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RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION

Your rotary mower is a precision piece of power equipment. Engineering skill and experience have been combined to provide the ultimate in safety and efficiency, however, as with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in injury. Exercise extreme caution at all times.

- 1. KNOW YOUR MACHINE Read the Owner's Manual carefully learn how to operate your mower properly.
- 2. MAKE SURE THE LAWN IS CLEAR of sticks, stones, wire and other hazardous items from lawn before mowing. Such items are dangerous to both the mower and individuals in the vicinity of the mower.
- 3. ADD FUEL before starting engine --- never when engine is hot or running.
- 4. ALWAYS STOP ENGINE (turn off switch or disconnect sparkplug wire) before attempting any repairs or adjustments.
- 5. START ENGINE CAREFULLY Always stand at side opposite discharge chute. NEVER PLACE HANDS OR FEET UNDER THE MOWER OR NEAR THE DISCHARGE CHUTE WHILE THE ENGINE IS RUNNING.
- 6. DO NOT TILT MOWER at extreme angle while engine is running. Cut grass on hills and banks sideways.
- 7. STOP THE ENGINE when not cutting grass.
- DO NOT ALLOW MINORS to operate mower unless thoroughly instructed and and properly supervised.
- 9. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY from area at all times during mowing operation.
- 10. ALWAYS CHECK FOR DAMAGE If you should strike some foreign object while mowing, stop your mower. Inspect for and repair any damage before restarting and operating the mower.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE EFFICIENT, AND MAINTENANCE-FREE OPERATION

GENERAL MOWING

- 1. Always keep mower blade "Knife" sharp and bolanced for maximum cutting efficiency.
- 2. Always start engine with mower on level surface where blade will not drag on tall grass or other obstructions. After starting, let engine warm up several minutes at slow speed before starting to mow.
- 3. When mowing under normal conditions, run mower at 1/2 to 3/4 throttle for best results.
- 4. When cutting tall heavy growth, or on rough ground, place mower in highest cut position and gradually reduce to desired cutting height over course of two or three mowings.
- 5. When cutting tall heavy lush grass the clippings may have a tendency to stick to the underside of the housing. Always keep underside of housing clean.

USING GRASS CATCHER

- 1. When using grass catcher, operate mower engine at ³/₄ to full throttle.
- 2. In heavy dense turf, set cutting height in medium to high position and mow in a counter-clockwise direction so the catcher will not drag in the uncut portion.
- 3. Allow wet grass to dry before attempting to mow with grass catcher attached.
- 4. Empty catcher bag thoroughly before storage.

MAINTENANCE

Your mower like all machines with moving parts must receive care and maintenance. The following tips, if used, will contribute many trouble-free hours to your mower.

- 1. Check oil level frequently. When checking or changing oil, make sure dirt and debris is cleaned off oil sump before removing oil plug.
- 2. Keep mower clean, especially the engine and underside of mower housing.
- 3. Check all nuts, bolts and screws occasionally to be sure mower is in good operating condition.
- 4. Should excessive vibration develop, check your blade and crankshaft immediately. Do not operate mower with an unbalanced blade, a damaged blade or a damaged crankshaft.
- 5. The wheel bearings are pre-lubricated at the factory and should require no further attention until mower is serviced.
- 6. If you are going to store your mower for any length of time (30 days or longer) it is important that the following steps be taken:
 - a. Drain the gas tank. Start the engine and allow it to run out of gas. Gasoline left in the engine will leave gum deposits in the carburetor and gas tank.
 - b. Clean engine of all foreign matter.
 - c. Lubricate cylinder by removing the sparkplug and pouring one ounce of clean lubricating oil through the sparkplug hole into the cylinder. Crank engine slowly to spread oil and replace sparkplug. To start after storage remove sparkplug and rotate engine with starter to remove excess oil.
- 7. Just as your automobile needs professional mechanical maintenance from time to time, so does your air cooled engine. A yearly tune-up and check by a Qualified Service Center is recommended to avoid break-downs and unnecessary delays during the cutting season.

MISSILE DEFLECTOR

The missile deflector and foot guard are intended to add to the safety of the mower by deflecting objects thrown out the discharge chute and from under the housing, in a downward direction. It is important that the deflector and guard are in the proper position at all times. To change positions of the deflector, press the spring lever to free the deflector, move to the desired location then release the lever.

NORMAL OPERATING POSITION: When operating your mower without the grass catcher the deflector should be in the normal operating posision as shown.



STORAGE POSITION: This position is to be used only when storing your mower or for ease in transporting your mower in another vehicle. Take care not to operate your mower with the deflector in this position.



CATCHER POSITION: When using the grass catcher, the deflector must be in the position as shown. The catcher mounting bracket is shown installed, for details showing how to install and use the Yard-Man Grass Catcher see the instruction sheet packed with the catcher.



PREPARING YOUR YARD-MAN MOWER FOR USE

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SET-UP

Your mower is shipped in one carton, completely assembled with the handle asembly, foot guard and missile deflector in the shipping or storage position. Use care and caution in removing your mower from the carton. DO NOT attempt to lift the unit by the engine shroud.

To place the handle in operating position, press the up-stop lever to release the handle then lift the handle assembly until the lower section snaps into the operating position as shown. The upper section can now be moved into place. Tighten the upper and lower sections together with the handle knobs.

NOTE: When folding handle for storage, make sure the handle knobs are loose enough to allow the upper section to pivot freely around the mounting bolts.

CAUTION: Care should be taken not to force the deflector from the storage position to the catcher position without first locating the spring lever properly. To do this, first remove the sparkplug wire and fasten it at least one inch (1") away from the sparkplug. Guide the spring lever, by hand, into the clearance slot on the underside of the deflector then hinge the deflector into the catcher or operating positions.



BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

Remove oil fill plug and fill the crankcase with S.A.E. No. 30 oil. (1¼ pints approx.)

Fill fuel tank completely full with a good grade regular clean, fresh gasoline. DO NOT MIX OIL WITH GASOLINE. FOR COMPLETE ENGINE INFORMATION, READ ENGINE INSTRUCTION BOOKLET BEFORE STARTING ENGINE.

TO START ENGINE

- 1. Place throttle control knob in HEAVY or NORMAL cutting position.
- 2. While standing at the left side of the mower, opposite the discharge chute, pull the starter rope with a quick full stroke. Repeat if necessary.
- 3. When engine starts, move throttle control knob to slow speed until engine warms up.

NOTE: If engine floods, place throttle control knob in "Stop Position." Pull starter rope at least 4 times. This will clear the engine of excess gas. Then reposition control lever to normal cutting position and follow the suggested starting procedure.

Engine flooding is usually caused by a dirty air cleaner. Service air cleaner regularly as noted in engine instruction manual.

If engine continues to flood even with a clean air filter, lean carburetor adjustment screw 1/8 turn. (See engine instructions)

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This mower is constructed with a "Dead Man" handle. When the handle is down the drive unit is in neutral, when the handle is up the drive (self-propelling) unit is engaged. TO PROPEL THE MOWER FORWARD, simply raise the handle—TO STOP THE MOWER, lower the handle.

CAUTION: The blade is moving whenever the engine is running. Never place your hands or feet in the discharge opening or under the blade housing while the engine is running.

NOTE: If the rear wheels do not roll backwards, WITH THE ENGINE NOT RUNNING, it will be necessary to retime the clutch. This is done by removing the sparkplug wire and securing it at least 1" away from sparkplug. Slowly pull the recoil starter several times with the mower handle down in the neutral (disengaged) position. This will retime the clutch.

BREAK-IN PERIOD

During the first ten hours of operation, check the following items frequently:

Oil Level

All nuts, bolts and screws for tightness Condition of Blade

TO CHANGE OIL

Engine oil should be changed after the first 5 hours of operation and each 25 hours of operation thereafter.

Drain oil while engine is warm. Disconnect spark plug wire and secure at least 1" away from spark plug. Block right hand side of mower up about 4" high and set shallow one quart container beneath oil drain. Remove oil drain plug from sump and allow oil to drain completely. Replace plug and refill with S.A.E. #30 oil. (1¼ pints approx.)









PARTS LIST

MODEL 2340-2

Your Mower is right hand (R.H.) or left hand (L.H.) as you Mow.

REF. NO.		NAME OF PART	REF NO		NAME OF PART
1	1509-101	Bolt (%-24 x 1½ Hex Hd. Lock)	45		Ass'y—Engine Briggs & Stratton
2	1542-8	*Lockwasher (% Split)			Model 92988—Type 1032-03
3	1543-39	Washer-Special	46	1652-120	Bearing
4	1509-34	*Bolt (¼-20 x ¾ Hex Hd.)	47	1155-23	Ass'y—Lever & Bracket
5	3604-40	Blade—Grass	48	1547-46	Pivot Pin
6	1624-135	Washer (¾ x 1 x .210)	49	1650-44	Retaining Ring
7	1143-5	Ass'y—Blade Adaptor	50	1540-25	*Washer (7/16 x 1 x 1/32)
8	1018	*Lockwasher (¼ Split)	51	1705-35	Lever—Upstop
9	1538-8	Locknut (¼-20 Hex Hd.)	52	1547-48	Pin—Upstop
10	1646-8	Key (#6 Woodruff)	53	1540-55	Washer—Flat (.23 x ¾ x .60)
11	5601-176-55	Blade Housing	54	1543-58	Washer-Rubber
12	1650-1	Retaining Ring	55	1108-177-41	Ass'y—Wheel & Tire L.H. (8 x 1.75)
13	1552-2	Washer-Wave	5 6	41-054	Screw (10-32 x 9/16 Ph. Hd.)
14	1540-90	*Washer (½ x 1 x 1/32)	57	1509-75	*Bolt (5/16-18 x 1½ Hex Hd.)
15	2123-32	Ass'y-Axle (L.H.)	58	41-046	Washer (21/64 x 5/8 x 1/16)
16	1540-86	*Washer (½ x 1 x ½)	59	1538-6	*Nut (5/16-18 Hex Lock)
17	2674-39-40	Hub Cap	60	1545-11	Clevis Pin
18	1513-103	Bolt (5/16-18 x 1¾ Special)	61	1643-38	Knob—Height Adjust
19	1025	*Washer (5/16 Split)	62	15 39-67	Conduit Nut
20	2108-187-41	Ass'y-Wheel & Tire 8 x 1.75)	63	2610-23	Adaptor—Muffler
21	2643-43	Knob—Height Adjust	64	1605-576	Name Plate
22	1511-41	Screw (10-32 Thd. Cutting)	65	3118-60-55	Ass'y—Cover Plate
23	2639-56-55	Chain Guard	66	1547-45	Handle Pin
24	2123-33	Ass'y—Axle (R.H.)	67	1548-15	Rollpin
25	2556-20-55	Muffler Deflector	68	1616-576 🖌	Label—Throttle
26	323	Pawl	69	2616-564	Label (Yard Man)
27	1616-525	Label	70	1117-102-01	Ass'y—Lower Handle
28	1540-22	*Washer (19/32 x 1¼ x 1/16)	71	1616-561	Label—Starter
29	1540-17	*Washer (19/32 x 15/16 x 1/16)	72	1624-183	Spacer
30	2117-103-01	Ass'y–Upper Handle	73	1624-188	Spacer—Upstop Lever
31	1643-47	Knob-Handle	74	1511-41	Screw (#10-24 x ½ Hex Hd.)
32	1108-176-41	Ass'y-Wheel & Tire R.H. (8 x 1.75)	_ 75	1616-450	Label—Drive Control
33	4699-96-55	Shroud–Engine	76	3699-112-55	Shroud—Blade Housing, Front
34	1526-1	*Screw (#8-½ Phillips Hd.)	77	1539-20	Nut—Special
35	1652-96	Sleeve Bearing (Bronze)	78	2616-557	Label—Front Shroud
36	1539-78	Special Nut	79	4556-25-55	Deflector—Rear Foot Guard
37	1642-105	Height Adjust Spring	80	1657-75	Bushing
38	1652-105	Sleeve Bearing (Bronze)	81	1509-15	Bolt (¼-20 x ½ Hex Head)
39	1652-104	Sleeve Bearing	82	1550-6	Grommet
40	1132-101	Ass'y—Bracket & Bearings	83	2189-9-55	Ass'y—Missile Deflector
41	1616-410	Label—Height of Cut	84	1509-74	Bolt (¼-20 x 7/8 Hex)
	2643-44	Knob-Throttle	85	1616-524	Label—A.S.A.
	1650-10	Retaining Ring			
44	1540-43	Washer (21/64 x 15/16 x 1/32)		*Stand	ard Hardware Item—Purchase Locally.



PARTS LIST

MODEL 2340-2

When ordering parts listed as L.H. or R.H.—determine the left or right hand side of your mower by standing behind the unit as you mow.

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REF. NO.	PART NO.	PART NAME	REF. NO.	PART NO.	PART NAME
ĩ	1638-55	Sprocket (12 Tooth)	20	1534-1	*Nut (#10-32 Hex)
2	1548-21	Rollpin (3/16 x ¾)	21	1654-25	Chain
3	1548-59	Pin—Handle Pivot R.H	22	2175-17	Assembly—Clutch & Shaft
4	1548-15	Rollpin (3/16 x 1)	23	1540-130	Washer (7/16 x 13/16 x 14 Ga.)
5	39-012	Washer (½ x 15/16 x 1/16)	24	1638-45	Sprocket (13 Tooth)
6	1650-1	Retaining Ring	25	1548-11	Rollpin (7/32 x 1½)
7	1609-575	Bracket—Actuator Mounting	26	1650-44	Retaining Ring
8	3-77	*Bolt (5/16-18 x ½ Hex Hd.)	27	1540-133	Washer—Special
9	1025	*Washer (5/16 Split Lock)	28	1652-97	Bearing
10	1538-6	*Nut (5/16-18 Hex Lock)	29	1629-64	Retainer
11	1155-40	Ass'y—Actuating Lever & Spring	30	1540-22	Washer (.594 x 1¼ x 1/16)
12	1657-89	Bushing	31	1513-108	*Bolt (¼-20 x 1 Hex Hd.)
13	2642-131	Spring—Torsion	32	1018	*Washer (¼-20 Split Lock)
14	1509-17	*Bolt (5/16-18 x 1 Hex Hd.)	33	2632-191	Shaft—Rear Drive
15	1513-86	Bolt	34	1654-26	Chain
16	1538-19	Nut (¼-20 Hex Jam)	35	1638-60	Sprocket (18 Tooth)
17	1095	Screw (10-32 x ½ Phillips)	36	1632-190	Shaft—Clutch
18	1724-18	Keeper—Chain Idler	37	1642-136	Spring—Clutch
19	39-027	*Washer (#10 Split Lock)	38	1652-129	Bearing—Clutch

*Standard Hardware Item—Purchase Locally

TO REPLACE BLADE

- Be sure engine is stopped, disconnect spark plug wire and secure at least 1" away from spark plug.
- 2. Tip mower on the side and remove the blade and adaptor from engine crank.
- 3. Remove the blade from the adaptor and replace with a new blade. Reassemble to engine.
- Resharpening of an old blade should only be attempted by a qualified Service Center. This way proper blade balance will be maintained.

TO ADJUST HEIGHT OF CUT

This mower is equipped with individual wheel adjust levers on the front wheels. The rear wheels are adjusted with the single control. To obtain the proper cutting position desired, it is important that all three wheel adjusters are in the same cutting height.

WHEEL ADJUST – FRONT

The front wheel adjust levers can easily be adjusted from low to high cut. Place your hand on the outside of the wheel, spring the adjusting lever, with your thumb, outward until the locating trunnion on the lever is free from the housing. Move the wheel and lever to the height of cut desired. Release the lever, allowing the trunnion to drop into the proper locating hole.

WHEEL ADJUST – REAR

The rear wheel adjust is a single lever action which adjusts both rear wheels at the same time. To adjust press the spring loaded handle out of the detent and move it to the proper detent for the cutting height desired.

The rear adjust mechanism has a counterbalancing spring to help compensate for the weight of mower when moving from high to low position.

CAUTION: NEVER MAKE ADJUSTMENTS WITH THE ENGINE RUNNING.

CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT:

Your clutch may at sometime require adjustment.

Procedure: (1) Remove spark plug wire and fasten 1" from plug. (2) Remove rear cover, and loosen jam nut holding clutch adjusting bolt, raise bolt head approximately two turns. Retighten jam nuts and lower handle to operating position. Retime clutch as outlined on Page 4. Replace cover.





TO USE WASH OUT PORT

After mowing, place hose end (without nozzle) into opening located next to discharge chute. Using moderate water pressure, run engine at full throttle speed for about two minutes. This flushes out accumulations of grass clippings from underneath mower housing. DO NOT wash the top. It may be necessary to tilt the mower back on the rear wheels after washing to drain any water which may have accumulated on the top of the housing.

CAUTION: Never place your hands or feet in the discharge opening or under the blade housing while the engine is running.

STORAGE

Your mower is equipped with a folding handle for ease of handling during transport or for storage. To place your mower in storage, release the upstop latch as shown and fold the handle assembly forward, loosen the handle knobs and fold the upper handle section back.

Note: For engine storage refer to Page **3** under Maintenance.







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WARRANTY

We guarantee all parts against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase when used for residential. 90 days for commercial.

We agree to repair or replace without charge to the original Purchaser, including labor, any part or parts upon examination by a Yard-Man Authorized Dealer to be defective within the guarantee period except the engine which is warranteed separately by the manufacturer. All transportation charges for replacement under this guarantee must be paid by the Purchaser.

This guarantee will not apply to a unit which has been subjected to misuse, negligence, accident or to a unit which has been altered in any way.

Yard-Man

Yard-Man reserves the right to make engineering changes without prior notification or responsibility to the Purchaser.