

# **COLLECTION SYSTEM**



# Operator's Manual Parts List DCG DFS / 114883

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WARNING: Engine exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.



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## **General Information**

This manual will assist you in the safe operation and proper maintenance of your Dixon equipment. Read it thoroughly before attempting to operate the machine. Call your dealer or Dixon if additional information is required.

The following safety symbols are used throughout the manual to alert you to information about unsafe actions or situations:



**DANGER** indicates immediate hazards that may result in severe injury or death.



WARNING indicates unsafe actions or

**CAUTION** indicates unsafe actions or situations that may cause injury and/or minor equipment or property damage.

This equipment should not be modified without the manufacturer's prior written authorization. Doing so may not only affect the equipments' performance and durability, but also create safety hazards for the operator and the surroundings. Warranty will be void if changes are made to the equipment without the manufacturer's prior written authorization.

## **Safety Procedures**

#### 1 - Training

- Read the Operator's Manual. If the operator(s) or mechanic(s) can not read English it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator's controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained. The owner is responsible for training the users.
- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to themselves, other people, and/or property.

#### 2 - Preparation

• Wear appropriate clothing including hard hat, safety glasses and ear protection. Long hair, loose clothing or jewelry may get tangled in moving parts.

- Inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all objects such as rocks, toys and wire which can be thrown by the machine.
- Use extra care when handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive. Use only an approved container. Never remove gas cap or add fuel with engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke while fueling or operating equipment. Never refuel or drain the machine indoors.
- Check that operator's controls, safety switches, hoses, and shields are securely attached andfunctioning properly. Do not operate unless they are functioning properly.

#### 3 - Operation

- Never run an engine in an enclosed area.
- Only operate in good light, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Slow down and use extra care on hillsides. Make turns gradually and at slow speed. Do not operate across the sides of slopes. Operate up and down slopes only. Do not operate on steep slopes.
- Turf conditions can affect the machine's stability. Do not operate on wet grass where traction may be reduced.
- Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.
- Stop equipment and inspect vacuum impeller and hoses after striking objects or if an abnormal vibration occurs. Make necessary repairs before resuming operations.
- Look behind and down before backing up to ensure a clear path.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and crossing roads and sidewalks. Stop vacuum and mower blades if not mowing.
- Do not operate machine under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

#### 4 - Maintenance and Storage

- Stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning, or repairing.
- Clean grass and debris from muffler and engine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spillage.
- Let engine cool before storing and do not store near sparks or open flame.
- Shut off fuel while storing. Do not store fuel near flames or drain indoors.
- Never allow untrained personnel to service machine.
- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts. If possible, do not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hardware tightened. Replace all worn or damaged decals.

#### **Assembly Instructions**

#### **Front Weight Bar**

#### **Tools Required**

Ratchet with 3/8" Socket

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" Wrench

#### **Mounting Instructions**

- Using the weight keepers, attach front weight bar to mower at the front caster arms.
- Secure front weight bar to mower frame with four  $3/8" \times 11/4"$  hex bolts, four 3/8" flat washers, and four 3/8" nyloc nuts.
- Place all front weights on front weight bar.
- Place hold-down bar over front weights and secure to front weight bar using two <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 1" clevis pins and two hair pins.



#### **Collection System**

#### **Tools Required**

Ratchet Torque Wrench 1/2" Wrench 1/2" Socket 9/16" Wrench 9/16" Socket

3/4" Socket Flat Screw Driver <sup>5</sup>/<sub>32</sub>" Allen Wrench Hacksaw <sup>11</sup>/<sub>32</sub>" Drill Bit Drill

- <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" Socket
- 1. Open the mounting kit box and remove all of the components.
- 2. Place the support bracket on the frame and secure with (2) 539 990563, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> x 1 bolts and (2) 539 976979, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> nyloc nuts.
- 3. Place the hitch brackets on the frame and secure with (3) 990622, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> bolts and (3) 539 101331, 1/2 nyloc nuts.
- 4. Place the hitch assembly on the ground behind the mower. Place the (2) hitch pins thru the hitch and the hitch brackets. Secure the hitch pins with the (2) hairpins that are secured with the (2)



6. Attach hose support rod to the right side of the unit to keep the right rear tire from rubbing the hose.







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#### Handle Assembly

- 1. Attach backing plate and tube support to hopper using holes shown in illustration.
- 2. Connect handle to tube support using pivot pin.
- 3. Attach threaded rod to hopper and handle. When connected, adjust threaded tube using adjusting nuts at both ends. The adjustment will be complete when handle is pulled forward and hopper door is fully closed.
- 4. Adjust handle stop so it goes over the center.



## Hopper Door Adjustment

Adjust door rods on both sides with adjusting nut so door closes evenly. See illustration.



## **Blower Kit**

Install Blower Kit per the instructions shipped with the blower unit. (114992 for the 52" or 130195 for the 60".)

### **Operating the Collection System**

- 1. NEVER USE THE COLLECTION SYSTEM WITHOUT THE BLOWER ASSEMBLY AND HOSES SECURELY ATTACHED.
- 2. Make sure hoses are connected at both ends. Inspect hoses prior to each use.
- 3. Do not use the unit on slopes greater than 10 degrees.
- 4. The mower must be running in order to vacuum debris through the mower deck.
- 5. In heavy grass it may be necessary to mow and collect at a slower ground speed.
- 6. Never attempt to unclog the collection system until the mower's engine has been shut off and all moving parts have come to a complete stop.
- 7. Do not stand behind the vent at the rear of the collection system due to the potential for small pieces of blowing debris to escape through the vent.
- 8. Wear eye and ear protection.

## SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

### Transport

WARNING The collection system hopper must be completely empty while driving forward onto a trailer. If the mower must be loaded onto a trailer while there is still debris in the container, the mower must be backed up onto the trailer to avoid tipping.

## **Cleaning and Washing**

Regular cleaning, washing, and lubricating will prolong the service of the machine.

**NOTE:** Use care with power washers to avoid damage to decals. Limit direct spray on these items.

DO NOT EXCEED 1000 PSI WATER PRESSURE FOR CLEANING.

For best results, clean polymesh inside hood regularly. Instructions for doing this can be found in the Service section of this manual

- 1. Clean machine.
- 2. Cover all scratches with touch-up paint.
- 3. Covered or indoor storage is recommended.

Item	Before Each Use	Every 5 Hours	Every 25 Hours	Every 50 Hours
Inspect/Clean Poly Mesh	Х	Х		
Check/Tighten Nuts & Bolts	Х			
Check/Tighten Hoses	Х			
Turn Hose End to End			Х	
Rotate Hose				Х
Clean Machine				Х

#### **Preventative Maintenance Schedule**

## **Caring For Hoses**

- 1. Inspect hoses before each use. If hoses have excessive wear, tears, or punctures, replace immediately.
- 2. To prolong the life of the hose, periodically rotate hose and turn hose end to end. Refer to Preventative Maintenance Schedule in this manual.
- 3. Avoid twists and sharp turns in the hoses, as they will increase wear on the hoses.
- 4. Avoid dragging the lower hose along the sides of buildings or other hard surfaces.

## **Cleaning Poly Mesh**

The poly mesh on the collection system is located inside the container hood. For best results, clean poly mesh regularly.

DO NOT USE THE COLLECTION SYSTEM WITHOUT POLY MESH SECURELY IN PLACE.

## **Troubleshooting Guide**



Before servicing unit, wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop. Turn engine off and remove the spark plug wire.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTION
Loss of Vacuum.	Blower, hose or hood inlet clogged.	Remove hose and clean inlet.
	Hopper full.	Inspect and empty.
	Fan blades bent or broken.	Replace/repair impeller.
	Poly mesh plugged.	Clean poly mesh.
Unusual vibration or noise	Solid object jammed in unit.	Check and remove any obstruction.
	Loose or missing bolts on unit.	Tighten or replace bolts.
	Bent or damaged fan.	Replace/repair impeller.
Unit difficult to close.	Obstructions keeping door from completely closing.	Clear obstructions.
	Hood hinge bolts too tight.	Loosen bolts.

## HOPPER ASSEMBLY



44 ..... 1 .... 115719 ...... HOSE CLAMP

.....1 .... 111260 ...... DECAL, VENTILATION

24 ...... 4 .... 108732 ...... NUT, 3/8-24 HEX JAM ZD

25 ...... 4 .... 976979 ...... NUT 3/8-16 HEX NYLOK ZD



ITEM QTY. P/N	DESCRIPTION	ITEM QTY.	P/N DESCRIPTION
21 1112 31 2025 41 1113 52 1020 62 1089	99 HITCH BRKT WELDMENT, LT D1 HITCH BRKT WELDMENT, RT 5 FRONT WEIGHT BAR 13 HOLD DOWN, WEIGHT BAR 49 CLEVIS PIN 96 SPRING RETAINER 59 WEIGHT KEEPER	1110 101 1210 990 134 990 142 102 152 111 162 111	76979 NUT <sup>3</sup> /8-16 HEX NYLOK ZD 11331 NUT ½ HEX NYLOK ZD 10622 BOLT ½-13 X 1¼ WHIZLK ZD SP 10563 HCS <sup>3</sup> /8-16 X 1 GR 5 ZD 12563 LANYARD 1206 HITCH PIN 1192 HAIRPIN
	41 HCS <sup>3</sup> /8-16 X 1 <sup>1</sup> ⁄4 GR 5 ZD 17 WASHER, <sup>3</sup> /8 FLAT STD. ZD		1215 SUPPORT BRACKET 4674 STRAP

## **HOOD ASSEMBLY**



- 1 ... 539 111172 .... 1 .. HOOD
- 2 ... 539 111175 .... 2 .. SUPPORT, DRAW LATCH
- 3 ... 539 111182 .... 1 .. INLET TUBE
- 4 ... 539 111183 .... 1 .. MESH, POLY DIAMOND
- 5 ... 539 102587 .... 6 .. GROMMET, BUMPER
- 6 ... 539 105408 .. 21 .. WASHER, #10

- 7 ... 539 976978 .... 8 .. NUT, ¼-20, NYLOK
- 8 ... 539 991003 .... 8 .. HCS, ¼-20 x 1¾, GR5
- 9 ... 539 990598 .. 16 .. WASHER, 1/4
- 10 ... 539 102744 .... 7 .. RIVET, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub> x <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub>
- 11 ... 539 200684 .. 25 .. RIVET, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>, STAVEX

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