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Owner's Operating Service Instruction Manual

Model No. 116-340A

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22" ROTARY MOWER

IMPORTANT

It is suggested that this manual be read in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate. Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference and for ordering replacement parts.

This unit is shipped WITHOUT GASOLINE or OIL. After assembly, see operating section of this manual for proper fuel and amount.

SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES FOR WALK-BEHIND MOWERS

TRAINING

- Read the Operating and Service Instruction Manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
- Never allow children to operate a power mower.
- 3. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets.

PREPARATION

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects.
- Do not operate equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial footwear.
- Check the fuel before starting the engine. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, when the engine is running, or while the engine is still hot. Wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine.
- Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
- 5. Never attempt to make a wheel adjustment while the engine is running.
- Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- 7. Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing; keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run.

OPERATION

- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine.
- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
- 3. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drive, walks or roads.
- 4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.

- If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Stop the engine whenever you leave the equipment, before cleaning the mower housing, and when making any repairs or inspections.
- When cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.
- 8. Do not run the engine indoors.
- Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- Mow across the face of slopes, never up-anddown. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
- 11. Always disconnect electric mowers (line operated) before cleaning, repairing or adjusting.
- 12. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.
- 13. Keep washout ports and other mower-housing service openings closed when mowing.
- 14. **DO NOT OPERATE** this mower with the chute doors open, unless the complete grass catcher is properly mounted on the mower.

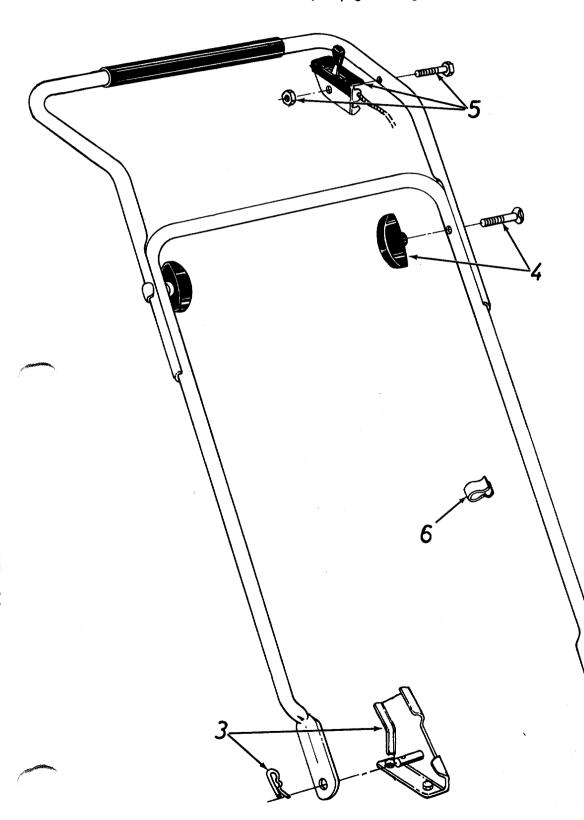
MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- 1. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
- Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside of a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- 4. To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check the grass catcher bag frequently for wear or deterioration. Replace with new bag for safety protection.

HANDLE ASSEMBLY

Follow instructions starting with number 1 and continue through number 7.

Your new mower is shipped preassembled with the exception of the throttle control, handle and grass catcher (See page 4 for grass catcher assembly).



- 1. Remove lawnmower and all parts from carton. Make certain that all loose parts and literature have been removed before the carton is discarded.
- 2. Extend throttle control assembly which is attached to engine at the rear of the mower and place on the floor.

CAUTION: Do not bend or kink control wire.

3. Fasten lower handle in position in handle mount brackets on deck. Secure with cotter pins as shown.



It may be necessary to bend the ends of the lower handle inward slightly to assure a snug fit against the bracket mounting area.

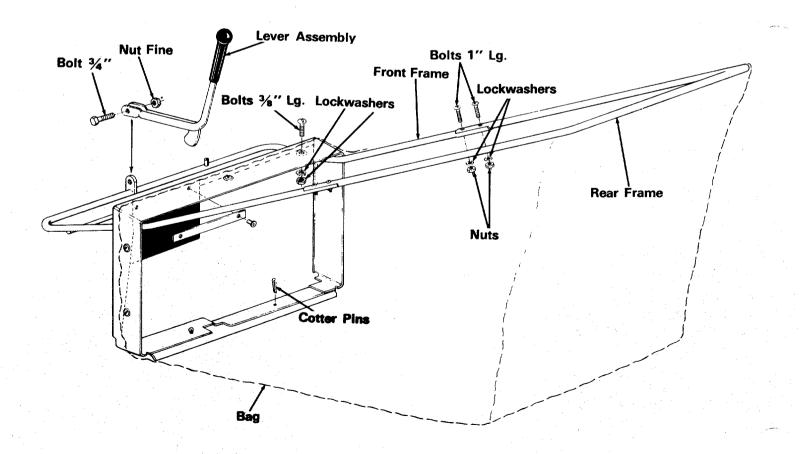
- 4. Assemble the upper and lower handle parts with curved head bolts and handle knobs provided in parts bag. Throttle control mounting hole should be to the operator's left as shown.
- 5. Fasten the throttle control to the upper handle. Mounting hole should be to the operator's left. Use one hex screw and locknut provided in parts bag.
- 6. Secure throttle control wire to lower left handle with cable clips.
- 7. Check ALL nuts and bolts for correct tightness.

Assembly - Grass Catcher

The grass catcher is partially assembled. The hardware needed is in the assembly pack it consists of

- 7 bolts 3/8" long
- 4 bolts 1" long
- 11 lockwashers
- 11 nuts
- 2 cotterpins
- 2 sheet metal screws
- 1 bolt 3/4" long
- 1 locknut 5/16" fine
- 1 lever assembly

- 1 Assemble the rear frame to the front frame with the four 1" bolts, lockwashers and nuts.
- 2 Slip the bag over the frame from the rear.
- 3 Fasten the bag to the frame with the 7 bolts 3%" long, lock-washers and nuts. Start with the three holes on top of the bag, then do both sides
- 4 Fit the lower edge of the bag into the slot in the bottom of the front frame and place the two cotter pins through the front frame and the eyelets in the bag.
- 5 Bend the ends of the cotter pins over.
- 6 Use the two sheet metal screws to attach the handle to the rear frame. (Note: Handle is assembled on the outside of bag.)
- 7 Assemble the lever assembly to the front frame with a 34" bolt and 5/16" fine thread nut.
- 8 Place the sleeve over the shoulder screw and assemble it to the lever assembly from the right side and secure it with the 5/16" course thread nut.



ASSEMBLE GRASS CATCHER TO MOWER

 Slide grass catcher into position on mower, making sure the roll pin on grass catcher frame goes into slot provided. See figure 1.

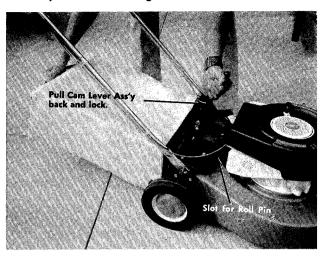
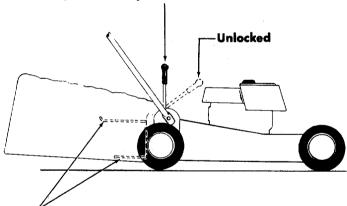


FIGURE 1. ASSEMBLY OF GRASS CATCHER TO MOWER

2. Pull the cam lever assembly back towards the rear of the mower and lock. See figure 1.

Grass Catcher is locked on mower when Cam Lever Ass'y. is in this position.



Discharge Chute Deers are open when Grass Catcher is in position and the Cam Lever is in locked position as shown above.

FIGURE 2. DETAIL OF CHUTE DOORS



Unless the entire grass catcher is correctly positioned on the mower, do not open the discharge chute doors when the engine is running.



Periodically check the cam lever on grass catcher for correct alignment on coroller. The cam lever must hit on center of roller to lock the grass catcher in position and open the doors all the way open.

OPERATION



For shipping purposes your mower is set with the wheels in a low cutting height position. For best results raise the cutting position until it is determined which height is best for your lawn. See adjustments.

- Service engine with gas and oil. See engine manual packed with lawn mower for complete instructions for the care and maintenance of engine. READ DI-RECTIONS CAREFULLY.
- 2. When ready to start engine, place throttle control lever in "START" position and start engine in accordance with instructions in engine manual. After engine starts, move throttle control lever to desired engine speed. The engine is stopped by placing control lever in the "STOP" position.
- 3. Be sure that lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. For best results and to insure more even grass distribution, do not mow when lawn is excessively wet.

ADJUSTMENTS



Do not at any time make any adjustment to lawn mower without first stopping engine and disconnecting spark plug wire.

CUTTING HEIGHT

An adjusting plate and thumb lever at each wheel position provides cutting height adjustment. Each adjusting plate has five holes. Height of cut will be changed when the thumb lever is moved from one hole to another. Simply depress thumb lever towards wheel and move wheel and lever assembly to desired position. Cutting height will be raised as lever is moved toward front and lowered as ever is moved toward rear. All wheels must be positioned in relative height of cut positions.

REMOTE THROTTLE

If adjustment becomes necessary, the throttle control wire assembly can be reset as follows:

- 1. Loosen, but do not remove, screw securing throttle control wire assembly at engine.
- 2. Move throttle control lever on handle to "FAST" position.
- Move lever, to which control wire is fastened at engine, to full open position and retighten screw to secure throttle control wire assembly.

LUBRICATION



Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before cleaning, lubricating or doing any kind of work on lawn mower.

Wheels - Unit is provided with ball bearing wheels, lubricate at least once a season with light oil.

Throttle — Periodically lubricate throttle control lever and throttle wire assembly with a few drops of light oil (SAE No. 10 or 20) for ease of operation.

Engine — Follow engine manual for lubrication instructions.

Discharge Chute Door Mechanism — The torsion spring and pivot point should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Doors must work freely.



NOTE: FILL AND DRAIN OIL FROM OIL FILL PLUG.

Always disconnect spark plug cable during repairs, refuelina changing oil. Engine oil may be drained through oil filler opening by tilting the mower on its side. Change oil after first 5 hours of operation while engine is warm. Thereafter, change oil every 25 hours of operation while engine is warm.

MAINTENANCE

Cutting Blade — The blade may easily be removed for grinding or replacement as follows:

- 1. Remove bolt and lockwasher holding blade and blade adapter to engine crankshaft.
- 2. Remove blade and blade adapter from engine crankshaft.
- 3. Remove two bolts, lockwashers and nuts holding blade to blade adapter (if necessary).

When sharpeging blade, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is extremely important that each cutting edge receives an equal amount of grinding to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds and may cause personal injury or damage to the mower. Upon reassembly, make certain all parts are assembled properly and tightened securely.



To insure safe operation of your unit, ALL nuts and bolts must be checked periodically for correct tightness.

Deck — The underside of the mower deck should be cleaned after each period of use as grass clippings, leaves, dirt and other matter will accumulate. This accumulation of grass clippings, etc., is undesirable as it will invite rust and corrosion and may cause an uneven discharge of grass clippings at the next cutting.

The deck may be cleaned by tilting the mower forward or on its side and scraping clean with a suitable tool or by washing with a stream of water from a garden hose.



Do not direct the stream of water at a hot engine, as damage to the engine may result.

Storage — The following steps should be taken to prepare lawn mower for storage:

- 1. Clean and lubricate mower thoroughly as described in the preceding instructions.
- 2. Refer to engine manual for correct engine storage instructions.
- Coat mower's cutting blade with chassis grease to prevent rusting.
- 4. Place blocks under deck to raise tires clear of floor.
- 5. Store mower in a dry, clean area.

USING YOUR ROTARY MOWER

For best results, do not cut wet grass because it tends to stick to underside of the mower thus preventing proper discharge of grass clippings. If wet grass must be cut, reduce walking speed.

New grass should be treated as wet grass, otherwise a normal walking speed is about the right pace for efficient mowing.

Lawn should be cut in the fall as long as there is growth.

HANDLE STORAGE

This model is so equipped to provide easy fold away handle storage.

- 1. Loosen the two plastic knobs on each side, center of handle.
- 2. Pull outward on the bottom of each side of the lower handle and push forward.
- 3. Fold the upper handle back and down.

To Take the Handle out of Storage Position.

- 1. Lift the upper handle up and towards the rear.
- Pull the handle back until it Locks into the operator's position.
- 3. Tighten the two plastic knobs securely.



The manufacturer DOES NOT recommend the use of any accessory on this rotary mower other than those manufactured by MTD Products Inc.



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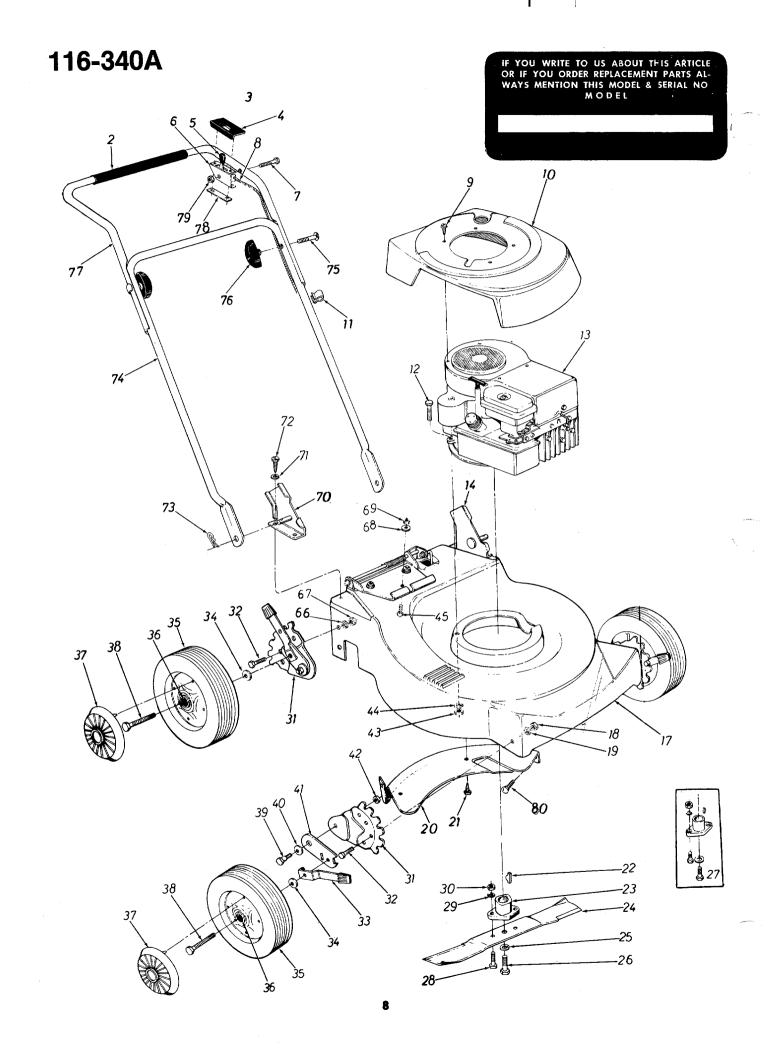
Under normal usage bag material is subject to wear and should be checked periodically. Be sure any replacement bag complies with the mower manufacturer's recommendations.

For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag No. 764-0130



IMPORTANT

After striking a foreign object, stop the engine (motor), remove wire from spark plug. Thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.



PARTS LIST FOR MODEL 116-340A

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Ref.	Part No.	COLOR CODE	Description	New Part	Ref. No.	Part No.	Color Code	Description	New Part
2 3	718-014 746-025		Grip Throttle Cont. Ass'y. Comp.		32 33	710-021 10530	16	Hex Scr. 3/8-16 x .75" Lg.* Spring Lever Ass'y. with	
4	731-034		Plastic Lable	N	""	,,,,,,		Knob	
5	731-034		Control Knob		34	736-0105		Belleville Wash400 I.D.	
6	746-017		Throttle Control Ass'y.					x .88 O.D.	
7	710-060	6	Hex Scr. ¼-20 x 1.50" Lg.*		35	734-0643		Wheel Ass'y. Comp.	
8	746-025		Conduit and Wire					Ball Bearing (2 Req'd.)	Į l
9	710-022	27	Slot Hex Hd. Self Extr. Scr.		37	731-012		Hub Cap	
			_ #8 x .38" Lg.*		38 39	710-042 738-026		Hex Scr. 3/8-16 x 2.00" Lg.* Shoulder Scr.	
10	731-030		Engine Shroud		40	736-025		Belleville Wash500 I.D. x	
11 12	746-012 710-044		Cable Clip Hex Scr. 5/16-18 x 1.50" Lg.	.]	40	700-020	,,	1.14 O.D.	
13	7 10-044	-2	Engine		41	10619		Pivot Bar	
14	12575		Handle Mount Brkt. Ass'y.—		42	712-037	⁷ 5	Hex Cent. L-Nut 3/8-16 Thd.	
''	,20.0		L.H.		43	712-026		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*	
17	12610	462	22" Deck Ass'y.		44	736-011		L-Wash. 5/16" Scr.*	
18	712-079		Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.*			710-013		Car. Bolt 1/4-20 x .62" Lg.	
19	736-016		L-Wash. 3/8" Scr.*		1	736-016		L-Wash. 3/8" Scr.*	
20	12607		Cover Plate	1	67 68	712-079 736-032		Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.	
21	710-061	8	FIHd. Phil. Scr. 14-20	X	69	712-028		L-Wash. ¼" Scr. Hex Nut ¼-20 Thd.	
		_	.62" Lg.		70	12576) <i>(</i>	Handle Mount Brkt. Ass'y.	
22	714-036	5	#6 Hi-Pro-Key 5/32 x 5/8" Dia.		,,,	12370		-R.H.	
23	10769		Blade Adapter Kit		71	736-032	29	L-Wash. 1/4" Scr.*	
24	742-012	5	22" Blade		72	710-058	38	Hex Hd. Self Tapp Scr. 1/4-20	
25	736-021		L-Wash. 3/8" Scr.—H.D.					1.00" Lg.	
_ 26	710-045		Hex Scr. 3/8-24 x 1.50" Lg.		73	714-010		Intern. Cotter Pin 5/16" Dia.	
			H.T.		74	749-017		Lower Handle	
<i>-</i> 27	10769		Blade Adapter Kit		75	710-040)5	Curved Car. Bolt 5/16-18	
28	710-011	7	Hex Scr. 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg.		76	09966		x 1.75" Lg. Hand Knob	
00	700 044	_	H.T.	}	77	749-018	เก	Upper Handle	
29 30	736-011		L-Wash. 5/16" Scr.* Hex Nut 5/16-24 Thd.*		78	726-013		Speed Nut—Twin Type	
30	712-012 12321	J	Ht. Adj. Ass'y. Comp.—L.H.		4 -	712-010		Hex Cent. L-Nut 1/4-20 Thd.	
31	12321		Ht. Adj. Ass y. Comp.—E.H.		80	710-025		Hex Scr. 1/4-20 x .62" Lg.*	
	12323		Index Plate	'				:	
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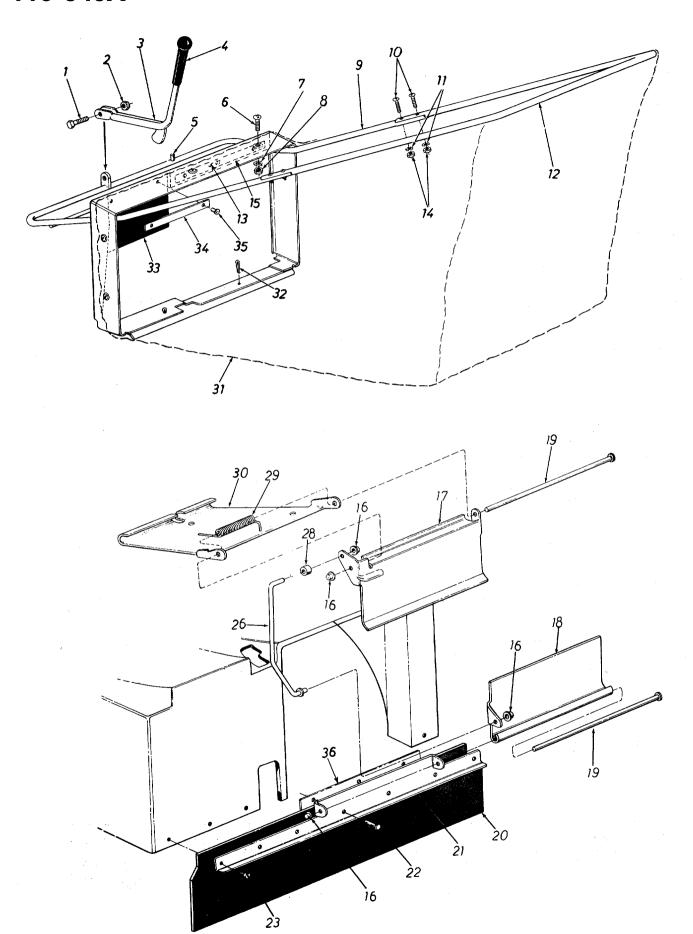
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PARTS LIST FOR MODEL 116-340A

Ref.	Part No.	Color Code	Description	New Part	Ref. No.	Part No.	Color Code	Description	New Part
ı 1	710-011	7	Hex Scr. 5/16-24 x 1.00 Lg.*		17	12395		Chute Door—Upper Half	
2	712-023		Hex Cent. L-Nut 5/16-24 Thd.	İ	18	12194		Chute Door—Lower Half	
3	12393	-	Cam Lever Ass'y.		19	738-02	53	Hinge Rod	
4	720-014	.3	Grip		20	735-01	69	Rear Protective Flap	
5	715-024	7	Spring Pin Spiral	Ì	21	12305		Rear Safety Shield Plate	
6	710-019	-	Truss Mach. Scr. #10-24 x		22	728-01	28	Rivet	
			.38" Lg.	ļ	23	710-04	36	Hex B-Tapp Scr. #10Z x .62"	
1 7	736-014	7	Ext. L-Wash. #10 Scr.*					Lg.*	
8	712-012		Hex Nut #10-24 Thd.*		26	747-01	41	Connecting Rod	ĺ
9	12579		Catcher Frame Ass'y. Lower		28	748-02	46	Roller Spacer	N
			Half		29	732-02	95	Torsion Spring	
10	710-046	57	Rd. Hd. Mach. Scr. #10-24	İ	30	12192		Grass Catcher Adapter	
	}		x 1.00" Lg.*		31	764-01	30	Bag	
11	736-014	17	Ext. L-Wash. #10 Scr.*		32	714-01	15	Cotter Pin 1/8" Dia. x 1.00"	
12	749-017	' 8	Frame—Rear Half					Lg.*	
13	12316		Reinforcement Bar		33	735-01	84	Grass Catcher Flap	
14	713-012	21	Hex Nut #10-24 Thd.*		34	12185		Reinforcement Bar	
15	735-018	33	Grass Catcher Flap		35	728-01	28	Rivet	
16	726-013	35	Push Nut 5/16" Rod		36	12316		Reinforcement Bar	

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PARTS INFORMATION

POWER EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and service for all MTD manufactured power equipment are available through the authorized service firms listed below. All orders should specify the model number of your unit, parts numbers, description of parts and the quantity of each part required.

ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM	
Auto Electric & Carburetor Co2625 4th Ave. S 35233	3
ARKANSAS NORTH LITTLE ROCK	
Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop Rt. 4, Box 368 72117 FORT SMITH	
Mity Mite Motors, Inc 2515 Towson Ave 72901	Ì
CALIFORNIA SAN BERNARDINO Lawn Mower Supply Co 25608 E. Baseline 92410	1
SAN FRANCISCO	,
J.W. Jewett Co 981 Folsom St 94107	7
SACRAMENTO STATE OF THE STATE O	
Luttig & Severson	,
South Denver Lawn Equip 527 West Evans 80223	3
CONNECTICUT SUFFIELD	
The Jones & Ramsey Co 850 Thompsonville Rd. 06078 FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE	š
Radco Distributors	ś
CORAL GABLES	
Moz-All of Florida, Inc 365 Greco Ave 33146 GEORGIA EAST POINT	á
East Point Cycle & Key 2834 Church St 30344	1
ILLINOIS LYONS	
Keen Edge Co	ı
INDIANA ELKHART Parts & Sales Inc	1
CORYDON	
Brown Equip. Dist., Inc 110 Beech St47112	2
Power Lawn & Garden Equip. , 2551 J.F. Kennedy 52001	ı
KANSAS WICHITA	
Hixon, Inc	ţ
Suhren Engine Co	3
MARYLAND TAKOMA PARK	
Center Supply Co6867 New Hampshire Ave. 20012	2
MASSACHUSETTS SPRINGFIELD Morton B. Collins Co 300 Birnie Ave 01107	7
MICHIGAN MOUNT CLEMENS	
Power Equipment Dist 36463 South Gratiot 48043	3
Lorenz Service Co 2500 S. Pennsylvania 48900)
MINNESOTA MINNETONKA	
Hance Distributing Inc 11212 Wayzata Blvd55343	3
MISSISSIPPI BILOXI Biloxi Sales & Service, Inc 506 Caillavet St 39533	3
MISSOURI KANSAS CITY	
Automotive Equip. Service 3117 Holmes St 64109	,
ST. LOUIS Henzler, Inc	5
NEBRASKÁ OMAHA R.P.W., Inc	
R.P.W., Inc 7402 "L" St 68127	,

BRIGGS & STRATTON, TECUMSEH AND PEERLESS PARTS AND SERVICE

Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh and Peerless parts an service should be handled by your nearest authorized engine service firm. Check the yellow pages of your telephone directory under the listing Engines——Gasoline, Briggs & Stratton or Tecumseh Lauson——

NEW YORK	CARTHAGE
Gamble Dist., Inc	West End Ave 13619 SYRACUSE
Kimber's Inc.	115 N. Geddes St 13204
•	ROCHESTER
	Associates410 N. Goodman St 14609
NORTH CAROLINA	
Dixie Sques Comp	any
Smith Hardware C	o 515 N. George St 27530
ОНЮ	WADSWORTH
National Central	
Bleckrie, Inc	7900 Lorain Ave 44102
	CARROL
Stebe's Mid-State	Mower Supply Box 366
Sunshine Wholesa	le Tire Outlet Route 224 44890
	MANSFIELD
	arden Supply1114 Lexington Ave 44903
OKLAHOMA	MUSKOGÉE
Victory motors, in	ADA
OREGON	PORTLAND
PENNSYLVANIA	8216 N. Denver Avs 97217 LANCASTER
	PITTSBURGH
Bluemont Co	
TENNESSEE	KNOXVILLE
master Kepair Ser	vice 2423 Broadway, N.E37917 MEMPHIS
Memphis Cycle & S	Supply Co 421 Monroe Ave38103
American Sales &	Service, Inc. 1922 Lynnbrook 38117
TEXAS	DALLAS
Marr Brothers, Inc	:
Bullard Supply Co	2409 Commerce St 77003
	SAN ANTONIO
Catto & Putty, Inc	c
Woodson Sales Co	FORT WORTH orp 1702 N. Sylvania76111
UTAH	SALT LAKE CITY
A-1 Engine & Mov	ver Co 437 E. 9th St84111 BURLINGTON
VERMONT	BURLINGTON
VERMONT Applianc	e Co 44 Lakeside Ave05401 RICHMOND
RBI Corp	963 Myers St 23260
WASHINGTON	SEATTLE
Bailey's Rebuild,	Inc 1325 E. Madison St98102
Young's, Inc.	CHARLESTON 233 Virginia St., E 25301
WISCONSIN	APPLETON
Automotive Supply	y Co 123 S. Linwood Ave54911

WARRANTY PARTS AND SERVICE POLICY

The purpose of warranty is to protect the customer from defects in workmanship and materials, defects which are NOT detected at the time of manufacture, it does not provide for the unlimited and unrestricted replacement of parts. Use and maintenance are the responsibility of the customer. The manufacturer cannot assume responsibility for conditions over which it has no control. Simply put, if it's the manufacturer's fault, it's the manufacturer's responsibility; if it's the customer's fault, it's the customer's responsibility.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY INCLUDES

- 1. Replacement of Missing Parts on new equipment.
- 2. Replacement of Defective Parts within the warranty period.
- 3. Repair of Defects within the warranty period.
- All claims MUST be substantiated with the following information:
- 1. Model Number of unit involved.
- 2. Date unit was purchased or first put into service.
- Date of failure.
- 4. Nature of failure.