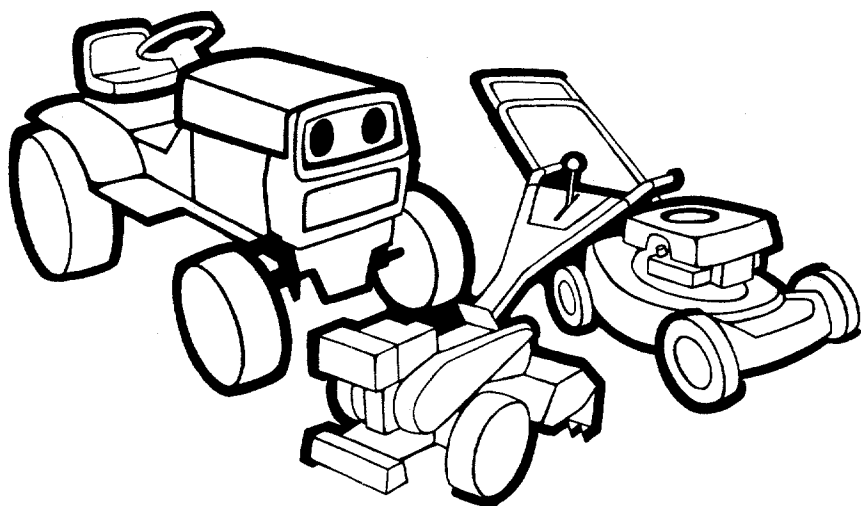


OWNERS MANUAL



**22" REAR
DISCHARGE
ROTARY
MOWER**

**ASSEMBLY
OPERATION
MAINTENANCE
PARTS LIST**

**Model Number
124-374-000**

**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.
12. **DO NOT OPERATE** this mower with the chute door 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.
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.

SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES (Continued)

BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH MAINTENANCE

NOTE: Any required repair work on the blade brake/clutch should be performed by an authorized service dealer. If you cannot locate an authorized service dealer, contact the manufacturer as set forth on your copy of the Owner's Registration Card.

1. The blade brake/clutch hand control 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. This hand control must operate freely in both directions.
2. Striking a solid object can cause damage to the blade brake/clutch or to the engine crankshaft. Extensive vibration of the mower during operation is an indication of damage and the

unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

3. A leak in the lower engine crankshaft oil seal could expose the blade brake/clutch friction pads to excess oil resulting in blade or brake slippage, which could increase the stopping time of the blade. Oil collection on the floor beneath the mower during storage may be an indication of an oil seal leak. The unit should be checked by an authorized service dealer.
4. Periodically inspect the inner control cable in the area where it attaches to the hand control. If the cable becomes frayed, it could cause the blade brake/clutch to operate improperly. Also, be careful to avoid pinching the blade brake/clutch control cable when storing the handle.



NOTE

Reference to left or right side of machine is determined from operator's position at the handle facing forward.

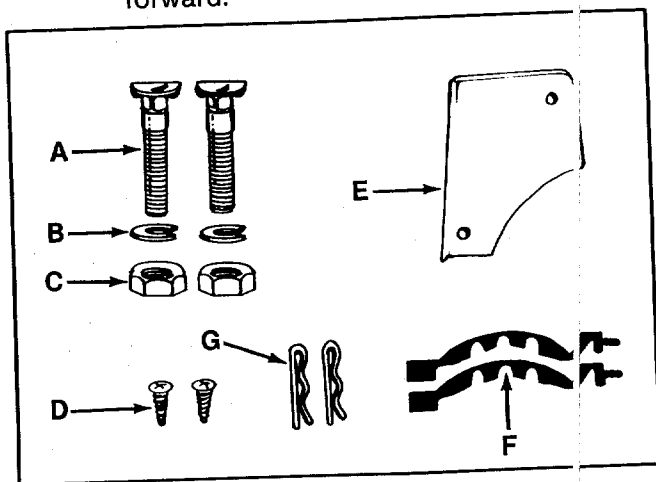


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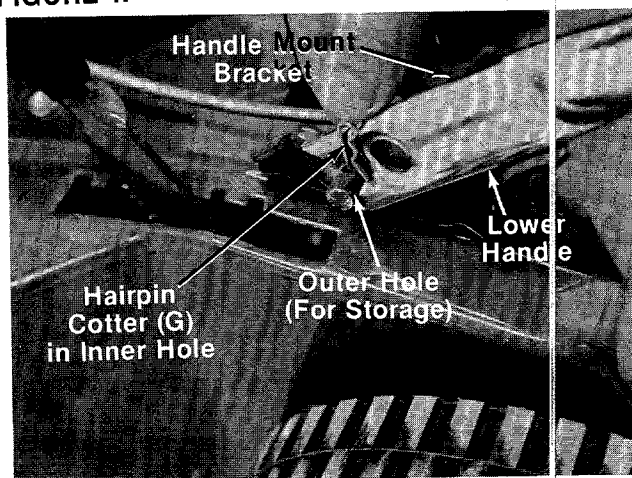


FIGURE 2.

ASSEMBLY



NOTE

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

← Contents of Hardware Pack: (See figure 1)

- A (2) Curved Carriage Bolts 1.38" Long
- B (2) Lock Washers 5/16" I.D.
- C (2) Hex Nuts 5/16-18 Thread
- D (2) Phillips Head Screws
- E (1) Plastic Cap
- F (2) Cable Ties
- G (2) Hairpin Cotters
- H (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. A plastic strap secures the height adjustment handle, located on the left side of the deck, to the handle mount bracket for shipping purposes. Cut and remove the plastic strap.

- ← 4. Place lower handle in position 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 (G) in inner hole on weld pins. The inner hole is for operation. The outer hole is for storage. See figure 2.

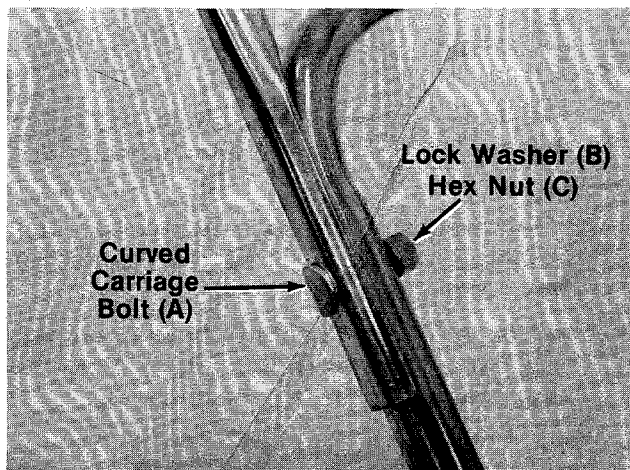


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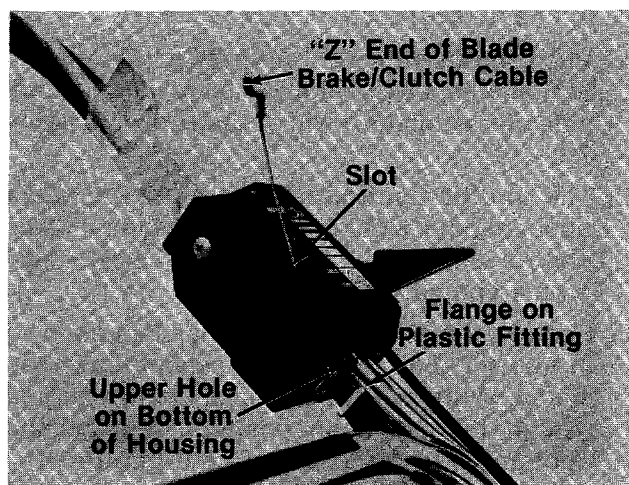


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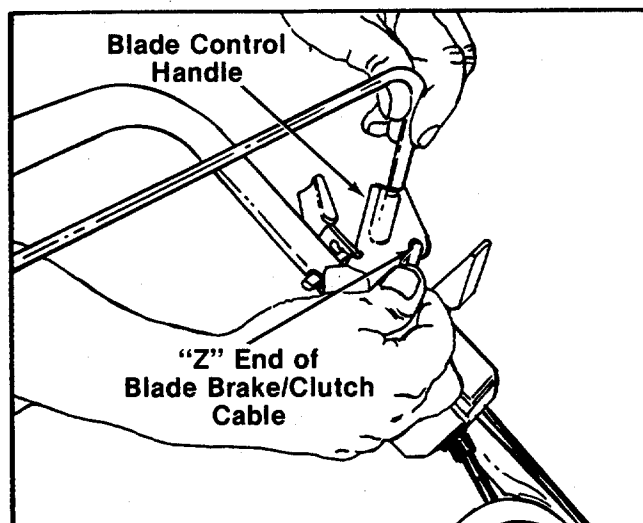


FIGURE 5.

➔ **NOTE**

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

5. Place upper handle in position over lower handle. Control housing should be on the **left** side of the handle. Secure upper handle with two curved carriage bolts (A), lock washers (B) and hex nuts (C). See figure 3.

6. The blade brake/clutch cable is the cable which has a "Z" fitting on the loose end, and is attached to the blade brake/clutch underneath the deck.

Route the blade brake/clutch cable under the lower handle. Place end of cable into the upper hole on the bottom of the control housing, and through the slot on the side of the housing as shown. The angle of the flange on the plastic fitting must be positioned downward as shown in figure 4. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable.



WARNING

The cable must be assembled as shown for proper blade brake/clutch operation.

7. Snap the plastic fitting on the end of the cable into the control housing.
8. Hook the "Z" end of the blade brake/clutch cable into the hole in the blade brake/clutch control handle. See figure 5. If additional slack is needed in order to hook the cable into the handle, proceed as follows.

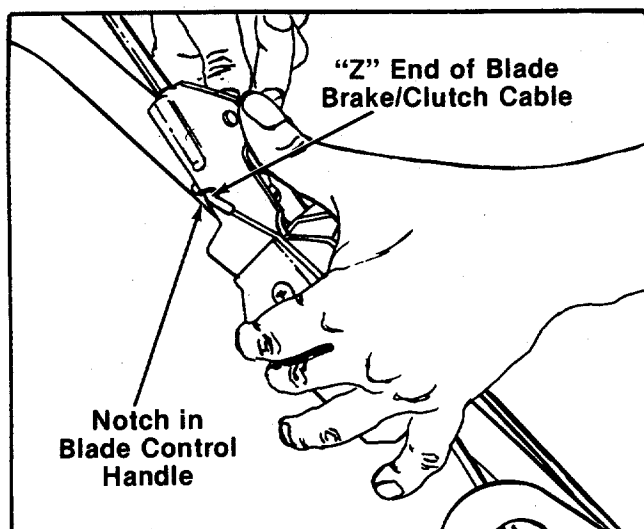


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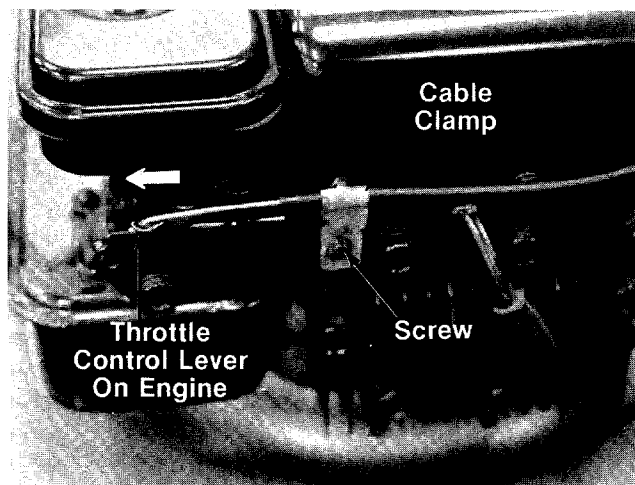


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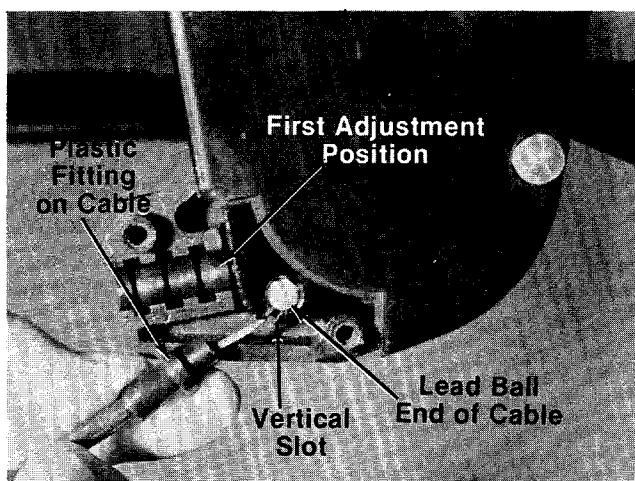


FIGURE 8.

- a. Hook the "Z" end of the cable into notch provided in the blade control handle. See figure 6.
- b. Push release lever (see figure 16), then 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.

9. Remove the engine shroud if unit is so equipped. Replace it after attaching the throttle control cable to the engine.

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

11. 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 7.

12. 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.

13. Remove the screw on the cable clamp shown in figure 7. Slip the control casing under the 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.

14. Loosen the screw on the clamp on the side of the engine. Secure the cable **away from the muffler**. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable. Tighten the screw.

15. 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.
- d. Secure the plastic cap (E) to the clutch control housing using the two Phillips head screws (D). See figure 9.

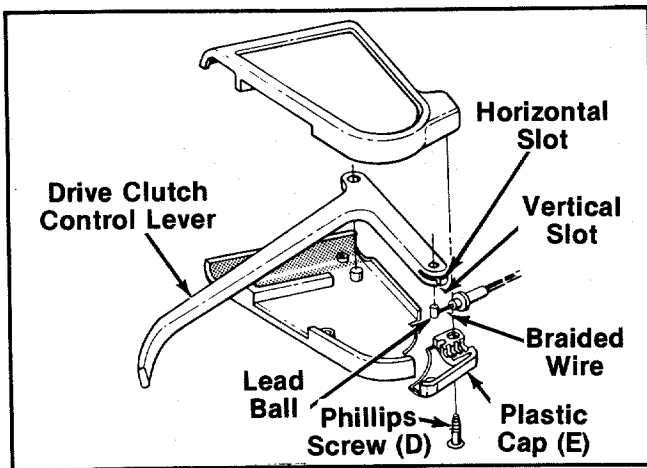


FIGURE 9.



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

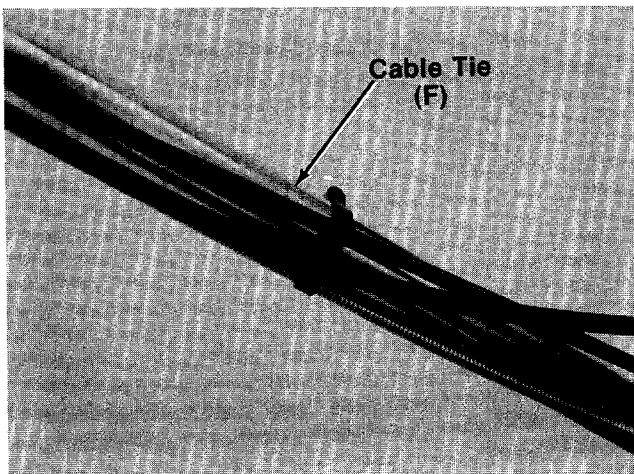


FIGURE 10.

16. Secure the control cables to upper and lower handles with cable ties (F) provided. See figure 10.
17. Check **all** nuts and bolts for correct tightness.

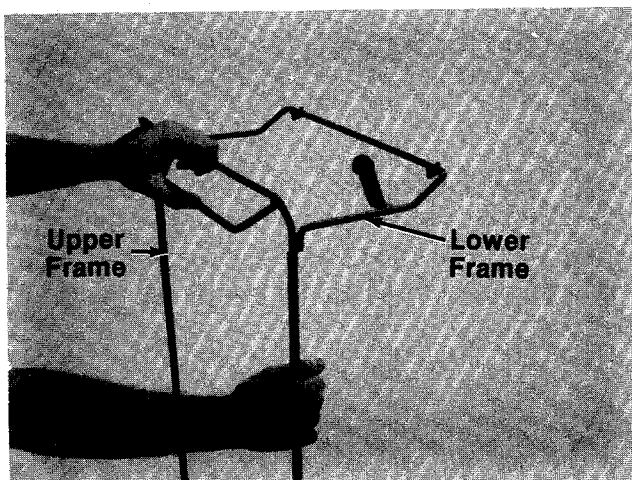


FIGURE 11.

Grass Catcher Assembly

1. Join the upper frame and lower frame assembly as shown in figure 11.

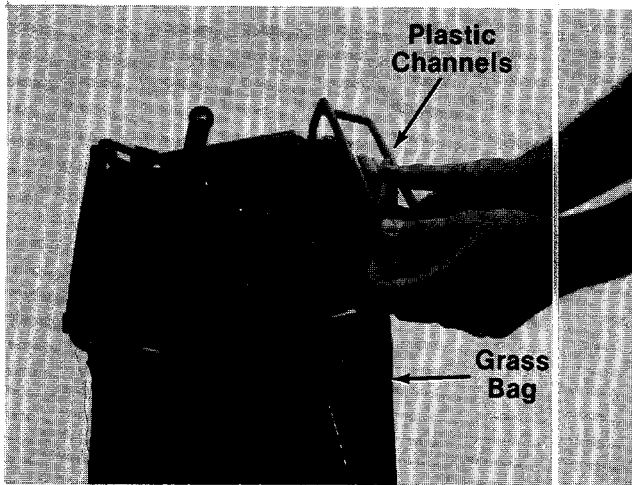


FIGURE 12.

2. Place bag over frame (black plastic side is the bottom of bag). Upper frame goes to the top of bag.

3. Secure bag to frame by slipping plastic channels on bag over frame. See figure 12.

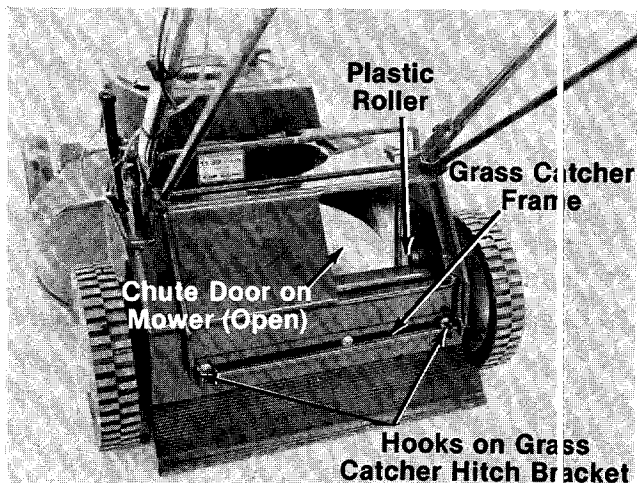


FIGURE 13.

To Attach Bag To Mower



DO NOT operate the mower with the chute door open unless the complete grass catcher is properly mounted on the mower.

1. Attach the grass catcher frame to grass catcher hitch bracket on rear of the mower by hooking grass catcher into hooks on grass catcher hitch bracket. See figure 13.

2. Lift the rear of grass catcher up. The roller on the grass catcher will push the chute door on the mower open. See figure 13.



Figure 13 is shown with the chute door open for photo clarity only.

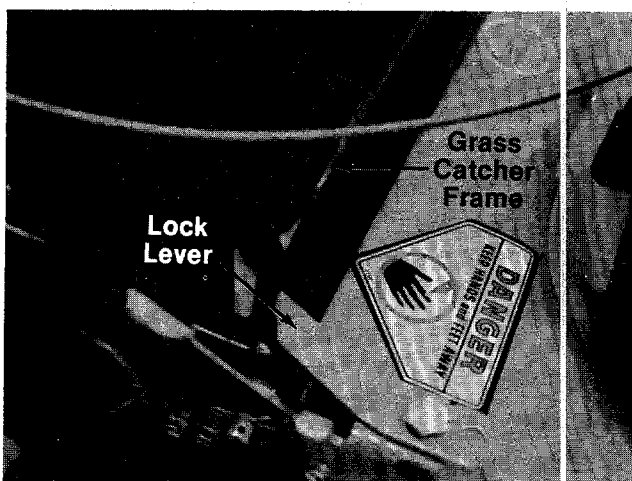


FIGURE 14.

The grass catcher frame will snap into place, secured by the lock lever. See figure 14.

To remove the grass catcher, unhook the lock lever and slip the grass catcher off the unit. See figure 14.

CONTROLS

THROTTLE CONTROL

The throttle is located on the left side of handle. It controls engine speed. See figure 15.

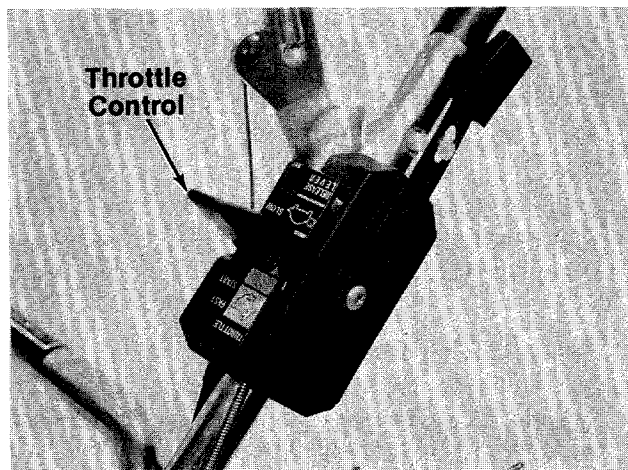


FIGURE 15.

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 16.

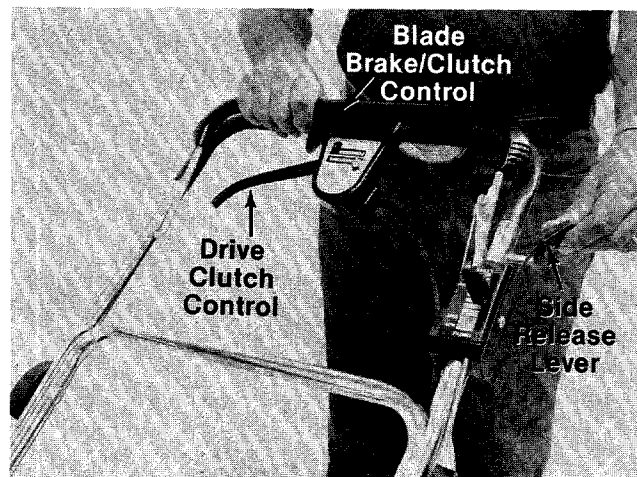


FIGURE 16.

HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT HANDLE

The height adjustment handle is located on the left side of the deck. The handle may be placed in one of five cutting height positions. Push the handle to the left and then either forward or backward to raise or lower the cutting height. See figure 17.

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



FIGURE 17.

BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH CONTROL

The blade brake/clutch control is located on the upper handle of the mower. The blade brake/clutch handle engages and disengages the blade.

To engage the blade, pull the side release lever away from the unit. See figure 16. Pull the blade brake/clutch control handle down against the upper handle. Release side lever.

Release the blade brake/clutch control handle to stop the blade from turning.

OPERATION

**DO NOT OPERATE THIS MOWER
WITH THE CHUTE DOOR OPEN,
UNLESS THE COMPLETE GRASS-
CATCHER IS PROPERLY
MOUNTED ON THE MOWER.**



FIGURE 18.

Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck. See figure 18.



NOTE

For shipping purposes your mower is set with the wheels in the highest cutting height position. For best results, adjust the cutting position until it is determined which height is best for your lawn. See control 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.

TO START ENGINE

1. Move throttle control lever to "START" position.

2. With the blade brake/clutch handle **released**, crank engine by pulling recoil starter with a quick firm pull. Do not pull out so far that rope stops with a jerk as this will cause rope failure. Do not allow rope and handle to snap back into place.
3. After two or three full firm pulls on recoil, or as soon as engine starts, move throttle control to desired engine speed.

TO STOP ENGINE

1. Move throttle control lever to "STOP" position.
2. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and ground against the engine to prevent accidental starting while equipment is unattended.

TO ENGAGE THE BLADE

1. Start engine as instructed above. Allow the engine to warm up for one minute before attempting to engage the blade.
2. To engage the blade, pull the side release lever away from the unit. Pull the blade brake/clutch control handle down against the upper handle. Release the side lever. See figure 16.



NOTE

If a warm engine falters or stalls when attempting to engage the blade, refer to Carburetor Adjustment Section of this owner's manual.

3. Release the blade brake/clutch control handle to stop the blade from turning.

USING YOUR ROTARY MOWER



WARNING

DO NOT operate the mower with the chute door open unless the complete grass catcher is properly mounted on the 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 the 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, thick grass or wet grass may require a narrower cut. Blade speed should be adjusted to the condition of the lawn.

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.

Striking a solid object can cause damage to the blade brake/clutch or to the engine crankshaft. 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 19.

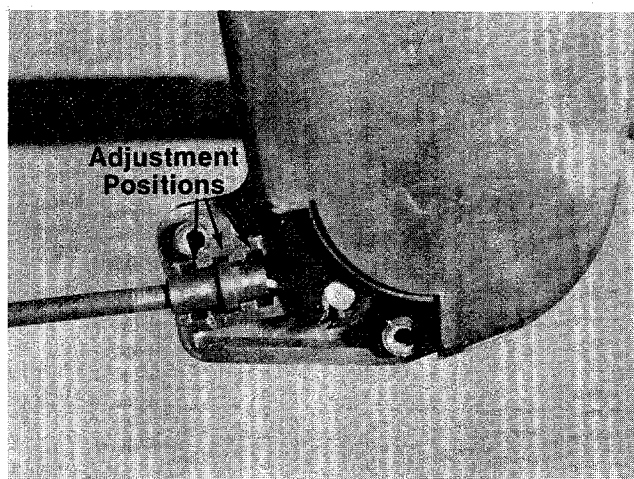


FIGURE 19.

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. Refer to figure 7.
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.



NOTE

If a warm engine falters or stalls when attempting to engage the blade, the carburetor mixture should be adjusted 1/8 turn richer (counter-clockwise). See figure 20.

The carburetor should be adjusted with the air cleaner in place and the blade control handle in the blade disengaged position.

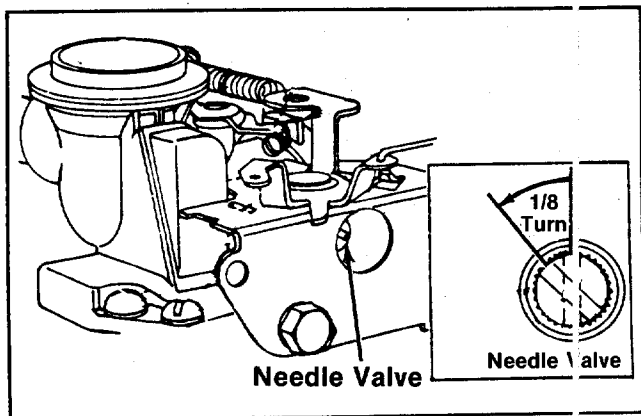


FIGURE 20.

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.

Discharge Chute Door Mechanism—The torsion spring and pivot point should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Door 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—Periodically lubricate the chain with appropriate chain lubricant. A stiff or rusted chain can be restored by removing the master link, soaking the chain in kerosene or a solvent, letting it air dry and wiping the chain with a rag saturated with lubricant.

If the rotary mower is operated in a sandy area, the chain should not be lubricated with oil. Excessive oil on a chain will collect dirt and cause excessive wear on the chain and sprockets.

MAINTENANCE



WARNING

Be sure to disconnect and ground the spark plug wire before performing any repairs or maintenance.



CAUTION

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

CUTTING BLADE

To remove the cutting blade for sharpening or replacement, remove the two hex nuts and lock washers which hold the blade to the blade brake/clutch. See figure 21.

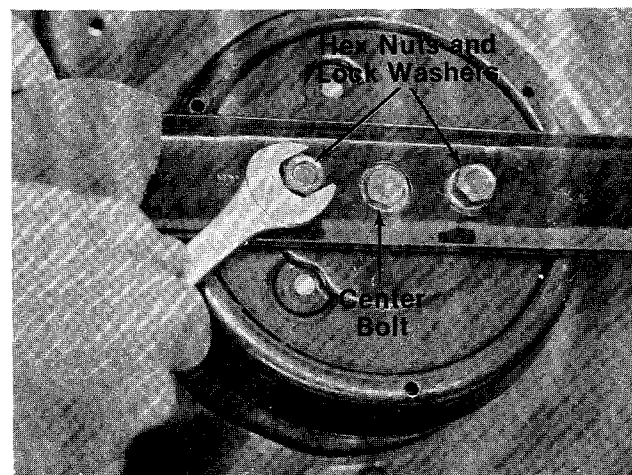


FIGURE 21.

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.

The blade can be tested for balance by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.

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

Make certain that the center bolt which secures the blade brake/clutch and the two hex nuts which secure the blade are tightened to between 350 inch pounds (minimum) and 600 inch pounds (maximum).

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.



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 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 opening. 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 fill opening by tipping the unit on its side. 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 air cleaner, refer to the separate engine manual packed with your mower.

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 REMOVAL

1. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug and ground it.
2. Drain the fuel tank or place a piece of plastic film beneath the cap to prevent gasoline leakage.
3. Remove the two screws which hold the belt guard to the deck. See figure 22.

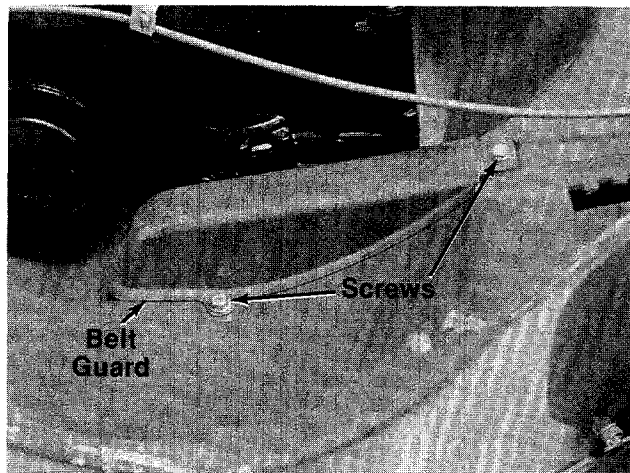


FIGURE 22.

4. Place the mower on its side.



WARNING

Make sure that the mower is secure and cannot tip over.

5. Remove three self-tapping screws, and one carriage bolt, lock washer and hex nut from cover plate. See figure 23. Remove the cover plate.

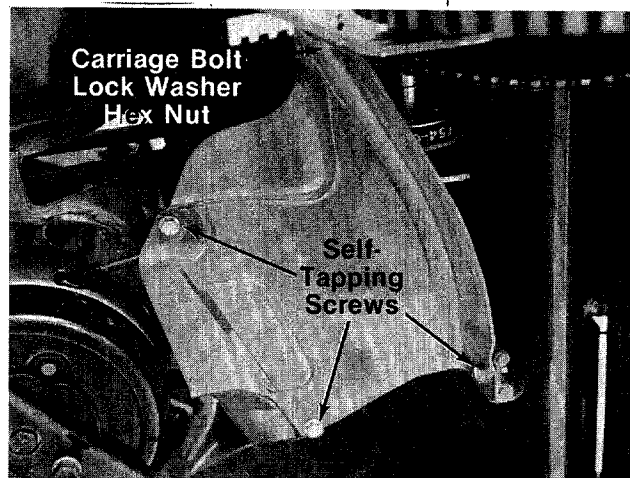


FIGURE 23.

6. Remove the belt from the idler pulley.
7. Remove the two self-tapping screws which hold the support bracket and idler bracket to the deck. See figure 24. A 7/16" wrench is required.

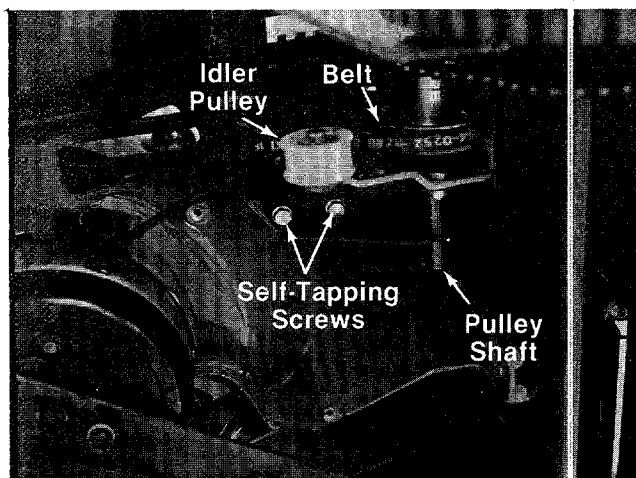


FIGURE 24.

8. Slide the support bracket and idler bracket (with idler pulley attached) off pulley shaft. See figures 24 and 25.
9. Remove belt as shown in figure 25. Reassemble in reverse order with new belt.

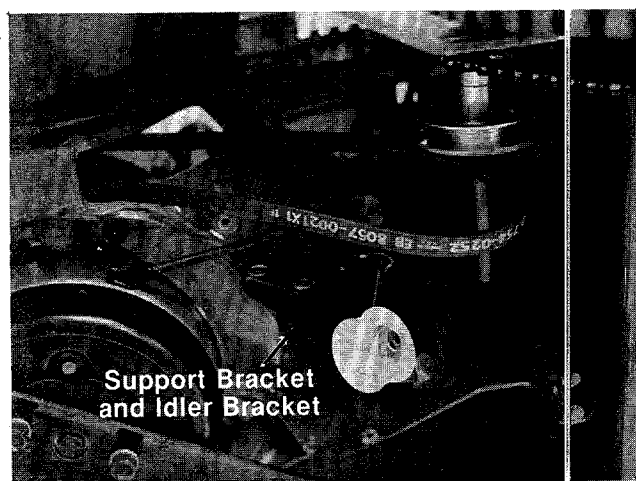


FIGURE 25.



NOTE

When reassembling support bracket and idler bracket, be certain springs are hooked as shown in figure 26.

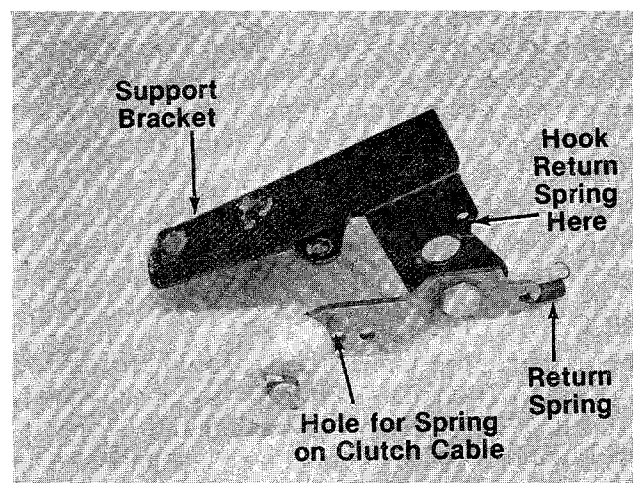


FIGURE 26.

BLADE BRAKE/CLUTCH

This unit is equipped with a blade brake/clutch. If for some reason the blade brake/clutch becomes inoperative, it is suggested that all repair work on the blade brake/clutch should be performed by an authorized service dealer. The unit should be inspected by an authorized service dealer if any of the following conditions are noticed.

1. Frayed clutch control cable.
2. Leaking oil seal (oil collection on the floor during mower storage).
3. Extensive vibration of the unit.

Blade Brake/Clutch Removal

1. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground it against the engine block.
2. Empty fuel tank and drain oil from crankcase.
3. Remove the cable ties which secure control cables to the handle.
4. Disconnect the "Z" fitting on the blade brake/clutch cable from the clutch control handle.
5. Remove one truss machine screw on the inside of the control housing as shown in figure 27.
6. Loosen the truss machine screw on the outside of the control housing until the two halves of control housing can be separated enough for the control cable to be freed. Slide the blade brake/clutch cable out of the control housing.
7. Retighten the truss machine screws on the control housing.

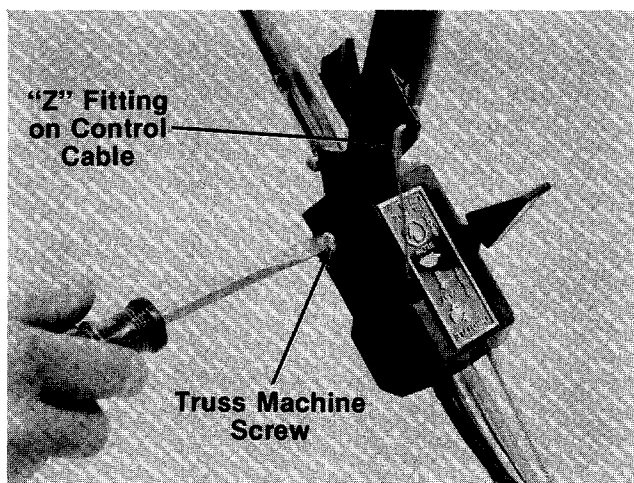


FIGURE 27.

8. Disconnect the throttle control cable from the engine by loosening screw on engine and disconnecting the "Z" fitting. See figure 28.
9. Tip the mower on its side. Remove the blade by removing two hex nuts and lock washers. Refer to figure 21.



NOTE

When reassembling, tighten hex nuts to between 350 and 600 in. lbs.

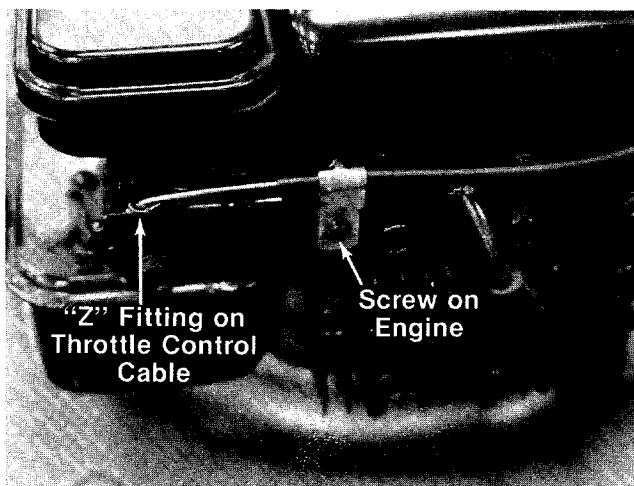


FIGURE 28.

10. Remove the center bolt as follows.
 - a. Insert a screwdriver into the slot provided in the blade brake/clutch housing where the control cable enters housing. See figure 29.
 - b. Place a 9/16" wrench on the center bolt. Turn the wrench slowly until the screwdriver catches in a groove provided inside the clutch. The screwdriver will now keep the clutch from turning, and the center bolt, and two Belleville washers may be removed.



IMPORTANT

Upon reassembly, be certain to tighten center bolt to between 350 and 600 in. lbs.

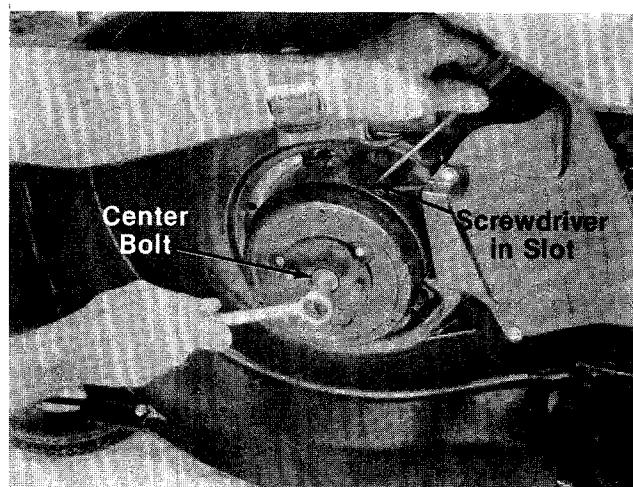


FIGURE 29.

11. Support the engine with one hand. Remove the three self-tapping screws which secure the deck and blade brake/clutch to the engine. A 1/2" socket wrench is required. See figure 30.

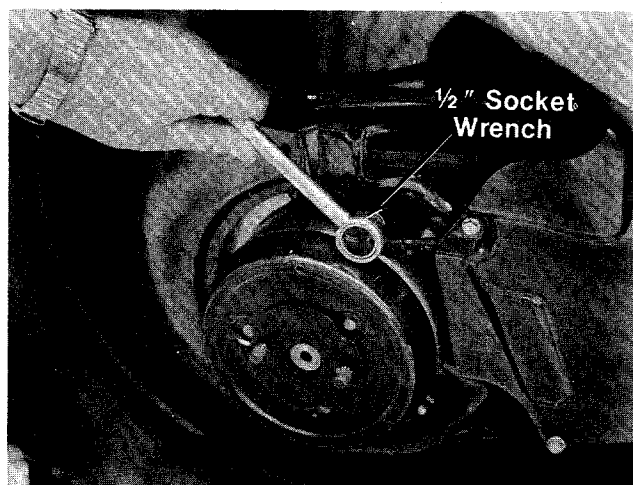


FIGURE 30.

12. Slide the blade brake/clutch cable through the hole in the deck as you lift off the engine and blade brake/clutch. Be careful not to kink control cable.
13. Remove blade brake/clutch from engine crankshaft.

Blade Brake/Clutch Installation

1. Place the new blade brake/clutch on engine crankshaft. Line up holes on blade brake/clutch with mounting holes on engine.
2. Place the two belleville washers onto crankshaft. Cupped side of washers must be against the blade brake/clutch. Secure with hex bolt finger tight only.
3. Place cable through engine mounting hole on deck.
4. Reverse steps 1 through 12 of preceding section for reassembly.

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.



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.

HANDLE STORAGE

The handle can be stored in an upright position to take less space. Move hairpin cotter to outer hole on weld pins (see figure 2). Grasp the lower handle at the bottom and pull apart slightly. Tip the handle forward. It will lock in this position. Reverse this procedure to place the handle in the operating position.



CAUTION

Be careful not to kink or pinch blade brake/clutch cable when storing the handle.



NOTE

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

GRASS CATCHER Model 028 is available as replacement equipment for the mower shown in this manual.



WARNING

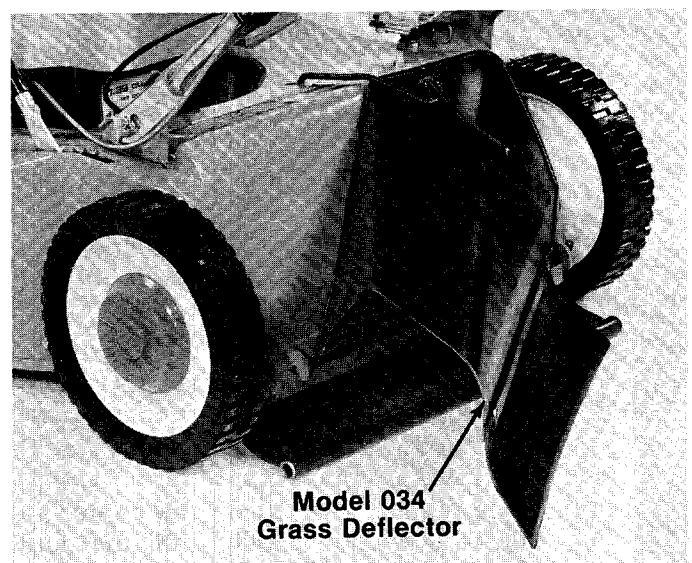
1. DO NOT operate the mower with the chute door open unless the complete grass catcher is properly mounted on the mower.
2. DO NOT operate the mower without the protective shield on the rear of the deck in place.



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. 764-0171.



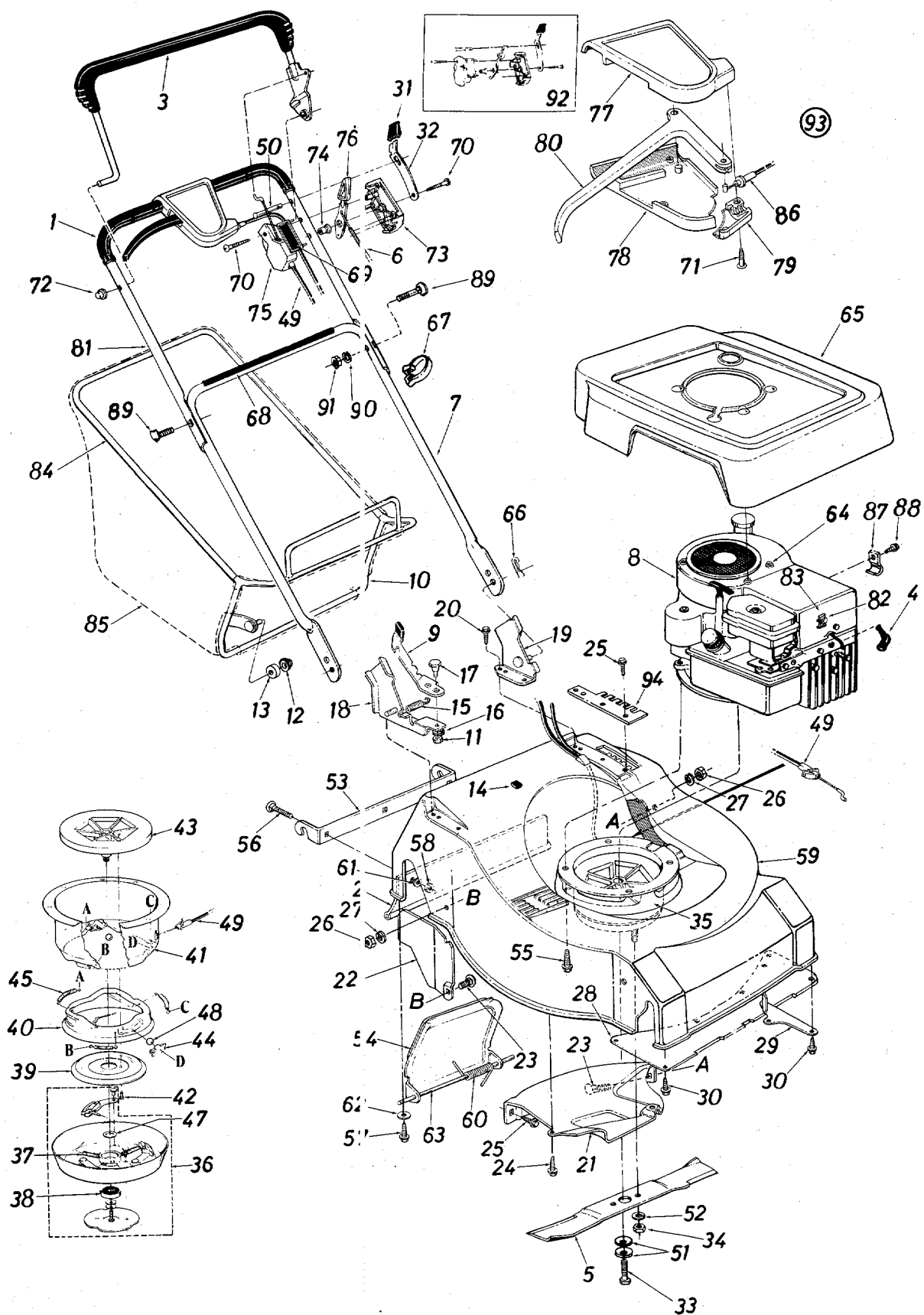
Grass Deflector model 194-034-000 is available as optional equipment.

Trouble Shooting Chart

Problem	Cause	Remedy
1 Engine fails to start	A Check fuel tank for gas B Spark plug lead wire disconnected C Throttle control lever not in the starting position D Faulty spark plug E Carburetor improperly adjusted, engine flooded F Old stale gasoline	A Fill tank if empty. B Connect lead wire. C Move throttle lever to start position. D Spark should jump gap between control electrode and side electrode. If spark does not jump, replace the spark plug. E 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. F Drain and refill with fresh gasoline.
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 blade	A Tighten blade. Balance blade. B Replace blade.

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

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PARTS LIST FOR MODEL 374 ROTARY MOWER

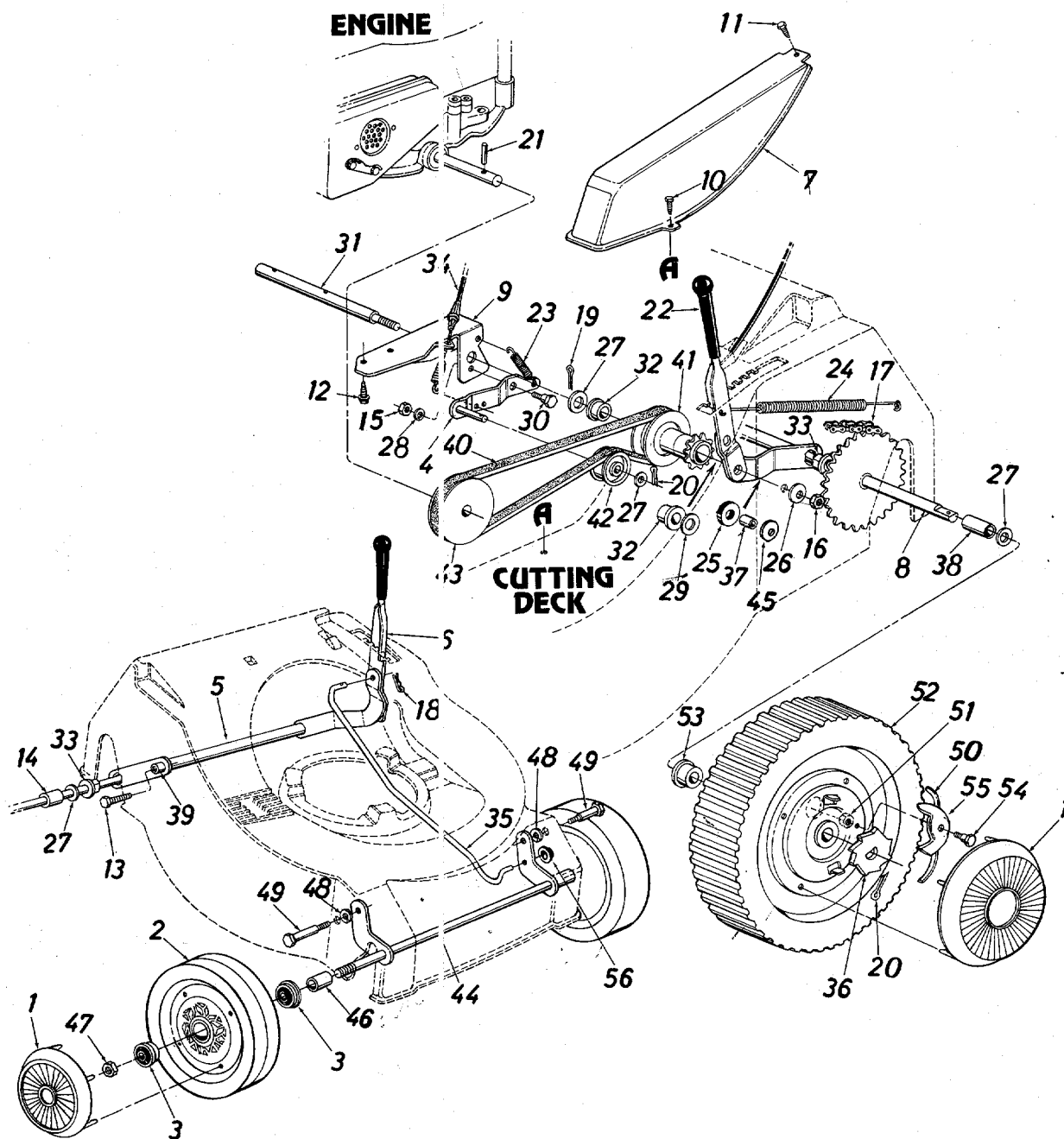
REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART	REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART
1	718-0145		Grip		49	746-0400		Clutch Cable—46.0"	
2	731-0585		Rear Flap Ass'y.		50	731-0607		Lock Pin .314" Dia. x 1.70	
3	731-0609		Control Handle—L.H.		51	736-0105		Bell-Wash. .400" I.D. x .88" O.D.	
4	735-0639		Spark Plug Insulator					L-Wash. 3/8" I.D.*	
5	742-0222		22" Blade		52	736-0169		Grass Catcher Hitch Brkt.	
6	746-0472		Throttle Wire—58.0"		53	14012		Chute Door	
7	749-0505		Lower Handle (Chrome)		54	15245		Hex Wash. Hd. TT-Tap Scr. 3/8-16 x 1.00" Lg.	
	749-0504		Lower Handle (Painted)		55	710-0654		Carriage Bolt 1/4-20 x .75" Lg.*	
8	—		Engine					Hex Wash. Hd. "AB"-Tap Scr. 1/4 x .62"	
9	14845		Grass Catcher Lock Lever		56	710-0703		Sems Nut 1/4-20 Thd.	
10	14582		Grass Catcher Lower Frame Ass'y.		57	710-0776		22" Deck Ass'y.	
11	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*					Torsion Spring .34" I.D. x 2.38" Lg.	
12	726-0100		Push Nut 3/8" Rod		58	712-0271		FI-Wash. .281" I.D. x .73" O.D. x .063	
13	731-0430		Plastic Roller		59	719-0253		FI-Wash. .285" I.D. x 1.25" O.D. x .060	
14	731-0564		Plug		60	732-0408		Rod .25" Dia. x 8.25" Lg.	
15	732-0357		Extension Spring					Snap On-Scr. #8 x .38" Lg. Tap AB	
16	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*		61	736-0173		Shroud Ass'y.	N
17	738-0155		Shld. Bolt .437" Dia. x .162"					Intern. Cot. Pin 5/16" Dia.	
18	14593		Handle Brkt. Ass'y.—R.H.		62	736-0211		Cable Tie	
19	14597		Handle Brkt. Ass'y.—L.H.					Instruction Label—Handle	
20	710-0588		Hex Hd. Self-Tap Scr. 1/4-20 x 1.00" Lg.		63	747-0353		Control Label—Throttle	
					64	726-0219		Truss Mach. B-Tap Scr. #12 x 1.50" Lg.	
21	15248		Rear Baffle—L.H.					Flat C-Sunk AB-Tap Scr. #10 x .75" Lg.	
22	15254		Side Baffle		65	731-0684		Cap Speed Nut 5/16" Rod	
23	710-0167		Carriage Bolt 1/4-20 x .50" Lg.		66	714-0104		Control Panel Half	
24	710-0776		Hex Wash. Hd. AB-Tap Scr. 1/4 x .62" Lg.		67	726-0192		Control Disc Pin	
					68	777-3453		Clutch Panel Half	
25	710-0782		Hex Wash. Hd. Drill Scr. 1/4 x .75" Lg.		69	777-3456		Throttle Control Lever	
					70	710-0796		Control Cover Half—Upper	
26	712-0287		Hex Nut 1/4-20 Thd.*					Control Cover Half—Lower	
27	736-0329		L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.*		71	710-0841		Cable Mtg. Cap	
28	15668		Front Cover Plate					Control Lever	
29	15253		Left Strap		72	726-0135		Upper Handle (Chrome)	
30	710-0776		Hex Wash. Hd. AB-Tap Scr. 1/4 x .62" Lg.		73	731-0523		Upper Handle (Painted)	
					74	731-0524		Hex AB-Tap Scr. #8 x .38	
31	720-0190		Spring Lever Knob		75	731-0526		Casing Clamp	N
32	732-0401		Lockout Spring		76	731-0528		Grass Catcher Upper Frame	
33	710-0818		Hex Bolt 3/8-24 x 2.00" Lg. (Grade 8)		77	731-0617		Grass Bag	
					78	731-0618		Self-Propelled Clutch	
34	712-0328		Hex Nut 3/8-24 Thd. (Grade 8)		79	731-0619		Cable—50.0" Lg.	
35	717-0485		Blade Brake Clutch Ass'y. Comp.		80	731-0620		Casing Clamp	
					81	749-0437		Hex B-Tap Scr. #10 x .38" Lg.	
36	14300		Clutch Blade Housing Ass'y.					Curved Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x 1.38" Lg.	
37	732-0396		Compression Spring .35" O.D. x 2.00" Lg.		82	710-0227		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*	
					83	751-0369		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*	
38	741-0124		Ball Brg. .669" I.D. x 1.574" O.D. x .47		84	749-0278		Kit—Control Housing Comp.	
					85	764-0171		Kit—Clutch Housing Comp.	
39	14304		Clutching Cone		86	746-0463		Reinforcing Brkt.	
40	14305		Brake Cup Cone					Hardware Pack	
41	14307		Clutch Housing		87	12894			
42	710-0875		Hex TT-Tap L-Scr. 1/4-20 x .75" Lg.		88	710-0429			
					89	710-0671			
43	719-0256		Fan Adapter						
44	731-0520		Ball Block		90	736-0119			
45	732-0397		Extension Spring .35" O.D. x 1.75" Lg.		91	712-0267			
					92	753-0361			
47	736-0333		FI-Wash. .690" I.D. x 1.060 O.D. x .030		93	753-0362			
					94	15879			
48	741-0326		Steel Ball .500" Dia.		—	8374-000-4			

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NOTE

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.

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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F. O.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART	REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART
1	**		Hub Cap		29	736-0344		Fl-Wash. .390" I.D. x 1.00" O.D.	
2	734-0874		Wheel Ass'y. Comp. 8 x 1.75—Front		30	738-0255		Shld. Bolt .375" Dia. x .181	
3	741-0180		Flanged Ball Brg. .500" I.D.		31	738-0501		Pulley Shaft .500" Dia.	
4	13415		Idler Brk't. Ass'y.		32	741-0248		Flange Brg. .506" I.D. Plastic	
5	15244		Axle Ass'y.		33	741-0324		Hex Flange Brg. x .506" I.D. Plastic	
6	15246		Height Adj. Handle		34	746-0463		Self-Propelled Clutch	
7	15247		Belt Cover					Cable—50.0" Lg.	
8	15249		Rear Shaft Ass'y.		35	747-0351		Linkage Rod .38" Dia.	
9	15250		Bracket—Pulley Shaft		36	748-0187		Ratchet Wheel	
0	710-0352		Hex B-Tap Scr. 1/4 x .38" Lg.		37	750-0503		Spacer .395" I.D. x .503" O.D. x .562" Lg.	
1	710-0456		Hex Drilling Scr. #10 x .50" Lg.		38	750-0506		Spacer .75" I.D. x .88" O.D. x 1.41" Lg.	
2	710-0603		Hex Wash. Hd. B-Tap Scr. 5/16-18 x .50" Lg.		39	750-0526		Spacer .385" I.D. x .503" O.D. x .270" Lg.	
3	710-0654		Hex Wash. Hd. TT-Tap Scr. 3/8-16 x 1.00" Lg.		40	754-0252		"V"-Belt 1/2" x 33" Lg. (32.96)	
4	711-0500		Spacer .526" I.D. x .690" O.D. x .640" Lg.		41	756-0191		Pulley w/9 Tooth Sprocket Ass'y.	
5	712-0287		Hex Nut 1/4-20 Thd.*		42	756-0360		Flat Idler Plastic 1.62" Dia.	
6	712-0342		Hex Jam Nut 3/8-16 Thd.		43	756-0384		"V"-Pulley .50" I.D. x 2.52" O.D.	
7	713-0289		#48 Chain 1/2" Pitch x 34 Links—E.		44	10662		Front Axle Ass'y.	
8	714-0104		Intern. Cot. Pin 5/16" Dia.		45	736-0219		Belleville Washer .40" I.D. x 1.13" O.D.	
9	714-0111		Cotter Pin 3/32" Dia. x 1.00" Lg.*		46	711-0313		Sleeve .526" I.D. x .690" O.D. x .880 Lg.	
20	714-0115		Cot. Pin 1/8" Dia. x 1.00" Lg.*		47	712-0200		Hex Ins. L-Nut 1/2-20 Thd.	
21	715-0144		Spring Pin Spir. 3/16" Dia. x 1.50" Lg.		48	736-0221		Int. L-Wash. 3/8" I.D.	
22	720-0143		Grip—Black		49	738-0149		Shld. Bolt .625 Dia. x .425	
23	732-0357		Extension Spring .33" O.D. x 1.12" Lg.		50	10622		Spring—Nylon	
24	732-0428		Extension Spring .50" O.D. x 4.25" Lg.		51	712-0324		Hex Ins. L-Nut 1/4-20 Thd.	
25	735-0144		Rubber Wash.		52	734-1051		Wheel Ass'y. Comp. 9.25 x 1.75 Rear	
26	736-0105		Bell-Wash. .400" I.D. x .88" O.D.		53	741-0180		Flanged Ball Brg. .500" I.D.	
27	736-0160		Fl-Wash. .531" I.D. x .930" O.D.		54	738-0137		Shoulder Bolt .342" Dia. x .268	
28	736-0329		L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.*		55	748-0188		Pawl	
					56	726-0135		Cap Speed Nut 5/16" Rod	

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*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.

When ordering parts, if color or finish is important use the appropriate color code shown above. (e.g. Red Flake Finish—14005 (462).)

**Hub Caps

Color	Part No.
Red	731-0124
Orange	731-0254
Black	731-0354
Gray	731-0355

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.

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. 472117
CALIFORNIA	PORTERVILLE
Billious	75 North D Street93257
COLORADO	DENVER
Spitzer Industrial Products Co.	6601 N. Washington St.80229
FLORIDA	JACKSONVILLE
Radco Distributors	4909 Victor St. Box 545932207
	OPA LOCKA
Small Eng. Dist.	2351 N.W. 147th St33054
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. Kennedy52001
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. Pennsylvania48910
	MOUNT CLEMENS
Power Equipment Dist.	340 Hubbard48043
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 Monterey64503
	ST. LOUIS
Henzler, Inc.	2015 Lemay Ferry Rd.63125
NEW JERSEY	BELLMAR
Lawnmower Parts Inc.	717 Creek Rd.08030
NEW MEXICO	ALBUQUERQUE
Spitzer Eng. & Parts	1023 Third Ave. N. N.87103
NEW YORK	CARTHAGE
Gamble Dist., Inc.	West End Ave.13619
	SCHOHARIE
Red Fox Parts Dist.	Rt. 30 P.O. Box 52712157

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.

NORTH CAROLINA	GOLDSBORO
Smith Hardware Co.	515 N. George St.27530
	GREENSBORO
Dixie Sales Company	335 N. Green27402
OHIO	CARROLL
Stebes 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 92944501
OKLAHOMA	MUSKOGEE
Victory Motors, Inc.	605 S. Cherokee74401
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. 215767
	SCRANTON
Scranton Auto Ignition Co.	1133-35 Wyoming Ave.18509
TENNESSEE	KNOXVILLE
Master Repair Service	2000 Western Ave.37
	MEMPHIS
American Sales & Service, Inc.	3035-43 Bellbrook38116
TEXAS	DALLAS
Marr Brothers, Inc.	423 E. Jefferson75203
	FORT WORTH
Woodson Sales Corp.	1702 N. Sylvania76111
	HOUSTON
Bullard Supply Co.	2409 Commerce St.77003
	SAN ANTONIO
Engine House Inc.	8610 Botts Lane P.O. Box 1786778217
UTAH	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 79854911
	CHILTON
Horst Dist.	444 N. Madison53014

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.