mounting holes in the Hinge Bracket and two mounting holes in the Support Bracket. Secure the Stand to the Hinge Bracket and Support Bracket, using four Hex Bolts (part #7), four Flat Washers (part #10), four Spring Washers (part #9), and four Nuts (part #8). **(See Figure A.)**



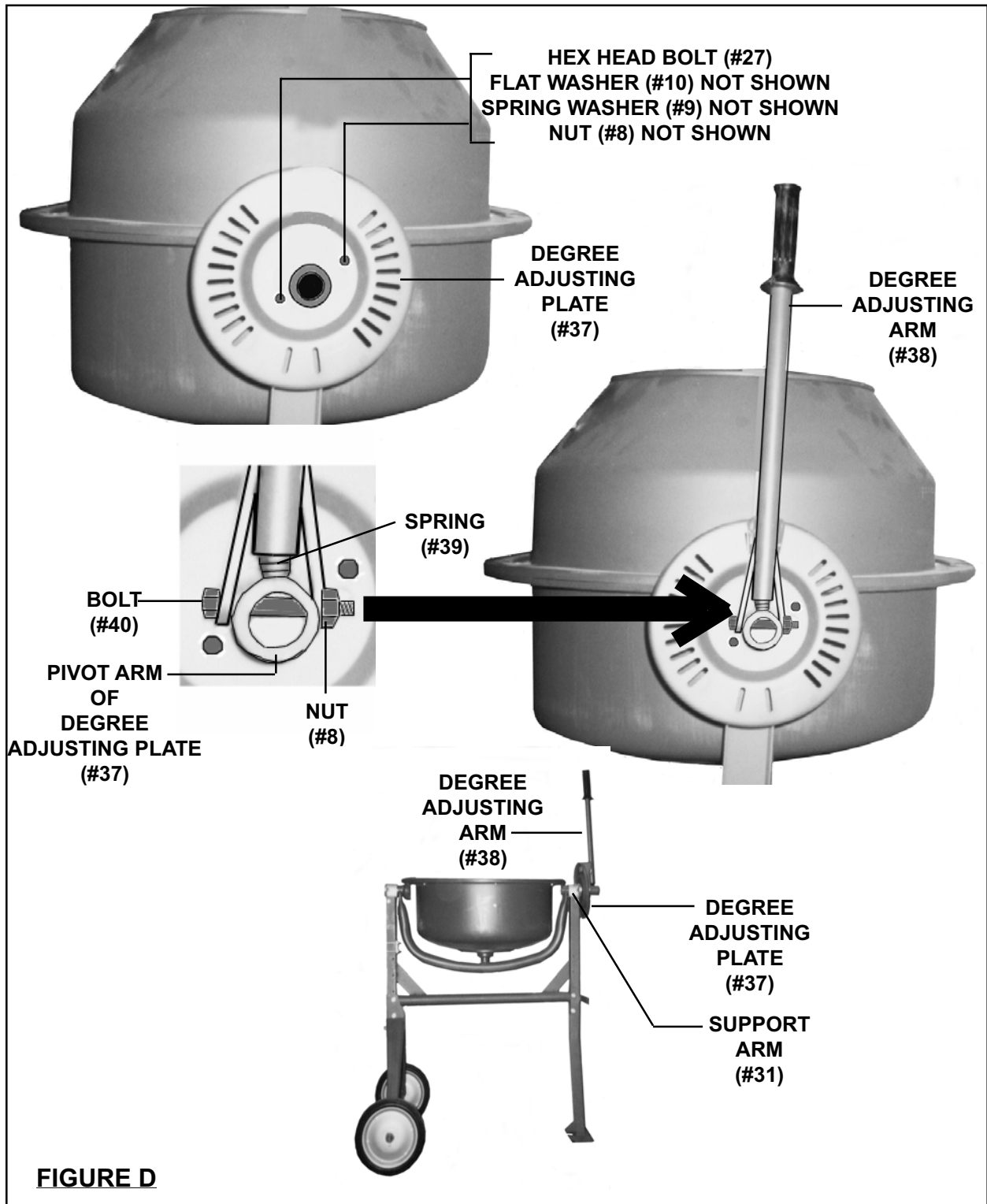
2. Slide one Wheel (part #5) onto one end of the Hinge Bracket (part #2) axle. Insert one Flat Washer (part #3) onto the end of the Hinge Bracket and against the Wheel. Insert one Pin (part #4) through the holes located at the end of the Hinge Bracket axle. Then, spread both tongs of the Pin apart to secure the Wheel in place. Repeat this step for the remaining Wheel. **(See Figure B, next page.)**
3. With assistance, set the Lower Drum (part #44) with its pre-attached Support Arm (part #31) into the Stand (part #1) assembly. Align the two mounting holes in the Support Arm with the two mounting holes in the Stand assembly. Then secure the Lower Drum to the Stand assembly, using two Hex Bolts (part #7), two Flat



Washers (part #10), two Spring Washers (part #9), and two Nuts (part #8).  
 (See Figure C.)



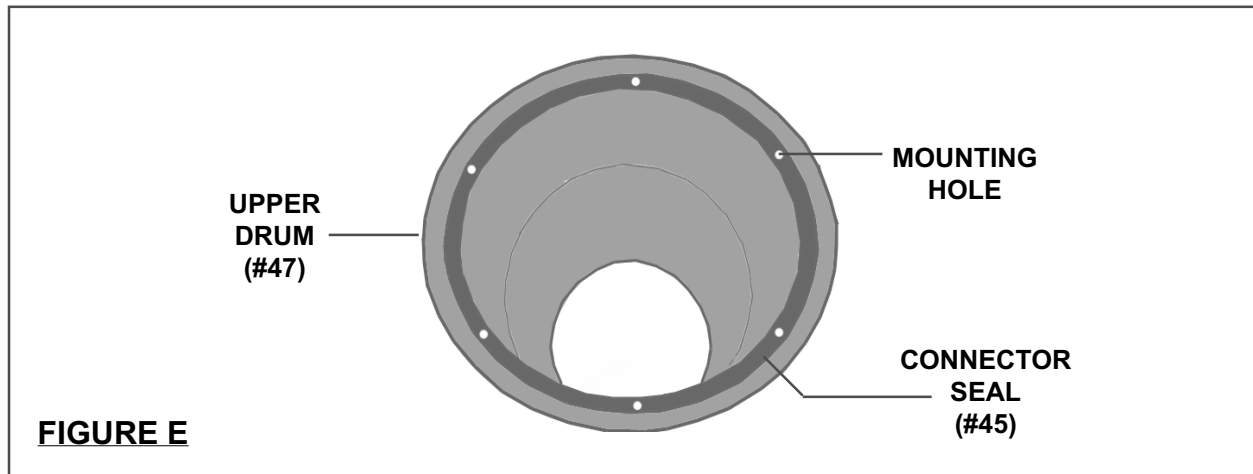
4. Align the two mounting holes in the Degree Adjusting Plate (part #37) with the two mounting holes located on the upper right side of the Support Arm (part #31). Then attach the Degree Adjusting Plate to the Support Arm, using two Hex Head Bolts (part #27), two Flat Washers (part #10), two Spring Washers (part #9), and two Nuts (part #8). **(See Figure C, and Figure D, next page,)**
5. Insert the Spring (part #39) into the lower portion of the Degree Adjusting Arm (part #38). Then, insert the Degree Adjusting Arm onto the Pivot Shaft of the Degree Adjusting Plate (part #37). **See Figure D.)**



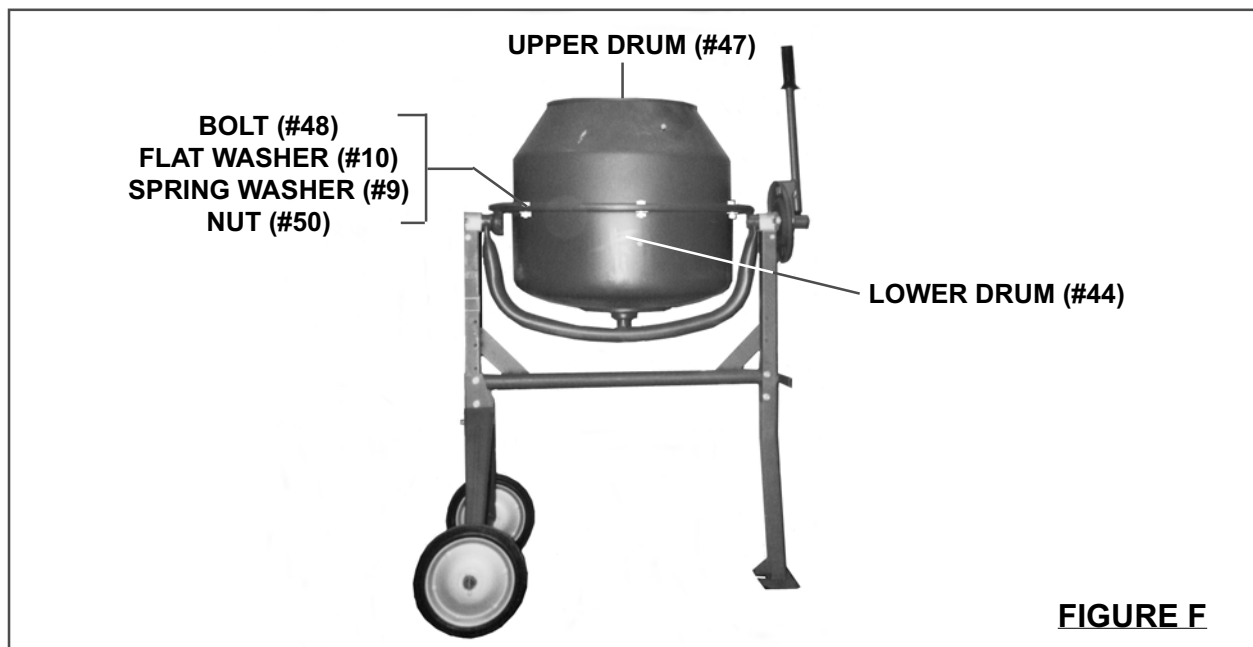
6. Secure the Degree Adjusting Arm (part #38) to the Pivot Shaft of the Degree Adjusting Plate (part #37), using one Bolt (part #40) and one Nut (part #8). (See Figure D.)



- Align the six mounting holes of the Connector Seal (part #45) with the six mounting holes in the Upper Drum (part #47). Then, glue (not included) the Connector Seal to the Upper Drum. **NOTE:** Make sure the Connector Seal lays flat on the Upper Drum to ensure a proper seal. (See Figure E.)

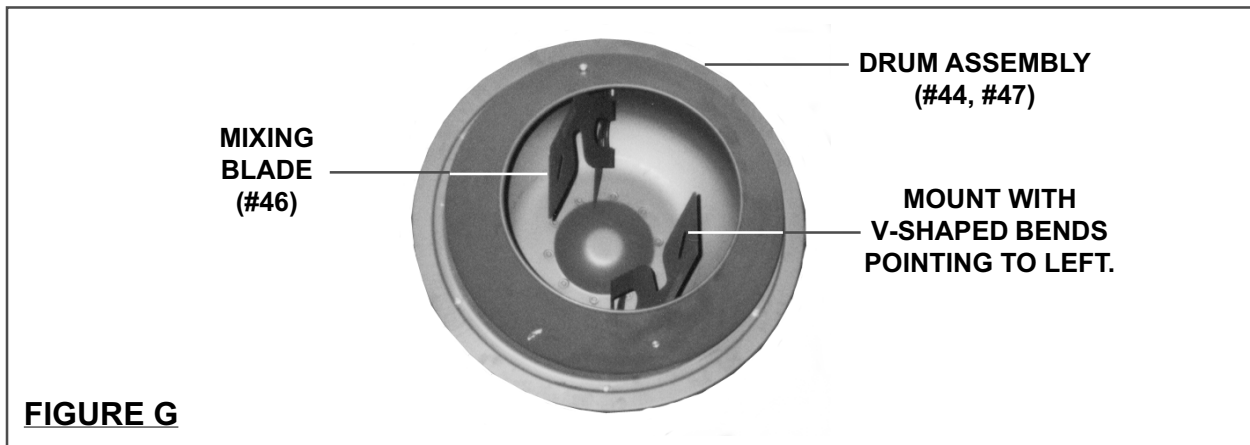


- Place the Upper Drum (part #47) on the Lower Drum (part #44), making sure the six mounting holes are aligned in both. Insert six Bolts (part #48) downward through each mounting hole. Then secure the Upper Drum to the Lower Drum with six Flat Washers (part #10), six Spring Washers (part #9), and six Nuts (part #50). (See Figure F.)

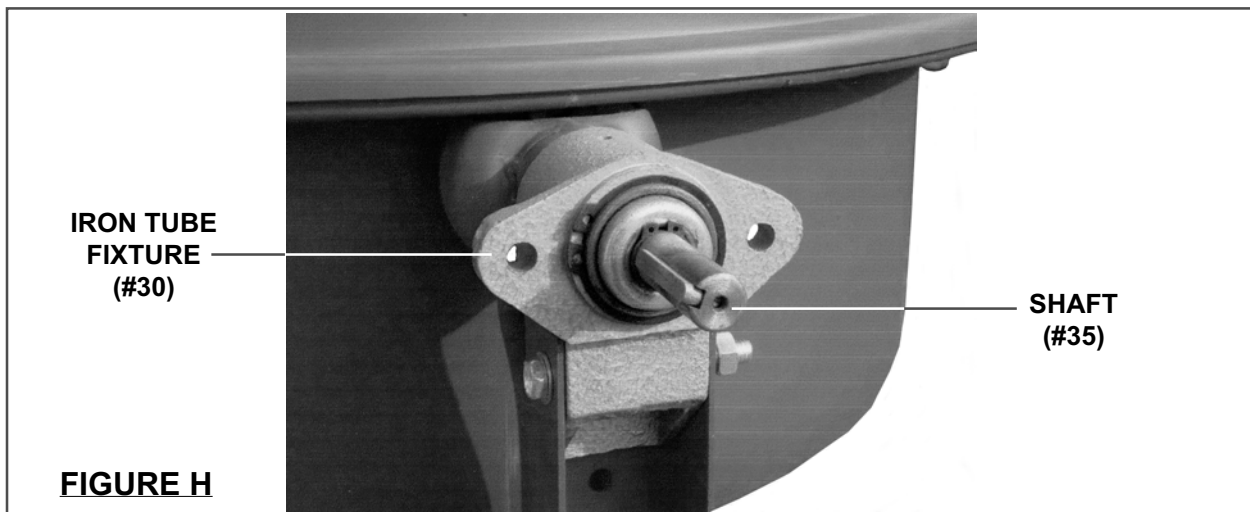


- Mount the two Mixing Blades (part #46) inside the Drum (parts #44, #47) assembly with their V-shaped bends pointing to the left. Use four Bolts (part #49, four

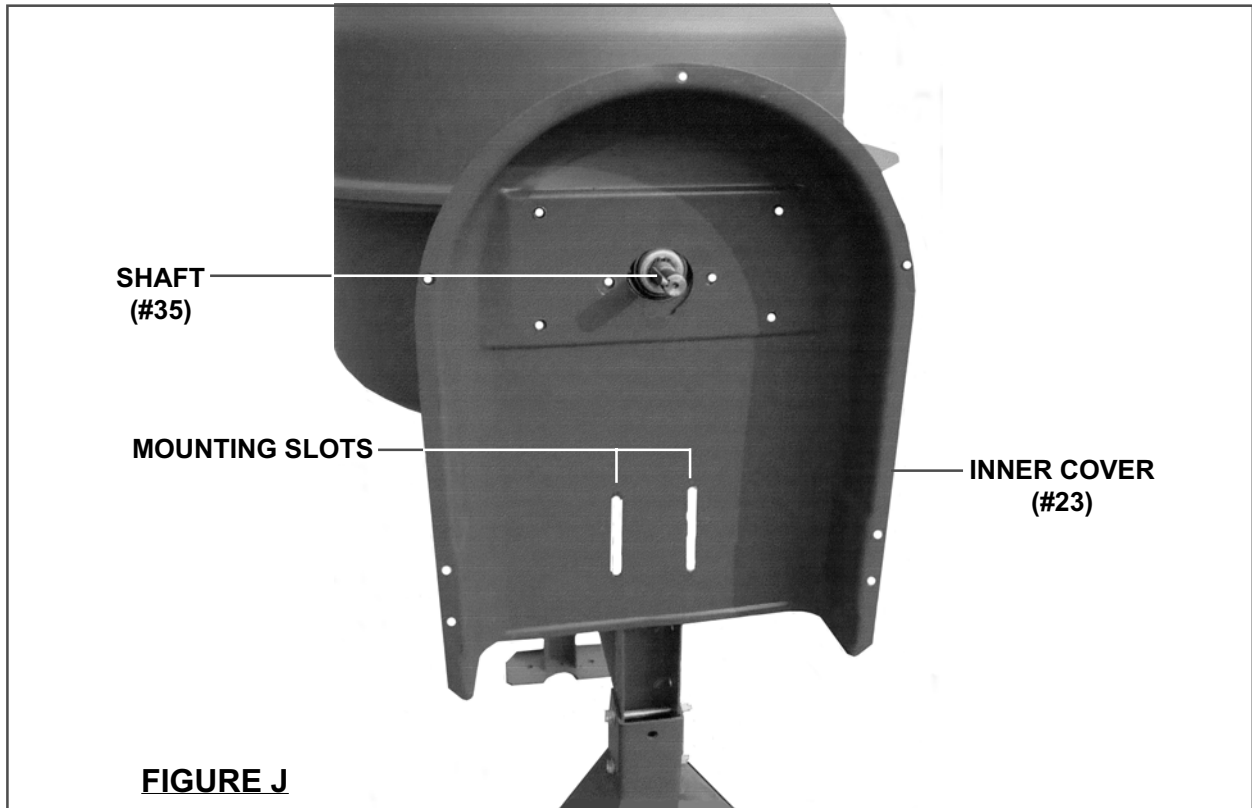
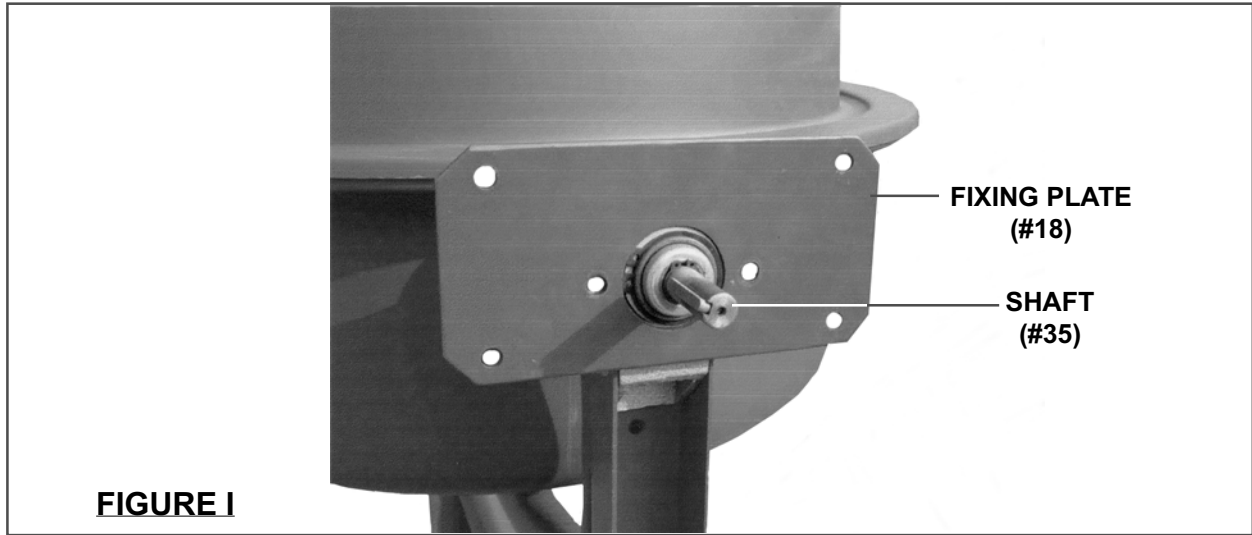
Flat Washers (part #10), four Spring Washers (part #9), and four Nuts (part #50) to secure the two Mixing Blades to the inside Drum assembly. **(See Figure G.)**



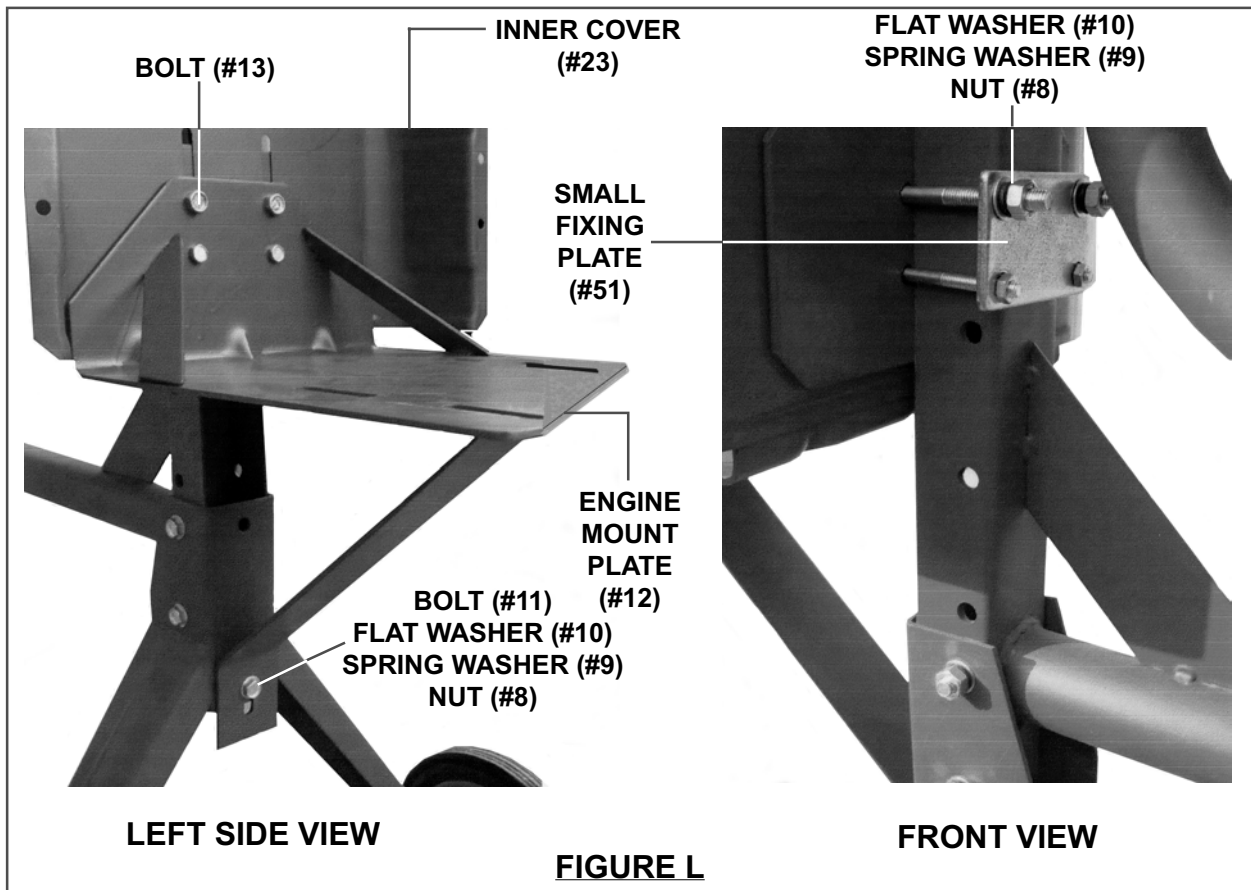
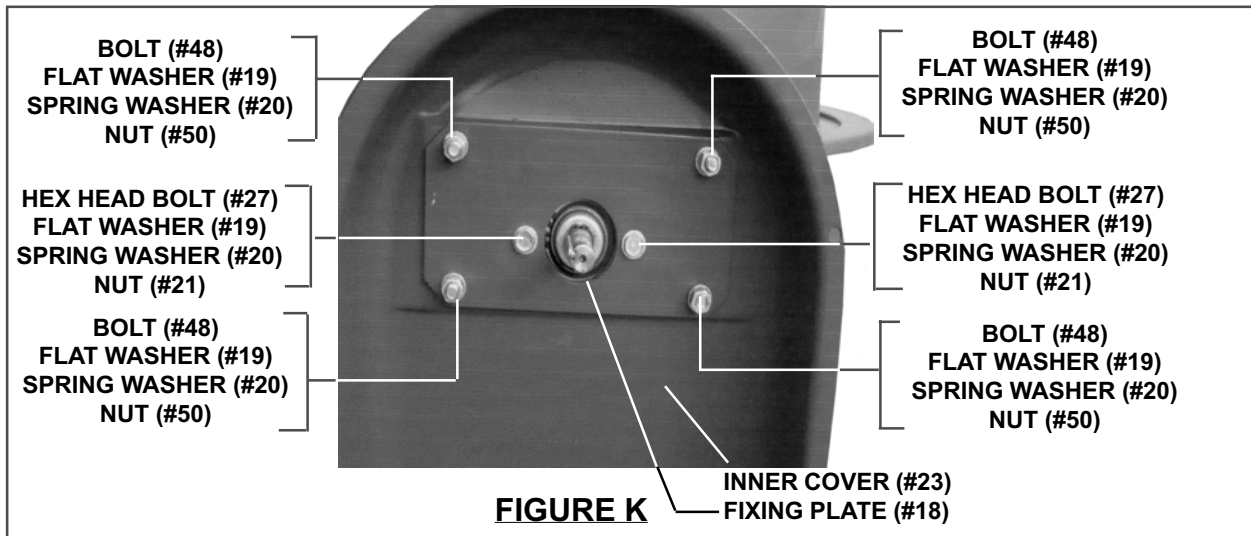
10. Locate the Iron Tube Fixture (part #30) and Shaft (part #35) on the *left* side of the Cement Mixer. **(See Figure H.)**



11. Insert the Fixing Plate (part #18) onto the Shaft (part #35). **(See Figure I, next page.)**
12. Insert the Inner Cover (part #23) onto the Shaft (part #35). **(See Figure J, next page.)**
13. Align the mounting holes in the Inner Cover (part #23), Fixing Plate (part #18), and Iron Tube Fixture (part #30). Then secure the Inner Cover and Fixing Plate to the Iron Tube Fixture, using the hardware shown in Figure K. **(See Figure H & K)**

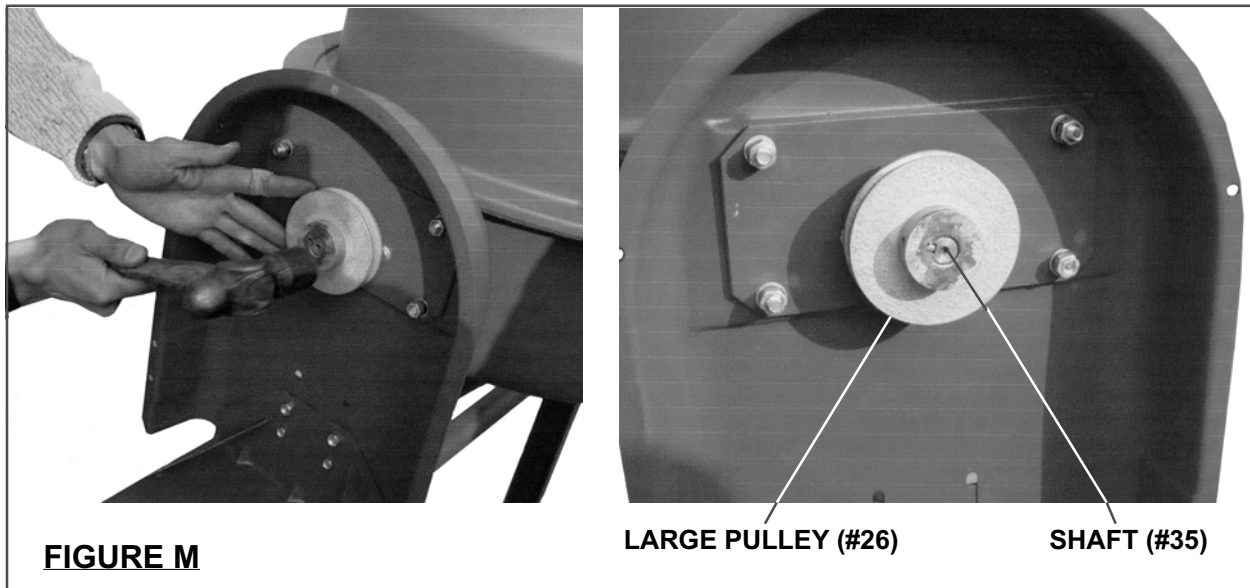


14. Align the four mounting holes in the Engine Mount Plate (part #12) with the two mounting slots located in the lower portion of the Inner Cover (part #23). Position the Small Fixing Plate (part #51) against the vertical arm of the Stand (part #1). Insert four Bolts (part #13) through the mounting holes, mounting slots, and mounting holes in the Small Fixing Plate. Then, secure the Bolts with four Flat Washers (part #10), four Spring Washers (part #9), and four Nuts (part #8). (See Figure J, and Figure L, next page.)

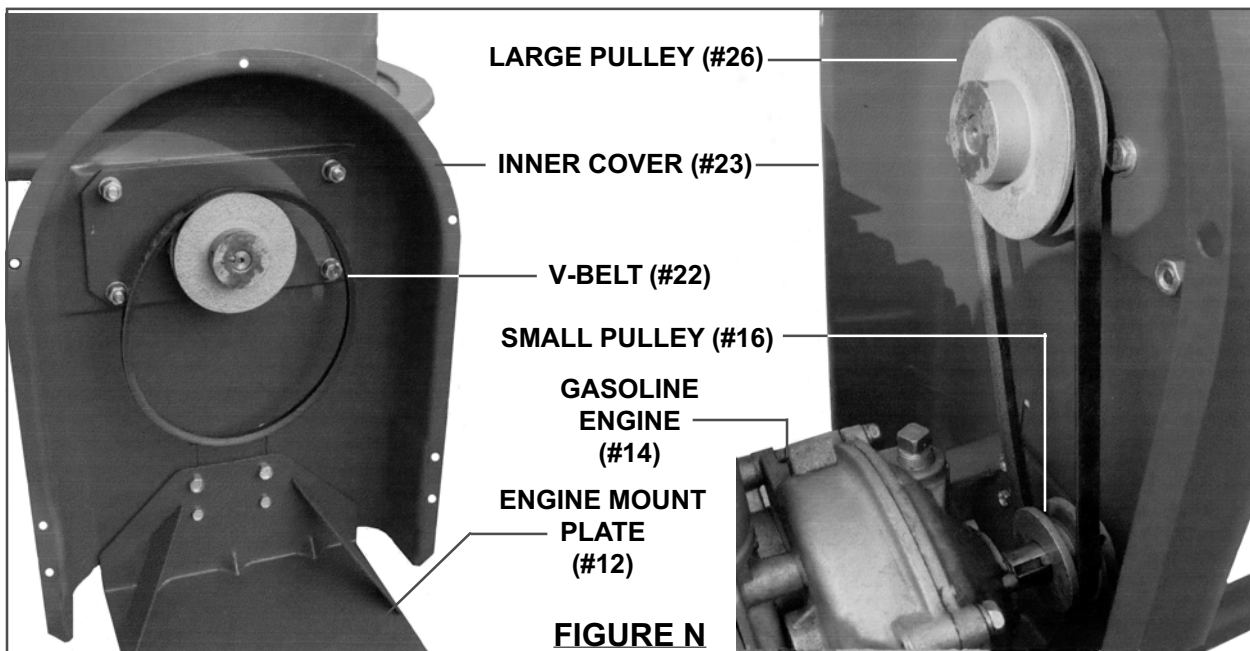


- Align the mounting hole in the Angle Brace of the Engine Mount Plate (part #12) with the mounting hole in the Hinge Bracket (part #2). Then, secure the Angle Brace to the Hinge Bracket with one Bolt (part #11), one Flat Washer (part #10), one Spring Washer (part #9), and one Nut (part #8).  
(See Figure L.)

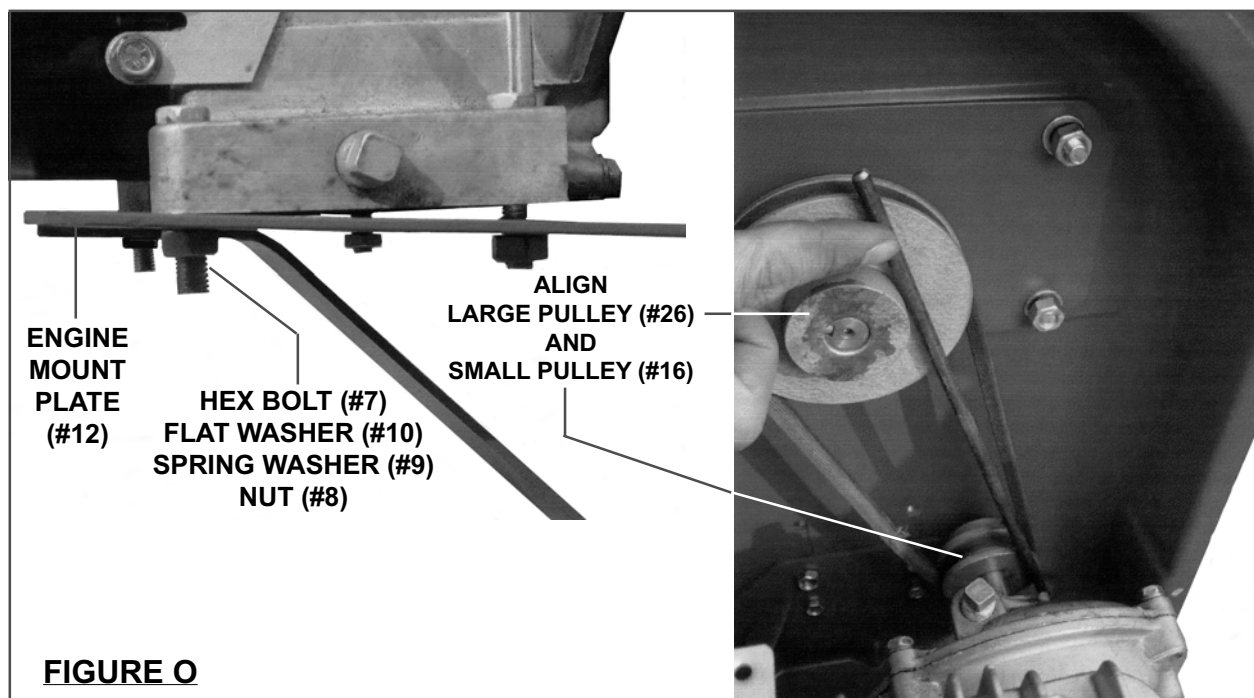
16. Unscrew the Thrust Screw (part #17) located in the Large Pulley (part #26). Align the Keyway Slot of the Large Pulley with the Key on the Shaft (part #35). Using a hammer, carefully tap the Large Pulley onto the Shaft. Retighten the Thrust Screw to secure the Large Pulley in place. **(See Figure M.)**



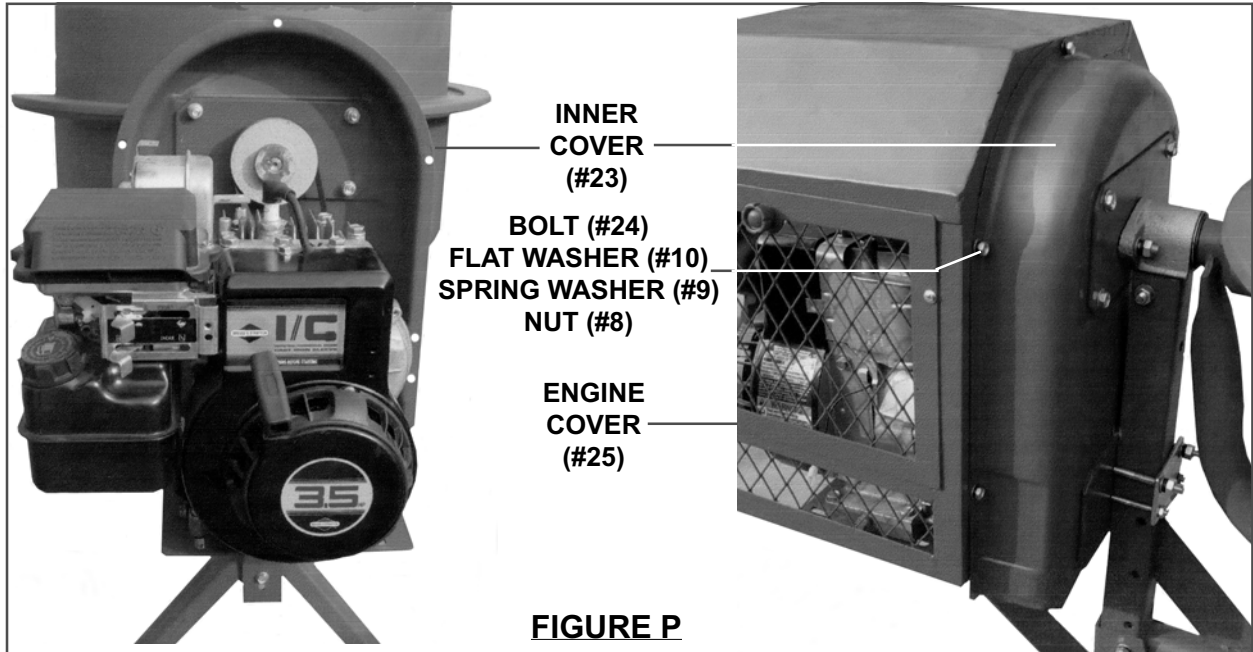
17. Loop the V-Belt (part #22) around the Large Pulley (part #26). Set the gasoline Engine (part #14) on the Engine Mount Plate (part #12) with its Small Pulley (part #16) facing the Inner Cover (part #23). Then, loop the V-Belt around the Small Pulley. **(See Figure N.)**



18. Align the four mounting holes in the base of the Engine (part #14) with the four mounting slots in the Engine Mount Plate (#12). Insert four Hex Bolts (part #7) downward through the mounting holes and mounting slots. Insert one Flat Washer (part #10) and one Spring Washer (part #9) on each of the four Bolts. Then, *finger tighten only* one Nut (part #8) onto each of the four Bolts. **(See Figure O.)**
19. Use a straight edge (chisel, ruler, etc.) to make sure the Large Pulley (part #26) and Small Pulley (part #16) are aligned parallel to one another. If necessary, move the Engine (part #14) forward or backward along the Engine Mount Plate (part #12). Once aligned, secure the Engine in place by tightening the four Nuts (part #8). **(See Figure O.)**



20. Align the seven mounting holes in the Engine Cover (part #25) with the seven mounting holes in the Inner Cover (part #23). Then secure the Engine Cover to the Inner Cover, using seven Bolts (part #24), seven Flat Washers (part #10), seven Spring Washers (part #9), and seven Nuts (part #8). **(See Figure P, next page.)**



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

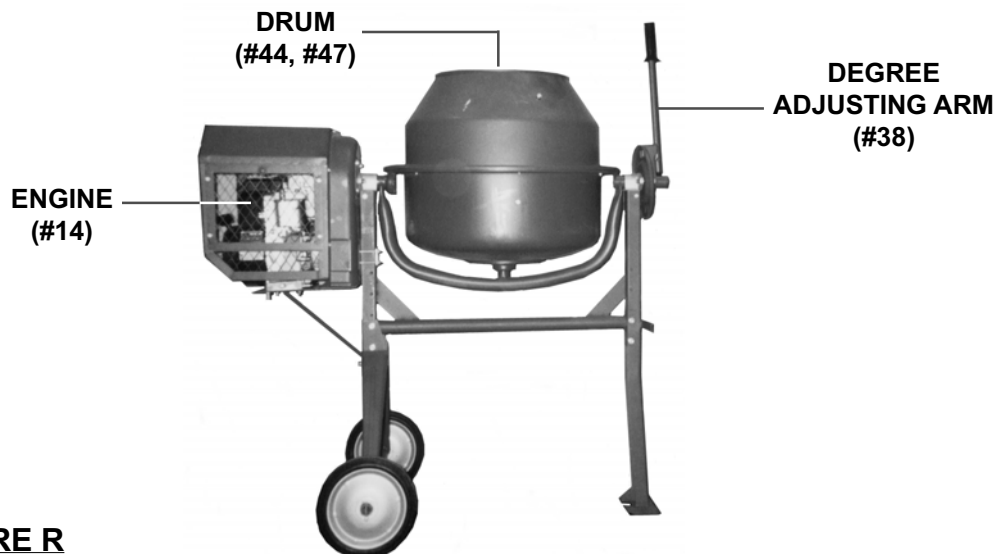
1. **IMPORTANT:** ALWAYS make sure the crankcase of the gasoline Engine (part #14) is filled to the proper level with a *premium quality, 30-weight, non-detergent engine oil* prior to starting the engine. Failure to do so will result in damage to the Engine and void its warranty. Refer to the Engine manufacturer's instruction manual for further information.  
**CAUTION: NEVER REFILL THE ENGINE'S FUEL TANK WHILE THE ENGINE (PART #14) IS RUNNING.**
2. **CAUTION!** Do not attempt to move the Cement Mixer when it is full and/or in operation.
3. Place the Cement Mixer on a solid, flat, level surface that is capable of supporting the weight of the Mixer and its load.
4. Start the Engine (part #14), and allow it to reach the appropriate operating speed and temperature as instructed in the Engine manufacturer's operating manual.
5. **NOTE:** Filling and emptying the Drum (parts #44, #47) is best done with the Drum rotating. Do not turn off the Cement Mixer while full of cement.
6. With the Drum (parts #44, #47) operating between 20-36 RPM, the Cement Mixer is now ready for the addition of the cement mix.
7. To determine the proper amount of water, gravel, cement, and sand, refer to **Figure Q, next page.)**

## Sample Mix Volume\*

Mix Volume (Cubic Feet)	3	4	6
Cement (90 Lbs. Bag)	1/2	2/3	1
Water (Gallon)	2-1/2	3-1/2	5-1/4
Sand (Gallons / Shovels)	9	12	18
Gravel (Gallons / Shovels)	12	16	23
*Mix volume may vary depending on aggregate used.			

**FIGURE Q**

8. For best results, proceed as follows:
  - A. Pour the required amount of water into the Drum (parts #44, #47).
  - B. Add the required amount of gravel into the Drum.
  - C. Add the required amount of cement into the Drum.
  - D. Add the required amount of sand into the Drum.
9. Allow adequate time for the water, gravel, cement, and sand to thoroughly mix.
10. To discharge the cement mix, pull out on the Degree Adjusting Arm (part #38) and, firmly with both hands, pull down on the Degree Adjusting Arm until the desired angle is achieved and the cement mix begins pouring out of the Drum (parts #44, #47). (See Figure R)



**FIGURE R**



11. After discharging the cement mix, raise the Degree Adjusting Arm (part #38) up to its original position. **(See Figure Q.)**
12. Repeat Steps #5 through #11 if more cement mix is required.
13. When finished, make sure to thoroughly clean the inside of the Drum (parts #44, #47). **(See “*Inspection, Maintenance, And Cleaning*” Section.)**

## **INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND CLEANING**

1. **WARNING!** Never perform any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures on the Cement Mixer while it is running. Before performing any services, turn off the Engine (part #14) and disconnect its spark plug wire to prevent accidental starting.
2. Before each use, inspect the general condition of the Cement Mixer. Check for loose screws, misalignment or binding of moving parts, cracked or broken parts, damaged, and any other condition that may affect the safe operation of this tool. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, immediately turn off the Engine (part #14), disconnect the Engine’s spark plug wire, and have the problem corrected before further use. **Do not use damaged equipment.**
3. Thoroughly clean the Cement Mixer at the end of each day’s operation. The Drum (parts #44, #47) may be scoured for approximately two minutes, using a gravel and water mixture. Then, discharge the gravel/water mixture and hose down the Drum inside and out.
4. Dried cement should be scraped out of the Drum (parts #44, #47). Do not beat on the Drum with a shovel or other tools to break up accumulations of dried cement mix, as damage to the Cement Mixer may result.
5. Do not pour or spray water on the gasoline Engine (part #14).
6. Daily check the oil level in the gasoline Engine (part #14). Refer to the Engine manufacturer’s operation manual for the type and level of oil recommended, and all other Engine service and maintenance instructions.

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

THE MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR HAS PROVIDED THE PARTS LIST AND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM IN THIS MANUAL AS A REFERENCE TOOL ONLY. NEITHER THE MANUFACTURER OR DISTRIBUTOR MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND TO THE BUYER THAT HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED TO MAKE ANY REPAIRS TO THE PRODUCT, OR THAT HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED TO REPLACE ANY PARTS OF THE PRODUCT. IN FACT, THE MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR EXPRESSLY STATES THAT ALL REPAIRS AND PARTS REPLACEMENTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY CERTIFIED AND LICENSED TECHNICIANS, AND NOT BY THE BUYER. THE BUYER ASSUMES ALL RISK AND LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF HIS OR HER REPAIRS TO THE ORIGINAL PRODUCT OR REPLACEMENT PARTS THERETO, OR ARISING OUT OF HIS OR HER INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT PARTS THERETO.

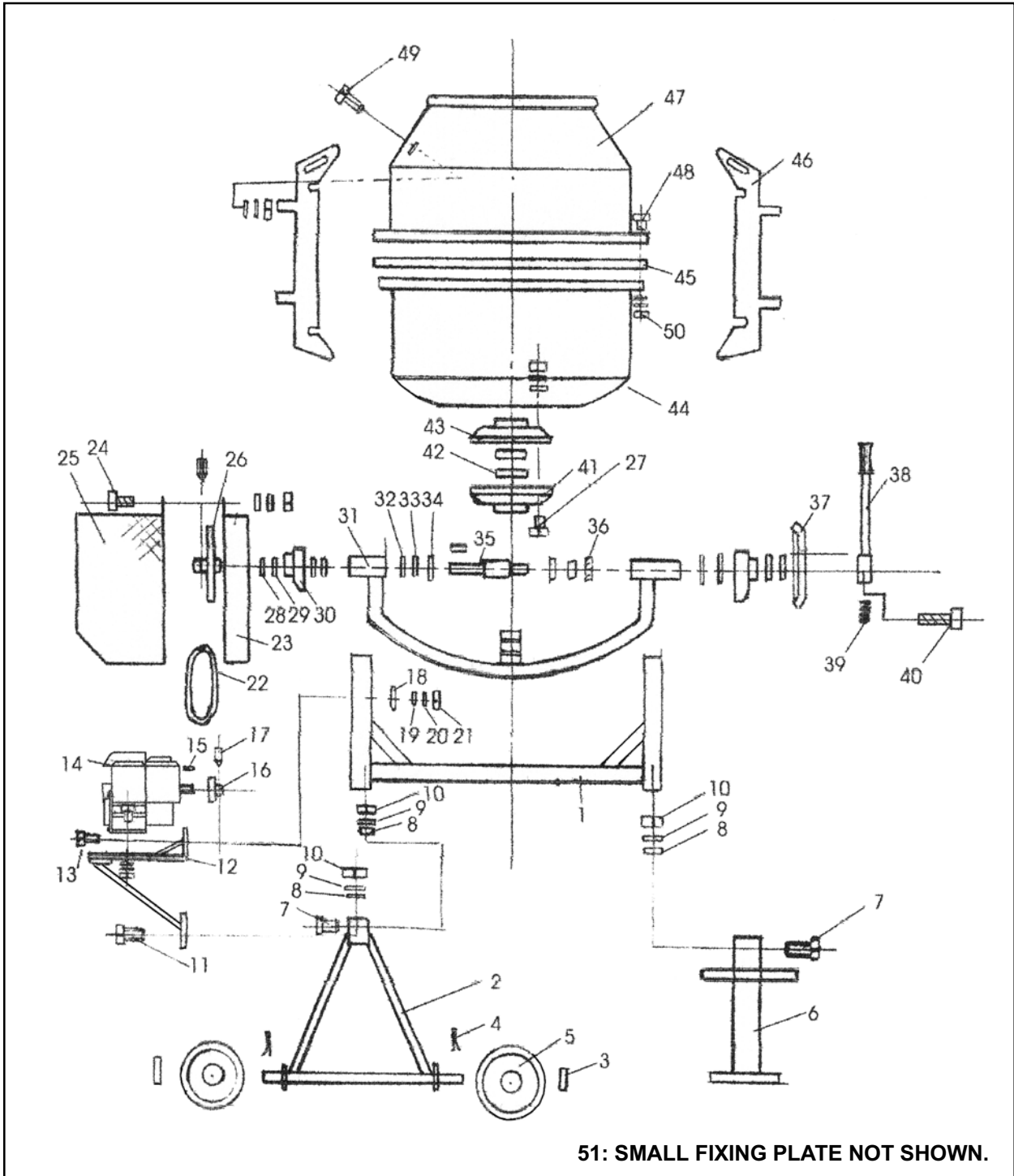
### PARTS LIST

Part #	Description	Qty.	Part #	Description	Qty.
1	Stand	1	26	Pulley (Large)	1
2	Hinge Bracket	1	27	Hex Head Bolt	10
3	Flat Washer	4	28	Flat Washer	4
4	Pin	4	29	Adjusting Washer	4
5	Wheel	2	30	Iron Tube Fixture	2
6	Support Bracket	1	31	Support Arm	1
7	Hex Bolt	4	32	Flat Washer	2
8	Nut	19	33	Dust Proof Cover	2
9	Spring Washer	19	34	Bearing (102)	2
10	Flat Washer	19	35	Shaft	1
11	Bolt	1	36	Gear	1
12	Engine Mount Plate	1	37	Degree Adjusting Plate	1
13	Bolt	4	38	Degree Adjusting Arm	1
14	Gas Engine*	1	39	Spring	1
15	Key	1	40	Bolt	1
16	Pulley (Small)	1	41	Bearing Cover (Lower)	1
17	Thrust Screw	2	42	Bearing (206)	1
18	Fixing Plate	1	43	Bearing Cover (Upper)	1
19	Flat Washer	10	44	Lower Drum	1
20	Spring Washer	10	45	Connector Seal	1
21	Hex Nut	2	46	Mixing Blade	2
22	V-Belt	1	47	Upper Drum	1
23	Inner Cover	1	48	Bolt	10
24	Bolt	10	49	Bolt	4
25	Engine Cover	1	50	Nut	10
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\* See Briggs & Stratton® Engine Parts List and Assembly Diagram for available replacement parts.

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# ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



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