

OWNER'S MANUAL MODEL NO. HDR500J 5 HP 17 Inch Tiller

- Assembly
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SAFETY RULES



Safe Operation Practices for Walk-Behind Powered Rotary Tillers

TRAINING

- Read the Owner's Manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Know how to stop the unit and disengage the controls quickly.
- Never allow children to operate the equipment. Never allow adults to operate the equipment without proper
- Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children, and pets.

PREPARATION

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all foreign objects.
- Disengage all clutches and shift into neutral before starting the engine (motor).
- Do not operate the equipment without wearing adequate outer garments. Wear footwear that will improve footing on slippery surfaces.
- Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable.
- Use an approved fuel container.
- Never add fuel to a running engine or hot engine.
- Fill fuel tank outdoors with extreme care. Never fill fuel tank indoors.
- Replace gasoline cap securely and clean up spilled fuel before restarting.
- Use extension cords and receptacles as specified by the manufacturer for all units with electric drive motors or electric starting motors.
- Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine (motor) is running (except where specifically recommended by manufacturer).

OPERATION

- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts.
- Exercise extreme caution when operating on or crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic. Do not carry passengers.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine (motor), remove the wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the tiller for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the tiller.
- Exercise caution to avoid slipping or falling.
- If the unit should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine (motor) and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Stop the engine (motor) when leaving the operating position.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the machine unattended. Disengage the tines, shift into neutral, and stop the engine.
- Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, shut off the engine and make certain all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting. Disconnect the cord on electric motors.
- Do not run the engine indoors; exhaust fumes are

- dangerous.
- Never operate the tiller without proper guards, plates, or other safety protective devices in place.
- Keep children and pets away.
- Do not overload the machine capacity by attempting to till too deep at too fast a rate.
- Never operate the machine at high speeds on slippery surfaces. Look behind and use care when backing.
- Never allow bystanders near the unit.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of the tiller.
- Never operate the tiller without good visibility or light.
- Be careful when tilling in hard ground. The tines may catch in the ground and propel the tiller forward. If this occurs, let go of the handlebars and do not restrain the machine.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- Keep machine, attachments, and accessories in safe working condition.
- Check shear pins, engine mounting bolts, and other bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank inside a building where ignition sources are present, such as hot water and space heaters, clothes dryers, and the like. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- Always refer to the operator's guide instructions for important details if the tiller is to be stored for an extended period.

- IMPORTANT -

CAUTIONS, IMPORTANTS, AND NOTES ARE A MEANS OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION TO IMPORTANT OR CRITICAL INFORMATION IN THIS MANUAL.

IMPORTANT: USED TO ALERT YOU THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGING THIS EQUIPMENT.

NOTE: Gives essential information that will aid you to better understand, incorporate, or execute a particular set of instructions.



Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means CAUTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.



CAUTION: Always disconnect spark plug wire and place wire where it cannot contact spark plug in order to prevent accidental starting when setting up, transporting, adjusting or making repairs.



A WARNING



The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

GASOLINE CAPACITY:	3 Quarts (2.8L)
	Unleaded Regular
OIL(API-SF/SG/SH):	SAE 30 (Above 32°F/0°C)
(Capacity: 20 oz./0.6L)	SAE 5w-30 (Below 32°F/0°C)
SPARK PLUG :	Champion
(GAP: .030"/0.76mm)	RJ19LM
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CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a new tiller. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance.

Should you experience any problems you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest authorized service center. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this unit.

Please read and retain this manual. The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your tiller properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES".

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read and observe the safety rules.
- Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your tiller.
- Follow instructions under "Customer Responsibilities" and "Storage" sections of this Owner's Manual.

IMPORTANT: THIS UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH AN INTEF COMBUSTION ENGINE AND SHOULD NOT BE USED ON NEAR ANY UNIMPROVED FOREST-COVERED, BRUCOVERED OR GRASS COVERED LAND UNLESS THE ENGIEXHAUST SYSTEM IS EQUIPPED WITH A SPARK ARRES MEETING APPLICABLE LOCAL LAWS (IF ANY). IF A SPARRESTER IS USED, IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN EFFEC WORKING ORDER BY THE OPERATOR.

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ASSEMBLY

Your new tiller has been assembled at the factory with exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. To ensure safe and proper operation of your tiller, all parts and hardware you assemble must be tightened securely. Use the correct tools as necessary to insure proper tightness.

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

A socket wrench set will make assembly easier. Standard wrench sizes are listed.

- (1) Utility knife
- (1) Tire pressure gauge
- (1) Pair of pliers
- (1) 9/16" wrench

OPERATOR'S POSITION (See Fig. 1)

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (standing behind tiller handles).

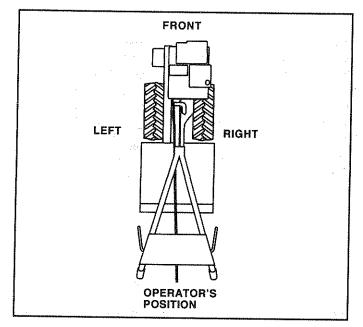
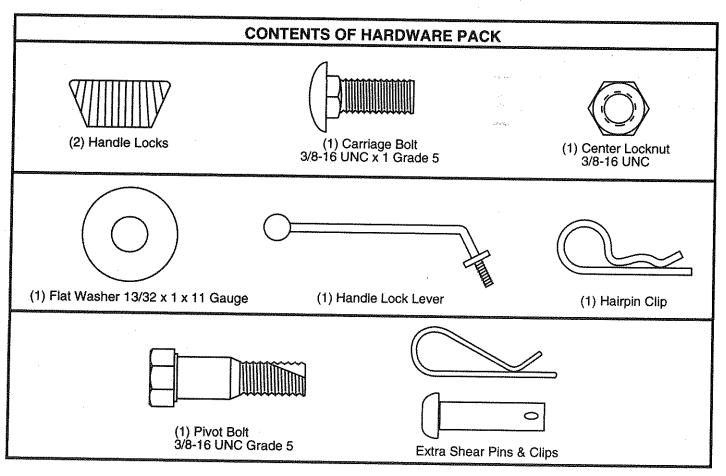


FIG. 1



ASSEMBLY

UNPACKING CARTON (See Fig. 2)



CAUTION: Be careful of exposed staples when handling or disposing of cartoning material.

IMPORTANT: WHEN UNPACKING AND ASSEMBLING TILLER, BE CAREFUL NOT TO STRETCH OR KINK CABLES.

- While holding handle assembly, cut cable ties securing handle assembly to top frame. Let handle assembly rest on tiller.
- Remove top frame of carton.
- Slowly ease handle assembly up and place on top of carton.
- Cut down right hand front and right hand rear corners of carton, lay side carton wall down.
- Remove packing material from handle assembly.

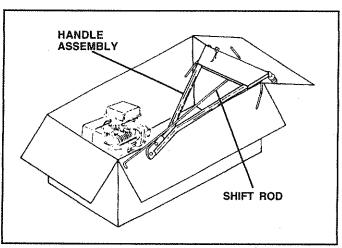


FIG. 2

INSTALL HANDLE (See Figs. 3, 4, and 5)

 Insert one handle lock (with teeth facing outward) in gearcase notch. (Apply grease on smooth side of handle lock to aid in keeping lock in place until handle assembly is lowered into position.)

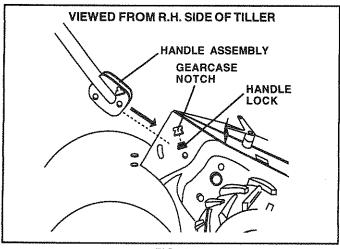


FIG. 3

 Grasp handle assembly. Hold in "up" position. Be sure handle lock remains in gearcase notch. Slide handle assembly into position.

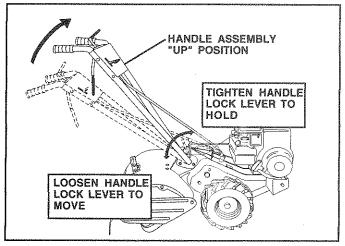


FIG. 4

- Rotate handle assembly down. Insert rear carriage bolt first, with bolt head on L.H. side of tiller and loosely assemble locknut (See Fig. 5).
- Insert pivot bolt in front part of plate and tighten.
- Cut down remaining corners of carton and lay panels flat.
- Lower the handle assembly. Tighten nut on carriage bolt bolt so handle moves with some resistance. This will allow for easier adjustment.
- Place flat washer on threaded end of handle lock lever.
- Insert handle lock lever through handle base and gearcase.
 Screw in handle lock lever just enough to hold lever in place.
- Insert second handle lock (with teeth inward) in the slot of the handle base (just inside of washer).
- With handle assembly in lowest position, securely tighten handle lock lever by rotating clockwise. Leaving handle assembly in lowest position will make it easier to remove tiller from carton.

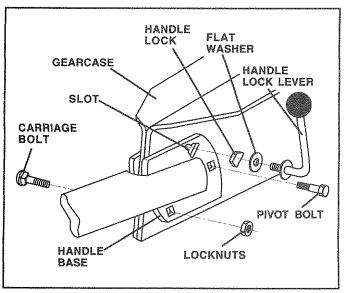


FIG. 5

ASSEMBLY

ATTACH CLUTCH CABLE (See Fig. 6)

 Hook end of clutch cable through hole in control bar bracket if necessary.

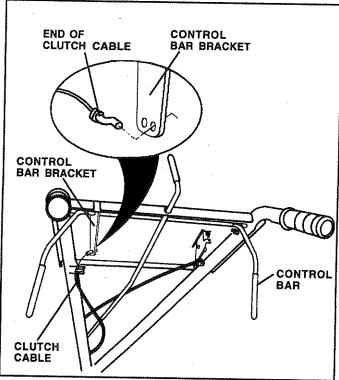


FIG. 6

CONNECT SHIFT ROD (See Fig. 7)

- Insert end of shift rod into hole of shift lever indicator.
- Insert hairpin clip through hole of shift rod to secure.

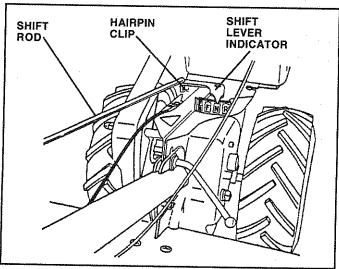


FIG. 7

REMOVE TILLER FROM CRATE

- Make sure shift lever indicator is in "N" position (See Fig. 7)
- Tilt tiller forward by lifting handle. Separate cardboard cover from leveling shield.
- Rotate tiller handle to the right and pull tiller out of carton.

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

The tires on your unit were overinflated at the factory for shipping purposes. Correct and equal tire pressure is important for best tilling performance.

Reduce tire pressure to 20 PSI (1.4 kg/cm²).

HANDLE HEIGHT

 Handle height may be adjusted to better suit operator. (See "TO ADJUST HANDLE HEIGHT" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

KNOW YOUR TILLER

READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TILLER.

Compare the illustrations with your tiller to familiarize yourself with the location of various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for future reference.

These symbols may appear on your Tiller or in literature supplied with the product. Learn and understand their meaning.



















TILLING FORWARD

CAUTION OR WARNING **ENGINE**

ENGINE OFF

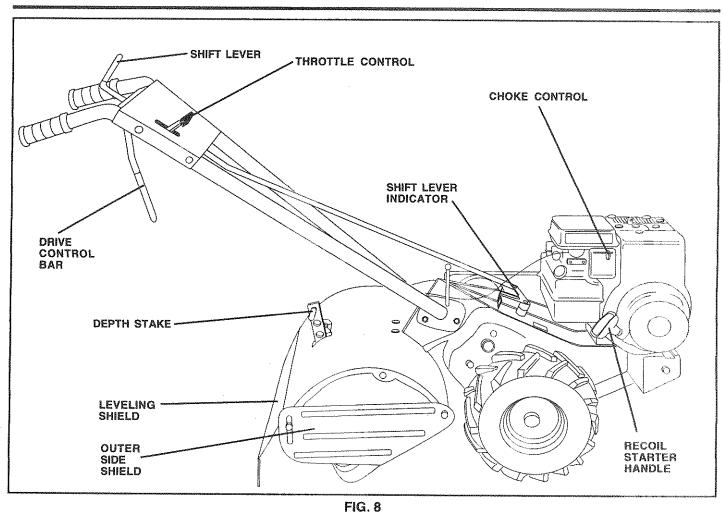
FAST

SLOW

CHOKE

FUEL

OIL



MEETS ANSI SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Our tillers conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute.

THROTTLE CONTROL - Used to control engine speed. DRIVE CONTROL BAR - Used to engage tiller. **DEPTH STAKE** - Controls depth at which tiller will dig. LEVELING SHIELD - Levels tilled soil.

OUTER SIDE SHIELD - Adjustable to protect small plants from being buried.

SHIFT LEVER - Used to shift transmission gears.

SHIFT LEVER INDICATOR - Shows which gear the transmission is in.

RECOIL STARTER HANDLE - Used to start the engine. CHOKE CONTROL - Used when starting a cold engine.



The operation of any tiller can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields before starting your tiller and while tilling. We recommend a wide vision safety mask over spectacles or standard safety glasses.

HOW TO USE YOUR TILLER

Know how to operate all controls before adding fuel and oil or attempting to start engine.

STOPPING (See Fig. 9)

TINES AND DRIVE

- Release drive control bar to stop movement.
- Move shift lever to "N" (neutral) position.

ENGINE

- Move throttle control to "STOP" position. If equipped with stop switch, move switch to "STOP" position.
- Never use choke to stop engine.

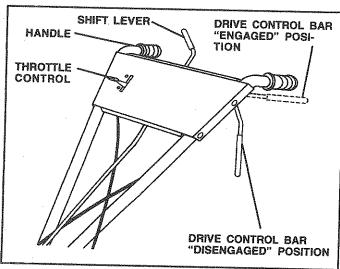


FIG. 9

TINE OPERATION - WITH WHEEL DRIVE

- Always release drive control bar before moving shift lever into another position.
- Tine movement is achieved by moving shift lever to (2) till position and engaging drive control bar.

FORWARD-WHEELS ONLY/TINES STOPPED

 Release drive control bar and move shift lever indicator to "F" (forward) position. Engage drive control bar and tiller will move forward.

REVERSE - WHEELS ONLY/TINES STOPPED

- DO NOT STAND DIRECTLY BEHIND TILLER.
- Release the drive control bar.
- Move throttle control to "SLOW" position.
- Move shift lever indicator to "R" (reverse) position.
- Hold drive control bar against the handle to start tiller movement.

HARD TO SHIFT GEARS

 Briefly engage drive control bar and release or rock tiller forward and backward until are able to shift gears.

DEPTH STAKE (See Fig. 10)

The depth stake can be raised or lowered to allow you more versatile tilling and cultivating, or to more easily transport your tiller.

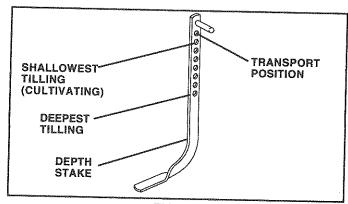


FIG. 10

TILLING (See Fig. 11)

- Release depth stake pin. Pull the depth stake up for increased tilling depth. Place depth stake pin in hole of depth stake to lock in position.
- Place shift lever indicator in till position.
- Hold the drive control bar against the handle to start tilling movement. Tines and wheels will both turn.
- Move throttle control to "FAST" position for deep tilling.
 To cultivate, throttle control can be set at any desired
 speed, depending on how fast or slow you wish to
 cultivate.

IMPORTANT: ALWAYS RELEASE DRIVE CONTROL BAR BEFORE MOVING SHIFT LEVER INTO ANOTHER POSITION.

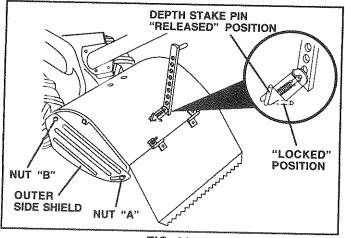


FIG. 11

TURNING

- Release the drive control bar.
- Move throttle control to "SLOW" position.
- Place shift lever indicator in "F" (forward) position. Tines will not turn.
- Lift handle to raise tines out of ground.
- Swing the handle in the opposite direction you wish to turn, being careful to keep feet and legs away from tines.
- When you have completed your turn-around, release the drive control bar and lower handle. Place shift lever in till position and move throttle control to desired speed. To begin tilling, hold drive control bar against the handle.

OUTER SIDE SHIELDS (See Fig. 11)

The back edges of the outer side shields are slotted so that the shields can be raised for deep tilling and lowered for shallow tilling to protect small plants from being buried. Loosen nut "A" in slot and nut "B". Move shield to desired position (both sides). Retighten nuts.

TO TRANSPORT



CAUTION: Before lifting or transporting, allow tiller engine and muffler to cool. Disconnect spark plug wire. Drain gasoline from fuel tank.

AROUND THE YARD

- Release the depth stake pin. Move the depth stake down to the top hole for transporting the tiller. Place depth stake pin in hole of depth stake to lock in position. This prevents tines from scuffing the ground.
- Place shift lever indicator in "F" (forward) position for transporting.
- Hold the drive control bar against the handle to start tiller movement. Tines will not turn.
- Move throttle control to desired speed.

AROUND TOWN

- Disconnect spark plug wire.
- Drain fuel tank.
- Transport in upright position to prevent oil leakage.

BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

IMPORTANT: BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO ALLOW DIRT TO ENTER THE ENGINE WHEN CHECKING OR ADDING OIL OR FUEL. USE CLEAN OIL AND FUEL AND STORE IN APPROVED, CLEAN, COVERED CONTAINERS. USE CLEAN FILL FUNNELS.

CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL (See Fig. 12)

- The engine in your unit has been shipped, from the factory, already filled with SAE 30 summer weight oil.
- With engine level, clean area around oil filler plug and remove plug.
- Engine oil should be to point of overflowing when engine is level. For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual. All oil must meet A.P.I. Service Classification SF, SG or SH.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (See oil viscosity chart in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Customer Responsibilities section in this manual.

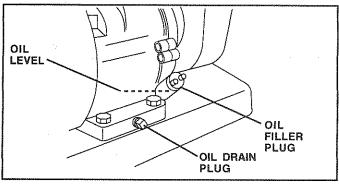


FIG. 12

ADD GASOLINE

• Fill fuel tank. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life.)

IMPORTANT: WHEN OPERATING IN TEMPERATURES BELOW 32°F (0°C), USE FRESH, CLEAN, WINTER GRADE GASOLINE TO HELP INSURE GOOD COLD WEATHER STARTING.

WARNING: Experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. To avoid engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer. Drain the gas tank, start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty. Use fresh fuel next season. See Storage section of this manual for additional information. Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.



CAUTION: Fill to within 1/2 inch of top of fuel tank to prevent spills and to allow for fuel expansion. If gasoline is accidentally spilled, move machine away from area of spill. Avoid creating any source of ignition until gasoline vapors have disappeared.

Do not overfill. Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 13)



CAUTION: Keep drive control bar in "DISENGAGED" position when starting engine.

When starting engine for the first time or if engine has run out of fuel, it will take extra pulls of the recoil starter to move fuel from the tank to the engine.

- Make sure spark plug wire is properly connected.
- Move shift lever indicator to "N" (neutral) position.
- Place throttle control in "FAST" position.
- Move choke control to full "CHOKE" position. Grasp recoil starter handle with one hand and grasp tiller handle with other hand. Pull rope out slowly until engine reaches start of compression cycle (rope will pull slightly harder at this point).
- Pull recoil starter handle quickly. Do not let starter handle snap back against starter. Repeat if necessary.
- If engine fires but does not start, move choke control to half choke position. Pull recoil starter handle until engine starts.
- When engine starts, slowly move choke control to "RUN" position as engine warms up.

NOTE: A warm engine requires less choking to start.

- Move throttle control to desired running position.
- Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes before engaging tines.

NOTE: If at a high altitude (above 3000 feet) or in cold temperatures (below 32°F), the carburetor fuel mixture may need to be adjusted for best engine performance. See "TO ADJUST CARBURETOR" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

NOTE: If engine does not start, see troubleshooting points.

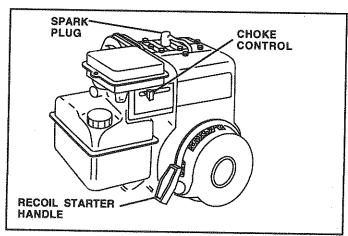


FIG. 13

TILLING HINTS



CAUTION: Until you are accustomed to handling your tiller, start actual field use with throttle in slow position (mid-way between "FAST" and "IDLE").

- Tilling is digging into, turning over, and breaking up packed soil before planting. Loose, unpacked soil helps root growth. Best tilling depth is 4" to 6" (10-15 cm). A tiller will also clear the soil of unwanted vegetation. The decomposition of this vegetable matter enriches the soil. Depending on the climate (rainfall and wind), it may be advisable to till the soil at the end of the growing season to further condition the soil.
- Soil conditions are important for proper tilling. Tines will
 not readily penetrate dry, hard soil which may contribute
 to excessive bounce and difficult handling of your tiller.
 Hard soil should be moistened before tilling; however,
 extremely wet soil will "ball-up" or clump during tilling.
 Wait until the soil is less wet in order to achieve the best
 results. When tilling in the fall, remove vines and long
 grass to prevent them from wrapping around the tine
 shaft and slowing your tilling operation.
- You will find tilling much easier if you leave a row untilled between passes. Then go back between tilled rows. (See Fig. 14) There are two reasons for doing this. First, wide turns are much easier to negotiate than aboutfaces. Second, the tiller won't be pulling itself, and you, toward the row next to it.
- Do not lean on handle. This takes weight off the wheels and reduces traction. To get through a really tough section of sod or hard ground, apply upward pressure on handle or lower the depth stake.

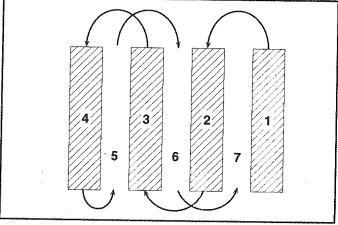


FIG. 14

TINE SHEAR PINS

The tine assemblies on your tiller are secured to the tine shaft with shear pins (See "TINE REPLACEMENT" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

If the tiller is unusually overloaded or jammed, the shear pins are designed to break before internal damage occurs to the transmission.

 If shear pin(s) break, replace only with those shown in the Repair Parts section of this manual.

CULTIVATING

Cultivating is destroying the weeds between rows to prevent them from robbing nourishment and moisture from the plants. At the same time, breaking up the upper layer of soil crust will help retain moisture in the soil. Best digging depth is 1" to 3" (2.5-7.5 cm). Lower the outer side shields to protect small plants from being buried.

 Cultivate up and down the rows at a speed which will allow tines to uproof weeds and leave the ground in rough condition, promoting no further growth of weeds and grass (See Fig. 15).

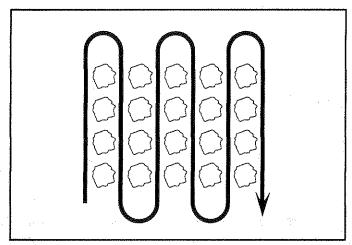


FIG. 15

ADJUST WHEELS FOR CULTIVATING (See Figs. 16 and 17)

- Place blocks under right hand side of tiller and remove hairpin clip and clevis pin from right hand wheel.
- Move wheel outward approximately 1 inch (2.5 cm) until hole in inner wheel hub lines up with inner hole in axle.
- Replace clevis pin and hairpin clip on inside of wheel and remove blocks.
- Repeat preceding steps on left hand side.

NOTE: In extremely rough conditions and while cultivating, the wheels should be moved outward on the axle for increased stability.

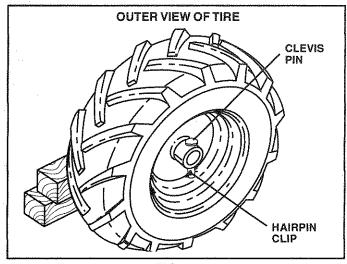


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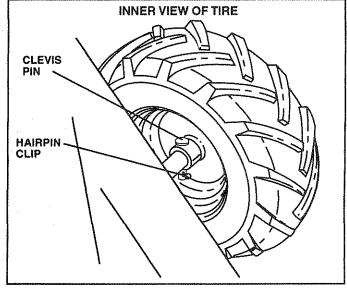


FIG. 17

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

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Change Engine Oil			1,2										-	
Oil Pivot Points		V												
Inspect Spark Arrester / Muffler			STREET,									<u> </u>		
Inspect Air Screen	V													
Clean or Replace Air Cleaner Cartridge				1/2			O Chicago and Chicago							
Clean Engine Cylinder Fins														
Replace Spark Plug					·								E attitude distance	
RH Gear Case Grease Fitting (1oz.)														

^{1 -} Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this tiller does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, the operator must maintain tiller as instructed in this manual.

Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your tiller.

All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

 Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check tines and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

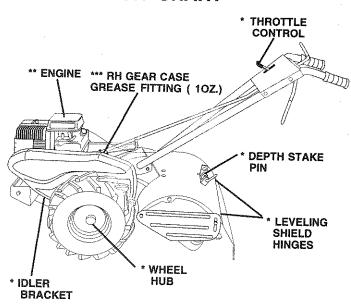
BEFORE EACH USE

- Check engine oil level.
- Check tine operation.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION

Keep unit well lubricated (See "LUBRICATION CHART").

LUBRICATION CHART



- * SAE 30 OR 5W-30 MOTOR OIL
- ** REFER TO CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES "ENGINE" SECTION
- ***EP #1 GREASE

^{2 -} Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES



Disconnect spark plug wire before performing any maintenance (except carburetor adjustment) to prevent accidental starting of engine.

Prevent fires! Keep the engine free of grass, leaves, spilled oil, or fuel. Remove fuel from tank before tipping unit for maintenance. Clean muffler area of all grass, dirt, and debris.

Do not touch hot muffler or cylinder fins as contact may cause burns.

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Use only high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF, SG or SH. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected temperature.

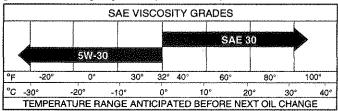


FIG. 18

NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W-30, 10W-30, etc.) improve starting in cold weather, these multi-viscosity oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F (0°C). Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil.

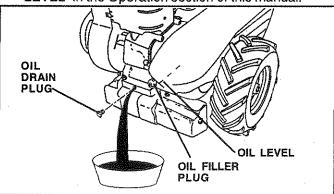
Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tiller is not used for 25 hours in one year.

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each five (5) hours of continuous use. Add SAE 30 motor oil or equivalent. Tighten oil filler plug securely each time you check the oil level.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Figs. 18 and 19)

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SF, SG or SH.

- Be sure tiller is on level surface.
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- Use a funnel to prevent oil spill on tiller, and catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove drain plug.
- Tip tiller forward to drain oil.
- After oil has drained completely, replace oil drain plug and tighten securely.
- Remove oil filler plug. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine.
- Refill engine with oil. See "CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL" in the Operation section of this manual.



AIR CLEANER (See Fig. 20)

Service air cleaner cartridge every twenty-five hours, more often if engine is used in very dusty conditions.

- Loosen air cleaner screws, one on each side of cover.
- Remove air cleaner cover.
- Carefully remove air cleaner cartridge. Be careful. Do not allow dirt or debris to fall into carburetor.
- Clean by tapping gently on a flat surface.
- If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.
- Clean and replace cover. Tighten screws securely.



CAUTION: Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. Do not oil cartridge. Do not use pressurized air to clean or dry cartridge.

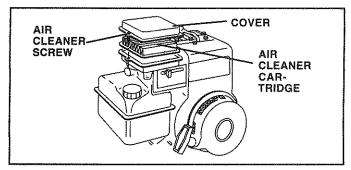


FIG. 20

COOLING SYSTEM (See Fig. 21)

Your engine is air cooled. For proper engine performance and long life keep your engine clean.

- Clean air screen frequently using a stiff-bristled brush.
- Remove blower housing and clean as necessary.
- · Keep cylinder fins free of dirt and chaff.

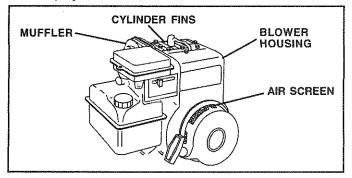


FIG. 21

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

MUFFLER

Do not operate tiller without muffler. Do not tamper with exhaust system. Damaged mufflers or spark arresters could create a fire hazard. Inspect periodically and replace if necessary. If your engine is equipped with a spark arrester screen assembly, remove every 50 hours for cleaning and inspection. Replace if damaged.

SPARK PLUG

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each tilling season or after every 50 hours of use, whichever comes first. Spark plug type and gap setting is shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

TRANSMISSION

Once a season, lubricate the right hand side gear case grease fitting with oz. of EP #1 grease.

CLEANING

- Clean engine, wheels, finish, etc. of all foreign matter.
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc.
- Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

We do not recommend using a garden hose to clean your unit unless the muffler, air filter and carburetor are covered to keep water out. Water in engine can result in a shortened engine life.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS



CAUTION: Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come into contact with plug.

TILLER

TO ADJUST HANDLE HEIGHT (See Fig. 22)

Select handle height best suited for your tilling conditions. Handle height will be different when tiller digs into soil.

- First loosen handle lock lever.
- Handle can be positioned at different settings between "HIGH" and "LOW" positions.
- Retighten handle lock lever securely after adjusting.

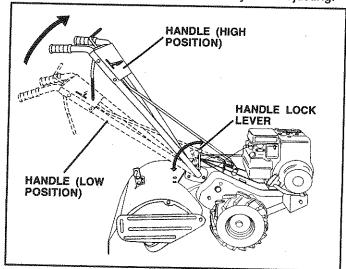


FIG. 22

TIRE CARE



CAUTION: When mounting tires, unless beads are seated, overinflation can cause an explosion.

- Maintain 20 PSI (1.4 kg/cm²) of tire pressure. If tire pressures are not equal, tiller will pull to one side.
- Keep tires free of gasoline or oil which can damage rubber.

TO REMOVE WHEEL (See Fig. 23)

- Place blocks under transmission to keep tiller from tipping.
- Remove hairpin clip and clevis pin from wheel.
- Remove wheel and tire.
- Repair tire and reassemble.

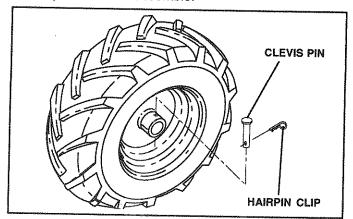


FIG. 23

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TINE REPLACEMENT (See Figs. 24, 25 and 26)



CAUTION: Tines are sharp. Wear gloves or other protection when handling tines.

A badly worn tine causes your tiller to work harder and dig more shallow. Most important, worn tines cannot chop and shred organic matter as effectively nor bury it as deeply as good tines. A tine this worn needs to be replaced.

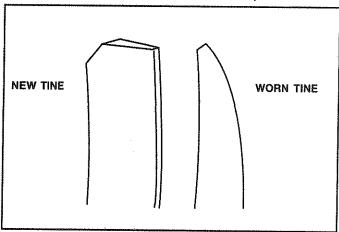


FIG. 24

- To maintain the superb tilling performance of this machine the tines should be checked for sharpness, wear, and bending, particularly the tines which are next to the transmission. If the gap between the tines exceeds 3-1/2 inches (9 cm), they should be replaced or straightened as necessary.
- New tines should be assembled as shown in Fig. 28.
 Sharpened tine edges will rotate rearward from above.

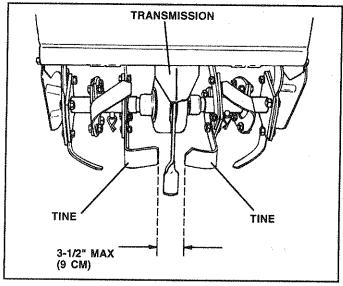


FIG. 25

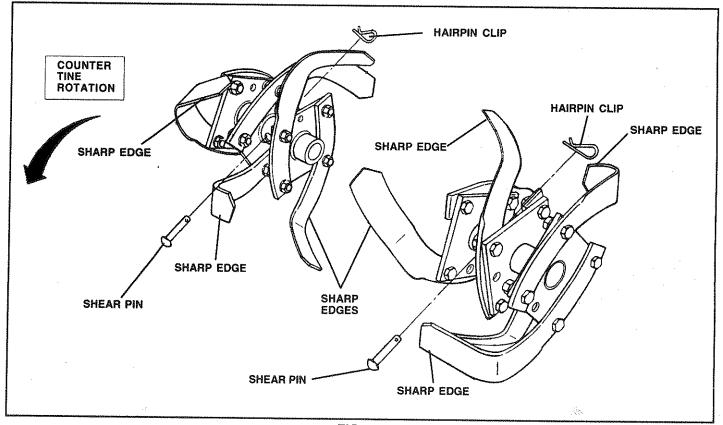


FIG. 26

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TO REMOVE BELT GUARD (See Fig. 27)

NOTE: For ease of removal, remove hairpin clip and clevis pin from left wheel. Pull wheel out from tiller about 1 inch (2.5 cm).

- Remove two (2) screws from side of belt guard.
- Remove hex nut and washer from bottom of belt guard (located behind wheel).
- Pull belt guard out and away from unit.
- Replace belt guard by reversing above procedure.

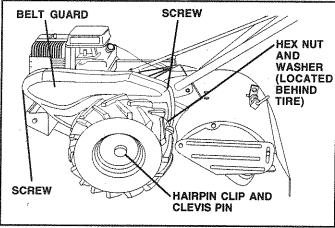


FIG. 27

TO REPLACE GROUND DRIVE BELT (See Figs. 27 and 28)

- Remove belt guard as described in "TO REMOVE BELT GUARD".
- Remove old belt by slipping off engine pulley first then remove from transmission pulley.
- Place new belt in groove of transmission pulley and into engine pulley. BELT MUST BE IN GROOVE ON TOP OF IDLER PULLEY. NOTE POSITION OF BELT TO GUIDES.
- · Check belt adjustment as described below.
- Replace belt guard.
- Reposition wheel and replace clevis pin and hairpin clip.

GROUND DRIVE BELT ADJUSTMENT (See Fig. 28)

For proper belt tension, the extension spring should have about 5/8 inch (16 mm) stretch when drive control bar is in "ENGAGED" position. This tension can be attained as follows:

- Loosen cable clip screw securing the drive control cable.
- Slide cable forward for less tension and rearward for more tension until about 5/8 inch (16 mm) stretch is obtained while the drive control bar is engaged.
- Tighten cable clip screw securely.

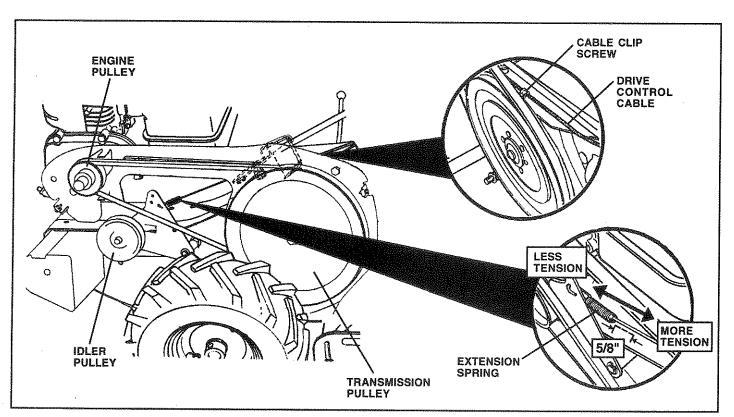


FIG. 28

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TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 29)

- Loosen cable clamp screw to allow cable to move.
- Move throttle control lever on upper handle to "FAST" position.
- Pull throttle cable out until engine bellcrank is back as far as it will go.
- Hold cable in this position and tighten clamp screw securely.

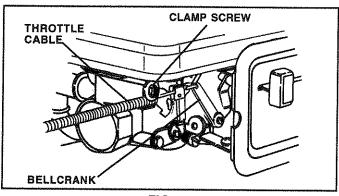


FIG. 29

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR

The carburetor has a high speed jet and has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. However, minor adjustments may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude or load. If the carburetor does need adjustment, see engine manual.

High speed stop is factory adjusted. do not adjust or damage may result.

IMPORTANT: NEVER TAMPER WITH THE ENGINE GOVERNOR, WHICH IS FACTORY SET FOR PROPER ENGINE SPEED. OVERSPEEDING THE ENGINE ABOVE THE FACTORY HIGH SPEED SETTING CAN BE DANGEROUS. IF YOU THINK THE ENGINE-GOVERNED HIGH SPEED NEEDS ADJUSTING, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS THE PROPER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

STORAGE

Immediately prepare your tiller for storage at the end of the season or if the unit will not be used for 30 days or more.



CAUTION: Never store the tiller with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

TILLER

- Clean entire tiller (See "CLEANING" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- Inspect and replace belts, if necessary (See belt replacement instructions in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).
- Lubricate as shown in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual.
- Be sure that all nuts, bolts and screws are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace if necessary.
- Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

ENGINE

FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS THE CARBURETOR, FUEL FILTER, FUEL HOSE, OR TANK DURING STORAGE. ALSO, EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT ALCOHOL BLENDED FUELS (CALLED GASOHOL OR USING ETHANOL OR METHANOL) CAN ATTRACT MOISTURE WHICH LEADS TO SEPARATION AND FORMATION OF ACIDS DURING STORAGE. ACIDIC GAS CAN DAMAGE THE FUEL SYSTEM OF AN ENGINE WHILE IN STORAGE.

- Drain the fuel tank.
- Start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty.
- Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.
- Use fresh fuel next season.

NOTE: Fuel stabilizer is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to gasoline in fuel tank or storage container. Always follow the mix ratio found on stabilizer container. Run engine at least 10 minutes after adding stabilizer to allow the stabilizer to reach the carburetor. Do not drain the gas tank and carburetor if using fuel stabilizer.

ENGINE OIL

Drain oil (with engine warm) and replace with clean oil. (See "ENGINE" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).

CYLINDER(S)

- Remove spark plug.
- Pour 1 ounce (29 ml) of oil through spark plug hole into cylinder.
- Pull starter handle slowly several times to distribute oil.
- Replace with new spark plug.

OTHER

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust.
 Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems.
- If possible, store your unit indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your unit with a suitable protective cover that does not retain moisture. Do not use plastic. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and will cause your unit to rust.

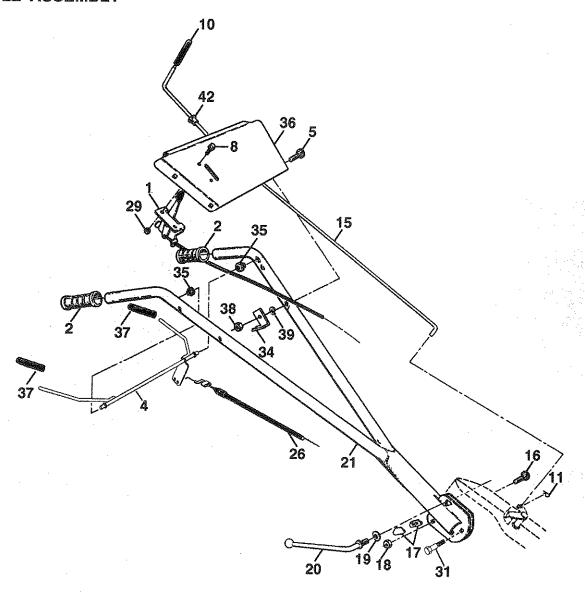
IMPORTANT: NEVER COVER TILLER WHILE ENGINE AND EXHAUST AREAS ARE STILL WARM.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	1. Out of fuel. 2. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. 3. Engine flooded. 4. Dirty air cleaner. 5. Water in fuel. 6. Clogged fuel tank. 7. Loose spark plug wire. 8. Bad spark plug or improper gap. 9. Carburetor out of adjustment. 10. Oil soaked air filter.	 Fill fuel tank. See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section. Wait several minutes before attempting to start. Clean or replace air cleaner cartridge. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, and refill tank with fresh gasoline. Remove fuel tank and clean. Make sure spark plug wire is seated properly on plug. Replace spark plug or adjust gap. Make necessary adjustments. Replace air filter.
Hard to start	 Throttle control not set properly. Dirty air cleaner. Bad spark plug or improper gap. Stale or dirty fuel. Loose spark plug wire. Carburetor out of adjustment. 	 Place throttle control in "FAST" position. Clean or replace air cleaner cartridge. Replace spark plug or adjust gap. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Make sure spark plug wire is seated properly on plug. Make necessary adjustments.
Loss of power	 Engine is overloaded. Dirty air cleaner. Low oil level/dirty oil. Faulty spark plug. Oil in fuel. Stale or dirty fuel. Water in fuel. Clogged fuel tank. Spark plug wire loose. Dirty engine air screen. Dirty/clogged muffler. Carburetor out of adjustment. Poor compression. 	 Set depth stake for shallower tilling. Clean or replace air cleaner cartridge. Check oil level/change oil. Clean and regap or change spark plug. Drain and clean fuel tank and refill, and clean carburetor. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, and refill tank with fresh gasoline. Remove fuel tank and clean. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. Clean engine air screen. Clean/replace muffler. Make necessary adjustments. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine overheats	Low oil level/dirty oil. Dirty engine air screen. Dirty engine. Partially plugged muffler. Improper carburetor adjustment.	 Check oil level/change oil. Clean engine air screen. Clean cylinder fins, air screen, and muffler area. Remove and clean muffler. Adjust carburetor to richer position.
Excessive bounce/ difficult handling	1. Ground too dry and hard.	Moisten ground or wait for more favorable soil conditions.
Soil balls up or clumps	1. Ground too wet.	Wait for more favorable soil conditions.
Engine runs but tiller von't move	 Drive control bar is not engaged. V-belt not correctly adjusted. V-belt is off pulley(s). 	Engage drive control. Inspect/adjust V-belt. Inspect V-belt.
ingine runs but labors when tilling	Tilling too deep. Throttle control not properly adjusted. Carburetor out of adjustment.	Set depth stake for shallower tilling. Check throttle control setting. Make necessary adjustments.
ines will not rotate	Shear pin(s) broken.	Replace shear pin(s).
lard to shift into gear	1. Gears not timed.	Briefly engage drive control bar and release or rock tiller forward and backward until are able to shift gears.
iller shuts off when rive control bar ngaged	Shift lever set in between counter rotating till position and forward rotating till position. Tines jammed.	Shift to either counter rotating till position or forward rotating till position. Clear tines.

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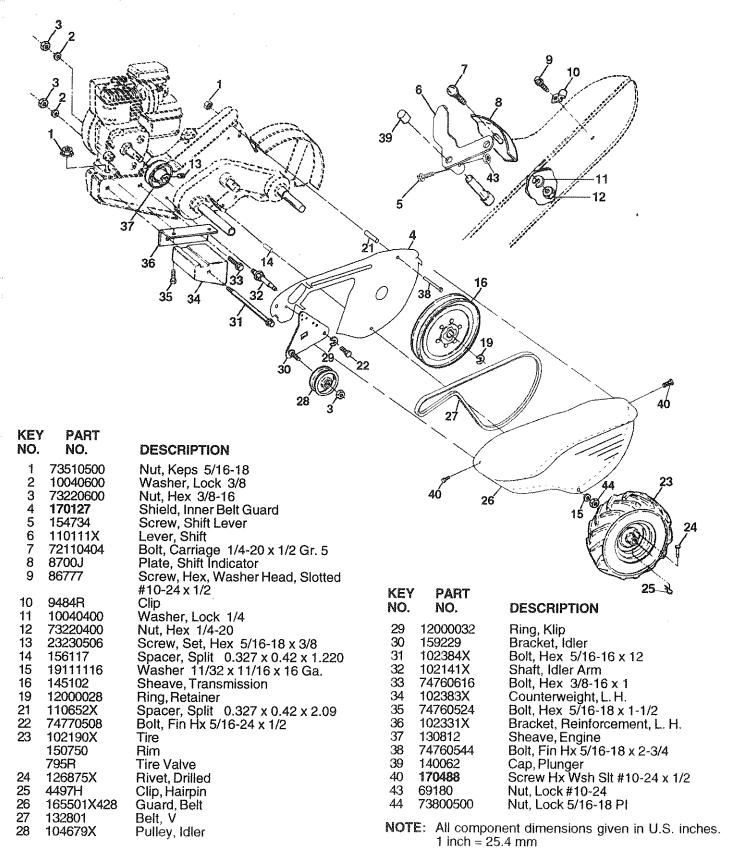
HANDLE ASSEMBLY



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	127012X	Control, Throttle	21	150217	Handle
2	150744	Grip, Handle	26	159232	Cable, Clutch
4	159227	Bar, Control	29	73731000	Nut, Keps #10-24 UNC
5	72110514	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 1-3/4	31	150696	Bolt, Pivot
. 8	71191008	Screw, Pan Hd. #10-24	34	145821	Bracket, Clutch Cable
10	8389J	Grip, Handle	35	146480	Grommet, Handle
11	4497H	Clip, Hairpin	36	126949X428	Bracket, Handle
15	108281X	Rod, Shift	37	102604X	Grip, Bar Control
16	72110608	Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 1 Gr. 5	38	73800500	Locknut 5/16-18
17	109229X	Lock, Handle	39	10040500	Washer, Lock 5/16
18	73680600	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC	42	121248X	Bushing, Snap
19 20	19131611 109228X	Washer 13/32 x 1 x 11 Ga. Lever, Lock, Handle	NOT	E: All compon 1 inch = 25.	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches.

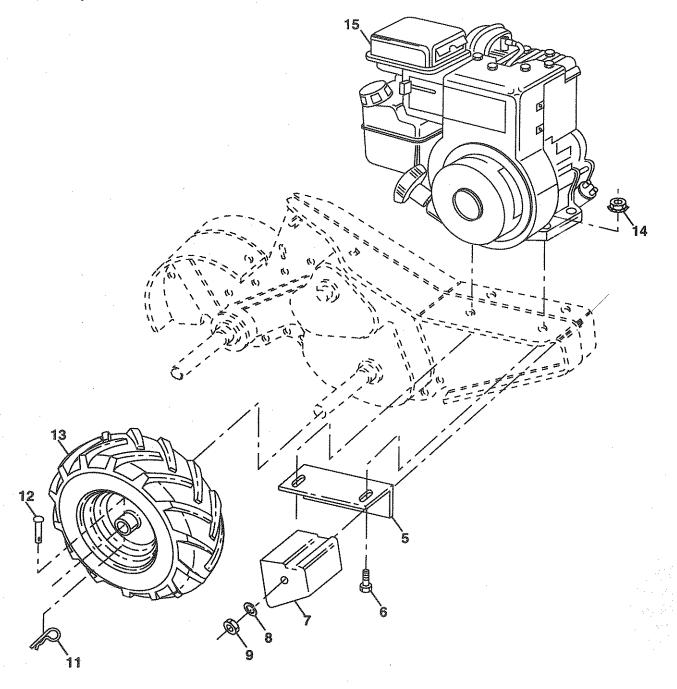
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MAINFRAME, LEFT SIDE



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MAINFRAME, RIGHT SIDE

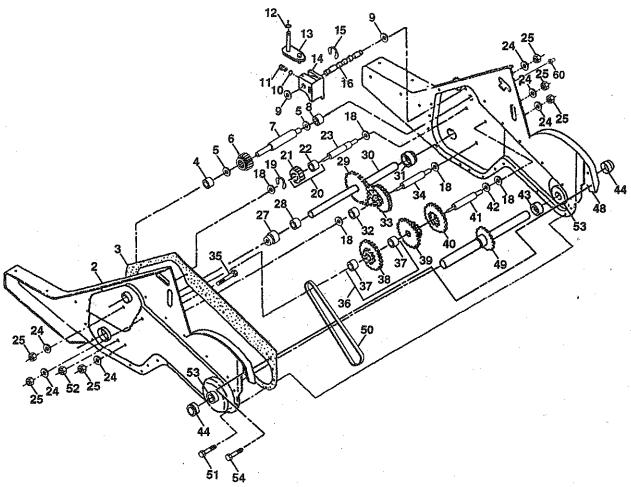


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5 6 7 8 9 11 12	102332X 74760524 102173X 10040600 73220600 4497H 126875X	Bracket, Reinforcement Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 x 1-1/2 Counter Weight, R.H. Washer, Lock 3/8 Nut, Hex 3/8-16 Clip, Hairpin Rivet, Drilled	13 14 15	102190X 150750 795R 73510500	Tire Rim Tire Valve Nut, Keps 5/16-18 Engine, Briggs Model 137202 Order parts from engine manufacturer

NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S.inches. 1 inch = 25.4 mm

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TRANSMISSION



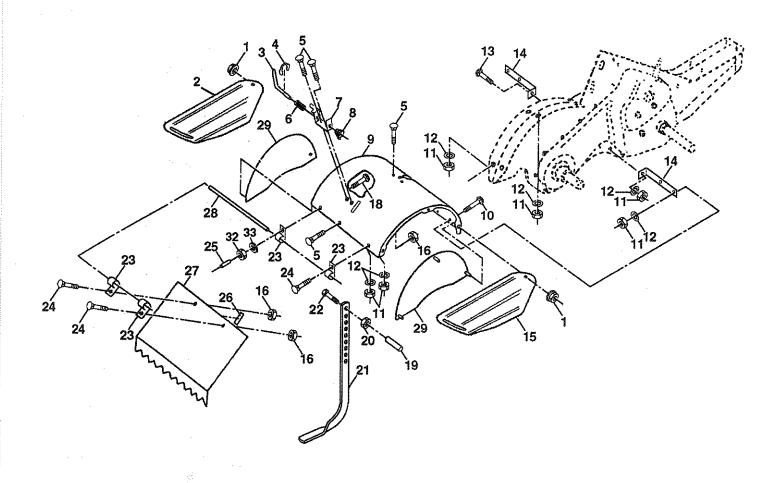
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1	170337		NO.		DESCRIPTION
•	170007	Transmission Assembly	29	102134X	Chain #35-50 Pitch
2	165729	(Includes Key Nos. 2-52)	30	150737	Ground Shaft Assembly
_	103729	Gearcase, L.H. w/Bearing	31	143008	Bearing, Shaft, Ground Drive R.H.
3	161963	(Includes Key No. 4)	32	106388X	Spacer 0.70 x 1.00 x 1.150
4	5020J	Gasket, Gearcase	33	102121X	Sprocket and Gear Assembly
5	1370H	Bearing, Needle Washer Thrust 5/8 x 1 10 x 1/33	34	102112X	Shaft, Reduction (2nd)
6	137335	Washer, Thrust 5/8 x 1.10 x 1/32 Pinion, Input	35	102101X	Screw, Whiz, Lock 5/16-18 x 3-1/2
7	145101	Shaft, Input	36	154355	Sprocket Assembly w/Bearing
8	4895H		07	4400 3	(Includes Key Nos. 37 and 38)
9	154467	Bearing, Needle Washer, Seal	37	4422J	Bearing, Needle
10	7392M	Ball, Steel	38	154356	Sprocket, Tine
11	100371K	Spring, Shift, Fork	39 40	105345X 105346X	Gear, Cluster, Red 1st & 2nd
12	106160X	O-Ring	41		Gear, Reverse
13	142145	Arm,. Shift	42	8358J	Shaft, Reduction (1st)
14	8353J	Fork, Shift	43	4220R 106146X	Washer, Thrust
15	12000039	Ring, Klip	43 44		Spacer 1.01 x 1.75 x 0.760
16	154466	Shaft, Shift	48	155236 170338	Seal Asm. Oil
18	4358J	Washer	40	170000	Gearcase, R.H. w/Bearing
19	12000040	Ring, Klip	49	132688	(Includes Key No. 8)
20	102114X	Gear, Assembly, Reverse Idler	50	106147X	Shaft, Tine Chain, Roller #50-50 Pitch
		(Includes Key Nos. 21 and 22)	51	17720408	Screw 1/4-20 x 1/2
21	102115X	Gear, Reverse Idler	52	73220500	Nut, Hex 5/16-18
22	6803J	Bearing, Needle	53	165140	
23	102111X	Shaft, Reverse Idler	54	17720412	Kit, Bearing, Tine Shaft Screw 1/4-20 x 3/4
24	10040700	Washer, Lock 7/16	60	6855M	Fitting Grease
25	73610700	Nut, Hex 7/16-20		6066J	Grease, Plastilube #1
27	143009	Bearing, Shaft, Ground Drive L.H.			
28	106390X	Spacer 0.765 x 1.125 x 1.23	I UV	E: All compon	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches.

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TINE SHIELD

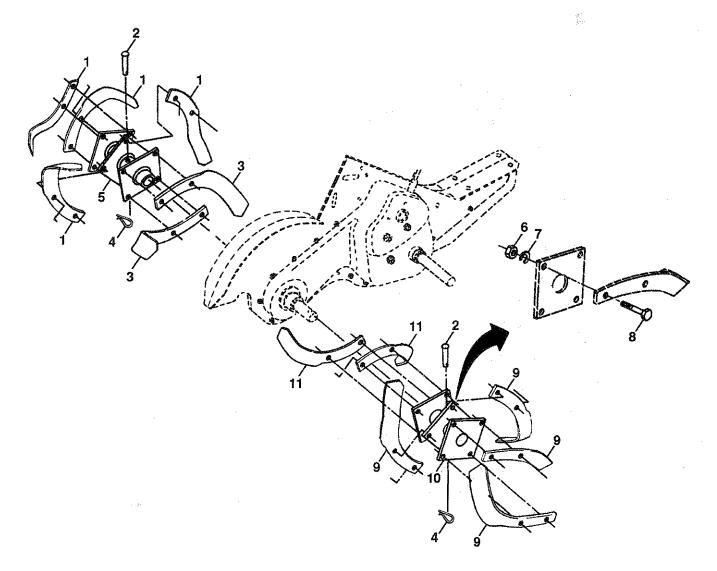


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1	73900500	Nut, Lock Hex Flange 5/16-18	18	72040410	Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 1-1/4 Gr. 5
2	161415X428	Shield, Side, Outer L. H.	19	102701X	Grip
3	8393J	Pin, Stake, Depth	20	73220600	Nut, Hex 3/8-16
4	12000036	Ring, Klip	21	102156X	Stake, Depth
5	72140506	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 3/4 Gr 5	-22	74930632	Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 2
6	8394J	Spring	23	4440J	Hinge
7	8392J	Bracket, Latch	24	72140404	Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 1/2 Gr. 5
8	109230X	Spring, Depth Stake	25	6712J	Cap, Vinyl
9	102326X428	Shield, Tine	26	109227X	Pad, Idler
10	72140508	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 1	27	102695X428	Shield, Leveling
11	73220500	Nut, Hex 5/16-18	28	120588X	Pin, Hinge
12	10040500	Washer, Lock 5/16	29	104085X428	Shield, Šide
13	72110510	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 1-1/4	32	73220400	Nut Fin Hex 1/4-20 UNC
14	124343X	Bracket, Shield Tine	33	10040400	Washer Lock Hvy Helical 1/4
15 16	161414X428 73900400	Shield, Side, Outer R.H. Nut, Hex Flange 1/4-20 UNC	NOT	E: All compone 1 inch = 25	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches. .4 mm

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TINE ASSEMBLY

73610600 10040600 Nut, Hex 3/8-24 Washer, Lock 3/8

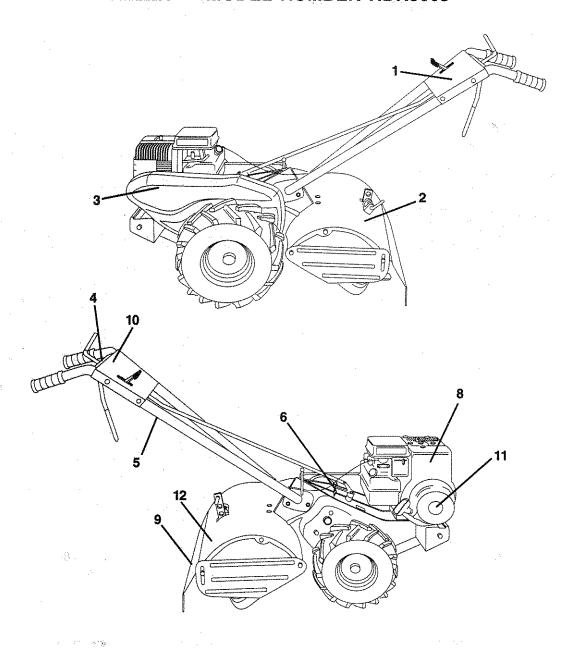


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1	4459J	Tîne, Outer, L.H.	8	74610616	Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1
2	132673	Clevis Pin	9	4460J	Tine, Outer, R.H.
3	6554J	Tine, Inner, L.H.	10	132728	Assembly, Hub and Plate, R.H.
4	3146R	Retainer, Spring	11	6555J	Tine, Inner, R.H.
5	132727	Assembly, Hub and Plate, I. H.			, ,

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DECALS



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1	157384	Decal, Logo
3	157387	Decal, Description
3	167386	Decal, Logo
4 5	143678	Decal, Instruction, Tilling
5	141907	Decal, Hand Placement
6	102180X	Decal, Shift Indicator
8	171803	Decal, Briggs & Stratton
9	141906	Decal, Warning, Rotating Tines
10	156199	Decal, Reverse
11	171804	Decal, 5HP
12	162215	Decal, Tine Shield Wrng Dom
	172487	Manual, Owner's (English)
	172488	Manual, Owner's (Spanish)

LIMITED WARRANTY

The Manufacturer warrants to the original consumer purchaser that this product as manufactured is free from defects in materials and workmanship. For a period of two (2) years from date of purchase by the original consumer purchaser, we will repair or replace, at our option, without charge for parts or labor incurred in replacing parts, any part which we find to be defective due to materials or workmanship. This Warranty is subject to the following limitations and exclusions.

- This warranty does not apply to the engine, other than FHP manufactured transaxle/transmission components, battery (except as noted below) or components parts thereof. Please refer to the applicable manufacturer's warranty on these items.
- 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 Frigidaire Home Products.
- 3. Battery Warranty: On products equipped with a Battery, we will replace, without charge to you, any battery which we find to be defective in manufacture, during the first ninety (90) days of ownership. After ninety (90) days, we will exchange the Battery, charging you 1/12 of the price of a new Battery for each full month from the date of the original sale. Battery must be maintained in accordance with the instructions furnished.
- The Warranty period for any products used for rental or commercial purposes is limited to 90 days from the date of original purchase.
- 5. This Warranty applies only to products which have been properly assembled, adjusted, operated, and maintained in accordance with the instructions furnished. This Warranty does not apply to any product which has been subjected to alteration, misuse, abuse, improper assembly or installation, delivery damage, or to normal wear of the product.
- 6. Exclusions: Excluded from this Warranty are belts, blades, blade adapters, normal wear, normal adjustments, standard hardware and normal maintenance.
- 7. In the event you have a claim under this Warranty, you must return the product to an authorized service dealer.

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