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## OPERATOR'S MANUAL

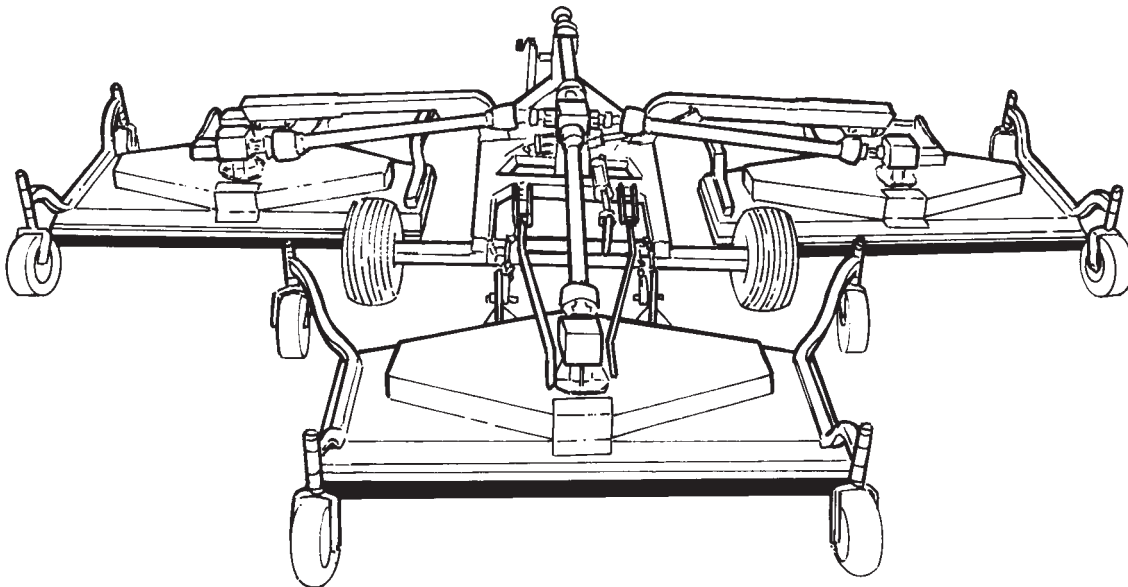


This Operator's Manual is an integral part of the safe operation of this machine and must be maintained with the unit at all times. **READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW** the Safety and Operation Instructions contained in this manual before operating the equipment.

### ATENCIÓN!

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# TO THE OWNER/OPERATOR/DEALER

All implements with moving parts are potentially hazardous. There is no substitute for a cautious, safe-minded operator who recognizes the potential hazards and follows reasonable safety practices. The manufacturer has designed this implement to be used with all its safety equipment properly attached to minimize the chance of accidents.

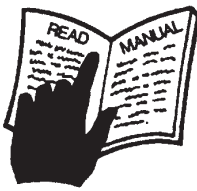



## BEFORE YOU START!!

Read the safety messages on the implement and shown in your manual.  
Observe the rules of safety and common sense!

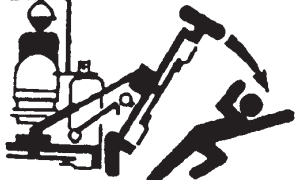
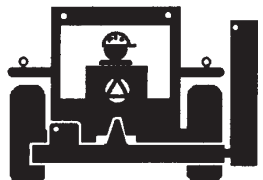




# DANGER

**FAILING TO FOLLOW SAFETY MESSAGES AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR EVEN DEATH TO OPERATOR AND OTHERS IN THE AREA.**

<p>1.</p> 	<p>2. NO RIDERS. NO CHILDREN OPERATORS.</p> 	<p>3. USE SAFETY SHOES, HARD HAT, SAFETY GLASSES, SEAT BELTS, ROPS &amp; OPS</p> 	<p>4. BLOCK UP SECURELY BEFORE WORKING UNDER.</p> 
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- Study and understand Operator's Manuals, Safety Decals, and Instructional Decals for tractor and implement to prevent misuse, abuse, and accidents. Practice before operating in a confined area or near passersby.
  - Learn how to stop engine suddenly in an emergency. Be alert for passersby and especially children
- Allow no children on or near folding mower or tractor. Allow no riders on tractor or implement. Falling off may cause serious injury or death from being run over by tractor or mower or contact with rotating blades.
- Operate only with tractor having Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) and with seat belt securely fastened to prevent injury and possible death from falling off or tractor overturn.
  - Personal Protective Equipment such as Hard Hat, Safety Glasses, Safety Shoes, & Ear Plugs are recommended.
- Block up or support raised machine and all lifted components securely before putting hands or feet under or working underneath any lifted component to prevent crushing injury or death from sudden dropping or inadvertent operation of controls. Make certain area is clear before lowering or folding
- Before transporting, put Lift Lever in detent or full-lift position. Install Transport Safety Devices securely on folding mowers. Put Booms securely in Transport Rest.
  - Folding and Boom Mowers have raised center of gravity. Slow down when turning and on hillsides.
- Make certain that SMV sign, warning lights, and reflectors are clearly visible. Follow local traffic codes.
- Never operate with Cutting Head or Folding Section raised if passersby, bystanders, or traffic are in the area to reduce possibility of injury or death from objects thrown by Blades under Guards or mower structure.
- Before dismounting, secure implement in transport position or lower to ground.
  - Put tractor in park or set brake, disengage PTO, stop engine, remove key, and wait until noise of rotation has ceased to prevent crushing by entanglement in rotating parts which could cause injury or death.
  - Never mount or dismount a moving vehicle. Crushing from runover may cause serious injury or death.

<p>5. TRANSPORT SAFELY, LOCK UP.</p> 	<p>6. USE SMV, LIGHTS, &amp; REFLECTORS.</p> 	<p>7. DO NOT OPERATE WITH CUTTER OR WING RAISED.</p> 	<p>8. DO NOT MOUNT OR DISMOUNT WHILE MOVING.</p> 
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## WARRANTY INFORMATION:

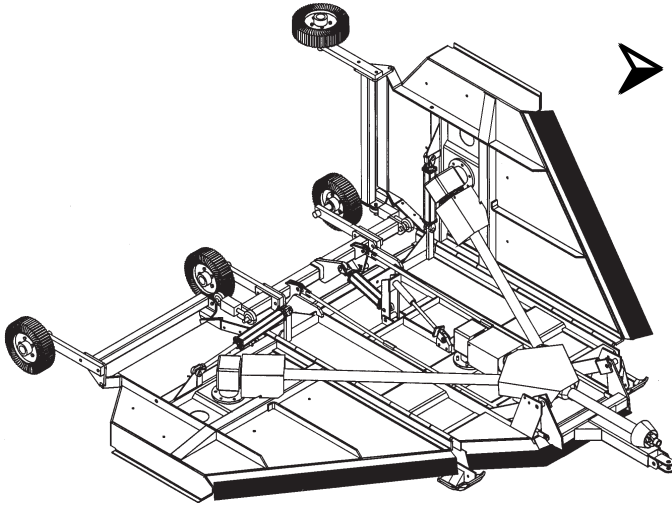
Read and understand the complete Warranty Statement found in this Manual. Fill out the Warranty Registration Form in full and return it within 30 Days. Make certain the Serial Number of the Machine is recorded on the Warranty Card and on the Warranty Form that you retain. The use of "will-fit" parts will void your warranty and can cause catastrophic failure with possible injury or death.

➤ **BE SAFE!**

➤ **BE ALERT!**

➤ **BE ALIVE!**

➤ **BE TRAINED  
before operating  
the Mower!**



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In order to reduce accidents and enhance the safe operation of mowers, *Alamo Group Ag Division*, in cooperation with other industry manufacturers has developed the AEM/FEMA Industrial and Agricultural Mower Safety Practices video and guide book.

The video will familiarize and instruct mower-tractor operators in safe practices when using industrial and agricultural mowing equipment. It is important that Every Mower Operator be educated in the operation of their mowing equipment and be able to recognize the potential hazards that can occur while operating a mower. This video, along with the mower operator's manual and the warning messages on the mower, will significantly assist in this important education.

Your Authorized *Alamo Ag Dealer* may have shown this video and presented you a DVD Video when you purchased your mower. If you or any mower operator have not seen this video, **Watch the Video, Read this Operator's Manual, and Complete the Video Guidebook** before operating your new mower. If you do not understand any of the instructions included in the video or operator's manual or if you have any questions concerning safety of operation, contact your supervisor, dealer or *Alamo Group Ag*.

If you would like a VHS video tape of the video, please email [AEMVideo@alamo-group.com](mailto:AEMVideo@alamo-group.com) or Fax AEM VHS Video at (830) 372-9529 or mail in a completed copy of the form on the back of this page to AEM VHS Video 1502 E Walnut Street, Seguin, TX 78155. and request the VHS video version. Please include your name, mailing address, mower model and serial number.

Every operator should be trained for each piece of equipment (Tractor and Mower), understand the intended use, and the potential hazards before operating the equipment.

# Alamo Group Ag. Division is willing to provide one (1) AEM Mower Safety Practices Video

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# **SAFETY SECTION**

# SAFETY

## SAFETY

A safe and careful operator is the best operator. Safety is of primary importance to the manufacturer and should be to the owner/operator. Most accidents can be avoided by being aware of your equipment, your surroundings, and observing certain precautions. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Read and understand these Safety Messages before assembling, operating or servicing this mower. This equipment should only be operated by those persons who have read the Manual, who are responsible and trained, and who know how to do so safely and responsibly.

The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is used throughout this manual and on decals which are attached to the equipment. The Safety Alert Symbol means: **“ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!”** The Symbol and Signal Word are intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this equipment..

**Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all---remember safety is up to YOU. Only YOU can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.**

### CAUTION!

The lowest level of Safety Message; warns of possible injury. Decals located on the Equipment with this Signal Word are Black and Yellow.



### WARNING!

Serious injury or possible death! Decals are Black and Orange.



### DANGER!

Imminent death/critical injury. Decals are Red and White. (SG-1)



**READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following Safety Messages. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in the Safety Messages. Always use good common sense to avoid hazards.**

**SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**



### PELIGRO!

Si no lee Ingles, pida ayuda a alguien que si lo lea para que le traduzca las medidas de seguridad. (SG-3)



(SG-2)

**¡LEA EL INSTRUCTIVO!**



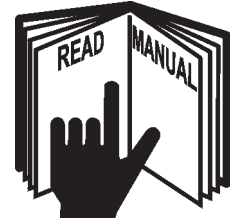
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Never operate the Tractor or Implement until you have read and completely understand this Manual, the Tractor Operator's Manual, and each of the Safety Messages found in the Manual or on the Tractor and Implement. Learn how to stop the tractor engine suddenly in an emergency. Never allow inexperienced or untrained personnel to operate the Tractor and Implement without supervision. Make sure the operator has fully read and understood the manuals prior to operation. (SG-4)



**WARNING!**



Always maintain the safety decals in good readable condition. If the decals are missing, damaged, or unreadable, obtain and install replacement decals immediately. (SG-5)

**WARNING!**



Make certain that the "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the Equipment use the Tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations. (SG-6)



**WARNING!**



Operate this Equipment only with a Tractor equipped with an approved roll-over-protective system (ROPS). Always wear seat belts. Serious injury or even death could result from falling off the tractor--particularly during a turnover when the operator could be pinned under the ROPS. (SG-7)



**WARNING!**

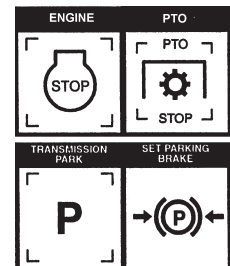


Do not modify or alter this Implement. Do not permit anyone to modify or alter this Implement, any of its components or any Implement function. (SG-8)

**DANGER!**



BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only. (SG-9)



**DANGER!**



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death. (SG-10)



**DANGER!**



Never allow children to operate or ride on the Tractor or Implement. (SGM-11)



**WARNING!**



Do not mount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped. (SG-12)



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### DANGER!



Start tractor only when properly seated in the Tractor seat. Starting a tractor in gear can result in injury or death. Read the Tractor operators manual for proper starting instructions. (SG-13)



### DANGER!



Never work under the Implement, the framework, or any lifted component unless the Implement is securely supported or blocked up to prevent sudden or inadvertent falling which could cause serious injury or even death. (SG-14)



### DANGER!



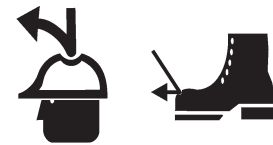
Do not operate this Equipment with hydraulic oil leaking. Oil is expensive and its presence could present a hazard. Do not check for leaks with your hand! Use a piece of heavy paper or cardboard. High-pressure oil streams from breaks in the line could penetrate the skin and cause tissue damage including gangrene. If oil does penetrate the skin, have the injury treated immediately by a physician knowledgeable and skilled in this procedure. (SG-15)



### WARNING!



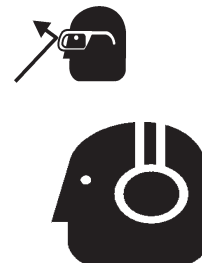
The operator and all support personnel should wear hard hats, safety shoes, safety glasses, and proper hearing protection at all times for protection from injury including injury from items thrown by the equipment. (SG-16)



### CAUTION!



**PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO LOUD NOISE MAY CAUSE PERMANENT HEARING LOSS!** Tractors with or without an Implement attached can often be noisy enough to cause permanent hearing loss. We recommend that you always wear hearing protection if the noise in the Operator's position exceeds 80db. Noise over 85db over an extended period of time will cause severe hearing loss. Noise over 90db adjacent to the Operator over an extended period of time will cause permanent or total hearing loss. *Note:* Hearing loss from loud noise [from tractors, chain saws, radios, and other such sources close to the ear] is cumulative over a lifetime without hope of natural recovery. (SG-17)



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## WARNING!



Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order. (SG-21)



## WARNING!



Never attempt to lubricate, adjust, or remove material from the Implement while it is in motion or while tractor engine is running. Make sure the tractor engine is off before working on the Implement.

(SG-20)



## WARNING!

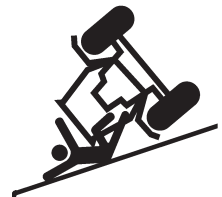


Transport only at safe speeds. Serious accidents and injuries can result from operating this equipment at unsafe speeds. Understand the Tractor and Implement and how it handles before transporting on streets and highways. Make sure the Tractor steering and brakes are in good condition and operate properly.



Before transporting the Tractor and Implement, determine the safe transport speeds for you and the equipment. Make sure you abide by the following rules:

1. Test the tractor at a slow speed and increase the speed slowly. Apply the Brakes smoothly to determine the stopping characteristics of the Tractor and Implement. As you increase the speed of the Tractor the stopping distance increases. Determine the maximum safe transport speed for you and this Equipment.
2. Test the equipment at a slow speed in turns. Increase the speed through the turn only after you determine that it is safe to operate at a higher speed. Use extreme care and reduce your speed when turning sharply to prevent the tractor and implement from turning over. Determine the maximum safe turning speed for you and this equipment before operating on roads or uneven ground.
3. Only transport the Tractor and Implement at the speeds that you have determined are safe and which allow you to properly control the equipment.



Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases: use extreme care and reduce your speed. When operating in traffic always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy. (SG-19)

## WARNING!



Always read carefully and comply fully with the manufacturers instructions when handling oil, solvents, cleansers, and any other chemical agent. (SG-22)



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**DANGER!**



Never run the tractor engine in a closed building or without adequate ventilation. The exhaust fumes can be hazardous to your health.

(SG-23)

**DANGER!**



KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING ELEMENTS to prevent entanglement and possible serious injury or death.

(SG-24)



**DANGER!**



Never allow children to play on or around Tractor or Implement. Children can slip or fall off the Equipment and be injured or killed. Children can cause the Implement to shift or fall crushing themselves or others.

(SG-25)

**WARNING!**



Do not exceed the rated PTO speed for the Implement. Excessive PTO speeds can cause Implement driveline or blade failures resulting in serious injury or death.

(SG-26)

**DANGER!**



**NEVER use drugs or alcohol** immediately before or while operating the Tractor and Implement. Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. Before operating the Tractor or Implement, an operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to operate the Equipment safely. **NEVER** knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness or coordination is impaired. Serious injury or death to the operator or others could result if the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

(SG-27)



**WARNING!**



Mow only in conditions where you have clear visibility in daylight or with adequate artificial lighting. Never mow in darkness or foggy conditions where you cannot clearly see at least 100 yards in front and to the sides of the tractor and mower. Make sure that you can clearly see and identify passersby, steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, debris and foreign objects. If you are unable to clearly see this type of items discontinue mowing.

(SGM-1)

**DANGER!**



There are obvious and hidden potential hazards in the operation of this Mower. **REMEMBER!** This machine is often operated in heavy brush and in heavy weeds. The Blades of this Mower can throw objects if shields are not properly installed and maintained. Serious injury or even death may occur unless care is taken to insure the safety of the operator, bystanders, or passersby in the area. Do not operate this machine with anyone in the immediate area. Stop mowing if anyone is within 100 yards of mower.

(SGM-2)

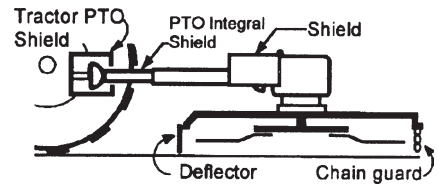


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**DANGER!**



All Safety Shields, Guards and Safety devices including (but not limited to) - the Deflectors, Chain Guards, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, PTO integral shields, and Retractable Door Shields should be used and maintained in good working condition. All safety devices should be inspected carefully at least daily for missing or broken components. Missing, broken, or worn items must be replaced at once to reduce the possibility of injury or death from thrown objects, entanglement, or blade contact. (SGM-3)



**DANGER!**



The rotating parts of this machine have been designed and tested for rugged use. However, the blades could fail upon impact with heavy, solid objects such as metal guard rails and concrete structures. Such impact could cause the broken objects to be thrown outward at very high velocities. To reduce the possibility of property damage, serious injury, or even death, never allow the cutting blades to contact such obstacles. (SGM-4)

**WARNING!**



Extreme care should be taken when operating near loose objects such as gravel, rocks, wire, and other debris. Inspect the area before mowing. Foreign objects should be removed from the site to prevent machine damage and/or bodily injury or even death. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator. Stop mowing immediately if blades strike a foreign object. Repair all damage and make certain rotor or blade carrier is balanced before resuming mowing. (SGM-5)



**WARNING!**



Many varied objects, such as wire, cable, rope, or chains, can become entangled in the operating parts of the mower head. These items could then swing outside the housing at greater velocities than the blades. Such a situation is extremely hazardous and could result in serious injury or even death. Inspect the cutting area for such objects before mowing. Remove any like object from the site. Never allow the cutting blades to contact such items. (SGM-6)

**WARNING!**



Mow at the speed that you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. Safe mowing speed depends on terrain condition and grass type, density, and height of cut. Normal ground speed range is from 0 to 5 mph. Use slow mowing speeds when operating on or near steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, or when debris and foreign objects are to be avoided. (SGM-7)

**WARNING!**



Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible. Check to make sure there are no persons behind the mower and use extreme care when mowing in reverse. Mow only at a slow ground speed where you can safely operate and control the tractor and mower. Never mow an area that you have not inspected and removed debris or foreign material. (SGM-8)

**WARNING!**



Do not put hands or feet under mower decks. Blade Contact can result in serious injury or even death. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the decks are securely blocked up. (SGM-9)



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Replace bent or broken blade with new blades. NEVER ATTEMPT TO STRAIGHTEN OR WELD ON BLADES SINCE THIS WILL LIKELY CRACK OR OTHERWISE DAMAGE THE BLADE WITH SUBSEQUENT FAILURE AND POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES. (SGM-10)

**WARNING!**



Do not let the Blades turn when the Mower Deck is raised for any reason, including clearance or for turning. Raising the Mower deck exposes the Cutting Blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and could cause serious injury or even death from objects thrown from the Blades. (SRM-7)



**WARNING!**



Do not mow with two machines in the same area except with Cab tractors with the windows closed. (SGM-11)

**DANGER!**



Do not turn so sharp or lift mower so high to produce a severe "knocking" of the Driveline which will cause accelerated wear and breakage of drive train components and could result in injury from the separated Driveline sections. (SRM-4)

**WARNING!**



Use extreme care when lowering or unfolding the implement's wings. Make sure no bystanders are close by or underneath the wings. Allow ample clearance around the implement when folding or unfolding the wings. Use extreme caution around buildings or overhead power lines. (S3PT-5)

**DANGER!**



This Implement is wider than the Tractor. Be careful when operating or transporting this equipment to prevent the Implement from running into or striking sign posts, guard rails, concrete abutments or other solid objects. Such an impact could cause the Implement and Tractor to pivot violently resulting in loss of steering control, serious injury, or even death. Never allow the Implement to contact obstacles. (S3PT-12)

**DANGER!**



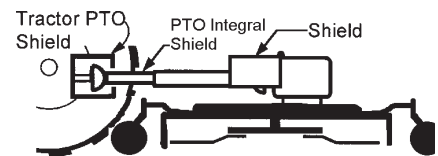
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**DANGER!**



All Safety Shields, Guards and Safety devices including (but not limited to) - the Discharge Deflectors, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, Belt Shields, and PTO Shields should be used and maintained in good working condition. All safety devices should be inspected carefully at least daily for missing or broken components. Missing, broken, or worn items must be replaced at once to reduce the possibility of injury or death from thrown objects, entanglement, or blade contact. (SFM-2)



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**DANGER!**



Rotary Mowers are capable under adverse conditions of throwing objects for great distances (100 yards or more) and causing serious injury or death. Follow safety messages carefully



**STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 100 YARDS UNLESS:**

- Mower Deck Shielding, and Discharge Deflector are installed and in good, working condition;
- Mower section is running close to and parallel with the ground without exposed Blades;
- Passerby are outside the existing thrown-object zone;
- All areas have been thoroughly inspected and all foreign material such as rocks, cans, glass, and general debris has been removed.

NOTE: Where there are grass and weeds high enough to hide debris that could be struck by the blades, the area should be: inspected and large debris removed, mowed at an intermediate height, inspected closely with any remaining debris being removed, and mowed again at desired final height. (This will also reduce power required to mow, reduce wear and tear on the Mower drivetrain, spread cut material better, eliminate streaking, and make the final cut more uniform.) (SFM-3)

**DANGER!**



Be particularly careful when transporting the Implement using the tractor. Turn curves or go up or down hills only at a low speed and at a gradual steering angle. Make certain that at least 20% of the tractor's weight is on the front wheels to maintain safe steering. Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces. (STI-1)

**DANGER!**



When the Wings are folded for transport, the center of gravity is raised and the possibility of overturn is increased. Drive slowly and use extreme caution when turning on hillsides. Overturning the Implement could cause the Implement to overturn the Tractor and vice versa resulting in serious injury or even death. Never fold wings on a hillside...the Implement may overturn. (STI-2)

**DANGER!**



**DO NOT** allow any person under a folded wing unless wing is securely locked up or supported. **DO NOT** approach the Implement unless the Tractor is turned off and all motion has ceased. Never work under the frame work, or any lifted component unless the implement is securely supported or blocked up. A sudden or inadvertent fall by any of these components could cause serious injury or even death. (STI-3)



**WARNING!**



**Never unhitch without using the Tongue Jack.** The Tongue is very heavy. Attempting to lift the Tongue without using the Tongue Jack could cause **strains or other injury**. Allowing the tongue to fall **suddenly and unexpectedly** could result in **crushing injury**. Use the Tongue Jack for **lifting the mower only**. Overloading the Tongue Jack can cause failure with possible **serious bodily injury or even death**. (STI-4)

**CAUTION!**



On a fully-assembled unit, do not remove the Wing Retaining Strap until hoses are attached to the tractor and the Wing Cylinders are filled with oil. Lower the Wings slowly and carefully. Keep bystanders away during operations. (STI-5)

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### WARNING!



Never leave Tractor and Implemented unattended while the implement is in the lifted position. Accidental operation of lifting lever or a hydraulic failure may cause sudden drop of unit with injury or death by crushing. To properly park the implement when disconnecting it from the tractor, lower the stand and put the retaining pin securely in place, or put a secure support under the A-Frame. Lower the implement carefully to the ground. Do not put hands or feet under lifted components. (SPT-1)

### DANGER!



Always disconnect the main PTO Driveline from the Tractor before performing service on the Mower. Never work on the Mower with the tractor PTO driveline connected and running. Blades or Drivelines could turn without warning and cause immediate entanglement, injury or death. (SRM-3)

### DANGER!



Make sure the PTO shield, integral driveline shields, and input shields are installed when using PTO-driven equipment. Always replace any shield if it is damaged or missing. (S3PT-8)



### WARNING!



Relieve hydraulic pressure prior to doing any maintenance or repair work on the Implement. Place the Implement on the ground or securely blocked up, disengage the PTO, and turn off the tractor engine. Push and pull the Remote Cylinder lever in and out several times prior to starting any maintenance or repair work. (S3PT-9)



### WARNING!



The rotating parts of this machine continue to rotate even after the PTO has been turned off. The operator should remain in his seat for 60 seconds after the brake has been set, the PTO disengaged, the tractor turned off, and all evidence of rotation has ceased. (3PT-10)

**“Wait a minute...Save a life!”**

### WARNING!



Only tow the Implement behind a properly sized and equipped Tractor which exceeds the weight of the Implement by at least 20%. DO NOT tow the Implement behind a truck or other type of vehicle. Never tow the Implement and another Implement connected in tandem. Never tow the Implement at speeds over 20 MPH. (STI-6)

### DANGER!



Replace bent or broken blade with new blades. NEVER ATTEMPT TO STRAIGHTEN OR WELD ON BLADES SINCE THIS WILL LIKELY CRACK OR OTHERWISE DAMAGE THE BLADE WITH SUBSEQUENT FAILURE AND POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES. (SGM-10)



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## PARTS INFORMATION

Servis-Rhino mowers use balanced and matched system components for blade carriers, blades, cuttershafts, knives, knife hangers, rollers, drivetrain components, and bearings. These parts are made and tested to Servis-Rhino specifications. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce mower performance, void warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine Servis-Rhino mower parts for economy and safety. (SPRM-1)

### SEE YOUR SERVIS-RHINO DEALER

In addition to the design and configuration of this Implement, including Safety Signs and Safety Equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the machine. Refer also to Safety Messages and operation instruction in each of the appropriate sections of the Tractor and Equipment Manuals. Pay close attention to the Safety Signs affixed to the Tractor and Equipment. (SG-18)

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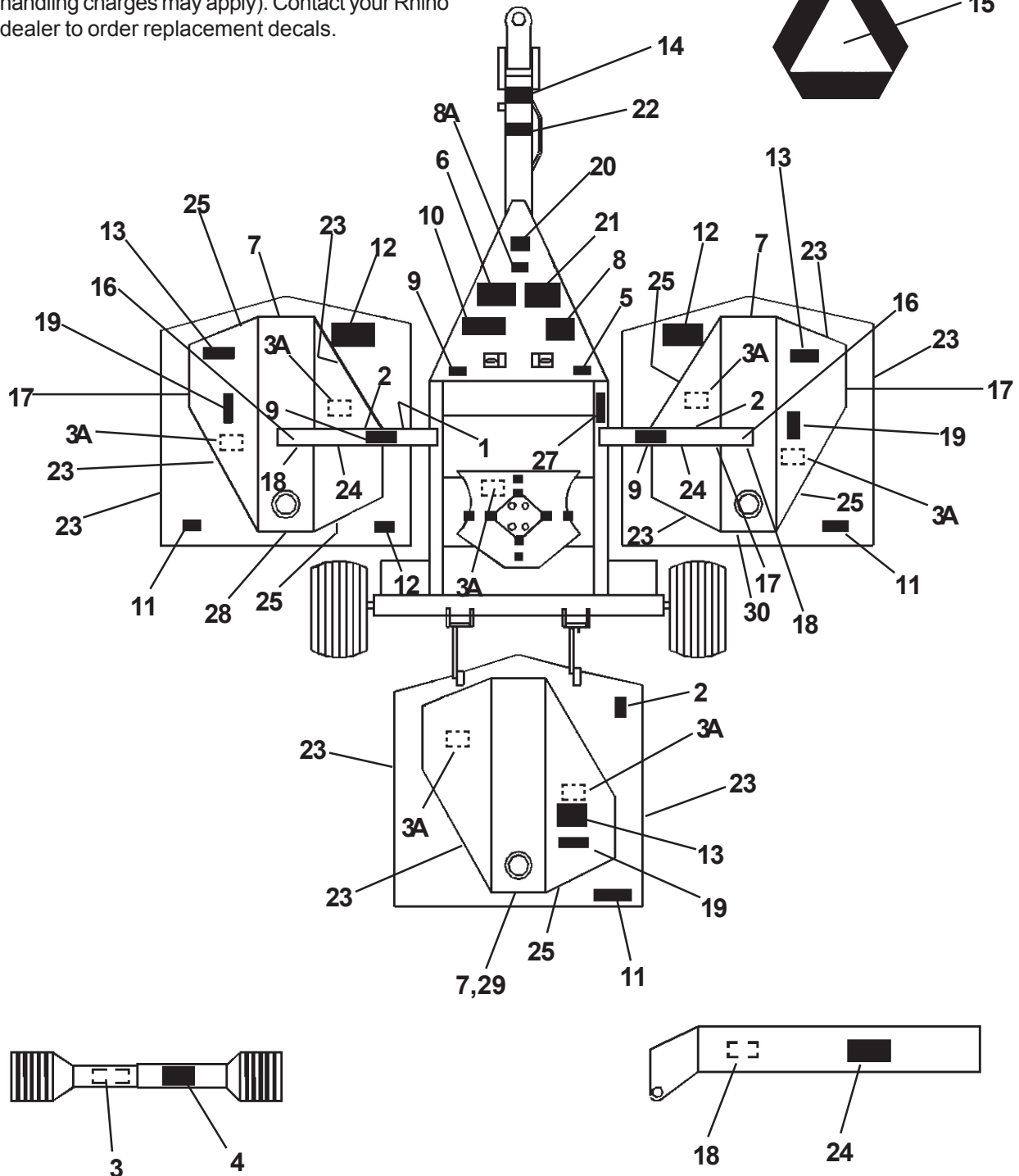
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11' Models

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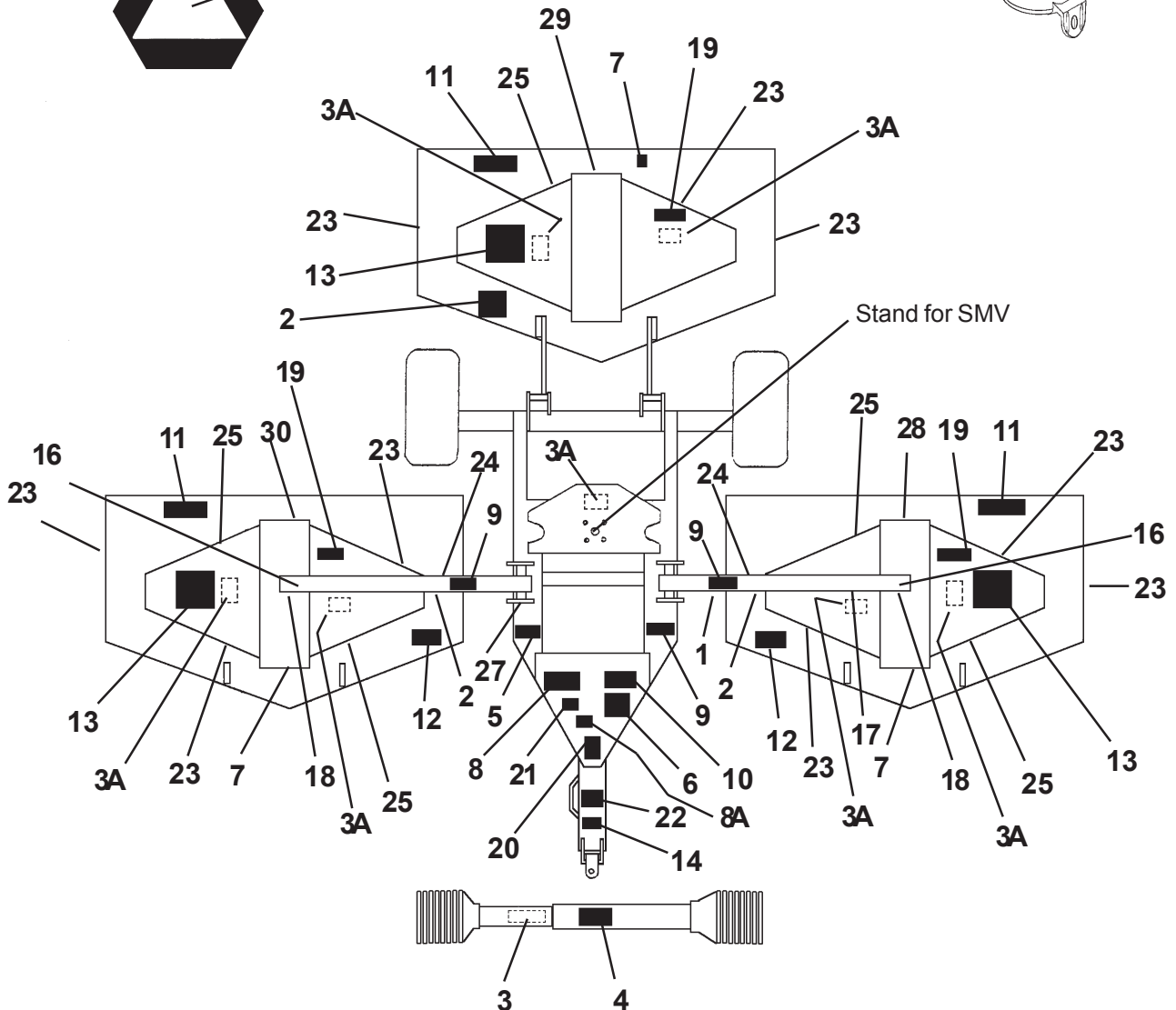
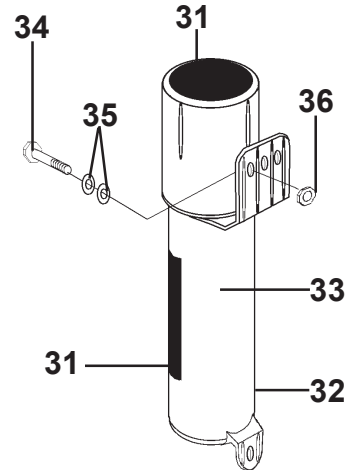
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13-1/2', 14-1/2', 15-1/2', 16-1/2'  
Models

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Attaches to Bolts on top of  
Divider Gearbox.



# SAFETY

## SAFETY

ITEM	PART NO.	QTY	LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
1	00725746	1	PELIGRO	Get Manuals Translated
2	00753840	3	DANGER!	Folding Wings
3	00756004	((4))	DANGER!	D/L Shield missing. DO NOT OPERATE.
3A	00756004	{2}	DANGER!	Shield missing. DO NOT OPERATE.
4	00756005	((4))	DANGER!	Rotating Driveline
5	00756059	1	DANGER!	Leak Detection
6	00756494	1	DANGER!	D/L Multiple Hazard
7	00758194	3	WARNING!	Pinch Point, Belt
8	00760657	1	IMPORTANT	Genuine Rhino Parts
8A	00773723	1	PELIGRO	Rotating Driveline Translation
9	00763536	3	WARNING!	Disengage PTO before Folding
10	00769736	1	WARNING!	Use/Repair Shields & Guards
11	00769737	3	DANGER!	Cutting Blades/Thrown Objects
12	02962765	2	WARNING!	Pinch Point/Crushing
13	02967827	3	DANGER!	Multiple Hazard Fldg Rotary
14	D103	1	WARNING!	540 RPM PTO
15	03200347	1*	REFLECT	SMV
16	1458392	2	REFLECT	Red Reflectors
17	1458393	2	REFLECT	Amber Reflector
18	000678	2	INSTRUCT	Grease Fitting Inside
19	00755691	3	INSTRUCT	Lube and Blade Bolt
20	00763613	1	INSTRUCT	Slip Clutch Adjustment
21	00763977	1	INSTRUCT	Notice to Owner
22	D102	1	INSTRUCT	Drawbar-to-PTO distance
23	D301	9	L.NAME	RHINO (2-5/8 x 10 1/16)
24	D302	2	LOGO	Rhino (4-7/8 x6-1/2)
25	00763535	5	NAME	TURF FLEX
27	00763539	1	SER PLT	Turf Flex Serial Plate
28	00763539A	1	SER PLT	Left Mower TX Serial Plate
29	00763539B	1	SER PLT	Center Mower TX Serial Plate
30	00763539C	1	SER PLT	Right Mower TX Serial Plate
31	00776481	1	INSTRUCT	Operators Manual Inside
32	00776031	1		Canister, Operators Manual
33	00763618C	1		Operators Manual
34	10058000	3		Bolt
35	00024100	6		Flatwasher
36	02959924	3		Locknut

- (( )) Installed by D/L Mfr.  
 \* Furnished by Tractor Mf.  
 [ ] Use One or the Other  
 { } Cut in half and attach to Deck

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## ⚠ PELIGRO

Si No Lee Ingles, Pida Ayuda a Alguien Que Si Lo Lea Para Que le Traduzca las Medidas de Seguridad.

LEA EL INSTRUCTIVO



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- 13 -- 02967827 Front Cover
- 15 -- 03200347 SMV reflector
- 16 -- 99203 Red Reflector
- 17 -- 99204 Yellow Reflector

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## ⚠ DANGER



- Stay clear when removing transport strap and lowering or raising wing. ● Component failure or accidental operation of controls may allow wing to fall suddenly and cause bodily injury or death.
- Cylinders with ⊗Restrictors installed must be filled with oil for wings to lower slowly & safely.
- Lock Wings up securely for transporting.



- Do not operate mower with wings raised with passersby in the area. ● Contact with exposed rotating Blades and/or being hit by thrown objects may cause injury or death.

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## ⚠ DANGER



**GUARD MISSING  
DO NOT OPERATE**

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## ⚠ DANGER



**ROTATING DRIVELINE-  
CONTACT CAN CAUSE DEATH  
KEEP AWAY!**

**DO NOT OPERATE WITHOUT-**

- All driveline guards, tractor and equipment shields in place
- Drivelines securely attached at both ends
- Driveline guards that turn freely on driveline

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## ⚠ WARNING

USE PAPER OR CARDBOARD TO CHECK FOR LEAKS. **NEVER USE YOUR HAND.** IF OIL PENETRATES SKIN, GANGRENE OR OTHER SERIOUS INJURY COULD OCCUR. **GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.**

See Operator's Manual.

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## ⚠ WARNING

DO NOT OPERATE WITH BELT SHIELD REMOVED. FINGER(S) MAY BE PINCHED OFF IF CAUGHT BETWEEN V-BELT AND PULLEY.

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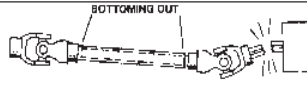
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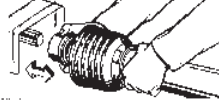
## **⚠ DANGER**

1. MAKE CERTAIN DRIVELINES ARE OF THE **CORRECT LENGTH** AND **SECURELY ATTACHED**. **DRIVELINE SEPARATION AND/OR PTO STUB SHAFT FAILURE CAN CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH.** (See Operator's Manual for procedure.)

\* SEE MANUAL FOR MINIMUM OVERLAP & MINIMUM/MAXIMUM LENGTHS



2. MAKE CERTAIN THAT DRIVELINE SHIELDS ARE **INSTALLED CORRECTLY** AND **TURN FREELY** TO PREVENT INJURY OR DEATH FROM ENTANGLEMENT



3. MAKE CERTAIN THAT DRIVELINE IS INSTALLED CORRECTLY ON TRACTOR PTO SHAFT. **MOVE YOKE BACK AND FORTH UNTIL LOCKING COLLAR CLICKS FORWARD AND LOCKS YOKE IN PLACE**

4. **540 PTO RPM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MARKED OTHERWISE.**

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## **⚠ WARNING**

OPERATE THIS MACHINE AT  
**540 RPM**  
TRACTOR PTO SPEED ONLY

Overspeeding PTO may cause component failure with resulting injury. D103

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## **GREASE FITTING INSIDE**

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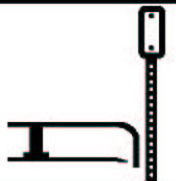
## **⚠ DANGER**

### **KEEP AWAY - THROWN OBJECTS**



- Inspect the area before mowing for potential mower hazards. Remove or avoid all foreign objects such as wire, cable, metal objects, and all other foreign material.

- Foreign material can be thrown from the mower and cause serious bodily injury to the operator and passersby.



- Do Not let rotating blades contact solid objects like rocks, posts, curbs or guard rails.

- Operate only if all Guards-Deflectors are in place and in good condition.



- Do Not operate with Mower or Wing raised off the ground.

- Stop mowing if Passersby enter the area of thrown objects. (See Operator's Manual)



- Stay away from rotating blades. Keep hands and feet away from rotating blades.

- Do Not approach mower until all motion has stopped.

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## **⚠ WARNING**

**DISENGAGE PTO BEFORE FOLDING WINGS TO PREVENT INSTANT FAILURE OF DRIVELINES AND POSSIBLE SEVERE BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.**

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## **IMPORTANT**

For your safety and to guarantee optimum product reliability, always use Genuine RHINO replacement parts. The use of inferior "will-fit" parts will void Warranty of your RHINO implement and may cause premature or catastrophic failure which can result in serious injury or death. If you have any questions concerning the repair parts you are using, contact Servis-Rhino, 1502 E. Walnut Seguin, TX 78155 (830) 372-3080.



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## **WARNING**

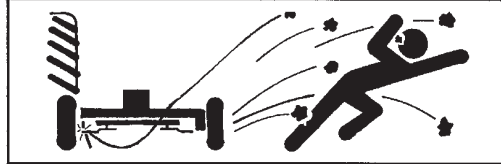
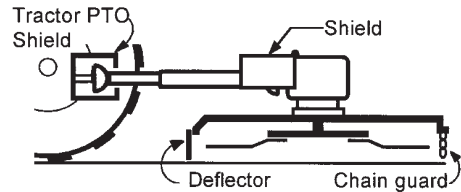
**FAILURE TO USE AND MAINTAIN SHIELDS AND DEFLECTORS IN GOOD CONDITION MAY LEAD TO INJURY OR DEATH FROM ENTANGLEMENT WITH ROTATING PARTS, BEING HIT BY OBJECTS THROWN WITH GREAT FORCE BY BLADES, OR BY BLADE CONTACT.**

● Always replace Guards which have been removed for maintenance. Never operate with Guards missing or broken.

● Chain Guards, Gearbox & Driveline Shields, Rubber-Fabric Deflectors, and Solid Band Enclosures are subject to wear and lost or broken parts and must be repaired or replaced as soon as damage is found.

● Safety Shielding must be installed and in good condition to reduce the possibility of thrown objects any time this machine is operated in any area where thrown objects could cause property damage or bodily injury.

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LUBRICATE Driveline - 3 Places

 Caster Wheel - 2 Places on each

Every 8 Hours Blade Shaft Housing - 1 Place on each

Use Clean #2 Lithium - Based Bearing Grease

Notice: Blade Bolts Have Left Hand Threads

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### ATTENTION!

Do not operate PTO until ALL Slip Clutches are properly adjusted and checked to make certain that NONE ARE FROZEN and that ALL WILL SLIP under excessive load. See Operator's Manual for complete instructions.

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24 -- D302

25 -- 00763535 TURF FLEX Name

26 -- Model Number

27 -- Serial Plate

28 -- Serial Plate

29 -- Serial Plate

30 -- Serial Plate



23 -- D301

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## NOTICE TO OWNER

An OPERATOR'S MANUAL (with Repair Parts Listing) and a WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD were attached to this implement during final inspection at the factory. If they were not attached at the time of purchase, please contact your selling dealer at once.

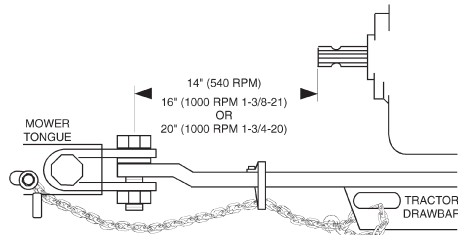
1. Read and understand Manual before operating the implement.
2. Complete, sign, and mail the Warranty Registration Card in today.

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## IMPORTANT

REQUIRED FOR JACKSHAFT UNIT  
SUGGESTED FOR STANDARD SHAFT



Attach Safety Chain securely as per ASAE S338

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## PELIGRO



Un manual de la seguridad de la línea de conducción n/p 00773776 está disponible en español. Llame el número enumerado para una copia gratis.

**LINEA DE CONDUCCION GIRATORIA-**  
EL CONTACTO PUEDE CAUSAR LA MUERTE  
**¡MANTENERSE LEJOS!**  
NO FUNCIONE SIN QUE-

- Todos los protectores de la línea de Conducción, alimentador y blindajes del Equipo estén en su lugar
- Las líneas de conducción estén conectadas con seguridad en ambos extremos
- Los protectores de la línea de conducción den vuelta libremente en la línea de Conducción

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### OPERATOR'S MANUAL INSIDE

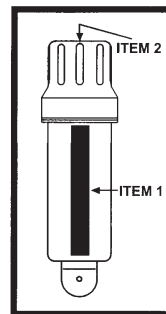
READ AND UNDERSTAND Before Operating Tractor & Implement  
If Manual is missing, obtain one before operating from Dealer or Alamo Group (800) 221-2855

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ITEM 1



ITEM 2



00776481 Decal Canister Sheet

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# SAFETY

## FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

This section is intended to explain in broad terms the concept and effect of federal laws and regulations concerning employer and employee equipment operators. This section is not intended as a legal interpretation of the law and should not be considered as such.

### Employer-Employee Operator Regulations

U.S. Public Law 91-596 (The Williams-Steiger Occupational and Health Act of 1970) OSHA

#### This Act Seeks:

“...to assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources...”

#### DUTIES

Sec. 5 (a) Each employer-

(1) shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees;

(2) shall comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under this Act.

(b) Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant to this Act which are applicable to his own actions and conduct.

#### OSHA Regulations

OSHA regulations state in part: “At the time of initial assignment and at least annually thereafter, the employer shall instruct every employee in the safe operation and servicing of all equipment with which the employee is, or will be involved.”

#### Employer Responsibilities:

To ensure employee safety during Tractor and Implement operation, it is the employer’s responsibility to:

1. Train the employee in the proper and safe operation of the Tractor and Implement.
2. Require that the employee read and fully understand the Tractor and Implement Operator’s manual.
3. Permit only qualified and properly trained employees to operate the Tractor and Implement.
4. Maintain the Tractor and Implement in a safe operational condition and maintain all shields and guards on the equipment.
5. Ensure the Tractor is equipped with a functional ROPS and seat belt and require that the employee operator securely fasten the safety belt and operate with the ROPS in the raised position at all times.
6. Forbid the employee operator to carry additional riders on the Tractor or Implement.
7. Provide the required tools to maintain the Tractor and Implement in a good safe working condition and provide the necessary support devices to secure the equipment safely while performing repairs and service.
8. Require that the employee operator stop mowing if bystanders or passerbys come within 100 yards.

#### Child Labor Under 16 Years of Age

Some regulations specify that no one under the age of 16 may operate power machinery. It is your responsibility to know what these regulations are in your own area or situation. (Refer to U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment Standard Administration, Wage & Home Division, Child Labor Bulletin #102.)

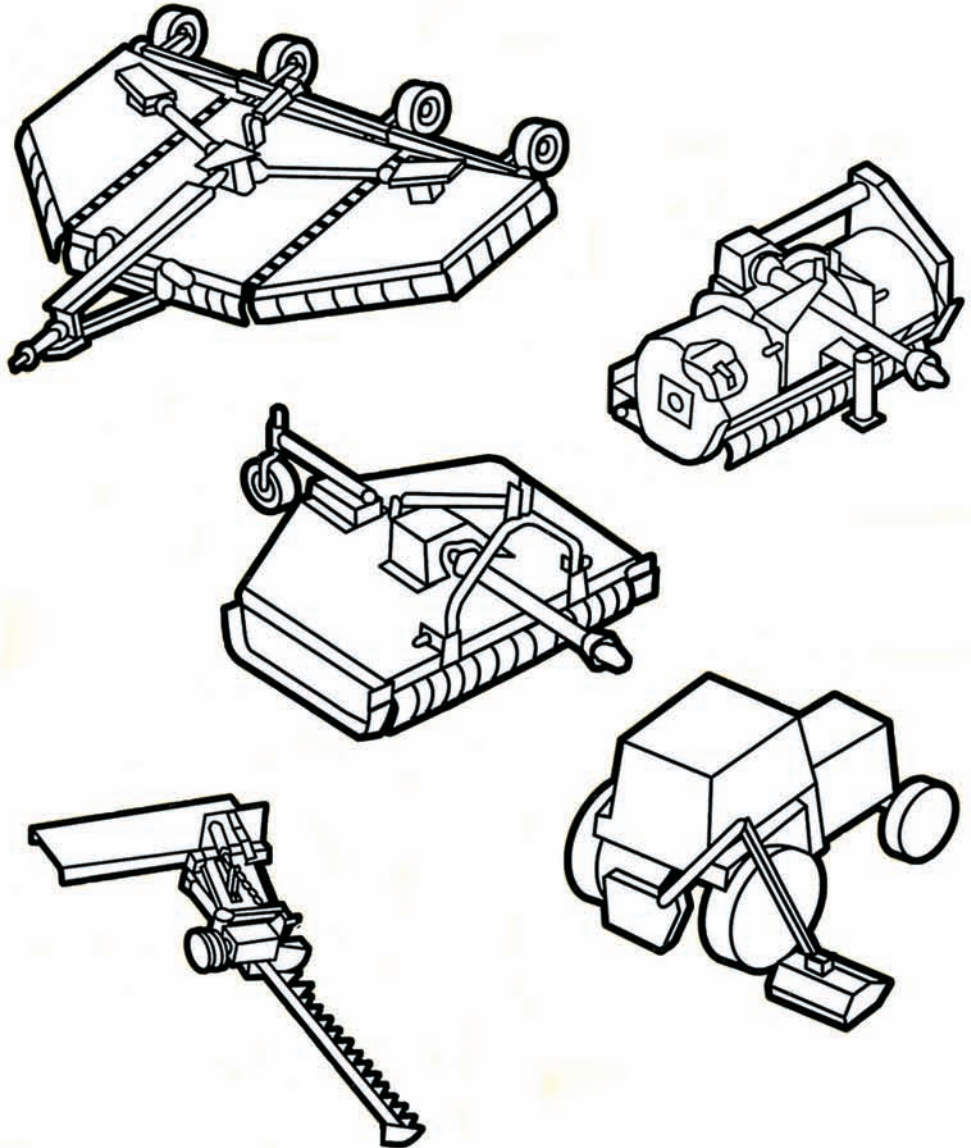




# Safety Manual

*For Operators  
and Mechanics*

# Industrial/ Agricultural Mower



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## Forward

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This Safety Manual is intended to point out some of the basic safety situations which may be encountered during the normal operation and maintenance of your machine and to suggest possible ways of dealing with these conditions. This manual is NOT a substitute for the manufacturer's manual(s).

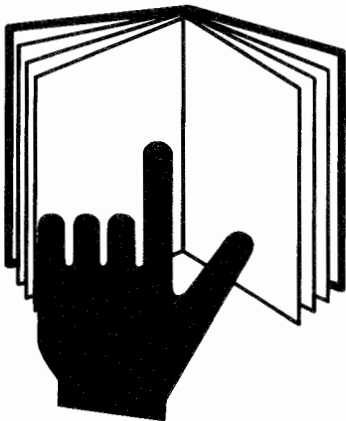
Additional precautions may be necessary, or some instructions may not be applicable, depending on the equipment, attachment devices, and conditions at the worksite or in the service area. The manufacturer has no direct control over machine application, operation, inspection, lubrication, or maintenance. Therefore, it is **YOUR** responsibility to use good safety practices in these areas.

The information provided in this manual supplements the specific information about your machine that is contained in the manufacturer's manual(s). Other information which may affect the safe operation of your machine may be contained on safety signs or in insurance requirements, employer's safety and training programs, safety codes, local, state/provincial and national laws, rules and regulations.

**IMPORTANT:** *If you do not have the manufacturer's manual(s) for your particular machine, get a replacement manual from your employer, equipment dealer, or the manufacturer of your machine. Keep this safety manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) with your machine.*

## A Word to the User

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It is your responsibility to read and understand this safety manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) before operating this machine. This safety manual takes you step-by-step through your working day. The safety manual, manufacturer's manual(s), safety signs (decals) and safety precautions must be explained to those users or operators who cannot read the material.

In addition to equipment design and configuration, **HAZARD CONTROL** and **ACCIDENT PREVENTION** are dependent upon the owner's and operator's awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment.

Remember that **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also protect the people around you. Study this manual and the manufacturer's manual(s) for your specific machine. Make them a working part of your safety program. Keep in mind that this safety manual is written only for industrial and agricultural mowers.

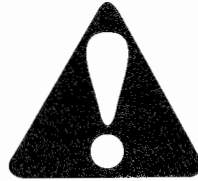
**Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all – remember safety is up to YOU. Only YOU can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.**

# Safety Alerts

## Symbol

This Safety Alert Symbol means:

**“ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT!  
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!”**



The Safety Alert Symbol identifies important safety messages on equipment, safety signs, in manuals or elsewhere. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of death or personal injury. Follow the instructions in the safety message.

## Signal Words

Signal words are distinctive words that will typically be found on safety decals on this equipment or other equipment on the worksite. These words are intended to alert the viewer to the existence and relative degree of a hazard.



This signal word indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



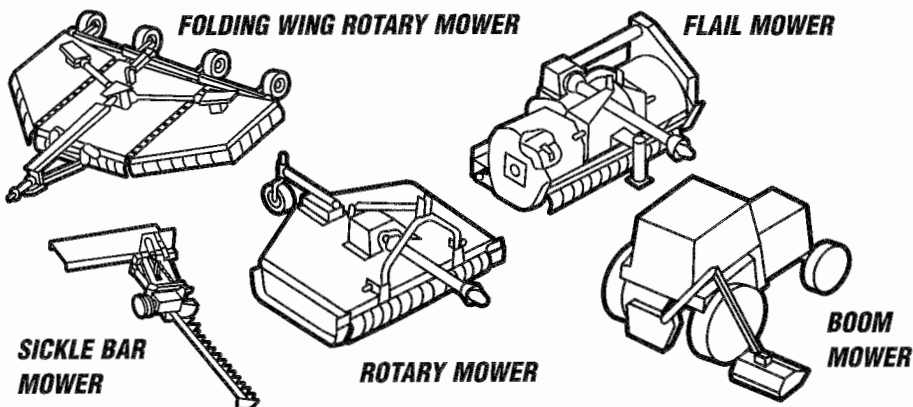
This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation exists which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

- ACCIDENTS DISABLE AND KILL.
- ACCIDENTS COST.
- ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED.

# Industrial/Agricultural Mowers

A mower for pasture clipping, crop residue shredding, heavy brush cutting for land clearing, waterways, right-of-ways, road side or highway mowing.

## INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL MOWER TYPES:



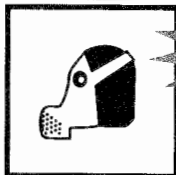
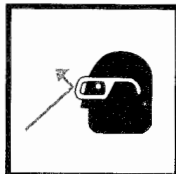
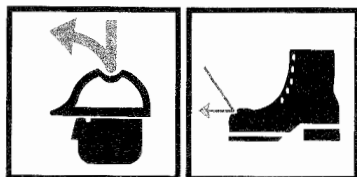
# Be a Responsible Operator



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Drink & Drive



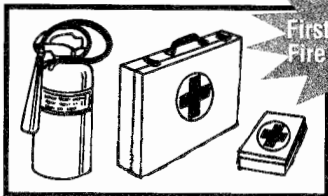
**DON'T**  
Take  
Drugs & Drive



**PROTECT**  
Yourself



**CALL**  
For Assistance



**LOCATE**  
First Aid Kits and  
Fire Extinguisher

For safe operation of your equipment, you must be a responsible operator. A responsible operator must clearly understand the written instructions supplied by the manufacturer, be trained—including actual operation of the equipment and know the safety rules and regulations for the worksite.

Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. An operator should **NEVER** use drugs which affect alertness, judgement and coordination or alcohol while operating motorized equipment, including tractors and mowers. An operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder his or her ability to operate this equipment safely. **NEVER** knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness, judgement or coordination is impaired.

## Protect Yourself

Wear all the protective clothing and personal safety devices issued to you or called for by job conditions.

### You may need:

- Hard hat
- Safety shoes
- Safety glasses with side shields, goggles or face shield
- Heavy gloves
- Hearing protection
- Reflective clothing
- Wet weather gear
- Respirator or filter mask

Wear adequate clothing for the job conditions.

Always know where to get assistance in the case of an emergency. Know where to find and how to use a first aid kit and fire extinguisher/fire suppression system.

**Stay alert. Avoid accidents.  
Don't learn safety the hard way.**

# Safety Management of Hazards and Risks

In addition to equipment design and configuration, **HAZARD CONTROL** and **ACCIDENT PREVENTION** are dependent upon the owner's and operator's awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment.

**SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDS AND RISKS IS ESSENTIAL TO RESPONSIBLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF TRACTORS AND MOWERS.**

**REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF LISTED HAZARDS AND RISKS:**

## ***Thrown Object Hazard***

**POSSIBLE THROWN OBJECT INJURY RISKS EXIST FOR MOWER OPERATORS AND BYSTANDERS DURING MOWER OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

**DISCHARGED OBJECTS (ROCKS, DEBRIS, BROKEN MOWER BLADES, BLADE BOLTS, CABLES, CHAINS, WIRE, ETC....) FROM THE MOWER.**

## ***Equipment Protective Devices And Recommended Safety Practices***

The mower deck and protective devices cannot prevent all objects or debris from escaping the blade enclosure area in every mowing condition. It is possible for objects to escape and travel several hundred (300) feet.

### **RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES**

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to users or operators who cannot read.

**TO HELP PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM OBJECTS STRIKING OPERATOR OR OTHER PERSONS DO THE FOLLOWING:**

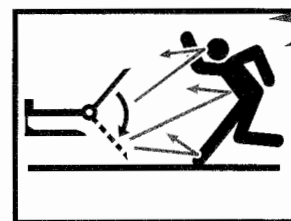
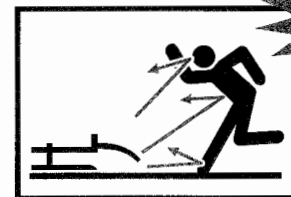
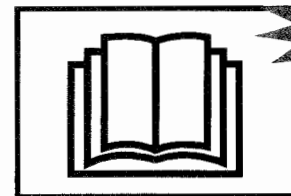
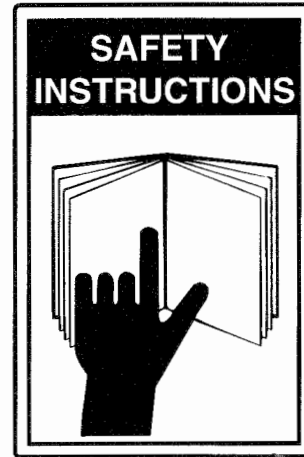
#### **BYSTANDERS SAFETY**

- Keep bystanders several hundred (300) feet from mowing area.

#### **EQUIPMENT PROTECTIVE DEVICES SAFETY**

**To contain, deflect or reduce thrown objects from blade enclosure area:**

- Keep chain, flexible or solid deflector shields in place on the front and rear of the mower deck and in good repair.
- Do not operate with damaged or missing thrown object shielding.



**THROWN Object Hazard**

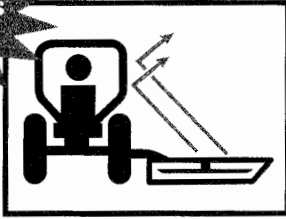
**READ Manuals**

**KEEP Bystanders Away**

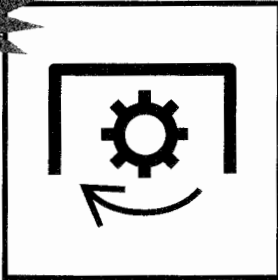
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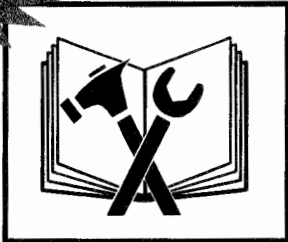
**USE ROPS  
Enclosed Cabs  
or Protective  
Enclosures**



**USE Proper  
PTO Speed**



**MAINTAIN  
Equipment**



## **OPERATOR SAFETY**

Raised wings, side mount and boom type mower operations may reduce the mower's thrown object shielding effectiveness for the mower operator's protection.

**Do the following to increase operator protection from thrown objects during these mowing operations:**

- Use enclosed ROPS cabs, special protective enclosures, screens or other operator shielding devices when performing these operations.

### **EXCEEDING RECOMMENDED PTO SPEEDS**

Do not exceed manufacturer's recommended PTO speeds.

**Excessive PTO speeds may cause:**

- Blade failures
- Higher velocity objects escaping or broken blades being thrown from mower blade enclosures.
- Potential 540 rpm driveline failures operating at 750 to 1000 rpm speeds.

### **OTHER SAFETY PRACTICES:**

- Never operate mower with broken, bent, missing, or severely worn blades.
- Before mowing, remove debris and foreign objects to avoid them being picked up and thrown out by the mower.
- \* Do not operate the mower in transport or in raised wing positions.

## **RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE PRACTICES**

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) inspection and maintenance instructions for chain guards, flexible or solid deflector shielding:

- Replace worn or damaged guards and other shielding before mowing.
- Use only manufacturer's replacement guards and shielding. Other guarding or shielding sources may not fit or have inadequate materials to meet the strength requirements of the equipment.
- Replace worn or damaged decals and warning instructions.
- Explain the inspection and maintenance instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.

# Rotating Blades and Driveline Hazards and Risks

A POSSIBLE INJURY RISK EXISTS TO MOWER OPERATORS AND BYSTANDERS DURING MOWING OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- BODY CONTACT WITH ROTATING BLADES.
- BODY ENTANGLEMENT WITH ROTATING DRIVELINES AND PARTS.

## Equipment Protective Devices and Recommended Safety Practices

### RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. To help prevent serious injury or death from moving blade contact, driveline or parts entanglement of operators or other persons do the following:

#### BYSTANDERS SAFETY

- Do not operate near bystanders.
- Keep other persons several hundred (300) feet from the mowing area.

#### OPERATOR SAFETY PRACTICES

- Do not allow riders on tractor or mower. Securely fasten seat belt when mowing.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice before servicing, adjusting, cleaning or unclogging the mower.
- Keep clear of rotating blades, parts, and drivelines.
- Never start tractor engine while standing beside equipment.
- Only start tractor engine while sitting in operator's seat with seat belt fastened.

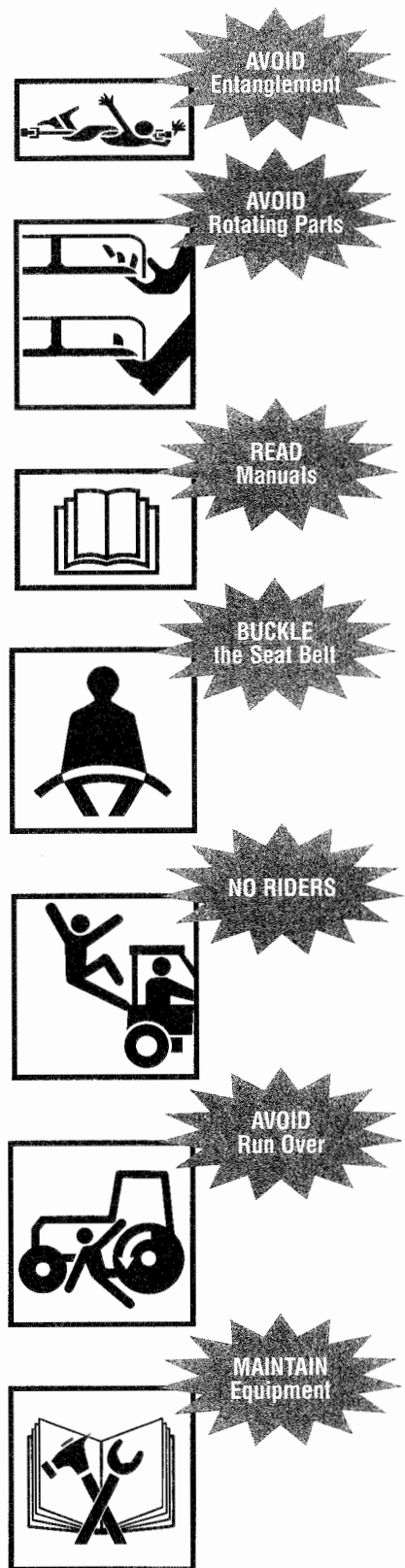
#### RECOMMENDED GUARDS, DRIVELINE GUARDS AND SHIELDING SAFETY PRACTICES

- Keep guards, driveline and other shielding in place and in good repair.
- Do not operate mower with missing or damaged guards, driveline guards or other shielding.

#### RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) inspection and maintenance instructions for guards, driveline guards and other shielding:

- Replace worn or damaged guards, driveline guards and other shielding before mowing.
- Use only manufacturer's replacement guards and shielding. Other guarding or shielding sources may not fit or have inadequate materials to meet the strength requirements of the equipment.
- Replace worn or damaged decals and warning instructions.
- Explain the inspection and maintenance instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.



## ***Tractor and Mower Rollover or Overturn Hazards and Risks***

A POSSIBLE ROLLOVER OR OVERTURN INJURY RISK EXISTS TO MOWER OPERATORS DURING MOWING OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- ROUGH TERRAIN, STEEP SLOPES, HOLES, BUMPS, RUTS, ROCKS, STUMPS OR OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS THAT COULD OVERTURN TRACTOR AND MOWER.
- EXCESSIVE GROUND SPEEDS FOR THESE TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

### ***Equipment Protective Devices and Recommended Safety Practices***

When possible remove stumps, stones, etc.. or mark them and other obstructions clearly to avoid upsets, breakdowns, and dangerous driving conditions. Use extreme care to maintain control over the equipment when operating in these terrain conditions.

#### **RECOMMENDED-TRACTOR ROPS**

A tractor equipped with ROPS or enclosed ROPS cab and seat belt for operator safety is essential for additional operator protection when operating mower in these terrain conditions.

#### **RECOMMENDED-TRACTOR STABILITY ADJUSTMENTS**

Read the tractor operator's manual for adjustments to increase tractor stability:

- Adding front and rear wheel weights or ballast.
- Adjusting wheel spacing to maximum width .
- Adding off-side counter ballast to side-mounted and boom mowers.
- Explain adjustments to those users or operators who cannot read.

### **RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES**

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. **To help prevent serious injury or death to the operator from tractor and mower overturns, do the following:**

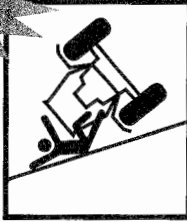
- Securely fasten seat belt when mowing with ROPS equipped tractors.
- Avoid excessive ground speed for terrain conditions.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops and turns when operating up, down or across slopes.
- Avoid slippery ground conditions.
- Make wide and gradual turns.
- Plan to mow down hill on steep slopes to avoid overturning.

## ***Falling Mower or Parts Crushing Hazards and Risks***

A POSSIBLE CRUSHING INJURY RISK EXISTS FOR MOWER OPERATORS AND OTHERS DURING MOWING OPERATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- FALLING MOWER OR EQUIPMENT FROM HYDRAULIC SYSTEM FAILURE.
- FAILURE TO SECURELY SUPPORT, BLOCK-UP OR LOCK-UP LIFTED MOWER OR EQUIPMENT PARTS.

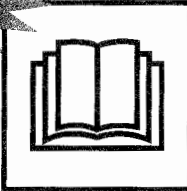
**AVOID  
Rollover**



**USE  
Tractor ROPS**



**READ  
Manuals**



**ADD  
Ballast**



**WIDEN  
Wheel Spacing  
and ADD Off-Side  
Ballast**



**BUCKLE  
the Seat Belt**



**AVOID  
CRUSHING  
Lock-Up Wing**



## Equipment Protective Devices and Recommended Safety Practices

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. **To help prevent serious injury or death to operators and other from alling mower or equipment parts, do the following:**

### **RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES**

Before working near or underneath lifted mower or equipment parts:

- Use proper equipment shutdown practices before servicing, adjusting, cleaning or unclogging the mower.
- Securely support or block-up raised mower or equipment parts.
- Securely support, block-up or lock-up wings with locking devices on wing type mowers or lower mower or equipment parts to the ground.
- Use transport locks when transporting mower on public roads.

## High Pressure Hydraulic Fluid Leak Hazards and Risks

**A POSSIBLE HIGH PRESSURE FLUID SKIN INJECTION INJURY AND GANGRENE RISK EXISTS FOR MOWER OPERATORS AND OTHERS FROM HIGH PRESSURE HYDRAULIC OR DIESEL OIL LEAK INJECTION INTO THE SKIN.**

**TO AVOID GANGRENE, INJECTED FLUID MUST BE SURGICALLY REMOVED WITHIN A FEW HOURS BY A DOCTOR FAMILIAR WITH THIS TYPE OF INJURY.**

### **RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRACTICES**

Read manufacturer's operator manual(s) for recommended operating safety practices. Explain the practices to those users or operators who cannot read. High pressure fluid pinhole leaks can be almost invisible.

**To help prevent serious injury or death, do the following:**

- Search for leaks with cardboard or wood.
- Do not use hands to check for leaks.
- Relieve system pressure before disconnecting lines.
- Before applying system pressure:
  - Check for damaged lines, pipes, and hoses.
  - Check to insure tight connections.
- Before operating pressurized systems:
  - Purge air from system.
  - Refer to the manufacturer's operator manual(s) for instructions.
  - Explain the procedures to those users or operators who cannot read.

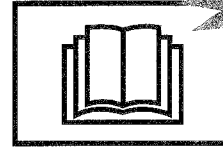
## Tractor Refueling Hazards and Risks

**To avoid serious injury or death from fire during refueling:**

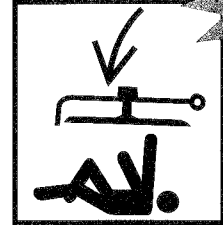
- Shut off engine and ignition.
- Never fill fuel tank near open flames.
- Never smoke while refueling.
- Avoid static electricity sparks by grounding fuel nozzle against tank filler neck.
- Avoid overfilling tank or spilling fuel.
- Clean up any spilled fuel immediately.
- Always replace fuel cap.

**To avoid serious injury or death from engine exhaust fumes:**

- Adequately ventilate enclosed spaces before starting the engine.



**READ  
Manuals**



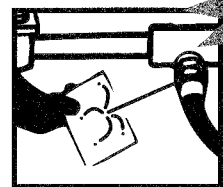
**AVOID  
CRUSHING  
Block-Up or  
Securely Support  
Mower**



**HIGH  
PRESSURE FLUID  
Can Inject  
into the Body**



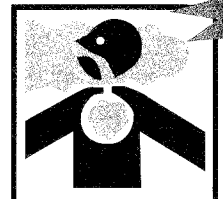
**READ  
Manuals**



**AVOID  
INJECTION  
Use Cardboard  
Not Hands**

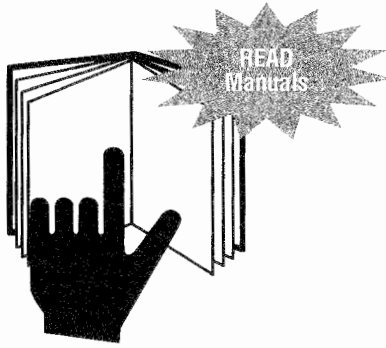


**AVOID  
Fires and  
Explosions**



**AVOID  
Exhaust Fumes**

## Follow A Safety Program



**SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO RESPONSIBLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF TRACTORS AND MOWERS. DO THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR SAFE MOWING OPERATION:**

### BE A QUALIFIED OPERATOR BY:

- Reading, understanding and obeying the manufacturer's written instructions in operator manual(s) and safety signs on mower and tractor.
- Receiving operational training with mower and tractor.
- Asking your equipment dealer or supervisor to explain things you do not understand.
- Explaining the written instructions in the operator manual(s) and safety signs (decals) on the mower and tractor to those users or operators who cannot read.

## Safety Before Operation

### Know Job Site Safety Rules And Regulations

Ask your supervisor about equipment operation safety rules you will be expected to obey.

#### Some basic rules for your's and others' safety:

- A ROPS and seat belt equipped tractor is required for operator protection during mowing operations.
- Know mower and tractor operating capacity and characteristics.
- Never alter or remove safety equipment.
- Never allow children or unqualified persons to operate mower or tractor.
- Never allow riders on mower or tractor.
- Keep others away from mowing operation.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice before dismounting tractor.
- Allow all moving parts to stop before making equipment inspections, repairs, or adjustments.
- Securely support or block-up mower before working beneath mower or lifted components.
- Wear personal protective clothing and safety devices issued to you or recommended by the equipment manufacturer.



### Know Tractor And Mower Controls

Know the following about your tractor and mower:

- Function, purpose and use of controls.
- Safe operating speeds.
- Safe slope and uneven terrain capabilities.
- Braking and steering characteristics.
- Tractor and mower operating clearances.
- How to stop equipment quickly in an emergency.

## **Use All Available Equipment Safety Devices**

To help keep you and others around you safe:

- Make certain manufacturer's recommended guards, shields and safety signs are installed on equipment and in good condition.
- Keep all protective devices in place and securely fastened.
- **NEVER** operate your equipment with missing, disconnected or damaged safety devices.
- Use ballast and weight required for equipment operational stability.

## **Check The Mower And Tractor Equipment**

**Before beginning your work day:**

- Check for loose, broken, missing or damaged tractor and mower parts.
- Repair or replace these parts when needed.
- Check for proper tractor and mower attachments.
- Check for proper tractor and mower PTO rpm rating match.
- Check mower blades condition. Sharpen or replace per manufacturer's recommendation. Blade modifications, such as welding or hard surfacing cutting edges by welding or straightening bent blades, can reduce blade strength and adversely affect blade properties and safety.
- Check that all guards and shields are in place and that all equipment is in good operating condition. This includes PTO driveline, gearbox and implement guards and shields that are used for operator protection.
- Check for properly latched driveline yoke end locking devices.
- Check for damaged or leaky tractor and mower hydraulic systems.
- Check and read safety signs and warning instructions.
- Explain the safety signs and warning instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.

## **Check The Work Area**

**Inspect, identify and avoid hazardous conditions in the work area:**

- Rough terrain, drop-offs, ditches, potholes steep slopes, stumps, standing water, mud soft soil, slippery conditions, debris and foreign objects.
- Inspect mowing area and remove or mark all foreign objects and debris to be avoided by mower.

**Analyze mowing area to determine:**

- Best and safest mowing procedure.
- Material type and height to be mowed.
- Operating terrain conditions.
- Using forward travel mowing pattern when possible.

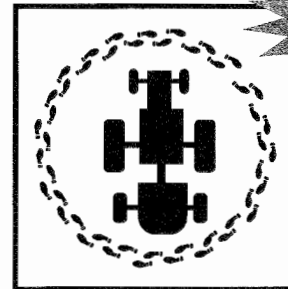
## **Look Out For The Safety of Others**

**Before starting equipment:**

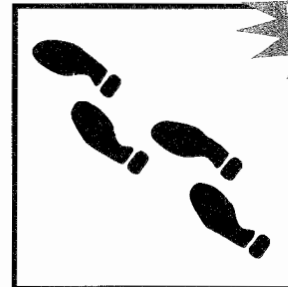
- Walk around the equipment.
- Check for anyone under, on or near the equipment.
- Clear everyone from these areas.
- Sound a warning.



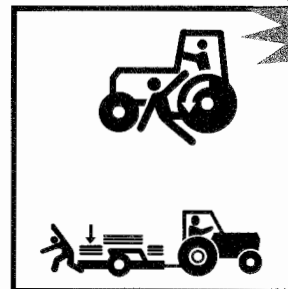
**USE ROPS  
and Seatbelt**



**WALK AROUND  
Inspection**



**WALK AROUND  
the Worksite**



**LOOK OUT  
For Others**

# Safety – Starting & Testing

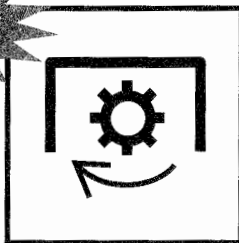
USE Three Point Contact



USE ROPS and Seatbelt



USE Proper PTO speed



## Mounting Tractor Safety

### Before mounting:

- Clean shoes and wipe hands.

### During mounting and dismounting:

- Use handholds and step plates.
- Never grab steering wheels or controls for handholds.
- Never mount or dismount from a moving tractor.

## Tractor And Mower Controls Safety Test

### Before starting:

- Fasten and adjust seat belt on your ROPS-equipped tractor.
- Check parking brake for engagement.
- Check PTO disengagement.
- Check all controls for Neutral or Park position.
- Warn others in area before starting tractor.
- Follow tractor manufacturer's recommended starting procedures.

### After starting:

- Check all instruments, gauges and indicator lights for normal operation.
- Check all tractor controls, steering and brakes for proper function.
- Repair improperly functioning tractor before using.
- Raise and lower mower for driveline bottoming out or engagement problems.
- Check your equipment for excessive vibration and unusual noises.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practices before inspecting equipment.

## Power Takeoff System And Mower Safety

Tractors with dual-speed (540 or 1000 rpm) shiftable PTO systems.

To avoid serious injury or death from failed parts due to mower over speed:

- Be sure to position PTO selector to mower's rated PTO rpm speed.

Tractors with transmission-driven PTO systems.

A rotary mower will have a significant flywheel effect which may continue to propel a tractor with a transmission-driven PTO system.

The tractor should be equipped and operated as follows:

- Install an over-running clutch.
- Give yourself sufficient maneuvering room and time by anticipating turns, stops and speed reductions.

# Safety – During Operation

## Hitching Mower To Tractor Safety

### Three-point hitch-mounted mower safety:

- Refer to mower and tractor manufacturers' manuals.
- Place tractor's hydraulic power lift (rockshaft) selector lever in down position to avoid unexpected movement.
- Explain the hitching procedures to those users or operators who cannot read.

### Pull-type hitch-mounted mower safety:

- Refer to mower and tractor manufacturers' manuals.
- Attach only to drawbar hitch.
- Do not attach to tractor's rear axle or three-point hitch arms.
- Adjust tractor drawbar length for 540 or 1000 rpm PTO operation.

## Make The Right Start In Mower Safety

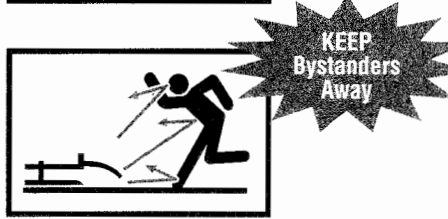
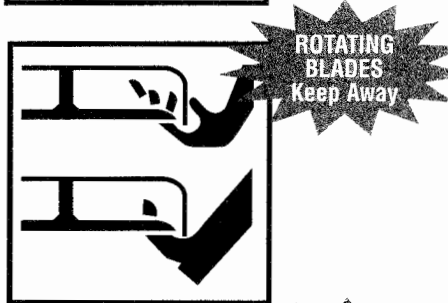
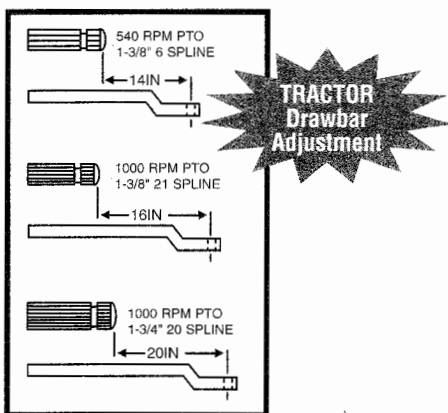
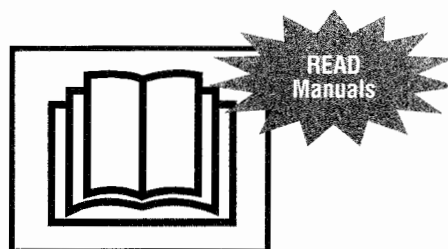
Mow only in daylight or good artificial light conditions.

### To avoid serious injury or death from mower thrown objects or blade contact:

- Keep chain shields, flexible or solid deflector shields or discharge chutes in place and in good repair.
- Keep everyone several hundred (300) feet from mowing operation.
- Never direct mower discharge toward anyone.
- Keep hands, feet and other body parts away from rotating parts, blades and discharge openings.
- Do not operate mower in transport position.

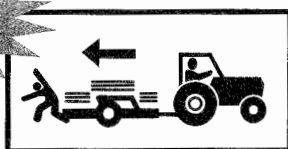
### Mower PTO drive engagement:

- Raise mower to maximum cutting height.
- Engage PTO at low engine rpm.
- Increase engine rpm to mower rated rpm PTO speed.
- Lower mower to desired cutting height.
- Stop and shut down immediately if the mower strikes an obstruction.
- Inspect and repair any mower damage before resuming mowing.
- Do not operate mower with severe vibrations or with unusual noise.





LOOK OUT  
For Others



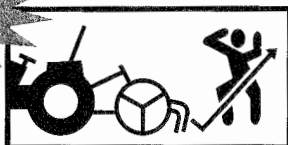
## Mowing In Reverse Safety

Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible.

Do the following when mowing in reverse direction:

- Check for any persons behind mower before reversing direction.
- Use extreme care when reverse direction mowing.
- Maintain rotary mower front and rear safety shields and flail front shields and rear rollers.

MAINTAIN  
FLAIL  
Rear Roller

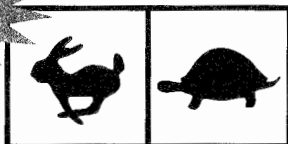


## Mowing Ground Speed

Proper ground speed depends on terrain conditions and grass type, density and height to be cut:

- Normal ground speed range is 2 to 5 mph.
- Slower ground speed for mowing tall, dense grass.
- Faster ground speed for mowing medium height, thin grass and under smooth terrain conditions.
- Use slower ground speed for mowing in rough, sloping or unfamiliar terrain.

USE PROPER  
Ground Speeds



STOP BLADE  
Before  
Unclogging



## Extremely tall grass mowing

- You may need to mow extremely tall grass twice.

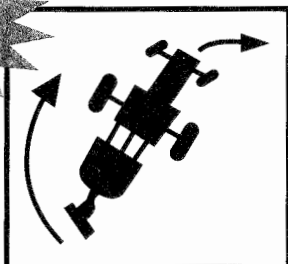
First mowing pass:

- Cut grass higher (10-15 inches) to avoid hidden objects.

Second mowing pass:

- Remove debris and objects.
- Cut grass at desired height and 90 degree to the first mowing pass when possible.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice for your safety before dismounting tractor.

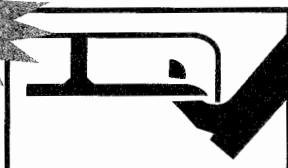
PROVIDE  
Adequate  
Clearance for  
Mower Swing



## Watch equipment clearances

Three-point hitch and side mounted mowers have a larger turning arc than pull-type mowers. Allow sufficient clearance for safe turning.

NEVER STAND  
On Mower  
Keep Away

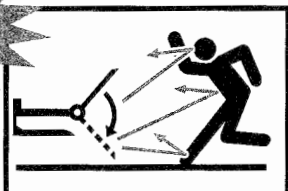


## Under Mount Mower Safety

When mowing with an under mount mower:

- Keep removable discharge chute in place and over discharge opening.
- Never stand on an operating mower housing.
- Distribute grass clipping with discharge chute facing mowed area.
- Use proper equipment shutdown practice before clearing clogged mower or discharge chute.

KEEP CHUTE  
In Place



## ***Wing Or Boom Type Mower Overhead Obstruction Hazards and Risks***

Check for overhead obstructions with raised wings or boom-type mowers to avoid serious injury or death by contact with:

- Electrical power lines.
- Low tree limbs.
- Other overhead obstructions.

## ***Wing And Side Mount Mowers Safety***

When mowing with wing and side-mount mowers:

Raised wing positions reduces shielding protection and increases the thrown object and blade contact hazard risks.

To avoid serious injury or death by thrown objects or blade contact from raising and lowering wings during mowing operations:

- Do not mow with bystanders in mowing area.
- Be sure no one is near mower while raising or lowering wings.
- Keep the exposed rotating wing blade time to a practical minimum during a raised wing mowing operations.
- Stop mowing if persons enter into mowing area.
- Only raise wing to clear objects in the mowing path or to match ground slope.
- Disengage wing drive for extended periods of mowing with raised wings.
- Lower raised wing to ground after clearing object or ground slope conditions.
- Allow all mower blades to stop rotating before raising wing sections during other operations.

## ***Ditch Bank Mowing Safety***

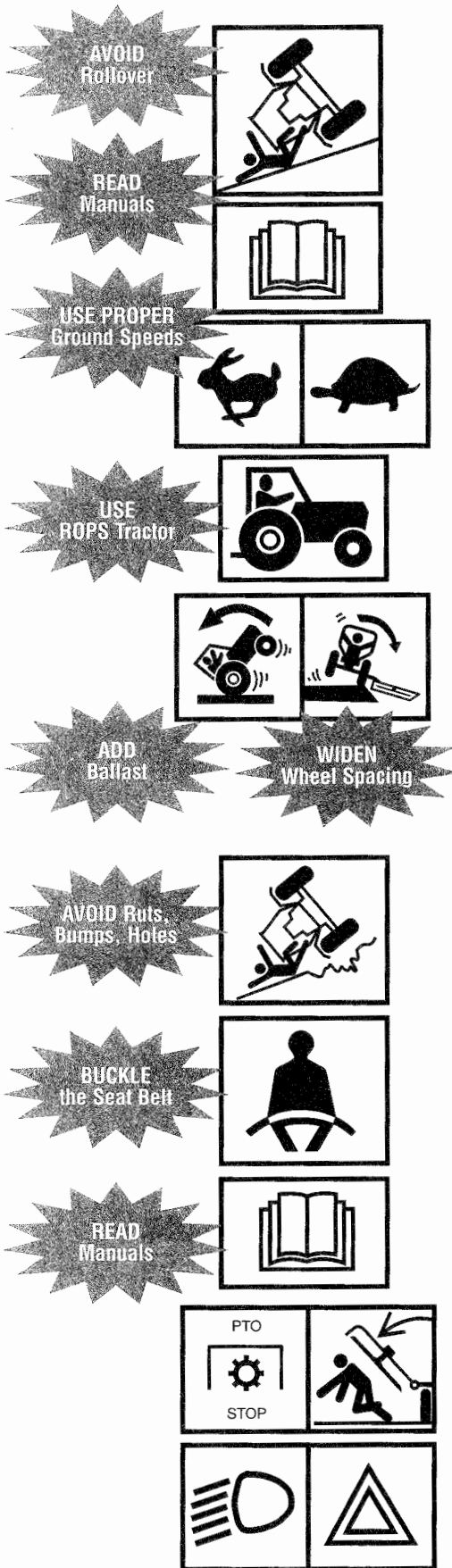
Use extreme care when mowing ditch banks. Watch for washouts, eroded areas and mowing obstructions along the ditch banks. Hitting obstructions with side-mount or boom mowers may swerve the tractor's front end toward the ditch.

Raised wing and boom-type mower ditch bank operations may reduce the mower's thrown object shielding effectiveness for the mower operator's protection.

To increase operator protection from thrown objects during ditch bank operations:

- Use enclosed ROPS cabs, special protective enclosures and other operator shielding when performing these operations.
- Inspect mowing area and remove or mark all foreign objects and debris to be avoided by mower.





## Mowing Uneven Terrain Safely

The tractor and mower stability is reduced on slopes and uneven terrain.

You can prevent tractor and mower overturns and maintain equipment stability control by:

- Reviewing tractor and mower operator's manuals for operating safety practices on slopes and uneven terrain conditions. Explain the practices to those users and operators who cannot read.
- Avoiding extremely steep slope operations.
- Using extreme care to maintain control over your equipment when operating in these conditions.
- Increasing tractor stability by adding wheel weights and increasing wheel spacing (Refer to tractor operator's manual for recommendations)
- Using ROPS and seat-belt-equipped tractor for operator safety during mowing operations.
- Maintaining minimum ground speed.
- Making wide and gradual turns.
- Avoiding sudden starts, stops, and turns when operating up, down, or across slopes.
- Not raising rear-mount or side-mount mowers or mower wings from the ground during these operations .
- Keeping alert for holes, bumps, ruts, rocks, stumps or other obstructions that could overturn tractor and mower.
- Avoiding slippery ground conditions that could overturn tractor and mower.
- Avoiding tractor and mower "hang up" by diagonal passing through sharp dips and drops.

Use extreme care in maintaining equipment stability during all uneven terrain and slope mowing operations. You are the final judge as to any slope that can be safely negotiated.

## Equipment Road Transporting Safety

If equipment is to be driven on public roads:

- Refer to tractor and mower manufacturers' operator's manuals for instructions.
- Explain the instructions to those users or operators who cannot read.
- Check local regulations for required equipment markings, lights, flashers, etc., while traveling on public roads. Lights are required on mowers that obscure tractor taillights and/or warning lights.

Before transporting on public roads:

- Disengage PTO to mower.
- Raise mower into transport position.
- Lock wings up into transport position with locking devices on wing-type and side-mounted mowers.
- Attach safety chain between pull-type mower and tractor.
- Make sure lights, flashers, reflectors and SMV are in place and visible.
- Check SMV (Slow-Moving Vehicle) emblem for visibility to any rear approaching vehicle.

**While transporting on public roads:**

- Obey all local traffic regulations.
- Approach intersections with caution.
- Observe speed and traffic control signs.
- Avoid panic stops and sharp turns.

**Parking Safety**

**Park equipment at:**

- Designated or out-of-traffic areas.
- Preferably level ground locations.

**Sloping ground parking locations:**

- Position equipment across slope.
- Set parking brakes.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Block tractor wheels.

**Before temporarily parking and leaving disabled equipment near traffic areas:**

- Remove equipment from public roads.
- Set out warning flags
- Use tractor flashers.

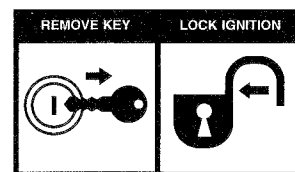
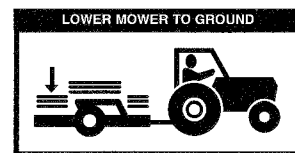
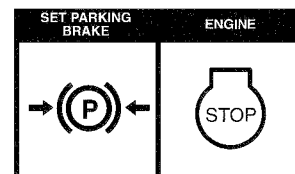
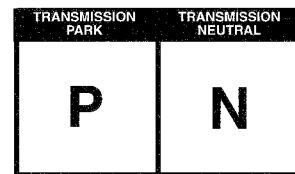
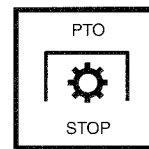
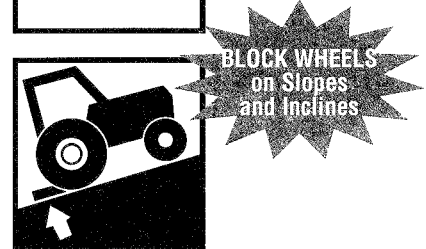
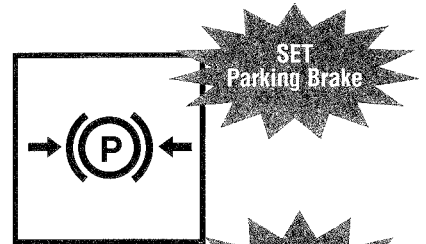
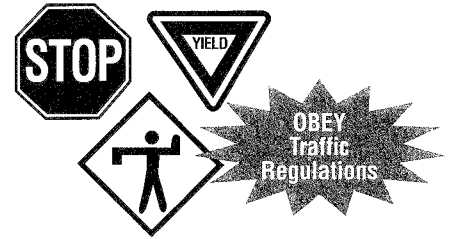
**Safety – During Shutdown**

**Use Proper Equipment Shutdown Practices For Your Safety**

Refer to tractor and mower manufacturer’s operator manual(s) for recommend shutdown procedures. Explain the procedures to those users or operators who cannot read.

**Make proper equipment shutdown procedures an important habit to practice. Follow these safety practices before dismanting tractor:**

- Disengage PTO clutch and transmission drive.
- Idle engine for gradual cooling.
- Place the controls in PARK or NEUTRAL.
- Set the parking brake.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Lower wings of wing-type mowers to ground.
- Shut off engine.
- Wait for all moving parts to stop before equipment inspections, adjustments or repairs.
- Relieve hydraulic pressure by moving hydraulic controls several times in all directions.
- Lock ignition and remove key when equipment is to be inspected, repaired, adjusted or unattended.
- Lock anti-vandalism covers and closures when equipment is unattended.
- Dismount carefully maintaining three-point contact.



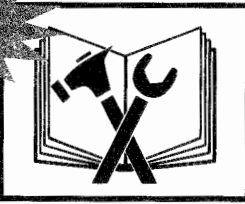
**WAIT For Moving Parts to Stop Before Dismount**



**USE Three Point Contact**



**MAINTAIN Equipment**



**FOLLOW**

**Maintenance Schedule**



## ***Dismounting Tractor Safely***

### **Before dismounting tractor:**

- Use proper equipment shutdown practice for your safety.
- Lower implement to the ground, stop engine and PTO, set brakes, allow all moving parts to stop, and remove key before dismounting from tractor.
- Never dismount from moving equipment.
- Never jump from machines.
- Dismount carefully.
- Check for slippery steps
- Keep feet and hands away from controls.
- Use handholds and steps during dismount.
- Face machine and use 3 point contact (2 hands, 1 foot or 2 feet, 1 hand).

## ***Safety – During Maintenance***

### ***Maintenance Safety***

**Do the following for your safety before performing any maintenance, repairs or service procedures:**

- Follow proper equipment shutdown practice.
- Wear all the protective clothing and personal safety devices necessary to safely perform the job.
- Refer to your manufacturer's manuals for proper maintenance, repair and service procedures. Explain the procedures to those users and operators who cannot read.

Stored energy sources (electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, etc..) must be either locked, blocked, relieved, disconnected, stopped, secured, neutralized, controlled or reduced to a practical minimum before any maintenance, repair or service procedures can be done safely.

**Some basic safety practices to prevent potential injuries from energy releasing sources:**

- Disengage PTO before shutting off engine.
- Place controls in PARK or NEUTRAL before shutting off engine.
- Set parking brake or block wheels.
- Allow all moving parts to stop.
- Lower mower to ground.
- Lower wings to ground on wing-type mowers.
- Shut off tractor engine.
- Lock ignition and remove key.
- Look and listen for evidence of moving parts before opening shields.
- Securely support or block-up mower before working underneath mower or other lifted components.
- Securely support, block-up, or lock-up mower wings with locking devices before working near or underneath a wing-type mower.
- Relieve hydraulic system pressure by moving controls several times in all directions.
- Relieve pressure before disconnecting or disassembling any pressurized system.
- Block or relieve spring pressure before disassembling any spring-loaded mechanism.
- Securely support or block up any elevated machine component before working on it.
- Avoid flames, sparks, or smoking near any fuels.

***Mower Manufacturer Parts and Your Safety***

Most mower manufacturers use special fasteners and specially designed parts to meet mowing operations requirements.

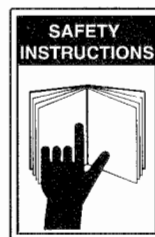
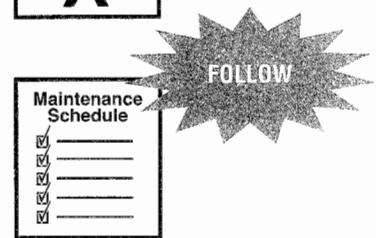
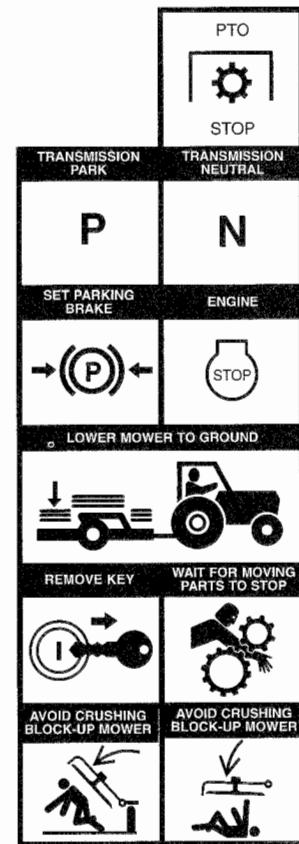
Critical safety-related parts (Self-locking blade bolts, blades, pins, shields or other special items) have specific strength, design and fit requirements for the make and model mower you are using.

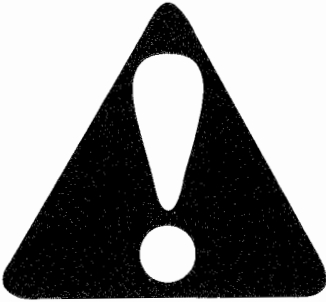
**Modifications or repair parts not approved by the mower manufacturer can cause serious safety hazard exposure risk to you and others.**

**TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM UNAPPROVED PARTS OR MODIFICATIONS:**

- Do not substitute common hardware for self-locking blade bolts or other special part items.
- Do not substitute blades, pins, shields or other critical safety-related parts.
- Do not use grade 5 or 8 bolts to replace grade 2 shear bolts.

***FOLLOW THE SAFETY PRACTICE OF ALWAYS CHECKING THE MOWER FOR PROPER FUNCTION AFTER ALL ADJUSTMENTS REPAIRS OR SERVICE.***



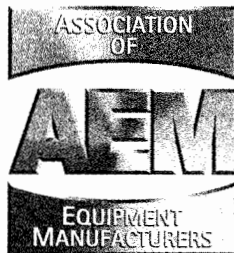


## ***One Final Word***



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You have just finished reading the Mower Safety Manual. It is impossible for this manual to cover every potentially hazardous situation you may encounter. But, your knowledge of these safety precautions and your adherence to the basic rules of safety will help build good judgment in all situations. Our objective is to help you develop good safety habits and make you a better mower operator. The mower safety manual, safety precautions and basic rules of safety must be explained to those users or operators who cannot read.



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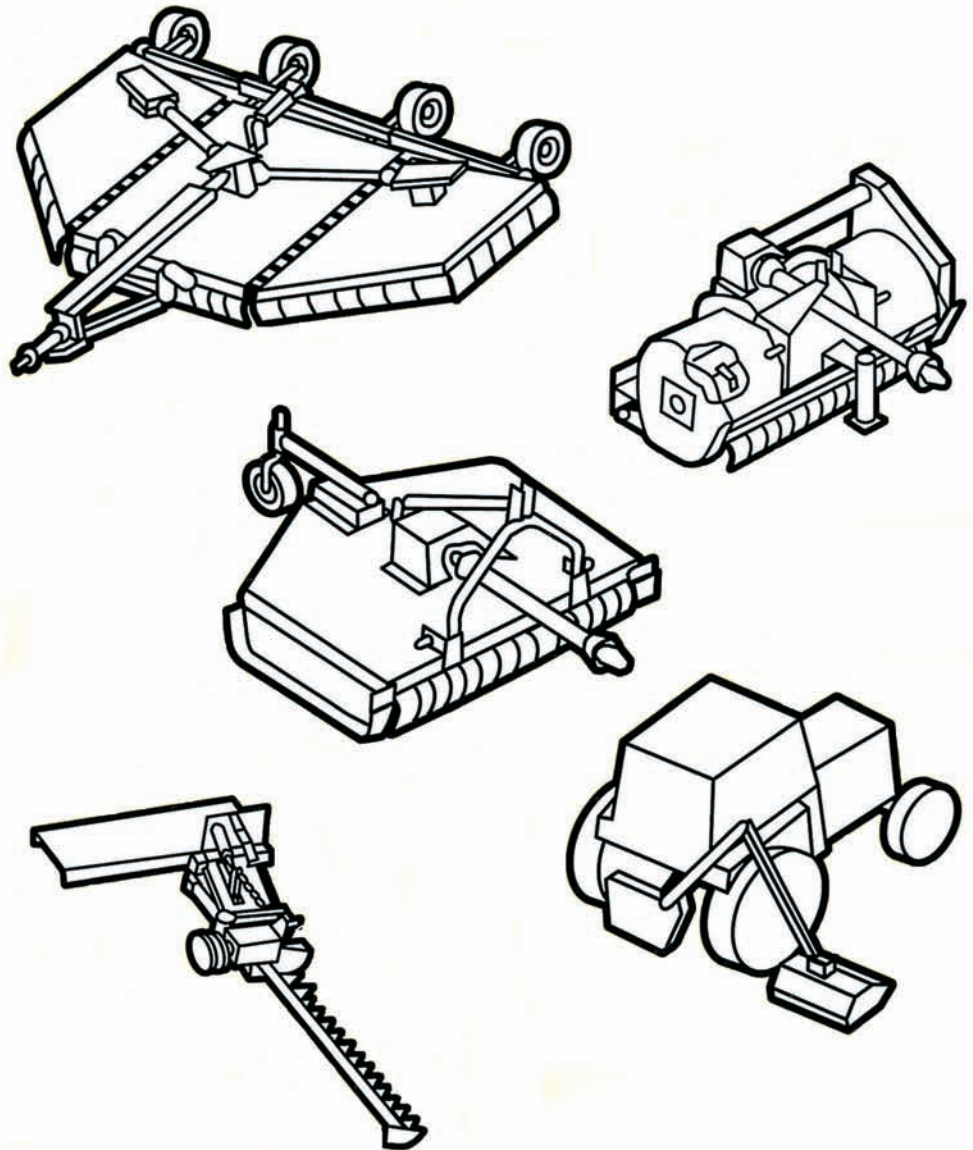




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## Reconocimiento

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## Introducción

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El propósito de este manual de seguridad es señalar algunas de las situaciones básicas de seguridad que pueden ocurrir durante la operación y mantenimiento de su máquina y sugerir los métodos posibles para tratar estas situaciones. Este manual NO es un sustituto de el (los) manual(es) del fabricante.

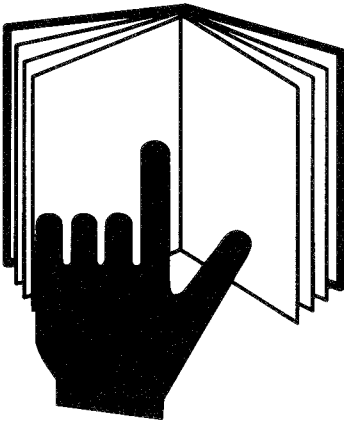
Pueden ser necesarias algunas precauciones adicionales, o algunas instrucciones no pueden aplicar, dependiendo del equipo, dispositivos de fijación, y las condiciones del lugar de trabajo o del área en que se realiza el servicio. El fabricante no tiene control directo sobre las aplicaciones, operación, inspección, lubricación o mantenimiento de la máquina. Por lo tanto, es **SU** responsabilidad practicar buenas medidas de seguridad en estas áreas.

La información proporcionada en este manual sirve como complemento de los detalles de información específicos de su máquina que están incluidos en el (los) manual(es) del fabricante. La información adicional que pueda afectar la operación segura de su máquina puede estar incluida en las etiquetas de seguridad o en los requisitos del seguro, programas de seguridad del empleador, códigos de seguridad, leyes locales del estado/provincia y leyes nacionales, reglas y reglamentos.

**IMPORTANTE:** si usted no tiene el (los) manual(es) del fabricante de su máquina específica, obtenga un manual de reemplazo con su empleador, distribuidor de equipo o el fabricante de su máquina. Mantenga este manual de seguridad y el (los) manual(es) del fabricante con su máquina.

## Palabras para el usuario

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Usted tiene la responsabilidad de leer y comprender este manual de seguridad y el (los) manual(es) del fabricante, antes de operar esta máquina. Este manual de seguridad lo guía paso a paso a lo largo de su día de trabajo. El manual de seguridad, el (los) manual(es) del fabricante, avisos de seguridad (calcomanías) y precauciones de seguridad, deben explicarse a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer el material.

Adicionalmente al diseño y configuración del equipo el **CONTROL DEL PELIGRO** y la **PREVENCIÓN DE ACCIDENTES** dependen de la conciencia, preocupación, prudencia y capacitación adecuada de los propietarios y operadores durante la operación, transporte, mantenimiento y almacenamiento del equipo.

Recuerde que **USTED** es la clave para mantener la seguridad. Las buenas prácticas de seguridad no lo protegen solamente a usted sino que también a las personas que lo rodean. Estudie este manual y el (los) manual(es) del fabricante para su máquina específica. Hágalos una parte integral de su programa de seguridad. Recuerde que este manual de seguridad está escrito únicamente para segadoras industriales y agrícolas.

**Practique todas las precauciones de seguridad usuales y acostumbradas en el trabajo y más que todo – recuerde que la seguridad depende de USTED. Solamente USTED puede evitar las lesiones graves o la muerte debidas a prácticas inseguras.**

# Advertencia de seguridad

## Símbolo

Este símbolo de alerta de seguridad significa:

**“¡ATENCIÓN! ¡MANTÉNGASE ALERTA! ¡SU SEGURIDAD ESTÁ INVOLUCRADA!”**



El símbolo de alerta de seguridad identifica los mensajes de seguridad importantes en el equipo, en los avisos de seguridad, en los manuales y en otros lugares. Cuando usted vea este símbolo, esté alerta a la posibilidad de muerte o lesiones. Siga las instrucciones en el aviso de seguridad.

## Palabras de señales

Las palabras de señales son palabras específicas que regularmente se encontrarán en las calcomanías de seguridad en este equipo o en otros equipos en el lugar de trabajo. Estas palabras tienen el objetivo de alertar a la persona que las vea de la presencia y el grado relativo de un riesgo.



Esta palabra de señal indica una situación de riesgo inminente que si no es evitado podrá resultar en la muerte o lesiones graves.



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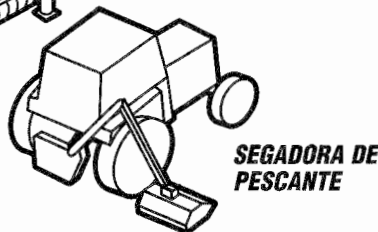
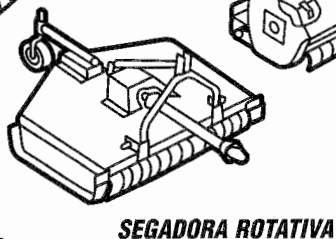
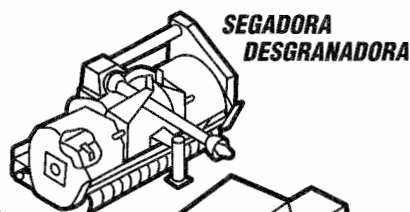
Esta palabra de señal indica una situación potencialmente riesgosa que si no se evita podría resultar en lesiones menores o moderadas.

- LOS ACCIDENTES PUEDEN LISIAR Y CAUSAR LA MUERTE.
- LOS ACCIDENTES SON COSTOSOS.
- LOS ACCIDENTES PUEDEN EVITARSE.

# Segadoras industriales y agrícolas

Es una segadora para cortar pasto, triturar residuos de cultivos, cortar maleza para la limpieza de terrenos, vías navegables, derechos de paso, cortes en los bordes de los caminos o carreteras.

## TIPOS DE SEGADORAS INDUSTRIALES Y AGRÍCOLAS:



# Sea un operador responsable



Para la operación segura de su equipo usted debe ser un operador responsable. Un operador responsable debe comprender claramente las instrucciones escritas proporcionadas por el fabricante ser capacitado – incluyendo la operación real del equipo y el conocimiento de las reglas y reglamentos de seguridad del lugar de trabajo.

Las medicinas y el alcohol pueden y afectarán el estado de alerta y coordinación del operador, por lo tanto, afectarán la habilidad del operador para operar el equipo en forma segura. Un operador **NUNCA** debe usar medicinas que puedan afectar su estado de alerta, juicio y coordinación; ni beber alcohol mientras opera equipo motorizado incluyendo tractores y segadoras. Un operador que use medicamentos por prescripción médica o de venta libre debe consultar con un médico profesional para conocer sobre cualquier efecto secundario que podría limitar su habilidad para operar este equipo en forma segura. **NUNCA** permita que alguien opere este equipo cuando estén afectados su estado de juicio alerta o de coordinación.

## Protéjase usted mismo

Use toda la ropa protectora y los dispositivos de seguridad personal que se le proporcionen o que sean los indicados para las condiciones de trabajo.

### Usted puede necesitar:

- Casco protector
- Zapatos de seguridad
- Anteojos de seguridad con protección lateral, gafas protectoras o protector facial
- Guantes extrafuertes
- Protección auditiva
- Ropa reflectora
- Equipo para clima húmedo
- Respirador o máscara filtrante

Use ropa apropiada para las condiciones del trabajo.

Siempre conozca cómo obtener ayuda en caso de una emergencia. Conozca donde encontrar y cómo usar los equipos de primeros auxilios y el extintor de incendios/sistema de supresión de incendios.



**Manténgase alerta. Evite los accidentes.  
No conozca la seguridad en la forma más difícil.**

# Manejo seguro de riesgos y peligros

Adicionalmente al diseño y configuración del equipo, el **CONTROL DEL PELIGRO** y la **PREVENCIÓN DE ACCIDENTES** dependen de la conciencia, preocupación, prudencia y capacitación adecuada de los propietarios y operadores durante la operación, transporte, mantenimiento y almacenamiento del equipo.

**EL MANEJO SEGURO DE RIESGOS Y PELIGROS ES UN ELEMENTO ESENCIAL PARA LOS PROPIETARIOS Y OPERADORES RESPONSABLES DE TRACTORES Y SEGADORAS.**

**REVISE EL MANEJO SEGURO DE LOS PELIGROS Y RIESGOS ENUMERADOS A CONTINUACIÓN.**

## ***Peligro de objetos despididos***

EXISTE LA POSIBILIDAD DEL RIESGO DE LESIONES A LOS OPERADORES Y TRANSEÚNTES CAUSADAS POR OBJETOS DESPIDIDOS DURANTE LA OPERACIÓN DE LA SEGADORA POR LOS SIGUIENTES:

OBJETOS (PIEDRAS, ESCOMBROS, HOJAS ROTAS DE LA SEGADORA, PERNOS DE LA HOJA, CABLES, CADENAS, ALAMBRE, ETC.) DESPIDIDOS POR LA SEGADORA.

## ***Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas***

La cubierta de la segadora y los dispositivos protectores no pueden evitar que escapen todos los objetos o desechos del área cerrada de la hoja en todas las condiciones de segado. Es posible que los objetos escapen y se desplacen cientos de pies (300 [100 m]).

### **PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS**

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad recomendadas durante la operación. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

**PARA AYUDAR A EVITAR LESIONES GRAVES O LA MUERTE CAUSADAS POR OBJETOS QUE GOLPEEN AL OPERADOR U OTRAS PERSONAS HAGA LO SIGUIENTE:**

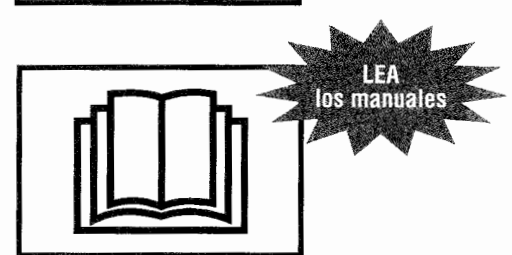
#### **SEGURIDAD DE TRANSEÚNTES**

- Mantenga a los transeúntes a varios cientos de pies (300 [100 m]) del área segada.

#### **SEGURIDAD PROPORCIONADA POR LOS DISPOSITIVOS PROTECTORES DEL EQUIPO**

Para contener, desviar o reducir los objetos despididos del área cerrada de la hoja:

- Mantenga la cadena, blindajes deflectores flexibles o sólidos colocados en la parte delantera y trasera de la cubierta de la segadora, en su lugar y en buen estado de funcionamiento.
- No opere el equipo con los blindajes para objetos despididos dañados o sin que estén colocados en su lugar.



## SEGURIDAD DEL OPERADOR

La operación de las segadoras con las alas levantadas, de montaje lateral y pescante, pueden reducir la efectividad del blindaje para proteger al operador contra los objetos despedidos de la segadora.

**Haga lo indicado a continuación para aumentar la protección del operador contra los objetos despedidos durante las operaciones de segado:**

- Use cabinas cerradas con una estructura de protección contra vuelcos (ROPS), cubiertas protectoras especiales, mallas u otros dispositivos para proteger al operador cuando efectúa estas operaciones.

### **SOBREPASAR LAS VELOCIDADES RECOMENDADAS PARA LA TOMA DE FUERZA (PTO)**

No sobrepase las velocidades recomendadas por el fabricante para la toma de fuerza (PTO).

**Las velocidades excesivas de la toma de fuerza (PTO) pueden causar:**

- Fallo de la hoja
- Escape de objetos a velocidad alta u hojas rotas despedidas del área cerrada de la hoja de la segadora.
- Fallos potenciales de la línea de transmisión de 540 rpm cuando se opera a velocidades de 750 a 1000 rpm.

### **OTRAS PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD:**

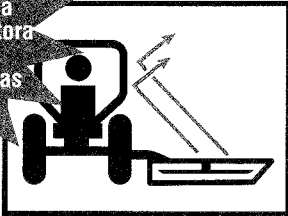
- Nunca debe operar la segadora con hojas rotas, dobladas, faltantes o que estén extremadamente desgastadas.
- Antes de segar retire los desechos y objetos extraños para evitar que sean recogidos y despedidos por la segadora.
- No debe operar la segadora durante el transporte o en posición de ala levantada.

### **PRÁCTICAS DE MANTENIMIENTO RECOMENDADAS**

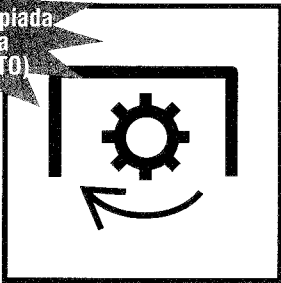
Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer sobre la inspección y mantenimiento de las defensas de la cadena y blindaje deflector flexible o sólido:

- Reemplace las defensas desgastadas o dañadas y los demás blindajes antes de segar.
- Use solamente las defensas y blindajes de reemplazo del fabricante. Otras defensas o blindajes pueden no encajar, o los materiales pueden no ser adecuados para cumplir con los requisitos de resistencia del equipo.
- Reemplace las calcomanías desgastadas o dañadas y las instrucciones de advertencia.
- Explique las instrucciones de inspección y mantenimiento a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

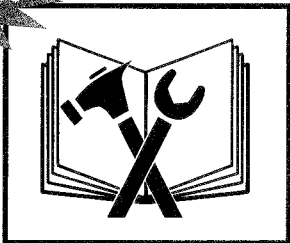
USE cabinas cerradas con una estructura protectora contra vuelcos (ROPS) o cubiertas protectoras



USE la velocidad apropiada de la toma de fuerza (PTO)



DÉ MANTENIMIENTO a su equipo



# ***Peligros y riesgos de las hojas rotativas y línea de transmisión***

EXISTE EL RIESGO DE POSIBLES LESIONES A LOS OPERADORES DE LA SEGADORA Y TRANSEÚNTES DURANTE LAS OPERACIONES DE SEGADO CAUSADAS POR LO SIGUIENTE:

- CONTACTO DEL CUERPO CON LAS HOJAS ROTATIVAS.
- ENREDO DEL CUERPO CON LAS LÍNEAS DE TRANSMISIÓN Y PIEZAS ROTATIVAS.

## ***Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas***

### **PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS**

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. Para evitar el riesgo de lesiones graves o la muerte causadas por el contacto con la hoja en movimiento, línea de transmisión o enredo de los operadores u otras personas haga lo siguiente:

#### **SEGURIDAD DE TRANSEÚNTES**

- No debe operar cerca de transeúntes.
- Mantenga a otras personas a varios cientos de pies (300 [100 m]) del área de segado.

#### **PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD DEL OPERADOR**

- No permita pasajeros en el tractor o segadora. Asegúrese el cinturón de seguridad durante el segado.
- Use la práctica de parada del equipo apropiada antes de dar servicio, ajustar, limpiar o eliminar las obstrucciones de la segadora.
- Manténgase alejado de las hojas rotativas, piezas y líneas de transmisión.
- Nunca arranque el motor del tractor mientras esté de pie al lado del equipo.
- Solamente arranque el motor del tractor cuando esté sentado en el asiento del operador con el cinturón de seguridad abrochado.

#### **PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS PARA DEFENSAS Y BLINDAJES DE LA LÍNEA DE TRANSMISIÓN**

- Mantenga las líneas de transmisión y otros blindajes colocados y en buen estado.
- No debe operar la segadora cuando las defensas, defensas de la línea de transmisión u otros blindajes hagan falta o estén dañados.

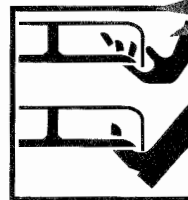
#### **PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS**

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las instrucciones sobre defensas, defensas de la línea de transmisión y otros blindajes:

- Reemplace las defensas, defensas de la línea de transmisión y otros blindajes desgastados o dañados antes de segar.
- Use solamente defensas y blindajes de reemplazo hechas por el fabricante. Otras defensas o blindajes pueden no encajar o ser de materiales inadecuados que no cumplan con los requisitos de resistencia del equipo.
- Reemplace las calcomanías e instrucciones de advertencia desgastadas o dañadas.
- Explique las instrucciones de inspección y mantenimiento a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.



**EVITE enredarse**



**EVITE las piezas rotativas**



**LEA los manuales**



**ASEGÚRESE el cinturón de seguridad**



**NO LLEVE PASAJEROS**



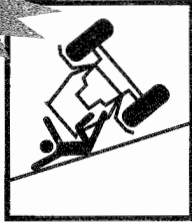
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**DÉ MANTENIMIENTO a su equipo**



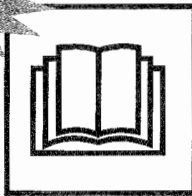
**EVITE vuelcos**



**USE la estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) del tractor**



**LEA los manuales**



**AGREGUE balasto**



**AUMENTE el espacio entre las ruedas y AGREGUE balasto en el lado contrario**



**ASEGURESE el cinturón de seguridad**



**EVITE EL APLASTAMIENTO asegure el ala**



## ***Peligros y riesgos de rodamiento o vuelco del tractor y segadora***

EXISTE UN RIESGO DE LESIONES POSIBLES AL OPERADOR POR RODAMIENTO O VUELCO DE LA SEGADORA DURANTE LAS OPERACIONES DE SEGADO POR LO SIGUIENTE:

- TERRENO ACCIDENTADO, PENDIENTES INCLINADAS, AGUJEROS, BACHES, SURCOS, PIEDRAS, TRONCOS U OTRAS OBSTRUCCIONES QUE PODRÍAN VOLCAR EL TRACTOR Y SEGADORA.
- VELOCIDADES ABSOLUTAS EXCESIVAS PARA ESTAS CONDICIONES DE TERRENO.

### ***Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas***

Cuando sea posible, retire los troncos, piedras, etc., o márkuelos claramente con las demás obstrucciones para evitar vuelcos, averías y condiciones de conducción peligrosas. Tenga extremo cuidado para mantener el control sobre el equipo cuando opere en terrenos con estas condiciones.

#### **ESTRUCTURAS CONTRA VUELCO (ROPS) RECOMENDADAS PARA TRACTORES**

Un tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) o cabina ROPS cerrada y cinturón de seguridad para la seguridad del operador, es esencial para la protección adicional del operador, cuando opera en terrenos con estas condiciones

#### **AJUSTES RECOMENDADOS PARA LA ESTABILIDAD DEL TRACTOR**

Lea el manual del operador del tractor para conocer los ajustes para aumentar la estabilidad del tractor:

- Agregue pesas o balasto a las ruedas delanteras y traseras.
- Ajuste el espacio entre las ruedas al ancho máximo.
- Agregue contra balasto en el lado contrario a las segadoras de montaje lateral y de pescante.
- Explique los ajustes a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

### ***PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS***

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad de operación recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. **Para evitar lesiones graves o la muerte del operador por el vuelco del tractor y segadora, haga lo siguiente:**

- Abroche firmemente el cinturón de seguridad cuando seque con tractores equipados con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS).
- Evite la velocidad absoluta excesiva de acuerdo con las condiciones del terreno.
- Evite los arranques, paradas y virajes repentinos cuando opere subiendo, bajando o atravesando pendientes.
- Evite las condiciones de terreno resbaloso.
- Haga virajes anchos y graduales.
- Planifique segar cuesta abajo en pendientes inclinadas para evitar los vuelcos.

## ***Peligros y riesgos de aplastamiento por una segadora o piezas desprendidas***

EXISTE EL RIESGO DE UNA LESIÓN POR APLASTAMIENTO PARA LOS OPERADORES Y OTRAS PERSONAS DURANTE LAS OPERACIONES DE SEGADO DEBIDO A LO SIGUIENTE:

- SEGADORA O EQUIPO DESPRENDIDO DEBIDO A FALLO DEL SISTEMA HIDRÁULICO.
- FALLO EN DAR SOPORTE, BLOQUEAR O ASEGURAR COMPLETAMENTE LA SEGADORA O PIEZAS DEL EQUIPO.

## Dispositivos protectores del equipo y prácticas de seguridad recomendadas

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad de operación recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. **Para ayudar a evitar lesiones serias o la muerte de los operadores y otras personas causadas por la caída de la segadora o piezas de equipo, haga lo siguiente:**

### **PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS**

Antes de trabajar cerca o debajo de la segadora o piezas de equipo en posición levantada:

- Use la práctica de parada del equipo apropiada antes de dar servicio, ajustar, limpiar o eliminar las obstrucciones de la segadora.
- Soporte o coloque bloques firmemente debajo de la segadora o piezas de equipo.
- En las segadoras de tipo ala coloque bloques o asegure firmemente las alas con los seguros o baje al suelo la segadora o piezas del equipo.
- Use los seguros de transporte cuando transporte la segadora en caminos públicos.

## ***Peligros y riesgos por la fuga de fluido hidráulico a presión alta***

EXISTE UN RIESGO PARA LOS OPERADORES DE SEGADORAS Y OTRAS PERSONAS DE UNA POSIBLE INYECCIÓN DE FLUIDO A PRESIÓN ALTA O GANGRENA CAUSADA POR LA INYECCIÓN EN LA PIEL DE ACEITE HIDRÁULICO O DIESEL.

PARA EVITAR LA GANGRENA, EL FLUIDO INYECTADO DEBE SER ELIMINADO QUIRÚRGICAMENTE EN POCAS HORAS, POR UN MÉDICO FAMILIARIZADO CON ESTE TIPO DE LESIÓN.

### **PRÁCTICAS DE SEGURIDAD RECOMENDADAS**

Lea los manuales del operador del fabricante para conocer las prácticas de seguridad recomendadas. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer. Las fugas de fluido a presión alta por agujeros minúsculos pueden ser casi invisibles.

**Para ayudar a evitar lesiones serias o la muerte haga lo siguiente:**

- Busque las fugas con pedazos de cartón o madera.
- No use las manos para verificar la presencia de fugas.
- Descargue la presión del sistema antes de desconectar los conductos.
- Antes de aplicar presión al sistema:
  - Revise que los conductos, tuberías y mangueras no estén dañados.
  - Revise que las conexiones estén apretadas.
- Antes de operar los sistemas presurizados:
  - Descargue el aire del sistema.
  - Haga referencia al (los) manual(es) del operador del fabricante para obtener instrucciones.
  - Explique los procedimientos a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

## ***Peligros y riesgos durante el llenado de combustible del tractor***

Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte por incendio durante el llenado:

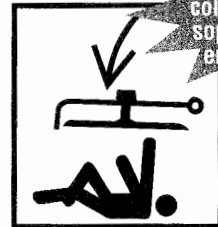
- Apague el motor y la ignición.
- Nunca llene el tanque de combustible cerca de llamas descubiertas.
- Nunca fume mientras llena combustible.
- Evite las chispas causadas por la electricidad estática poniendo a tierra la boquilla del combustible contra el cuello de llenado del tanque.
- Evite sobrellenar el tanque o derramar el combustible.
- Limpie inmediatamente el combustible derramado.
- Siempre vuelva a colocar la tapa del combustible.

Para evitar lesiones serias o la muerte causadas por las emanaciones del escape del motor:

- Ventile adecuadamente los espacios cerrados antes de arrancar el motor.



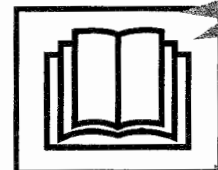
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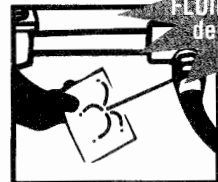
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FLUIDO A PRESIÓN ALTA puede inyectarse en el cuerpo



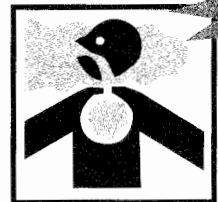
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EVITE LA INYECCIÓN DE FLUIDO use un pedazo de cartón, no use las manos



EVITE los incendios y las explosiones



EVITE las emanaciones del escape

## Cumpla con un programa de seguridad



LA SEGURIDAD ES IMPORTANTE PARA LOS PROPIETARIOS Y OPERADORES RESPONSABLES DE TRACTORES Y SEGADORAS. HAGA LO SIGUIENTE PARA SU SEGURIDAD DURANTE LA OPERACIÓN DE SEGADO:

### SEA UN OPERADOR CAPACITADO HACIENDO LO SIGUIENTE:

- Leyendo, comprendiendo y obedeciendo las instrucciones escritas del fabricante en el (los) manual(es) del operador y avisos de seguridad en la segadora y tractor.
- Recibiendo capacitación operativa para la segadora y tractor.
- Solicitando a su distribuidor de equipo o supervisor que le explique lo que usted no comprende.
- Explicando las instrucciones escritas en el (los) manual(es) del operador y avisos de seguridad (calcomanías) en la segadora y tractor a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

## Seguridad previa a la operación

### Conozca las reglas y reglamentaciones de seguridad del lugar de trabajo

Pregunte a su supervisor sobre las reglas de seguridad de operación del equipo que usted deberá obedecer.

#### Algunas reglas para su seguridad y la de los demás:

- Un tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) es necesario para la protección del operador durante las operaciones de segado.
- Conozca la capacidad y características de operación de la segadora y tractor.
- Nunca altere o desmonte el equipo de seguridad.
- Nunca permita que niños o personas no capacitadas operen una segadora o tractor.
- Nunca permita pasajeros en la segadora o tractor.
- Mantenga a otras personas alejadas de la operación de segado.
- Use la práctica apropiada para parar el equipo antes de bajarse del tractor.
- Permita que se detengan todas las piezas móviles antes de efectuar inspecciones, reparaciones o ajustes al equipo.
- Soporte o coloque bloques firmemente debajo de la segadora antes de trabajar debajo de la segadora o componentes elevados.
- Use la ropa protectora y dispositivos de seguridad personal que le han sido asignados o recomendados por el fabricante del equipo.



### Conozca los controles del tractor y segadora

#### Conozca lo siguiente sobre su tractor y segadora:

- Función, propósito y uso de los controles.
- Velocidades seguras de operación.
- Capacidad para operar en forma segura en pendientes y terreno accidentado.
- Características de frenado y dirección.
- Espacios libres necesarios para la operación del tractor y segadora.
- Cómo detener rápidamente el equipo cuando haya una emergencia.



## Use todos los dispositivos de seguridad del equipo disponibles

Para ayudar a mantener su seguridad y la de las personas que lo rodean:

- Asegúrese de que las defensas, blindajes y avisos de seguridad recomendados por el fabricante están instalados en el equipo y en buen estado.
- Mantenga todos los dispositivos protectores en su lugar y abrochados firmemente.
- **NUNCA** debe operar su equipo con los dispositivos de seguridad sin colocar, desconectados o dañados.
- Use el balasto y peso requerido para la estabilidad operativa del equipo.

## Inspeccione el equipo de la segadora y tractor

Antes de comenzar su día de trabajo:

- Revise que no haya piezas del tractor y segadora que estén sueltas, rotas, dañadas o que no estén colocadas en su lugar.
- Repare o reemplace estas piezas cuando sea necesario.
- Verifique que los implementos del tractor y segadora sean los apropiados.
- Verifique que sean iguales las rpm de régimen de la toma de fuerza (PTO) a las del tractor y de la segadora.
- Revise el estado de las hojas de la segadora. Afile o reemplace de acuerdo con las recomendaciones del fabricante. Las modificaciones a las hojas como soldadura o endurecimiento de los bordes cortantes con soldadura o enderezado de las hojas dobladas, pueden reducir la resistencia de las hojas y afectar adversamente las propiedades y seguridad de las hojas.
- Verifique que todas las defensas y blindajes estén colocados en su lugar y que todo el equipo esté en buen estado de funcionamiento. Esto incluye la línea de transmisión de la toma de fuerza (PTO), caja de engranajes, defensas y blindajes del implemento que sirven para la protección del operador.
- Verifique que la horqueta de la línea de transmisión y los dispositivos de seguro estén correctamente asegurados.
- Verifique que los sistemas hidráulicos del tractor y segadora no estén dañados ni tengan fugas.
- Revise y lea los avisos de seguridad y las instrucciones de advertencia.
- Explique los avisos de seguridad e instrucciones de advertencia a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

## Inspeccione el área de trabajo

Inspeccione, identifique y evite las condiciones peligrosas en el área de trabajo:

- Terreno accidentado, bajadas escarpadas, zanjas, agujeros, pendientes inclinadas, troncos, agua estancada, suelo de lodo suave, condiciones resbalosas, desechos y objetos extraños.
- Inspeccione el área de segado y elimine o marque todos los objetos extraños y desechos que debe evitar con la segadora.

Analice el área de segado para establecer:

- El mejor y más seguro procedimiento de segado.
- Tipo de material y altura de segado.
- Estado del terreno de operación.
- El uso de un patrón de segado de desplazamiento hacia delante siempre que sea posible.

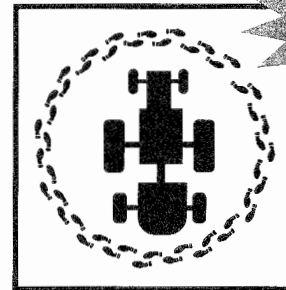
## Verifique la seguridad de las demás personas

Antes de arrancar el equipo:

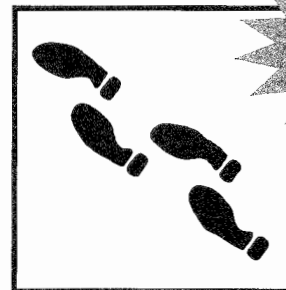
- Camine alrededor del equipo.
- Verifique que no haya nadie debajo, sobre o cerca del equipo.
- Aleje a todas las personas de estas áreas.
- Haga sonar una alarma.



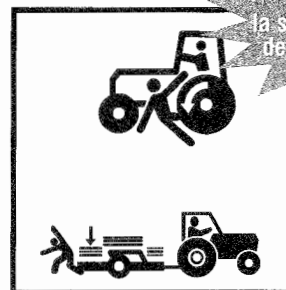
USE UNA ESTRUCTURA CONTRA VUELCOS (ROPS) y el cinturón de seguridad



CAMINE ALREDEDOR para inspeccionar



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VERIFIQUE la seguridad de las demás personas

# Seguridad durante el arranque y prueba

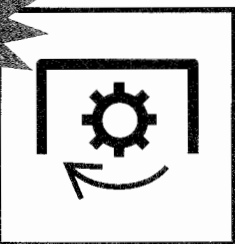
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USE la  
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## Seguridad durante la subida al tractor

### Antes de subir:

- Límpiense los zapatos y las manos.

### Durante la subida y la bajada del tractor:

- Use las asas y placas de los escalones.
- Nunca utilice los volantes de dirección o controles como asas.
- Nunca suba ni baje de un tractor en movimiento.

## Prueba de seguridad de los controles del tractor y segadora

### Antes del arranque:

- Ajuste y abroche el cinturón de seguridad en su tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS).
- Verifique que el freno de estacionamiento esté enganchado.
- Verifique que desenganche la toma de fuerza (PTO).
- Verifique que todos los controles estén en la posición de punto muerto (N) o de estacionamiento (P).
- Advierta a las demás personas presentes en el área antes de arrancar el tractor.
- Cumpla con los procedimientos de arranque recomendados por el fabricante del tractor.

### Después del arranque:

- Revise que todos los instrumentos, indicadores y luces indicadoras funcionen normalmente.
- Revise que todos los controles, dirección y frenos del tractor funcionen apropiadamente.
- Repare un tractor que no esté funcionando apropiadamente antes de usarlo.
- Suba y baje la segadora cuando la línea de transmisión llegue al fondo o cuando existen problemas de enganche.
- Verifique que su equipo no vibre excesivamente y que no tenga ruidos anormales.
- Use prácticas apropiadas para detener el equipo antes de inspeccionarlo.

## Seguridad en el sistema de toma de fuerza y segadora

Tractores con sistemas de doble velocidad (540 ó 1000 rpm) toma de fuerza (PTO) de cambios.

### Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte por el fallo de piezas causado por la sobrevelocidad de la segadora:

- Asegúrese de colocar el selector de la toma de fuerza (PTO) a la velocidad de régimen de las rpm de la toma de fuerza (PTO).

### Tractores con sistemas con toma de fuerza (PTO) impulsados por la transmisión.

Una segadora rotativa tendrá un efecto significativo de volante, que puede continuar impulsando el tractor cuando tiene un sistema de toma de fuerza (PTO) impulsado por la transmisión.

### El tractor debe estar equipado y ser operado como se indica a continuación:

- Instale un embrague de sobremarcha.
- Permítase suficiente espacio y tiempo para maniobrar anticipando los virajes, paradas y reducciones de velocidad.

# Seguridad durante la operación

## Seguridad durante el enganche de la segadora al tractor

### Seguridad en el montaje de la segadora con un enganche de tres puntos:

- Haga referencia a los manuales de los fabricantes de la segadoras y el tractor.
- Coloque la palanca selectora del elevador de potencia hidráulica del tractor (eje de balancín) en posición baja para evitar el movimiento inesperado.
- Explique los procedimientos de enganche a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

### Seguridad en el montaje de la segadora con enganche de tipo tiro:

- Haga referencia a los manuales del fabricante de la segadora y tractor.
- Utilice solamente un enganche de barra de tiro.
- No la enganche al eje trasero del tractor ni a los brazos del enganche de tres puntos.
- Ajuste la longitud de la barra de tiro del tractor para la operación de la toma de fuerza (PTO) de 540 ó 1000 rpm.

## Comience el uso de la segadora en forma correcta para mayor seguridad

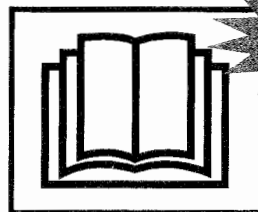
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### Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte causadas por objetos despedidos por la segadora o contacto con las hojas:

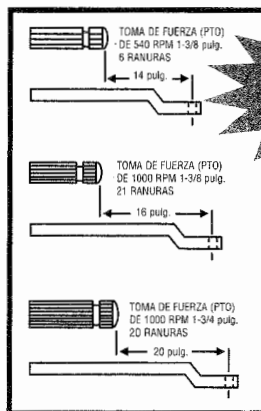
- Mantenga los blindajes de la cadena, blindajes deflectores flexibles o sólidos, conductos de descarga, colocados en su lugar y en buen estado.
- Mantenga a todas las personas a varios cientos de pies (300 [100 m]) de la operación de segado.
- Nunca dirija hacia ninguna persona la descarga de la segadora.
- Mantenga las manos, pies y otras partes del cuerpo alejadas de las piezas rotativas, hojas y agujeros de descarga.
- No debe operar la segadora en posición de transporte.

### Enganche de la transmisión, toma de fuerza (PTO) de la segadora:

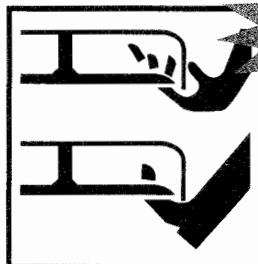
- Suba la segadora a la altura máxima de corte.
- Enganche la toma de fuerza (PTO) con rpm bajas del motor.
- Aumente las rpm del motor a la velocidad de régimen de las rpm de la toma de fuerza (PTO).
- Baje la segadora a la altura de corte deseado.
- Deténgase y pare inmediatamente si la segadora golpea una obstrucción.
- Inspeccione y repare cualquier daño que tenga la segadora antes de reiniciar el segado.
- No debe operar la segadora cuando tenga vibración excesiva o ruidos anormales.



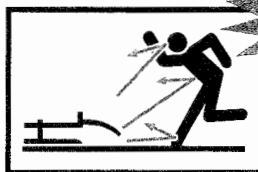
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Ajuste de la barra de tiro del TRACTOR

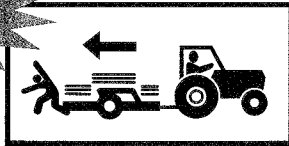


Mantenga la distancia de LAS HOJAS ROTATIVAS

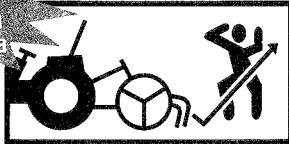


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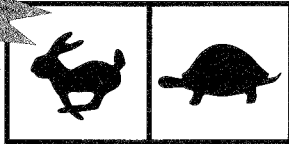
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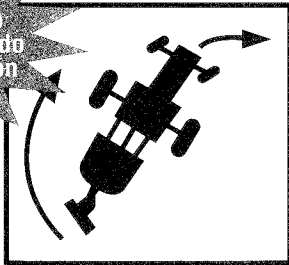
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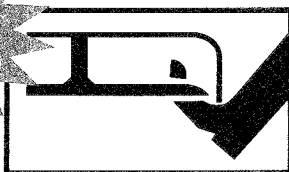
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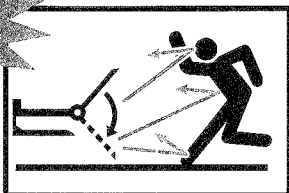
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la segadora



**MANTENGA**  
EL CONDUCTO  
colocado en  
su lugar



## **Seguridad durante el segado en marcha atrás**

Evite segar en marcha atrás siempre que sea posible.

Haga lo siguiente cuando segue en marcha atrás:

- Verifique que no haya personas atrás de la segadora antes de dar marcha atrás.
- Use extremo cuidado al invertir la dirección del segado.
- Mantenga los blindajes de seguridad delanteros y traseros y los blindajes delanteros de la desgranadora y los rodillos traseros de la segadora rotativa.

## **Velocidad absoluta de segado**

La velocidad absoluta depende de las condiciones del terreno, tipo de pasto, densidad y la altura de corte:

- El alcance normal de la velocidad absoluta es de 2 a 5 mph.
- La velocidad absoluta debe ser menor cuando segue pasto alto y denso.
- La velocidad absoluta puede ser mayor cuando segue pasto de altura mediana, delgado y cuando las condiciones del terreno sean uniformes.
- Use una velocidad absoluta menor cuando segue en pendientes accidentadas o terreno desconocido.

**Segado de pasto extremadamente alto**

- Puede ser necesario segar dos veces el pasto extremadamente alto.

**Primera pasada de segado:**

- Haga un corte alto al pasto (10-15 pulgadas [25-38 mm]) para evitar objetos escondidos.

**Segunda pasada de segado:**

- Retire los desechos y otros objetos.
- Corte el pasto a la altura deseada y a 90 grados de la primera pasada siempre que sea posible.
- Use las prácticas apropiadas de parada del equipo para su seguridad al bajar del tractor.

**Vigile los espacios libres del equipo**

Las segadoras con enganche de tres puntos y de montaje lateral tienen un arco de viraje mayor que las segadoras de tiro. Permita suficiente espacio libre para virar con seguridad.

## **Seguridad en el uso de las segadoras montadas en la parte inferior**

Cuando segue con una segadora montada en la parte inferior:

- Mantenga el conducto de descarga desmontable colocado en su lugar sobre el agujero de descarga.
- Nunca permanezca de pie sobre la cubierta de una segadora que esté en operación.
- Distribuya el pasto cortado con el conducto de descarga hacia el área ya segada.
- Use las prácticas apropiadas para la parada del equipo antes de eliminar las obstrucciones de la segadora o conducto de descarga.

## **Riesgos y peligros de obstrucciones elevadas cuando se usan segadoras de ala o pescante**

Verifique que no haya obstrucciones elevadas cuando use segadoras con alas levantadas o de tipo pescante, para evitar lesiones graves o la muerte causadas por el contacto con:

- Líneas de transmisión de energía eléctrica.
- Ramas bajas de árboles.
- Otras obstrucciones elevadas.

## **Seguridad en el uso de las segadoras de ala y de montaje lateral**

**Cuando utilice segadoras de ala y de montaje lateral:**

Las posiciones con el ala levantada reducen la protección del blindaje y aumentan los riesgos de objetos despedidos y de contacto con la hoja.

**Para evitar las lesiones serias o la muerte causadas por objetos despedidos o contacto con la hoja por la subida y bajada de las alas durante las operaciones de segado:**

- No segue cuando haya transeúntes en el área de segado.
- Asegúrese de que no haya personas cerca cuando suba o baje las alas.
- Mantenga el período de tiempo durante el que está expuesta la hoja rotativa del ala, a un mínimo práctico durante las operaciones de segado con el ala levantada.
- Detenga el segado si entran personas en el área de segado.
- Solamente suba el ala para pasar sobre objetos que se encuentren en el camino de segado o para seguir la inclinación del terreno.
- Desenganche la transmisión del ala durante los períodos prolongados de segado con las alas levantadas.
- Después de pasar sobre un objeto o sobre inclinaciones del terreno, baje el ala levantada, al suelo.
- Permita que todas las hojas de la segadora detengan su rotación antes de levantar las secciones del ala durante otras operaciones.

## **Seguridad durante el segado de los bordes de las zanjas**

Use cuidado extremo cuando sigue los bordes de las zanjas. Vigile para ver si hay derrumbes, áreas erosionadas y obstrucciones para el segado a lo largo del borde de la zanja. El extremo delantero del tractor puede desviarse hacia la zanja al golpear las obstrucciones con las segadoras de montaje lateral o de pescante.

Las operaciones con segadoras con alas levantadas y pescantes pueden reducir la efectividad del blindaje para objetos despedidos de la segadora que sirven para proteger al operador.

**Para aumentar la protección del operador de objetos despedidos durante las operaciones en los bordes de las zanjas:**

- Use cabinas cerradas con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS), cubiertas protectoras especiales y otros blindajes para el operador, cuando efectúe estas operaciones.
- Inspeccione el área de segado y retire o marque todos los objetos extraños y desechos que deben evitarse con la segadora.







## Seguridad durante el segado de terreno accidentado

La estabilidad del tractor y segadora se reduce en las pendientes y terreno accidentado.

**Usted puede evitar el vuelco del tractor y segadora y mantener el control de la estabilidad del equipo haciendo lo siguiente:**

- Revisando los manuales del operador del tractor y segadora para conocer las prácticas de seguridad de operación en pendientes y terreno accidentado. Explique las prácticas a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.
- Evitando operar en pendientes extremadamente inclinadas.
- Usando cuidado extremo para mantener el control sobre su equipo cuando opere en estas condiciones.
- Aumentando la estabilidad del tractor, agregando pesas a las ruedas y aumentando el espacio entre las mismas, (haga referencia al manual del operador del tractor para conocer las recomendaciones).
- Usando un tractor equipado con una estructura contra vuelcos (ROPS) y cinturón de seguridad para la seguridad del operador durante las operaciones de segado.
- Manteniendo una velocidad absoluta mínima.
- Haciendo virajes anchos y graduales.
- Evitando arranques, paradas y virajes repentinos cuando opere subiendo, bajando o atravesando las pendientes.
- No subiendo del suelo las segadoras montadas atrás o lateralmente ni las alas de segado durante estas operaciones.
- Manteniéndose alerta por si hubiera agujeros, baches, surcos, piedras, troncos u otras obstrucciones que podrían volcar el tractor y segadora.
- Evitando las condiciones de suelo resbaloso que podrían volcar el tractor y segadora.
- Evitando que el tractor y segadora queden atascados al pasar diagonalmente sobre declives y bajadas escarpadas pronunciadas.

**Use extremo cuidado para mantener la estabilidad del equipo durante todas las operaciones sobre terreno accidentado y pendientes. Usted tiene la palabra final referente a cualquier pendiente que pueda ser trabajada en forma segura.**

## Seguridad durante el transporte del equipo en caminos

**Si es necesario conducir el equipo sobre los caminos públicos:**

- Haga referencia al manual del operador del fabricante del tractor y segadora para conocer las instrucciones.
- Explique las instrucciones a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.
- Verifique las reglamentaciones locales referentes a las marcas, luces, luces intermitentes, etc., requeridas del equipo para el desplazamiento sobre caminos públicos. Se requiere de luces para las segadoras que obstruyen las luces traseras del tractor y/o las luces de advertencia.

**Antes del transporte en caminos públicos:**

- Desenganche la toma de fuerza (PTO) conectada a la segadora.
- Suba la segadora a la posición de transporte.
- Asegure las alas en la posición de transporte con los seguros en las segadoras de tipo ala y de montaje lateral.
- Enganche la cadena de seguridad entre la segadora de tipo tiro y el tractor.
- Asegúrese de que las luces, luces intermitentes, reflectores y avisos de vehículo de movimiento lento (SMV) están colocados y visibles.
- Revise que el emblema de vehículo de movimiento lento (SMV) sea visible para cualquier vehículo que se acerque desde atrás.

### Cuando transporte en caminos públicos:

- Obedezca todas las reglamentaciones locales de tráfico.
- Acérquese a las intersecciones con precaución.
- Cumpla con los avisos de velocidad y de control de tráfico.
- Evite las paradas bruscas y doblar repentinamente.

### Seguridad durante el estacionamiento

#### Estacione el equipo en:

- Áreas designadas o alejadas del tráfico.
- Preferentemente utilice lugares en terreno nivelado.

#### Lugares de estacionamiento en terreno inclinado:

- Coloque el equipo en posición transversal en las pendientes.
- Aplique los frenos de estacionamiento.
- Baje la segadora al suelo.
- Coloque bloques en las ruedas del tractor.

#### Antes de estacionar temporalmente y abandonar el equipo incapacitado cerca de áreas con tráfico:

- Retire el equipo de los caminos públicos.
- Coloque las banderas de advertencia.
- Use las luces intermitentes del tractor.

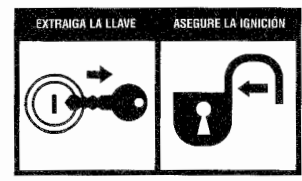
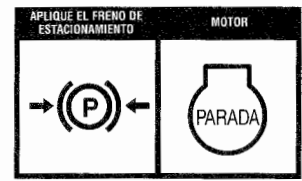
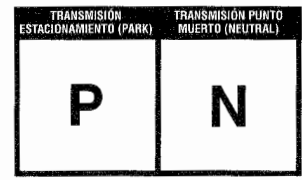
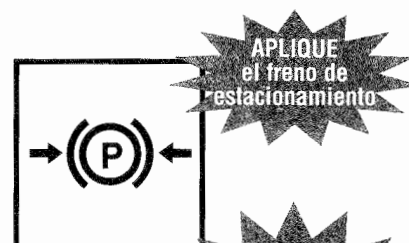
## Seguridad durante la parada

### Para su seguridad use las prácticas apropiadas para la parada del equipo

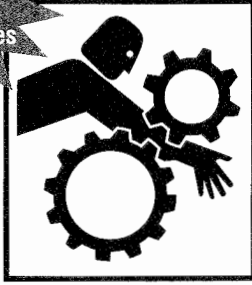
Haga referencia al (los) manual(es) del operador del fabricante del tractor y segadora para conocer los procedimientos de parada recomendados. Explique los procedimientos a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.

#### Haga que los procedimientos apropiados de parada del equipo sean una costumbre importante que se debe practicar. Siga estas prácticas de seguridad antes de bajarse del tractor:

- Desenganche el embrague y transmisión de la toma de fuerza (PTO).
- Para que el motor enfríe gradualmente permita que funcione al ralentí.
- Coloque los controles en estacionamiento (P) o en punto muerto (N).
- Coloque el freno de estacionamiento.
- Baje la segadora al suelo.
- Baje al suelo las alas de las segadoras de tipo ala.
- Apague el motor.
- Espere a que todas las piezas movibles se detengan antes de efectuar inspecciones, ajustes o reparaciones al equipo.
- Descargue la presión hidráulica moviendo los controles hidráulicos varias veces en todas las direcciones.
- Asegure la ignición y extraiga la llave cuando el equipo debe ser inspeccionado, reparado, ajustado o va a permanecer desatendido.
- Asegure las cubiertas contra el vandalismo cuando el equipo permanece desatendido.
- Baje cuidadosamente manteniendo un contacto de tres puntos.



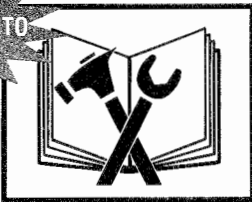
**ESPERE** que las piezas móviles se detengan antes de bajar



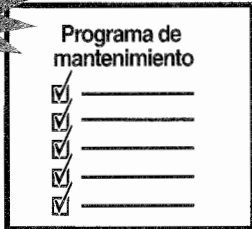
**USE** el contacto de tres puntos



**DE** MANTENIMIENTO a su equipo



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## **Seguridad durante la bajada del tractor**

**Antes de bajar del tractor haga lo siguiente:**

- Para su seguridad, use las prácticas apropiadas para la parada del equipo.
- Baje el implemento al suelo, apague el motor y la toma de fuerza (PTO), aplique los frenos, permita que se detengan todas las piezas móviles y extraiga la llave antes de bajar del tractor.
- Nunca baje del equipo cuando esté en movimiento.
- Nunca salte de las máquinas.
- Baje cuidadosamente.
- Verifique que los escalones no estén resbalosos.
- Mantenga los pies y manos alejados de los controles.
- Use las asas para las manos y los escalones para bajar.
- Vea hacia la máquina y use el contacto de 3 puntos (2 manos, 1 pie ó 2 pies, 1 mano).

## **Seguridad durante el mantenimiento**

### **Seguridad durante el mantenimiento**

**Para su seguridad haga lo siguiente antes de efectuar procedimientos de mantenimiento, reparación o servicio:**

- Cumpla con la práctica apropiada para la parada del equipo.
- Use toda la ropa protectora y equipo de seguridad personal necesarios para efectuar el trabajo en forma segura.
- Haga referencia a sus manuales del fabricante para conocer los procedimientos correctos de mantenimiento, reparación y servicio. Explique los procedimientos a los usuarios y operadores que no puedan leer.

Las fuentes de energía almacenada (eléctrica, mecánica, hidráulica, neumática, química, térmica etc.) deben estar aseguradas, bloqueadas, descargadas, desconectadas, apagadas, aseguradas, neutralizadas, controladas o reducidas a un mínimo práctico, antes de efectuar con seguridad cualquier procedimiento de mantenimiento, reparación o servicio.

**Algunas prácticas de seguridad básicas para evitar posibles lesiones causadas por las fuentes que emiten energía:**

- Desenganche la toma de fuerza (PTO) antes de apagar el motor.
- Coloque los controles en estacionamiento (P) o punto muerto (N) antes de apagar el motor.
- Aplique el freno de estacionamiento o coloque bloques en las ruedas.
- Permita que todas las piezas movibles se detengan.
- Baje la segadora al suelo.
- En las segadoras de tipo ala, baje las alas al suelo.
- Apague el motor del tractor.
- Asegure la ignición y extraiga la llave.
- Observe y escuche para establecer si hay piezas en movimiento antes de abrir los blindajes.
- Soporte o coloque bloques firmemente debajo de la segadora antes de trabajar debajo de la segadora u otros componentes elevados.
- Soporte, coloque bloques o asegure firmemente las alas de la segadora con los seguros antes de trabajar cerca o debajo de una segadora de tipo ala.
- Descargue la presión del sistema hidráulico moviendo los controles varias veces en todas direcciones.
- Descargue la presión antes de desconectar o desensamblar cualquier sistema presurizado.
- Coloque bloques o descargue la presión del resorte antes de desensamblar cualquier dispositivo a resorte.
- Soporte o bloquee firmemente cualquier componente de la máquina que esté elevado, antes de trabajar en ella.
- Evite las llamas, chispas o fumar cerca de cualquier combustible.



**Su seguridad y las piezas del fabricante para la segadora**

La mayoría de los fabricantes de segadoras usan sujetadores y piezas especialmente diseñadas para cumplir con los requerimientos de la operación de segado.

Seguridad crítica – piezas relacionadas (pernos de la hoja autoasegurados, hojas, pasadores, blindajes u otros artículos especiales) tienen requerimientos de fuerza, diseño y encaje específicos para el estilo y modelo de la segadora que usted utiliza.

Las modificaciones o piezas para reparación que no son aprobadas por el fabricante de la segadora pueden causar un riesgo significativo por exposición a su seguridad y la de los demás.

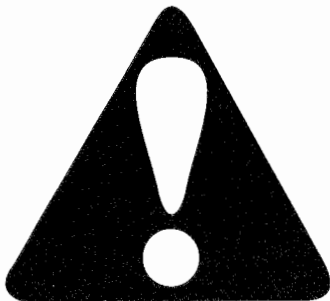
**PARA EVITAR LAS LESIONES SERIAS O LA MUERTE CAUSADAS POR PIEZAS O MODIFICACIONES NO APROBADAS:**

- No sustituya accesorios comunes por los pernos autoasegurados de las hojas u otras piezas especiales.
- No sustituya las hojas, pasadores, blindajes u otras piezas relacionadas con la seguridad crítica.
- No use pernos de grado 5 u 8 para reemplazar los pernos de resistencia limitada grado 2.

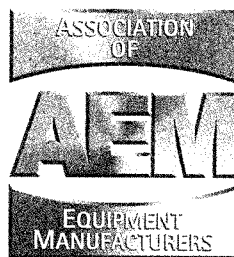
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## **Palabra final**



Usted ha terminado de leer el manual de seguridad de la segadora. Es imposible que este manual incluya toda situación peligrosa potencial que usted pueda encontrar. Sin embargo, su conocimiento de estas precauciones de seguridad y su cumplimiento de las reglas básicas de seguridad le ayudarán a crear buen juicio para todas las situaciones. Nuestro objetivo es ayudarle a desarrollar buenos hábitos de seguridad y hacerlo un mejor operador de segadora. El manual de seguridad de la segadora, precauciones de seguridad y reglas básicas de seguridad deben explicarse a los usuarios u operadores que no puedan leer.



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# **INTRODUCTION SECTION**

# INTRODUCTION

This Rotary Mower is designed with care and built with quality materials by skilled workers. Proper assembly, maintenance, and operating practices, as described in this manual, will help the owner/operator get years of satisfactory service from the machine.

The purpose of this manual is to familiarize, and instruct. The Assembly Section instructs the owner/operator in the correct assembly of the Mower using standard and optional equipment. The Parts Listing section is designed to familiarize the owner/operator with replaceable parts on the Mower. This section provides exploded assembly drawings of each mower component illustrating each piece and the corresponding part number.

Careful use and timely service saves extensive repairs and costly downtime losses. The Operation and Maintenance Sections of the manual train the owner/operator how to work the Mower correctly and attend to appropriate maintenance. The Trouble Shooting Guide helps diagnose difficulties with mower and offers solution to the problems.

Safety is of primary importance to the owner/operator and to the manufacturer. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages, that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Many of the Safety Messages will be repeated throughout the manual. The owner/operator/dealer should know these Safety Messages before assembly and be aware of the hazards of operating this mower during assembly, use, and maintenance. The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this machine.

**CAUTION** The lowest level of Safety Message; warns of possible minor injury. Decals located on the Mower with this Signal Word are Black and Yellow.



**WARNING** Serious injury or possible death! Decals are Black and Orange.

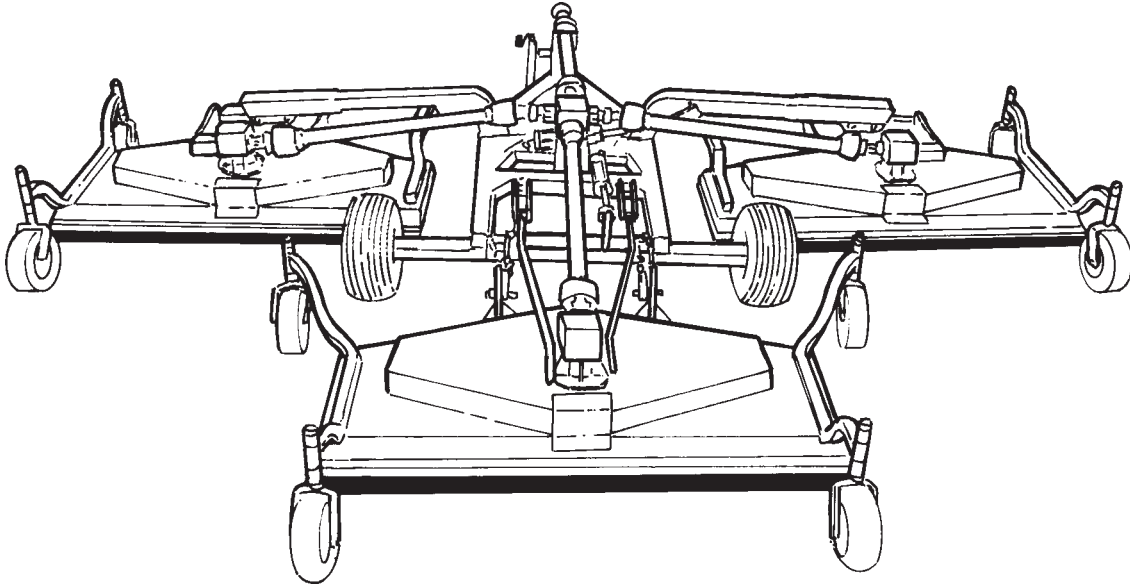


**DANGER** Imminent death/critical injury. Decals are Red and White.





# INTRODUCTION



INTRODUCTION

Your Turf Flex is designed for light-duty cutting such as lawn maintenance plus small weed and grass control. With a reasonable amount of preventive maintenance, your Mower will provide years of dependable service.

## **DANGER**



**NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO OPERATE, RIDE ON, OR COME CLOSE TO MOWER OR TRACTOR.** Usually, 16-18 year-old children who are mature and responsible can operate the mower with reasonable safety if they have read Operator's Manual, been trained in safe operation of the machine, and are physically large and strong enough to reach and operate controls easily.

## **DANGER**



For Non-Agricultural use, OSHA, ASAE, SAE, and ANSI standards require the use of Chain Guards, Deflectors, or Solid Skirts at all times. The Mower manufacturer strongly recommends the use of Chain Guards or Solid Skirts for Agricultural purposes as well, to reduce the risk of property damage, serious bodily injury, or even death from objects thrown out by or from contact with the Cutting Blades.

Front and rear and left and right are determined by the normal direction of travel, the same as driving an automobile.

# INTRODUCTION

## ATTENTION OWNER/OPERATOR

BEFORE OPERATING THIS MACHINE:

1. Carefully read the Operator's Manual, completely understand the Safety Messages and instructions, and know how to operate correctly both the tractor and Mower.
2. Fill out the Warranty Card in full. Be sure to answer all questions, including the Serial Number of the Mower. Mail within 30 days of delivery date of this implement.

**NOTE:** *Warranties are honored only if completed "Owner Registration and Warranty" forms are received by Alamo Group within thirty days of delivery of the mower.*

3. Record the Mower Model and Serial Numbers on the Warranty page at the front of the Operator's Manual. Keep this as part of the permanent maintenance file for the Mower.

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# CAUTION



FOR YOUR SAFETY AND TO GUARANTEE OPTIMUM PRODUCT RELIABILITY, ALWAYS USE GENUINE RHINO REPLACEMENT PARTS. THE USE OF INFERIOR REPLACEMENT PARTS MAY CAUSE PREMATURE OR CATASTROPHIC FAILURE WHICH COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE REPAIR PARTS YOU ARE USING, CONTACT SERVIS-RHINO, P. O. BOX 712, SEGUIN, TX 78156.

# **ASSEMBLY SECTION**

# ASSEMBLY

## DANGER!



Operating with PTO speed over 540 RPM can cause excessive vibration with subsequent machine failure which can cause serious injury or even death. Never exceed 600 RPM.

## DEALER SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Assembly of this mower is the responsibility of the Rhino dealer. The mower should be delivered to the owner completely assembled, lubricated, and adjusted for normal cutting conditions.

Set up mower as received from the factory with these instructions. Mower is shipped in bundles. Open parts box and lay parts out to make location easy. Refer to parts lists and exploded view drawings for more detail.

This mower is shipped partially assembled. Assembly will be easier if components are aligned and loosely assembled before tightening hardware.

## CAUTION!



Always use personal protection devices such as eye and ear protectors during assembly.

ASSEMBLY

## TONGUE JACK and WHEEL ATTACHMENT

Attach the Jack to the Main Frame and retain with Pin. **Figure 1.** Attach the Tires to the Hubs with Lug Bolts provided. **Figure 2.**

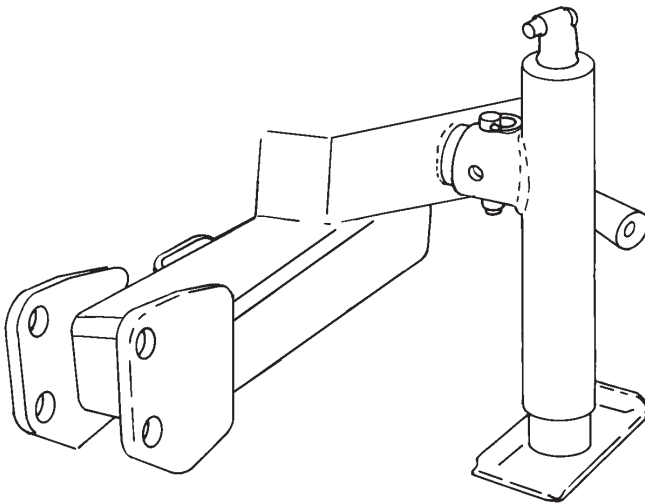


FIGURE 1

**NOTE:** Install Tires with Valve Stems toward outside of Frame

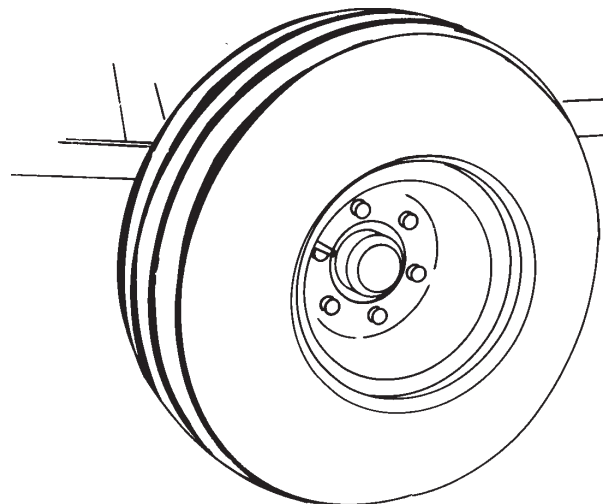
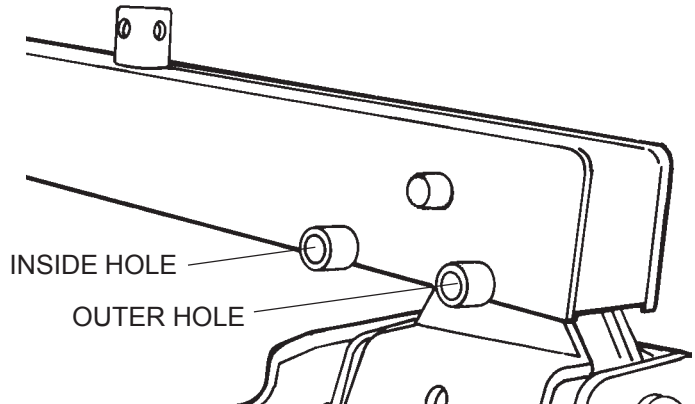
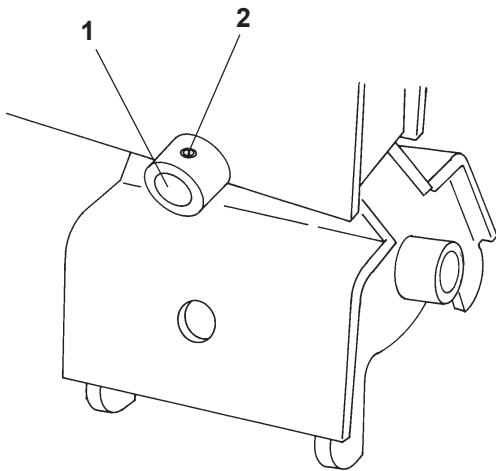


FIGURE 2

# ASSEMBLY

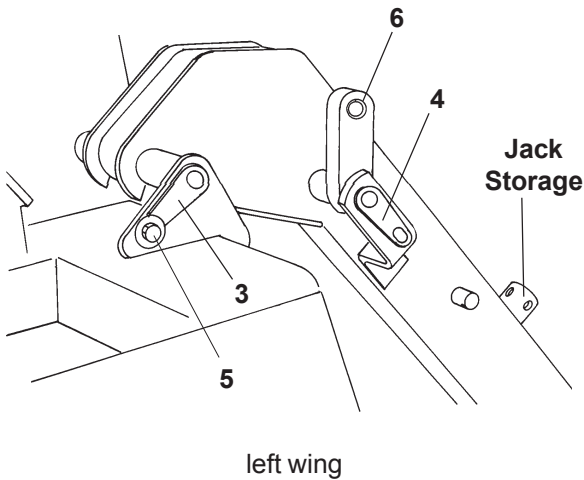
## SWIVEL AND LIFT ARM ATTACHMENT

Attach the Swivel Assembly on the Lift Arms using chrome plated Attaching Pin (1) retain with Roll Pin (2). **Figure 3.** Remove the Attaching Pin (3) from the Main Frame. Attach the Right and Left Lift Arm (Note Jack storage mount on Left Lift Arm only) to the Main Frame with attaching Pin (3). Secure with 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolt, (5) flatwasher, and locknut. Attach the Toggle Links (6) to the right and left Lift Arms with attachin Pin (4). Secure with 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolt, flatwasher, and locknuts. **Figure 4.**

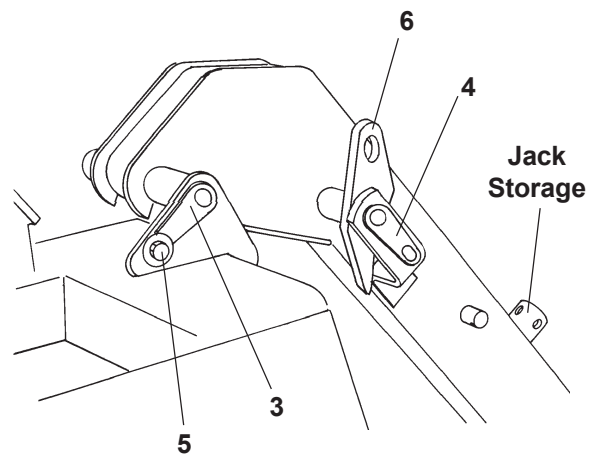


NOTE: If Mower is a 14-1/2 ft. or 16-1/2 ft. unit, the Swivel is installed in the outer hole of the Lift Arm. If the Mower is a 13-1/2 ft. or 15-1/2 ft. unit, the Swivel is installed on the inside hole of the Lift Arm.

FIGURE3



left wing



right wing

FIGURE4

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## HYDRAULIC CYLINDER ATTACHMENT

Attach the Rear Hydraulic Cylinder to the Main Frame with **Fittings pointing down**. Retain with Pin and Cotter Pin. **Figure 5**. Attach the Wing Hydraulic Cylinders to the the Main Frame and Toggel Links with Pins provided. **Figure 6**.

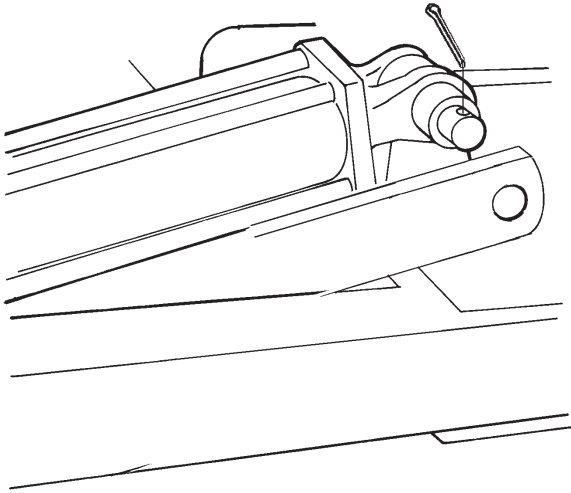


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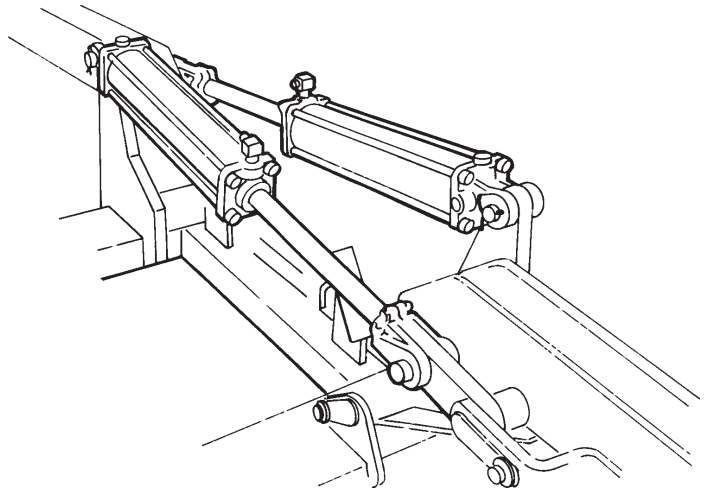


FIGURE 6

## WING MOWER ATTACHMENT

NOTE: The Wing Mowers are right and left mowers. On all Models there is not an inside Rear Caster Wheel, Instead there is a Cutting Height Shaft support that rest on the Mainframe Flat Plate.

Position the Wing Mowers under the Wing Lift Arms and remove the Attachment Pin (1) from the Swivel. Attach the Wing Mower to the Lift Arm and secure with 1/2" x 1-1/2" Bolt, (2) flatwasher, and locknut. **Figure 7**.

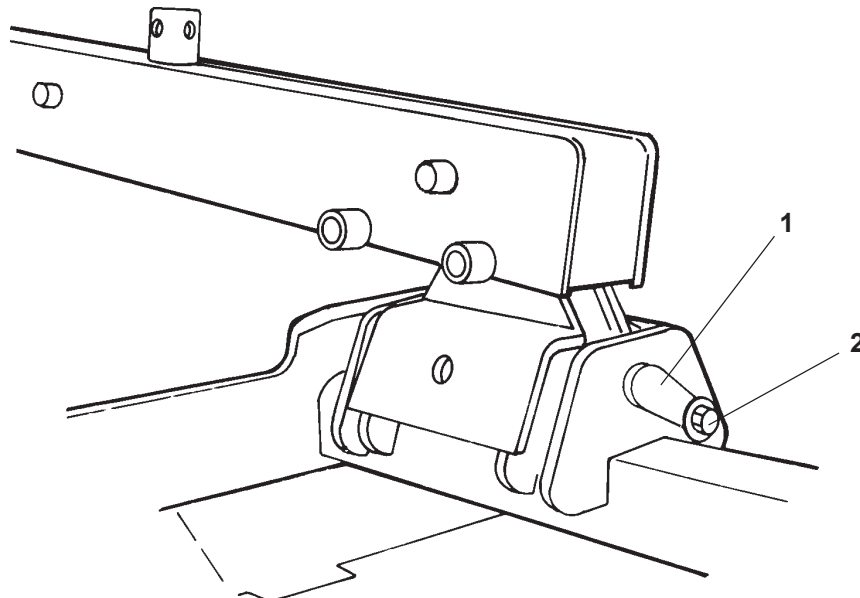


FIGURE 7

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## CASTER WHEEL ATTACHMENTS REAR MOWER (FIGURE 8)

Attach the right and left Axle Arm Weldment (1) to the deck with 3/8" Gr. 5 bolts (2) flatwasher (1-1/2OD x 3/16 thick) (3), and 3/8 locknuts (4). Install four one inch spacers (7) and two 1/4 inch spacer (8) on each fork and wheel assembly (9). Insert Wheel assembly Shaft (9) into Axle Arm Weldment (1) and retain with Snapper Pin (10).

### NOTE:

See pages 3-8 & 3-9 for Axle Arm locations.

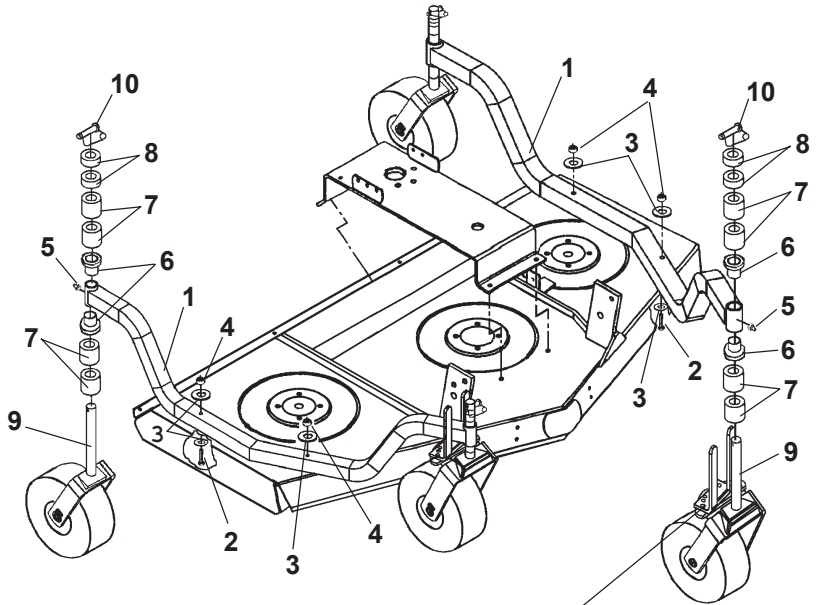
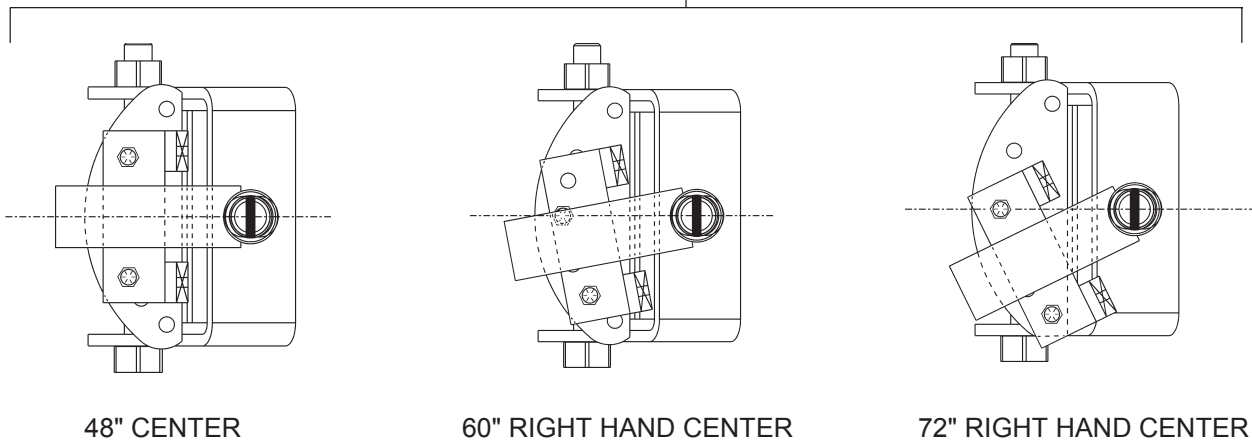


FIGURE 8

NOTE bolt locations of stop.



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## CASTER WHEEL ATTACHMENTS WING MOWER (FIGURE 9)

Attach the inside (1) and outside Axle Arm Weldments (1 or 1A) to the outer deck with 3/8" Gr. 2 bolt (2), flatwasher (1-1/2"OD x 3/16" thick) (3), and 3/8" locknut (4) installed in outer front hole. All other arm retaining bolts are Gr. 5, 3/8" bolts (5). See Fig. 13 & 14 for more details. Install spacer (7,8,9) and forks as describe in rear mower (Figure 8). The inside rear leg of the wing mowers will require a height adjustment shaft (11), spacer tube (12) and a spacer pad (13) installed with a 3/8" x 1 1/2" socket head screw (14).

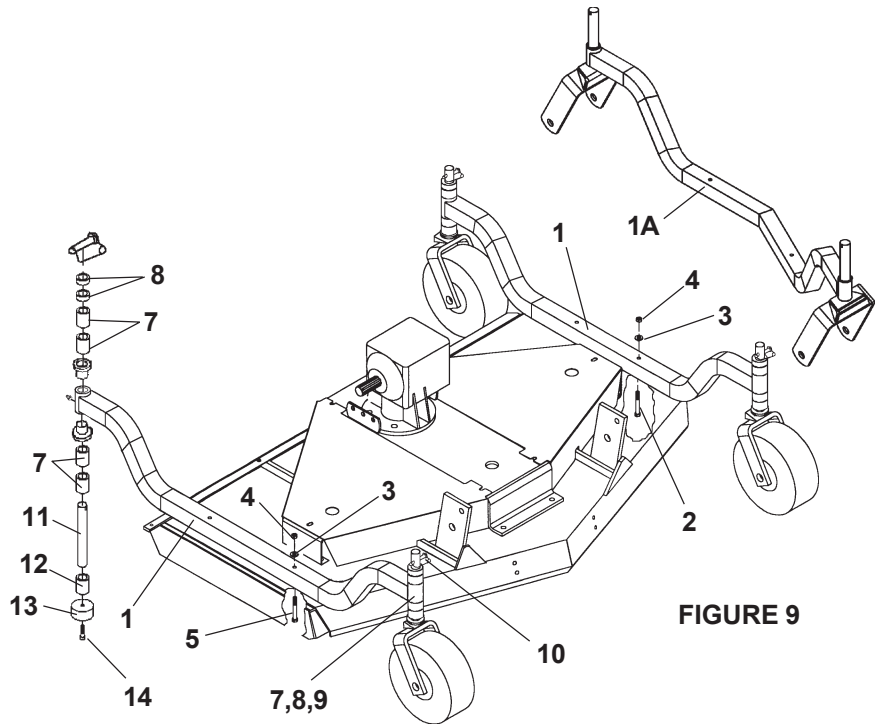


FIGURE 9

**NOTE:** Spacer (13) rests on support flat welded to frontside of mainframe cross tube.

## CASTER WHEEL ATTACHMENTS REAR MOWER (11' MODEL) FIGURE 10

Attach the right and left Axle Arm Weldment (1) to the deck with 3/8" Gr. 5 bolts (2) flatwasher (1-1/2"OD x 3/16" thick) (3), and 3/8" locknuts (4). **NOTE:** Mount the inside and outside rear arms in the forward set of holes. Install four one inch spacers (7) and two 1/4 inch spacer (8) on each fork and wheel assembly (9). Insert Wheel assembly Shaft (9) into Axle Arm Weldment (1) and retain with Snapper Pin (10).

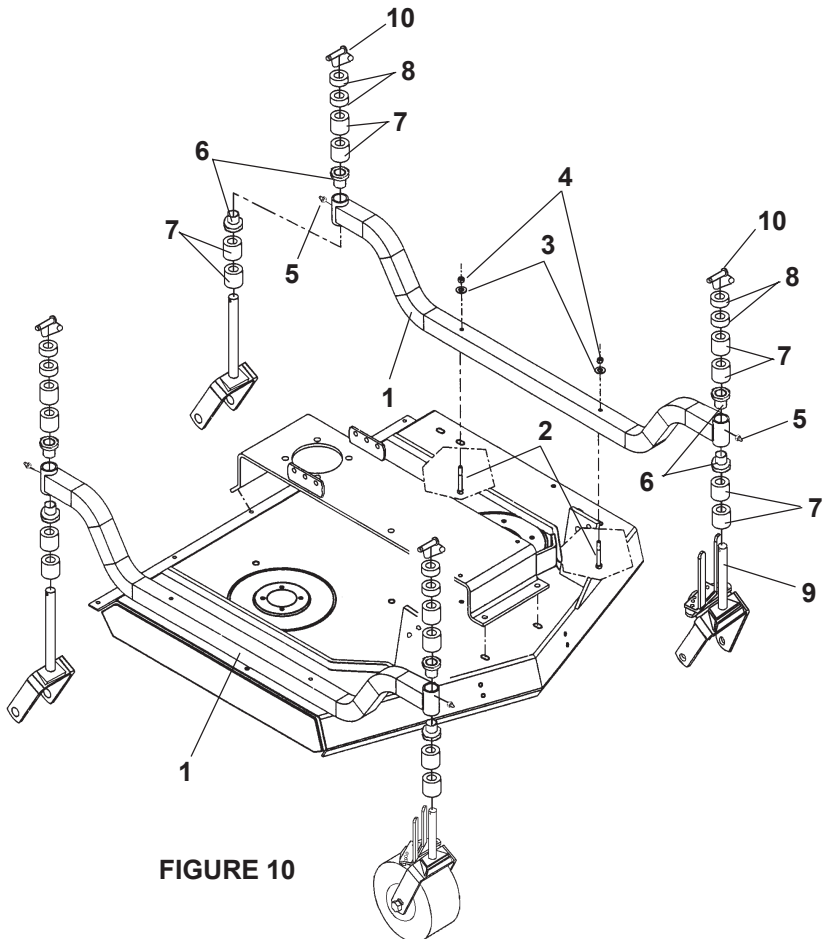


FIGURE 10

**NOTE:** Front Fork and Wheel Assemblies have Lock mechanism which will not allow wheel to caster 360 degrees. See page 3-5 for 48" Deck detail.



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## CASTER WHEEL ATTACHMENTS WING MOWER (11' MODEL) FIGURE 11

Attach the right and left Axle Arm Weldment (1) to the outer deck with 3/8" Gr. 2 bolts (2) flatwasher (1-1/2"OD x 3/16" thick) (3), and 3/8" locknuts (4) in the front hole in Arm. All other Arm retaining bolts are Gr. 5, 3/8" bolts. **NOTE:** Mount the inside and out side wing arms in the forward set of holes. Install four one inch spacers (7) and two 1/4 inch spacer (8) on each fork and wheel assembly (9). Insert Wheel assembly Shaft (11), spacer tube (12) and a Spacer Pad (13) installed with a 3/8" x 1-1/2" Screw (14).

**NOTE:** Spacer (13) rests on support flat welded to front side of Mainframe cross Tube.

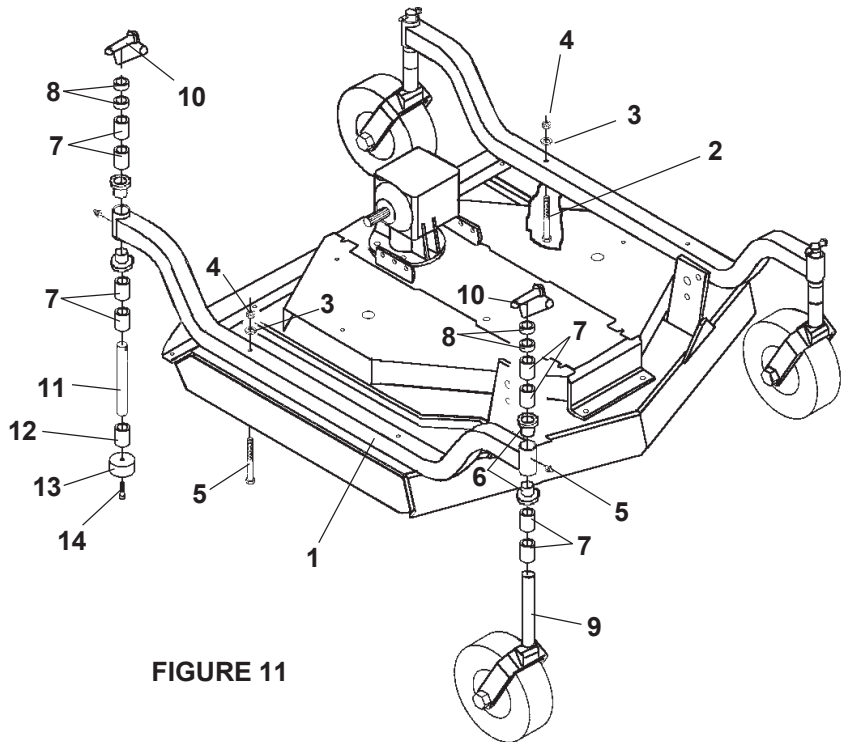


FIGURE 11

## REAR MOWER ATTACHMENT

To install the Rear Attaching Arms (1) on the Main Frame to the Center Rear Mower: Note: These Arms are Right and Left Hand. They must be installed with the chain attachment hole (11) to the top and the offset to the inside. Remove the Click Pins and install Arms to the Rear Deck. Roll Mower into position and align the Attaching Arms in Main Frame. Position the Rear Lift Frame on Main Frame. **Note:** Position the Rear Lift Frame with the 9/16" dia. holes (12) facing to rear. Align with Lift Arm Pins (2) and install. **ATTENTION:** Do not drive pin in with hammer. This will damage the PTFE Bearings which are installed in the Rear Attaching Arm (1). Pin should slide in with very little resistance. Secure Pins with 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolts (3), flatwashers, and locknuts.

Install bushing in A-Frame Brace (4) and attach to the Rear Mower in the center hole of bracket on Gearbox mount plate. Retain with 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolt, flatwasher, and locknut. Attach the A-Frame Link (5) to the Rear Lift Frame by sandwiching between Toggle Links with Pins (6). Secure with 3/8" x 3" bolts (7), flatwashers, and locknuts. Attach the Lift Chain (8) to the Lift Arms and Rear Lift Frame. Attach the Rear Cylinder (9) to the Lift Frame with Pin and Cotter Pin. Attach the Rear Lock-up Bar (10) to the Front Cylinder Pin, retain with cotter pin, and to the Rear Cylinder Pin, retain with Clip Pin. **Figure 12.**

**NOTE:** Use Spacers #00763313, 1-3/8" long with Bolts.

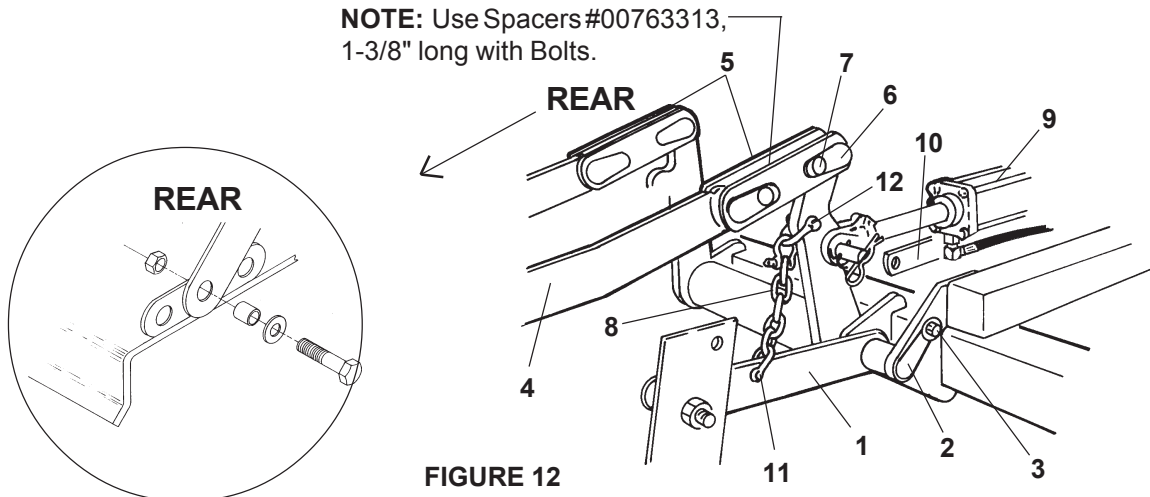


FIGURE 12

# ASSEMBLY

## AXLE ARMS IN POSITION

Note bolt locations of Axle Arms on 60" Deck. **Figure 13.**

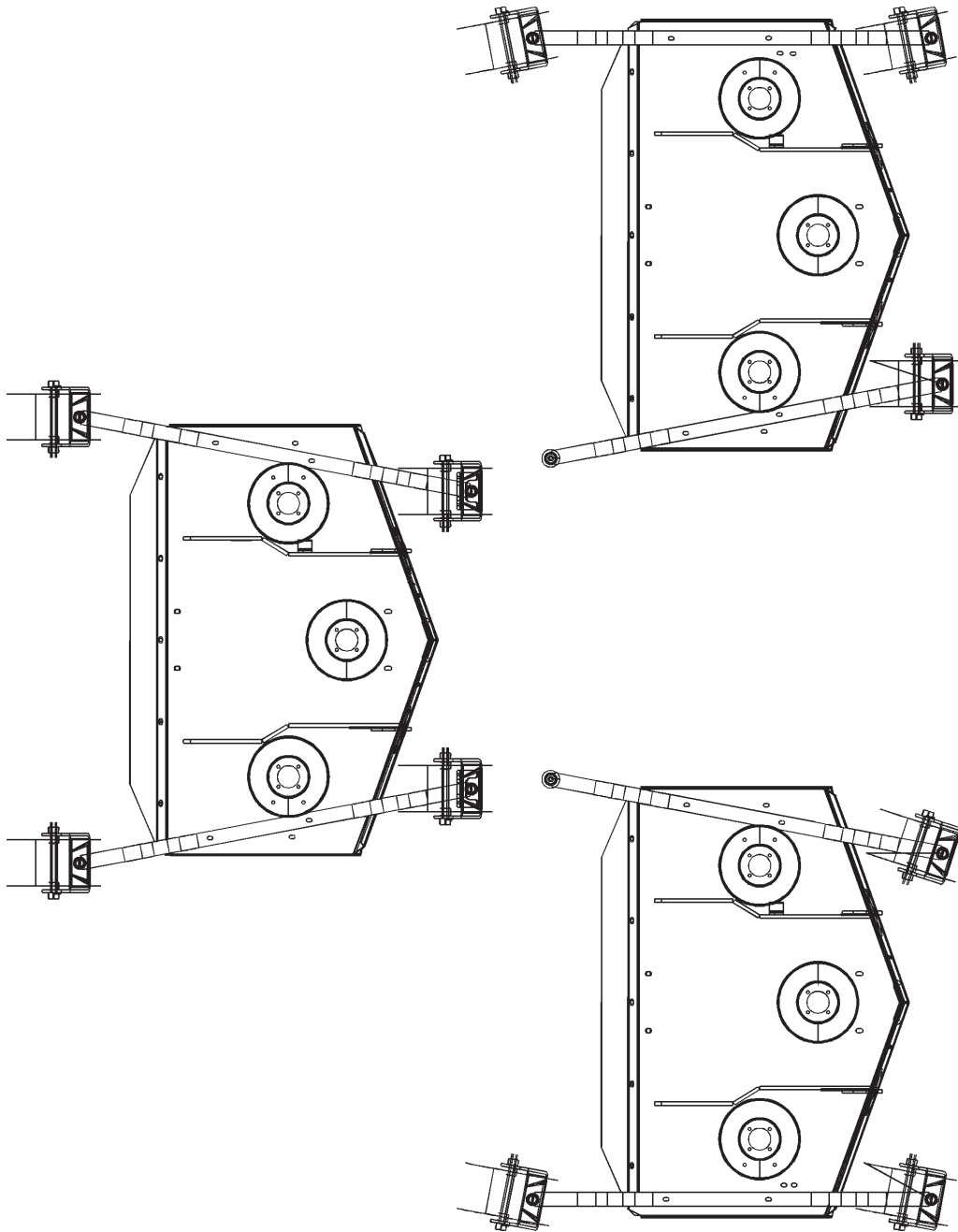


FIGURE 13

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## AXLE ARMS IN POSITION

Note bolt locations of Axle Arms on 72" Deck. **Figure14**

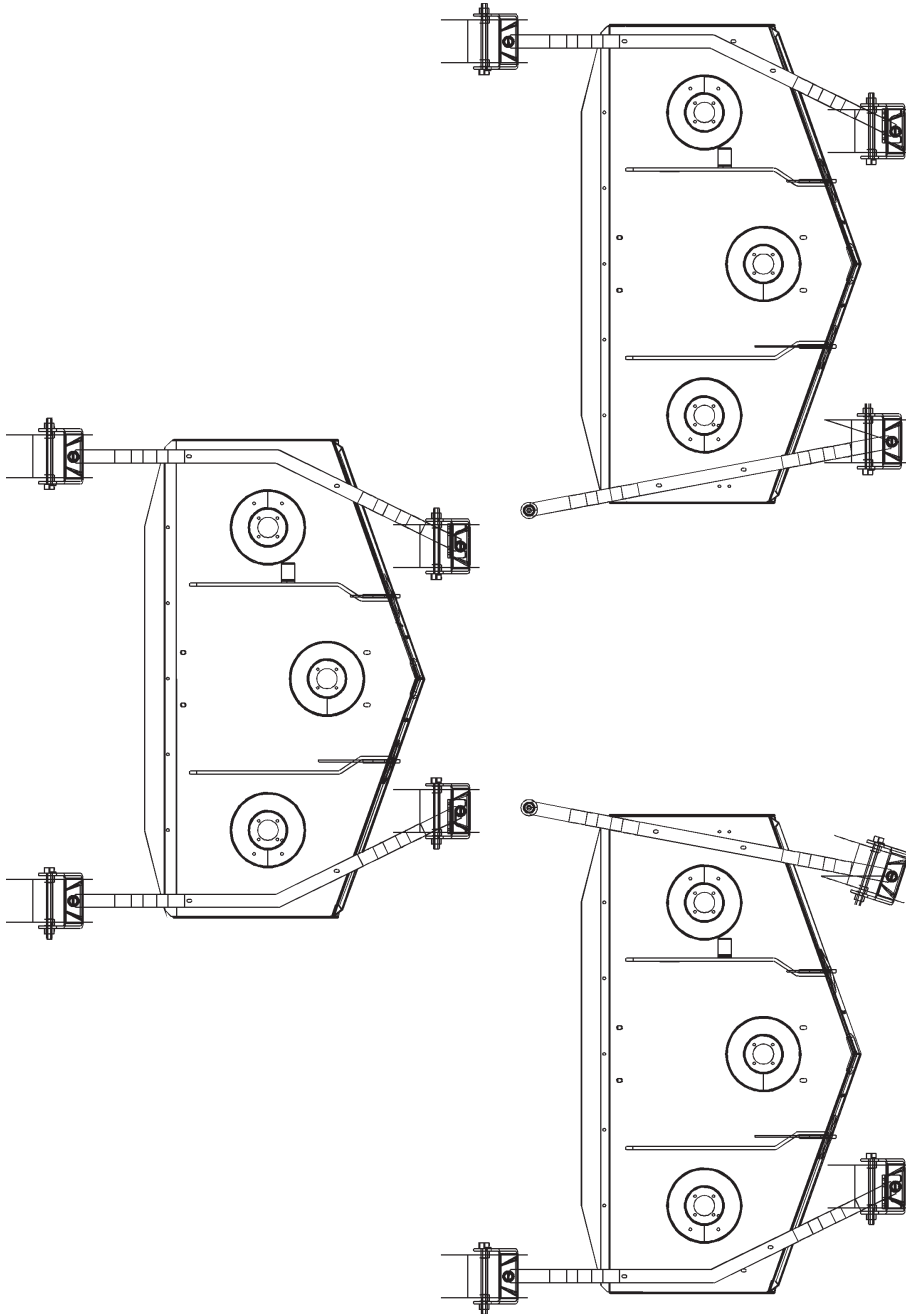


FIGURE 14

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# ASSEMBLY

## DRIVESHAFT ATTACHMENT

All drivelines are equipped with slide collars on end yokes. To attach to the shaft grab and pull the collar on the end of attaching yoke toward the opposite end of the driveline. Slide the yoke (with collar depressed) onto the shaft. Move the yoke back and forth until the collar clicks forward and locks yoke in place.

Install the Jackshaft (1) on the Front Gearbox and install Bearing (2) on the Drive End. Sandwich the Bearing between the Bearing Supports(3) & (7). Install the Pipe Spacers (4) and retain with 1/2" x 7" bolt (5) and locknut. **Figure 15**

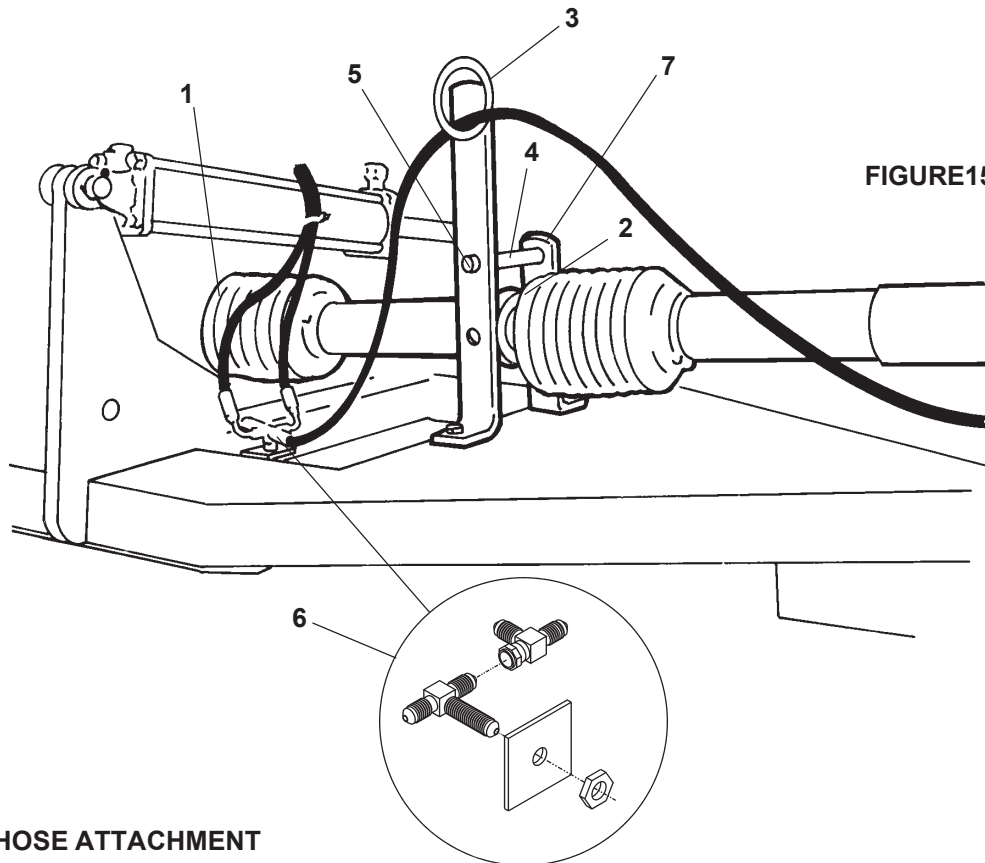


FIGURE15

## HYDRAULIC HOSE ATTACHMENT

Remove the caps from the Hydraulic Manifold (6 Fig. 13) on the Main Frame. Hydraulic Hoses p/n 00763742 are used for the Wing Cylinders and p/n 00762693 is used for the Rear Cylinder. Hose p/n 00765738 attaches to the remote on the Tractor Hydraulics. On the Hose p/n 00765738 at the Tractor disconnect install Fitting p/n 02957691 (1/2 pipe thread x 1/4 J.I. C.).

## 3-SPOOL VALVE

Cap the two side ports of the Manifold & connect the wing Hoses to Hoses p/n 00765738 with the 1/4" male JIC x 1/4" NPT pipe fittings.

## SMV ATTACHMENT

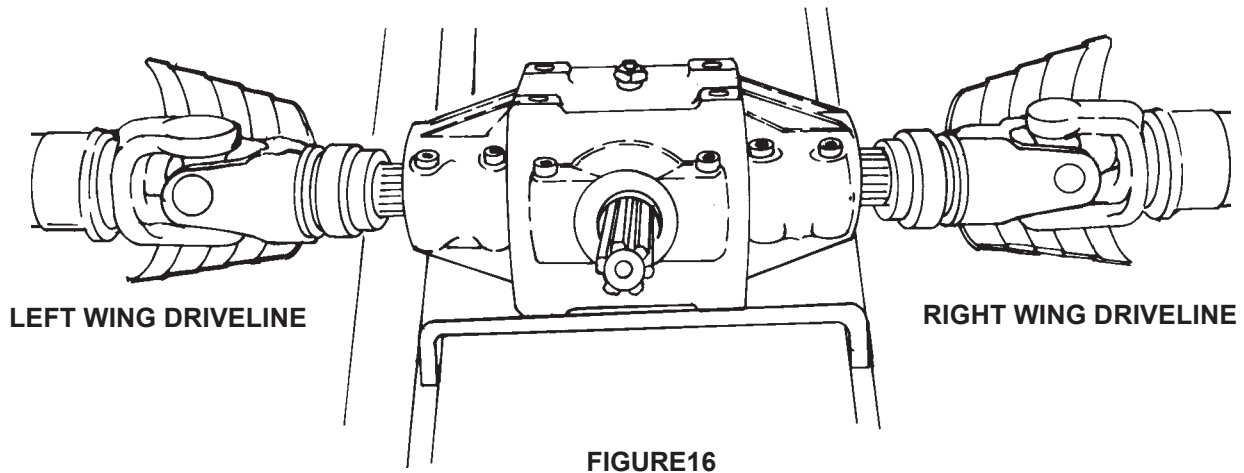
Remove top Bolt from the Divider Gearbox Cover and attach Mounting Bracket. Bolt SMV to Bracket

# ASSEMBLY

## WING DRIVESHAFT ATTACHMENT

### Standard Driveline

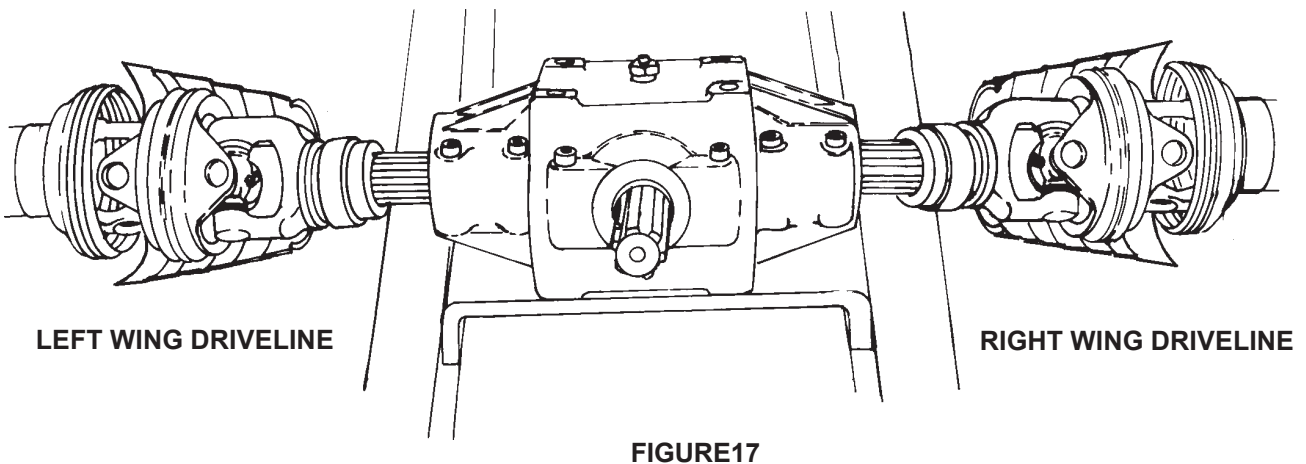
Attach the wing driveline to the center power divider gearbox as shown so that both sides of the gearbox are oriented the same NOTE: The driveline end with the extended shield cone attaches to the mower deck gearbox. **(FIGURE16)**



### Constant Velocity (CV) Driveline

Attach the wing CV driveline to the center power divider gearbox with CV head at center box. Attach the end yokes so they are oriented in line the same as shown. **(FIGURE 17)**

**NOTE:** Do not attach the drivelines with the CV Head on the wings. This will not allow the head to be raised up.



# ASSEMBLY

## ROPE ROUTING FOR AUTOMATIC HEAD LOCKS

Attach rope ends to latch at location shown in **figure 18**.

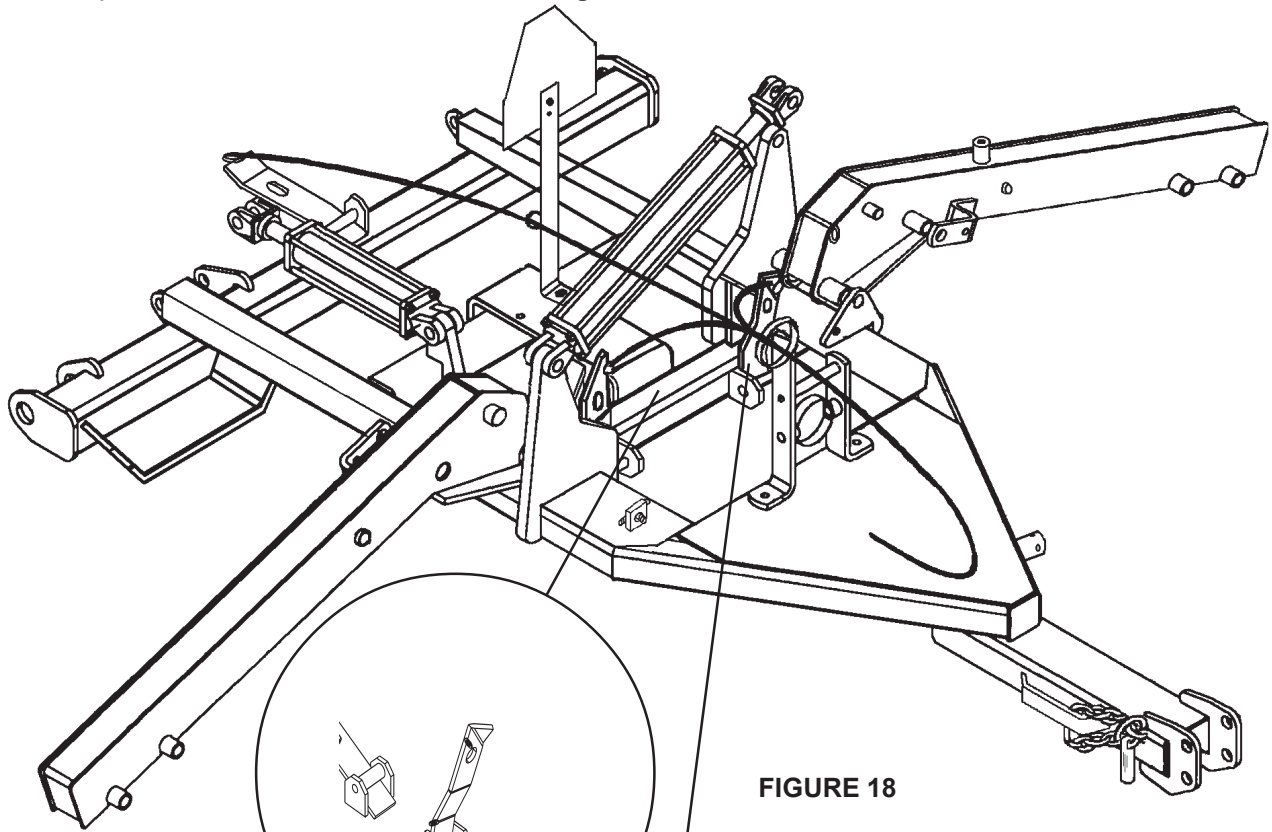
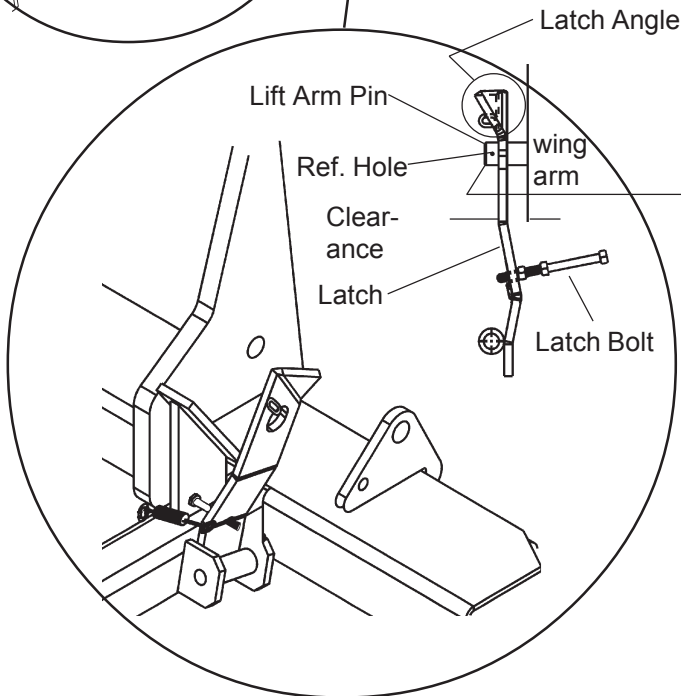


FIGURE 18

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NOTE:  
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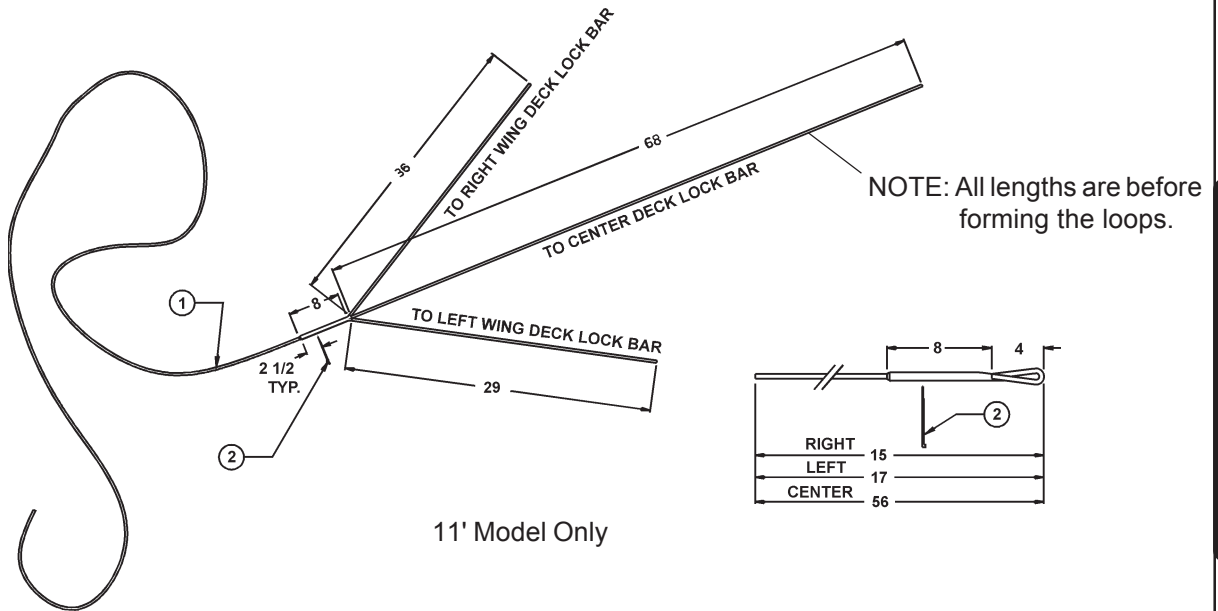


Adjust Latch Bolt to provide minimum clearance between Reference Hole and Latch. Over adjustment (too much clearance between Wing Arm and Latch) may cause improper contact between Lift Arm Pin and Latch Angle. Not enough clearance will cause damage to Latch arm when heads are raised.

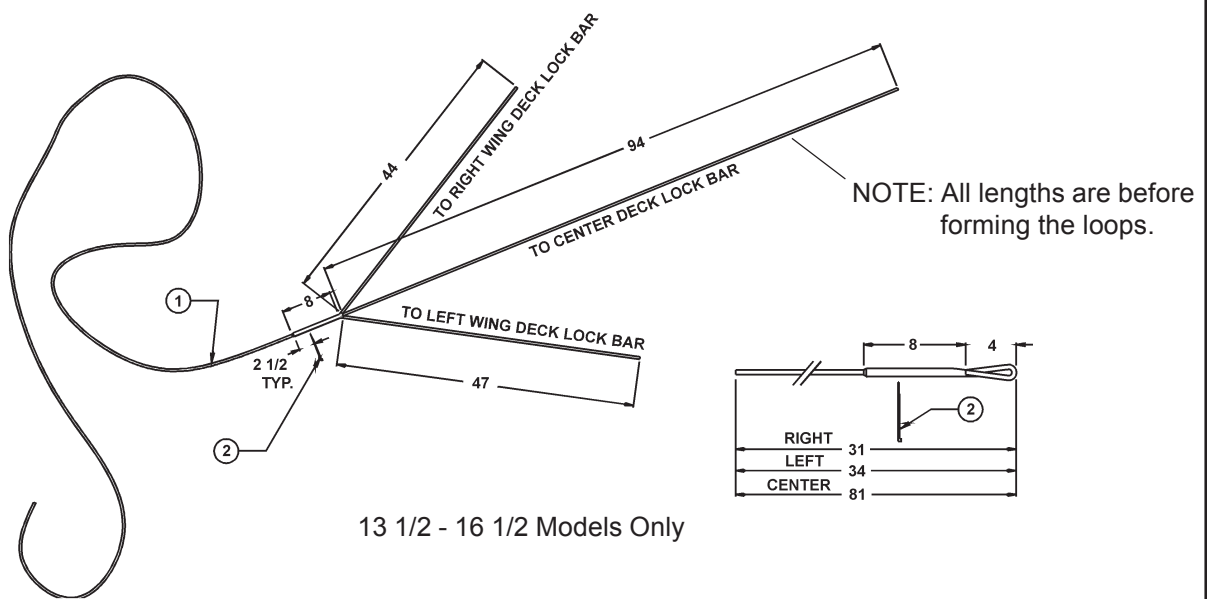
# ASSEMBLY

NOTE: FIELD ASSEMBLY (FIGURE 19)- Head Locks

1. Loop ends back through welded link on lock bar and then inside of braid by forming a hole 16" from end.
2. Adjust lengths as shown to give 8" overlap and 4" loop.
3. Adjust to give dimension shown.
4. Secure loops by running a plastic ties thru rope braids (2) to prevent slipping.



11' Model Only



13 1/2 - 16 1/2 Models Only

FIGURE 19





# **OPERATION SECTION**

# OPERATION

The safe operation of this machine is the responsibility of the operator. The operator should be familiar with the mower and tractor and all safety practices before starting operation. This mower is designed for lawn or grass mowing. It is not designed for rough conditions or heavy weed mowing. It is equipped with suction type blades for best results in lawn mowing.

Always operate tractor PTO at 540 rpm.

This section provides information for attaching mower to tractor and preparing it for field operation. Review this data prior to tractor hookup and operation.

## TRACTOR PREPARATION

### Wheel Treads

Tractor wheel tread spacing should be increased when working on inclines or rough ground to reduce the possibility of tipping.

**WARNING!** Do not get between Tractor and Mower when engine is running!



**DANGER!**



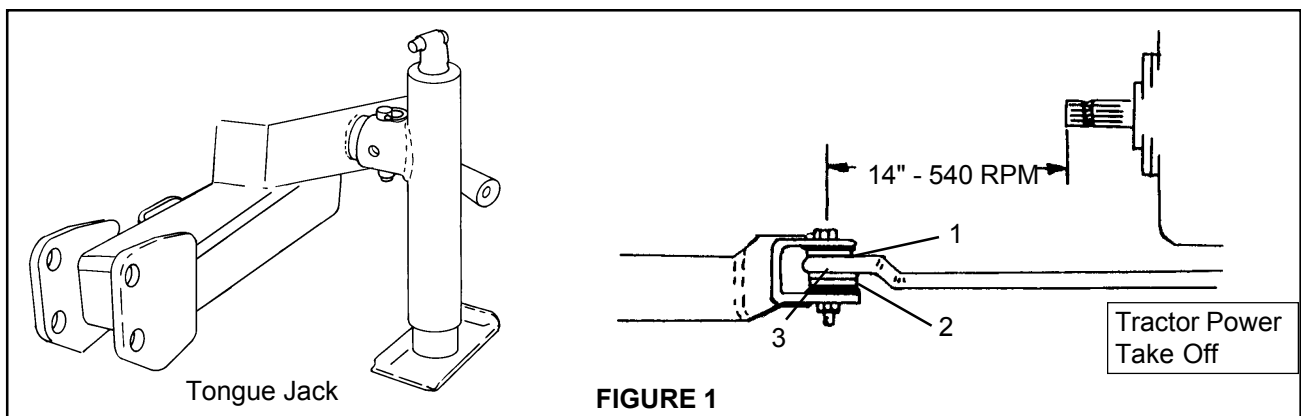
**NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO OPERATE, RIDE ON, OR COME CLOSE TO MOWER OR TRACTOR.** Usually, 15-16 year-old children who are mature and responsible can operate the mower with reasonable safety if they have read Operator's Manual, been trained in safe operation of the machine, and are physically large and strong enough to reach and operate controls easily.

## ATTACHING CUTTER TO TRACTOR

**WARNING!** Never hitch or unhitch without using the Tongue Jack. The Tongue is very heavy, and attempted lifting can cause strains and crushing injury should the Tongue fall suddenly and unexpectedly. Use the Jack only for lifting the Mower. Overloading the Jack can cause failure with possible serious bodily injury or even death.



Use the Tongue Jack to either hitch or unhitch the mower. Be sure the Wheels are properly blocked to avoid rolling.

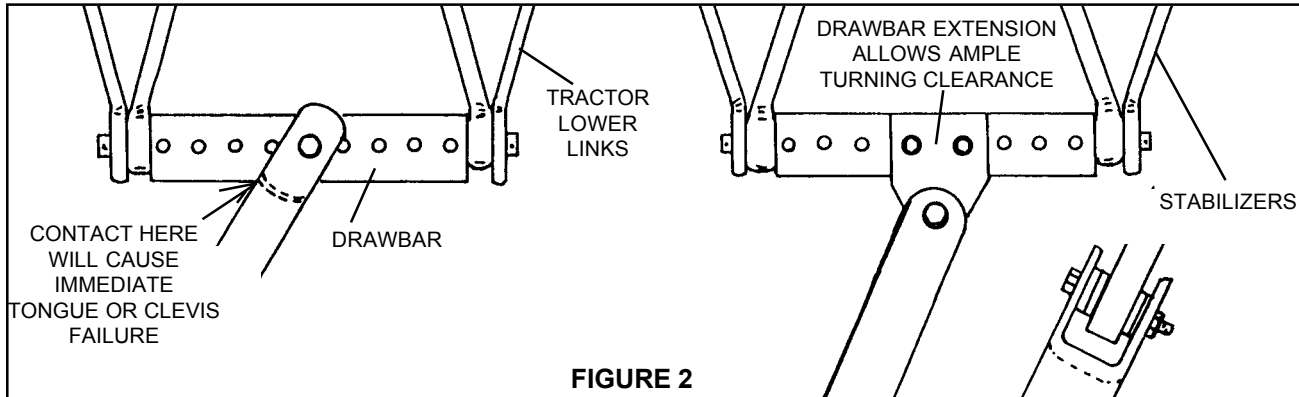


**FIGURE 1**

Place a 1" washer (1) under the top lip of the Clevis hitch. Add enough 1" spacer washers (2) between the bottom of drawbar and the bottom lip of the Clevis to fill the open space. Install a 1" grade 5 or 8 bolt (5" long). Install a locknut (3) onto the bolt beneath the Clevis and tighten the 1" locknut & bolt securely. See **Figure 1**.

# OPERATION

**NOTE:** If attaching Mower Clevis, tractor drawbar must extend to rear to allow turning without binding in the Tongue Clevis. **DO NOT USE THIS TYPE DRAWBAR WITHOUT STABILIZERS.** Install washers the same as detailed previously. See art below.



**NOTE:** NEVER ATTACH MOWER TO TRACTOR WITH A PIN NOT HAVING A NUT.

The two halves of the Clevis must be bolted together securely to carry the load properly without springing or breaking the Clevis.

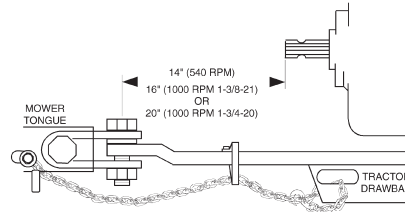
## DANGER!



Failure to adjust the Drawbar to the CORRECT LENGTH, failure to PROVIDE DRAWBAR CLEARANCE sufficient for short turns, and/or failure to ATTACH CLEVIS TO THE DRAWBAR correctly and securely MAY ALLOW THE MOWER TO SEPARATE FROM THE TRACTOR AND/OR THE DRIVELINE HALVES TO SEPARATE WHICH CAN CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH TO THE OPERATOR OR OTHERS.

## IMPORTANT

REQUIRED FOR JACKSHAFT UNIT  
SUGGESTED FOR STANDARD SHAFT



## SAFETY CHAINS - PULL TYPE

When towing implements on the highway, use safety chain supplied with Implement. This will control the implement in the event the hitch pin is lost.

After attaching the safety chain, make a trial run by driving the tractor to the right and to the left for a short distance to check safety chain adjustment. If necessary, readjust to eliminate tight or loose chain.

# OPERATION

## DRIVELINE ATTACHMENT TO TRACTOR

1. Grasp and pull collar on end of attaching yoke toward mower.
2. Slide yoke (with collar depressed) onto PTO shaft.
3. Move yoke back and forth until locking collar clicks forward and locks the yoke in place.

**WARNING!** When attaching PTO yoke to tractor PTO shaft, it is important that spring activated locking collar slides freely and is seated in groove on PTO shaft.



**WARNING!** Be sure PTO shielding and all other shielding is installed and is in good condition.



**WARNING!** Avoid personal injury! Be sure tractor engine is off, key is removed, and **ALLOW BLADES TO STOP TURNING** before dismounting to make adjustments.

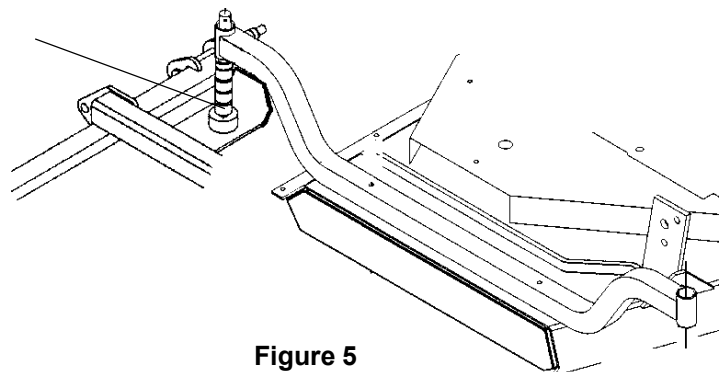
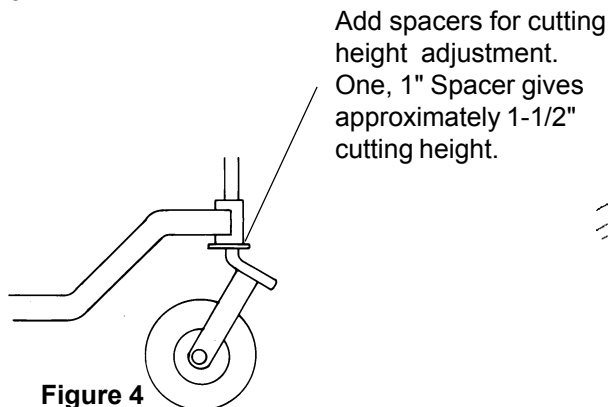


## CUTTING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

**IMPORTANT:** When operating, remote valve lever must be in detent position to allow mower heads to follow ground contour. (Float)

**IMPORTANT:** Avoid very low cutting heights. Striking the ground with blades gives the most damaging shock loads a cutter can encounter and will cause damage to cutter and drive system.

1. Using the tractor hydraulics, raise the mowers off the ground and support under it with secure blocking so not to let the mower drift down during maintenance.
2. Holding wheel and yoke assembly up, remove quick-lock pin from top of gauge wheel spindle. Position full length spacers and 1/4" spacer as required. All spacers on top of spindle tube allows for approximately 1/2" cutting height. Adjustments range from 1/2" to a maximum of 5" in 1/4" increments. **Figure 4.**
3. For the 11' Model Shaft Height Adjustment remove quick-lock Pin from top of Shaft. Remove Shaft from Axle Arm. Position full length Spacers and half Spacers as required. All spacers on top of spindle tube allows for approximately 1/2" cutting height. Adjustments range from 1/2" to a maximum of 5" in 1/4" increments. **Figure 5.**



## ROLLER ADJUSTMENT

Place roller brackets in lowest position for cutting heights 5" to approximately 3". Place in highest position for 1" to approximately 1-1/2" cutting heights. Place in intermediate position for cutting heights of 2" to approximately 3".

# OPERATION

## STARTING & STOPPING MOWER

Power for operating mower is supplied from tractor PTO. Refer to your tractor manual instructions for engaging and disengaging the PTO. Always engage the PTO at low engine rpm. Always operate at recommended PTO speed of 540 RPM. Learn how to stop tractor and mower quickly in case of an emergency.

**IMPORTANT:** Stop mower and tractor immediately upon striking an obstruction. Inspect the mower and repair any damage before resuming operation. **Do not disengage PTO when engine is at full PTO RPM. Always idle engine before disengaging PTO.**

### WARNING!



Avoid personal injury. When attempting to stop a tractor which does not have live PTO, the momentum created by the blade carrier of a rotary cutter can cause the tractor to be pushed forward. **DO NOT** operate this cutter unless tractor has live or independent PTO.

To commence operation, reduce engine speed and engage the tractor PTO. Before starting to cut, gradually increase engine speed to develop full PTO speed.

Enter the area to cut with the mower operating at PTO speed and, if it becomes necessary to temporarily regulate engine speed during operations, increase or decrease the throttle gradually.

To transport, disengage the PTO, raise to full transport height.

## CUTTING SPEED

Proper ground speed for mowing will depend upon the height, type, and density of material to be cut.

Normally, ground speed will range from 1-1/2 to 5 mph. Tall dense material should be cut at low speed while thin medium height material can be cut at a faster ground speed.

## MOWING TIPS

Always operate PTO at recommended RPM when mowing. This is necessary to maintain proper blade speed and to produce a clean cut.

Under certain conditions, tractor tires may roll some grasses down and prevent them from being cut at the same height as the surrounding area. When this occurs, reduce the tractor ground speed, but maintain PTO RPM. The lower speed will permit grasses to be at least partially rebound and be cut. Taking a partial cut and/or reversing the direction of travel may also produce a cleaner cut.

As often as possible, stop mowing when other people are passing by. Although the Mower is shielded to prevent objects from being thrown out by the blades, no one shield device is 100% effective. The operator has greater knowledge of the dangers of being around this Mower while it is operational than the person on the street.

### WARNING!



Avoid personal injury. Pick up all rocks and other debris before cutting. Enter new areas carefully. Cut material higher the first time to allow cutter to clear unseen objects. Never assume an area is clear. Always check.

Extremely tall grass should be cut twice. Raise mower and cut twice the desired height. Cut the second time at desired height at 90 degrees to first pass.

Remember, sharp blades produce cleaner cuts and use less power.

Before mowing, analyze the area to determine the best cutting procedure. Consider the height and type of material and the terrain type: hilly, level or rough.

Grass is best cut when it is dry. Mowing wet grass can cause plugging resulting in grass clumps behind the mower.

Grass should be mowed frequently as shorter clippings deteriorate faster.

# OPERATION

## DETACHING AND STORING

Lower the Mower to the Ground. Park the Tractor with the transmission in the correct gear ( Automatic Transmission-- Park; Standard Transmission--Neutral). Set the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the key. Wait until the PTO stops rotating before getting down from the tractor .

Disconnect the driveline from the tractor PTO and store it to prevent it from contacting the ground.

Always reinstall the master shield over the tractor PTO Shaft. This shield should always remain in place except when connecting or disconnecting driveline.

## BEFORE OPERATING OR TRANSPORTING THIS MOWER

Always display this SMV emblem (**FIGURE 6**) on the stand mounted on the center Gearbox when transporting this mower where it is clearly visible to following traffic. Prominent display of this symbol will help the operator avoid accidents which could cause injury or possibly death.

**FIGURE 6**



## DRIVELINE LENGTH CHECK PROCEDURE

### WARNING!



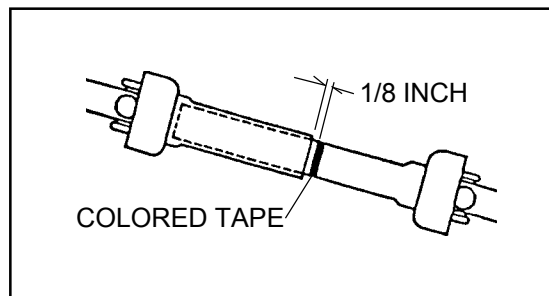
A loose shaft could slip off and result in personal injury or damage to mower. When attaching PTO yoke to tractor PTO shaft, it is important that spring activated locking collar slides freely and locking balls are seated in groove on PTO shaft.

### WARNING!



Before operating mower, check to make sure the driveline will not bottom out or become disengaged.

- \* Disengage the Driveline from the tractor PTO Shaft.
- \* Slide the Driveline together until it "bottoms out" solidly.
- \* Apply colored tape to the Inner Shield 1/8" from the end of the Outer Shield. **FIGURE 7**
- \* Re-attach the Driveline to the PTO Shaft.



**FIGURE 7**

**Driveline in maximum compressed position**

# OPERATION

- With the PTO **NOT TURNING**, slowly drive the tractor with mower attached through sharpest turn possible and watch shaft movement.
- With PTO **NOT TURNING**, slowly drive the tractor with mower attached through the most severe terrain conditions expected and watch Shaft movement.
- Check position which places driveline at maximum extended length and at maximum compressed length. Maximum extended length must always maintain at least 10 inches of profile tube engagement. Maximum compressed length should always maintain 1-9/16 clearance; if not shorten driveline as shown in **Fig 8**.
- If driveline cannot be shortened and still maintain 10 inches of tube engagement then the operator should note test so he can recognize the terrain conditions that might cause the problem and avoid possible damage by disconnecting driveline from tractor.

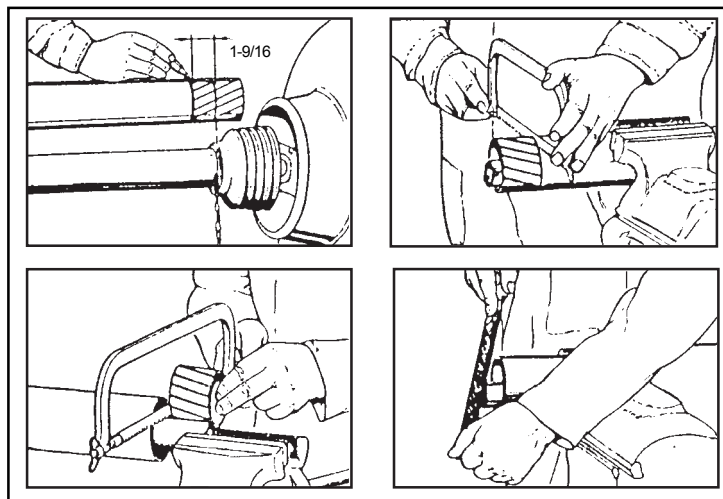


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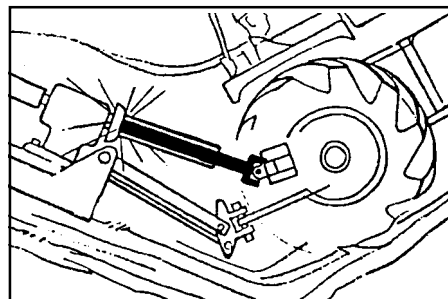
## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROUGH TERRAIN OPERATIONS

When crossing ditches with steep banks or going up sharp inclines, it is possible to “bottom out” the Driveline that connects the tractor PTO to the Gearbox on mower.

Note: To bottom out means that the Inner Shaft has penetrated into the Outer Housing to its maximum depth until the Assembly becomes solid - it can shorten no more. See **Figure 9**.

If this happens, it can cause serious damage to the tractor PTO by pushing the PTO into the tractor and through the Support Bearings or downward onto the PTO Shaft, breaking it off.

Driveline bottom out.  
FIGURE 9



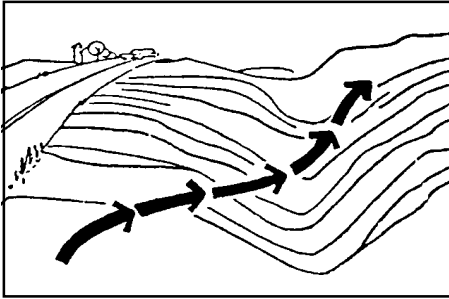
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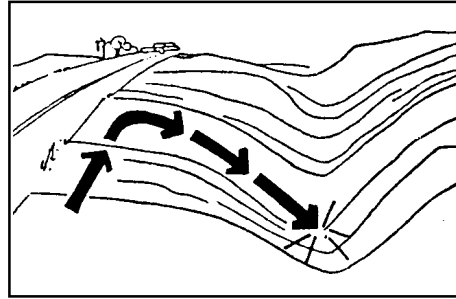
Either failure can allow the Driveline to come loose from the tractor which could cause bodily injury to the operator or others in the vicinity along with expensive damage to the tractor and/or Cutter.

# OPERATION

If you have a condition where your tractor will be going up a steep incline with your mower still on the flat area or coming down the opposite incline, you have a potential problem. **Figure 11**. The correct preventive measure is to instruct the operator to cross this kind of terrain at an angle. **Figure 10**. This will reduce the angle between the tractor and the mower. The problem is more likely to occur if the Cutter is in the raised position while the tractor is turning sharply and going up an incline.



**CORRECT: Approach ditch at an angle**  
**FIGURE 10**



**INCORRECT: DO NOT approach ditch straight on.**  
**FIGURE 11**

OPERATION

## TRANSPORTING CUTTER:

1. Raise wings to full height.
2. Raise center section.

**WARNING:** This machine can be turned over. Use caution when operating in transport position. Limit speed and avoid sharp turns and rough terrain.

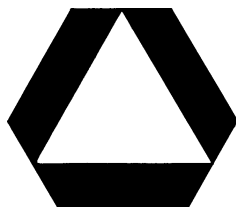


When transporting the mower, keep the Center Section as low to the ground as is practical to increase stability. Raise the left and right Wing sections and use the transport lock bars to retain them in the upright position.

**DANGER:** Keep everyone clear while lifting or lowering mower or raising and lowering Wings.



**WARNING:** Use the tractor Warning Lights, SMV Sign, Reflectors, and other devices for adequate warning to the operators of other vehicles. Comply with local governmental regulations.



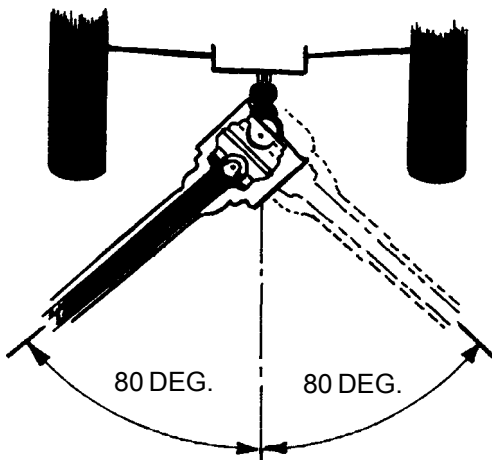


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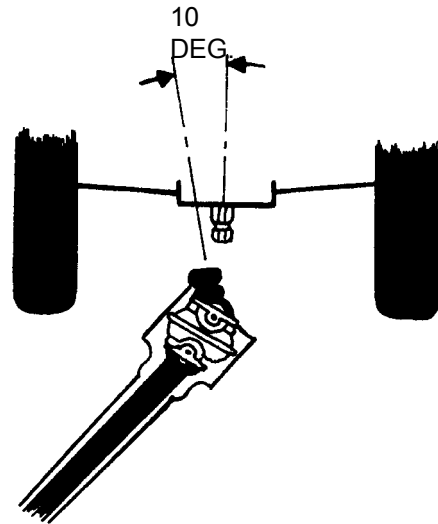
## CV DRIVELINE CHECK PROCEDURES

The Main Driveline to tractor is equipped with a special constant velocity (CV) joint that allows the joint to run smooth with no vibration even at joint angles up to 80 degrees. This joint will operate and perform satisfactorily as long as it is not subjected to conditions which abuse it or go beyond its operating limits.

1. The constant velocity joint must be greased daily at 8 hour intervals. See Maintenance Section. Failure to lubricate as instructed will cause rapid wear and failure of operating components of joint.
2. The constant velocity joint must not be subjected to a joint angle greater than 80 degrees. **FIGURE 12.**



**FIGURE 12**



**FIGURE 13**

To check maximum joint angle, connect mower to tractor. Do not connect driveline at this time. Start tractor and make a maximum turn to left until tractor tire almost contracts frame. Then check joint by holding driveline yoke above PTO shaft and then angle driveline yoke until it stops. There should be approximately a 10 degree difference between center line of yoke and PTO shaft. **FIGURE 13.** If not, check drawbar length and shorten if necessary or move rear tractor tires wider apart to limit turning radius.

3. The constant velocity joint must also not be subjected to conditions where telescoping tubes bottom out. Check this condition at same time maximum angle was checked above. There should be at least 4 inches of additional telescoping available with the yoke attached to the tractor.

**NOTE:** If the driveline will not connect because it does not have enough clearance; check to see if drawbar can be lengthened or cut the driveline shield and tube lengths to provide adequate clearance.



## WARNING

**DISENGAGE PTO BEFORE FOLDING WINGS TO PREVENT INSTANT FAILURE OF DRIVELINES AND POSSIBLE SEVERE BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.** #00783536

# OPERATION

## TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
STREAKING	Slow Blade Speed Worn Blade Tips	Operate PTO at 540 RPM. Replace with Genuine <b>RHINO</b> Blades. See your Rhino dealer. Sharpen blades uniformly.
	Dull Blades Blades unable to cut that part of grass pressed down by path of tractor tires or casters Mowing Too Fast Drive Belt Loose Belt Glazed/Slipping	Slow ground speed of tractor but keep engine running at full PTO rpm. Cutting slower will help. Slow down until cured. Tighten per instructions. Apply belt dressing or replace with special <b>RHINO</b> belt.
	Blade Loose on Spindle	Tighten blade bolt securely. (Note: Left Hand threads Torque to 150 ft. lbs.)
	Conditions too wet for mowing	Allow grass to dry before mowing.
MATERIAL DISCHARGES FROM MOWER UNEVENLY, BUNCHES MATERIAL ALONG SWATH	Material too high and too much material	Reduce ground speed but maintain 540 rpm at tractor PTO, or make two passes over material. Raise the mower for the first pass and lower to desired height for the second and cut at 90 deg. to first pass. Raise rear of mower high enough to permit material to discharge, but not so high that conditions listed above occur.
	Belt Slipping Grass Wet	Tighten or replace with special <b>RHINO</b> belt. Allow grass to dry before mowing. Slow ground speed of tractor but keep engine running at full PTO rpm. Cutting lower will help.
HEAVY VIBRATION	Too high blade speed Broken/bent Blade	Do not exceed 540 PTO RPM. Replace with genuine <b>RHINO</b> Blades. See your <b>RHINO</b> dealer.
	Worn/Unbalanced Blade Bent/Broken Sheave Trash Hung on Blade	Grind uniformly, rebalance or replace. Replace parts. Clean off blade.
BELT SLIPPING	Belt loose	Tighten or replace with Special <b>RHINO</b> belt.
	Belt Glazed Oil on belt	Use belt dressing or replace. Clean or replace

# OPERATION

## TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
BELT SLIPPAGE	Mower overloading, material too tall or heavy	Reduce tractor ground speed but maintain full PTO rpm. Cut material twice, one high pass and then mow at desired height. Cut a partial swath.
	Oil on belt from over lubrication	Be careful not to over-lubricate. Clean lubricant from belt and pulleys with clean rag. Replace oil soaked belt.
	Belt hung up or rubbing	Check belt for free travel in pulleys and belt guides. Check under mower and around blade spindle shafts for wire, rags, or other foreign material. Clean all material from under mower.
FRAYED EDGES ON BELT COVER	Belt misaligned or belt rubbing guide. Pulley misalignment	Re-align belt or guide. Be sure belt doesn't rub any other part while running. Inspect to ensure belt is running in center of backside idler. Shim idler as necessary to align.
BELT ROLLOVER	Pulley misalignment Damaged belt Foreign object in pulley grooves	Re-align Replace belt.* Inspect all pulley grooves for rust, paint or weld spots and remove.
	Worn pulley groove	Replace pulley
DAMAGED BELT	Rollover, high shock loads or installation damage	Replace belt.*
BELT BREAKAGE	High shock loads	Avoid abusive mowing. Avoid hitting the ground or large obstructions.
	Belt came off drive	Check drive alignment for foreign material in grooves. Ensure proper tension. Avoid hitting solid objects or ground.

\*Check belt for damage by laying it flat on floor. If belt does not lie flat (has humps or twists), which indicates broken or stretched cords, it must be replaced. Each mower head belt must be replaced as set of two Belts.



# **MAINTENANCE SECTION**

# MAINTENANCE

Before operating your Mower, make sure it is properly lubricated and thoroughly inspected. Only a minimum of time and effort is required to regularly lubricate and maintain this machine to provide long life and trouble free operation.

## WARNING!

Always disengage the PTO before raising the mower for transporting or making adjustments.



## LUBRICATION INFORMATION

Do not let excess grease collect on or around parts, particularly when operating in sandy areas. The illustrations below shows lubrication points. All points should be lubricated daily under normal operating conditions. Severe or unusual conditions may require more frequent lubrication. **Figure 1.**

Use an SAE multi-purpose, lithium-type grease for all locations shown. Be sure to clean the fitting thoroughly before using grease gun. Daily lubrication of the wing driveline slip joint is necessary. Failure to maintain proper lubrication will result in damage to U-joints, gearbox, and/or driveshaft.

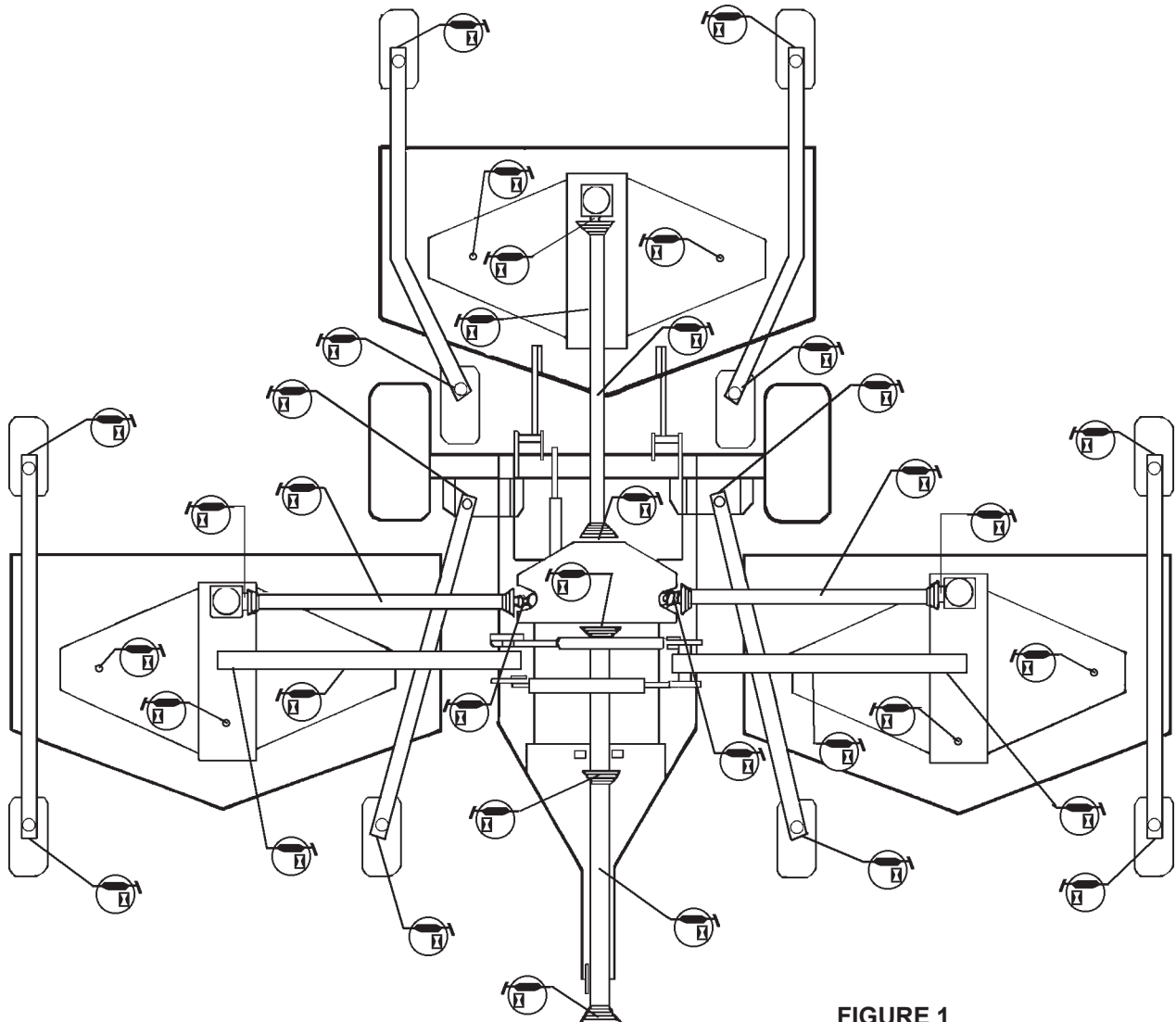


FIGURE 1

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## GEARBOX

The Gearboxes have been filled with lubricant to the Test Plug Level prior to shipment. However, you should check the oil level at Test Plug before operating, and frequently thereafter.

The gearbox should not require additional lubricant unless the box is cracked or a seal is leaking. It is recommended that the oil level plug be removed after every 8 to 10 hours of operation and oil added until it runs out Test Plug hole. The Test Plug is located on the back of the Gearbox. Filler Plug is located on top back of Gearbox. **Figure 2.**

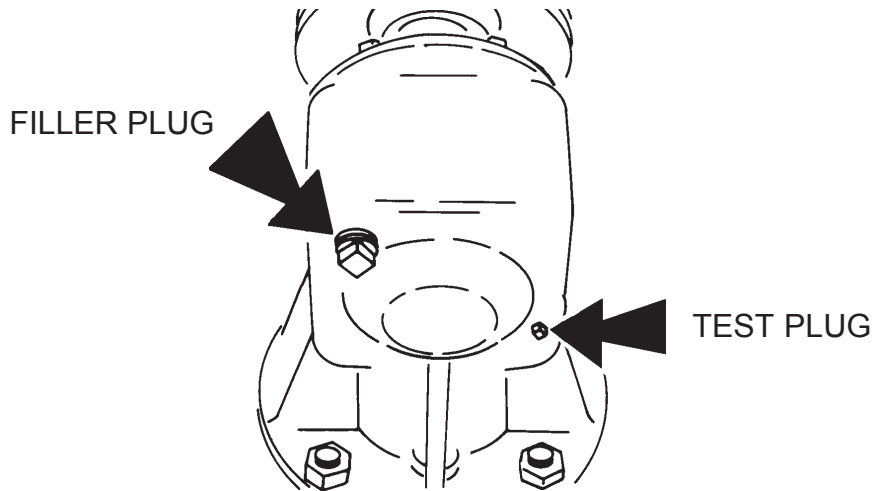


FIGURE 2

Recommended lubricant is NLGI 000 Grease, Rhino P/N 00765444. Gearbox capacity is one quart.

**NOTE:** Overfilling the Gearbox will cause pressure to build up and cause Oil Seals to leak.

**ATTENTION:** If the Gearbox suddenly starts making an unusual noise, stop at once, check for leaks, and refill Gearbox as required.

## CENTER 4-WAY GEAR BOX

Gear box is filled from factory with proper lube level. There is no level check plug. To check oil level insert a clean wire, rod, or measuring device to determine distance from top of gear box. Oil level should not be lower than 3 1/4 inches or more than 2 1/4 inches from the top. **Figure 3.**

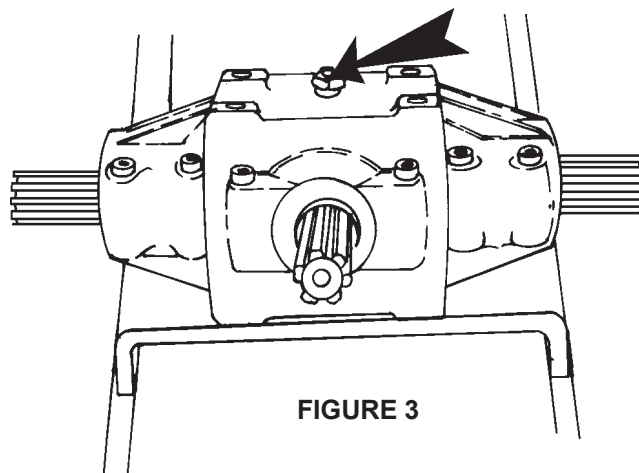


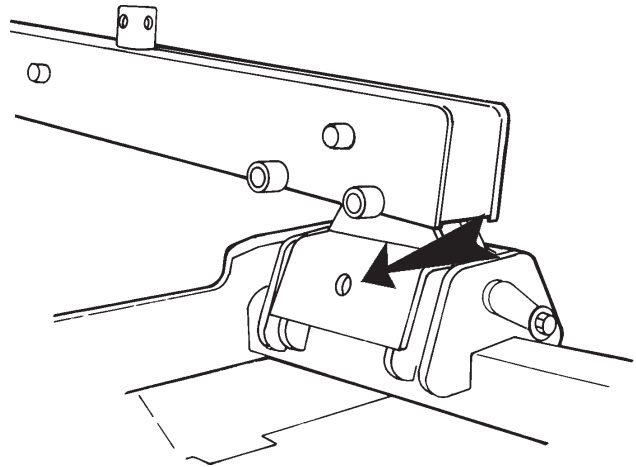
FIGURE 3

# MAINTENANCE

## SWIVEL ASSEMBLY

The Swivel Assembly should be lubricated every 8 hours. **Figure 3.**

FIGURE 3



## GAUGE WHEEL ASSEMBLIES

Gauge wheels are equipped with bushings which require grease daily. Grease Fittings are provided in the Wheel Hub and Gauge Wheel Pivot. Grease after 8 hours of use. **Figure 4 & 5.**

FIGURE 4

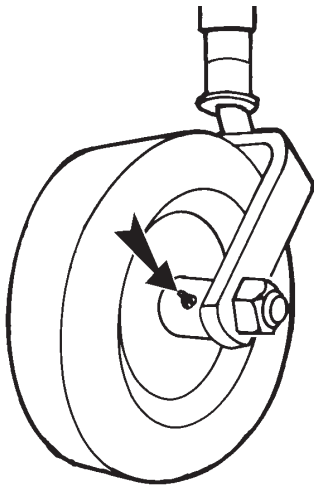
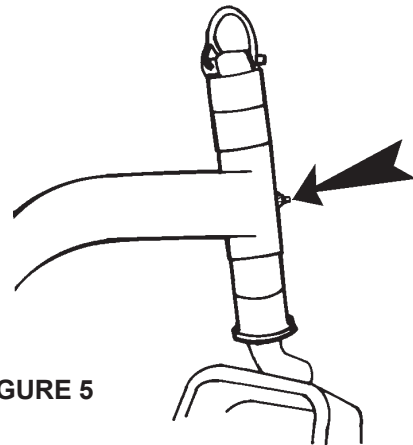


FIGURE 5



## BLADE SPINDLE LUBRICATION

Blade spindles must be lubricated daily (every 8 hrs). **Figure 6.** Access lubrication fitting through hole in outer shields and in center gearbox mounting. Each spindle must be lubricated enough each time to force small amount of grease out through top seal. **NOTE:** Do not over lube as excess grease may get on belt drive.

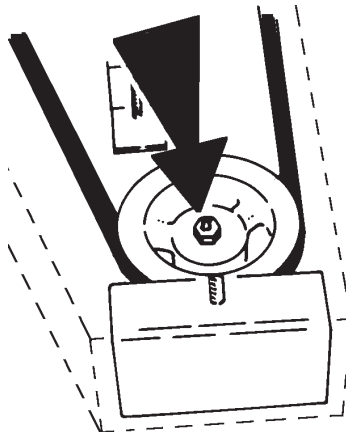


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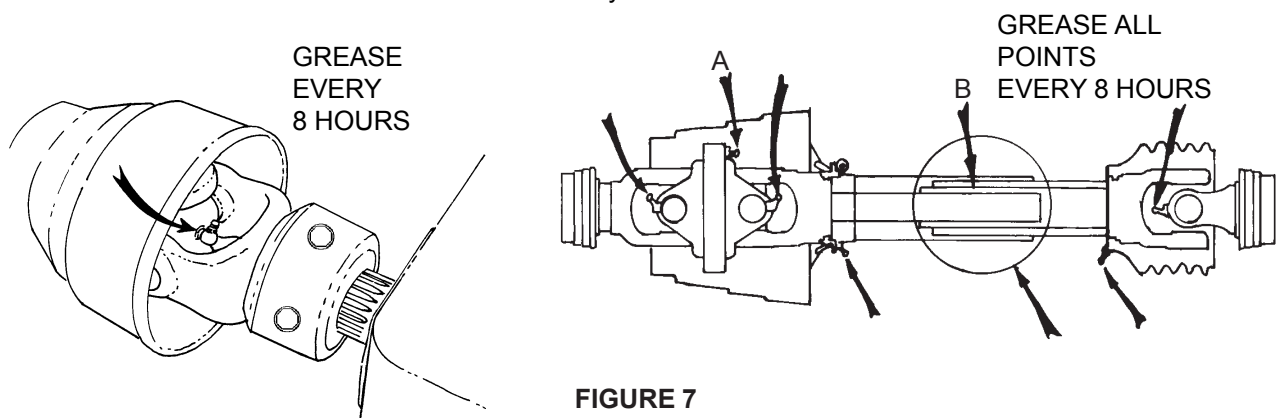
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## DRIVELINE LUBRICATION

The Drivelines and U-Joints should be inspected each morning before the mower is started. **FIGURE 7**

The U-Joint and CV Joint on the Driveline undergo extreme forces when the unit is turning or when the Wings are being raised. It is important that the U-Joints and CV Joint be greased each day before the unit is started, and after each 8 hours of use. The U-Joints are located at each end of the Center and Wing Drivelines. The CV Joint is located at the end of the Main Driveline. The U-Joint and CV Joint assemblies are accessible by rotating the Driveline Safety Shield until the hole in the Shield matches up with the Grease Fitting. Use #2 Bearing Grease for lubrication. Do not force grease through the Needle Cup Assemblies. Inspect the U-Joint for wear by holding the shaft on one side of the U-Joint while trying to rotate the shaft on the other side of the U-Joint. If there is noticeable movement in the Driveline replace the U-joint before it causes severe damage to the Driveline.

**IMPORTANT:** Points A and B **MUST** be lubed every 8 hours.



**FIGURE 7**

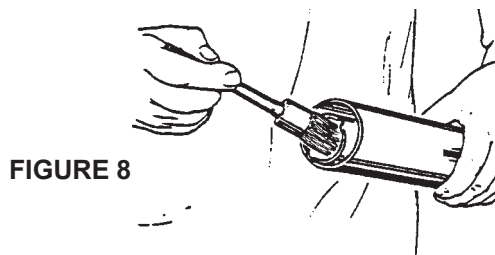
## CV DRIVELINE PROFILE LUBRICATION

Grease telescoping profile tube through slots in shield tubes. NOTE: If slots do not align, cut another slot in outer shield that will align with hole in inner shield.

## WING DRIVELINE PROFILE LUBRICATION

Grease telescoping profile tube inside the shielding daily. Driveline must be removed from one connection, separated and greased per **Figure 8**.

Raise and lower wings after applying grease to spread over joint working area.



**FIGURE 8**

## WARNING!



When attaching slide collar yoke to gearbox shaft, it is important that the spring-activated locking collar slides freely and locking ball is seated on the groove on PTO shaft. A loose yoke could slip off and result in personal injury or damage to mower.

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## BLADE SERVICING

Inspect blades before each use to determine that they are properly installed and in good condition. Replace any blade that is bent, excessively nicked, worn, or has any other damage. Small nicks can be ground out when sharpening.

Use only original equipment blades on this mower. They are made of special heat-treated alloy steel. Substitute blades may not meet specification and may fail in a hazardous manner that could cause injury.

## BLADE SHARPENING

Always sharpen both cutting edges of each blade at the same time, the same amount, to maintain balance. Follow original sharpening pattern as shown. Do not sharpen blade to a razor edge, but leave a 1/32" blunt edge. Do not sharpen back side of blade. **Figure 9.**

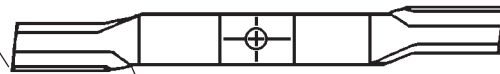
### WARNING!

Avoid personal injury. Always block the mower up to prevent it from falling when the blades and/or carrier are being serviced.



MAINTAIN CORNER

FOLLOW ORIGINAL PATTERN



1/32"

FIGURE 9

**IMPORTANT:** When sharpening blades, grind each end the same amount to maintain balance. Unbalanced blades will cause excessive vibration which can damage blade spindle bearings. Vibration may also cause structural cracks in mower housing.

## BLADE REMOVAL

Hold the end of blade using heavy leather gloves and remove left hand threaded bolt.

## BLADE INSTALLATION

Install washer on blade bolt, insert bolt into blade, thread bolt into spindle shaft. **NOTE:** Blade bolt has left hand threads. Tighten blade bolt to 150 ft. lbs. torque. Use heavy leather gloves during tightening process to hold blade and wrench.

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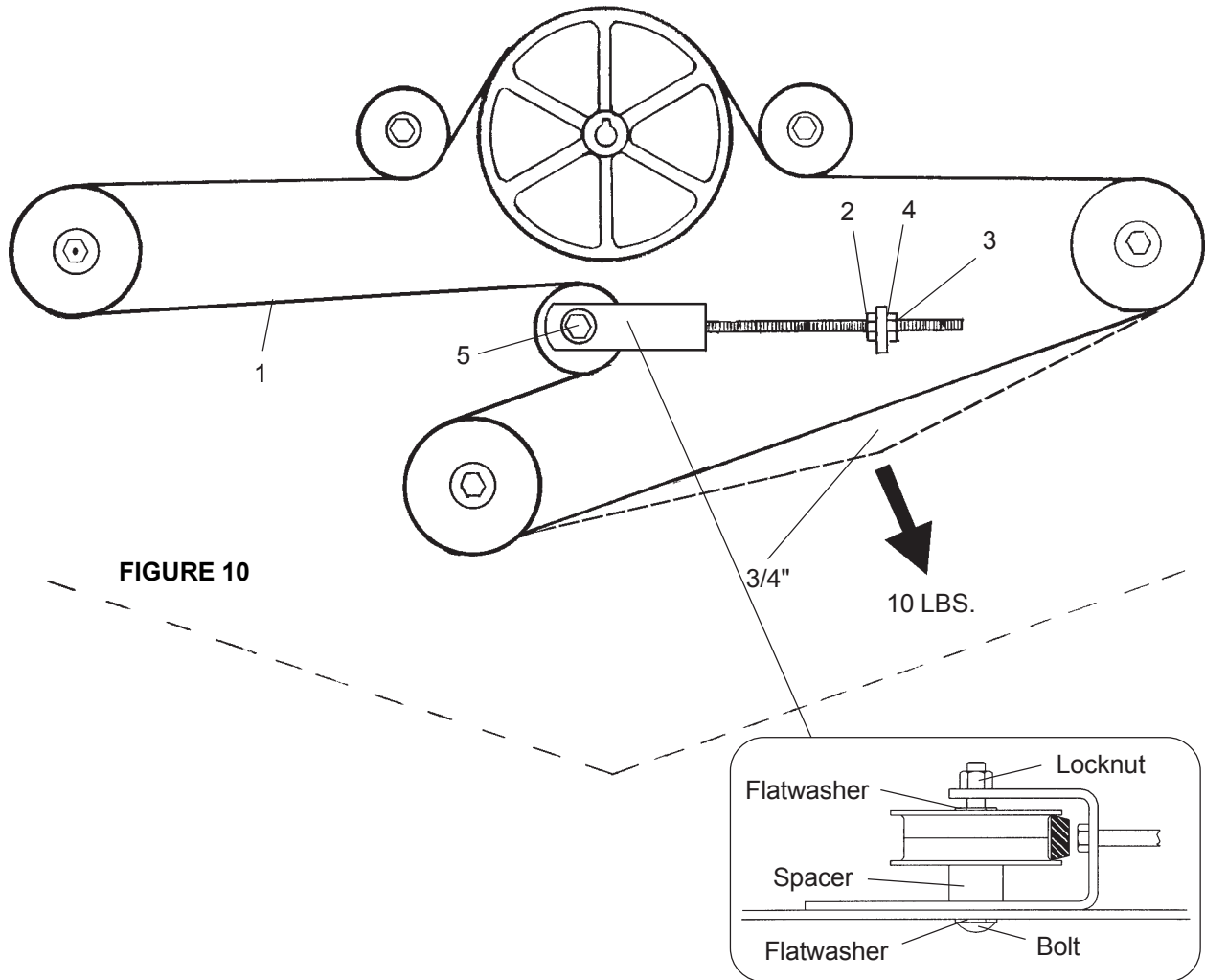


FIGURE 10

## BELT ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE (All Models except 11')

Adjust the tension in the drive belt, item 1, properly so that it deflects 3/4" when a force of approximately 10 lb. is applied as indicated.

Tighten drive belt by loosening nut, items 2 & 5, and turn nut, item 3 against the anchor plate until proper tension is reached. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.** Tighten jam nut, item 4., and nut item 2. And retighten item 5. **FIGURE 10.**

Replace the belt safety shields using wing nuts.

## BELT INSTALLATION (All Model except 11')

To replace drive belt (1), remove belt shields and loosen nuts (2, and 3). Loosen and remove nut (5). Disassemble tensioning idler noting location of all loose parts. Loosen front pair of gearbox mount retaining bolts. Remove rear gearbox mount retaining bolts. Note location of shim washers if present so they can be reinstalled later. This allows gearbox mount to be raised so belt can be inserted and removed between top of deck and gearbox shaft. Once belt is in place on large drive sheave, reinstall and tighten gearbox retaining hardware. Locate rear of gearbox mount at same elevation as it was, before being removed. Reassemble tensioning idler with belt between idler and bracket. Route belt as shown in layout and set tension per adjustment procedure.

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## BELT ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE (11' MODEL)

Adjust the tension in the drive belt, item 1, properly so that they deflect 3/4" when a force of approximately 10 lb. is applied.

Tighten drive belt by loosening one nut, items 2, and tightening other nut until belt is properly tensioned. Jam the first Nut to hold adjustment. NOTE: If more thread adjustment is needed loosen off and hook Spring (4) in next shorter Chain Link (3).

Replace the belt safety shields using wing nuts.

## BELT INSTALLATION (11' MODEL)

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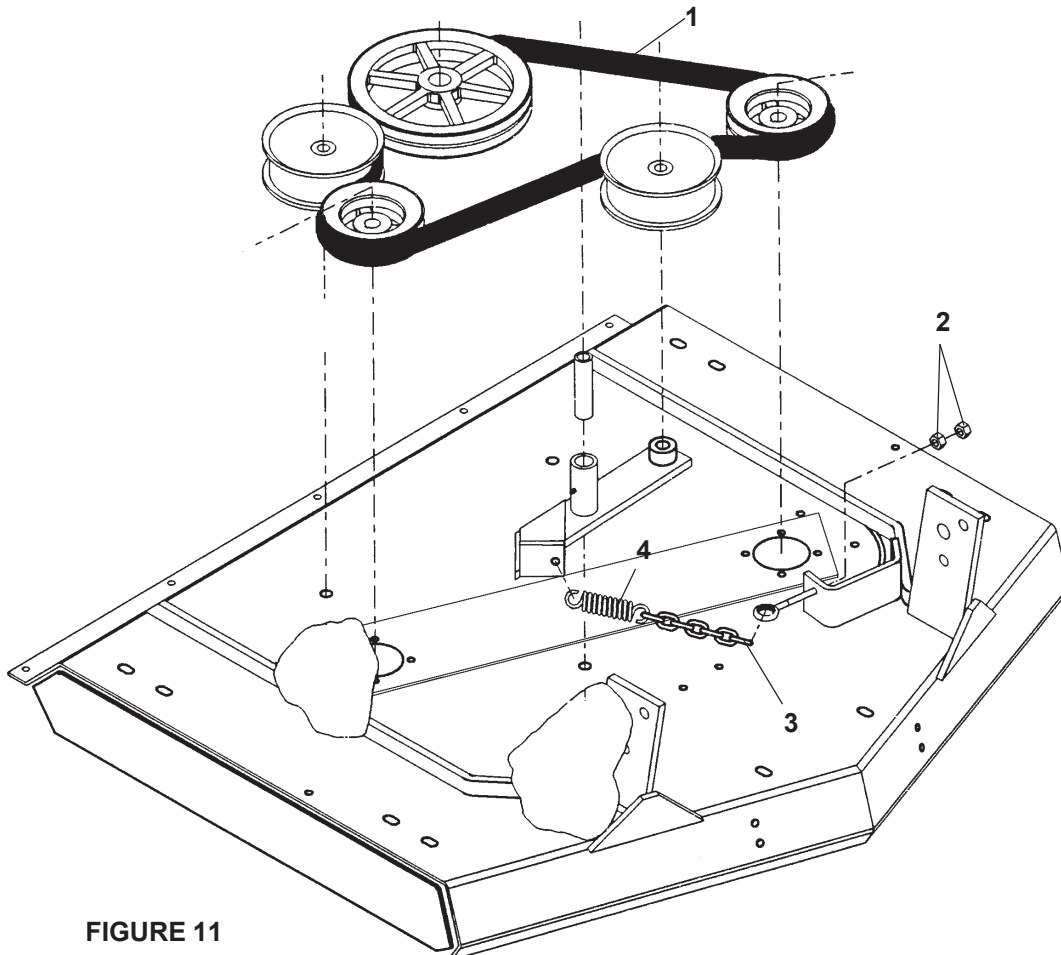


FIGURE 11

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## STORAGE

Your rotary mower represents an investment from which you should get the greatest possible benefit. Therefore, when the season is over, the cutter should be thoroughly checked and prepared for storage so that a minimum amount of work will be required to put it back into operation for the next season. The following are suggested storage procedures:

1. Thoroughly clean the mower.
2. Lubricate the mower as covered in Maintenance Section.
3. Tighten all bolts and pins to the recommended torque.
4. Check the mower for worn or damaged parts. Make replacements immediately.
5. Store the mower in a clean, dry place with the mower housing resting on blocks.
6. Use spray touch-up enamel where necessary to prevent rust and maintain the appearance of the mower.




## PROPER TORQUE FOR FASTENERS

The chart lists the correct tightening torque for fasteners. When bolts are to be tightened or replaced, refer to this chart to determine the grade of bolts and the proper torque except when specific torque values are assigned in manual text.





RECOMMENDED TORQUE IN FOOT POUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THE MANUAL\*

**NOTE:** These values apply to fasteners as received from supplier, dry or when lubricated with normal engine oil. They do not apply if special graphited or molydisulphide greases or other extreme pressure lubricants are used. This applies to both UNF fine and UNC coarse threads.

Proper Torque values for bolts that are measured in Inches

Bolt Diameter			
	Head Marking No Marks Grade Two	Head Marking Three Lines Grade Five	Head Marking Six Lines Grade Eight
	Pound - Foot Value Dry	Pound - Foot Value Dry	Pound - Foot Value Dry
1/4"	5.5	9	12.5
5/16"	11	18	26
3/8"	20	33	46
7/16"	32	52	75
1/2"	50	80	115
9/16"	70	115	160
5/8"	100	160	225
3/4"	175	280	400
7/8"	175	450	650
1"	270	675	975
1-1/8"	375	850	1350
1-1/4"	530	1200	1950
1-3/8"	700	1550	2550
1-1/2"	930	2100	3350

Proper Torque values for Metric bolts

Bolt Diameter				
	Head Marking 4.8	Head Marking 8.8 or 9.8	Head Marking 10.9	Head Marking 12.9
	Pound - Foot Value Dry	Pound - Foot Value Dry	Pound - Foot Value Dry	Pound - Foot Value Dry
6mm	4.5	8.5	12	14.5
8mm	11	20	30	35
10mm	21	40	60	70
12mm	37	70	105	120
14mm	60	110	165	190
16mm	92	175	255	300
18mm	125	250	350	410
20mm	180	350	500	580
22mm	250	475	675	800
24mm	310	600	850	1000
27mm	450	875	1250	1500
30mm	625	1200	1700	2000

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\* To get Newton-Meters multiply pound-foot of torque by 1.356

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## BLADE SPINDLE SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS (FIGURE 13)

### DISASSEMBLY

1. Remove adjusting nut #3.
2. Support spindle housing #2 under flange and drive out shaft assembly #1.

**CAUTION!** Use tube on top end of shaft to protect grease fitting.



3. Remove bearing cups from housing. Remove lower bearing from shaft assembly by inserting punch through hole in shaft hub and drive bearing off shaft. Once bearing has been moved  $3/8"$  -  $1/2"$  up shaft, lay flat bars on either side of the shaft and support across vice..or other convenient means. Remove bearing by driving as described in step #2.
4. Clean all parts and reassemble with new parts can proceed.

### ASSEMBLY

1. Press bearing cups in spindle housing.
2. Insert bearing cone in bottom of housing and press in bottom seal #6, flush with bottom of housing.
3. Insert shaft assembly #1 through bottom seal and bearing. Press or lightly drive shaft until it bottom against bearing.
4. Turn spindle over and sit on blade mount washer. Install top bearing and seal. NOTE: Direction of seal lip on top side.
5. Install top adjusting nut #3. Adjust nut to give bearing end play of  $.002"$  -  $.006"$ . Apply Loctite 242 to nut.
6. Grease spindle, until grease is forced out top seal lip.

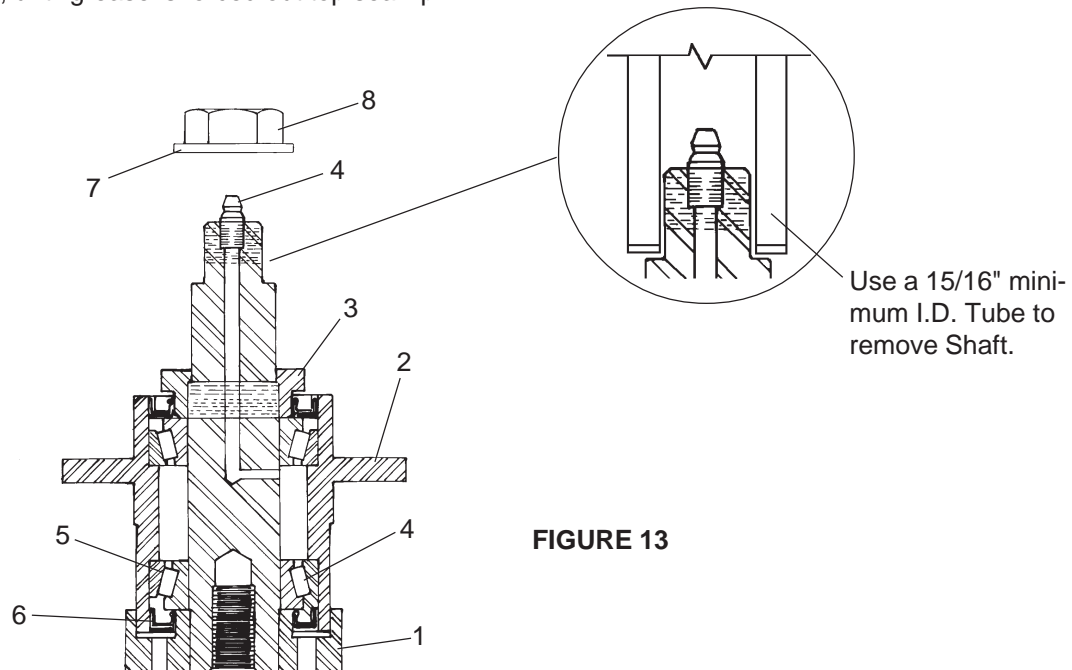


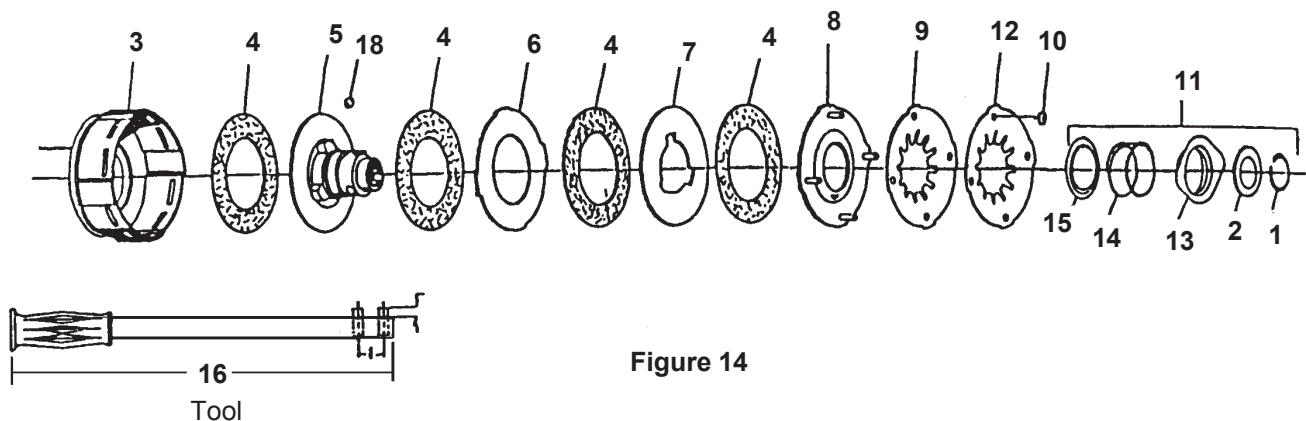
FIGURE 13

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## CLUTCH ASSEMBLY (Figure 14)

1. Remove snap ring (1). This allows removal of complete quick coupler (13,14,15,2) and three locking clutch balls (18).
2. Tighten four hex nuts (10) until spring assembly (9 and 12) are loose in main housing (3). **NOTE:** Small amount of lubricant on nut and threaded stud will avoid problem of twisting studs off.
3. Place clutch in vise so it can be held firm during next step.
4. Slots have been punched in outer circumference of main housing and at four equally spaced points around housing it has been deformed inward over the belleville springs. This retains the springs in housing when four hex nuts are released. These four deformed areas must be straightened out so that pressure plate assembly can be removed from housing. A special clutch service tool part number 8522 can be purchased and used to straighten deformed areas during disassembly and reform them during assembly. This tool is a bar with two pins located at one end (see Fig 14). To straighten housing place end pin on inside of clutch housing and second pin on outside of clutch housing. Apply pressure on end of bar so that pin in end of bar will straighten housing. **NOTE:** Hex nuts (10) must be tightened to release spring pressure before attempting to straighten main housing. Clutch can now be disassembled.

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## TO THE OWNER/OPERATOR/DEALER

To keep your implement running efficiently and safely, read your manual thoroughly and follow these directions and the Safety Messages in this Manual. The Table of Contents clearly identifies each section where you can easily find the information you need.

The OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (1928.51 Subpart C) makes these minimum safety requirements of tractor operators:

### REQUIRED OF THE OWNER:

1. Provide a Roll-Over-Protective Structure that meets the requirements of this Standard; and
2. Provide Seatbelts that meet the requirements of this paragraph of this Standard and SAE J4C; and
3. Ensure that each employee uses such Seatbelt while the tractor is moving; and
4. Ensure that each employee tightens the Seatbelt sufficiently to confine the employee to the protected area provided by the ROPS.

### REQUIRED OF THE OPERATOR

1. Securely fasten seatbelt if the tractor has a ROPS.
2. Where possible, avoid operating the tractor near ditches, embankments, and holes.
3. Reduce speed when turning, crossing slopes, and on rough, slick, or muddy surfaces.
4. Stay off slopes too steep for safe operation.
5. Watch where you are going - especially at row ends, on roads, and around trees.
6. Do not permit others to ride.
7. Operate the tractor smoothly - no jerky turns, starts, or stops.
8. Hitch only to the drawbar and hitch points recommended by the tractor manufacturer.
9. When the tractor is stopped, set brakes securely and use park lock, if available.

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- Keep children away from danger all day, every day...**
  - Equip tractors with rollover protection (ROPS) and keep all machinery guards in place...**
  - Please work, drive, play and live each day with care and concern for your safety and that of your family and fellow citizens.**

