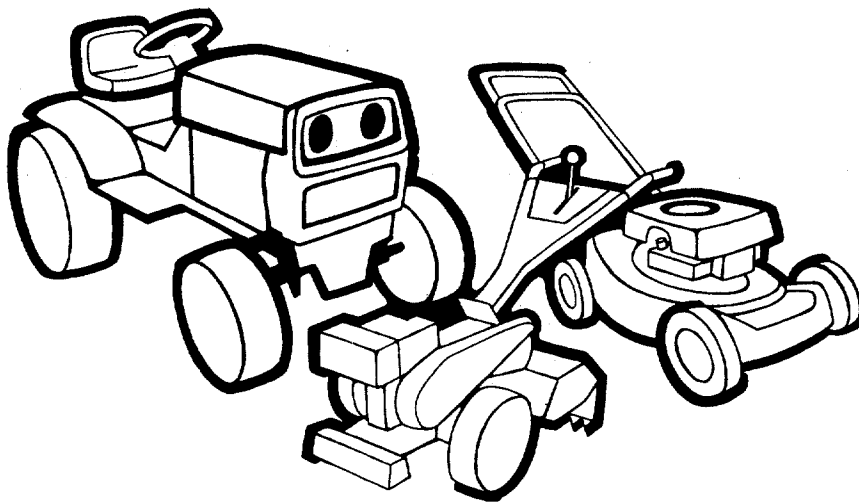


OWNERS MANUAL



**21" SELF-
PROPELLED
ROTARY
MOWER**

**ASSEMBLY
OPERATION
MAINTENANCE
PARTS LIST**

**Model Number
124-232-000**

**Important:
Read Safety Rules and
Instructions Carefully**

Thank you for purchasing an
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LIMITED WARRANTY

For one year from the date of original retail purchase, MTD PRODUCTS INC will either repair or replace, at its option, free of charge, F.O.B. factory or authorized service firm, any part or parts found to be defective in material or workmanship. Transportation charges for the movement of any power equipment unit or attachment are the responsibility of the purchaser. Transportation charges for any parts submitted for replacement under this warranty must be paid by the purchaser unless such return is requested by MTD PRODUCTS INC.

This warranty will not apply to any part which has become inoperative due to misuse, excessive use, accident, neglect, improper maintenance, alterations, or unless the unit has been operated and maintained in accordance with the instructions furnished. This warranty does not apply to the engine, motor, battery, battery charger or component parts thereof. Please refer to the applicable manufacturer's warranty on these items.

This warranty will not apply where the unit has been used commercially.

Warranty service is available through your local authorized service dealer or distributor. If you do not know the dealer or distributor in your area, please write to the Customer Service Department of MTD.

The return of a complete unit will not be accepted by the factory unless prior written permission has been extended by MTD.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights which vary from state to state.



WARNING

This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester muffler is available at your nearest engine authorized service center.



WARNING

To reduce the potential for any injury, comply with the following safety instructions. Failure to comply with the instructions may result in personal injury.

SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES FOR WALK-BEHIND MOWERS

TRAINING

1. Read this owner's manual carefully in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate this machine. Be completely familiar with the controls and the proper use of this machine before operating it. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Your rotary mower is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore, exercise extreme caution at all times.
3. 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.
4. 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, an object may have been overlooked and could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.

PREPARATION

1. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.
2. 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. Gasoline is an extremely flammable fuel. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, while the engine is running, or while the engine is still hot. Wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine as it may cause a fire or explosion.
5. Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
6. The blade control handle is a safety device. Never attempt to bypass its operation. Doing so makes the safety device inoperative and may result in personal injury through contact with the rotating blade. The blade control handle must operate easily in both directions.
7. Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
8. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
9. Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury. Keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run.

OPERATION

1. 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 as the rotating blade can cause injury.
3. Stop the blade when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads.
4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, and thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. 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.
6. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging the chute. The cutting blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off. Never place any part of the body in the blade area until you are sure the blade has stopped rotating.
7. Before 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 spark plug to prevent accidental starting.
8. Do not run the engine indoors.
9. Mow across the face of slopes, never up-and-down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury.
10. Always disconnect electric mowers (line operated) before cleaning, repairing or adjusting.
11. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.

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.
5. Check the grass catcher bag frequently for wear or deterioration. For safety protection, replace only with new bag meeting original equipment specifications.

NOTE

This unit is shipped WITHOUT GASOLINE or OIL. After assembly, see separate engine manual for proper fuel and engine oil recommendations.

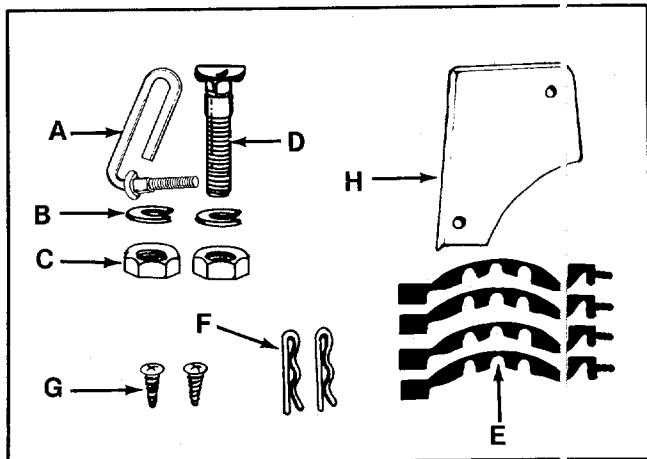


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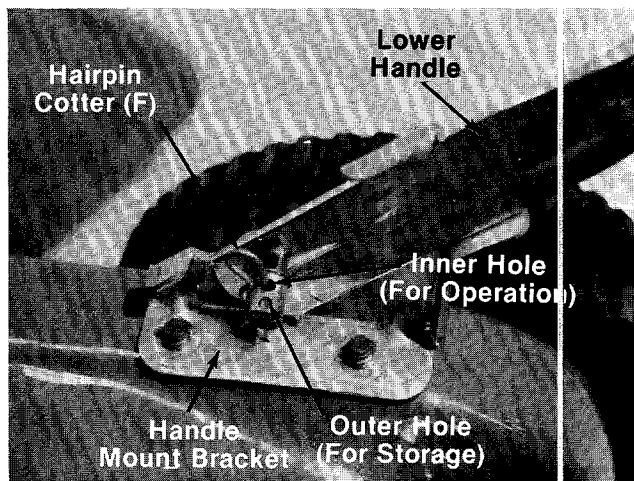


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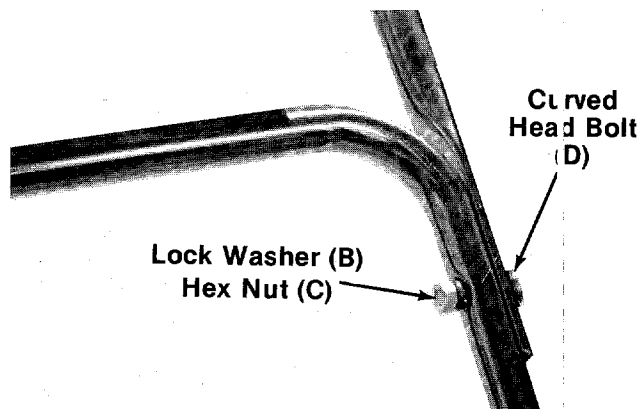


FIGURE 3.

ASSEMBLY

NOTE

Reference to right or left hand side of the mower is observed from the operating position.

Contents of Hardware Pack: (See figure 1)

- ← A (1) Rope Guide Bolt
 - B (2) Lock Washers 5/16" I.D.
 - C (2) Hex Nuts 5/16-18 Thread
 - D (1) Curved Head Bolt 1.38" Long
 - E (4) Cable Ties
 - F (2) Hairpin Cotters
 - G (2) Phillips Head Screws
 - H (1) Plastic Cap
 - I (2) Front Hub Caps (Optional)
1. Remove the lawn mower, loose parts, hardware pack and literature from the carton. Make certain all parts and literature have been removed before the carton is discarded.
 2. Extend all control cables and place on the floor. Be careful not to bend or kink control cables.
 3. Attach the lower handle by placing bottom holes in lower handle over weld pins in handle mount brackets on deck. Make certain the instruction label on the lower handle can be read from the operating position. Secure by placing two hairpin cotters (F) in inner hole on weld pins. See figure 2.

NOTE

It may be necessary to bend the ends of the lower handle outward slightly to obtain a snug fit against the bracket.

NOTE

There are two (2) holes in the handle mount brackets. Place hairpin cotter in the inner hole for operation. The outer hole is for storage.

4. Place the upper handle in position over the lower handle. The control housing must be on the left hand side of the handle. Secure the left hand side of upper handle using the curved head bolt (D), lock washer (B) and hex nut (C) as shown in figure 3.

NOTE

The right hand side of the handle will be secured with the rope guide bolt. However, left handed operators may assemble the rope guide bolt to the left side of the handle for easier starting.

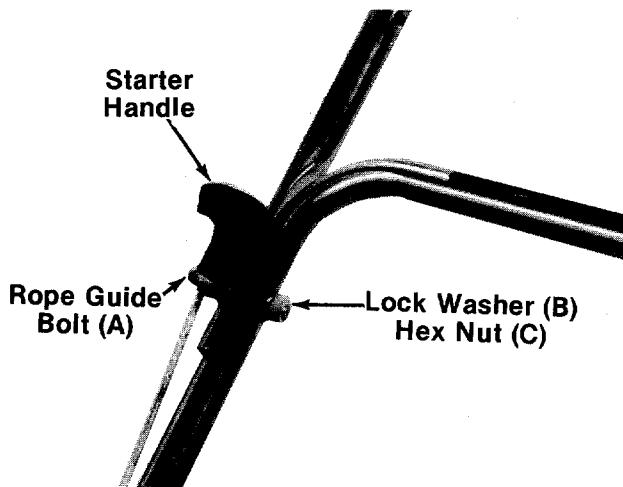


FIGURE 4.

5. Insert the rope guide bolt (A) through the right hand side of upper and lower handle.
6. The starter rope is wound around the starter handle. Maintain the tension on the rope as you unwind it.
7. Slip the starter rope into the rope guide bolt as shown in figure 4. Secure the rope guide bolt with lock washer (B) and hex nut (C). If more slack is needed in the starter rope, disconnect and ground the spark plug wire. Depress the blade control handle and pull additional rope out from the engine.

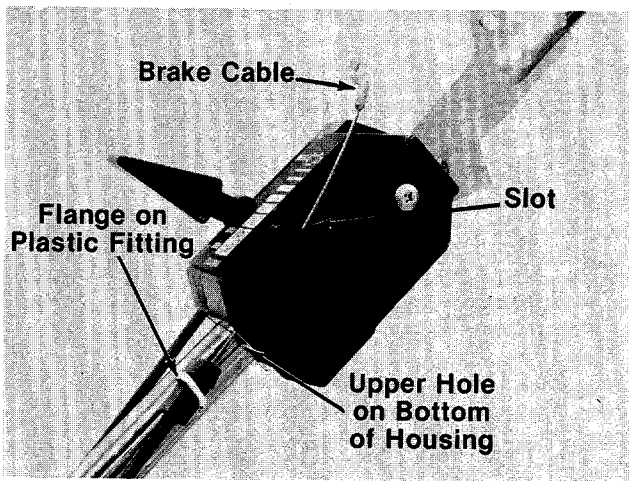


FIGURE 5.

8. The brake cable is attached to the engine. Route the brake cable under the lower handle. Place the end of the brake cable into the upper hole on the bottom of the control housing, and through the slot in the side of the housing as shown in figure 5. The angle of the flange on the plastic fitting must be positioned downward as shown. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable.



WARNING

Brake cable must be assembled as shown for proper blade brake operation.

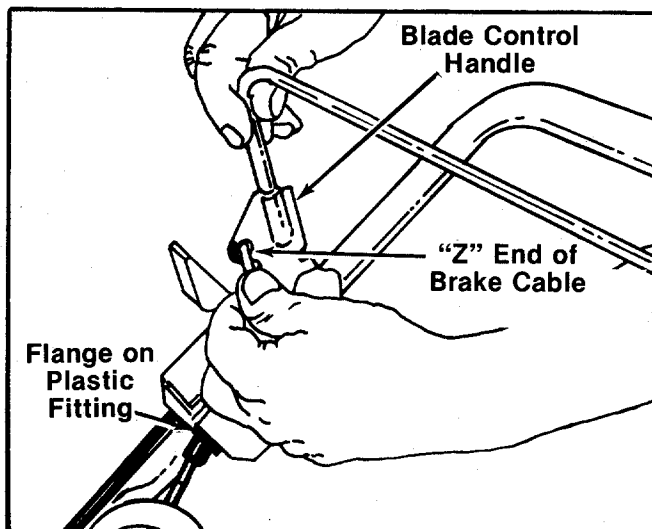


FIGURE 6.

9. Snap the plastic fitting on the end of the cable into the control housing.
10. Hook the "Z" end of the brake cable into the hole in the blade control handle. See figure 6. If additional slack is needed in order to hook the cable into the handle, proceed as follows.

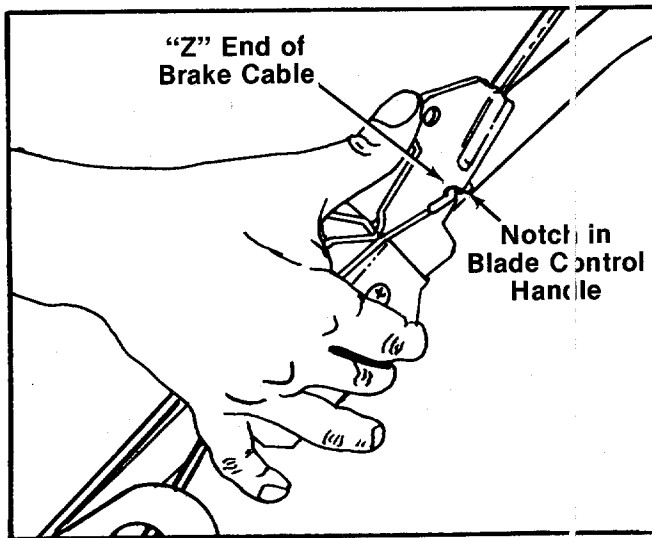


FIGURE 7.

- a. Hook the "Z" end of the cable into notch provided in the blade control handle. See figure 7.
- b. Squeeze blade control handle against upper handle.
- c. Release the blade control handle, unhook the cable from the notch and hook it into the hole in the blade control handle.

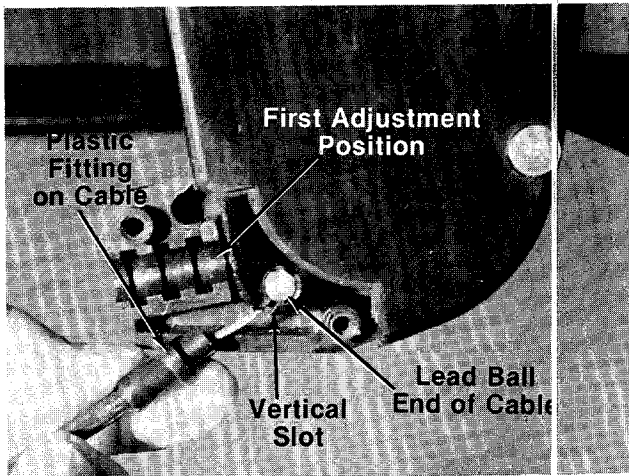


FIGURE 8.

11. The drive clutch control cable is attached to the deck. Attach the cable to the lever in the clutch control housing, located in the middle of the upper handle, as follows.
 - a. Place the lead ball end of the cable into the fitting provided in the end of the clutch control lever. Slip the braided wire into the vertical slot as shown in figure 8.
 - b. Slide the braided wire around in the horizontal slot. See figure 9.
 - c. Place the plastic fitting on the control cable into the first adjustment position in the clutch control housing. See figure 8.

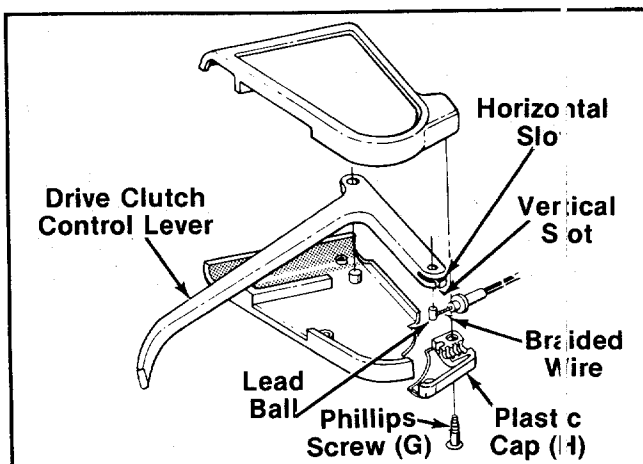


FIGURE 9.

- d. Secure the plastic cap (H) to the clutch control housing using the two Phillips head screws (G). See figure 9.



Drive clutch adjustment must be checked before the unit is operated, as described in the operation section.

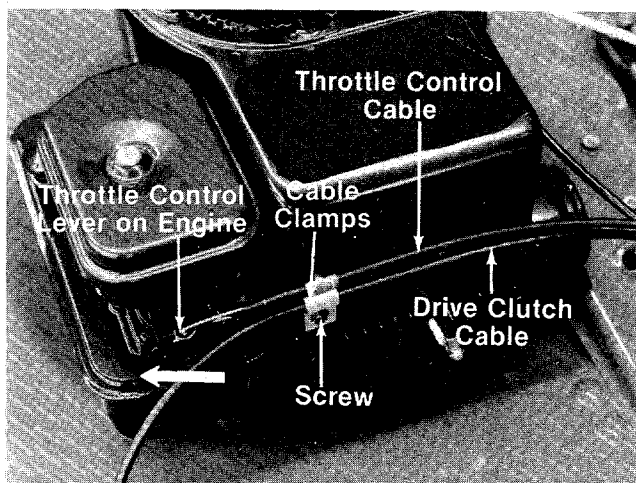


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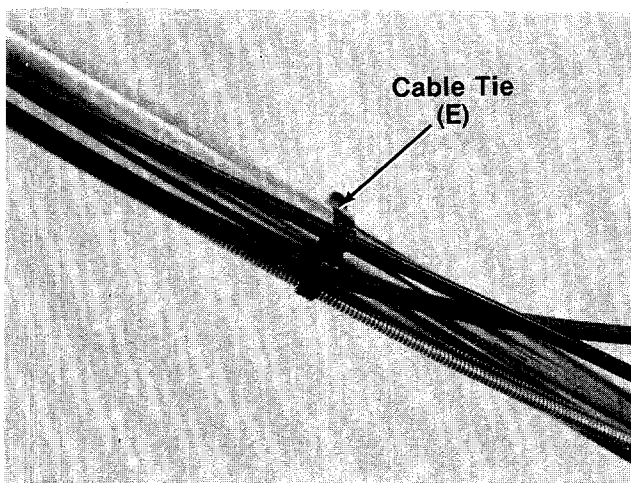


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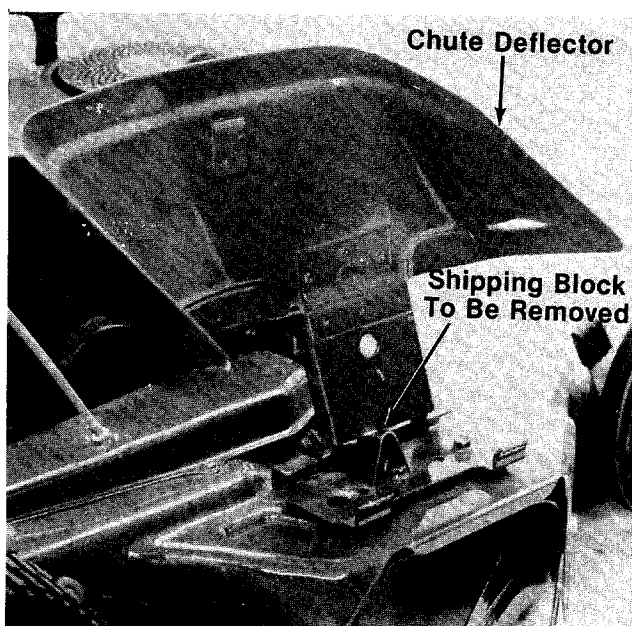


FIGURE 12.

12. Place the throttle control lever on the handle in "Fast" position.

13. Push the throttle control lever on the engine to the full open position (as far toward the outside of the unit as it will go) as shown in figure 10.

14. The throttle control cable is attached to the upper handle. Hook the "Z" end of the throttle control cable into the hole in the control lever on the engine.

15. Remove the screw on the cable clamps shown in figure 10. Slip the throttle control casing under the clamp which is against the engine. Place the drive clutch control cable under the outside clamp. With the throttle lever on the engine still in the full open position, replace and tighten the screw to secure the throttle control cable and drive clutch cable.

16. Secure the control cables to handle with cable ties (E) provided. See figure 11.

17. Check all nuts and bolts for correct tightness.



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 into operation. See figure 12.

CONTROLS

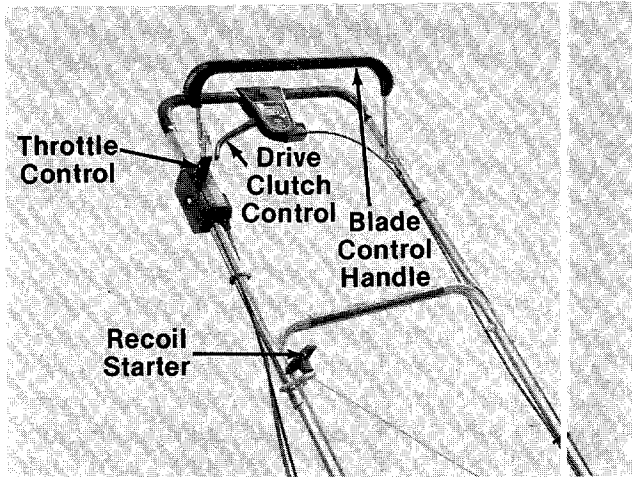


FIGURE 13.
BLADE CONTROL HANDLE

WARNING
THIS CONTROL MECHANISM IS A
SAFETY DEVICE. NEVER ATTEMPT
TO BYPASS ITS OPERATIONS

The blade control handle is located on the upper handle of the mower. See figure 13. The blade control handle must be depressed in order to operate the unit. Release the blade control handle to stop the engine and blade.



WARNING

The blade will be rotating whenever the engine is running.

THROTTLE CONTROL

The throttle control is located on the left side of the upper handle. It is used to regulate the engine speed. The engine should be started with the engine in the FAST or START position.



WARNING

The throttle control cannot be used to stop the engine.

RECOIL STARTER

The recoil starter handle is attached to the handle. See figure 13. Stand behind the unit in the operating position to start the unit.

DRIVE CLUTCH CONTROL

Squeezing the drive clutch control engages the drive mechanism to the rear wheels. Releasing the clutch control stops the rear wheels from driving. Release the drive clutch control to slow down when negotiating an obstacle, making a turn or stopping. See figure 13.

OPERATION

Caution

Do Not Operate Mower Unless This
Guard Or Entire Grasscatcher Is In
Its Proper Place.

DANGER

KEEP HANDS and FEET AWAY



FIGURE 14.

Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck. See figure 14.



NOTE

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 cutting height adjustment section.

BEFORE STARTING

1. Fill sump with oil as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your unit.
2. Fill fuel tank, using clean, fresh, lead-free, low-lead or regular grade leaded gasoline. Fill tank completely!

DO NOT MIX OIL WITH GASOLINE.

3. Attach spark plug wire to spark plug.
4. Before each use, check for proper drive clutch operation by performing the following before starting the engine:

With the drive clutch control released, push mower forward. It should move freely. Pull mower backward. It should move freely.

With the drive clutch control engaged (lever squeezed against upper handle), push mower forward. It should move freely. Pull mower backward. The rear wheels should lock up. If they do not, adjust the clutch control as specified under Drive Clutch Control Adjustment on page 10.

TO START ENGINE AND ENGAGE BLADE

1. Move the throttle control lever to FAST or START position.
2. Standing behind the unit, depress the blade control handle and hold it against the upper handle as shown in figure 15.
3. Grasp the recoil starter handle as shown and pull up rapidly. Return it slowly to the rope guide bolt.
4. After engine starts, move throttle control to desired engine speed.

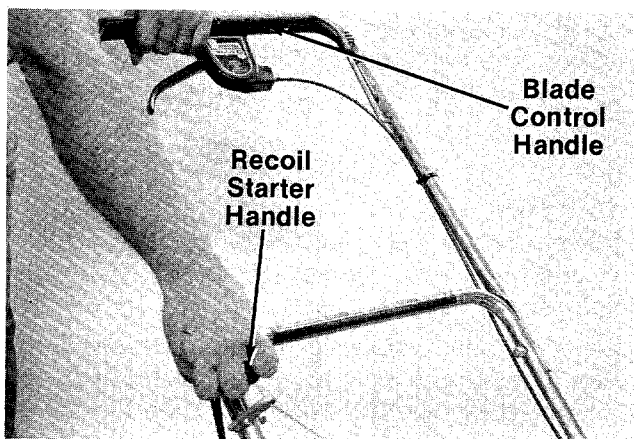


FIGURE 15.

TO STOP ENGINE AND BLADE

1. Release the blade control handle to stop the engine and blade.



WARNING

The blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off.

2. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground it against the engine to prevent accidental starting while equipment is unattended.

USING YOUR ROTARY MOWER

Be sure that lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. Such objects could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator and others.

Operate a new engine at intermediate speeds and light load for the first few hours as you would a new automotive engine.

For best results, do not cut wet grass because it tends to stick to the underside of the mower, preventing proper discharge of grass clippings, and could cause you to slip and fall. New grass or thick grass may require a narrower cut. Blade speed should be adjusted to the condition of the lawn.

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.

For best results, cut off one-third or less of the total length of the grass. Lawn should be cut in the fall as long as there is growth.

This mower is designed to be operated at full throttle to give you the best cut and do the most effective job of bagging the cut grass.



IMPORTANT

If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower. Extensive vibration of the mower during operation is an indication of damage. The unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

ADJUSTMENTS



CAUTION

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

DRIVE CLUTCH CONTROL ADJUSTMENT

If the unit does not self-propel with the drive clutch control engaged, remove the plastic cap from beneath the drive clutch control housing. Move the plastic fitting on the control cable to the next adjustment position on the left. Reassemble the plastic cap and retest. See figure 16.

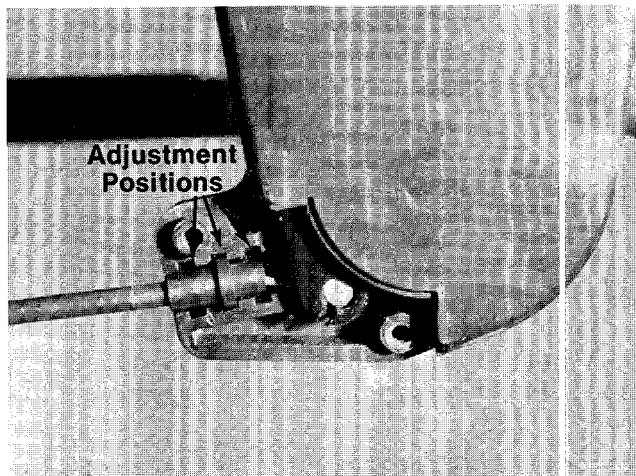


FIGURE 16.

CUTTING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

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 toward wheel and move wheel and lever assembly to desired position. All wheels must be placed in the same relative position.

THROTTLE

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

1. Loosen, but do not remove, the screw securing throttle control wire assembly at engine. See figure 10.
2. Move throttle control lever on handle to "FAST" position.
3. Move control lever on engine to full open position. Retighten screw to secure throttle control wire assembly.

CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS



WARNING

If any adjustments are made to the engine while the engine is running (e.g. carburetor), disengage all clutches and blades. Keep clear of all moving parts. Be careful of heated surfaces and muffler.

Minor carburetor adjustments may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude and load.

Refer to the separate engine manual packed with your mower for carburetor adjustment information.

LUBRICATION



IMPORTANT

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

Blade Brake/Clutch—Lubricate the pivot points on the blade brake/clutch handle and the cable at least once a season with light oil. The control must operate freely in both directions.

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—Mower may be provided with ball bearing wheels. Lubricate at least once a season with light oil. Also, if the wheels are removed for any reason, lubricate the surface of the axle bolt and the inner surface of the wheel with light oil. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

Engine—Follow engine manual for lubrication instructions.

Throttle—Periodically lubricate throttle control lever and throttle wire assembly with a few drops of light oil for ease of operation.

Chain—The chain should be lubricated periodically with a few drops of light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Use very little or no oil if unit is being used in a dusty or sandy area.

Rear Wheel Drive—Both rear wheels are driven by a pawl and ratchet drive. Lubricate the pawl and ratchet once a season with a silicone type lubricant.

Figure 17 shows the right rear hub cap. To take off the rear hub caps, remove the four screws around the edge of the hub cap. A cotter pin holds the ratchet in place. The pawl must pivot freely. Clean with a solvent, replace any broken or worn parts and lubricate.

The pawl and ratchet on the left rear hub cap are assembled facing the opposite way.

After reassembling, test the operation of the drive without the engine running. Engage the clutch and pull the mower backwards. Both wheels should lock. Push the mower forward and both wheels should rotate.



The wheels will “click” when the mower is pushed forward.

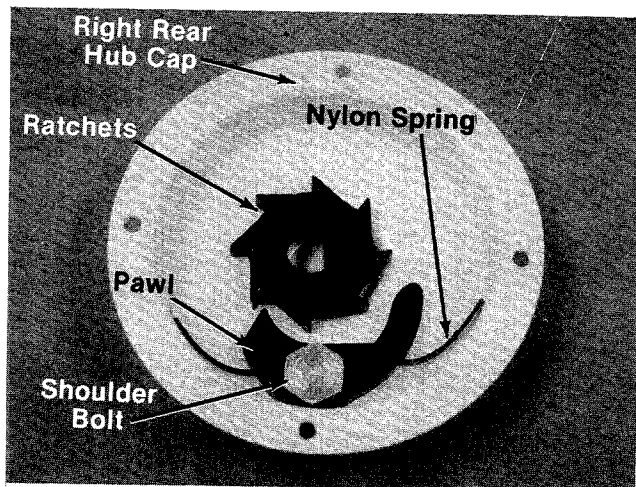


FIGURE 17.

MAINTENANCE



When tipping the unit, empty the fuel tank and keep engine spark plug side up.

CUTTING BLADE

A. Removal for Sharpening or Replacement



WARNING

Be sure to disconnect and ground the spark plug wire before working on the cutting blade to prevent accidental engine starting.

Remove the large bolt and lock washer which holds the blade and adapter to the engine crankshaft. Remove the blade and adapter from the crankshaft.

If the blade or blade adapter needs replacing, remove the two small bolts, lock washers and nuts which hold the blade to the adapter.



Periodically inspect the blade adapter for cracks, especially if you strike a foreign object. Replace when necessary.

B. Sharpening

Remove the cutting blade by following the directions of the preceding section.

When sharpening the 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, may cause damage to the mower and could break, causing personal injury.

It is recommended that the blade always be removed from the adapter for the best test of balance. The blade can be tested by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.

C. Reassembly

Before reassembling the blade and the blade adapter to the unit, lubricate the engine crankshaft and the inner surface of the blade adapter with light oil. Lubricating the bolt holes, bolts and inner surface of the nuts with light oil is also recommended. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

When replacing the blade, be sure to install the blade with the side of the blade marked “Bottom” (or with part number) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position.

Blade Mounting Torque

3/8" Dia. Bolt 375 in. lb. min., 450 in. lb. max.

5/16" Dia. Bolt 150 in. lb. min., 250 in. lb. max.

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

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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.



CAUTION

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

ENGINE OIL

Check oil level before starting engine and after every 5 hours of operation. ADD oil as necessary to keep level to full mark on dipstick. Before removing dipstick, clean area around dipstick to prevent dirt from entering oil fill tube. Engine should be in a level position when checking oil.

Change oil after first 5 hours of operation. Thereafter change every 25 hours. Change oil while engine is warm. Oil may be drained thru oil drain on bottom of the engine. Oil capacity 1 1/4 pints.

AIR CLEANER

Service air cleaner every 25 hours under normal conditions. Clean every few hours under extremely dusty conditions. Poor engine performance and flooding usually indicates that the air cleaner should be serviced.

To service the air cleaner, refer to the separate engine manual packed with your unit.

SPARK PLUG

The spark plug should be cleaned and the gap reset once a season. Spark plug replacement is recommended at the start of each mowing season; check engine manual for correct plug type and gap specifications.

BELT REPLACEMENT

Don't
forget



IMPORTANT

Don't
forget

Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before performing any repairs or maintenance on the mower.

1. Place a piece of plastic film under the gasoline cap and tighten it. The plastic prevents gasoline from draining from the air vent in the cap.

2. Tip the mower on its left side. Remove the cutting blade by removing the center bolt and lock washer. A 9/16" wrench is required. See figure 18.

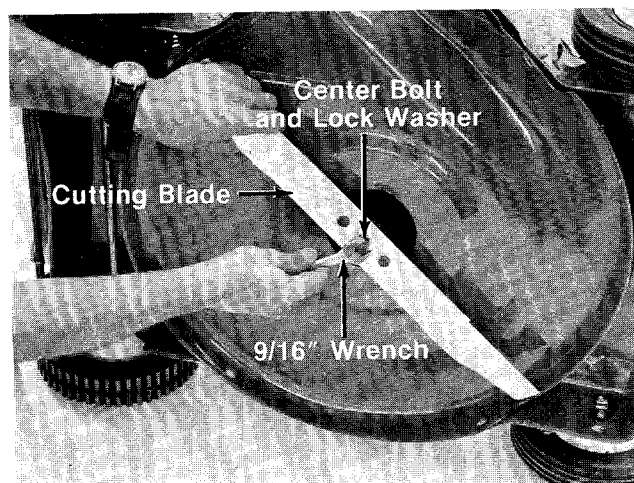


FIGURE 18.

3. Remove the four carriage bolts, nuts and lock washers holding the lower deck to the upper deck. A 1/2" wrench is required. See figure 19.

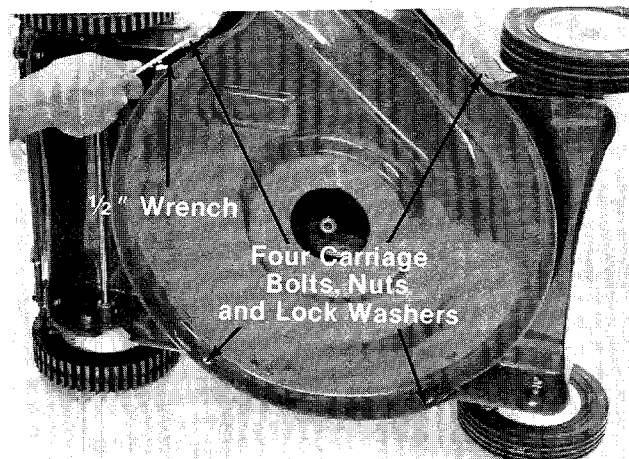


FIGURE 19.

4. Remove the right hand rear wheel hub cap by removing four screws. A phillips screwdriver is required. See figure 20.

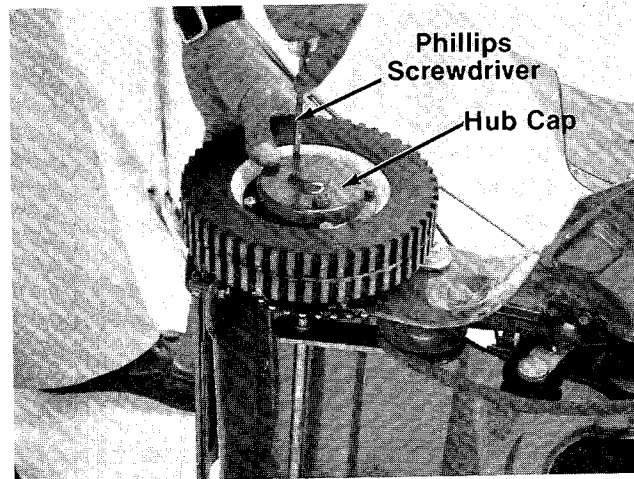


FIGURE 20.

5. Remove cotter pin and ratchet. A pair of pliers is required. See figure 21.

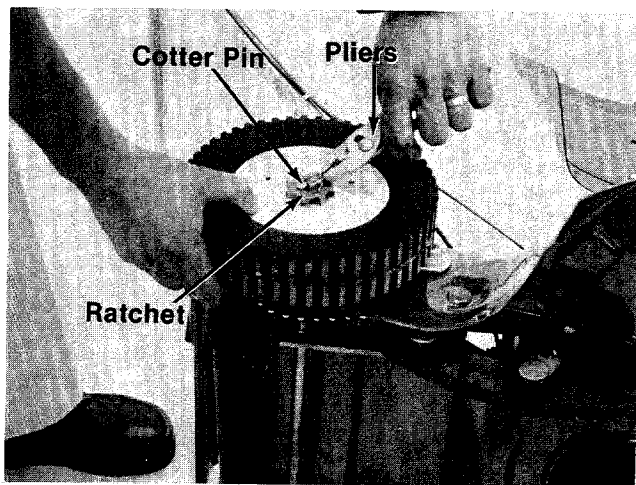


FIGURE 21.

6. Lift the rear wheel off the rear axle.
7. Remove the pivot bracket assembly. A 9/16" wrench is required. Remove the hex lock nut as shown in figure 22.

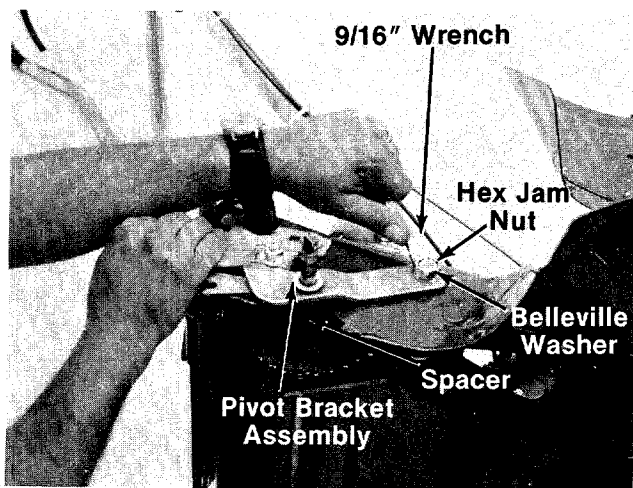


FIGURE 22.

8. Lift off the pivot bracket assembly and spacer. See figure 22.
9. Slide the support link down the rear axle, removing it from the side of deck and pulley sprocket assembly. See figure 23.
10. Remove the spacer from pulley sprocket assembly. See figure 23.

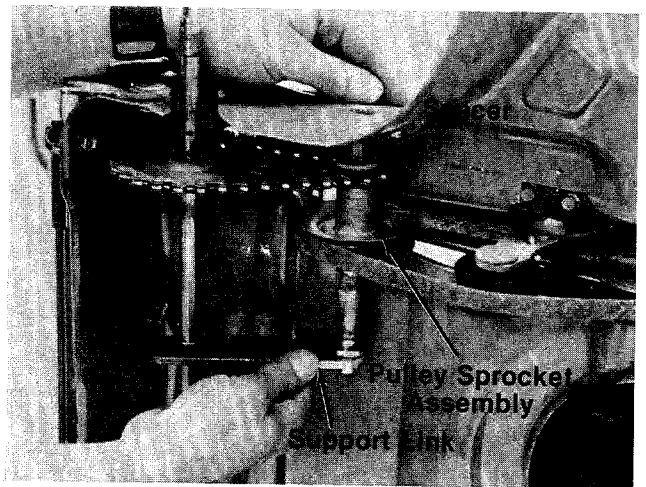


FIGURE 23.

11. Lift the chain off the sprocket as shown in figure 24. Lift the V-belt off the pulley sprocket assembly. See figure 24.

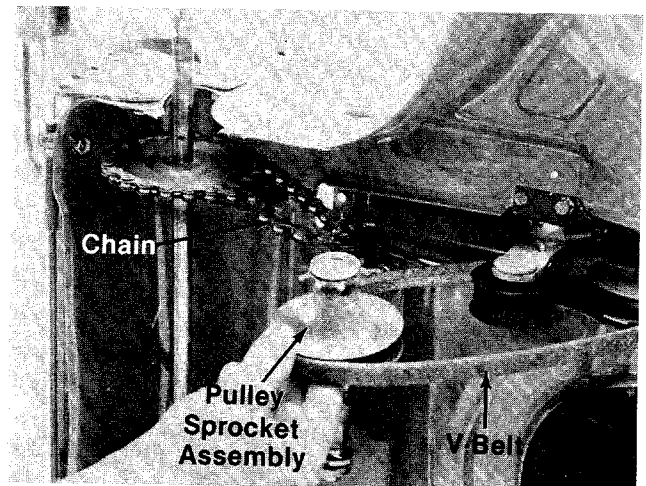


FIGURE 24.

12. Lift the V-belt off the engine pulley and idler pulley. See figure 25.

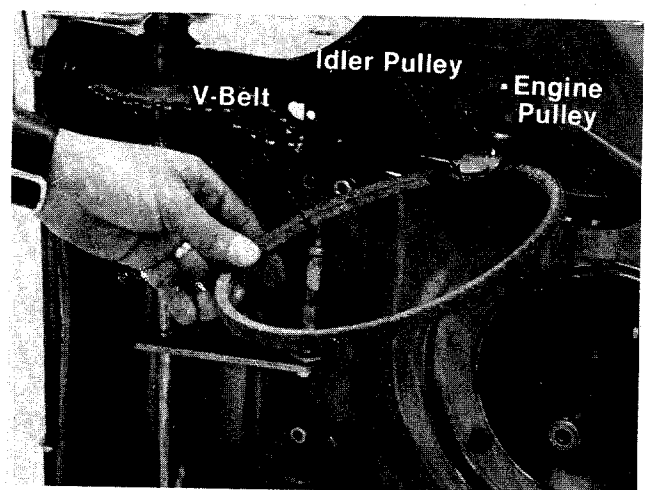


FIGURE 25.

13. Reassemble new belt in reverse order.



CAUTION

Be sure to remove plastic from beneath gas cap.



CAUTION

When storing any type of power equipment in an unventilated or metal storage shed, care should be taken to rust proof the equipment. Using a light oil or silicone, coat the equipment, especially the bearings and cables.

OFF-SEASON STORAGE

The following steps should be taken to prepare lawn mower for storage.

1. Clean and lubricate mower thoroughly as described in the lubrication instructions.
2. Refer to engine manual for correct engine storage instructions.
3. Coat mower's cutting blade with chassis grease to prevent rusting.
4. Store mower in a dry, clean area.

HANDLE STORAGE

The handle can be stored in an upright position to take less space. Move hairpin cotters to outer hole on weld pins (see figure 2). Grasp the lower handle at the bottom and push inward slightly. Tip the handle forward. It will lock in this position. To place the handle in the operating position, remove the starter rope from the rope guide bolt. Grasp the lower handle at the bottom, pull inward slightly and tip the handle backward. Place the cotter hairpins in the inner holes. With the spark plug wire disconnected and grounded, depress the blade control handle and pull the starter rope out from the engine. Slip the starter rope into the rope guide bolt.



NOTE

The use of any accessory on this Rotary Mower other than those manufactured by the mower manufacturer is **not** recommended.

GRASS CATCHER Model C03 is available as optional equipment for the mower shown in this manual.



WARNING

1. DO NOT operate the mower without the entire grass catcher or chute deflector in place.
2. DO NOT operate the mower 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.

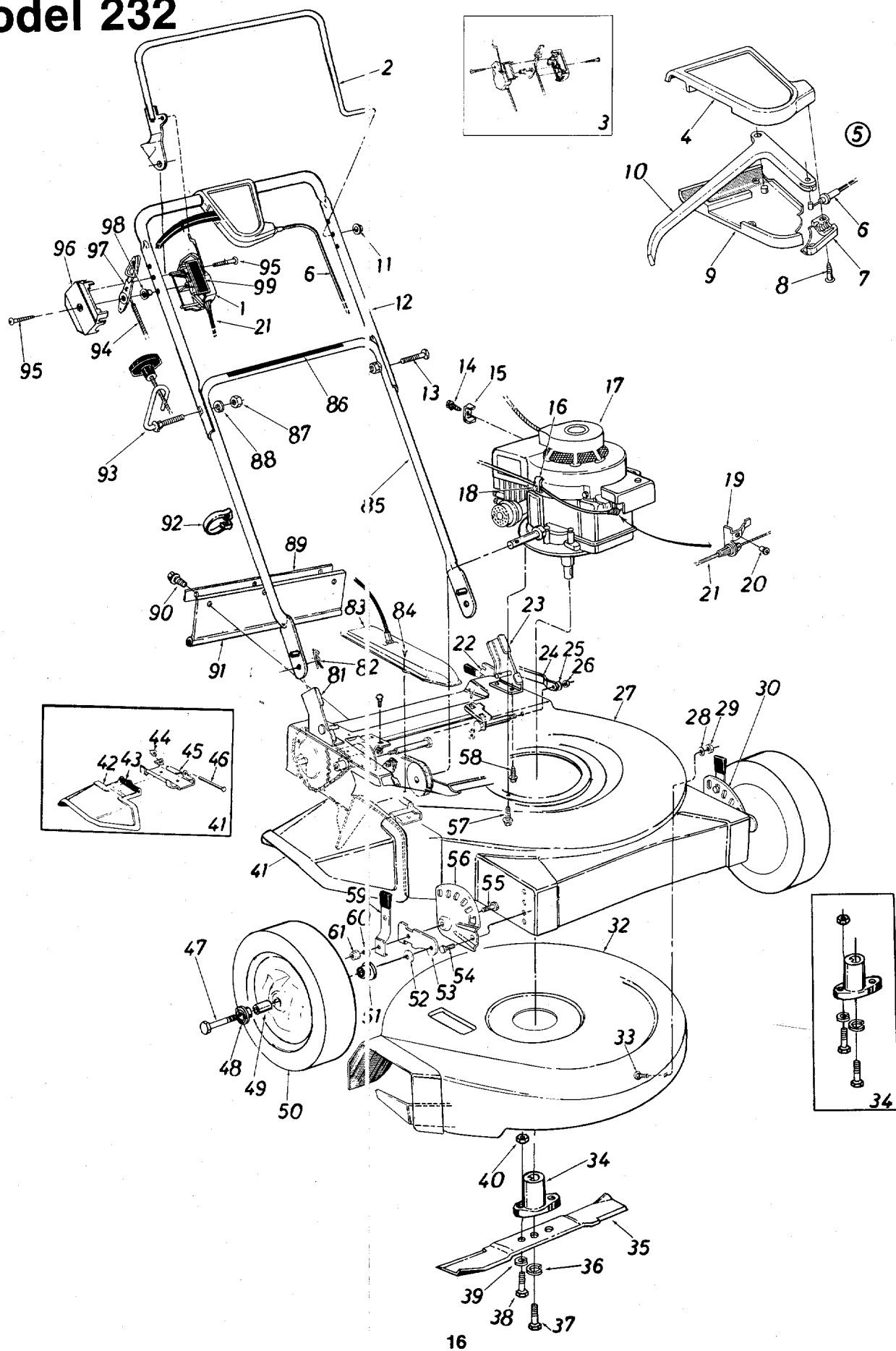
For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag No. 764-0176.

Trouble Shooting Chart

Problem	Cause	Remedy
1 Engine fails to start	A Blade control handle disengaged B Check fuel tank for gas C Spark plug lead wire disconnected. D Throttle control lever not in the starting position E Faulty spark plug F Carburetor improperly adjusted, engine flooded G Old stale gasoline H Engine brake engaged	A Engage blade control handle. B Fill tank if empty. C Connect lead wire. D Move throttle lever to start position. E Spark should jump gap between control electrode and side electrode. If spark does not jump, replace the spark plug. F Remove spark plug, dry the plug, crank engine with plug removed, and throttle in off position. Replace spark plug and lead wire and resume starting procedures. G Drain and refill with fresh gasoline. H Follow starting procedure.
2 Hard starting or loss of power	A Spark plug wire loose B Carburetor improperly adjusted C Dirty air cleaner	A Connect and tighten spark plug wire. B Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual. C Clean air cleaner as described in separate engine manual.
3 Operation erratic	A Dirt in gas tank B Dirty air cleaner C Water in fuel supply D Vent in gas cap plugged E Carburetor improperly adjusted	A Remove the dirt and fill tank with fresh gas. B Clean air cleaner as described in separate engine manual. C Drain contaminated fuel and fill tank with fresh gas. D Clear vent or replace gas cap. E Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.
4 Occasional skip (hesitates) at high speed	A Carburetor idle speed too slow B Spark plug gap too close C Carburetor idle mixture adjustment improperly set	A Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual. B Adjust to .030". C Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.
5 Idles poorly	A Spark plug fouled, faulty, or gap too wide B Carburetor improperly adjusted C Dirty air cleaner	A Reset gap to .030" or replace spark plug. B Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual. C Clean air cleaner as described in separate engine manual.
6 Engine overheats	A Carburetor not adjusted properly B Air flow restricted C Engine oil level low	A Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual. B Remove blower housing and clean as described in separate engine manual. C Fill crankcase with the proper oil.
7 Excessive vibration	A Cutting blade loose or unbalanced B Bent cutting blade	A Tighten blade and adapter. Balance blade. B Replace blade.

Note: For repairs beyond the minor adjustments listed above, contact your local authorized service dealer.

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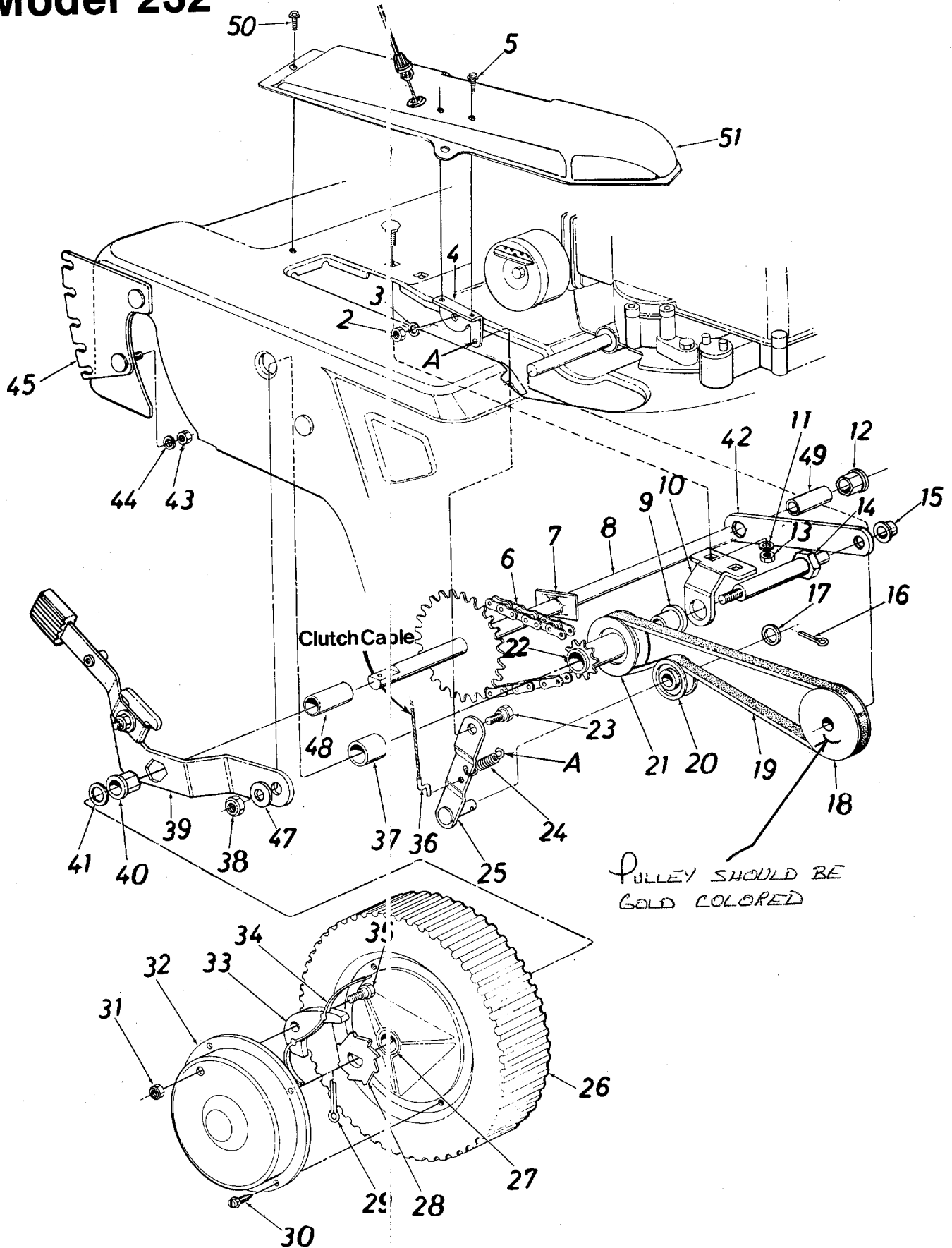
REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART	REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART
1	731-0526		Clutch Panel Half		42	11141	—462	Chute Deflector	
2	14320		Control Handle—R.H.		43	732-0253		Torsion Spring	
3	753-0360		Control Housing—Comp.		44	726-0106		Push Nut 1/4" Rod	
4	731-0617		Control Cover Half—Upper		45	11130	—462	Adapter Plate	
5	753-0362		Clutch Control Housing—Comp.		46	711-0555		Pivot Pin	
6	746-0464		Drive Clutch Cable 59" Lg.		47	710-0427		Axle Bolt	
7	731-0619		Cable Mounting Cap		48	741-0267		Ball Bearing—3/8" I.D.	
8	710-0841		Flat C'Sunk Hd. Tap Scr. #10 x .75" Lg.		49	750-0434		Spacer	
9	731-0618		Control Cover Half—Lower		50	734-0643		Wheel Ass'y. Comp. 8 x 1.75—Front	
10	731-0620		Control Lever		51	741-0484		Ball Bearing—1/2" I.D.	
11	726-0135		Cap Speed Nut 5/16" Rod		52	736-0105		Bell-Wash. .400" I.D. x .88" O.D.	
12	749-0537		Upper Handle		53	10937		Pivot Bar	
13	710-0671		Curved Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x 1.38" Lg.		54	710-0209		Hex Sems Bolt 3/8-16 x .62" Lg.	
14	710-0227		Hex Wash. Hd. AB-Tap Scr. #8 x .38" Lg.		55	711-0498		Shoulder Bolt	
15	751-0369		Casing Clamp		56	10938		Height Adjuster Ass'y. Comp.—R.H.	
16	12894		Casing Clamp			10934		Index Plate Ass'y.—R.H.	
17	—		Engine		57	710-0654		Hex Wash. Hd. Self-Tap Scr. 3/8-16 x .88" Lg.	
18	710-0429		Hex B-Tap Scr. #10 x .38" Lg.		58	710-0603		Hex Wash. Hd. "B" Tap Scr. 5/16 x 1/2" Lg.	
19	14924		Cable Bracket		59	14082		Spring Lever Ass'y. w/Knob	
20	728-0171		Pop Rivet .156" Dia. x .379		60	736-0219		Bell-Wash. .400" I.D. x 1.130" O.D.	
21	746-0478		Control Cable—49" Lg.		61	712-0116		Hex Ins. L-Nut 3/8-24 Thd.	
22	10641		Index Plate Ass'y.—L.H.		81	12936		Handle Mount Brkt. Ass'y.—R.H.	
23	12935		Handle Mount Brkt. Ass'y.—L.H.		82	714-0104		Internal Cotter Pin 5/16" Dia.	
24	14927		Pivot Brkt. Ass'y.—L.H.		83	16029	—462	Belt Cover	
25	736-0105		Belleville Wash. .400" I.D. x .88" O.D.		84	710-0224		Hex Wash. Hd. "AB"—Tap Scr. #10 x .50" Lg.	
26	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*		85	749-0373		Lower Handle	
27	16025	—462	21" Upper Deck Ass'y.		86	777-3455		Instruction Label—Handle	
28	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*		87	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*	
29	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*		88	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*	
30	10941		Height Adjuster Ass'y. Comp.—L.H.		89	14836		Retaining Strip	
	10935		Index Plate Ass'y.—L.H.		90	710-0776		Hex Wash. Hd. AB-Tap Scr. 1/4" x .62" Lg.	
32	11695	—462	Lower Deck		91	731-0575		Rear Flap Ass'y.	
33	710-0260		Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x .62" Lg.		92	726-0192		Cable Tie	
34	753-0348		Blade Adapter Kit		93	710-0842		Rope Guide Bolt	
35	742-0124		21" Blade		94	746-0417		Throttle Control Wire—43"	
36	736-0217		L-Wash. 3/8" I.D.—H.D.		95	710-0796		Truss Mach. Hi-B Tap Scr. #12 x 1.50" Lg.	
37	710-0331		Hex Bolt 3/8-24 x 2.25" Lg. (Grade 5)		96	731-0523		Control Panel Half	
38	710-0888		Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg. (Grade 5) (Special)		97	731-0528		Throttle Control Lever	
39	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*		98	731-0524		Control Disc Pin	
40	712-0123		Hex Nut 5/16-24 Thd.*		99	777-3458		Control Label—Throttle	
41	11679	—462	Chute Deflector Ass'y.—Comp.						

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

(462—Red Flake)

When ordering parts, if color or finish is important use the appropriate color code shown above. (e.g. Red Flake Finish—11428 (462).)

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REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART	REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART
1	710-0260		Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x .62" Lg.*		26	734-0880		Rear Wheel Ass'y. Comp. 8.0 x 1.75	
2	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*		27	741-0262		Flange Bearing—Plastic .50" I.D. x 1.13" O.D.	
3	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*		28	748-0187		Ratchet—Rear Wheel	
4	14245		Cam Bracket		29	714-0115		Cotter Pin 1/8" Dia. x 1.00" Lg.*	
5	710-0892		Hex Wash. Hd. "AB" Tap L-Wash Scr. 1/4-20 x .62" Lg.		30	710-0748		Pan Hd. "AB" Tap Scr. #12 x .50" Lg.	
6	713-0144		#48 Chain 1/2" Pitch x 31 Links		31	712-0324		Hex Ins. L-Nut 1/4-20 Thd.	
	713-0122		#48 Master Link 1/2" Pitch		32	10647		Hub Cap	
7	726-0163		Push Clip .692 Dia.		33	748-0188		Pawl—Rear Wheel	
8	10646		Rear Shaft Ass'y.		34	10622		Spring—Nylon	
9	741-0249		Flange Bearing .631" I.D.		35	738-0137		Shld. Bolt .342" Dia. x .268" Lg.	
10	10644		Bracket		36	746-0464		Drive Clutch Control Cable 59" Lg.	
11	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*		37	750-0477		Spacer .635 I.D. x .88 O.D. x .910	
12	748-0142		Flange Bearing		38	712-0342		Hex Jam Nut 5/16-18 Thd.	
13	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*		39	14926		Pivot Bracket Ass'y.—R.H.	
14	738-0473		Shld. Bolt .625" Dia. x 3.380 (Special)		40	741-0324		Flange Bearing	
15	726-0221		Cap Speed Nut .50" Dia.		41	736-0160		Fl-Wash. .531 I.D. x .93 O.D. x .050	
16	714-0115		Cotter Pin 1/8" Dia. x 1.00" Lg.*		42	12967		Support Link	
17	736-0160		Fl-Wash. .531 I.D. x .930 O.D. x .050		43	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*	
18	756-0384		Engine Pulley		44	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*	
19	754-0114		"V"-Belt 1/2" x 24" Lg.		45	10642		Index Plate Ass'y.—R.H.	
20	756-0360		Plastic Flat Idler		47	736-0105		Belleville Washer	
21	756-0191		Pulley with 9 Tooth Sprocket Ass'y.		48	750-0459		Spacer	
22	741-0181		Sleeve Bearing .62" I.D. x .75" O.D. x .94 Lg.		49	750-0190		Spacer	
23	738-0255		Shld. Bolt .375" Dia. x .171 Lg.		50	710-0224		Hex Wash Hd. AB-Tap Scr. #10 x .50" Lg.	
24	732-0357		Ext. Spring .33" O.D. x 1.12" Lg.		51	16029		Belt Cover	
25	14181		Idler Bracket Ass'y.						

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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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In The
Yellow Pages



This instruction manual covers various models and all specifications shown do not necessarily apply to your model. Specifications subject to change without notice or obligation.

PARTS INFORMATION

POWER EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SERVICE

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

BRIGGS AND 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.

NOTE: If any parts are found to be missing or defective upon assembly of this unit, write to advise the factory so that immediate replacement can be made.

ALABAMA	BIRMINGHAM	
Auto Electric & Carburetor Co.	2625 4th Ave. S.	35233
ARKANSAS	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	
Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop	5301 Roundtop Drive	
	Box 368, Rt. 4	72117
CALIFORNIA	PORTERVILLE	
Billious	75 North D Street	93257
COLORADO	DENVER	
Spitzer Industrial Products Co.	6601 N.	
	Washington St.	80229
FLORIDA	JACKSONVILLE	
Radco Distributors	4909 Victor St.	
	Box 5459	32207
	OPA LOCKA	
Small Eng. Dist.	2351 N.W. 147th St.	33054
GEORGIA	EAST POINT	
East Point Cycle & Key	2834 Church St.	30344
ILLINOIS	LYONS	
Keen Edge Co.	8615 Ogden Ave.	60534
INDIANA	ELKHART	
Parts & Sales Inc.	2101 Industrial Pkwy.	46516
IOWA	DUBUQUE	
Power Lawn & Garden Equip.	2551 J.F. Kennedy	52001
LOUISIANA	NEW ORLEANS	
Suhren Engine Co.	8330 Earhart Blvd.	70118
MARYLAND	TAKOMA PARK	
Center Supply Co.	6867 New Hampshire Ave.	20912
MASSACHUSETTS	SPRINGFIELD	
Morton B. Collins Co.	300 Birnie Ave.	01107
MICHIGAN	LANSING	
Lorenz Service Co.	2500 S. Pennsylvania	48910
	MOUNT CLEMENS	
Power Equipment Dist.	340 Hubbard	48043
MINNESOTA	HOPKINS	
Hance Distributing Inc.	420 Excelsior Ave. W.	55343
MISSISSIPPI	BILOXI	
Biloxi Sales & Service, Inc.	506 Caillavet St.	39533
MISSOURI	KANSAS CITY	
Automotive Equip. Service	3117 Holmes St.	64109
	ST. JOSEPH	
Ross-Frazier Supply Co.	8th and Monterey	64503
	ST. LOUIS	
Henzler, Inc.	2015 Lemay Ferry Rd.	63125
NEW JERSEY	BELLMAWR	
Lawnmower Parts Inc.	717 Creek Rd.	08030
NEW MEXICO	ALBUQUERQUE	
Spitzer Eng. & Parts	1023 Third Ave. N.W.	87103
NEW YORK	CARTHAGE	
Gamble Dist., Inc.	West End Ave.	13619
NORTH CAROLINA	GOLDSBORO	
Smith Hardware Co.	515 N. George St.	27530
	GREENSBORO	
Dixie Sales Company	335 N. Green	27402

OHIO	CARROLL	
Stebe's Mid-State Mower Supply	Box 366, 71 High St.	43112
	CLEVELAND	
Bleckrie, Inc.	7900 Lorain Ave.	44102
	WADSWORTH	
National Central	687 Seville Rd.	44281
	YOUNGSTOWN	
Burton Supply Co.	1301 Logan Ave.	
	Box 929	44501
OKLAHOMA	MUSKOGEE	
Victory Motors, Inc.	605 S. Cherokee	74401
OREGON	PORTLAND	
Kenton Supply Co.	8216 N. Denver Ave.	97217
PENNSYLVANIA	HARRISBURG	
EECO Inc.	4021 N. 6th St.	17110
	PHILADELPHIA	
Thompson Rubber Co.	5222-24 N. Fifth St.	19120
	PITTSBURGH	
Bluemont Co.	11125 Frankstown Rd.	15235
	PUNXSUTAWNEY	
Frank Roberts & Sons	R.D. 2	15767
	SCRANTON	
Scranton Auto Ignition Co.	1133-35 Wyoming Ave.	18509
TENNESSEE	KNOXVILLE	
Master Repair Service	2000 Western Ave.	37921
	MEMPHIS	
American Sales & Service, Inc.	3035-43 Bellbrook	38116
TEXAS	DALLAS	
Marr Brothers, Inc.	423 E. Jefferson	75203
	FORT WORTH	
Woodson Sales Corp.	1702 N. Sylvia	76111
	HOUSTON	
Bullard Supply Co.	2409 Commerce St.	77003
	SAN ANTONIO	
Engine House Inc.	8610 Botts Lane	
	P.O. Box 17867	78217
UTAH	BOUNTIFUL	
Powered Products	485N 500W.	84010
	SALT LAKE CITY	
A-1 Engine & Mower Co.	439 E. 900 So.	84111
VIRGINIA	ASHLAND	
RBI Corp.	101 Cedar Ridge Dr.	23005
WASHINGTON	SEATTLE	
Bailey's Inc.	1414 14th Ave.	98122
WISCONSIN	APPLETON	
Automotive Supply Co.	123 S. Linwood Ave.	
	P.O. Box 798	54911
	CHILTON	
Horst Dist.	444 N. Madison	53014

WARRANTY PARTS AND SERVICE POLICY

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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.
3. Date of failure.
4. Nature of failure.