OWNER'S MANUAL

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3 HP., 4 Cycle B&S

REWIND STURT

WHEELS T" X 1.50" DIAMOND TREAD

WHEEL SETTINGS 4-MANUAL 34" to 3"

Model Nos. 117-060A 117-070A 117-060-300 117-070-300

Important:

Read Safety Rules and Instructions Carefully

20" ROTARY MOWERS



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.

Your rotary mower is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore exercise extreme caution at all times.

SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES FOR WALK-BEHIND MOWERS

TRAINING

- Read the Operating and Service Owner's Manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
- Never allow children to operate a power mower. Only persons well acquainted with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use your mower.
- 3. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets. Stop engine when they are in the vicinity of your mower. Although the area of operation should be completely cleared of foreign objects, a small object may have been overlooked and could be accidently thrown by the mower in any direction.

PREPARATION

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the mower in any direction.
- Do not operate equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial footwear.
- 3. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that could get caught on the mower.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
- Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
- 7. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- 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

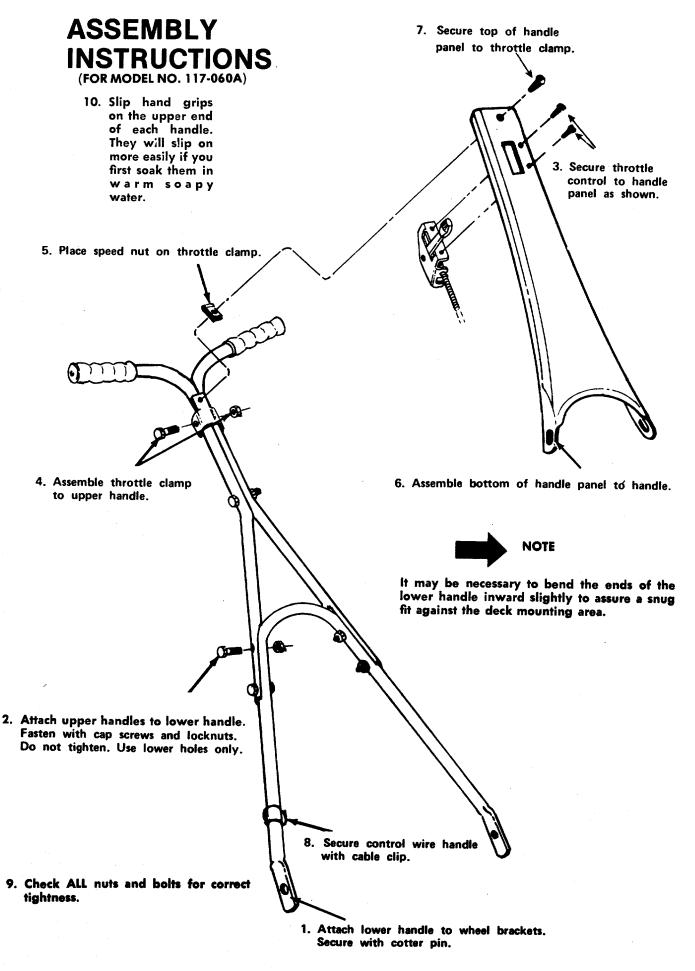
- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Excessive engine speeds are dangerous.
- 2. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
- 3. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drive, walks or roads.
- 4. After striking 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.
- 5. 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 mower, 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. Before attempting to unclog the mower or discharge chute, stop the engine and be sure the blade(s) have stopped completely. Disconnect the spark plug wire and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.
- 9. 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.
- 11. Mow across the face of slopes, never up-anddown. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
- Always disconnect electric mowers (line operated) before cleaning, repairing or adjusting.
- 13. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.
- Keep washout ports and other mowerhousing service openings closed when mowing.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- 1. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
- 2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws-tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- 3. 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. For safety protection replace only with new bag meeting original equipment specifications.

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ASSEMBLY (FOR MODEL NO. 117-060A)

Your new mower is shipped preassembled with the exception of the handle.

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



Do not bend or kink control wires.

- Assemble the upper and lower handle parts with cap screws and locknuts provided in parts bag. Use the longer (yellow) screw to attach throttle control.
- Holes at the bottom of the lower handle are to be fitted over studs located in front of each rear wheel mounting position.
- Secure throttle control wire to lower right handle with cable clips.
- 6. Check ALL nuts and bolts for correct tightness.
- Slip hand grips on the upper end of each handle. They will slip on more easily if you first soak them in warm soapy water.



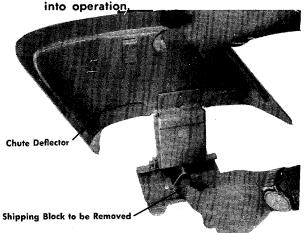
NOTE

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



CAUTION

Please note that the chute deflector on your mower is in an upright position. It is held in that position by a shipping block. This block is used for shipping purposes only. It must be removed and discarded before your mower is put



WHEEL ASSEMBLY (117-060A ONLY)

- Place shoulder bolt (A) through wheel (B). See Figure 1.
- 2. Place crown side of belleville washer (C) towards the wheel (away from deck). See Figure 2.
- 3. Using a 3/4" wrench secure wheel to deck.

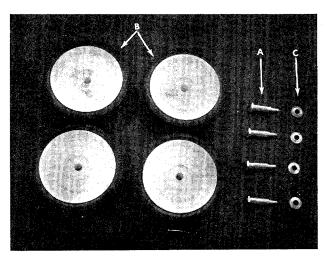


FIGURE 1



Tighten shoulder bolt enough to slightly compress the belleville washer. DO NOT COMPLETELY compress washer.

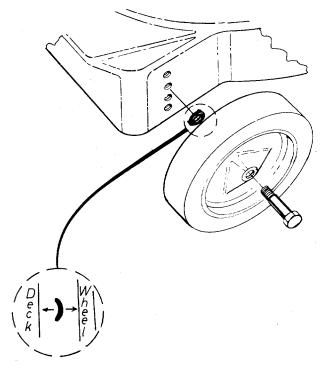


FIGURE 2

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 Directions carefully.
- 2. When ready to start engine, place throttle control lever, on handle, in "START" position and start engine in accordance with instructions in Engine Manual. After engine starts, move throttle control lever, on handle, to desired engine speed. The engine is stopped by placing control lever on handle in the "STOP" position.
- 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



CAUTION

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

STANDARD CUTTING HEIGHT

Adjustment may be made by removing and moving wheel studs to desired position. Cutting heights will be raised as wheel studs are moved to a lower hole and lowered as wheel studs are moved to a higher hole in the deck. All wheel studs must be mounted in a relative position to the deck.

EASY 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. All wheels must be positioned in relative height of cut positions.

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.
- Move throttle control lever on handle to "FAST" position.
- 3. Move lever, to which control wire is fastened at engine, to full open position and retighten screw to secure throttle control wire assembly.

LUBRICATION



IMPORTANT

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

Protective Shield — The pivot points on the protective shield should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding.

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

Wheels—Wheel bearings are of self-lubricating Fortiflex. They require no lubrication. If your unit is provided with optional 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.

4-CYCLE ENGINE

Change oil after first 5 hours of operation, while engine is warm. Thereafter, change oil every 25 hours of operation while engine is warm. Engine may be drained through oil filler opening. Be sure to replace drain plug and oil filler cap.



MAINTENANCE

CUTTING BLADE

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

 Remove bolt and lock washer holding blade and blade adapter to engine crankshaft.

- 2. Remove blade and blade adapter from engine crankshaft.
- Remove two bolts, lock washers and nuts holding blade to blade adapter (if necessary).

When sharpening 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 damage to the mower.



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

Deck — The underside of 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.

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

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

The best mowing pattern is one that allows the clippings to discharge towards the uncut part of the lawn. This permits recutting of the clippings to further pulverize them. When cutting high weeds, discharge towards cut portion then recut at right angles to first direction.

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

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.
- 3. 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.



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

GRASS CATCHER Model No. 197-003A is available as optional equipment for the mowers shown in this manual.



- 1. The mower should not be operated without the entire grass catcher or chute deflector in place.
- 2. The mower should not be operated without the protective shield on the rear of the deck in place.



NOTE:

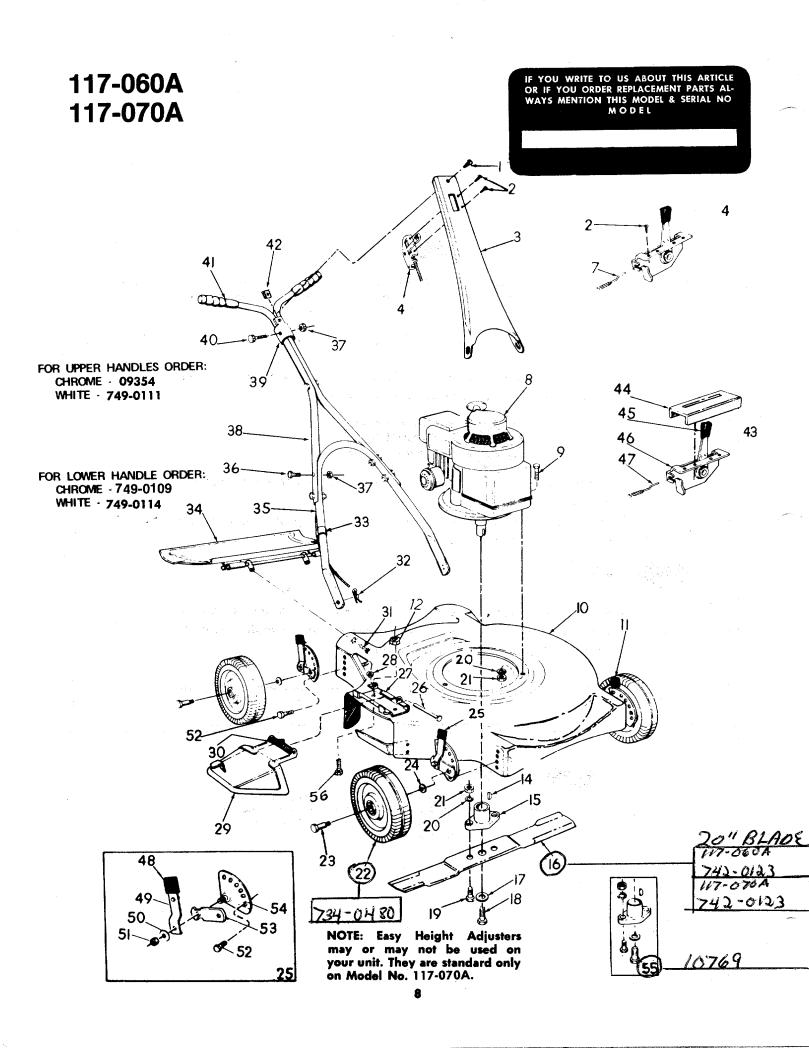
Under normal usage bag material is subject to wear and should be checked periodically. Be sure any replacement bag complies with the mower manufacturer's recommendations.

For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag No. 764-0119.



IMPORTANT

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PARTS LIST FOR MOWER MODELS 117-060A AND 117-070A

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	Part No. 117-060A	Color Code	Part No. 117-070A	Color Code	Description	New Part		
2	None None		710-0192 710-0227		Truss Hd. Mach. Scr. No. 10-24 x .38" Slotted Hex Hd. Self Extr. Scr. 8 x .50" Lg.*			
3 4 7 8	None None None		11604 11597 746-0229	463	Handle Panel Throttle Control Assembly—Complete Conduit and Wire			
9 10 11	710-0158 12326 None	—463	710-0158 12326 10950	—46 3	Engine Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 5/16-24 x 11/4" Lg.* Deck Assembly—Complete Height Adjuster Assembly—Complete			
12 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	714-0365 10769 742-0123 736-0217 710-0459 710-0117 736-0119 712-0123 734-0480 738-0213		712-0107 714-0365 10769 742-0123 736-0217 710-0459 710-0117 736-0119 712-0123 734-0480 738-0102 736-0105		L.H. Hex Cent L-Nut ¼-20 Thd. #6 Hi-Pro-Key 5/32 x 5/8" Dia. Blade Adapter Kit Blade 20 inch Spring Lockwasher 3/8" x Scr. H.D. Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 3/8-24 x 1½" Lg. H.T. Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 5/16-24 x 1" Lg. H.T. Spring Lockwasher 5/16" Scr.* Hex Nut 5/16-24 Thd.* Wheel Assembly—Complete Axle Bolt Belleville Washer .400" I.D. x .88" O.D.			
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	None 711-0555 11130	-463 -463	10951 711-0555 11130 726-0106 11681 732-0253 710-0567 714-0104 746-0128 11193 749-0109 710-0606 712-0107 09354 07861 710-0136 720-0157 712-0526 None None None None None None None 07520 10949 736-0219 712-0116 710-0209 10937	-463 -463	x.060 Height Adjuster Ass'y. —Comp. R.H. Pivot Pin Adapter Plate Push-on Flange Palnut Chute Deflector Assembly Torsion Spring Hex Scr. ½-28 x .62" Lg. x .62" Lg. Internal Cotter Pin 5/16" Dia. Cable Clip for 7/8" Tubing Rear Protective Shield Assembly Lower Handle. Hex Scr. ½-20 x 1.50" Lg.* Hex Center Locknut ½-20 Thd. Upper Handle Control Clamp Hex Scr. ¼-20 x 1.75" Lg.* Grip Speed Nut Throttle Control Assembly—Complete Plastic Label—Black Throttle Control—Knob Throttle Control Assembly Conduit and Wire Height Adjuster—Knob—Red Spring Lever Assembly w/Knob Belleville Washer .400 I.D. x 1.13 O.D. Hex Inserted Locknut 3/8-24 Thd. Hex Sems Scr. 3/8-16 x .62" Lg. Pivot Bar			
54 55 56	None None 10769 710-0289		10934 10935 10769 710-0289		Index Plate Assembly—R.H. Index Plate Assembly—L.H. Blade Adapter Kit Hex Scr. ¼-20 x .50" Lg.*			

^{*}For faster service obtain standard nuts and bolts locally. If these items cannot be obtained locally, order by part number and size as shown on the parts list.

(463-Top Flite Red)

When ordering parts, if color or finish is important use the appropriate color code shown above (e.g.—Top Flite Red—11904 (463))

NOTE: The engine is not under warranty by the mower manufacturer . . . If repairs or service is needed on the engine, please contact your nearest authorized engine service outlet. Check the "Yellow Pages" of your telephone book under "Engines—Gasoline."

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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.

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ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM
Auto Electric & Carburetor Co2625 4th Ave. S 35233
ARKANSAS NORTH LITTLE ROCK
Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop Rt. 4, Box 368 72117 FORT SMITH
Mity Mite Motors, Inc 2515 Towson Ave 72901
CALLEGONIA SAN RERNARDINO
Lawn Mower Supply Co 25608 E. Baseline 92410
SAN FRANCISCO J.W. Jewett Co
SACRAMENTO
Luttig & Severson 2030 28th St 95818
COLORÁDO DENVER
South Denver Lawn Equip 527 West Evans 80223
CONNECTICUT SUFFIELD
The Jones & Ramsey Co 850 Thompsonville Rd. 06078
ELODIDA LACKSONVILLE
Radco Distributors
CORAL GABLES
Moz-All of Florida, Inc 365 Greco Ave 33146
GEORGIA EAST POINT
East Point Cycle & Key 2834 Church St 30344 ILLINOIS LYONS
Keen Edge Co
INDIANA ELKHART
Parts & Sales Inc
DUBLIQUE
Power Lawn & Garden Equip 2551 J.F. Kennedy 52001
VANCAC WICHITA
Hixon, Inc
LOUISIANA NEW ORLEANS
Suhren Engine Co
Center Supply Co 6867 New Hampshire Ave. 20012
MACCACHICETTC SPRINGFIELD
Marton B. Colline Co 300 Birnie Ave VIIV
MOUNT CIPMENS
Power Equipment Dist 36463 South Grafiot 48043
LANSING
Lorenz Service Co
MINNESOTA MINNETONKA
Hance Distributing Inc 11212 Wayzata Blvd55343
MISSISSIPPI BILOXI Biloxi Sales & Service, Inc 506 Caillavet St 39533
MICCOURT KANSAS CITY
Automotive Equip. Service 3117 Holmes St 64109
ST LIBILIN
Henzler, Inc
NEW YORK CARTHAGE
Gamble Dist., Inc West End Ave 13619
SYRACUSE
Kimber's, Inc 135 N. Geddes St 13204

BRIGGS & STRATTON, TECUMSEH AND PEERLESS PARTS AND SERVICE

Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh and Peerless parts and 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

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NORTH CAROLINA GREENSBORO
Dixie Sales Company
GOLDSBORO
Smith Hardware Co 515 N. George St 27530
Smith Mardware Co
OHIO WADSWORTH
National Central
CLEVELAND
Bleckrie, Inc 7900 Lorain Ave 44102
CARROL
Stebe's Mid-State Mower Supply Box 366
WILLARD
Sunshine Wholesale Tire Outlet Route 224
MANSFIELD
McClure Lawn & Garden Supply1114 Lexington Ave 44903
OKLAHOMA MUSKOGEE
Victory Motors, Inc605 S. Cherokee 74401
ADA
Ada Auto Supply
OREGON PORTLAND
OREGON PORTLAND
Kenton Supply Co
PENNSYLVANIA LANCASTER
Raub Supply Co James & Mulberry Sts 17604
PITTSBURGH
Bluemont Co
TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE
Master Repair Service 2423 Broadway, N.E37917
MEMPHIS
Memphis Cycle & Supply Co 421 Monroe Ave 38103
American Sales & Service, Inc 1922 Lynnbrook 38116
TEYAS DALLAS
Marr Brothers, Inc
HOUSTON
Bullard Supply Co 2409 Commerce St 77003
SAN ANTONIO
Catto & Putty, Inc P.O. Box 240878206
FORT WORTH
Woodson Sales Corp
UTAH SALT LAKE CITY
A-1 Engine & Mower Co 437 E. 9th St84111
A-! Engine & Mower Co 43/ E. 7111 31
VERMONT BURLINGTON Vermont Appliance Co 44 Lakeside Ave05401
VIRGINIA RICHMOND
RBI Corp 963 Myers St 23260
WASHINGTON SEATTLE
Bailey's Rebuild, Inc 1325 E. Madison St98102
WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON
Young's, Inc25301
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Automotive Supply 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.
- 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.
- 3. Date of failure.
- 4. Nature of failure.