

LT1538

Owner's Manual



SAFETY RULES



SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES FOR RIDE-ON MOWERS

IMPORTANT: THIS CUTTING 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.

I. GENERAL OPERATION

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the guard in place.
- Slow down before turning.
- Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove keys before dismounting.
- Turn off blades when not mowing.
- Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- 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.
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves or other debris build-up which can touch hot exhaust / engine parts and burn. Do not allow the mower deck to plow leaves or other debris which can cause build-up to occur. Clean any oil or fuel spillage before operating or storing the machine. Allow machine to cool before storage.

II. SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to loss-of-control and tipover 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.

DO:

- Mow up and down slopes, not across.
- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. *Tall grass can hide obstacles.*
- Use slow speed. Choose a low gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.
- Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine.
- Keep all movement on the slopes *slow* and *gradual*. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly *straight* down the slope.

DO NOT:

- *Do not* turn on slopes unless necessary, and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.
- *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 or ditch, or if an edge caves in.
- *Do not* mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.
- *Do not* try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.
- *Do not* use grass catcher on steep slopes.

III. CHILDREN

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. *Never* assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and *down* for small children.
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

IV. SERVICE

- Use extra care in handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive.
 - Use only an approved container.
 - Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke.
 - Never refuel the machine indoors.
 - Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as a water heater.
- Never run a machine inside a closed area.
- Keep nuts and bolts, especially blade attachment bolts, tight and keep equipment in good condition.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up. Clean oil or fuel spillage. Allow machine to cool before storing.
- Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object. Repair, if necessary, before restarting.
- Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.
- Grass catcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. Frequently check components and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary.
- Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.

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Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers



- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers or children even with the blades off.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and down for small children.
- Mow up and down slopes (15° Max), not across.
- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Use slow speed. Choose a low gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly straight down the slope.
- If machine stops while going uphill, disengage blades, shift into reverse and back down slowly.
- Do not turn on slopes unless necessary, and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.



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



WARNING: Do not coast down a hill in neutral, you may lose control of the tractor.



WARNING: Tow only the attachments that are recommended by and comply with specifications of the manufacturer of your tractor. Use common sense when towing. Operate only at the lowest possible speed when on a slope. Too heavy of a load, while on a slope, is dangerous. Tires can lose traction with the ground and cause you to lose control of your tractor.



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.



WARNING



Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	1.25 GALLONS UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL TYPE (API-SF-SJ):	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	4 PINTS
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .040")	CHAMPION RC12YC
GROUND SPEED (MPH):	FORWARD: 1st 1.1 2nd 1.4 3rd 2.2 4th 3.3 5th 4.4 6th 4.9 REVERSE: 1.4
TIRE PRESSURE:	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 12 PSI
CHARGING SYSTEM:	3 AMPS BATTERY 5 AMPS HEADLIGHTS
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 28 MIN. CCA: 230 CASE SIZE: U1R
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	27-35 FT. LBS.

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a new tractor. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance.

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

Please read and retain this manual. The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your tractor 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 tractor.
- Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this owner's manual.

WARNING: This tractor 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.

A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest authorized service centre/department (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

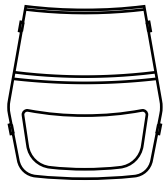
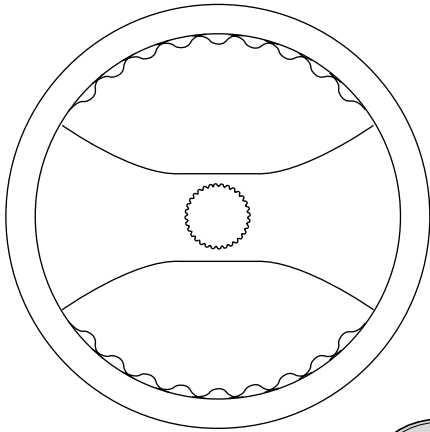
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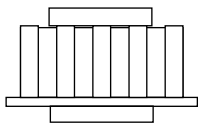
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UNASSEMBLED PARTS

Steering Wheel



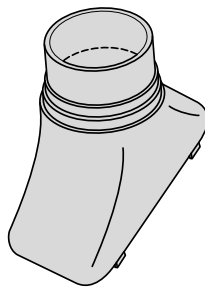
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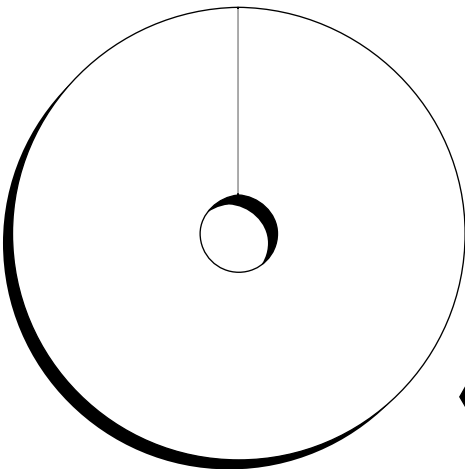
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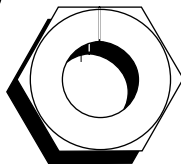
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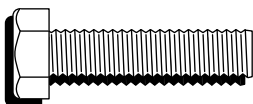
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(1) Large Flat Washer



(1) Locknut 1/2-20

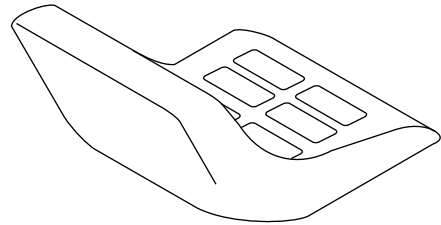


(1) Hex Bolt 1/4-28 x 1-1/4



(1) Locknut 1/4-28

Seat



(1) Washer
17/32 x 1-3/16 x 12 Gauge



(1) Lock
Washer 1/2

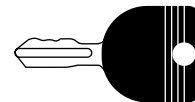


(1) Bolt



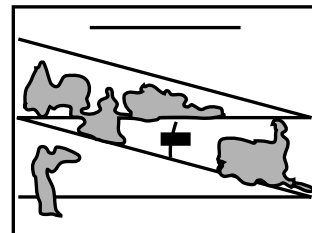
(1) Oil Drain Tube
For Future Use

Keys



(2) Keys

Slope Sheet



ASSEMBLY

Your new tractor has been assembled at the factory with exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. To ensure safe and proper operation of your tractor 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.

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| (2) 7/16" wrenches | Pliers |
| (1) 3/4" wrench | Tire pressure gauge |
| Utility knife | |

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (seated behind the steering wheel).

TO REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON

UNPACK CARTON

- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts cartons from carton.
- Cut along dotted lines on all four panels of carton. Remove end panels and lay side panels flat.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

BEFORE REMOVING TRACTOR FROM SKID

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 1)

ASSEMBLE EXTENSION SHAFT AND BOOT

- Slide extension shaft onto lower steering shaft. Align mounting holes in extension and lower shafts and install 1/4 hex bolt and locknut. Tighten securely.

IMPORTANT: TIGHTEN BOLT AND NUT SECURELY TO 10-12 FT. LBS TORQUE.

- Place tabs of steering boot over tab slots in dash and push down to secure.

INSTALL STEERING WHEEL

- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Remove steering wheel adapter from steering wheel and slide adapter onto steering shaft extension.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide inside boot and onto adapter.
- Assemble large flat washer, 1/2 hex nut and tighten securely.
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective materials from tractor hood and grill.

IMPORTANT: CHECK FOR AND REMOVE ANY STAPLES IN SKID THAT MAY PUNCTURE TIRES WHERE TRACTOR IS TO ROLL OFF SKID.

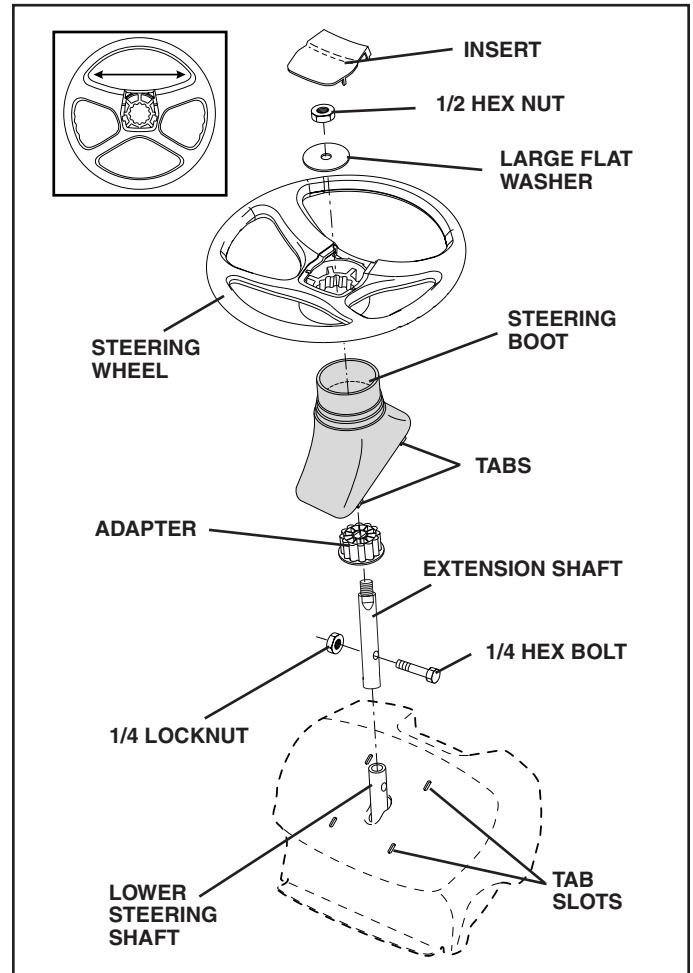


FIG. 1

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR

INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 2)

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment bolt.

- Remove adjustment bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing seat to cardboard packing and set aside for assembly of seat to tractor.
- Pivot seat upward and remove from the cardboard packing. Remove the cardboard packing and discard.
- Place seat on seat pan so head of shoulder bolt is positioned over large slotted hole in pan.
- Push down on seat to engage shoulder bolt in slot and pull seat towards rear of tractor.
- Pivot seat and pan forward and assemble adjustment bolt, lockwasher and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten
- Lower seat into operating position and sit on seat.
- Slide seat until a comfortable position is reached which allows you to press clutch/brake pedal all the way down.
- Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- Raise seat and tighten adjustment bolt securely.

ASSEMBLY

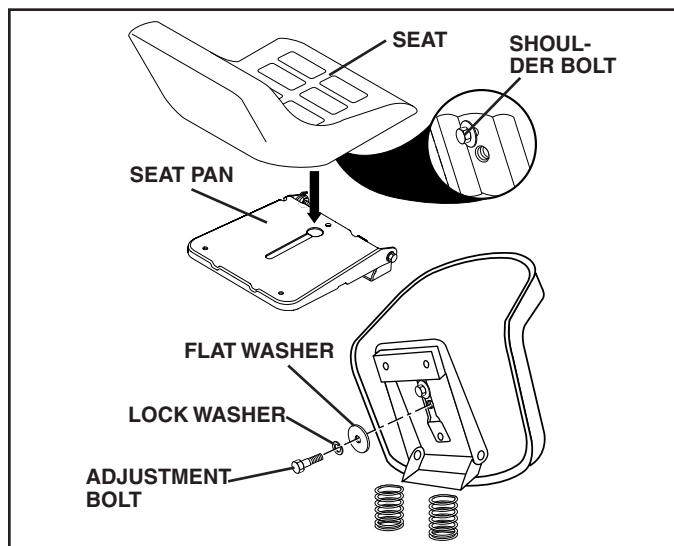


FIG. 2

CHECK BATTERY (See Fig. 3)

- Lift seat pan to raised position.
- If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps. (See "BATTERY" in the Maintenance section of this manual for charging instructions).

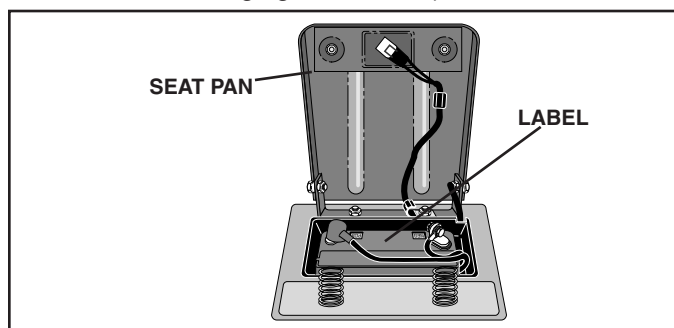


FIG. 3

NOTE: You may now roll or drive your tractor off the skid. Follow the appropriate instruction below to remove the tractor from the skid.

TO ROLL TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section for location and function of controls)

- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Release parking brake by depressing clutch/brake pedal.
- Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Roll tractor forward off skid.
- Remove banding holding deflector shield up against tractor.

TO DRIVE TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section for location and function of controls)

⚠WARNING: Before starting, read, understand and follow all instructions in the Operation section of this manual.

Be sure tractor is in a well-ventilated area. Be sure the area in front of tractor is clear of other people and objects.

- Be sure all the above assembly steps have been completed.
- Check engine oil level and fill fuel tank with gasoline.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Start the engine. After engine has started, move throttle control to idle position.
- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold. Move gearshift lever to 1st gear.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal and slowly drive tractor off skid.
- Apply brake to stop tractor, set parking brake and place gearshift lever in neutral position.
- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position.

Continue with the instructions that follow.

INSTALL MULCHER PLATE (See Figs. 4)

(If Previously Removed)

- Raise and hold deflector shield in the upright position.
- Position alignment cup over rear baffle.
- Pivot mulcher plate forward and hook on mounting bolt. Be sure hang tab hooks top of deck opening.
- Assemble flat washer, lock washer and wing nut to mounting bolt and tighten securely.



CAUTION: Do not remove deflector shield from mower.

TO CONVERT TO BAGGING OR DISCHARGING

Simply remove mulcher plate and store in a safe place. Your mower is now ready for discharging or installation of optional grass catcher accessory.

NOTE: If discharging or bagging results are unsatisfactory with mulcher blades on mower, remove the mulcher blades and install high performance discharging blades, which are available at an authorized service center/department.

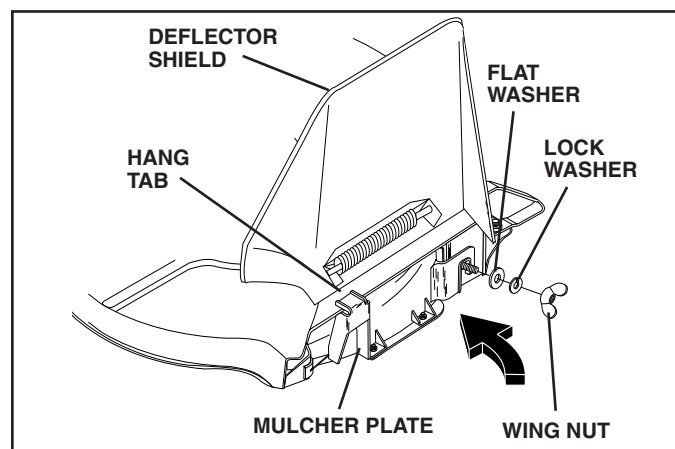


FIG. 4

ASSEMBLY

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

The tires on your tractor were overinflated at the factory for shipping purposes. Correct tire pressure is important for best cutting performance.

- Reduce tire pressure to PSI shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.

CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

For best cutting results, mower housing should be properly leveled. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

See the figures that are shown for replacing motion and mower blade drive belts in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual. Verify that the belts are routed correctly.

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

After you learn how to operate your tractor, check to see that the brake is properly adjusted. See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

✓ CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU OPERATE AND ENJOY YOUR NEW TRACTOR, WE WISH TO ASSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE BEST PERFORMANCE AND SATISFACTION FROM THIS QUALITY PRODUCT.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

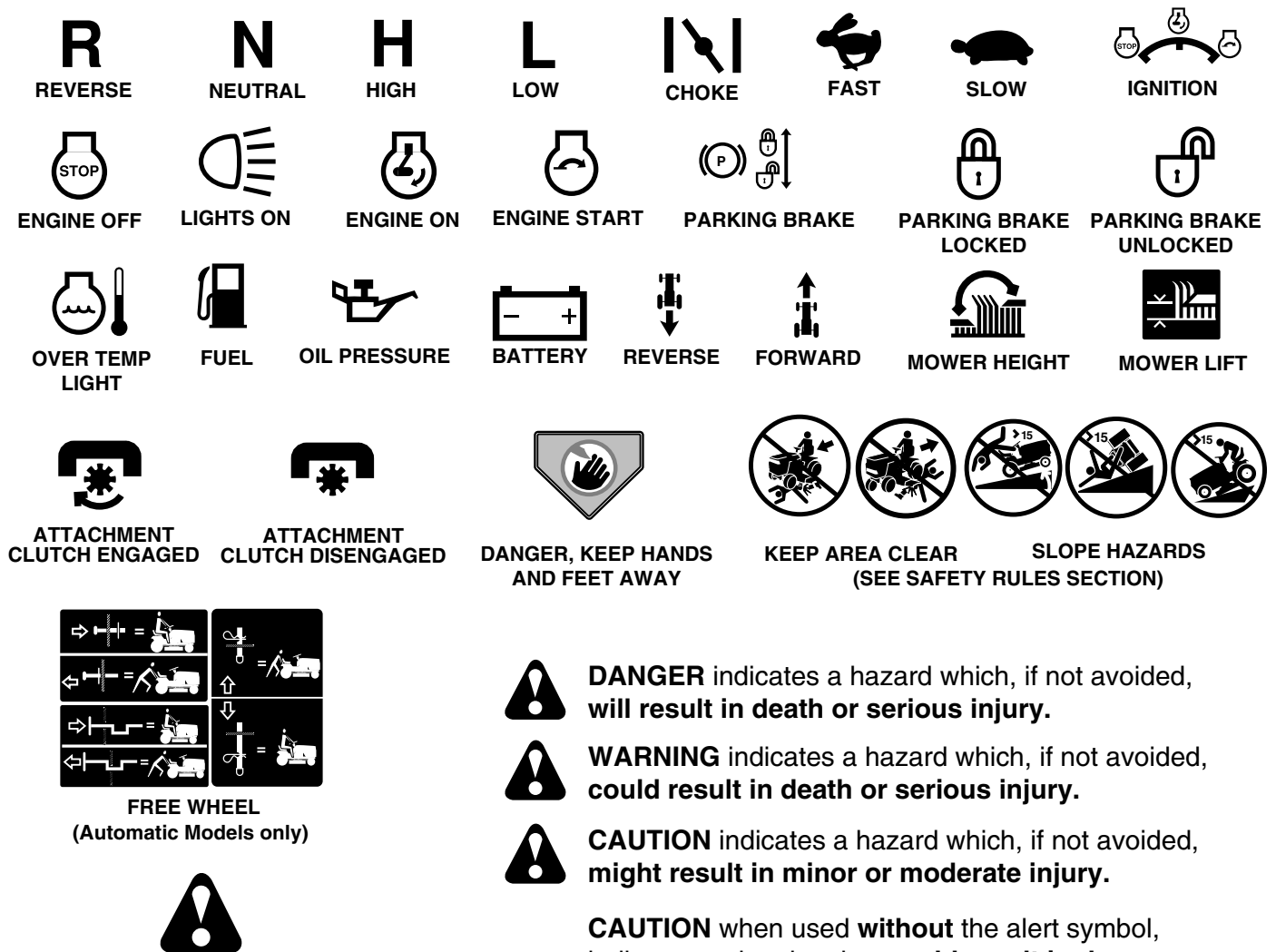
- ✓ All assembly instructions have been completed.
- ✓ No remaining loose parts in carton.
- ✓ Battery is properly prepared and charged. (Minimum 1 hour at 6 amps).
- ✓ Seat is adjusted comfortably and tightened securely.
- ✓ All tires are properly inflated. (For shipping purposes, the tires were overinflated at the factory).
- ✓ Be sure mower deck is properly leveled side-to-side/ front-to-rear for best cutting results. (Tires must be properly inflated for leveling).
- ✓ Check mower and drive belts. Be sure they are routed properly around pulleys and inside all belt keepers.
- ✓ Check wiring. See that all connections are still secure and wires are properly clamped.

WHILE LEARNING HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR, PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- ✓ Engine oil is at proper level.
- ✓ Fuel tank is filled with fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline.
- ✓ Become familiar with all controls - their location and function. Operate them before you start the engine.
- ✓ Be sure brake system is in safe operating condition.

OPERATION

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



Failure to follow instructions could result in serious injury or death. The safety alert symbol is used to identify safety information about hazards which can result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.



DANGER indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, might result in minor or moderate injury.

CAUTION when used **without** the alert symbol, indicates a situation that **could result in damage to the tractor and/or engine**.



HOT SURFACES indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.



FIRE indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death, serious injury and/or property damage.

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR TRACTOR

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

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

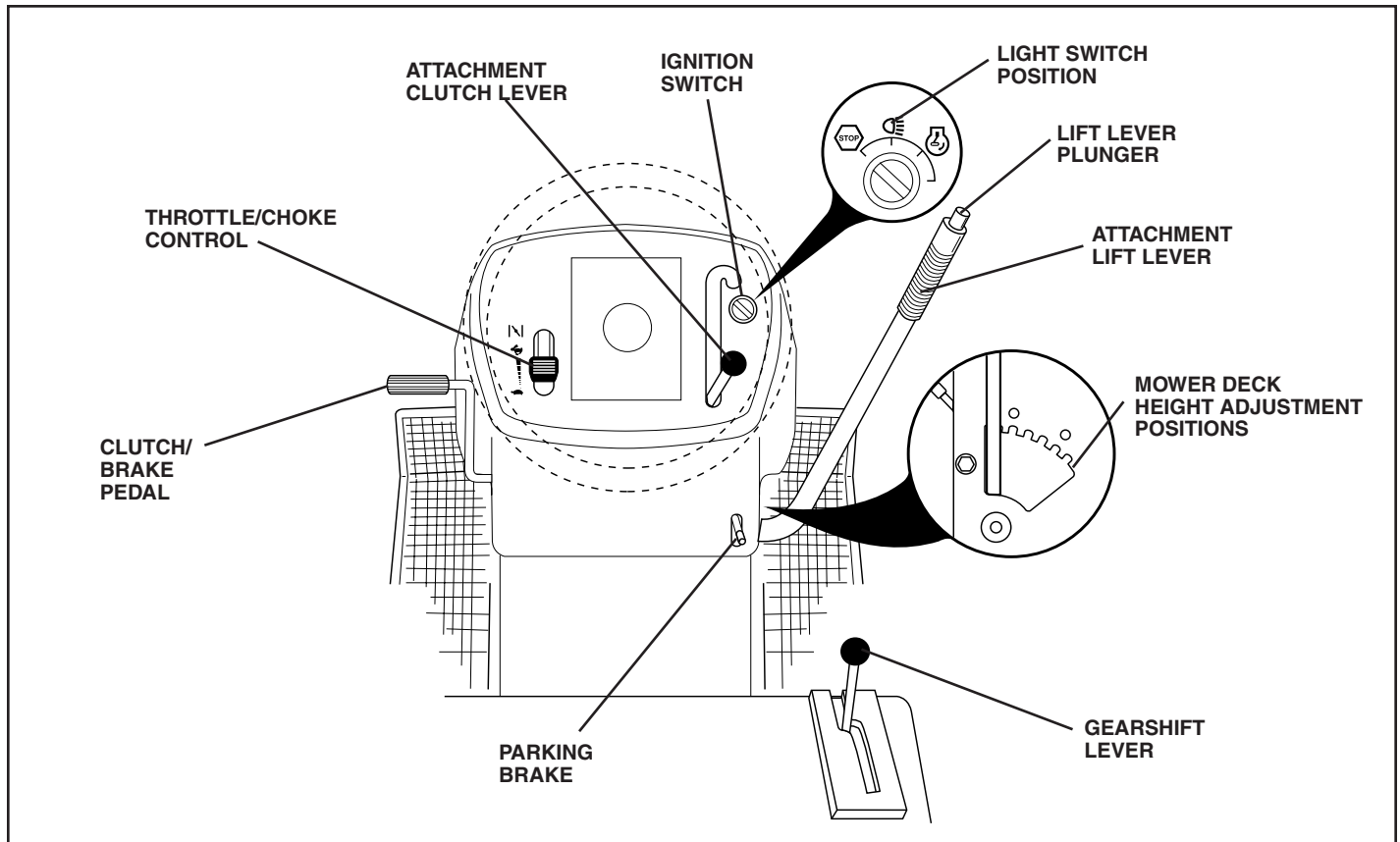


FIG. 5

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

ATTACHMENT CLUTCH LEVER: Used to engage the mower blades, or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

LIGHT SWITCH POSITION: Turns the headlights on and off.

THROTTLE/CHOKE CONTROL: Used for starting and controlling engine speed.

CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL: Used for declutching and braking the tractor and starting the engine.

PARKING BRAKE: Locks clutch/brake pedal into the brake position.

GEARSHIFT LEVER: Selects the speed and direction of tractor.

ATTACHMENT LIFT LEVER: Used to raise, lower, and adjust the mower deck or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

LIFT LEVER PLUNGER: Used to release attachment lift lever when changing its position.

IGNITION SWITCH: Used for starting and stopping the engine.

OPERATION



The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your tractor or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend a wide vision safety mask over spectacles or standard safety glasses.

HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 6)

Your tractor is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. When engine is running, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat without first setting the parking brake will shut off the engine.

- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold.
- Place parking brake lever in "ENGAGED" position and release pressure from clutch/brake pedal. Pedal should remain in "BRAKE" position. Make sure parking brake will hold tractor secure.

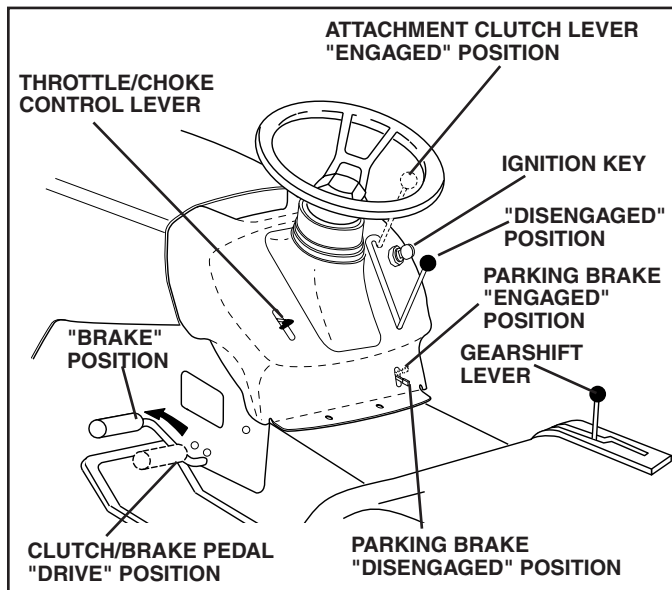


FIG. 6

STOPPING (See Fig. 6) MOWER BLADES -

- To stop mower blades, move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.

GROUND DRIVE -

- To stop ground drive, depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position.
- Move gearshift lever to neutral (N) position.

ENGINE -

- Move throttle control between half and full speed (fast) position.

NOTE: Failure to move throttle control between half and full speed (fast) position, before stopping may cause engine to "backfire".

- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving tractor to prevent unauthorized use.
- Never use choke to stop engine.

IMPORTANT: LEAVING THE IGNITION SWITCH IN ANY POSITION OTHER THAN "OFF" WILL CAUSE THE BATTERY TO BE DISCHARGED, (DEAD).

NOTE: Under certain conditions when tractor is standing idle with the engine running, hot engine exhaust gases may cause "browning" of grass. To eliminate this possibility, always stop engine when stopping tractor on grass areas.



CAUTION: Always stop tractor completely, as described above, before leaving the operator's position; to empty grass catcher, etc.

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 6)

Always operate engine at full throttle.

- Operating engine at less than full throttle reduces the battery charging rate.
- Full throttle offers the best bagging and mower performance.

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD (See Fig. 6)

The direction and speed of movement is controlled by the gearshift lever.

- Start tractor with clutch/brake pedal depressed and gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move gearshift lever to desired position.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal to start movement.

IMPORTANT: BRING TRACTOR TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE SHIFTING OR CHANGING GEARS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL SHORTEN THE USEFUL LIFE OF YOUR TRANSAXLE.

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 6)

The position of the attachment lift lever determines the cutting height.

- Grasp lift lever.
- Press plunger with thumb and move lever to desired position.

The cutting height range is approximately 1-1/2 to 4". The heights are measured from the ground to the blade tip with the engine not running. These heights are approximate and may vary depending upon soil conditions, height of grass and types of grass being mowed.

- The average lawn should be cut to approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and to over 3 inches during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.
- For best cutting performance, grass over 6 inches in height should be mowed twice. Make the first cut relatively high; the second to desired height.

OPERATION

TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig.7)

Your tractor is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. Any attempt by the operator to leave the seat with the engine running and the attachment clutch engaged will shut off the engine.

- Select desired height of cut.
- Start mower blades by engaging attachment clutch control.
- TO STOP MOWER BLADES - disengage attachment clutch control.

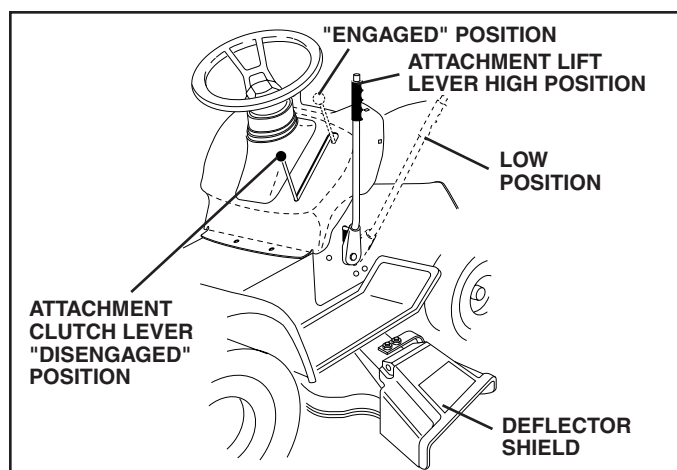


FIG. 7



CAUTION: Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the deflector shield in place.

TO OPERATE ON HILLS



WARNING: Do not drive up or down hills with slopes greater than 15° and do not drive across any slope.

- Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills.
- Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills.
- If slowing is necessary, move throttle control lever to slower position.
- If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake.
- Move gearshift lever to 1st gear. Be sure you have allowed room for tractor to roll slightly as you restart movement.
- To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Make all turns slowly.

TO TRANSPORT

- Raise attachment lift to highest position with attachment lift control.
- When pushing or towing your tractor, be sure gearshift lever is in neutral (N) position.
- Do not push or tow tractor at more than five (5) MPH.

NOTE: To protect hood from damage when transporting your tractor on a truck or a trailer, be sure hood is closed and secured to tractor. Use an appropriate means of tying hood to tractor (rope, cord, etc.).

TOWING CARTS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

Tow only the attachments that are recommended by and comply with specifications of the manufacturer of your tractor. Use common sense when towing. Too heavy of a load, while on a slope, is dangerous. Tires can lose traction with the ground and cause you to lose control of your tractor.

BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE

CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL

- The engine in your tractor has been shipped, from the factory, already filled with summer weight oil.
- Check engine oil with tractor on level ground.
- Unthread and remove oil fill cap/dipstick; wipe oil off. Reinsert the dipstick into the tube and rest oil fill cap on the tube. Do not thread the cap onto the tube. Remove and read oil level. If necessary, add oil until "FULL" mark on dipstick is reached. Do not overfill.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (See "OIL VISCOSITY CHART" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Maintenance section in this manual.

ADD GASOLINE

- Fill fuel tank to bottom of filler neck. Do not overfill. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline with a minimum of 87 octane. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life). Do not mix oil with gasoline. Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness.



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

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

CAUTION: 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 Instructions for additional information. Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.

OPERATION

TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 5)

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

- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control to choke position.

NOTE: Before starting, read the warm and cold starting procedures below.

- Insert key into ignition and turn key clockwise to "START" position and release key as soon as engine starts. Do not run starter continuously for more than fifteen seconds per minute. If the engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to fast position, wait a few minutes and try again. If engine still does not start, move the throttle control back to the choke position and retry.

WARM WEATHER STARTING (50° F and above)

- When engine starts, move the throttle control to the fast position.
- The attachments and ground drive can now be used. If the engine does not accept the load, restart the engine and allow it to warm up for one minute using the choke as described above.

COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

- When engine starts, allow engine to run with the throttle control in the choke position until the engine runs roughly, then move throttle control to fast position.

This may require an engine warm-up period from several seconds to several minutes, depending on the temperature.

- The attachments can also be used during the engine warm-up period.

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.

MOWING TIPS

- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 8).

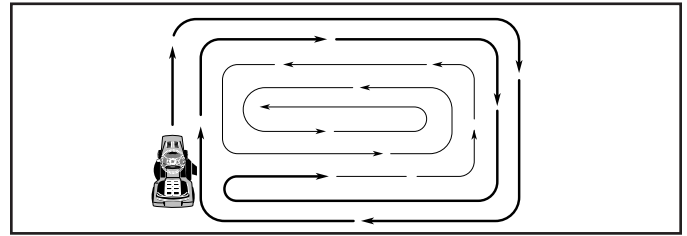


FIG. 8

- If grass is extremely tall, it should be mowed twice to reduce load and possible fire hazard from dried clippings. Make first cut relatively high; the second to the desired height.
- Do not mow grass when it is wet. Wet grass will plug mower and leave undesirable clumps. Allow grass to dry before mowing.
- **Always operate engine at full throttle when mowing** to assure better mowing performance and proper discharge of material. Regulate ground speed by selecting a low enough gear to give the mower cutting performance as well as the quality of cut desired.
- When operating attachments, select a ground speed that will suit the terrain and give best performance of the attachment being used.

MULCHING MOWING TIPS

IMPORTANT: FOR BEST PERFORMANCE, KEEP MOWER HOUSING FREE OF BUILT-UP GRASS AND TRASH. CLEAN AFTER EACH USE.

- The special mulching blade will recut the grass clippings many times and reduce them in size so that as they fall onto the lawn they will disperse into the grass and not be noticed. Also, the mulched grass will biodegrade quickly to provide nutrients for the lawn. Always mulch with your highest engine (blade) speed as this will provide the best recutting action of the blades.
- Avoid cutting your lawn when it is wet. Wet grass tends to form clumps and interferes with the mulching action. The best time to mow your lawn is the early afternoon. At this time the grass has dried and the newly cut area will not be exposed to the direct sun.
- For best results, adjust the mower cutting height so that the mower cuts off only the top one-third of the grass blades (See Fig. 9). For extremely heavy mulching, reduce your width of cut on each pass and mow slowly.
- Certain types of grass and grass conditions may require that an area be mulched a second time to completely hide the clippings. When doing a second cut, mow across or perpendicular to the first cut path.
- Change your cutting pattern from week to week. Mow north to south one week then change to east to west the next week. This will help prevent matting and graining of the lawn.

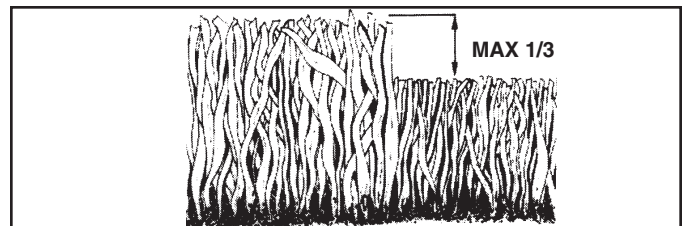


FIG. 9

MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE		BEFORE EACH USE							SERVICE DATES		
FILL IN DATES AS YOU COMPLETE REGULAR SERVICE		EVERY 8 HOURS							EVERY 25 HOURS		
		EVERY 50 HOURS							EVERY 100 HOURS		
		EVERY SEASON							BEFORE STORAGE		
TRACTOR	Check Brake Operation	✓	✓								
	Check Tire Pressure	✓	✓								
	Check Operator Presence and Interlock Systems	✓									
	Check for Loose Fasteners	✓				✓ ₅		✓			
	Sharpen/Replace Mower Blades			✓ ₃							
	Lubrication Chart			✓				✓			
	Check Battery Level			✓ ₄							
	Clean Battery and Terminals			✓				✓			
	Check Transaxle Cooling			✓							
	Check V-Belts					✓					
ENGINE	Check Engine Oil Level	✓	✓								
	Change Engine Oil (with oil filter)				✓ _{1,2}			✓			
	Change Engine Oil (without oil filter)			✓ _{1,2}				✓			
	Clean Air Filter			✓ ₂							
	Clean Air Screen			✓ ₂							
	Inspect Muffler/Spark Arrester				✓						
	Replace Oil Filter (If equipped)					✓ _{1,2}					
	Clean Engine Cooling Fins					✓ ₂					
	Replace Spark Plug					✓	✓				
	Replace Air Filter Paper Cartridge					✓ ₂					
	Replace Fuel Filter						✓				

1 - Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures.
2 - Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

3 - Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil.
4 - Not required if equipped with maintenance-free battery.
5 - Tighten front axle pivot bolt to 35 ft.-lbs. maximum. Do not overtighten.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

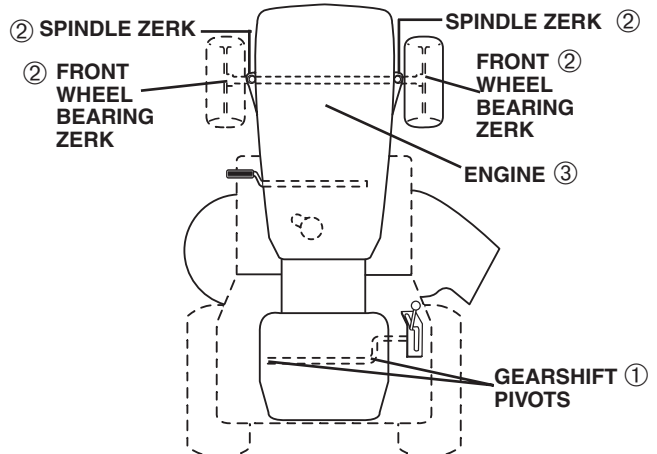
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

- Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check blades 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 brake operation.
- Check tire pressure.
- Check operator presence and interlock systems for proper operation.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION CHART



- ① SAE 30 or 10w30 motor oil
- ② General Purpose Grease
- ③ Refer to Maintenance "ENGINE" Section

IMPORTANT: DO NOT OIL OR GREASE THE PIVOT POINTS WHICH HAVE SPECIAL NYLON BEARINGS. VISCOUS LUBRICANTS WILL ATTRACT DUST AND DIRT THAT WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF THE SELF-LUBRICATING BEARINGS. IF YOU FEEL THEY MUST BE LUBRICATED, USE ONLY A DRY, POWDERED GRAPHITE TYPE LUBRICANT SPARINGLY.

MAINTENANCE

TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

BRAKE OPERATION

If tractor requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then brake must be adjusted. (See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TIRES

- Maintain proper air pressure in all tires (See "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual).
- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.

OPERATOR PRESENCE SYSTEM

Be sure operator presence and interlock systems are working properly. If your tractor does not function as described, repair the problem immediately.

- The engine should not start unless the clutch/brake pedal is fully depressed and attachment clutch control is in the disengaged position.
- When the engine is running, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat without first setting the parking brake should shut off the engine.
- When the engine is running and the attachment clutch is engaged, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat should shut off the engine.
- The attachment clutch should never operate unless the operator is in the seat.

BLADE CARE

For best results mower blades must be kept sharp. Replace bent or damaged blades.

BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 10)

- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove blade bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing blade.
- Install new or resharpened blade with trailing edge up towards deck as shown.

IMPORTANT: TO ENSURE PROPER ASSEMBLY, CENTER HOLE IN BLADE MUST ALIGN WITH STAR ON MANDREL ASSEMBLY.

- Reassemble blade bolt, lock washer and flat washer in exact order as shown.
- Tighten blade bolt securely (27-35 Ft. Lbs. torque).

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS GRADE 8 HEAT TREATED.

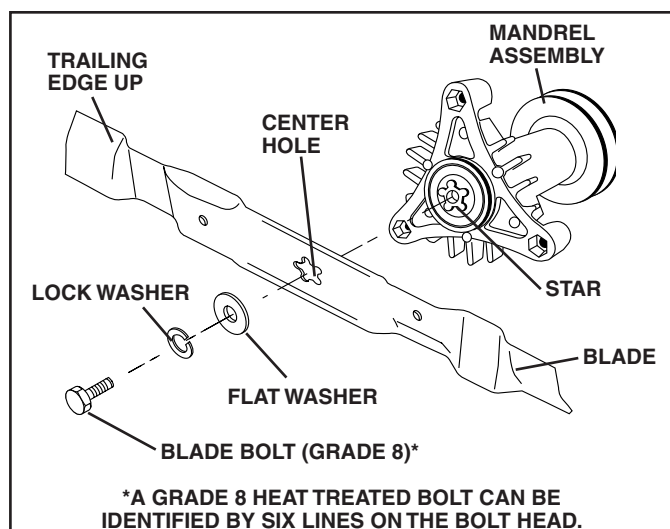


FIG. 10

TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 11)

NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening blade - but if you do, be sure the blade is balanced.

Care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration and eventual damage to mower and engine.

- The blade can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. Do not attempt to sharpen while on the mower.
- To check blade balance, you will need a 5/8" diameter steel bolt, pin, or a cone balancer. (When using a cone balancer, follow the instructions supplied with balancer.)

NOTE: Do not use a nail for balancing blade. The lobes of the center hole may appear to be centered, but are not.

- Slide blade on to an unthreaded portion of the steel bolt or pin and hold the bolt or pin parallel with the ground. If blade is balanced, it should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of the blade moves downward, sharpen the heavy end until the blade is balanced.

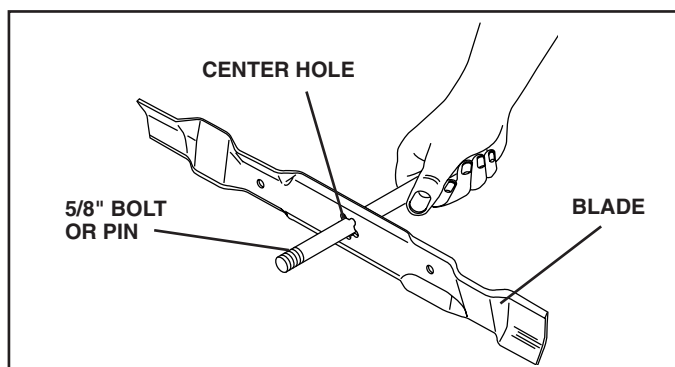


FIG. 11

MAINTENANCE

BATTERY

Your tractor has a battery charging system which is sufficient for normal use. However, periodic charging of the battery with an automotive charger will extend its life.

- Keep battery and terminals clean.
- Keep battery bolts tight.
- Keep small vent holes open.
- Recharge at 6-10 amperes for 1 hour.

NOTE: The original equipment battery on your tractor is maintenance free. Do not attempt to open or remove caps or covers. Adding or checking level of electrolyte is not necessary.

TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS

Corrosion and dirt on the battery and terminals can cause the battery to "leak" power.

- Disconnect **BLACK** battery cable first then **RED** battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.
- Clean terminals and battery cable ends with wire brush until bright.
- Coat terminals with grease or petroleum jelly.
- Reinstall battery (See "REPLACING BATTERY" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

V-BELTS

Check V-belts for deterioration and wear after 100 hours of operation and replace if necessary. The belts are not adjustable. Replace belts if they begin to slip from wear.

TRANSAXLE COOLING

Keep transaxle free from build-up of dirt and chaff which can restrict cooling.

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF-SJ. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature.

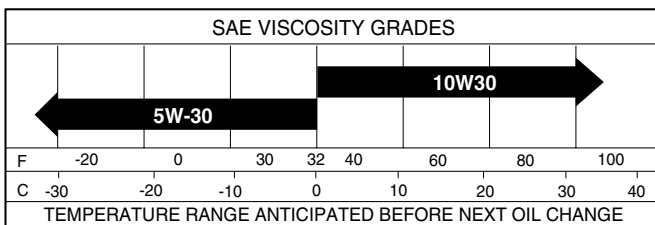


FIG. 12

Change the oil after every 50 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 50 hours in one year.

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each eight (8) hours of operation.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Figs. 12 and 13)

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SF-SJ.

- Be sure tractor is on level surface.
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove oil fill cap/dipstick. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when changing oil.
- Remove yellow cap from end of drain valve and install the drain tube onto the fitting.

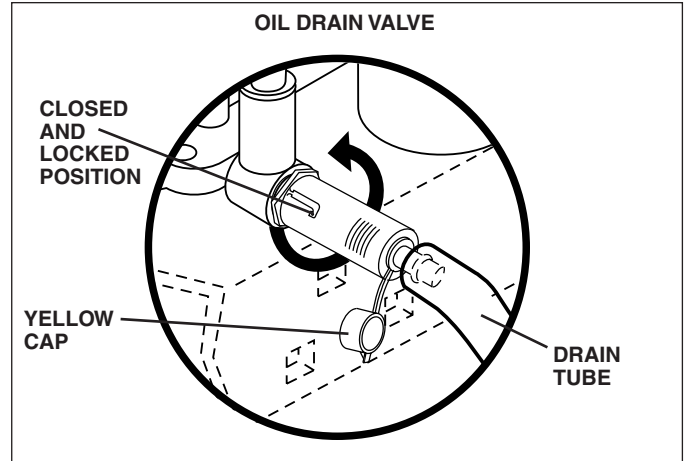


FIG. 13

- Unlock drain valve by pushing inward and turning counterclockwise.
- To open, pull out on the drain valve.
- After oil has drained completely, close and lock the drain valve by pushing inward and turning clockwise until the pin is in the locked position as shown.
- Remove the drain tube and replace the cap onto to the bottom fitting of the drain valve.
- Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill. For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. Insert dipstick into the tube and rest the oil fill cap on the tube. Do not thread the cap onto the tube when taking reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick. Tighten cap onto the tube securely when finished.

MAINTENANCE

CLEAN AIR SCREEN

Air screen must be kept free of dirt and chaff to prevent engine damage from overheating. Clean with a wire brush or compressed air to remove dirt and stubborn dried gum fibers.

CLEAN AIR INTAKE/COOLING AREAS

To insure proper cooling, make sure the grass screen, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of the engine are kept clean at all times.

Every 100 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions), remove the blower housing and other cooling shrouds. Clean the cooling fins and external surfaces as necessary. Make sure the cooling shrouds are reinstalled.

NOTE: Operating the engine with a blocked grass screen, dirty or plugged cooling fins, and/or cooling shrouds removed will cause engine damage due to overheating.

AIR FILTER (See Fig. 14)

Your engine will not run properly using a dirty air filter. Clean the foam pre-cleaner after every 25 hours of operation or every season. Service paper cartridge every 100 hours of operation or every season, whichever occurs first.

Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions.

- Remove knob and cover.
- Remove wing nut and air cleaner from base.

TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER

- Slide foam pre-cleaner off cartridge.
- Wash it in liquid detergent and water.
- Squeeze it dry in a clean cloth. Allow it to dry.
- Saturate it in engine oil. Wrap it in clean, absorbent cloth and squeeze to remove excess oil.

TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

- Replace a dirty, bent, or damaged cartridge.

NOTE: Do not wash the paper cartridge or use pressurized air, as this will damage the cartridge.

- Reinstall the pre-cleaner (cleaned and oiled) over the paper cartridge.
- Reassemble air cleaner, wing nut, cover and tighten knob securely.

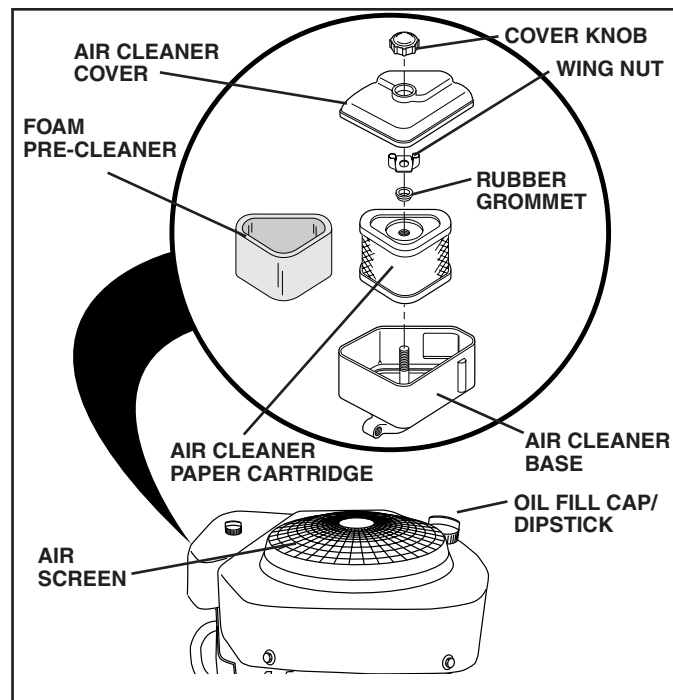


FIG. 14

ENGINE OIL FILTER

Replace the engine oil filter every season or every other oil change if the tractor is used more than 100 hours in one year.

MAINTENANCE

MUFFLER

Inspect and replace corroded muffler and spark arrester (if equipped) as it could create a fire hazard and/or damage.

SPARK PLUGS

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Spark plug type and gap setting are shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.

IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 15)

The fuel filter should be replaced once each season. If fuel filter becomes clogged, obstructing fuel flow to carburetor, replacement is required.

- With engine cool, remove filter and plug fuel line sections.
- Place new fuel filter in position in fuel line with arrow pointing towards carburetor.
- Be sure there are no fuel line leaks and clamps are properly positioned.
- Immediately wipe up any spilled gasoline.

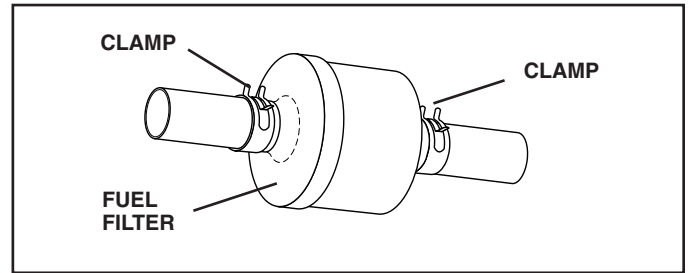


FIG. 15

CLEANING

- Clean engine, battery, seat, 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 or pressure washer to clean your tractor unless the engine and transmission are covered to keep water out. Water in engine or transmission will shorten the useful life of your tractor. Use compressed air or a leaf blower to remove grass, leaves and trash from tractor and mower.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS



WARNING: TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY, BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

- Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in neutral (N) position.
- Place attachment clutch in “DISENGAGED” position.
- Turn ignition key to “STOP” and remove key.
- Make sure the blades and all moving parts have completely stopped.
- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug.

TRACTOR

TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 16)

Mower will be easier to remove from the right side of tractor.

- Place attachment clutch in “DISENGAGED” position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Remove small retainer spring, and remove clutch spring off pulley bolt.
- Remove large retainer spring, slide collar off and push housing guide out of bracket.
- Disconnect anti-swaybar from chassis bracket by removing retainer spring.
- Disconnect suspension arms from rear deck brackets by removing retainer springs.
- Disconnect front links from deck by removing retainer springs.
- Raise lift lever to raise suspension arms. Slide mower out from under tractor.

IMPORTANT: IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER DECK IS TO BE MOUNTED ON THE TRACTOR, REMOVE THE FRONT LINKS AND HOOK THE CLUTCH SPRING INTO SQUARE HOLE IN FRAME.

TO INSTALL MOWER (See Fig. 16)

- Raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Slide mower under tractor with deflector shield to right side of tractor.
- Lower lift lever to its lowest position.
- Connect front links to mower deck and secure with retainer springs.
- Connect suspension arms to rear deck brackets and secure with retainer springs.
- Connect anti-swaybar to chassis bracket and secure with retainer spring.
- Push clutch cable housing guide into bracket, slide collar onto guide and secure with large retainer spring.
- Place flat washer and clutch spring on idler pulley bolt and secure with small retainer spring.
- Install belt onto engine pulley.

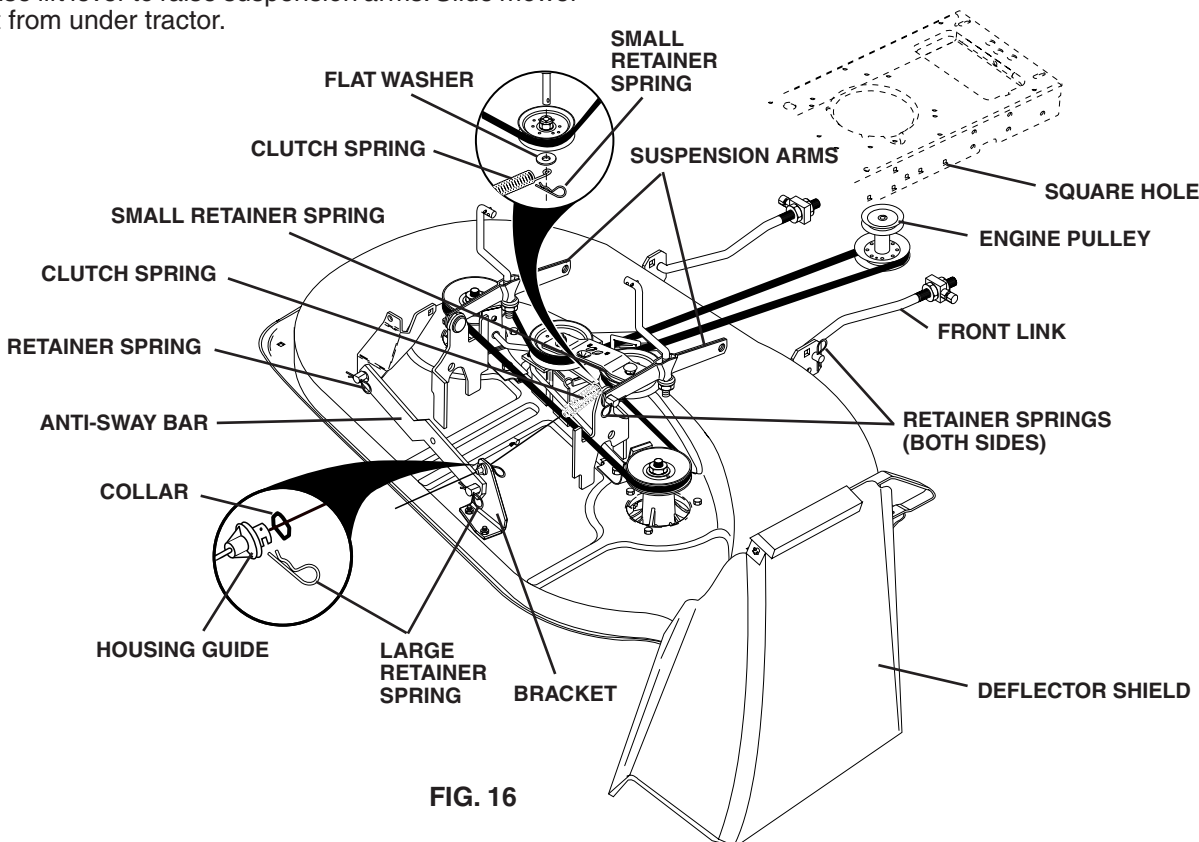


FIG. 16

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 17 and 18)

- Raise mower to its highest position.
- At the midpoint of both sides of mower, measure height from bottom edge of mower to ground. Distance "A" on both sides of mower should be the same or within 1/4" of each other.
- If adjustment is necessary, make adjustment on one side of mower only.
- To raise one side of mower, tighten lift link adjustment nut on that side.
- To lower one side of mower, loosen lift link adjustment nut on that side.

NOTE: Three full turns of adjustment nut will change mower height about 1/8".

- Recheck measurements after adjusting.

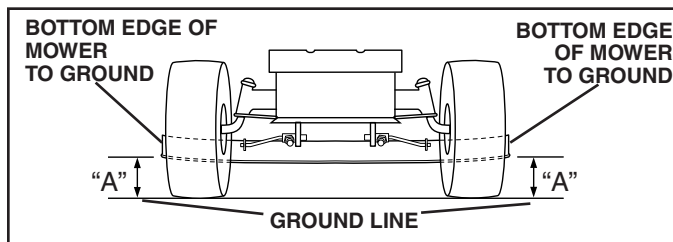


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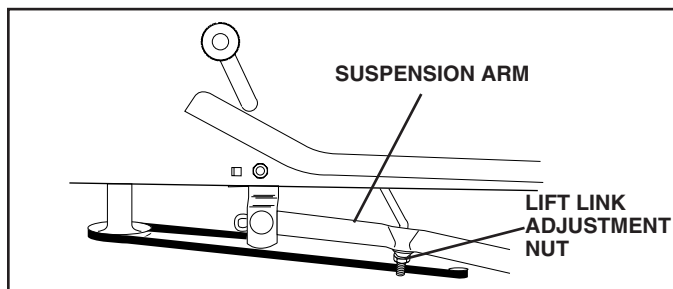


FIG. 18

FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 19 and 20)

IMPORTANT: DECK MUST BE LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE. IF THE FOLLOWING FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY, BE SURE TO ADJUST BOTH FRONT LINKS EQUALLY SO MOWER WILL STAY LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE.

To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

Check adjustment on right side of tractor. Measure distance "D" directly in front and behind the mandrel at bottom edge of mower housing as shown.

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length.
- If links are not equal in length, adjust one link to same length as other link.
- To lower front of mower loosen nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.

- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nuts "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- To raise front of mower, loosen nut "F" from trunnion on both front links. Tighten nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns. The two front links must remain equal in length.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- Recheck side-to-side adjustment.

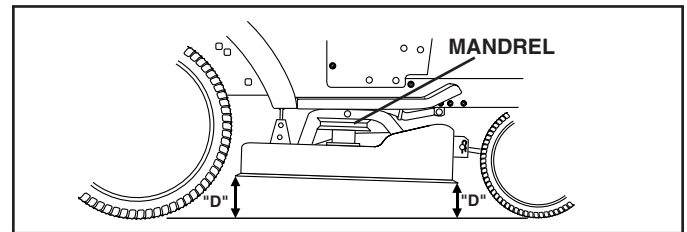


FIG. 19

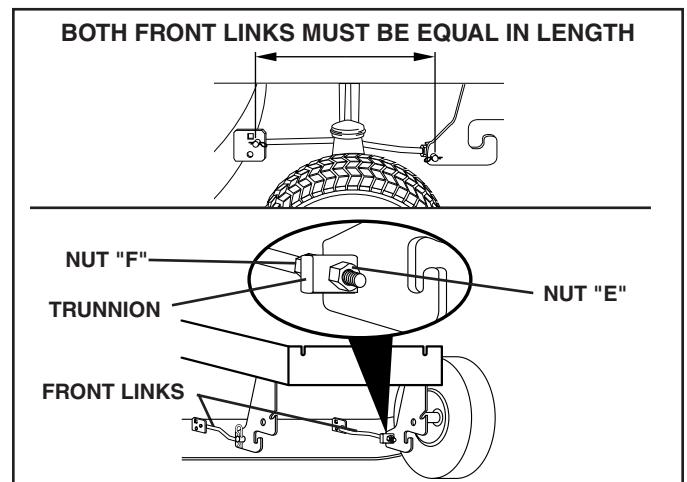


FIG. 20

TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 21)

The mower blade drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

BELT REMOVAL -

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Disconnect R.H. suspension arm from rear deck bracket by removing retainer spring.
- Work belt off both mandrel pulleys and idler pulleys.
- Pull belt away from mower.

BELT INSTALLATION -

- Work new belt around both mandrel pulleys and idler pulleys.
- Install new belt into engine pulley groove.
- Reconnect R.H. suspension arm and secure with retainer spring.
- Make sure belt is in all pulley grooves and inside all belt guides.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

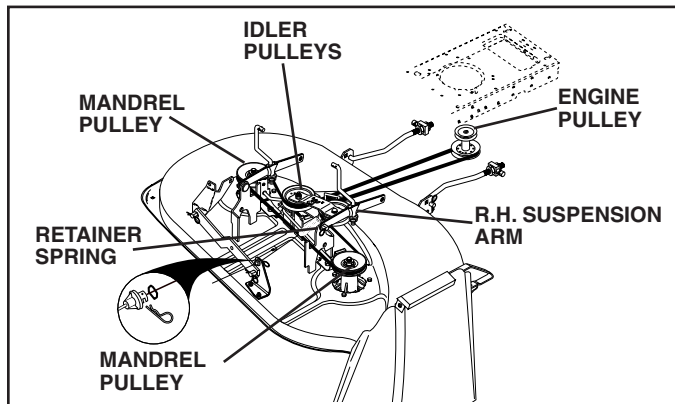


FIG. 21

TO CHECK AND ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 22)

Your tractor is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the right side of the transaxle.

If tractor requires more than five (5) feet to stop at highest speed in highest gear on a level, dry concrete or paved surface, then brake must be checked and adjusted.

TO CHECK BRAKE

- Park tractor on a level, dry concrete or paved surface, depress clutch/brake pedal all the way down and engage parking brake.
- Place gear shift lever in neutral (N) position.

The rear wheels must lock and skid when you try to manually push the tractor forward. If the rear wheels rotate, the brake needs to be adjusted or the pads need to be replaced.

TO ADJUST BRAKE

- Depress clutch/brake pedal all the way down and engage parking brake.
- Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- If distance is other than 1-1/2", loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-1/2". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".
- Road test tractor for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than five (5) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Replace brake pads or contact a qualified service center.

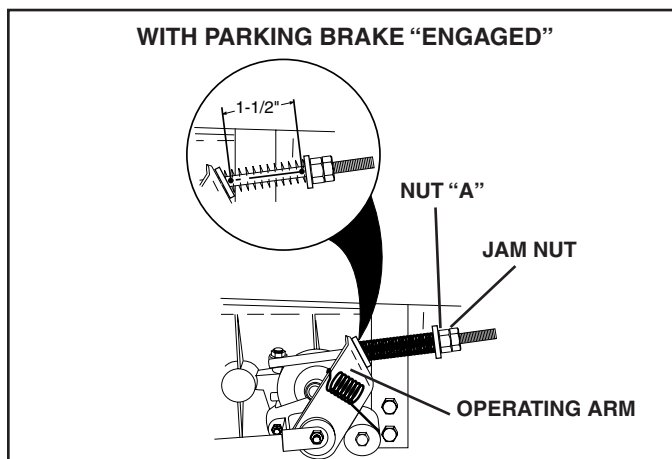


FIG. 22

TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 23)

Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake. For assistance, there is a belt installation guide decal on bottom side of left footrest.

BELT REMOVAL -

- Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of manual).

NOTE: Observe entire motion drive belt and position of all belt guides and keepers.

- Remove belt from stationary idler and clutching idler.
- Remove belt downward from around engine pulley.
- Pull belt slack toward rear of tractor. Remove belt upwards from transaxle pulley by deflecting belt keepers.
- Remove belt from center span keeper and pull belt away from tractor.

BELT INSTALLATION -

- Carefully work new belt down between transaxle belt keepers and onto the input pulley.
- Slide belt into the center span keeper.
- Pull belt toward front of tractor and roll around the top groove of engine pulley.
- Install belt through stationary idler and clutching idler.
- Make sure belt is in all pulley grooves and inside all belt guides and keepers.
- Install mower (See "TO INSTALL MOWER" in this section of manual).

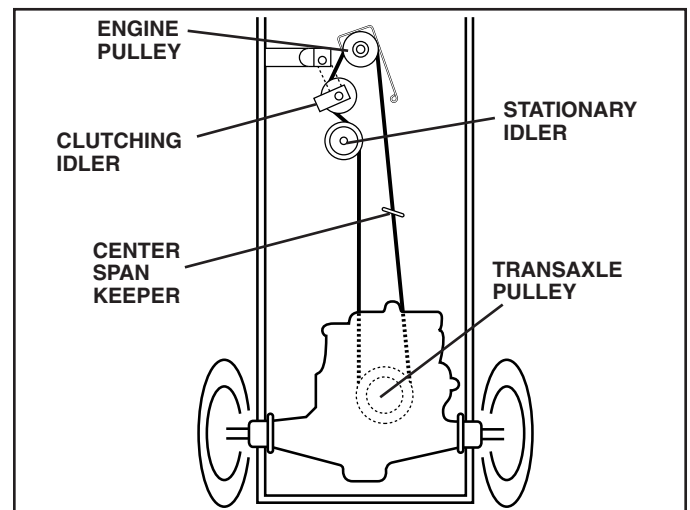


FIG. 23

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

TRANSAXLE GEAR SHIFT LEVER NEUTRAL

ADJUSTMENT (See Fig. 24)

The transaxle should be in neutral when the gear shift lever is in neutral (N) (lock gate) position. The adjustment is preset at the factory; however, if adjustment is needed, proceed as follows:

- Make sure transaxle is in neutral (N).

NOTE: When the tractor rear wheels move freely, the transaxle is in neutral.

- Loosen adjustment bolt in front of the right rear wheel.
- Position the gear shift lever in the neutral (N) position.
- Tighten adjustment bolt securely.

NOTE: If additional clearance is needed to get to adjustment bolt, move mower deck height to the lowest position.

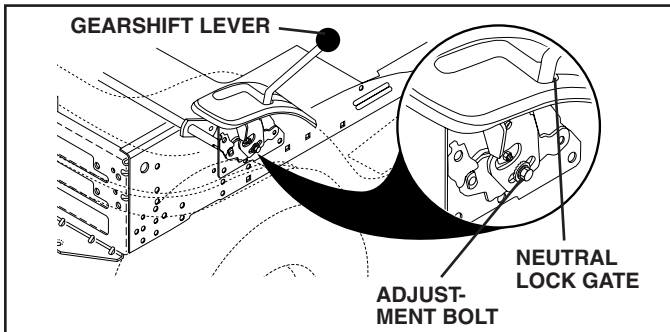


FIG. 24

TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT

If steering wheel crossbars are not horizontal (left to right) when wheels are positioned straight forward, remove steering wheel and reassemble per instructions in the Assembly section of this manual.

FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

The front wheel toe-in and camber are not adjustable on your tractor. If damage has occurred to affect the front wheel toe-in or camber, contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 25)

- Block up axle securely.
- Remove axle cover, retaining ring and washers to allow wheel removal (rear wheel contains a square key - Do not lose).
- Repair tire and reassemble.
- On rear wheels only: align grooves in rear wheel hub and axle. Insert square key.
- Replace washers and snap retaining ring securely in axle groove.
- Replace axle cover.

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.

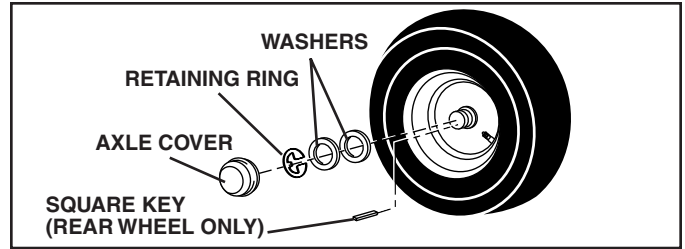


FIG. 25

TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Fig. 26)



WARNING: Lead-acid batteries generate explosive gases. Keep sparks, flame and smoking materials away from batteries. Always wear eye protection when around batteries.

If your battery is too weak to start the engine, it should be recharged. (See "BATTERY" in the Maintenance section of this manual).

If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure:

IMPORTANT: YOUR TRACTOR IS EQUIPPED WITH A 12 VOLT SYSTEM. THE OTHER VEHICLE MUST ALSO BE A 12 VOLT SYSTEM. DO NOT USE YOUR TRACTOR BATTERY TO START OTHER VEHICLES.

TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

Connect one end of the RED cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal of each battery(A-B), taking care not to short against tractor chassis.

Connect one end of the BLACK cable to the NEGATIVE (-) terminal (C) of fully charged battery.

Connect the other end of the BLACK cable (D) to good chassis ground, away from fuel tank and battery.

TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

BLACK cable first from chassis and then from the fully charged battery.

RED cable last from both batteries.

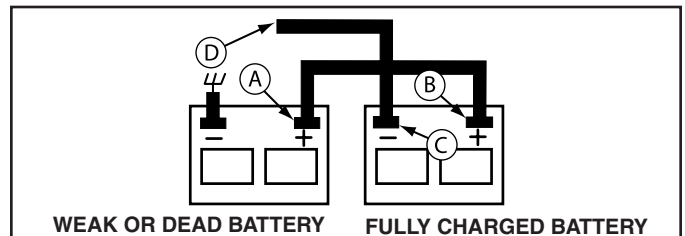


FIG. 26

REPLACING BATTERY (See Figs. 27 and 28)



WARNING: Do not short battery terminals by allowing a wrench or any other object to contact both terminals at the same time. Before connecting battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands, rings, etc. Positive terminal must be connected first to prevent sparking from accidental grounding.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

- Lift seat pan to raised position.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and carefully remove battery from tractor.
- Install new battery with terminals in same position as old battery.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) terminal with hex bolt and keps nut as shown. Tighten securely. Slide terminal cover over terminal.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) terminal with remaining hex bolt and keps nut. Tighten securely.

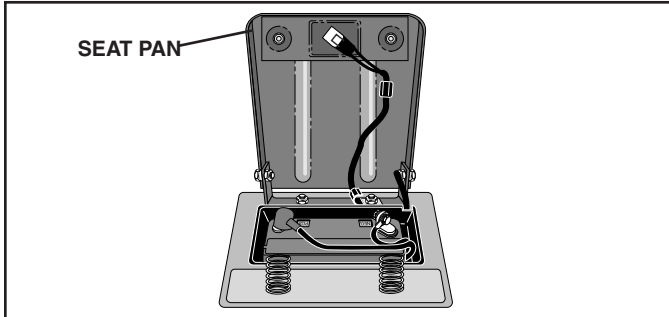


FIG. 27

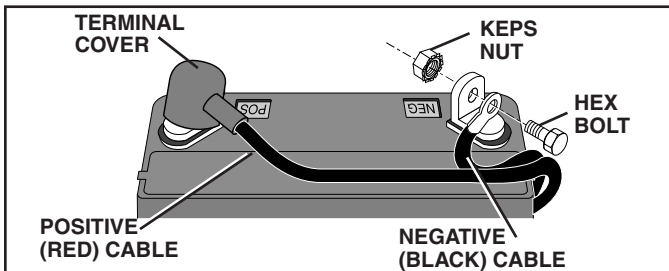


FIG. 28

TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

- Raise hood.
- Pull bulb holder out of the hole in the backside of the grill.
- Replace bulb in holder and push bulb holder securely back into the hole in the backside of the grill.
- Close hood.

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

Loose or damaged wiring may cause your tractor to run poorly, stop running, or prevent it from starting.

- Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section.

TO REPLACE FUSE

Replace with 20 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located behind the dash.

TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY (See Fig. 29)

- Raise hood.
- Unsnap headlight wire connector.
- Stand in front of tractor. Grasp hood at sides, tilt toward engine and lift off of tractor.
- To replace, reverse above procedure.

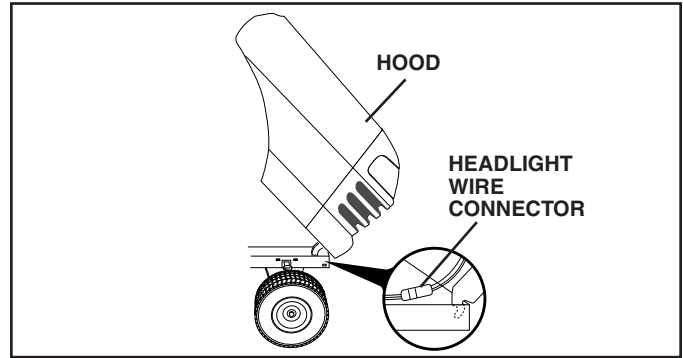


FIG. 29

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TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 30)

The throttle control has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. Check adjustment as described below before loosening cable. If adjustment is necessary, proceed as follows:

- With engine not running, move throttle control lever from slow to choke position. Slowly move lever from choke to fast position.
- Check to see if hole in throttle lever and hole in speed control bracket are aligned.
- If holes are not aligned, loosen cable clamp screw and align the holes by inserting a pencil or a 1/4" drill bit through both holes.
- Pull throttle cable up to remove slack and tighten cable clamp screw. Remove alignment pencil or drill bit.

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR

The carburetor has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. However, minor adjustment 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 - 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 PROPER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

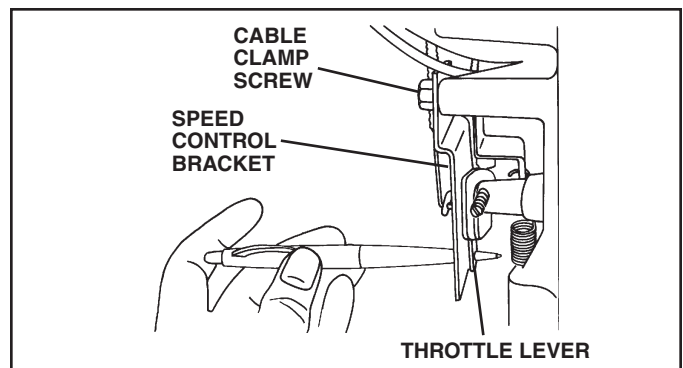


FIG. 30

STORAGE

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



WARNING: Never store the tractor 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.

TRACTOR

Remove mower from tractor for winter storage. When mower is to be stored for a period of time, clean it thoroughly, remove all dirt, grease, leaves, etc. Store in a clean, dry area.

- Clean entire tractor (See “CLEANING” in the Maintenance 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 Maintenance 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.

BATTERY

- Fully charge the battery for storage.
- After a period of time in storage, battery may require recharging.
- To help prevent corrosion and power leakage during long periods of storage, battery cables should be disconnected and battery cleaned thoroughly (see “TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS” in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- After cleaning, leave cables disconnected and place cables where they cannot come in contact with battery terminals.
- If battery is removed from tractor for storage, do not store battery directly on concrete or damp surfaces.

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FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS 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 engine oil. (See “ENGINE” in the Maintenance section of this manual).

CYLINDER(S)

- Remove spark plug(s).
- Pour one ounce of oil through spark plug hole(s) into cylinder(s).
- Turn ignition key to “START” position for a few seconds to distribute oil.
- Replace with new spark plug(s).

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 tractor indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your tractor 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 tractor to rust.

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

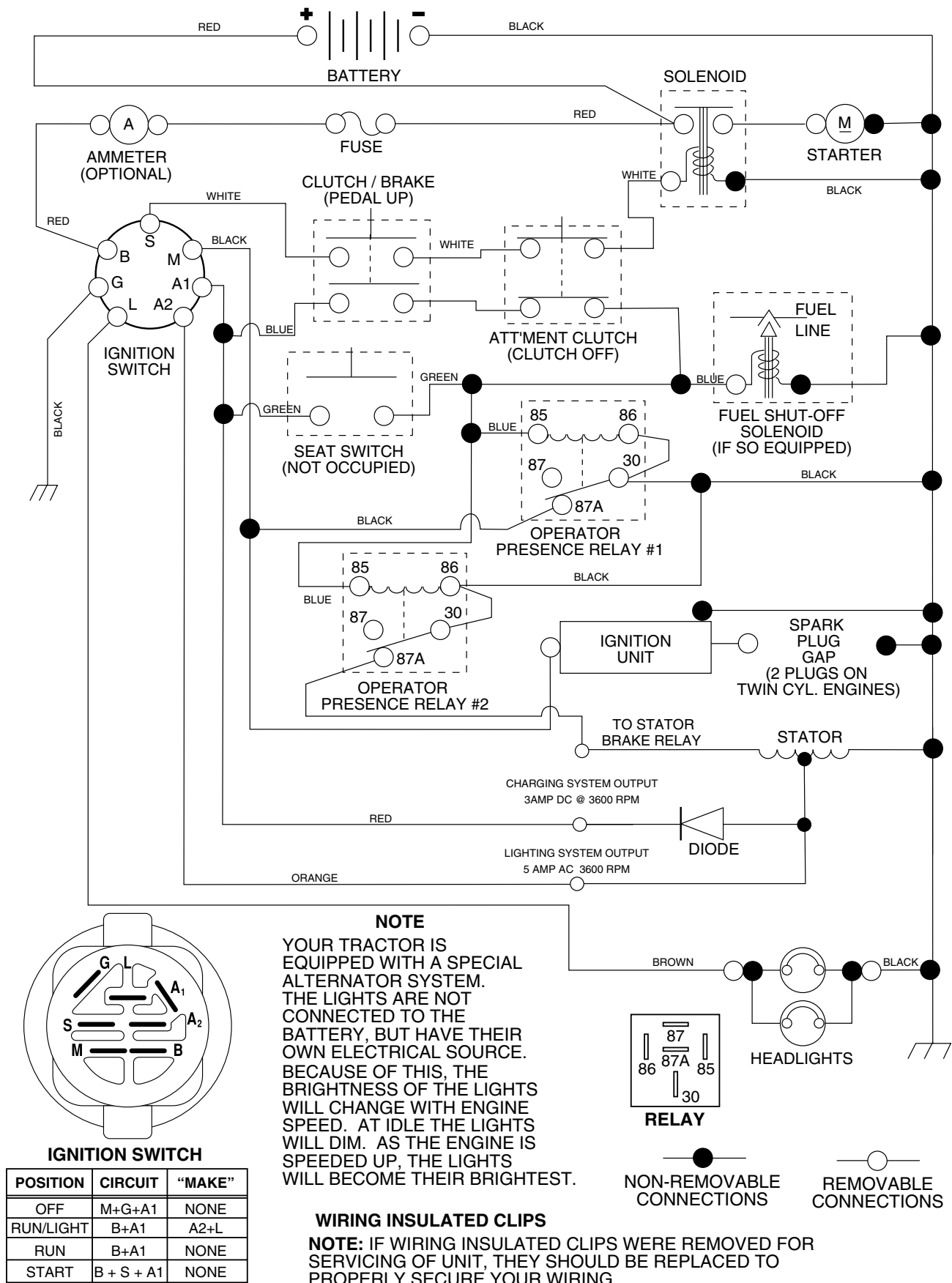
TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Out of fuel. 2. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. 3. Engine flooded. 4. Bad spark plug. 5. Dirty air filter. 6. Dirty fuel filter. 7. Water in fuel. 8. Loose or damaged wiring. 9. Carburetor out of adjustment. 10. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill fuel tank. 2. See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section. 3. Wait several minutes before attempting to start. 4. Replace spark plug. 5. Clean/replace air filter. 6. Replace fuel filter. 7. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 8. Check all wiring. 9. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. 10. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Hard to start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dirty air filter. 2. Bad spark plug. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Dirty fuel filter. 5. Stale or dirty fuel. 6. Loose or damaged wiring. 7. Carburetor out of adjustment. 8. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean/replace air filter. 2. Replace spark plug. 3. Recharge or replace battery. 4. Replace fuel filter. 5. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. 6. Check all wiring. 7. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. 8. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine will not turn over	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clutch/brake pedal not depressed. 2. Attachment clutch is engaged. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Blown fuse. 5. Corroded battery terminals. 6. Loose or damaged wiring. 7. Faulty ignition switch. 8. Faulty solenoid or starter. 9. Faulty operator presence switch(es). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depress clutch/brake pedal. 2. Disengage attachment clutch. 3. Recharge or replace battery. 4. Replace fuse. 5. Clean battery terminals. 6. Check all wiring. 7. Check/replace ignition switch. 8. Check/replace solenoid or starter. 9. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine clicks but will not start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weak or dead battery. 2. Corroded battery terminals. 3. Loose or damaged wiring. 4. Faulty solenoid or starter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recharge or replace battery. 2. Clean battery terminals. 3. Check all wiring. 4. Check/replace solenoid or starter.
Loss of power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting too much grass/too fast. 2. Throttle in "CHOKE" position. 3. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 4. Dirty air filter. 5. Low oil level/dirty oil. 6. Faulty spark plug. 7. Dirty fuel filter. 8. Stale or dirty fuel. 9. Water in fuel. 10. Spark plug wire loose. 11. Dirty engine air screen/fins. 12. Dirty/clogged muffler. 13. Loose or damaged wiring. 14. Carburetor out of adjustment. 15. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set in "Higher Cut" position/reduce speed. 2. Adjust throttle control. 3. Clean underside of mower housing. 4. Clean/replace air filter. 5. Check oil level/change oil. 6. Clean and regap or change spark plug. 7. Replace fuel filter. 8. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. 9. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 10. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. 11. Clean engine air screen/fins. 12. Clean/replace muffler. 13. Check all wiring. 14. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. 15. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Excessive vibration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Bent blade mandrel. 3. Loose/damaged part(s). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. 2. Replace blade mandrel. 3. Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts.

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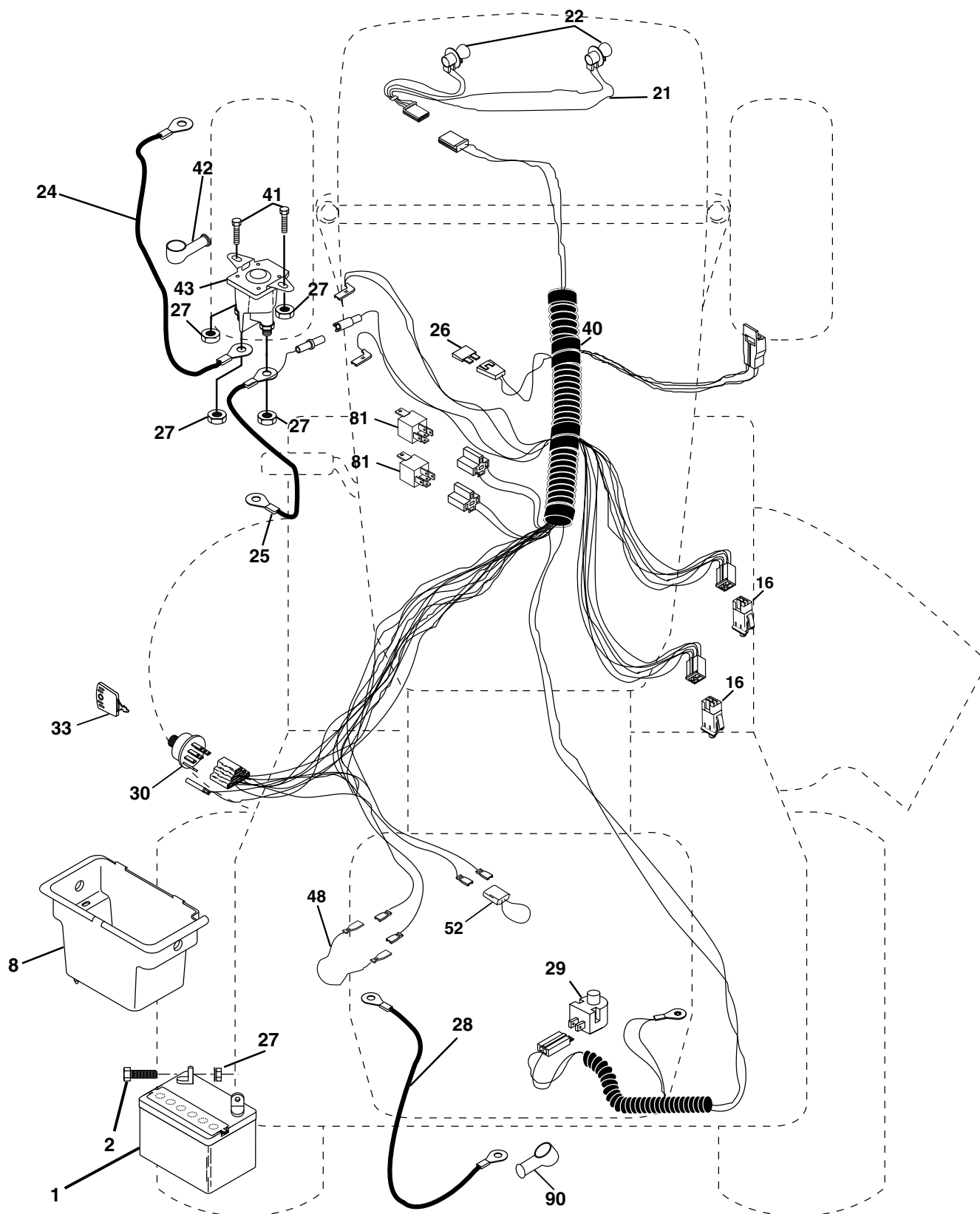
PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine continues to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	1. Faulty operator-safety presence control system.	1. Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact an authorized service center/ department.
Poor cut - uneven	1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Mower deck not level. 3. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. 4. Bent blade mandrel. 5. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.	1. Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. 2. Level mower deck. 3. Clean underside of mower housing. 4. Replace blade mandrel. 5. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Mower blades will not rotate	1. Obstruction in clutch mechanism. 2. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. 3. Frozen idler pulley. 4. Frozen blade mandrel.	1. Remove obstruction. 2. Replace mower drive belt. 3. Replace idler pulley. 4. Replace blade mandrel.
Poor grass discharge	1. Engine speed too slow. 2. Travel speed too fast. 3. Wet grass. 4. Mower deck not level. 5. Low/uneven tire air pressure. 6. Worn, bent or loose blade. 7. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 8. Mower drive belt worn. 9. Blades improperly installed. 10. Improper blades used. 11. Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.	1. Place throttle control in "FAST" position. 2. Shift to slower speed. 3. Allow grass to dry before mowing. 4. Level mower deck. 5. Check tires for proper air pressure. 6. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. 7. Clean underside of mower housing. 8. Replace mower drive belt. 9. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. 10. Replace with blades listed in this manual. 11. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	1. Switch is "OFF". 2. Bulb(s) or lamp(s) burned out. 3. Faulty light switch. 4. Loose or damaged wiring. 5. Blown fuse.	1. Turn switch "ON". 2. Replace bulb(s) or lamp(s). 3. Check/replace light switch. 4. Check wiring and connections. 5. Replace fuse.
Battery will not charge	1. Bad battery cell(s). 2. Poor cable connections. 3. Faulty regulator (if so equipped). 4. Faulty alternator.	1. Replace battery. 2. Check/clean all connections. 3. Replace regulator. 4. Replace alternator.
Engine "backfires" when turning engine "OFF"	1. Engine throttle control not set at "SLOW" position for 30 seconds before stopping engine.	1. Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine.

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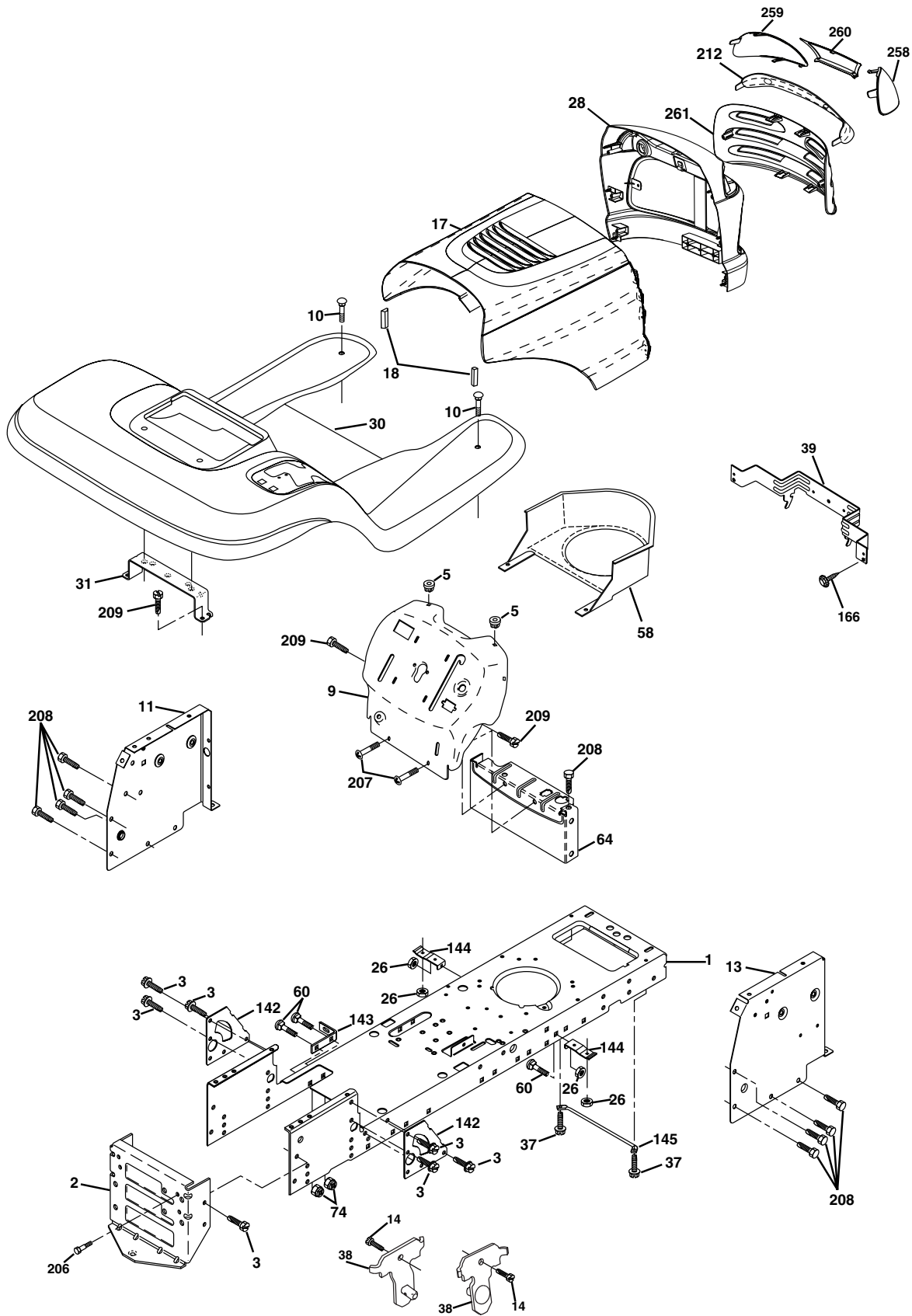
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 16 34-65	Battery 12 Volt 28 AMP
2	874 76 04-12	Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc X 3/4
8	532 17 66-89	Battery Box
16	532 17 61-37	Switch Interlock Push-In
21	532 17 56-88	Harness Asm Light W/4152j
22	532 00 41-52	Bulb Light #1156
24	532 12 47-80	Cable Battery 6 Ga 11" red
25	532 14 61-47	Cable Battery 6 Ga 44" red w/16 wire
26	532 17 51-58	Fuse 20 AMP
27	873 51 04-00	Nut Keps Hex 1/4-20 Unc
28	532 12 47-73	Cable Ground 6 Ga 12" black
29	532 16 07-84	Switch Plunger Nc Gray
30	532 17 55-66	Switch Ign
33	532 14 04-01	Key Ign
40	532 17 97-23	Harness Ign.
41	871 11 04-08	Bolt Blk Fin Hex 1/4 - 20 x 1/2
42	532 13 15-63	Cover Terminal Red
43	532 17 88-61	Solenoid
48	532 14 08-44	Adapter Ammeter
52	532 14 19-40	Protection Wire Loop
81	532 10 97-48	Relay Asm.
90	532 18 04-49	Cover Terminal

NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S. inches.
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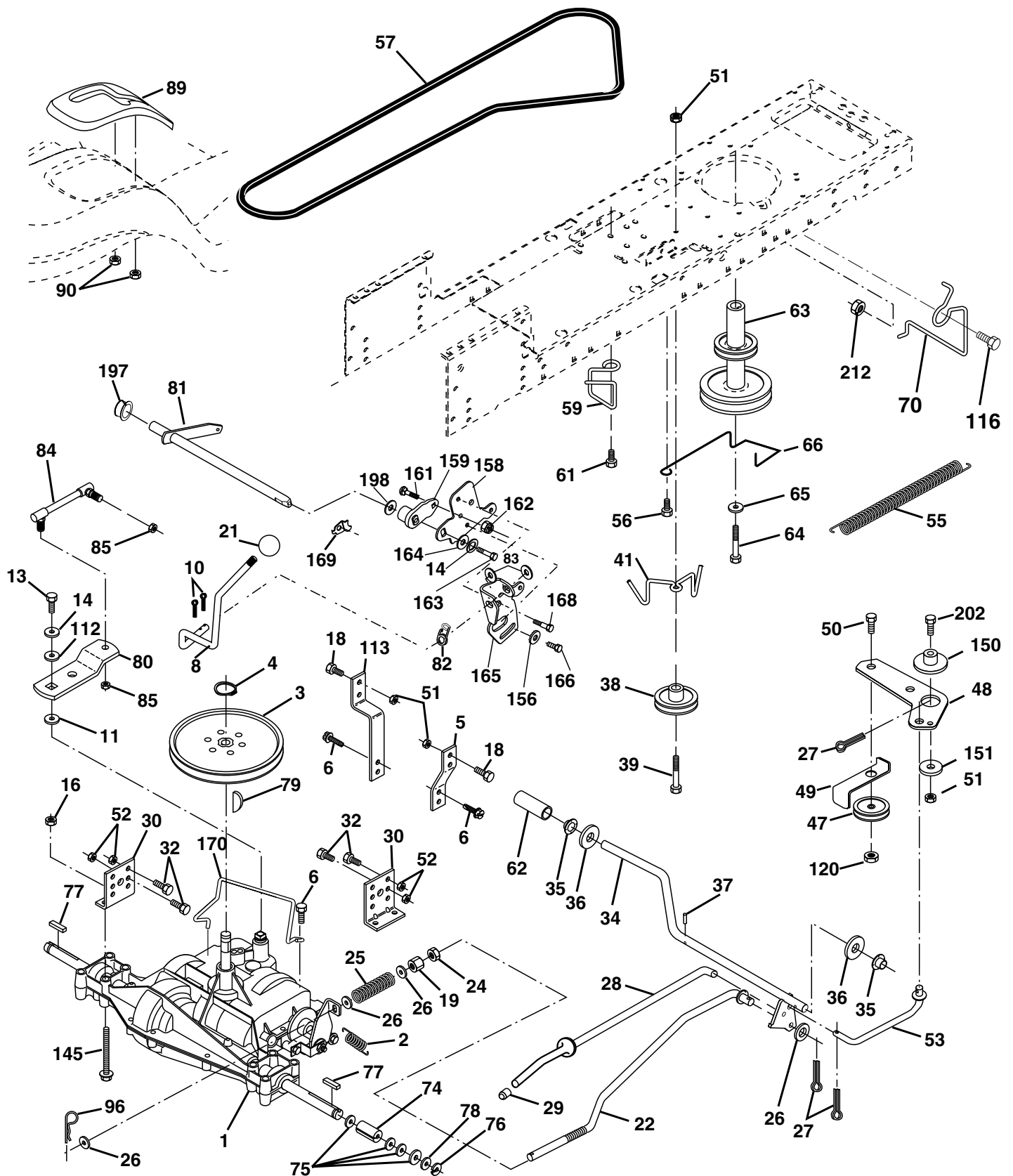
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 17 46-19	Chassis Stamping
2	532 17 65-54	Drawbar, 12 Ga.
3	817 06 06-12	Screw 3/8-16 x 3/4
5	532 15 52-72	Bumper Hood/Dash
9	532 18 58-66	Dash Silkscr
10	872 14 06-08	Bolt Carriage 3/8-16 x 1
11	532 17 49-96	Panel Dash Lh
13	532 18 17-19	Panel Dash Rh
14	817 49 06-08	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1/2
17	532 18 52-11	Hood LT/PL
18	532 18 49-21	Bumper Hood
26	873 80 06-00	Nut Lock Hex W/Ins 3/8-16 Unc
28	532 18 52-92	Grille/Lens Asm
30	532 18 05-07	Fender Footrest
31	532 13 99-76	Bracket Fender
37	817 49 05-08	Screw Thdrol 6/16-18 x 1/2 TYT
38	532 17 57-10	Bracket Asm Pivot Mower Rear
39	532 17 47-14	Bracket Pivot
58	532 15 01-27	Air Duct Engine P/L
60	872 14 06-06	Bolt RdHd Sqnk 3/8-16 x 3/4
64	532 15 47-98	Dash Lower STLT
74	873 68 06-00	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16
142	532 17 57-02	Plate Reinforcement STLT
143	532 15 49-66	Bracket Swaybar Chassis
144	532 17 55-82	Bracket Footrest
145	532 15 65-24	Rod Pivot Chassis/Hood
166	532 17 18-75	Screw HWHD Hi-Lo #13-16 x 3/4
206	532 17 01-65	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 TT
207	817 67 05-08	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2
208	817 67 06-08	Screw Thdrol 3/8-16x1/2 Ty-tt
209	817 00 06-12	Screw Hexwsh Thdr 3/8-16 x 3/4
212	532 18 35-48	Insert Lens Reflective
258	532 18 52-14	Lens Husq. Laser LT Clear RH
259	532 18 52-13	Lens Husq. Lens LT Clear LH
260	532 18 54-29	Cover Lens Husq. Laser
261	532 18 54-33	Insert Grille
- -	532 00 54-79	Plug Button

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DRIVE

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	-----	Transaxle Peerless 206-545C Order parts from transaxle manufacturer	63	532 17 54-10	Engine Pulley LT/YT
2	532 14 66-82	Spring Return Brake T/a Zinc	64	871 17 07-64	Bolt Hex
3	532 12 36-66	Pulley Transaxle 18" tires	65	810 04 07-00	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 7/16
4	812 00 00-28	Ring Retainer # 5100-62	66	532 15 47-78	Keeper Belt Engine Foolproof
5	532 12 15-20	Strap Torque 30 Degrees	70	532 13 46-83	Guide Belt Mower Drive RH
6	817 06 05-12	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18	74	532 13 70-57	Spacer Axle
8	532 16 58-66	Rod Shift Fender Adjust Lt	75	532 12 17-49	Washer 25/32 X 1 1/4 X 16 Ga
10	876 02 04-16	Pin Cotter 1/8 X 1 Cad	76	812 00 00-01	E-ring #5133-75
11	532 10 57-01	Washer Plate Shf 388 Sq Hole	77	532 12 35-83	Key Square 2 0 X 1845/ 1865
13	874 55 04-12	Bolt 1/4-28 Unf Gr 8 W/Patch	78	532 12 17-48	Washer 25/32 X 1-5/8 X 16 Ga
14	810 04 04-00	Washer Lock Hvy Helical	79	532 12 50-96	Key Woodruff #9 3/16 x 3/4
16	873 80 05-00	Nut Lock Hex w/lns 5/16-18	80	532 13 14-86	Arm Shift
18	874 78 06-16	Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1 Gr. 5	81	532 16 55-94	Shaft Asm Cross
19	873 80 06-00	Nut Lock 3/8-16 Unc	82	532 16 57-11	Spring Torsion T/a
21	532 10 69-33	Knob	83	819 17 12-16	Washer 17/32 X 3/4 X 16 Ga
22	532 13 08-04	Rod Brake Blk Zinc 26 840	84	532 16 62-28	Link Transaxle
24	873 35 06-00	Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 Unc	85	532 15 03-60	Nut Lock Center 1/4 - 28 FNTHD
25	532 10 68-88	Spring Rod Brake 2 00 Zinc	89	532 16 65-56	Console Shift STLT
26	819 13 13-16	Washer 13/32 X 13/16 X 16 Ga	90	532 12 43-46	Nut Self-thd Wsh-hd 1/4 Zinc
27	876 02 04-12	Pin Cotter 1/8 X 3/4 Cad	96	532 12 47-88	Retainer Spring 1"
28	532 17 57-65	Rod Brake Parking LT/YT	112	819 09 12-10	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga.
29	532 07 16-73	Cap Brake Parking Black	113	532 12 72-85	Strap Torque LT
30	532 17 49-73	Bracket Mtg Transaxle	116	872 14 06-08	Bolt Rdhd Sq Neck 3/8-16 x 1.0
32	874 76 05-12	Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18unc X 3/4	120	873 90 06-00	Nut Lock Flg. 3/8-16 Unc
34	532 17 55-78	Shaft Asm Pedal Foot	145	874 49 05-40	Bolt Hex 5/16-18 Gr. 5
35	532 12 01-83	Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id	150	532 17 54-56	Spacer
36	819 21 16-16	Washer 21/32 X 1 X 16 Ga	151	819 13 32-10	Washer 13/32 x 2 x 10 Ga.
37	532 12 49-63	Pin Roll 3/16 X 1"	156	532 16 60-02	Washer Srrted 5/16ID x 1.125
38	532 17 91-14	Pulley Idler Composite	158	532 16 55-89	Bracket Shift Mount
39	874 76 06-48	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 Unc x 3	159	532 18 39-00	Hub Tapered Flange Shift Lt
41	532 17 55-56	Keeper Belt Idler Flat	161	872 14 04-06	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20 x 3/4 Gr 5
47	532 12 77-83	Pulley Idler V Groove Plastic	162	873 68 04-00	Nut Crownlock 1/4-20 Unc
48	532 15 44-07	Bellcrank Clutch Grnd Driv	163	874 78 04-16	Bolt Hex Fin 1/4-20 Unc x 1 Gr 5
49	532 12 32-05	Retainer Belt Style Spring	164	819 09 10-10	Washer 5/8 x .281 x 10 Ga
50	872 11 06-12	Bolt Carr. 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5	165	532 16 56-23	Bracket Pivot Lever
51	873 68 06-00	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16 Unc	166	532 16 68-80	Screw 5/16-18 x 5/8
52	873 68 05-00	Nut Crownlock 5/16-18 Unc	168	532 16 54-92	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 x .561
53	532 10 57-10	Link Clutch	169	532 16 55-80	Plate Fastening Lt
55	532 10 57-09	Spring Return Clutch 6 75	170	532 17 83-94	Keeper, Belt T/A D/P
56	817 06 06-20	Screw 3/8-16 x 1 1/4	197	532 16 96-13	Nyliner Snap-In
57	532 13 08-01	V-Belt Ground Drive 95 25	198	532 16 95-93	Washer Nyl 7/8 ID x 105"
59	532 16 96-91	Keeper Belt Span Ctr	202	872 11 06-14	Bolt RDHD 3/8-16 x 1-3/4 Gr. 5
61	817 12 06-14	Screw 3/8-16 x .875	212	532 14 52-12	Nut, Hex Flange Lock
62	532 12 48-72	Cover Pedal Round			

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STEERING ASSEMBLY



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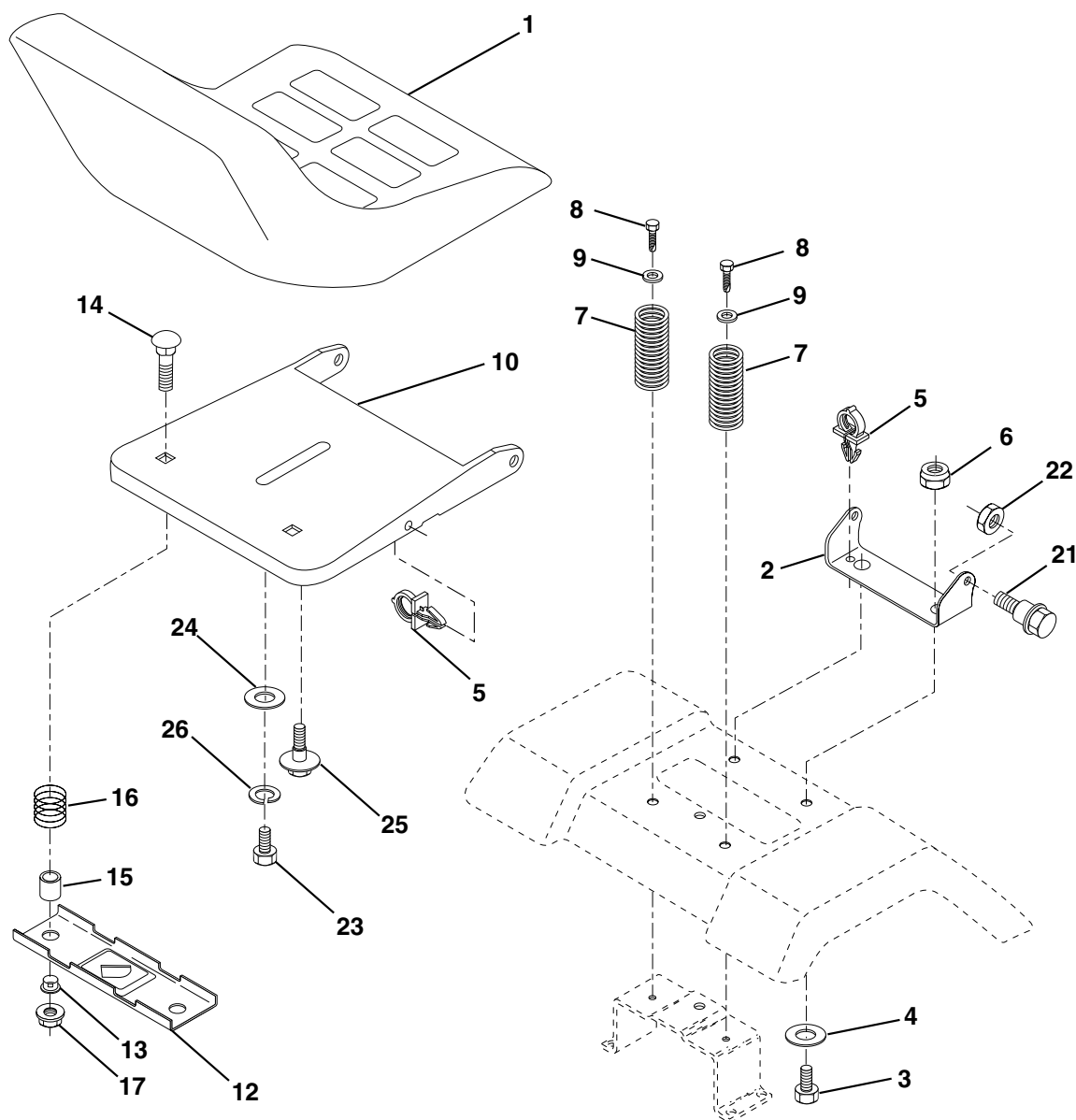
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 17 59-04	Wheel Steering
2	532 17 51-31	Axle Asm
3	532 16 98-40	Spindle Asm LH
4	532 16 98-39	Spindle Asm RH
5	532 12 49-31	Bearing Race Thrust Harden
6	532 12 17-48	Washer 25/32 X 1-5/8 X 16 Ga
7	819 27 20-16	Washer 27/32 X 1-1/4 X 16 Ga
8	812 00 00-29	Ring Klip #t5304-75
9	532 12 49-37	Bearing Col Strg Blk
10	532 17 51-21	Link Drag
11	810 04 06-00	Washer Lock Hvy Hlcl Spr 3/8
12	873 94 08-00	Nut Hex Jam Toplock 1/2-20 Unf
13	532 13 65-18	Spacer Brg Axle Front
15	532 14 52-12	Nut Hex Flange Lock
17	532 18 06-41	Shaft Asm Strg
26	532 12 68-47	Bushing Link Drag Blk LR
28	819 13 14-16	Washer 13/32 X 7/8 X 16 Ga
29	817 06 06-12	Screw 3/8-16x3/4
30	876 02 04-12	Pin Cotter 1/8 X 3/4 Cad
32	532 13 04-65	Rod Tie Wire Form 19 75 Mech
36	532 15 50-99	Bushing Strg
37	532 15 29-27	Screw
38	532 17 59-05	Cap Wheel Steering
39	819 18 38-12	Washer 9/16 ID x 2-3/8 OD. 12
40	532 12 47-01	Lock nut
41	532 10 07-11	Adaptor Wheel Strg
42	532 16 96-33	Boot Steering Shaft
43	532 12 17-49	Washer 25/32 X 1 1/4 X 16 Ga
44	532 18 06-40	Extension Steering Shaft
46	532 12 12-32	Cap Spindle Fr Top Blk
47	532 18 32-26	Fitting Grease
51	873 54 04-00	Nut Crownlock 1/4-28
54	871 13 04-20	Bolt Hex 1/4-28 Unf x 1-1/4
65	532 16 03-67	Spacer Brace Axle
67	872 14 06-18	Bolt Rdhd Sq 3/8-16 x 2-1/4
68	532 16 98-27	Axle, Brace
71	532 17 51-46	Steering Asm
82	532 16 98-35	Bracket Susp Chassis Front
85	532 13 38-35	Fastner Christmas Tree
88	532 17 51-18	Bolt Shoulder 7/16-20
91	532 17 55-53	Clip Steering

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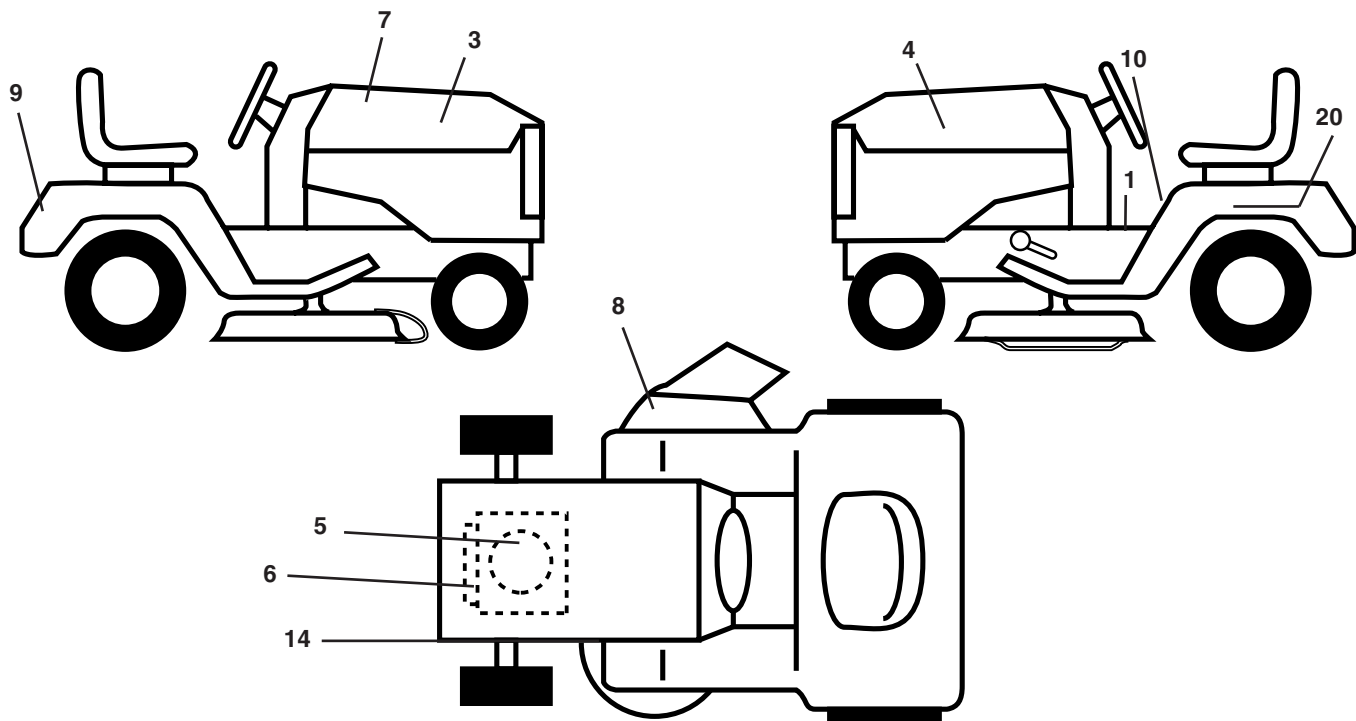
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1	532 14 01-16	Seat
2	532 14 05-51	Bracket Pivot Seat 8 720
3	871 11 06-16	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16unc X 1
4	819 13 16-10	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 10 Ga
5	532 14 50-06	Clip Push-In
6	873 80 06-00	Nut Hex w/Ins. 3/8-16 Unc
7	532 12 41-81	Spring Seat Cprsn 2 250 Blk Zi
8	817 00 06-16	Screw 3/8-16 X 1
9	819 13 16-14	Washer 13/32 X 1 X 14 Ga.
10	532 18 24-93	Pan Seat
12	532 12 12-46	Bracket Mounting Switch
13	532 12 12-48	Bushing Snap Blk Nyl 50 Id
14	872 05 04-12	Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 1/4-20x1-1/2

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
15	532 13 43-00	Spacer Split 28x 96 Yel Zinc
16	532 12 12-50	Spring Cprsn 1 27 Blk Pnt
17	532 12 39-76	Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr 5 Zinc
21	532 17 18-52	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 Unc-2A
22	873 80 05-00	Nut Hex Lock W/Ins 5/16-18
23	871 11 08-14	Bolt, Hex Black
24	819 17 19-12	Washer 17/32 X 1-3/16 X 12 Ga.
25	532 12 70-18	Bolt Shoulder 5/16-18 X 62
26	810 04 08-00	Washer Lock

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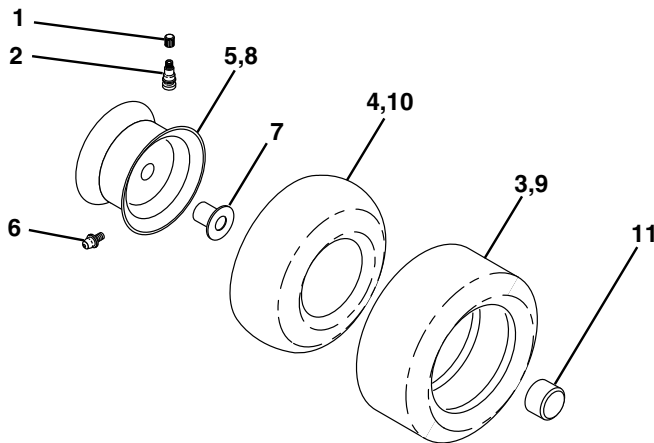
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DECALS



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 15 63-69	Decal Oper. Step Thru Eng/Fr
3	532 18 51-92	Decal Hood RH
4	532 18 51-93	Decal Hood LH
5	532 18 09-41	Decal Hood Cust.
6	532 18 58-35	Decal Engine
7	532 18 51 44	Decal Replacement
8	532 17 05-63	Decal Warning
9	532 17 68-22	Decal Fender
10	532 15 71-40	Decal Fender Danger Eng/Fr

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
14	532 13 68-32	Decal V-Belt Schematic
20	532 14 50-05	Decal Bat Dan/Psn
--	532 13 83-11	Decal Handle Lft Height Adjust
--	532 17 12-85	Pad Footrest RH
--	532 17 12-84	Pad Footrest LH
--	532 18 64-32	Manual Owner's (English)
--	532 18 64-33	Manual Owner's (French)

WHEELS & TIRES

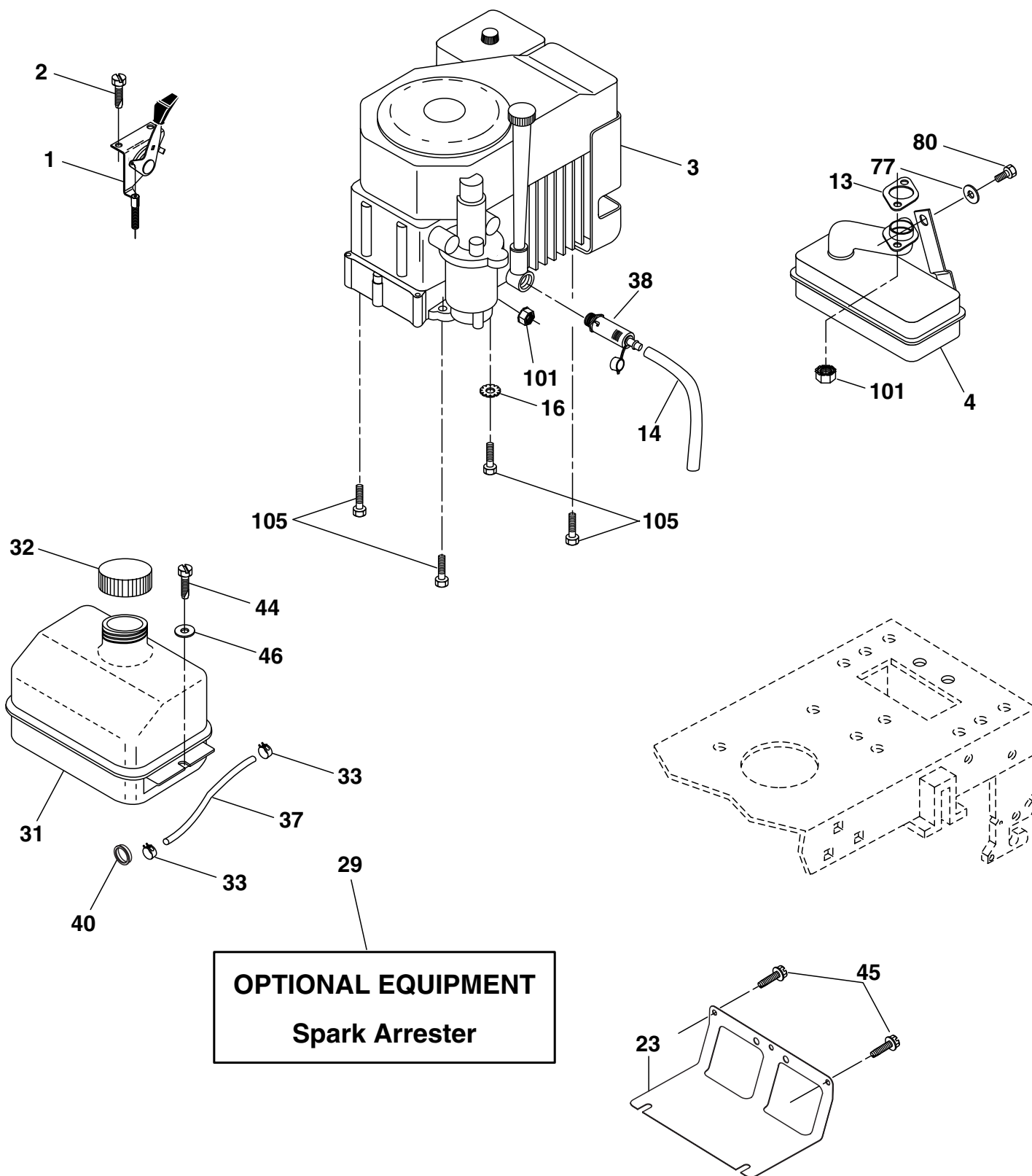


KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 05 91-92	Cap Valve Tire
2	532 06 51-39	Stem Valve
3	532 10 62-22	Tire F Ts 15 X 6 0 - 6 Service
4	532 05 99-04	Tube Front (Service Item Only)
5	532 13 83-36	Rim Asm 6"front Silver Service
6	532 12 49-57	Fitting Grease (Front Wheel Only)
7	532 12 49-59	Bearing Flange (Front Wheel Only)
8	532 13 83-37	Rim Asm 8"rear Silver Service
9	532 12 46-35	Tire R Ts 18 x 8 5-8 C Service
10	532 12 49-26	Tube Rear (Service Item Only)
11	532 17 50-39	Cap Axle Blk 1 50 X 1 00
--	532 14 43-34	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. Tube)

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ENGINE



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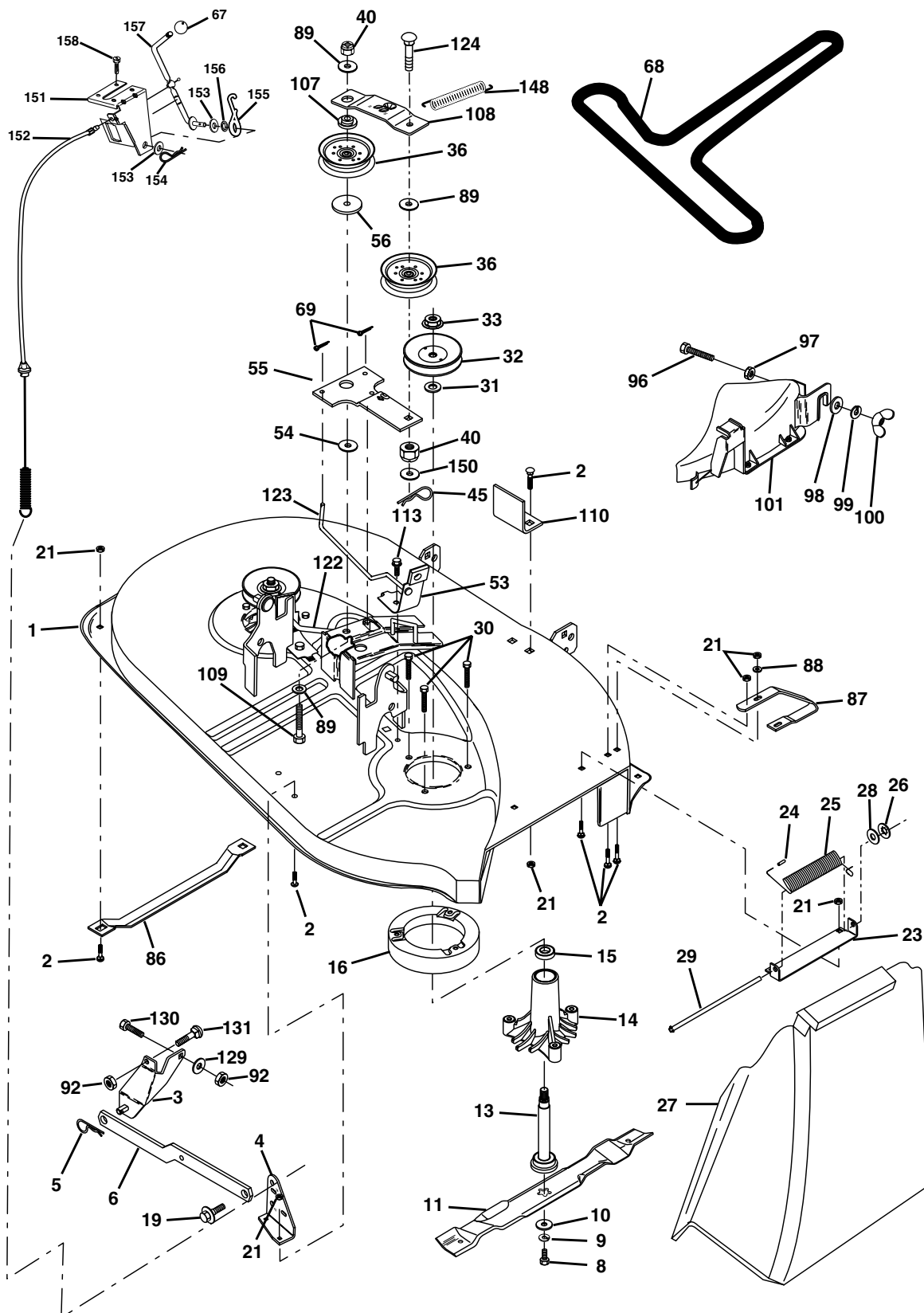
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ENGINE

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 17 08-05	Control Th/ch Flag
2	817 72 04-08	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 1/2
3	-----	Engine, Kohl CV460 (Order parts from engine manufacturer)
4	532 17 46-67	Muffler
13	532 16 38-31	Gasket Eng
14	532 14 84-56	Tube Drain Oil Easy
16	811 05 06-00	Washer Lock Ext Tooth 3/8
23	532 16 98-37	Shield Brn/Dbr Guard
29	532 13 71-80	Kit Spark Arrestor (Flat Scrn)
31	532 18 49-00	Tank Fuel Front
32	532 14 05-27	Cap Asm Fuel W/sym Vented
33	532 12 34-87	Clamp Hose Black
37	532 13 70-40	Line Fuel 20"
38	532 18 16-54	Plug Drain Oil Easy
40	532 12 40-28	Bushing Snap Nyl Blk Fuel Line
44	817 67 04-12	Screw Hexwsh Thdrol 1/4-20 x 3/4
45	817 00 06-12	Screw Hexwsh Thdr 3/8-16 x 3/4
46	819 09 14-16	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga
77	819 10 12-16	Washer 5/16 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
80	874 76 05-08	Bolt Hex Hd 5/16-18unc x 1/2
101	532 16 33-05	Nut Flange M8-1.25
105	817 12 06-16	Screw 3/8-16 x 1

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MOWER DECK



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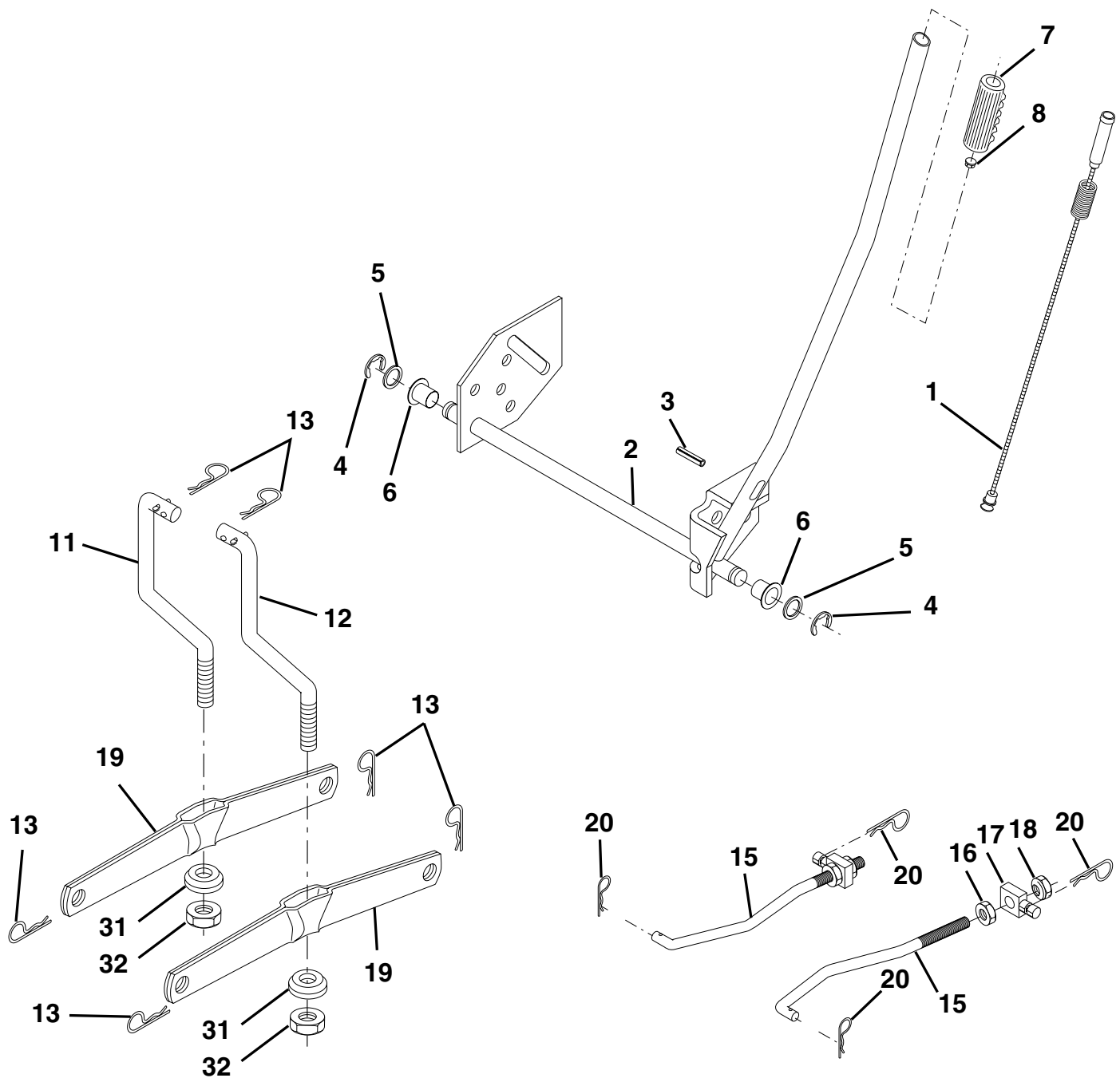
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MOWER DECK

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 17 02-80	Mower Deck Assembly	68	532 14 42-00	Belt
2	872 14 05-06	Bolt	69	876 02 03-12	Pin, Cotter 3/32 x 3/4
3	532 13 80-17	Bracket Assembly, Sway Bar	86	532 12 50-74	Runner LH
4	532 16 99-70	Bracket Sway Bar	87	532 12 87-72	Runner RH
5	532 12 46-70	Retainer Spring	88	819 11 12-16	Washer 11/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
6	532 17 80-24	Bar Sway Deck	89	819 13 16-12	Washer 13/32 x 1 x 12 Ga
8	532 85 08-57	Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1.25 Gr. 8	92	873 80 06-00	Nut Lock Hex 3/8-16
9	810 03 06-00	Washer, Lock Hvy Hlcl 3/8	96	873 93 06-00	Nut Centerlock 3/8-16 unc
10	532 14 02-96	Washer, Hardened	97	874 93 06-20	Bolt 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
		(The following blades are available)	98	819 13 20-16	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
11	532 13 41-48	Blade, 38" Mulching Std (For mulching mowers only)	99	810 04 06-00	Washer Lock 3/8
	532 13 97-74	Blade, 38" Mulching Premium (For better war when mulching)	100	532 13 56-51	Nut Wing
	532 13 84-97	Blade, 38" Hi'Lift (For bagging and discharging)	101	532 13 28-03	Cover Asm. Mulching
13	532 13 76-45	Shaft Assembly, Mandrel, Vented	107	532 13 35-02	Spacer, Retainer
14	532 12 87-74	Housing, Mandrel, Vented	108	532 13 35-03	Stiffener, Idler Arm
15	532 11 04-85	Bearing, Ball, Mandrel	109	874 76 06-40	Bolt Hex Fin 3/8-16 Unc x 2-1/2
16	532 17 44-93	Stripper, Mower Deck	110	532 14 25-87	Upstop Deck Front
19	532 13 28-27	Bolt, Shoulder	113	817 06 05-12	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 3/4
21	873 68 05-00	Nut Crownlock 5/16-18	122	532 13 12-89	Rod, Brake, LH
23	532 13 76-07	Bracket, Mower Deflector	123	532 16 99-71	Rod, Brake, RH
24	532 10 53-04	Cap, Sleeve	129	819 13 13-12	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.
25	532 12 37-13	Spring, Torsion, Deflector	130	874 78 06-16	Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 x 1.0
26	532 11 04-52	Nut, Push	131	872 14 06-08	Bolt RDHD 3/8-16 x 1
27	532 17 59-43	Shield, Deflector	146	532 16 58-91	Bolt Carriage Idler
28	819 11 10-16	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	148	532 16 90-22	Spring Return Idler
29	532 10 67-35	Rod, Hinge	149	532 16 58-98	Retainer Spring Yellow Zinc
30	532 17 39-84	Screw Thdrol Hex	150	819 09 12-16	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.
31	532 12 99-63	Washer, Spacer	151	532 16 96-70	Bracket Clutch
32	532 15 35-32	Pulley, Mandrel	152	532 17 27-58	Cable Clutch
33	532 17 83-42	Nut, Toplock, Flanged	153	532 16 96-74	Washer Flat 3/8" Type B
36	532 13 14-94	Pulley, Idler, Flat	154	532 16 96-75	Spring Retainer
40	873 68 06-00	Nut Crownlock 3/8-16	155	532 16 96-71	Spring Retention Lever
45	532 12 47-88	Retainer, Spring	156	532 16 96-72	Spacer
53	532 13 08-40	Brake Assembly	157	532 16 96-69	Rod Clutch
54	532 17 85-15	Washer, Hardened	158	817 72 04-08	Screw Hex Thd Cut 1/4-20 x 1/2
55	532 13 38-40	Idler Arm Assembly	--	532 13 07-94	Mandrel Assembly (Includes Housing, Shaft and Shaft Hardware Only-Pulley Not Included)
56	532 16 57-23	Spacer, Retainer	--	532 17 15-91	Replacement Mower, Complete
67	532 10 69-32	Knob RD 3/8-16 Plstc Thd			

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MOWER LIFT



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MOWER LIFT

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	532 15 94-60	Wire Asm Inner W/plunger LT
2	532 15 94-71	Shaft Asm Lift
3	532 10 57-67	Pin Groove
4	812 00 00-02	E Ring #5133-62
5	819 21 16-21	Washer PLTD 21/32 X 1 X 21ga
6	532 12 01-83	Bearing Nylon Blk 629 Id
7	532 10 94-13	Grip Handle Bicycle
8	532 12 45-26	Button Plunger
11	532 13 98-65	Link Lift LH
12	532 13 98-66	Link Lift RH
13	532 12 46-70	Retainer Spring
15	532 17 32-88	Link Front
16	873 35 08-00	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc
17	532 17 56-89	Trunnion
18	873 80 08-00	Nut Lock W/Wsh 1/2-13 Unc
19	532 13 98-68	Arm Suspension Rear
20	532 16 35-52	Spring, Retainer
31	532 16 98-65	Bearing Pvt. Lift
32	873 54 06-00	Nut Crownlock 3/8-24

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SECTION 1: LIMITED WARRANTY

Husqvarna Forest & Garden Company ("Husqvarna") warrants Husqvarna product to the original purchaser to be free from defects in material and workmanship from the date of purchase for the "Warranty Period" of the product as set forth below:

Lifetime Warranty: All tiller lines against breakage, trimmer shafts, ignition coils and modules on hand held product.

3 Year Warranty: Spindles (on Zero Turn Riders and Commercial Walk-Behinds)

2 Year COMMERCIAL-Warranty: Husqvarna Commercial Turf Equipment—zero turn riders, wide area walks, and ground engaging commercial equipment.

2 Year NON-COMMERCIAL Warranty: Automatic Mower, Riding lawn mowers, yard and garden tractors, walk behind mowers, tillers, chain saws, trimmers, brushcutters, clearing saws, snow blowers, handheld blowers, backpack blowers, hedge trimmers, electrical products and power-assist collection systems for noncommercial, nonprofessional, noninstitutional or nonincome producing use, except as herein stated.

Emission control system components necessary to comply with CARB-TIER-II and EPA regulations, except for those components which are part of engine systems manufactured by third party engine manufacturers for which the purchaser has received a separate warranty with product information supplied at time of purchase.

1 Year Warranty: Power cutters, stump grinder, pole pruners and pole saws for non-commercial, nonprofessional, non-institutional or non-income producing use. All trimmers, brushcutters, clearing saws, hovering trimmers, stick edgers, backpack blowers, hand held blowers, hedge trimmers, power-assist collection systems used for commercial, institutional, professional or income producing purposes or use.

Batteries have a one-year prorated limited warranty with 100% replacement during the first 6 months.

90 Day Warranty: Automatic Mower, Chain saws, power cutters, stump grinders, pole saws, pole pruners, snow throwers, model series 580 & 600 walk-behind mowers and commercial turf equipment or any Husqvarna product used for commercial, institutional, professional, or income producing purposes or use except as otherwise provided herein.

Husqvarna Safety Apparel carries a 90-day warranty from the date of the customer's original purchase for defects in material and workmanship. Normal wear, tear or abuse is not covered under warranty. Product must be returned to Charlotte with a warranty claim form. All care and maintenance instructions must be followed as stated by the manufacturer on the care label. The fit of the protective apparel/boot is not covered under warranty.

30 Day Warranty: Replacement parts, accessories including bars and chains, tools and display items.

SECTION 2: HUSQVARNA'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE WARRANTY

Husqvarna will repair or replace defective components without charge for parts or labor if a component fails because of a defect in material or workmanship during the warranty period.

SECTION 3: ITEMS NOT COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY

The following items are not covered by this warranty:

- (1) Normal customer maintenance items which become worn through normal regular use, including, but not limited to: belts, blades, blade adapters, bulbs, filters, guide bars, lubricants, rewind springs, saw chain, spark plugs, starter ropes and tines;
- (2) Natural discoloration of material due to ultraviolet light;
- (3) Engine and drive systems not manufactured by Husqvarna; these items are covered by the respective manufacturer's warranty as provided in writing with the product information supplied at the time of purchase; all claims must be sent to the appropriate manufacturer;
- (4) Lawn and garden attachments are covered by a third party which gives a warranty, all claims for warranty should be sent to the manufacturer; and
- (5) Emission Control System components necessary to comply with CARB-TIER-II and EPA regulations which are manufactured by third party engine manufacturer.

WARRANTY STATEMENT

SECTION 4: EXCEPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

This warranty shall be inapplicable to defects resulting from the following:

- (1) Accident, abuse, misuse, negligence and neglect, including stale fuel, dirt, abrasives, moisture, rust, corrosion, or any adverse reaction due to incorrect storage or use habits;
- (2) Failure to operate or maintain the unit in accordance with the Owner's/Operator's manual or instruction sheet furnished by Husqvarna;
- (3) Alterations or modifications that change the intended use of the product or affects the product's performance, operation, safety, or durability, or causes the product to fail to comply with any applicable laws; or;
- (4) Additional damage to parts or components due to continued use occurring after any of the above.

REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS WARRANTY IS THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY OF THE PURCHASER. HUSQVARNA SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY ON THESE PRODUCTS EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW. ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ON THESE PRODUCTS IS LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE WARRANTY PERIOD AS DEFINED IN THE LIMITED WARRANTY STATEMENT. HUSQVARNA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR IMPROVE THE DESIGN OF THE PRODUCT WITHOUT NOTICE, AND DOES NOT ASSUME OBLIGATION TO UPDATE PREVIOUSLY MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

SECTION 5: CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

The product must exhibit reasonable care, maintenance, operation, storage and general upkeep as written in the maintenance section of the Owner's/Operator's manual. Should an operational problem or failure occur, the product should not be used, but delivered as is to an authorized Husqvarna dealer for evaluation. Proof of purchase, as explained in section 6, rests solely with the customer.

SECTION 6: PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN WARRANTY CONSIDERATION

It is the Owner's and Dealer's responsibility to make certain that the Warranty Registration Card is properly filled out and mailed to Husqvarna Forest & Garden Company. This card should be mailed within ten (10) days from the date of purchase in order to confirm the warranty and to facilitate post-sale service.

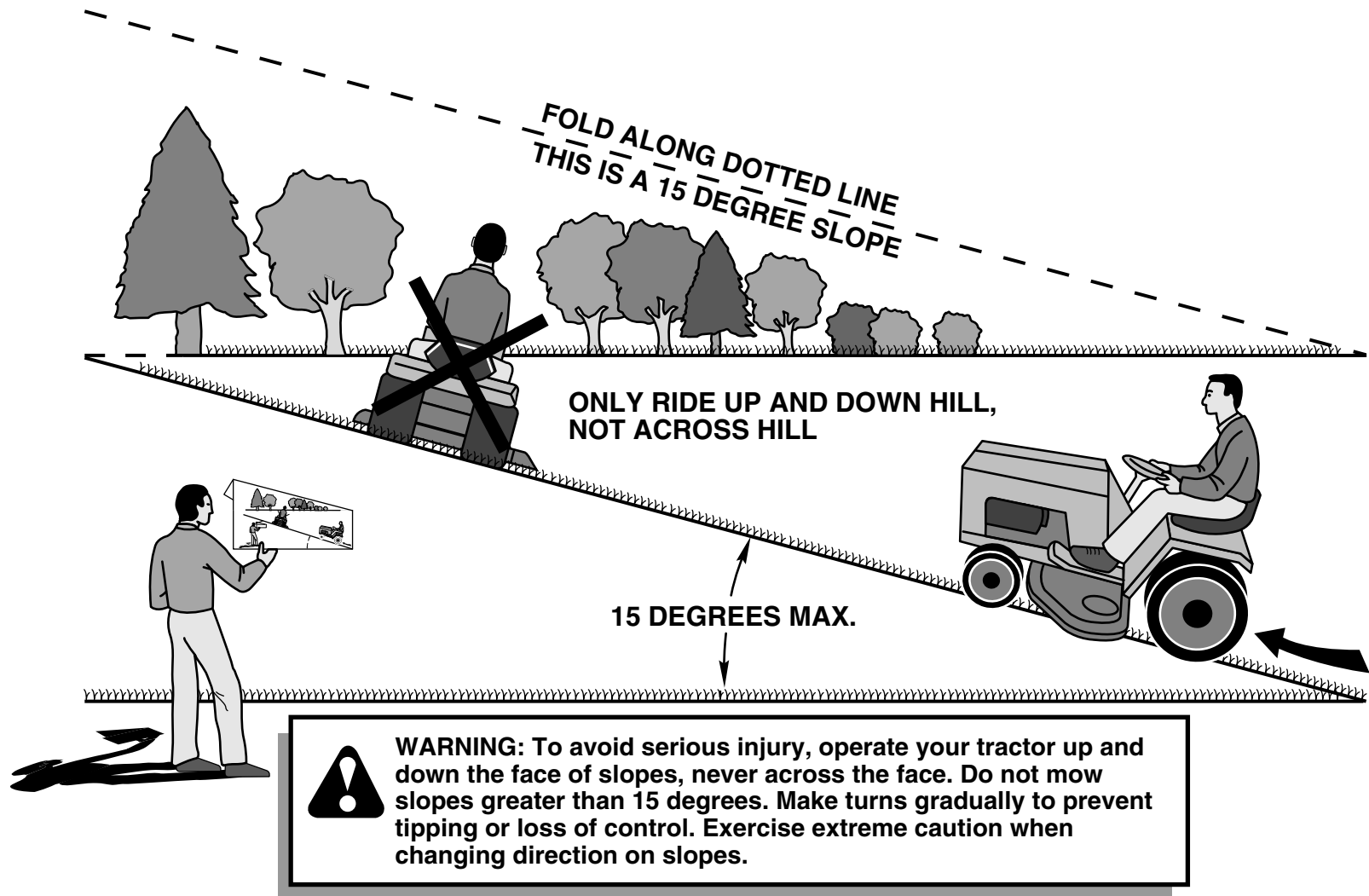
Proof of purchase must be presented to the authorized Husqvarna dealer in order to obtain warranty service. This proof must include date purchased, model number, serial number, and complete name and address of the selling dealer.

To obtain the benefit of this warranty, the product believed to be defective must be delivered to an authorized Husqvarna dealer in a timely manner, no later than thirty (30) days from date of the operational problem or failure. The product must be delivered at the owner's expense. Pick-up and delivery charges are not covered by this warranty. An authorized Husqvarna dealer can be normally located through the "Yellow Pages" of the local telephone directory or by calling 1-800-HUSKY62 for a dealer in your area.

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