FORM NO. 3317–664UK

TORO

MODEL NO. 26640BC – 5900001 & up

ADDENDUM

53 CM REAR BAGGER MOWER

Safety

Training

1. Read the instructions carefully. Be familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
2. Never allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the lawnmower. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
3. Never mow while people, especially children, or pets are nearby.
4. Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.

Preparation

1. While mowing, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
2. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all objects which may be thrown by the machine.
3. WARNING – Petrol is highly flammable.
   - Store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.
   - Refuel outdoors only and do not smoke while refuelling.
   - Add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add petrol while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.
   - If petrol is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine but move the machine away from the area of spillage and avoid creating any source of ignition until petrol vapors have dissipated.
   - Replace all fuel tanks and container caps securely.
4. Replace faulty silencers.
5. Before using, always visually inspect to see that the blades, blade bolts and cutter assembly are not worn or damaged. Replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.
6. On multi–bladed machines, take care as rotating one blade can cause other blades to rotate.

Operation

1. Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
2. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
3. Avoid operating the equipment in wet grass, where feasible.
4. Always be sure of your footing on slopes.
5. Walk, never run.
6. For wheeled rotary machines, mow across the face of slopes, never up and down.

7. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.

8. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.

9. Use extreme caution when reversing or pulling the lawnmower towards you.

10. Stop the blade(s) if the lawnmower has to be tilted for transportation when crossing surfaces other than grass, and when transporting the lawnmower to and from the area to be mowed.

11. Never operate the lawnmower with defective guards or shields, or without safety devices for example deflectors and/or grass catchers in place.

12. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine.

13. Disengage all blade and drive clutches before starting the engine.

14. Start the engine or switch on the motor carefully according to instructions and with feet well away from the blade(s).

15. Do not tilt the lawnmower when starting the engine or switching on the motor, except if the lawnmower has to be tilted for starting. In this case, do not tilt it more than absolutely necessary and lift only the part which is away from the operator.

16. Do not start the engine when standing in front of the discharge chute.

17. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.

18. Never pick up or carry a lawnmower while the engine is running.

19. Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

    - before clearing blockages or unclogging chute;
    - before checking, cleaning or working on the lawnmower;
    - after striking a foreign object. Inspect the lawnmower for damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the lawnmower;
    - if lawnmower starts to vibrate abnormally (check immediately).

20. Stop the engine

    - whenever you leave the lawnmower;
    - before refuelling.

21. Reduce the throttle setting during engine shut down and, if the engine is provided with a shut-off valve, turn the fuel off at the conclusion of mowing.

22. Go slow when using a trailing seat.

Maintenance and storage

1. Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.

2. Never store the equipment with petrol in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark.

3. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

4. To reduce the fire hazard, keep the engine, silencer, battery compartment and petrol storage area free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.

5. Check the grass catcher frequently for wear or deterioration.

6. Replace worn or damaged parts for safety.

7. If the fuel tank has to be drained, this should be done outdoors.

Sound Emissions

This unit has a maximum airborne noise emission, based on measurement of identical machines.

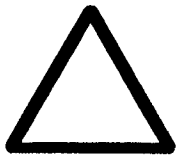


Vibration Level

This unit has a maximum vibration level of 3.40 m/s2, based on measurement of identical machines.

Symbol Glossary

Safety alert triangle– symbol within triangle indicates a hazard



Safety alert symbol



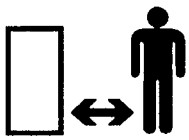
Read operator's manual



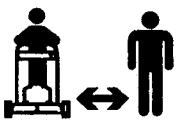
Consult technical manual for proper service procedures



Stay a safe distance from the machine



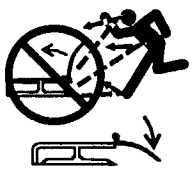
Stay a safe distance from the mower



Thrown or flying objects– Whole body exposure



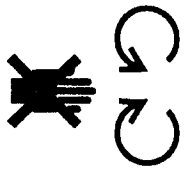
Thrown or flying objects– Rotary side-mounted mower. Keep deflector shield in place.



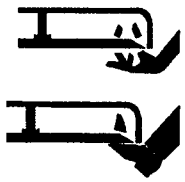
Stop engine before leaving operator position



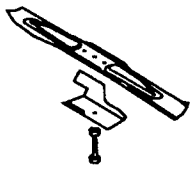
Do not open or remove safety shields while engine is running



Rotating blade can cut off toes or fingers. Stay clear of mower blade as long as engine is running.



To avoid blade failure when mulching, use blade stiffener when mower is equipped with mulching plug



Transmission



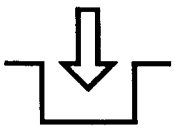
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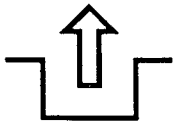
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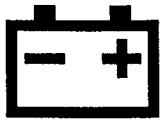
Engage



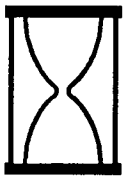
Disengage



Battery charging condition



Hourmeter/elapsed operating hours



Fast



Slow



Decreasing/increasing



Grease lubrication point



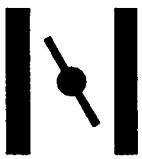
Engine start



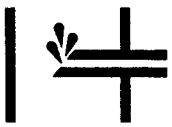
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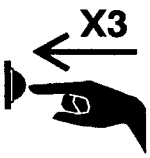
Choke



Primer (start aid)



Push primer three times



Fuel



Neutral

N

First gear

1

Second gear

2

Third gear

3

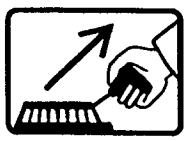
Cutting element– basic symbol



Cutting element– Height adjustment



Pull rope



Wheel



Wheel traction



Properly dispose of batteries



Insert key into ignition switch



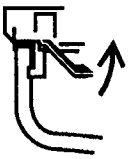
Turn key in ignition switch



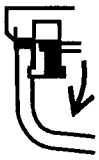
Move control



Move control forward



Move control rearward



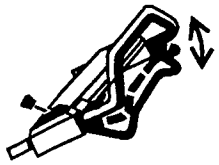
Lower control bar



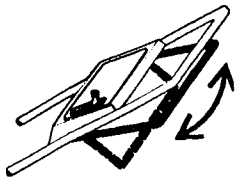
Raise control bar



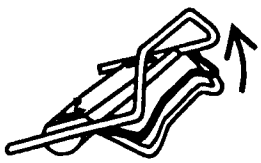
Raise/lower control bar



Raise/lower control bar



Raise control bar



Raise control bar



Lower control bar



Set Up Instructions

Install the Starter Rope

1. Pull the starter rope through the rope guide on the handle. To make the rope easier to loop, squeeze the control bar on the handle to release the blade brake (Fig. 1).

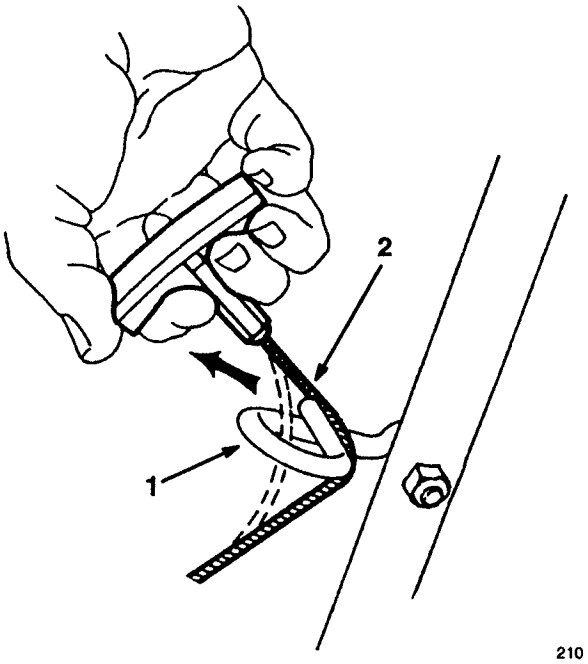


Figure 1

1. Rope guide
2. Starter rope

Starting, Stopping, and Self-Propelling

1. CONTROLS—Traction control, throttle, engine kill control bar and fingertip starter are on the handle (Fig. 2).

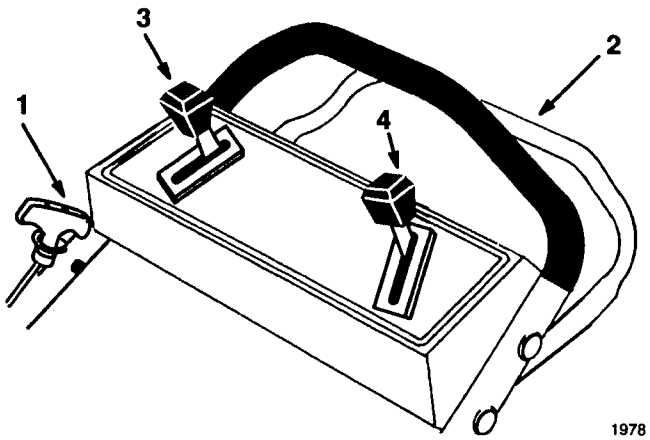


Figure 2

1. Fingertip starter
2. Engine kill control bar
3. Ground speed
4. Throttle

2. Push spark plug wire onto the spark plug.

3. STARTING—Move the throttle to the |N| (CHOKE) position. When starting a cold engine, press the primer (on the front of the engine) three times.

4. Squeeze the control bar until it contacts the handle. Pull the recoil starter out until positive engagement results; then pull vigorously to start the engine. When the engine starts, regulate the throttle as desired between FAST and SLOW.

5. STOPPING—Release the control bar and stay behind the handle until the engine and blade stop. Pull the wire off the spark plug if the mower will be unattended or not used.

6. GROUND SPEED/SELF-PROPEL OPERATION—Ground speed varies, depending on space between control bar and handle. Move ground speed control to desired setting. Number "1" is slow, "2" is medium, and "3" is a fast walking pace. Move ground speed control to "N" when using the mower for trimming and whenever leaving the mower.

Adjusting the Brake Cable

Whenever a new blade brake cable assembly is installed, an adjustment is required.

1. Stop the engine. Pull the wire off the spark plug.
2. CHECK ADJUSTMENT—Move the control bar toward the handle until the slack in the wire is removed. The gap between the brake lever and the handle must be 3/32″–1/8″.
3. ADJUST CABLE CONDUIT—Loosen the nut on the cable bracket. Insert 3/32″–1/8″object between the brake lever and the handle. Pull down on the cable conduit until all slack is removed from the wire. Then tighten the nut.

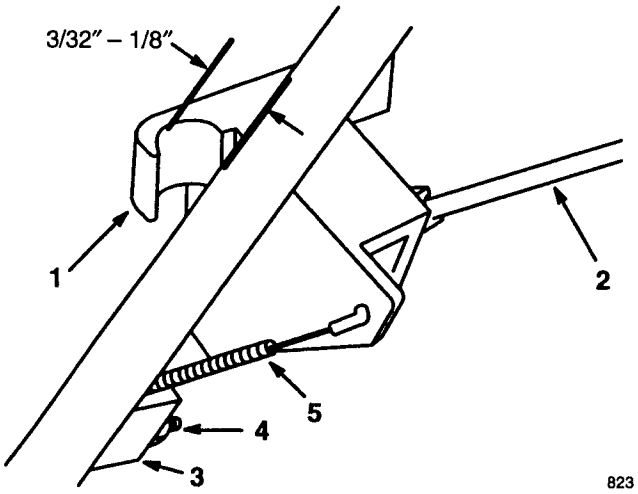


Figure 3

1. Brake lever
2. Control bar
3. Cable bracket
4. Nut
5. Cable conduit

Cleaning the Mower Housing

Underside of the Mower Housing

To ensure the best performance, keep the underside of the mower housing clean. Be especially careful to keep the kickers free of debris.

Washing Method

After every use, follow this procedure for washing debris out of the underside of the mower housing.

1. Position the mower on a flat, concrete or asphalt surface near a garden hose.
2. Start the engine.
3. Engage the blade.
4. Hold the running garden hose at handle level and direct water to flow on the ground just in front of the right rear tire. The rotating blade will draw water under the housing and wash out clippings. Let the water run for a few minutes or until you no longer see clippings being washed out from under the housing.

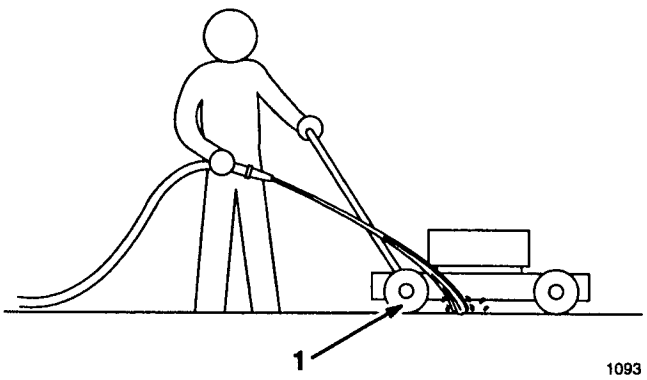


Figure 4

1. Right rear wheel

5. Disengage the blade.
6. Turn off the garden hose.
7. Restart the mower and let it run for a few minutes to dry out moisture on the mower and its components. While the engine is running, engage and disengage the safety system and traction drive several times to dry them out.