



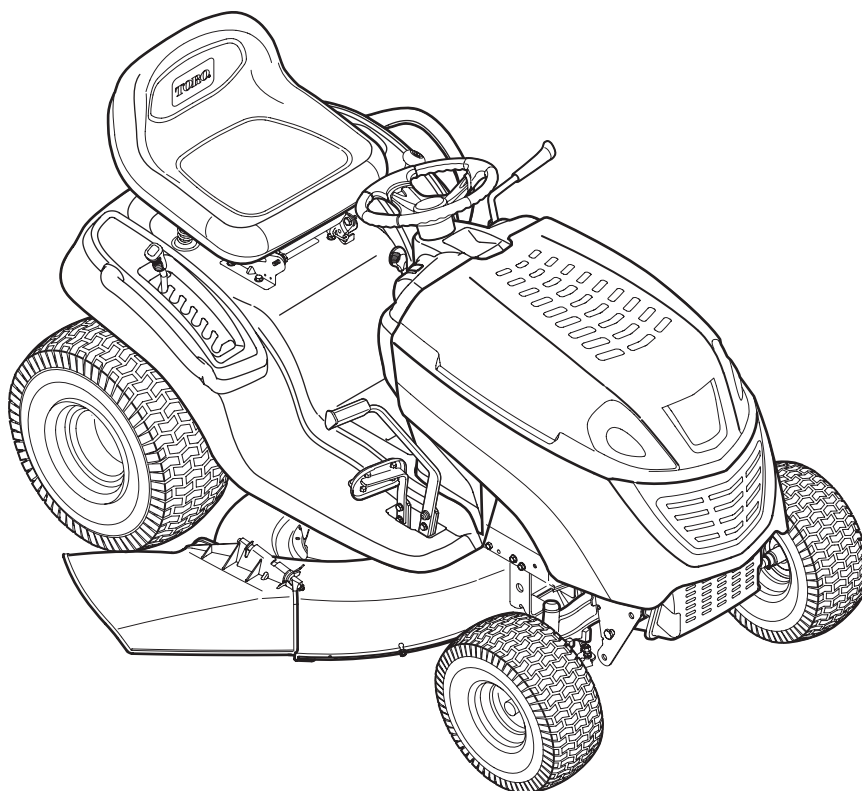
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# Operator's Manual

## LX420 & LX460 Lawn Tractors

Model No. 71430 and 71432



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## FINDING MODEL NUMBER

This Operator's Manual is an important part of your new lawn tractor. It will help you assemble, prepare and maintain the unit for best performance. Please read and understand what it says.



**Before you start assembling your new equipment**, please locate the model plate on the equipment and copy the information from it in the space provided below. A sample model plate is also illustrated below. You can locate the model plate by looking at the underside of the tractor's seat. This information will be necessary to use the manufacturer's web site and/or help from a Toro Service Dealer.

MODEL NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	DOM

THE TORO COMPANY  
8111 LYNDALE AVE. SOUTH  
BLOOMINGTON, MINNISOTA 55420-1196  
DEALER LOCATER PHONE NUMBER: 1-888-384-9942

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## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

*Please do NOT return the unit to the retailer without first contacting Customer Support.*

If you have difficulty assembling this product or have any questions regarding the controls, operation or maintenance of this unit, you can seek help from the experts. Choose from the options below:

	<p>Visit <b>www.toro.com</b> for many useful suggestions. Click on Customer Care in the Homeowners section of the Toro Solutions Center and help is immediately available.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Count on it.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 10px;">Site Search: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;"> <span>Homeowner</span> <span>Golf Course Management</span> <span>Professional Contractor</span> <span>Sports Fields &amp; Grounds</span> <span>Irrigation Solutions</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Toro Solutions Center</h3> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Toro offers a variety of online tools to customers who currently own or are interested in purchasing a Toro product. Refer to the list below for the tools available to Homeowner customers.</p> </div> </div> </div>
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## SECTION 1: IMPORTANT SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES



**WARNING:** This symbol points out important safety instructions which, if not followed, could endanger the personal safety and/or property of yourself and others. Read and follow all instructions in this manual before attempting to operate this machine. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in personal injury. When you see this symbol—heed its warning.



**DANGER:** This machine was built to be operated according to the rules for safe operation in this manual. As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in serious injury. This machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.



**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 for the muffler is available through your *Toro* service dealer or contact Toro at 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, IN 55420-0019.

### California Proposition 65 Warning:



**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.

### GENERAL OPERATION

1. Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine and in the manual(s) before attempting to assemble and operate. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Be familiar with all controls and their proper operation. Know how to stop the machine and disengage PTO/blades quickly.
3. Never allow children under 14 years old to operate this machine. Children 14 years old and over should read and understand the operation instructions and safety rules in this manual and should be trained and supervised by a parent or responsible adult.
4. Never allow adults to operate this machine without proper instruction.
5. To help avoid blade contact or a thrown object injury, keep bystanders, helpers, children and pets at least 75 feet from the machine while it is in operation. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
6. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones, toys, and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the blade(s). Thrown objects can cause serious personal injury.
7. Plan your mowing pattern to avoid discharge of material toward roads, sidewalks, bystanders and the like. Also, avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction which may cause discharged material to ricochet back toward the operator.
8. Always wear safety glasses or safety goggles during operation and while performing an adjustment or repair to protect your eyes. Thrown objects which ricochet can cause serious injury to the eyes.
9. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close-fitting slacks and shirts. Loose fitting clothes and jewelry can be caught in movable parts. Never operate this machine in bare feet or sandals.
10. Be aware of the mower and attachment discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without the discharge cover or entire grass catcher in its proper place.
11. Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts or under the cutting deck. Contact with the blade(s) can amputate hands and feet.
12. A missing or damaged discharge cover can cause blade contact or thrown object injuries.
13. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads and while not cutting grass.
14. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways. This machine is not intended for use on any public roadway.
15. Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
16. Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
17. Never carry passengers.
18. Disengage blade(s) before shifting into reverse. Back up slowly. Always look down and behind before and while backing to avoid a back-over accident.

19. Slow down before turning. Operate the machine smoothly. Avoid erratic operation and excessive speed.
20. Disengage blade(s), set parking brake, stop engine and wait until the blade(s) come to a complete stop before removing grass catcher, emptying grass, unclogging chute, removing any grass or debris, or making any adjustments.
21. Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blade(s), place transmission in neutral, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key before dismounting.
22. Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck. This unit should not be driven up or down ramp(s), because the unit could tip over, causing serious personal injury. The unit must be pushed manually on ramp(s) to load or unload properly.
23. Muffler and engine become hot and can cause a burn. Do not touch.
24. Check overhead clearances carefully before driving under low hanging tree branches, wires, door openings etc., where the operator may be struck or pulled from the unit, which could result in serious injury.
25. Disengage all attachment clutches, depress the brake pedal completely and shift into neutral before attempting to start engine.
26. Your machine is designed to cut normal residential grass of a height no more than 10". Do not attempt to mow through unusually tall, dry grass (e.g., pasture) or piles of dry leaves. Dry grass or leaves may contact the engine exhaust and/or build up on the mower deck presenting a potential fire hazard.
27. Use only accessories and attachments approved for this machine by the machine manufacturer. Read, understand and follow all instructions provided with the approved accessory or attachment.
28. Data indicates that operators, age 60 years and above, are involved in a large percentage of riding mower-related injuries. These operators should evaluate their ability to operate the riding mower safely enough to protect themselves and others from serious injury.
29. If situations occur which are not covered in this manual, use care and good judgment. Contact a Toro Service Dealer for assistance.

## **SLOPE OPERATION**

Slopes are a major factor related to loss of control and tip-over accidents which can result in severe injury or death. All slopes require extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it.

For your safety, use the slope gauge included as part of this manual to measure slopes before operating this unit on a sloped or hilly area. If the slope is greater than 15 degrees as shown on the slope gauge, do not operate this unit on that area or serious injury could result.

### **DO:**

1. Mow up and down slopes, not across. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
2. Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
3. Use slow speed. Choose a low enough speed setting so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope. Tires may lose traction on slopes even though the brakes are functioning properly. Always keep machine in gear when going down slopes to take advantage of engine braking action.
4. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.
5. Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine.
6. Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction. Rapid transmission engagement or braking could cause the front of the machine to lift and rapidly flip over backwards which could cause serious injury.
7. Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blade(s) and proceed slowly straight down the slope.

### **DO NOT:**

1. Do not turn on slopes unless necessary; then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.
2. Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of a cliff, ditch, or if an edge caves in.
3. Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.
4. Do not use a grass catcher on steep slopes.
5. Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.
6. Do not shift to neutral and coast downhill. Doing so may cause the operator to lose control of the machine resulting in serious injury or death.
7. Do not tow heavy pull behind attachments (e.g. loaded dump cart, lawn roller, etc.) on slopes greater than 5 degrees. When going down hill, the extra weight tends to push the tractor and may cause you to lose control. (e.g. tractor may speed up, braking and steering ability are reduced, attachment may jack-knife and cause tractor to overturn).

## CHILDREN

1. Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. They do not understand the dangers. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.
  - a. Keep children out of the mowing area and in watchful care of a responsible adult other than the operator.
  - b. Be alert and turn machine off if a child enters the area.
  - c. Before and while backing, look behind and down for small children.
  - d. Never carry children, even with the blade(s) shut off. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
  - e. Use extreme care when approaching blind corners, doorways, shrubs, trees or other objects that may block your vision of a child who may run into the machine.
  - f. **To avoid back-over accidents, always disengage the cutting blade(s) before shifting into reverse. The “Reverse Caution Mode” should not be used when children or others are around.**
  - g. Keep children away from hot or running engines. They can suffer burns from a hot muffler.
  - h. Remove key when machine is unattended to prevent unauthorized operation.
2. Never allow children under 14 years old to operate the machine. Children 14 years old and over should read and understand the operation instructions and safety rules in this manual and should be trained and supervised by a parent.

## TOWING

1. Tow only with a machine that has a hitch designed for towing. Do not attach towed equipment except at the hitch point.
2. Follow the manufacturers recommendation for weight limits for towed equipment and towing on slopes.
3. Never allow children or others in or on towed equipment.
4. Do not tow heavy pull behind attachments (e.g. loaded dump cart, lawn roller, etc.) on slopes greater than 5 degrees. When going down hill, the extra weight tends to push the tractor and may cause you to loose control. (e.g. tractor may speed up, braking and steering ability are reduced, attachment may jack-knife and cause tractor to overturn).
5. Travel slowly and allow extra distance to stop.

## SERVICE

### SAFE HANDLING OF GASOLINE:

1. **To avoid personal injury or property damage** use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Serious personal injury can occur when gasoline is spilled on yourself or your clothes which can ignite. Wash your skin and change clothes immediately.
  - a. Use only an approved gasoline container.
  - b. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
  - c. When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
  - d. Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
  - e. Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.
  - f. Never fuel machine indoors.
  - g. Never remove gas cap or add fuel while the engine is hot or running. Allow engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling.
  - h. Never over fill fuel tank. Fill tank to no more than 1/2-inch below the bottom of the filler neck to allow space for fuel expansion.
  - i. Replace gasoline cap and tighten securely.
  - j. If gasoline is spilled, wipe it off the engine and equipment. Move unit to another area. Wait 5 minutes before starting the engine.
  - k. To reduce fire hazards, keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up. Clean up oil or fuel spillage and remove any fuel soaked debris.
  - l. Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, spark or pilot light as on a water heater, space heater, furnace, clothes dryer or other gas appliances.
  - m. Allow a machine to cool at least 5 minutes before storing.

### GENERAL SERVICE:

1. Never run an engine indoors or in a poorly ventilated area. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless, and deadly gas.
2. Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, make certain the blade(s) and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground against the engine to prevent unintended starting.

3. Periodically check to make sure the blades come to complete stop within approximately five (5) seconds after operating the blade disengagement control. If the blades do not stop within the this time frame, your unit should be serviced professionally by a Toro Service Dealer.
4. Check brake operation frequently as it is subjected to wear during normal operation. Adjust and service as required.
5. Check the blade(s) and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness. Also, visually inspect blade(s) for damage (e.g., excessive wear, bent, cracked). Replace the blade(s) with the original equipment manufacturer's (O.E.M.) blade(s) only. Use of parts which do not meet the original equipment specifications may lead to improper performance and compromise safety!
6. Mower blades are sharp. Wrap the blade or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
7. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
8. Never tamper with the safety interlock system or other safety devices. Check their before each use.
9. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire(s) and ground against the engine. Thoroughly inspect the machine for any damage. Repair the damage before starting and operating.
10. Never attempt to make adjustments or repairs to the machine while the engine is running.
11. Grass catcher components and the discharge cover are subject to wear and damage which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown.
12. For safety protection, frequently check components and replace immediately with original equipment manufacturer's (O.E.M.) parts only. Use of parts which do not meet the original equipment specifications may lead to improper performance and compromise safety!
13. Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine. The governor controls the maximum safe operating speed of the engine.
14. Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels as necessary (i.e. when scratched, damaged or missing).
15. Observe proper disposal laws and regulations for gas, oil, etc. to protect the environment.



**WARNING: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** Restrict the use of this power machine to persons who agree to read, understand and follow the warnings and instructions in this manual and on the machine.

## SECTION 2: SAFETY LABELS

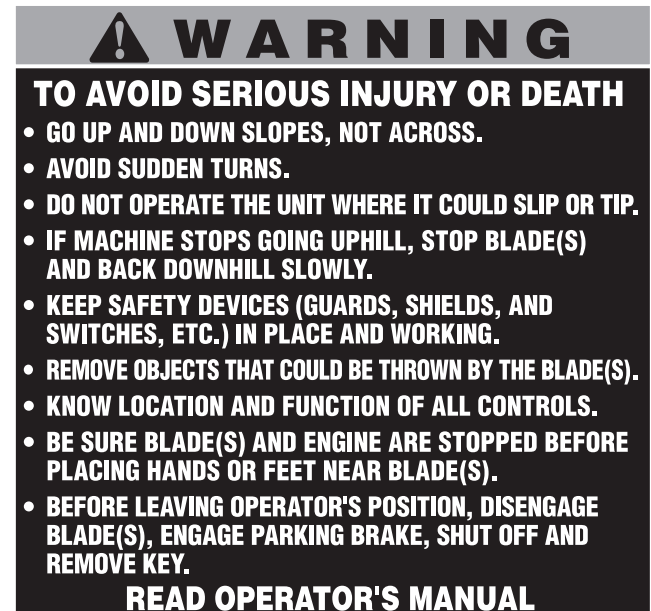
Safety labels found on your lawn tractor are illustrated below (3/4 actual size). Always follow their instructions and heed their warnings. The label part number is listed below each. If you discover a safety label is scratched, damaged or missing, order a replacement immediately.



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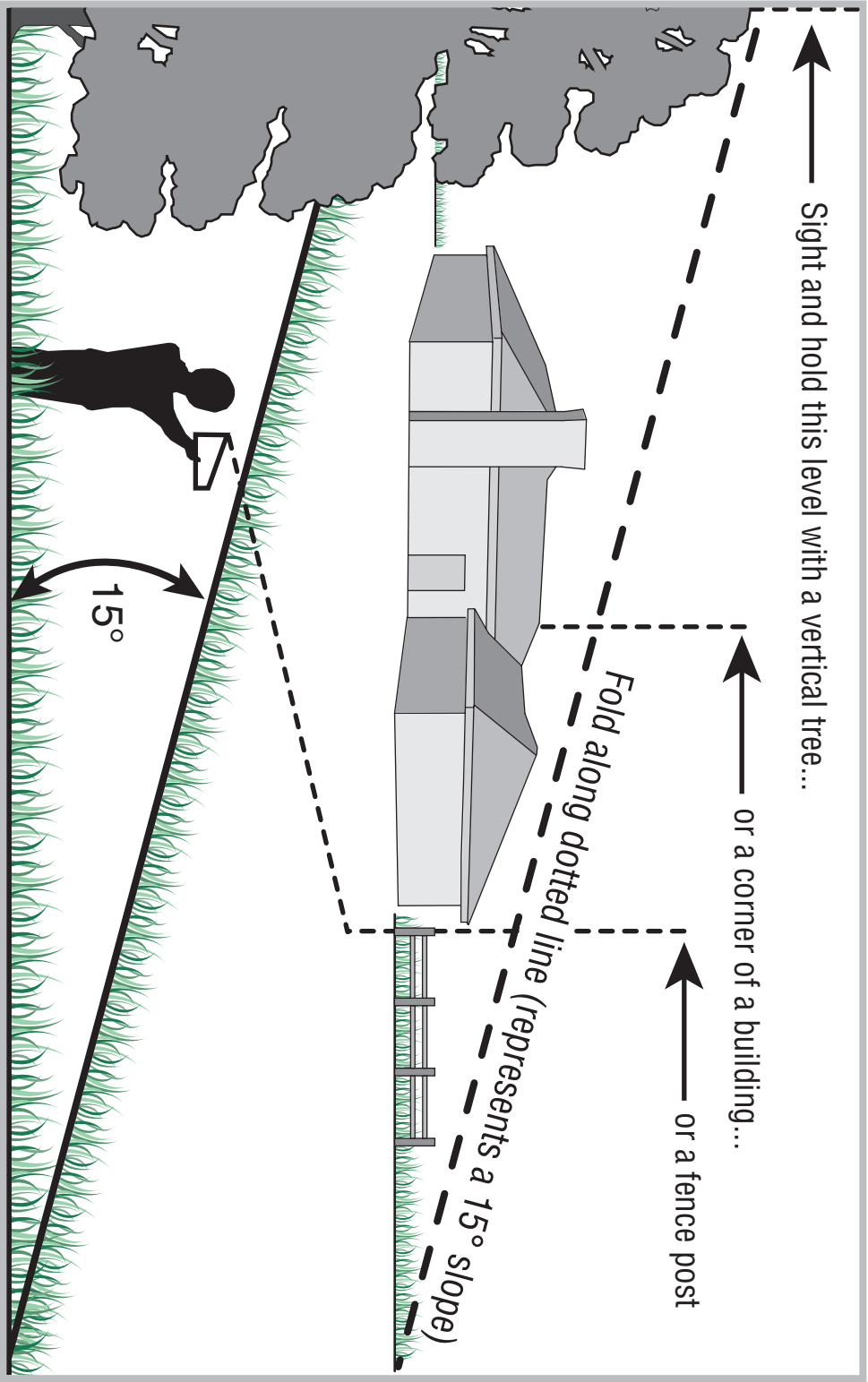


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# SECTION 3: SLOPE GAUGE





## SECTION 4: TRACTOR SET-UP

### Gas and Oil Fill-up

The gasoline tank is located under the hood and has a capacity of 3 gallons. Do not overfill.



**WARNING:** Use extreme care when handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Never fuel machine indoors or while the engine is hot or running. Extinguish cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition before filling the fuel tank.

Service the engine with gasoline and oil as instructed in the separate engine manufacturer's Operator/Owner Manual packed with your tractor. Read instructions carefully.

### Attaching The Steering Wheel

#### Tools Required

(1) 1/2" socket wrench

1. The hardware for attaching the steering wheel has been packed within the steering wheel, beneath steering wheel cap. Carefully pry off the steering wheel cap and remove the hardware.
2. **With the wheels of the tractor pointing straight forward**, place the steering wheel over the steering shaft.
3. Place the washer (with the cupped side down) over the steering shaft and secure with the hex bolt. See Figure 1.

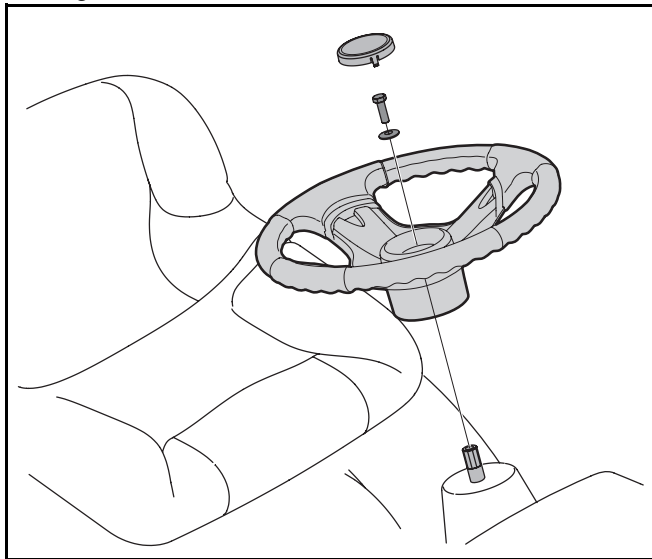


Figure 1

4. Place the steering wheel cap over the center of the steering wheel and push downward until it "clicks" into place.

### Attaching the Battery Cables

#### Tools Required

(1) 7/16" wrench

**NOTE:** The positive battery terminal is marked Pos. (+). The negative battery terminal is marked Neg. (-).

- The positive cable (heavy red wire) is secured to the positive battery terminal (+) with a hex bolt and hex nut at the factory. Make certain that the rubber boot covers the terminal to help protect it from corrosion.
- Remove the hex bolt and hex nut from the negative cable.
- Remove the black plastic cover, if present, from the negative battery terminal and attach the negative cable (heavy black wire) to the negative battery terminal (-) with the bolt and hex nut.
- Make certain the hold-down rod is in position over the battery, securing it in place. See Figure 2.

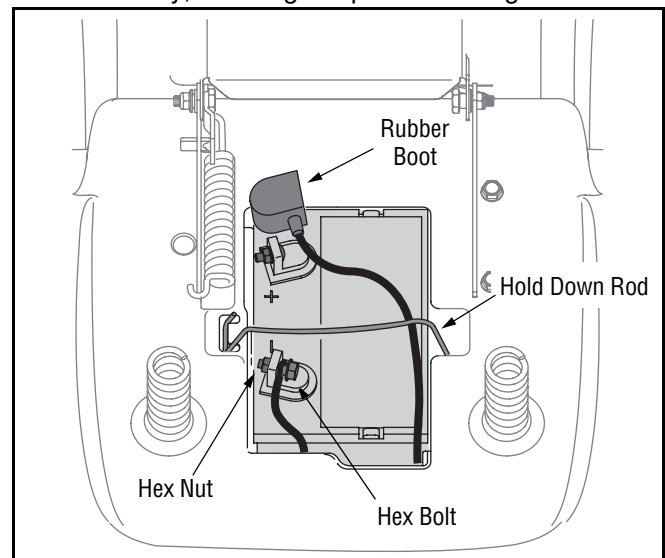


Figure 2

**NOTE:** If the battery is put into service after the date shown on top of battery, charge the battery as instructed on page 24 of this manual prior to operating the tractor.

## Tire Pressure



**WARNING:** Maximum tire pressure under any circumstances is 30 psi. Equal tire pressure should be maintained at all times.

The tires on your unit may be over-inflated for shipping purposes. Reduce the tire pressure before operating the tractor. Recommended operating tire pressure is approximately 10 p.s.i. for the rear tires & 14 p.s.i. for the front tires. Check sidewall of tire for maximum p.s.i.

## Attaching The Seat

1. Remove the two knobs from the bottom of seat.
2. Position the shoulder screws (found on the base of the seat) inside the slot openings in the seat pivot bracket.
3. Slide the seat slightly rearward in the seat pivot bracket, lining up the rear slots in the pivot bracket with the remaining two holes in the seat's base.
4. Select desired position for the seat, and secure with the two knobs removed earlier. See Figure 3.

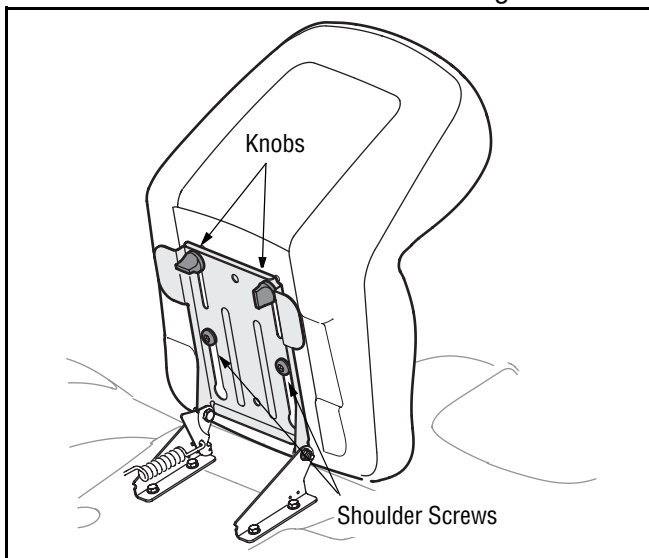


Figure 3

## Shipping Brace Removal



**WARNING:** Make sure the riding mower's engine is off, set the parking brake and remove the ignition key before removing the shipping brace.

- Locate the shipping brace, if present, and warning tag found on the right side of the cutting deck. See Figure 4.
- While holding the discharge chute with your left hand, remove the shipping brace with your right hand by grasping it between your thumb and index finger and rotating it clockwise.

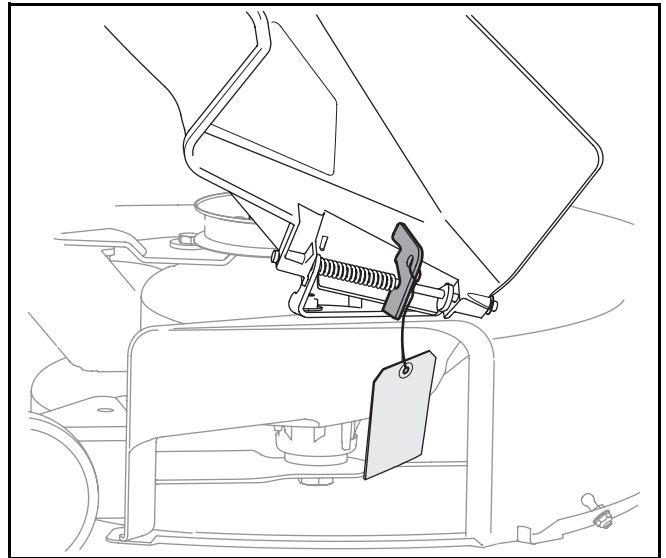


Figure 4



**WARNING:** The shipping brace, used for packaging purposes only, must be removed and discarded before operating your riding mower.



**WARNING:** The mowing deck is capable of throwing objects. Failure to operate the riding mower without the discharge cover in the proper operating position could result in serious personal injury and/or property damage.

## Setting the Gauge Wheels

### Tools Required

(2) 9/16" wrenches

Select the height position of the cutting deck by placing the deck lift lever in any of the six different cutting height notches on the right fender.

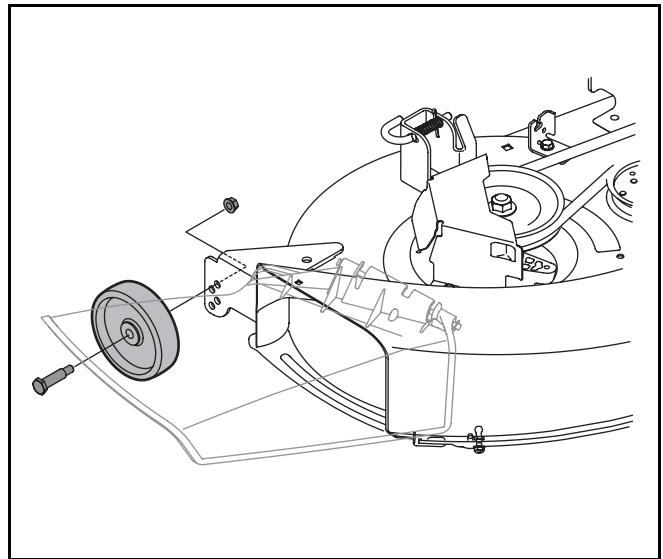
Adjust the deck wheels so that they are between ¼-inch and ½-inch above the ground as follows.



**WARNING:** Keep hands and feet away from the discharge opening of the cutting deck.

Place the tractor on a firm and level surface, preferably pavement, refer to Figure 5, and proceed as follows:

- Place the tractor's deck lift handle in the normally desired mowing height setting, then check the gauge wheels for contact or excessive clearance with the surface below. There should be approximately 1/2" clearance.
- If the wheels contact the surface adjust as follows:
  - a. Raise the deck lift handle to its highest setting.
  - b. Remove the rear gauge wheels by removing the lock nuts and shoulder screws which secure them to the deck.
  - c. Place the deck lift handle in the desired mowing height setting.
  - d. Insert the shoulder screw with the rear gauge wheel into the index hole that leaves approximately 1/2" between the bottom of the wheel and the pavement. See Figure 5.

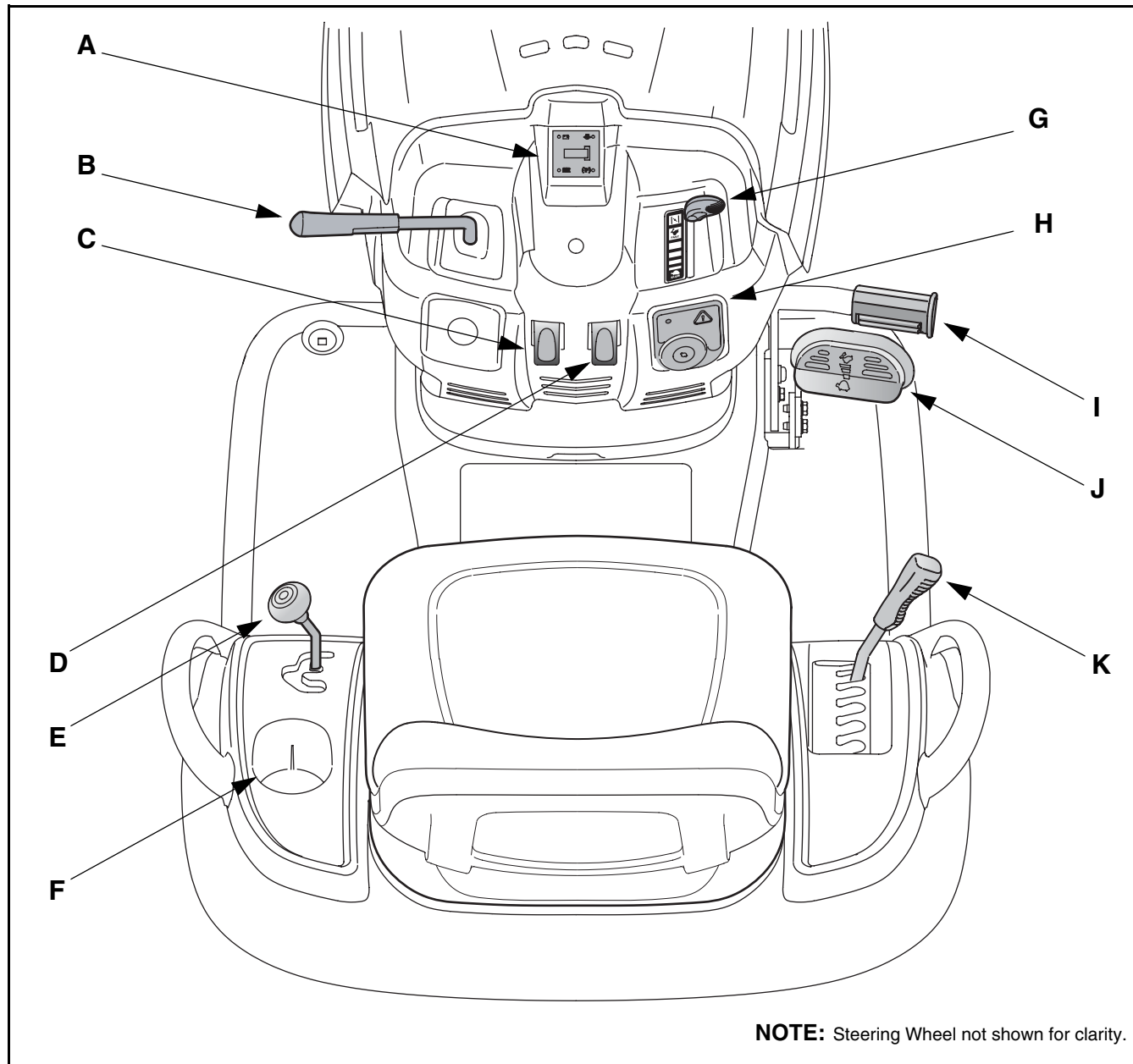


**Figure 5**

- e. Note the position of the index hole used; then install the other rear gauge wheel into the corresponding index hole of the other gauge wheel brackets.
- If the gauge wheels have excessive clearance with the surface below, lower the wheels to the index hole that provides the approximate 1/2" clearance as described above.

Refer to **Leveling the Deck** on page 18 of this manual for more detailed instructions regarding various deck adjustments.

## SECTION 5: KNOW YOUR LAWN TRACTOR



**Figure 6**

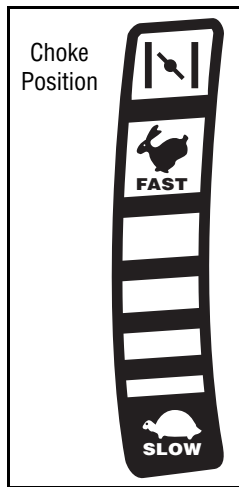
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| <b>A</b> Systems Indicator Monitor/Hour Meter | <b>G</b> Throttle / Choke Control |
| <b>B</b> PTO (Blade Engage) Lever             | <b>H</b> Ignition Switch Module   |
| <b>C</b> Parking Brake Lever                  | <b>I</b> Brake Pedal              |
| <b>D</b> Cruise Control Lever                 | <b>J</b> Drive Pedal              |
| <b>E</b> Shift Lever                          | <b>K</b> Deck Lift Lever          |
| <b>F</b> Cup Holder                           |                                   |

**NOTE:** Any reference in this manual to the RIGHT or LEFT side of the tractor is observed from operator's position.

## Throttle / Choke Control

The throttle/choke control is located on the right side of the tractor's dash panel. This lever controls the speed of the engine and, when pushed all the way forward, the choke control also. When set in a given position, the throttle will maintain a uniform engine speed.

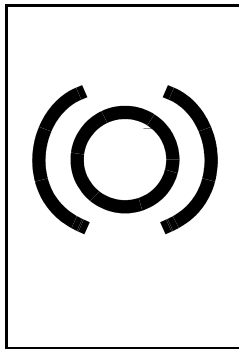
**IMPORTANT:** When operating the tractor with the cutting deck engaged, be certain that the throttle/choke control is **always** in the FAST (rabbit) position.



## Brake Pedal

The brake pedal is located on the right front side of the tractor above the drive pedal along the running board. The brake pedal can be used for sudden stops or setting the parking brake.

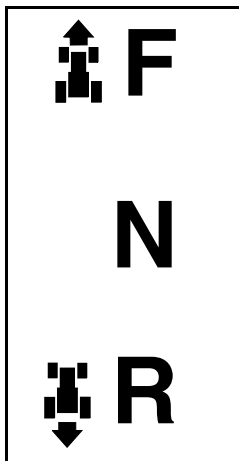
**NOTE:** The brake pedal must be fully depressed to activate the safety interlock switch when starting the tractor.



## Shift Lever

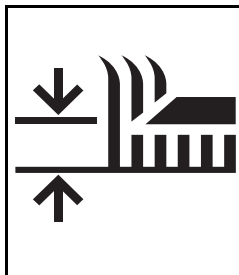
The shift lever is located on the left side of the fender and has three positions, FORWARD, NEUTRAL and REVERSE. The brake pedal must be depressed and the tractor must not be in motion when the moving shift lever.

**IMPORTANT:** Never force the shift lever. Doing so may result in serious damage to the tractor's transmission.



## Deck Lift Lever

Found on your tractor's right fender, the deck lift lever is used to change the height of the cutting deck. To use, move the lever to the left, then place in the notch best suited for your application.



## Ignition Switch Module



**WARNING:** Never leave a running machine unattended. Always disengage PTO, move shift lever into neutral position, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

To start the engine, insert the key into the ignition switch and turn clockwise to the **START** position. Release the key into the **NORMAL MOWING MODE** position once the engine has fired.

To stop the engine, turn the ignition key counterclockwise to the **STOP** position. See Figure 7.

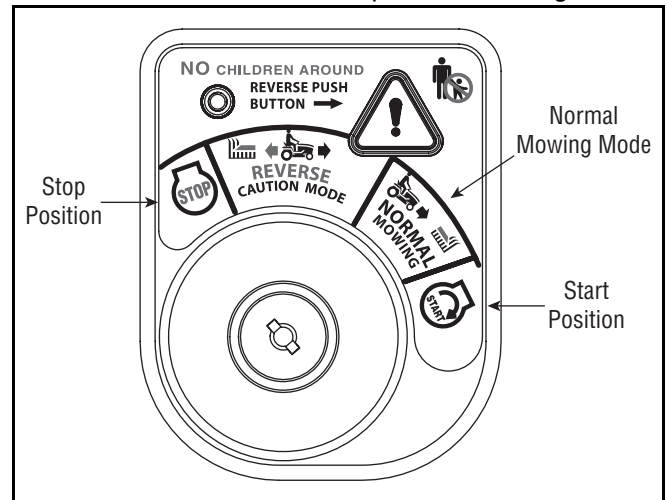
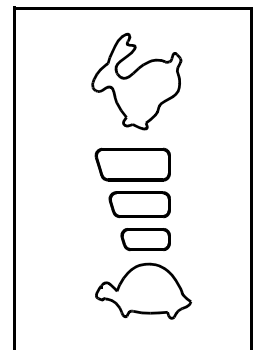


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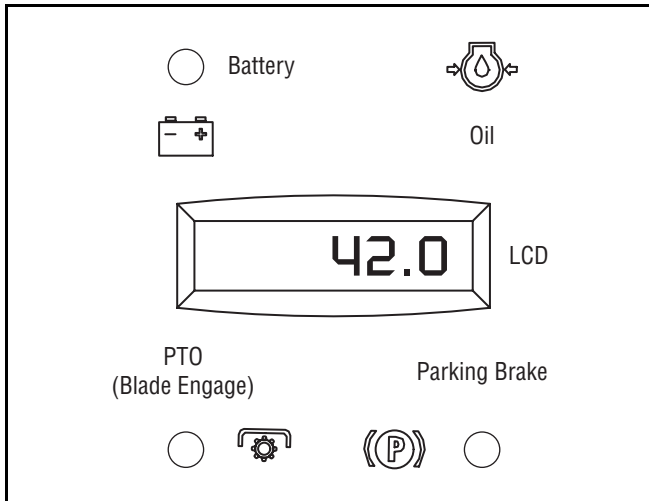
**IMPORTANT:** Prior to operating the tractor, refer to both **Safety Interlock Switches** on page 15 and **Starting The Engine** on page 16 of this manual for detailed instructions regarding the Ignition Switch Module and operating the tractor in **REVERSE CAUTION MODE**.

## Drive Pedal

The drive pedal is located below the brake pedal on the right front side of the tractor along the running board. Depress the drive pedal with your right foot when the tractor shift lever is in either FORWARD or REVERSE to cause the tractor to move. Ground speed is also controlled with the drive pedal. The further down the pedal is depressed, the faster the tractor will travel. The pedal will return to its original position when released.



## Systems Indicator Monitor / Hour Meter



### LCD

Located in the center of the tractor's console, the systems indicator monitor records, and displays on its LCD, hours of tractor operation whenever the ignition key is rotated out of the STOP position.

The Indicator Monitor will also remind the operator of maintenance intervals for changing the engine oil. The LCD will alternately flash the recorded hours, "CHG" and "OIL" for five minutes, after every 50 hours of recorded operation elapse. The maintenance interval lasts for two hours (from 50-52, 100-102, 150-152, etc.). The LCD will also flash as described above for five minutes every time the tractor's engine has been started during this maintenance interval. Before the interval expires, change the crankcase oil level as instructed in the **MAINTENANCE** section of this manual.

### Brake

If the Brake light illuminates when attempting to start the tractor's engine, depress the brake pedal.

### PTO (Blade Engage)

If the PTO light illuminates when attempting to start the tractor's engine, move the PTO lever into the disengaged (OFF) position.

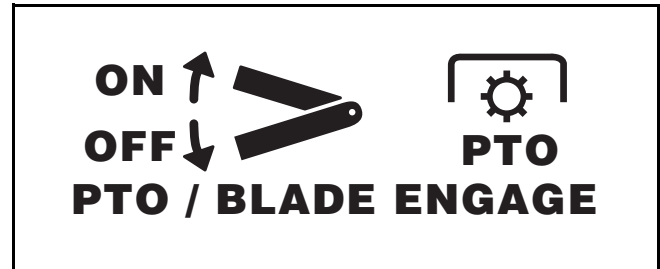
### Oil

It is normal for the Oil light to illuminate while the engine is **cranking** during start-up, but if it illuminates during operation, **while the engine is running**, stop the tractor immediately and check the crankcase oil level as instructed in the **MAINTENANCE** section of this manual.

### Battery

It is normal for the Battery light to illuminate while the engine is **cranking** during start-up, but if it illuminates during operation, **while the engine is running**, the battery is in need of a charge or the engine's charging system is not generating sufficient amperage. Refer to the **MAINTENANCE** section of this manual for the proper battery charging procedure or have the charging system checked by a *Kohler Engines* dealer.

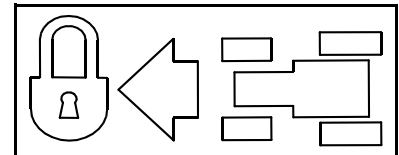
## PTO (Blade Engage) Lever



The PTO (Blade Engage) lever is located on the left side of the dash, next to the steering wheel. Move the PTO (Blade Engage) lever forward to engage the power to the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments; move the PTO (Blade Engage) lever rearward to disengage the power to the attachments.

**NOTE:** The PTO (Blade Engage) lever **must** be in the disengaged (OFF) position when starting the engine.

## Cruise Control Lever



The cruise control lever is located on the tractor dash

panel, below the steering wheel. Push the cruise control lever downward while traveling forward at a desired speed. While holding the lever down, release pressure from the drive pedal.

This will engage the cruise control and allow the tractor to remain at that speed without applying pressure to the drive pedal. Depress the brake pedal or the drive pedal to deactivate cruise control. Refer to page 17 for detailed instructions regarding cruise control.

**NOTE:** Cruise control can **NOT** be engaged at the tractor's fastest ground speed. If the operator should attempt to do so, the tractor will automatically decelerate to the fastest optimal mowing ground speed.

## Parking Brake Lever



To set the parking brake, fully depress the brake pedal and

push the parking brake lever down. Hold the lever down while taking your foot off the brake pedal. Both the parking lever and the brake pedal will then stay depressed. To release the parking brake, depress the brake pedal slightly. The parking brake lever will then return to its original position.

**IMPORTANT:** Always set the parking brake when leaving the tractor unattended.



## SECTION 6: OPERATING YOUR LAWN TRACTOR

### Safety Interlock System

This tractor is equipped with a safety interlock system for the protection of the operator. Before each use, check the safety interlock system for proper operation. If the interlock system should ever malfunction, do not operate the tractor. Contact an authorized *Toro* service dealer.

- The safety interlock system prevents the engine from cranking or starting unless the parking brake is engaged, and the PTO (Blade Engage) lever is in the disengaged (OFF) position. To check for proper operation, move the PTO (Blade Engage) lever into the engaged (ON) position and release the parking brake. Attempts to start the tractor's engine should fail.
- The engine will automatically shut off if the operator leaves the seat before engaging the parking brake. To check for proper operation, start the tractor's engine, release the parking brake and momentarily raise yourself from the seat. The engine should stall.
- The engine will automatically shut off if the operator leaves the tractor's seat with the PTO (Blade Engage) lever in the engaged (ON) position, regardless of whether the parking brake is engaged. To check for proper operation, start the tractor's engine, move the PTO (Blade Engage) lever in the engaged (ON) position and momentarily raise yourself from the seat. The engine should stall.
- With the ignition key in the **NORMAL MOWING** position, the engine will automatically shut off if the PTO (Blade Engage) lever is moved into the engaged (ON) position with the shift lever in Reverse. To check for proper operation, start the tractor's engine with the ignition key in the **NORMAL MOWING** position, engage the parking brake, move the PTO (Blade Engage) lever in the engaged (ON) position and place the shift lever into REVERSE. The engine should stall.



**WARNING:** Do not operate the tractor if the interlock system is malfunctioning. This system was designed for your safety and protection.

### Reverse Caution Mode

The **REVERSE CAUTION MODE** position of the key switch module allows the tractor to be operated in reverse with the blades (PTO) engaged.

**IMPORTANT:** *Mowing in reverse is not recommended.*



**WARNING:** Use extreme caution while operating the tractor in the **REVERSE CAUTION MODE**. Always look down and behind before and while backing. Do not operate the tractor when children or others are around. Stop the tractor immediately if someone enters the area.

To use the **REVERSE CAUTION MODE**:

**IMPORTANT:** *The operator MUST be seated in the tractor seat.*

1. Start the engine as previously instructed in this Operator's Manual.
2. Turn the key from the **NORMAL MOWING** (Green) position to the **REVERSE CAUTION MODE** (Yellow) position of the key switch module. See Figure 8.
3. Depress the **REVERSE PUSH BUTTON** (Orange, Triangular Button) at the top, right corner of the key switch module. The red indicator light at the top, left corner of the key switch module will be **ON** while activated. See Figure 8.
4. Once activated (indicator light **ON**), the tractor can be driven in reverse with the cutting blades (PTO) engaged.
5. Always look down and behind before and while backing to make sure no children are around.
6. After resuming forward motion, return the key to the **NORMAL MOWING** position.

**IMPORTANT:** The **REVERSE CAUTION MODE** will remain activated until:

- a. The key is placed in either the **NORMAL MOWING** position or **STOP** position.
- b. The operator leaves the seat.

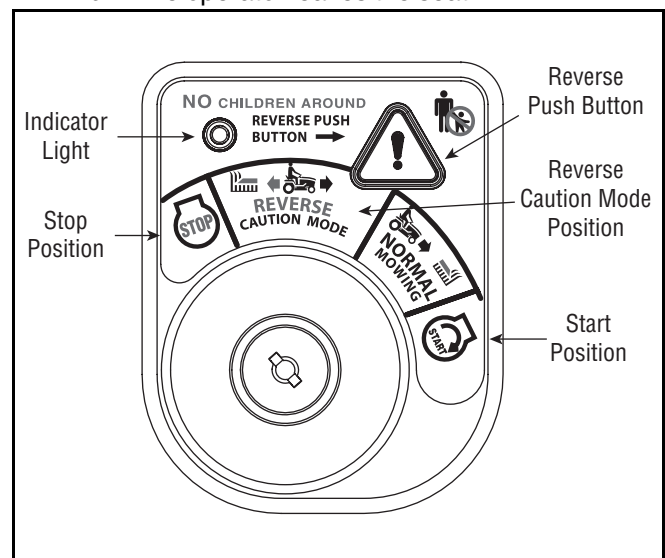


Figure 8

## Starting the Engine



**WARNING:** Do not operate the tractor if the interlock system is malfunctioning. This system was designed for your safety and protection.

**NOTE:** Refer to the **TRACTOR SET-UP** on page 9 of this manual for Gasoline and Oil fill-up instructions.

- Insert the tractor key into the ignition switch module.
- Place the PTO (Blade Engage) lever in the disengaged (OFF) position.
- Engage the tractor's parking brake.
- Activate the choke control.
- Turn the ignition key clockwise to the START position. After the engine starts, release the key. It will return to the **NORMAL MOWING** position.

**IMPORTANT:** Do NOT hold the key in the START position for longer than ten seconds at a time. Doing so may cause damage to your engine's electric starter.

- After the engine starts, deactivate the choke control.

**NOTE:** Do NOT leave the choke control on while operating the tractor. Doing so will result in a "rich" fuel mixture and cause the engine to run poorly.

## Stopping the Engine



**WARNING:** If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire(s) and ground against the engine. Thoroughly inspect the machine for any damage. Repair the damage before restarting and operating

- If the blades are engaged, place the PTO/Blade Engage lever in the disengaged (OFF) position.
- Position the throttle/choke control between half-throttle and the FAST (rabbit) position
- Turn the ignition key counterclockwise to the STOP position.
- Remove the key from the ignition switch to prevent unintended starting.

## Using the Deck Lift Lever

To raise the cutting deck, move the deck lift lever to the left, then place it in the notch best suited for your application. Refer to **Setting The Cutting Height** earlier in this section.

## Driving The Tractor



**WARNING:** Avoid sudden starts, excessive speed and sudden stops.



**WARNING:** Do not leave the seat of the tractor without first placing the PTO (Blade Engage) lever in the disengaged (OFF) position, depressing the brake pedal and engaging the parking brake. If leaving the tractor unattended, also turn the ignition key off and remove the key.

- Depress the brake pedal to release the parking brake and let the pedal up.
- Move the throttle/choke control into the FAST (rabbit) position.

**IMPORTANT:** Do NOT use the shift lever to change the direction of travel when the tractor is in motion. Always use the brake pedal to bring the tractor to a complete stop before shifting.

- To move forward, place the shift lever in the FORWARD position, then slowly depress the drive pedal until the desired speed is achieved.
- To move in reverse, place the shift lever in the REVERSE position, check that the area behind is clear then slowly depress the drive pedal.

## Driving On Slopes

Refer to the **SLOPE GAUGE** on page 8 to help determine slopes where you may operate the tractor safely.



**WARNING:** Do not mow on inclines with a slope in excess of 15 degrees (a rise of approximately 2-1/2 feet every 10 feet). The tractor could overturn and cause serious injury.

- Mow up and down slopes, NEVER across.
- Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Avoid turns when driving on a slope. If a turn must be made, turn down the slope. Turning up a slope greatly increases the chance of a roll over.
- Avoid stopping when driving up a slope. If it is necessary to stop while driving up a slope, start up smoothly and carefully to reduce the possibility of flipping the tractor over backward.



## Setting The Cruise Control

**NOTE:** The cruise control feature should only be utilized while traveling in the forward direction.

- Slowly depress the drive pedal until the desired speed is achieved.
- Lightly depress the cruise control lever.
- While continuing to hold the cruise lever down, lift your foot from the drive pedal (you should feel the cruise latch engage).
- Once engaged, the cruise control lever and the drive pedal will lock in the “down” position, and the tractor will maintain the same forward speed.

**NOTE:** Cruise control can not be set at the tractor's fastest ground speed. If the operator should attempt to do so, the tractor will automatically decelerate to the fastest optimal mowing ground speed.

Disengage the cruise control using one of the following methods:

- Depress the brake pedal to disengage the cruise control and stop the tractor.
- Lightly depress the drive pedal.

To change to the reverse direction when operating with cruise control, depress the brake pedal to disengage the cruise control and bring the tractor to a complete stop. Place the shift lever in the REVERSE position and depress the drive pedal.

## Engaging the Parking Brake

To engage the parking brake:

- Fully depress the brake pedal and hold it while gently pushing the parking brake lever downward.
- Hold the parking brake lever down while removing your foot from the brake pedal.
- Once engaged, the parking brake lever and the brake pedal will lock in the “down” position.

To disengage the parking brake:

- Slightly depress the brake pedal.

**NOTE:** The parking brake must be engaged if the operator leaves the seat with the engine running or the engine will automatically shut off.

## Engaging the Blades

Engaging the PTO (Blade Engage) transfers power to the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments. To engage the blades, proceed as follows:

- Move the throttle/choke control to the FAST (rabbit) position.
- Grasp the PTO (Blade Engage) lever and pivot it all the way forward into the engaged (ON) position.

- Keep the throttle/choke control in the FAST (rabbit) position for the most efficient use of the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments

**IMPORTANT:** The engine will automatically shut off if the PTO is engaged with the shift lever in position for reverse travel and the ignition key in the **NORMAL MOWING** position. Refer to **Safety Interlock System** on page 15.

## Mowing



**WARNING:** To help avoid blade contact or a thrown object injury, keep bystanders, helpers, children and pets at least 75 feet from the machine while it is in operation. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.

This tractor is equipped with one of Toro's quality cutting decks. The following information will be helpful when using the cutting deck with your tractor.



**WARNING:** Plan your mowing pattern to avoid discharge of materials toward roads, sidewalks, bystanders and the like. Also, avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction which may cause discharged material to ricochet back toward the operator.

- Do not mow at high ground speed, especially if a mulch kit or grass collector is installed.
- For best results it is recommended that the first two laps be cut with the discharge thrown towards the center. After the first two laps, reverse the direction to throw the discharge to the outside for the balance of cutting. This will give a better appearance to the lawn.
- Do not cut the grass too short. Short grass invites weed growth and yellows quickly in dry weather.
- Mowing should always be done with the engine at full throttle.
- Under heavier conditions it may be necessary to go back over the cut area a second time to get a clean cut.
- Do NOT attempt to mow heavy brush and weeds and extremely tall grass. Your tractor is designed to mow lawns, NOT clear brush.
- Keep the blades sharp and replace the blades when worn. Refer to **Cutting Blades** on page 23 of this manual for proper blade sharpening instructions.

## SECTION 7: MAKING ADJUSTMENTS



**WARNING:** Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine is running,

### Seat Adjustment

To adjust the position of the seat, loosen the two knobs on the bottom of the seat. See Figure 9. Slide the seat forward or rearward as desired. Retighten the two knobs.

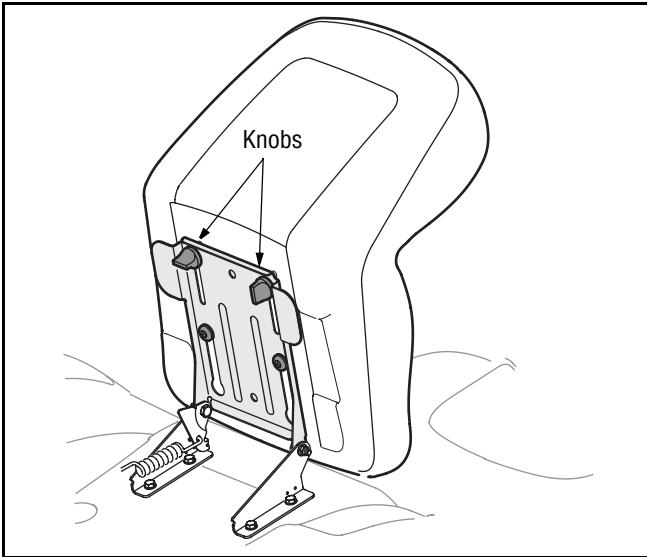


Figure 9

### Leveling the Deck

**NOTE:** Check the tractor's tire pressure before performing any deck leveling adjustments. Refer to **Tires** on page 23 for information regarding tire pressure.

#### Front To Rear

The front of the cutting deck is supported by a stabilizer bar that can be adjusted to level the deck from front to rear. The front of the deck should be between 1/4-inch and 3/8-inch lower than the rear of the deck. Adjust if necessary as follows:

- With the tractor parked on a firm, level surface, place the deck lift lever in the top notch (highest position) and rotate the blade nearest the discharge chute so that it is parallel with the tractor.
- Measure the distance from the front of the blade tip to the ground and the rear of the blade tip to the ground.
- The first measurement taken should be between 1/4" and 3/8" less than the second measurement.

- Determine the approximate distance necessary for proper adjustment and proceed, if necessary, to the next step.
- From the front of the tractor, loosen the outermost hex lock nut on the end of the deck hanger rod. See Figure 10 or Figure 11.
- Tighten the inner hex nut front against the front hanger bracket to raise the front of the deck; loosen the hex nut to lower the front of the deck. See Figure 10 or Figure 11.

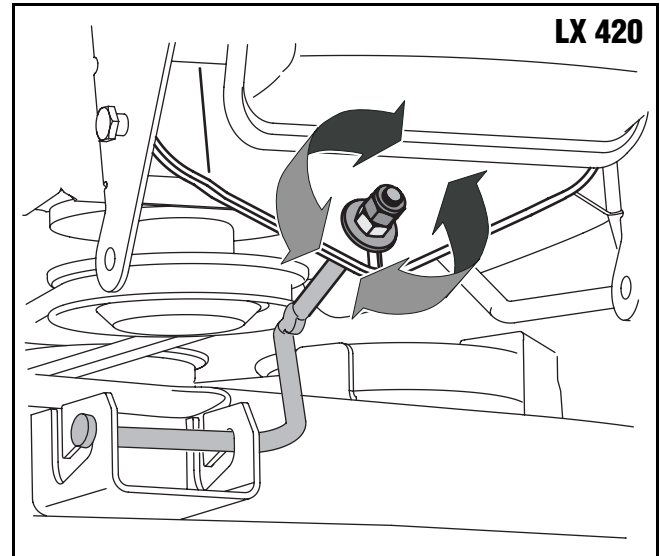


Figure 10

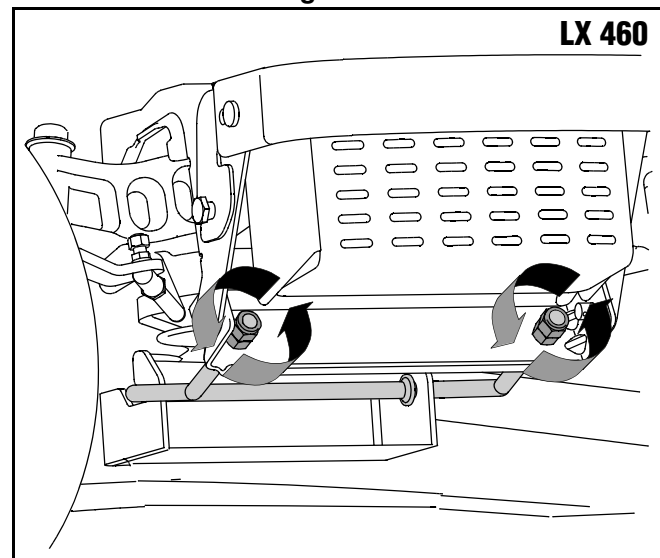


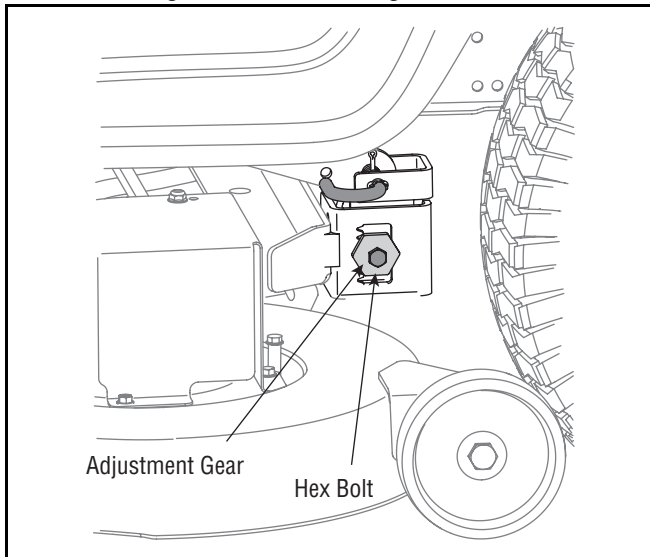
Figure 11

- Retighten the two lock nuts against the inner hex nuts when proper adjustment is achieved.

### Side to Side

If the cutting deck appears to be mowing unevenly, a side to side adjustment can be performed. Adjust if necessary as follows:

- With the tractor parked on a firm, level surface, place the deck lift lever in the top notch (highest position) and rotate both blades so that they are perpendicular with the tractor.
- Measure the distance from the outside of the left blade tip to the ground and the distance from the outside of the right blade tip to the ground. Both measurements taken should be equal. If they're not, proceed to the next step.
- Loosen, but do NOT remove, the hex bolt on the left deck hanger bracket. See Figure 12.



**Figure 12**

- Balance the deck by using a wrench to turn the adjustment gear (See Figure 12) up or down.
- The deck is properly balanced when both blade tip measurements taken earlier are equal.
- Retighten the hex bolt on the left deck hanger bracket when proper adjustment is achieved.

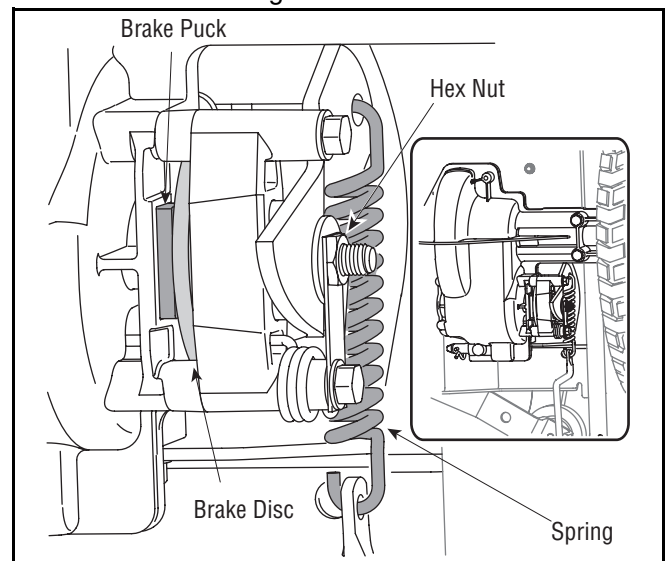
## Parking Brake Adjustment



**WARNING:** Never attempt to adjust the brakes while the engine is running. Always disengage PTO, move shift lever into neutral position, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

If the tractor does not come to a complete stop when the brake pedal is completely depressed, or if the tractor's rear wheels can roll with the parking brake applied, the brake is in need of adjustment. The brake disc can be found on the right side of the transmission in the rear of the tractor. Adjust if necessary as follows:

- Looking at the transmission from the right side of the tractor, locate the compression spring and brake disc. See Figure 13.



**Figure 13**

- Loosen, but do NOT remove, the hex nut found on the right side of the brake assembly. See Figure 13.
- Insert a feeler gauge (set at .011") between the brake disc and the brake puck.

**NOTE:** If a feeler gauge is unavailable, a typical business card is approximately .011" thick.

- Retighten the hex nut loosened earlier, leaving a .011" gap between the brake disc and the brake puck.

## Steering Adjustment

If the tractor turns tighter in one direction than the other, or if the ball joints are being replaced due to damage or wear, the steering drag links may need to be adjusted.

Adjust the drag links so that equal lengths are threaded into the ball joint on the left side and the ball joint on the right side:

- Loosen the jam nut found on the drag link at the rear of the ball joint. See Figure 14.

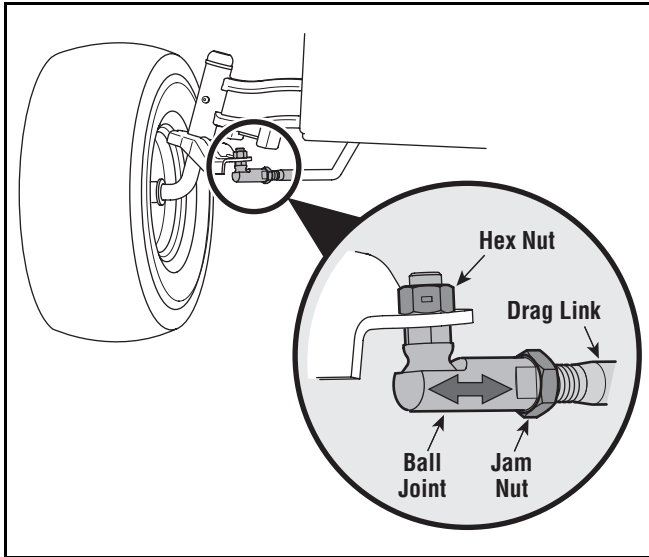


Figure 14

- Remove the hex nut on the top of ball joint. See Figure 14.
- Thread the ball joint toward the jam nut to shorten the drag link. Thread the ball joint away from the jam nut to lengthen the drag link.
- Replace hex nut and lock washer and retighten the jam nut after proper adjustment is achieved.

**NOTE:** *Threading the ball joints too far onto the drag links will cause the front tires to "toe-in" too far. Proper toe-in is between 1/16" and 5/16".*

Front tire toe-in can be measured as follows:

- Place the steering wheel in position for straight ahead travel.
- In front of the axle, measure the distance horizontally from the inside of the left rim to the inside of the right rim. Note the distance.
- Behind the axle, measure the distance horizontally from the inside of the left rim to the inside of the right rim. Note the distance.
- The measurement taken in front of the axle should be between 1/16" and 5/16" less than the measurement taken behind the axle.
- Adjust if necessary.

## SECTION 8: MAINTAINING YOUR LAWN TRACTOR

**NOTE:** Refer to Maintenance Chart on page 28 for a reference of recommended maintenance intervals.



**WARNING:** Before performing any maintenance or repairs, disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

### Engine

Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems, which are being done at the customer's expense, may be performed by any engine repair establishment or individual. **Warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized Toro Dealer.**

Refer to the *Kohler Engines Owner's Manual* for engine maintenance instructions.

Check **engine oil level** before each use as instructed in the *Kohler Engines Owner's Manual* packed with your unit. **Follow the instructions carefully.**

#### Changing Engine Oil

- Carefully pull upward on the oil fill cap and remove dipstick from the oil fill tube. See Figure 15.

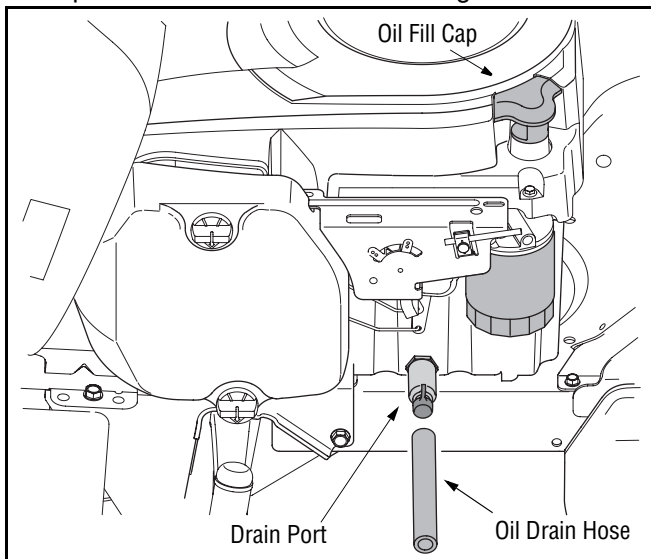


Figure 15

- Pop open the protective cap on the end of the oil drain valve to expose the drain port. See Figure 15.

- Push the oil drain hose (packed with this manual) onto the oil drain port. Route the opposite end of the hose into an appropriate oil collection container with a capacity of no less than 64 oz.
- Push the oil drain valve in slightly, then rotate counterclockwise and pull outward to begin draining oil. See Figure 15.
- Service the **oil filter** as instructed in the separate *Kohler Engines Owner's Manual* packed with your unit.

Perform the above steps in the opposite order after oil has finished draining.

- Refill the engine with new motor oil.

**IMPORTANT:** Refer to the *Kohler Engines Owner's Manual* packed with your unit for information regarding the quantity and proper weight of motor oil.

#### Air Cleaner

Service the pre-cleaner, if so equipped, and cartridge/air cleaner element as instructed in the *Kohler Engines Owner's Manual* packed with your unit.

#### Spark Plug(s)

The spark plug(s) should be cleaned and the gap reset once a season. Spark plug replacement is recommended at the start of each mowing season. Refer to the *Kohler Engines Owner's Manual* for correct plug type and gap specifications.

#### Fuel Filter



**WARNING:** Do not replace the fuel filter when engine is hot.

The engine is equipped with an inline fuel filter located on the right side of the engine.

Visually inspect the filter periodically for a build-up of residue inside the filter body, and for a dirty element which can be indicated by discoloration. Replace the filter when dirty, or after every 100 hours of operation.

### Cleaning the Engine And Deck

Any fuel or oil spilled on the machine should be wiped off promptly.

Do NOT allow debris to accumulate around the cooling fins of the engine or on any other part of the machine, especially the belts and pulleys.

## Lubrication



**WARNING:** Before lubricating, repairing, or inspecting, always disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

### Engine

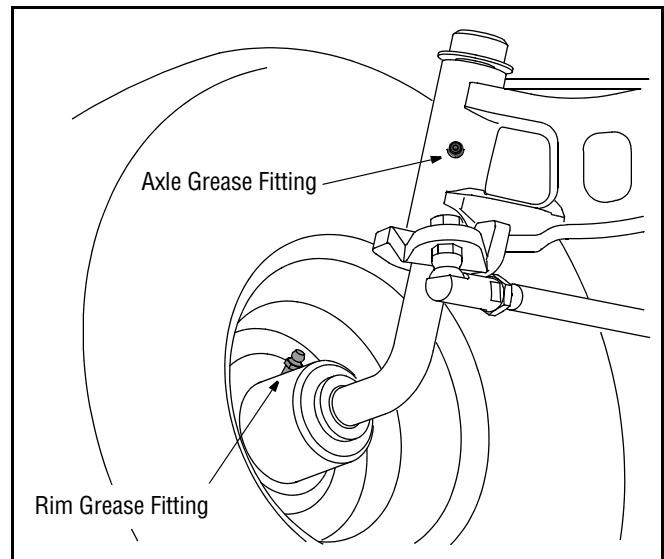
Refer to **Engine** on page 21 for instruction regarding all engine-related lubrication.

### Front Wheels

Each of the front wheel axles and rims is equipped with a grease fitting. See Figure 16. Lubricate with a grease gun after every 25 hours of tractor operation.

### Pivot Points & Linkage

Lubricate all the pivot points on the drive system, parking brake and lift linkage at least once a season with light oil.



**Figure 16**

## SECTION 9: SERVICE

### Tires



**WARNING:** Never exceed the maximum inflation pressure shown on the sidewall of the tire.

The recommended operating tire pressure is approximately 10 psi for the rear tires and 14 psi for the front tires. Do not overinflate. Uneven tire pressure could cause the cutting deck to mow unevenly.

### Fuse

A fuse is installed in your tractor's wiring harness to protect the tractor's electrical system from damage caused by excessive amperage.

If the electrical system does not function, or your tractor's engine will not crank, first check to be certain that the fuse has not blown.

It can be found under the hood mounted behind the top of the dash panel on the support bar.

**IMPORTANT:** Always use a fuse with the same amperage capacity for replacement.



**WARNING:** Before servicing, repairing, or inspecting, always disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

### Cutting Blades



**WARNING:** Be sure to shut the engine off, remove ignition key, disconnect the spark plug wire(s) and ground against the engine to prevent unintended starting before removing the cutting blade(s) for sharpening or replacement. Protect your hands by using heavy gloves when grasping the blade.



**WARNING:** Periodically inspect the blade adapter and/or spindle for cracks or damage, especially if you strike a foreign object. Replace immediately if damaged.

The blades may be removed as follows.

- Remove the deck from beneath the tractor, (refer to **Cutting Deck Removal** on page 24) then gently flip the deck over to expose its underside.
- Place a block of wood between the center deck housing baffle and the cutting blade to act as a stabilizer. See Figure 17.
- Use a 1-1/8" wrench to remove the hex flange nut that secures the blade to the spindle assembly. See Figure 17.

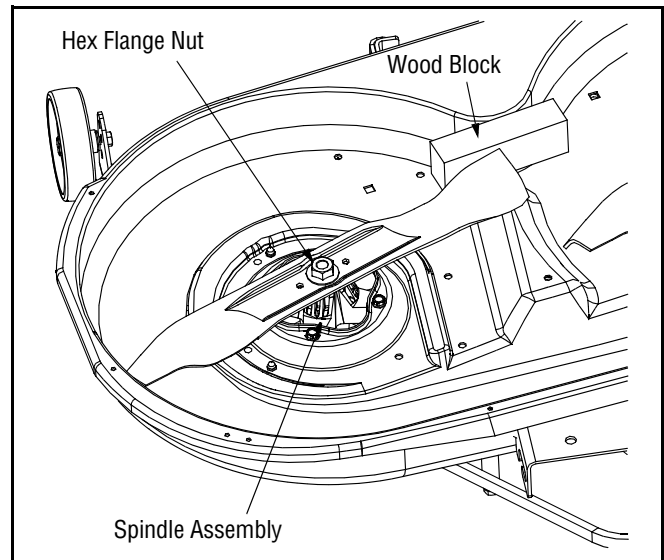


Figure 17

- To properly sharpen the cutting blades, remove equal amounts of metal from both ends of the blades along the cutting edges, parallel to the trailing edge, at a 25° to 30° angle.

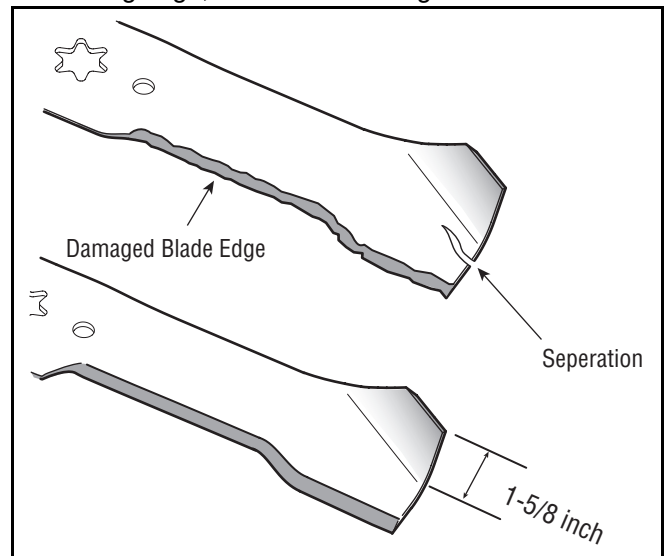


Figure 18

**IMPORTANT:** If the cutting edge of the blade has already been sharpened, or if any metal separation is present, replace the blades with new ones.

It is important that each cutting blade edge be ground equally to maintain proper blade balance. A poorly balanced blade will cause excessive vibration and may cause damage to the tractor and result in personal injury. The blade can be tested by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Grind metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.



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

**IMPORTANT:** Use a torque wrench to tighten the blade spindle hex flange nut to between 70 lbs-ft. and 90 lbs-ft.

## Battery



**California Proposition 65 Warning:** Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. *Wash hands after handling.*

The battery is sealed and is maintenance-free. Acid levels cannot be checked and fluid can not be added.

- Always keep the battery cables and terminals clean and free of corrosive build-up.
- After cleaning the battery and terminals, apply a light coat of petroleum jelly or grease to both terminals
- Always keep the rubber boot positioned over the positive terminal to prevent shorting.

**IMPORTANT:** If removing the battery, disconnect the NEGATIVE (Black) wire from it's terminal first, followed by the POSITIVE (Red) wire. When re-installing the battery, always connect the POSITIVE (Red) wire its terminal first, followed by the NEGATIVE (Black) wire. Be certain that the wires are connected to the correct terminals; reversing them could change the polarity and cause damage to your engine's alternating system.

## Jump Starting



**WARNING:** Never jump start a damaged or frozen battery. Be certain the vehicles do not touch, and ignitions are off. Do not allow cable clamps to touch.

- Connect positive (+) cable to positive post (+) of your tractor's discharged battery.
- Connect the other end of the cable to the (positive +) post of the jumper battery.
- Connect the second cable (negative –) to the other post of the jumper battery.
- Make the final connection on the engine block of the stalled tractor, away from the battery. Attach to a unpainted part to assure a good connection.

**IMPORTANT:** If the jumper battery is installed on a vehicle (i.e. car, truck), do NOT start the vehicle's engine when jump starting your tractor.

- Start the tractor (as instructed on page 16).

- Set the tractor's parking brake before removing the jumper cables, in reverse order of connection.
- Allow the tractor's engine to run for 15 minutes before shutting it off to allow the alternating system time to charge the discharged battery.

## Charging

If the unit has not been put into use for an extended period of time, charge the battery with an automotive-type 12-volt charger for a minimum of one hour at six amps.

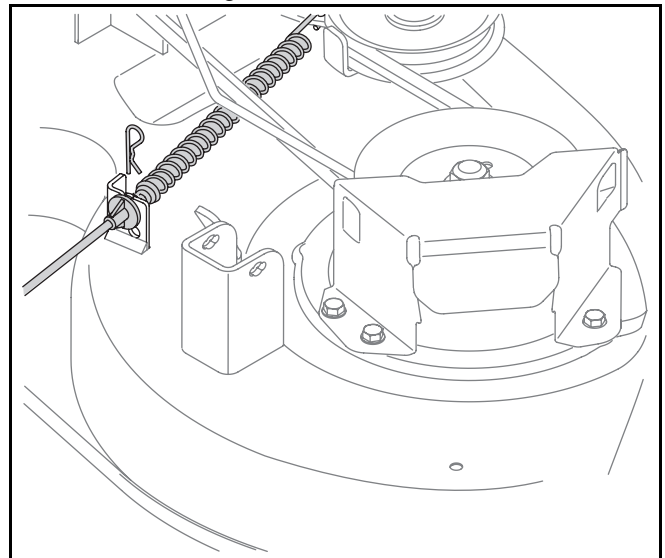


**WARNING:** Batteries give off an explosive gas while charging. Charge battery in a well ventilated area and keep away from an open flame or pilot light as on a water heater, space heater, furnace, clothes dryer or other gas appliances.

## Cutting Deck Removal

To remove the cutting deck, proceed as follows:

- Place the PTO/Blade Engage lever in the disengaged (OFF) position and engage the parking brake.
- Lower the deck by moving the deck lift lever into the bottom notch on the right fender.
- Remove the hairpin clip that secures the PTO cable to the rear of the cutting deck. See Figure 19. Remove the PTO cable and accompanying spring from the cutting deck.

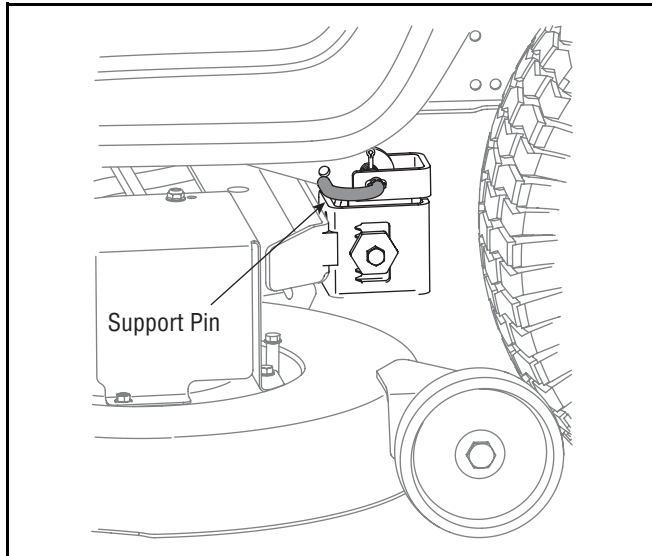


**Figure 19**

- Remove the deck belt from around the tractor's engine pulley.
- Looking at the cutting deck from the left side of the tractor, locate the deck support pin on the rear left side of the deck.



- Pull the deck support pin outward to release the deck from the deck lift arm. See Figure 20.



**Figure 20**

- Repeat the above steps on the tractor's right side.
- Move the deck lift lever into the top notch to raise the deck lift arms up and out of the way.
- Gently slide the cutting deck toward the front of the tractor allowing the hooks on the deck to release themselves from the deck stabilizer rod.
- Gently slide the cutting deck (from the right side) out from underneath the tractor.

## Changing The Transmission Drive Belt

**NOTE:** Several components must be removed and special tools (i.e. air/impact wrench) used in order to change the tractor's transmission drive belt. See a Toro Service Dealer to have your drive belt replaced.

## Changing the Deck Belt

**WARNING:** Be sure to shut the engine off, engage the parking brake and remove the ignition key to prevent unintended starting before removing the belt.



**WARNING:** Avoid the possibility of a pinching injury. Do not place your fingers on the idler spring or between the belt and a pulley while removing the belt.

All belts on your tractor are subject to wear and should be replaced if any signs of wear are present.

**IMPORTANT:** The V-belts found on your tractor are specially designed to engage and disengage safely. A substitute (non-OEM) V-belt can be dangerous by not disengaging completely. For a proper working machine, use factory approved belts.

To change or replace the deck belt on your tractor, proceed as follows:

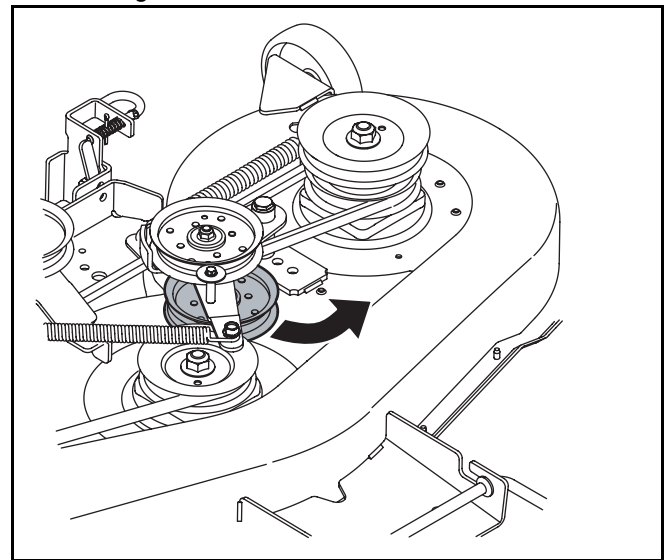
- Remove the belt keeper rod(s) from around the engine pulley.
- Remove the cutting deck as instructed earlier in this section.
- Remove the belt covers by removing the screws that fasten them to the deck. Refer to the figure on the following page.
- Loosen, but do not remove the deck idler pulleys.
- Remove the deck belt from around all pulleys, including the deck idler pulleys.

**NOTE:** If you're changing the lower deck belt as well (Model LX460), do so before proceeding to the next step. See instructions below.

- Route the new belt as shown in the figure below and retightening the deck idler pulleys.
- Remount the belt guards removed earlier and remount the deck to the tractor.
- Re-route the belt around the engine pulley and reinstall the belt keeper rod(s).

### Changing the Lower Deck Belt (Model LX460 only)

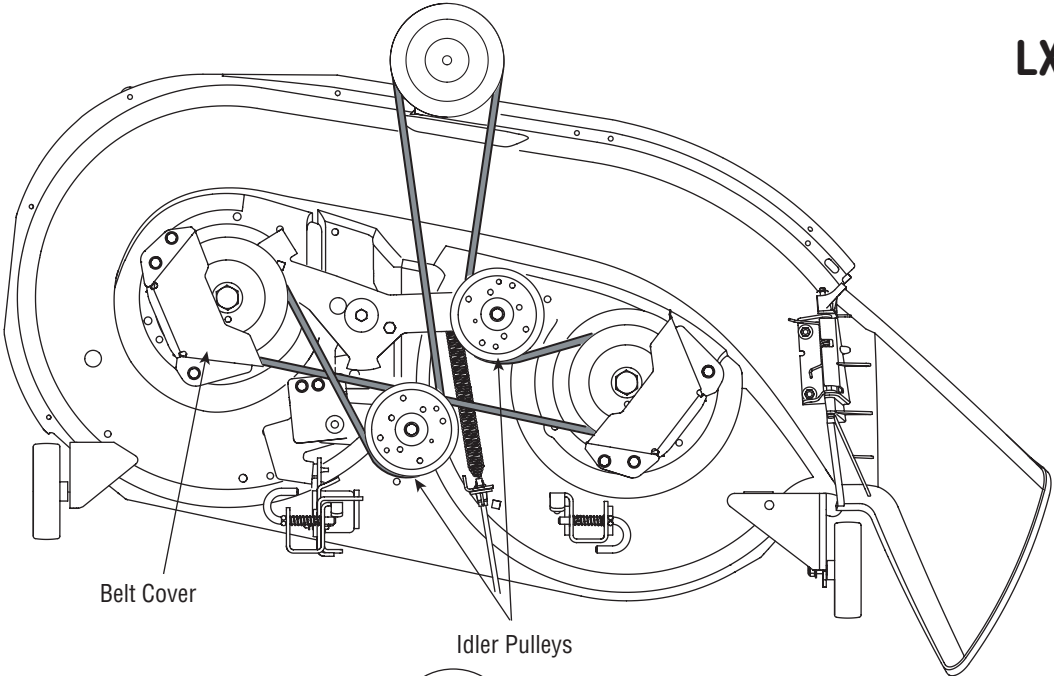
- Remove the cutting deck and upper deck belt, as instructed in previous steps within this section.
- Grasp the lower idler pulley and pivot it toward the left side of the deck, to relieve tension on the belt. See Figure 21.



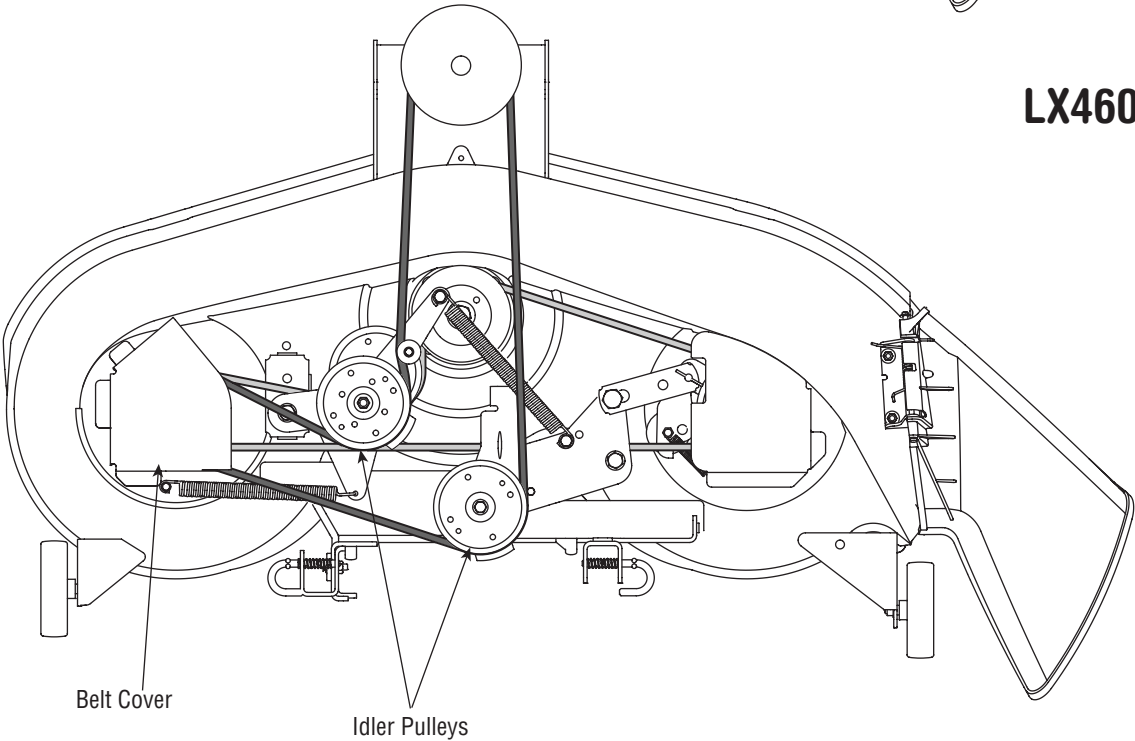
**Figure 21**

- With tension relieved, carefully remove the belt from around the idler pulley.
- Carefully remove the belt from around the three spindle pulleys
- Replace the lower deck belt before continuing with the final steps above.

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**LX460**



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## SECTION 10: OFF-SEASON STORAGE

Clean and lubricate the tractor as instructed in **Section 7: MAINTAINING YOUR LAWN TRACTOR** on page 21 of this manual before storing for an extended period.

### Engine

If the engine will be out of service for two months or more, use the following storage procedure:

- Clean the exterior surfaces of the engine.
- Change the oil and filter while the engine is still warm from operation. Refer to **Changing Engine Oil** on page 21.
- The fuel system must be completely emptied, or the gasoline must be treated with a fuel stabilizer such as *STA-BIL*® to prevent deterioration. If you choose to use a stabilizer, follow the manufacturers recommendations, and add the correct amount for the capacity of the fuel system. Fill the fuel tank with clean, fresh gasoline. Run the engine for 2-3 minutes to get stabilized fuel into the carburetor.

To empty the system, run the engine until the tank and system are empty.



**WARNING:** Drain fuel only into an approved container outdoors, away from an open flame. Allow engine to cool. Extinguish cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition prior to draining fuel.

- Remove the spark plug. Add one tablespoon of engine oil into the spark plug hole. Install the plug, but do not reconnect the plug wire. Crank the engine two or three revolutions.
- Store the engine in a clean, dry place.



**WARNING:** Never store the machine or fuel container indoors where there is an open flame, spark or pilot light such as on water heater, furnace, clothes dryer or other gas appliance.

## SECTION 11: MAINTENANCE CHART

	Before Each Use	After Initial 24 Hours	Every 10 Hours	Every 25 Hours	Every 100 Hours	Every Season	Prior to Storing
Clean Hood/Dash Louvers			✓				✓
Check Engine Oil Level	✓						
Clean and Re-oil Air Filter's Foam Precleaner				✓			
Replace Air Filter Element					✓	✓	
Change Engine Oil & Filter		✓			✓	✓	
Clean Battery Terminals			✓				✓
Lube Front Axles and Rims				✓			✓
Clean Engine Cooling Fins				✓			✓
Lube Pedal Pivot Points			✓				✓
Check Spark Plug					✓	✓	✓
Check Safety Interlock System	✓						

## SECTION 12: TROUBLESHOOTING

Trouble	Possible Cause(s)	Corrective Action
Engine fails to start	PTO (Blade Engage) lever engaged. Parking brake not engaged. Spark plug wire(s) disconnected. Throttle/choke control not in correct starting position. Choke not activated Fuel tank empty, or stale fuel. Blocked fuel line. Faulty spark plug. Engine flooded.	Place PTO (Blade Engage) Lever in disengaged (OFF) position. Engage parking brake. Connect wire to spark plug. Move Throttle/Choke Control into CHOKE position. Move Throttle/Choke Control into CHOKE position. Fill tank with clean, fresh (less than 30 days old) gas. Clean fuel line or replace fuel filter. Clean, adjust gap or replace plug. Crank engine with throttle in FAST position.
Engine runs erratic	Unit running with CHOKE activated. Spark plug wire(s) loose. Blocked fuel line or stale fuel.  Vent in gas cap plugged. Water or dirt in fuel system.  Dirty air cleaner.	Move Throttle/Choke Control out of CHOKE position. Connect and tighten spark plug wire(s). Clean fuel line; fill tank with clean, fresh (less than 30 days old) gasoline. Replace fuel filter, if so equipped. Clear vent or replace cap if damaged. Drain fuel tank. Refill with clean, fresh (less than 30 days old) gasoline. Replace air cleaner paper element or clean foam precleaner.
Engine overheats	Engine oil level low. Air flow restricted.	Fill crankcase with proper capacity and weight of oil. Clean grass clippings and debris from around the engine's cooling fins and blower housing.
Engine hesitates at high RPM	Spark plug gap too close.	Remove spark plug and reset the gap.
Idles poorly	Spark plug fouled, faulty or gap too wide. Dirty air cleaner.	Replace spark plug. Set plug gap. Replace air cleaner element or clean pre-cleaner.
Excessive vibration	Cutting blade loose or unbalanced. Damaged or bent cutting blade.	Tighten blade and spindle. Balance blade. Replace blade.
Mower will not mulch grass	Engine speed too low. Wet grass. Excessively high grass.  Dull blade.	Place throttle in FAST (rabbit) position. Do not mow when grass is wet; wait until later to cut. Mow once at a high cutting height, then mow again at desired height or make a narrower cutting swath. Sharpen or replace blade.
Uneven cut	Deck not balanced properly. Dull blade. Uneven tire pressure.	Perform side-to-side deck adjustment. Sharpen or replace blade. Check tire pressure in all four tires.

## SECTION 13: SPECIFICATIONS\*

	LX420	LX460
<b>Capacities</b>		
Fuel Tank	3.0 gal. (11.4 liters)	3.0 gal. (11.4 liters)
Engine Crankcase (w/ filter)	50.75 oz. (1.5 liters)	50.75 oz. (1.5 liters)
<b>Constant Velocity Transmission</b>		
Forward Speed	0 m.p.h. - 5.2 m.p.h.	0 m.p.h. - 5.2 m.p.h.
Reverse Speed	0 m.p.h. - 2.3 m.p.h.	0 m.p.h. - 2.3 m.p.h.
<b>Engine (Air-cooled, 4-cycle)</b>		
Make	<i>Kohler Courage</i>	<i>Kohler Courage</i>
Model	SV540	SV600
Cylinders	Single	Single
Bore	3.50 in. (89 mm)	3.70 in. (94 mm)
Stroke	3.38 in. (86 mm)	3.38 in. (86 mm)
Displacement	32.6 cubic in. (535 cc)	36.4 cubic in. (597 cc)
Power @3600 RPM	18 HP (13.4 kW)**	20 HP (14.9 kW)**
Maximum Torque	32.1 ft. lb. (43.5 Nm) @ 2200 RPM	36.9 ft. lb. (50.0 Nm) @ 2200 RPM
Compression Ratio	8.5:1	8.5:1
Engine Speed (governed)	3375 RPM	3375 RPM
Low Speed	1500 RPM (± 75 RPM)	2150 RPM (± 75 RPM)
Spark Plug Gap	.76 mm (.030 in.)	.76 mm (.030 in.)
<b>Electrical System</b>		
System Voltage	12-volt Negative Ground	12-volt Negative Ground
Battery	190 CCA (sealed)	190 CCA (sealed)
Alternator	15 Amp Regulated	15 Amp Regulated
Fuse (automotive type)	20 Amp	20 Amp
Headlights	Incandescent	Incandescent
<b>Brakes</b>	Single Disc (Dry)	Single Disc (Dry)
<b>Turf Tires</b>		
Front (inches)	15 x 6 x 6	15 x 6 x 6
Rear (inches)	20 x 8 x 8	20 x 8 x 8
<b>Dimensions</b>		
Cutting Width, Deck	42 in. (106.7 cm)	46 in. (116.8 cm)
Wheelbase	46 in. (116.8 cm)	46 in. (116.8 cm)
Length, over all	68 in. (172.7 cm)	68 in. (172.7 cm)
Width, over all	45 in. (114.3 cm)	13.2 liters (3.5 gallons)
Height, over all	43 in. (109.2 cm)	1.5 liters (50.75 oz.)
Ground Clearance	4.5 in. (11.4 cm)	4.5 in. (11.4 cm)
Turning Radius	18 in. (46 cm)	18 in. (46 cm)
Weight (approximate)	498 lb. (225.9 kg)	501 lb. (227.25 kg.)

\* *Toro* reserves the right to change product specifications, design, and standard equipment without notice and without incurring obligation

\*\* *Kohler's* horsepower ratings exceed Society of Automotive Engineers Small Engine Test Code J1940. Actual engine horsepower is lower and affected by, but not limited to, accessories (air cleaner, exhaust, charging, cooling, fuel pump, etc.), application, engine speed and ambient operating conditions (temperature, humidity, and altitude).



## Evaporative Emission Control Warranty Statement

### California Evaporative Emission Control Warranty Statement Your Warranty Rights and Obligations

#### Introduction

The California Air Resources Board and The Toro® Company are pleased to explain the evaporative emission control system's warranty on your 2006 model year equipment. In California, new equipment that use small off-road engines must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. The Toro® Company must warrant the evaporative emission control system on your equipment for two years provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your equipment.

Your evaporative emission control system may include parts such as: fuel lines, fuel line fittings, and clamps.

#### Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage:

This evaporative emission control system is warranted for two years. If any evaporative emission-related part on your equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by The Toro® Company.

#### Owner's Warranty Responsibilities:

- As the equipment owner, you are responsible for performance of the required maintenance listed in your Operator's Manual. The Toro® Company recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your equipment, but The Toro® Company cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts.
- As the equipment owner, you should however be aware that The Toro® Company may deny you warranty coverage if your emission warranty parts have failed due to abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.
- You are responsible for presenting your equipment to an Authorized Service Dealer as soon as the problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have a question regarding your warranty coverage, you should contact The Toro® Company at 1-952-948-4027 or call us toll free at the number listed in your Toro Warranty statement.

#### Defects Warranty Requirements:

1. The warranty period begins on the date the engine or equipment is delivered to an ultimate purchaser.
2. General Evaporative Emissions Warranty Coverage. The emission warranty parts must be warranted to the ultimate purchaser and any subsequent owner that the evaporative emission control system when installed was:
  - A. Designed, built, and equipped so as to conform with all applicable regulations; and
  - B. Free from defects in materials and workmanship that causes the failure of a warranted part for a period of two years.
3. The warranty on evaporative emissions-related parts will be interpreted as follows:
  - A. Any warranted part that is not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the written instructions must be warranted for the warranty period of two years. If any such part fails during the period of warranty coverage, it must be repaired or replaced by The Toro® Company. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty must be warranted for a time not less than the remaining warranty period.
  - B. Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the written instructions must be warranted for the warranty period of two years. A statement in such written instructions to the effect of "repair or replace as necessary" will not reduce the period of warranty coverage. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty must be warranted for a time not less than the remaining warranty period.
  - C. Any warranted part that is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the written instructions must be warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. If the part fails prior to the first scheduled replacement, the part must be repaired or replaced by The Toro® Company. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty must be warranted for a time not less than the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for the part.
  - D. Repair or replacement of any warranted part under the warranty provisions of this article must be performed at no charge to the owner at an Authorized Service Dealer.
  - E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (D) above, warranty services or repairs must be provided at an Authorized Service Dealer.
  - F. The owner must not be charged for diagnostic labor that leads to the determination that a warranted part is in fact defective, provided that such diagnostic work is performed at an Authorized Service Dealer.
  - G. Throughout the evaporative emission control system's two year warranty period, The Toro® Company must maintain a supply of warranted parts sufficient to meet the expected demand for such parts.
  - H. Manufacturer approved replacement parts must be used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repairs and must be provided without charge to the owner. Such use will not reduce the warranty obligations of The Toro® Company.
  - I. The use of any add-on or modified parts will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim made in accordance with this article. The Toro® Company will not be liable under this Article to warrant failures of warranted parts caused by the use of an add-on or modified part.
  - J. The Toro® Company shall provide any documents that describe the warranty procedures or policies within five working days of request by the Air Resources Board.

#### Emission Warranty Parts List:

The following lists includes the parts covered under this warranty:

- Fuel Lines
- Fuel Line Fittings
- Clamps

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# The Toro company

## MANUFACTURER'S LIMITED WARRANTY FOR LAWN & GARDEN TRACTORS

**IMPORTANT:** To obtain warranty coverage owner must present an original proof of purchase and applicable maintenance records to the servicing dealer. Please see the operator's manual for information on required maintenance and service intervals.

The limited warranty set forth below is given by **The Toro Company ("Toro")** with respect to new merchandise purchased or leased and used in the United States and/or its territories and possessions, and by Toro with respect to new merchandise purchased or leased and used in Canada and/or its territories and possessions.

Toro warrants this product (excluding its *Normal Wear Parts, Batteries, and Frame and Front Axle* as described below) against defects in material and workmanship for a period of three (2) years or eighty (80) operation hours, whichever comes first, commencing on the date of original retail purchase or lease and will, at its option, repair or replace, free of charge, any part found to be defective in materials or workmanship.

*Normal Wear Parts* are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of original purchase or lease. Normal wear parts include, but are not limited to items such as: belts, blades, blade adapters, grass bags, rider deck wheels, seats, and tires.

*Batteries* have a one-year prorated limited warranty against defects in material and workmanship, with 100% replacement during the first three months. After three months, the battery replacement credit is based on the months remaining in the twelve (12) month period dating back to the original date of original sale or lease. Any replacement battery will be warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period.

*Frame and Front Axle* — Toro warrants the frame, and front cast iron pivot axle against defects in material and workmanship for a period of five (5) years or 500 hours, whichever occurs first, commencing on the date of original purchase or lease.

This limited warranty shall only apply if this product has been operated and maintained in accordance with the Operator's Manual furnished with the product, and has not been subject to misuse, abuse, commercial use, neglect, accident, improper maintenance, alteration, vandalism, theft, fire, water, or damage because of other peril or natural disaster. Damage resulting from the installation or use of any part, accessory or attachment not approved by Toro for use with the product(s) covered by this manual will void your warranty as to any resulting damage. In addition, Toro may deny warranty coverage if the hour meter, or any part thereof, is altered, modified, disconnected or otherwise tampered with.

**HOW TO OBTAIN SERVICE:** Warranty service is available, WITH PROOF OF PURCHASE AND APPLICABLE MAINTENANCE RECORDS, through your local authorized service dealer. To locate the dealer in your area:

**In the U.S.A. or Canada:**

Check your Yellow Pages, or contact The Customer Care Department, a Toro Warranty Company at 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420, call 1-888-384-9942 (In Canada 1-888-848-4073), or log on to our website at [www.toro.com](http://www.toro.com).

Without limiting the foregoing, this limited warranty does not provide coverage in the following cases:

- a. The engine or component parts thereof. These items may carry a separate manufacturer's warranty. Refer to applicable manufacturer's warranty for terms and conditions.
- b. Routine maintenance items such as lubricants, filters, blade sharpening, tune-ups, brake adjustments, clutch adjustments, deck adjustments, and normal deterioration of the exterior finish due to use or exposure.
- c. Service completed by someone other than an authorized service dealer.
- d. Toro does not extend any warranty for products sold or exported outside of the United States and/or Canada, and their respective possessions and territories, except those sold through Toro's authorized channels of export distribution.
- e. Replacement parts and/or accessories that are not genuine Toro parts.
- f. Transportation charges and service calls.
- g. Toro does not warrant this product for commercial use.

**There are no implied warranties, including without limitation any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. No warranties shall apply after the applicable period of express written warranty above. No other express warranties beyond those mentioned above, given by any person or entity, including a dealer or retailer, with respect to any product, shall bind Toro. The exclusive remedy is repair or replacement of the product as set forth above. The terms of this warranty provide the sole and exclusive remedy arising from the sale and/or lease of the products covered hereby. Toro shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential loss or damage including, without limitation, expenses incurred for substitute or replacement lawn care services or for rental expenses to temporarily replace a warranted product.**

Some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions or limitations may not apply to you.

In no event shall recovery of any kind be greater than the amount of the purchase price of the product sold. **Alteration of safety features of the product shall void this warranty.** You assume the risk and liability for loss, damage, or injury to you and your property and/or to others and their property arising out of the misuse or inability to use the product.

This limited warranty shall not extend to anyone other than the original purchaser or to the person for whom it was purchased as a gift.

**HOW LOCAL LAWS RELATE TO THIS WARRANTY:** This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights that vary in different jurisdictions.