



Air Rake™

Blower

Model No. 51551—89000001 & Up

Operator's Manual

Safety

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

Read All Instructions Before Using This Appliance

WARNING—To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury, follow these safety instructions.

To assure maximum safety, best performance, and to gain knowledge of the appliance, it is essential that you or any other operator of the appliance read and understand the contents of this manual before operating the appliance. Pay particular attention to the safety alert symbol  which means **CAUTION, WARNING OR DANGER** — “personal safety instruction.” Read and understand the instruction because it has to do with safety. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTION MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY, RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRICAL SHOCK.**

- Do not leave the appliance when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- Do not allow appliance to be used as a toy. Do not use near children or pets. Do not let children use the appliance.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer’s recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service dealer.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.

Symbol Glossary

Safety alert triangle — symbol within triangle indicates a hazard



Safety alert symbol



- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.
- **DRESS PROPERLY.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Pin up long hair. Be aware of the position of the blower and the air inlets during operation. Loose clothing, jewelry and hair can be drawn into the inlets (Fig. 1) and may result in personal injury. Always wear substantial footwear and long pants.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- Do not use to vacuum up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.
- This appliance is provided with double insulation. Use only identical replacement parts. See instructions for Servicing of Double-Insulated Appliances.”
- Do not vacuum anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use without vac bag or proper attachments in place.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Sound Pressure Level

This unit has a sound pressure at the operator’s ear of 95 dB(A), based on measurements of identical machines per Directive 81/1051/EEC.

Sound Power Level

This unit has a sound power level of 110 LwA, based on measurements of identical machines per Directive 79/113/EEC.

Vibration Level

This unit has a maximum hand-arm vibration level of 2.5 m/s², based on measurements of identical machines per EN 1033.

Thrown or flying objects — Whole body exposure



Keep dry



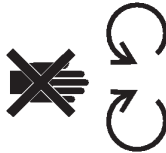
Read operator's manual



Consult technical manual for proper service procedures



Do not open or remove safety shields while engine is running



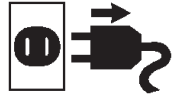
Wear eye protection



Electrical shock/electrocution



Disconnect power



Severing of fingers or hand—impeller blade



Assembly

Note: Refer to Figures section at the back of the manual.

Note: Always **turn off unit** and **unplug** from electrical outlet before adding or switching attachments.

Blower

1. Slide tube onto blower outlet until tabs on tube snap into latch (Fig. 2).

Note: Blower tube must be attached to housing when operating in the blower mode.

Note: Inlet cover must be securely locked into position, activating interlock switch, before blower will operate. Pointer on cover will be aligned with pointer on housing when cover is correctly locked in position (Fig. 3 & 4).

Note: Blower is shipped with inlet cover installed.

Vacuum

(Model 51541 Vacuum Kit not included)

1. Grasp inlet cover and rotate it counterclockwise to remove (Fig. 5).

CAUTION

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Motor impeller rotates for a few seconds after blower is turned off.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Rotating impeller can cut or injure fingers.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Never remove inlet cover when motor is operating or when unit is plugged in.

2. Hold vacuum tube vertically and place blower inlet over top of tube (Fig. 6). Tubes will only fit one way in blower inlet.
3. Rotate unit clockwise until pointer on vacuum tube aligns with pointer on housing (Fig. 7, 8 & 9).

Note: Vacuum tube and housing pointers must be aligned at locked position before blower will operate.

4. Slide bag collar into bag opening until bag collar flange is past the Velcro™ strap (Fig. 10). Line up bag seam with tab on collar. Tighten Velcro strap to secure bag to collar (Fig. 10). Close bag zipper. Bag should appear as shown in Figure 11 when correctly assembled.
5. Slide bag collar onto blower outlet until tabs on bag collar snap into latch (Fig. 12).

Before Starting

Securing Extension Cord

Use only an extension cord recommended for outdoor use.

WARNING

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Contact with water while operating unit could cause electric shock.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Electric shock can cause injury or death.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Don't handle plug or appliance with wet hands or while standing in water.
- Use only an extension cord recommended for outdoor use.

1. Form a loop in extension cord and insert it through slot in rear of blower housing (Fig. 13).
2. Secure extension cord in cord lock (Fig. 14).

Note: Do not unplug extension cord by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.

WARNING

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- The extension cord may not be fully connected to unit's plug.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- A loosely connected extension cord could lead to overheating and cause a fire.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Make sure the extension cord is fully connected to unit's plug and ALWAYS USE THE CORD LOCK FEATURE to ensure that cord remains secured during operation (Fig. 13 & 14).

Operation

This appliance is intended for residential use only.

CAUTION

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Debris can be thrown by unit in operator's or bystander's direction.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Flying debris can cause serious personal injury to operator or bystanders.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Always wear safety goggles or other suitable eye protection, long pants and shoes while operating unit.
- Never operate unit near bystanders or pets.
- Use extra care when cleaning debris from stairs.

Starting/Stopping (Fig. 15)

1. To turn unit on, move switch to the 'I' position.
2. To turn unit off, move switch to the 'O' position.

Blower (Fig. 16)

Adjusting Air Flow

Adjust the volume and speed of air flow by moving the air flow adjuster on the inlet cover to the slow  or fast  position.

Vacuum (Fig. 17)

(Model 51541 Vacuum Kit not included)

CAUTION

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Debris can be thrown by unit in operator's or bystander's direction.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Flying debris can cause serious personal injury to operator or bystanders.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Never operate vacuum without vacuum bag.
- Always make sure bag zipper is closed when unit is in use.

CAUTION

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Sharp, pointed or hard objects can be thrown through the collection bag and strike operator or bystanders.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Sharp, pointed or hard objects thrown through the collection bag can cause serious personal injury to the operator or bystanders.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Do not vacuum sharp, pointed or hard objects such as wires, staples, nails or rocks.

1. With vac tube and bag attached, pick up unit by vac tube handle and housing handle. Bag should be positioned fairly low at your side. Place bag strap over shoulder and adjust length to fit.
2. Turn unit on.
3. Swing unit slowly back and forth over leaves to be vacuumed. Do not force tube into pile of debris.

IMPORTANT

- This unit is designed to pick up and shred dry leaves and other light, leafy debris.
- Do not attempt to pick up stones, gravel, broken glass, twigs, bark, acorns or pine cones as severe damage to fan blades may result.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches or hot ashes.
- Do not pick up any liquids, particularly flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Do not tip vacuum tubes upright and force feed debris into tubes.

If the unit should start to vibrate or make abnormal noise, stop the unit, **unplug** the cord and check for cause.

Emptying Bag

(Model 51541 Vacuum Kit not included)

1. Turn unit off. Disconnect extension cord.
2. Depress both tabs on bag collar to remove bag from unit (Fig. 12).
3. Unzip bag and shake out debris.

Maintenance

Clogging

If the unit becomes clogged with debris, the obstruction can usually be cleared by turning the unit off and then promptly compressing the bag while it is still inflated, thereby forcing air back out through the vacuum tubes. This reverse airflow is usually sufficient to dislodge most obstructions.

If the restriction cannot be cleared by compressing the bag, then proceed with **caution** as follows:

1. Turn off and **unplug** unit.
2. Remove vacuum tube.
3. Using a small stick or rod, carefully reach into impeller opening and clear out debris.

Bag Cleaning

Do not store debris in vacuum bag. Empty bag after each use. After three uses, clean bag thoroughly. Turn bag inside out and shake out dust and excess debris vigorously. Once a year, if necessary, wash the bag by hand in soapy water.

WARNING

POTENTIAL HAZARD

- Under normal usage, the bag material is subject to deterioration and wear.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- Small objects could pass through a worn or damaged bag and be thrown in direction of operator or bystanders and cause serious personal injury.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- Check bag frequently for wear or deterioration. If bag is damaged, replace it with a genuine TORO part.

Impeller Replacement

If a loss of performance is detected while operating blower, unplug unit, remove inlet cover, and check impeller blades for wear. If blades are severely worn, see your Authorized TORO Service Dealer for a new impeller.

Servicing Double-insulated Appliance

In a double-insulated appliance, two systems of insulation are provided instead of grounding. No grounding means is provided on a double-insulated appliance, nor should a means for grounding be added to the appliance. Servicing a double-insulated appliance requires extreme care and knowledge of the system, and should be done only by qualified service personnel. Replacement parts for a double-insulated appliance must be identical to the parts they replace. A double-insulated appliance is marked with the words "DOUBLE INSULATION" or "DOUBLE INSULATED." The symbol (square within a square)  may also be marked on the appliance.

Troubleshooting

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Unit won't run or stops running	1. Unit not plugged in 2. On/off switch in "off" position 3. Inlet cover or vacuum tube incorrectly installed or removed 4. Blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker 5. Faulty extension cord	1. Plug in unit 2. Turn to "on" 3. Secure cover or vacuum tube 4. Replace fuse or reset breaker 5. Replace cord
Unit seems to be low on power	1. Impeller is worn	1. Replace impeller
Vacuum tube will not stay securely fastened to housing	1. Mounting tabs on tube are not fully secured in housing	1. Reposition vacuum tube to proper position

TORO AUSTRALIA POWER EQUIPMENT WARRANTY

Subject to the warranty condition below, this tool (hereinafter called "the product") is warranted by Toro Australia (hereinafter called "the Company") to be free from defects in material or workmanship for a period of 24 months from the date of original purchase covering both parts and labour. Under the terms of this warranty, the repair or replacement of any part shall be the opinion of the Company or its authorised agent. Should service become necessary during the warranty period, the owner should contact the Authorised Toro Retailer from whom the product was purchased, or the nearest Company Branch Office. In order to obtain warranty service, the owner must present the sales docket and Warranty Certificate to confirm date of purchase. This product is sold by the dealer or agent as principal, and the dealer has no authority from the Company to give any additional warranty or guarantee on the Company's behalf except as herein contained or herein referred to.

Warranty Conditions

This warranty applies provided the product has been used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations under normal use and reasonable

care (in the opinion of the Company), and such warranty does not cover damage, malfunction or failure resulting from misuse, neglect, abuse or use for a purpose for which it was not designed or is not suited; and no repairs, alterations or modifications have been attempted by other than an Authorised Service Agent. This guarantee will not apply if the tool is damaged by accident or if repairs arise from normal wear and tear.

The Company accepts no additional liability pursuant to this warranty for the costs of travelling or transportation of the product to and from the service dealer or agent – which costs are not included in this warranty.

Certain legislation, including the Trade Practices Act, 1974 (as amended) and other state and territorial laws give rights to the buyer and impose liability on the seller in certain circumstances. Nothing herein shall have the effect of excluding, restricting or modifying any condition, warranty, right or liability imposed, to the extent only that such exclusion, restriction or modification would render any term herein void.

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This Warranty Form should be retained by the customer at all times

For your record and to assist in establishing date of purchase (necessary for in-warranty service), please keep your purchase docket and this form completed with the following particulars:

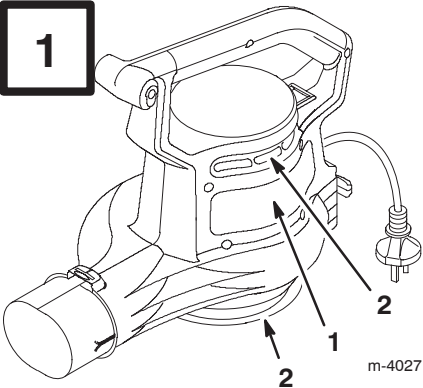
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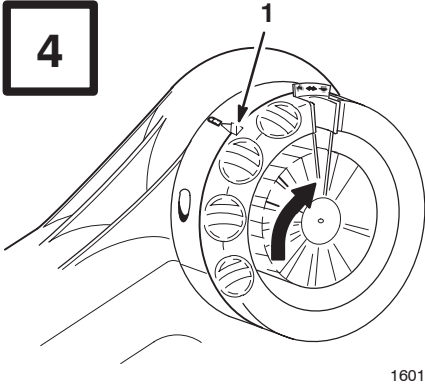
Date: _____ Model No. _____ Serial No. _____

Present this form with your purchase docket when warranty service is required.

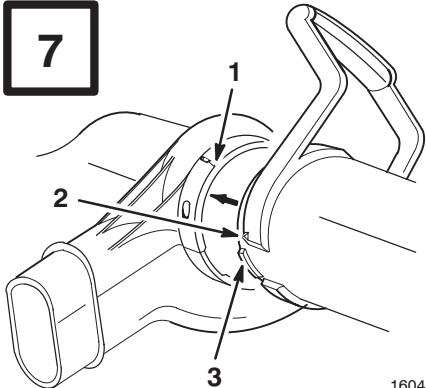
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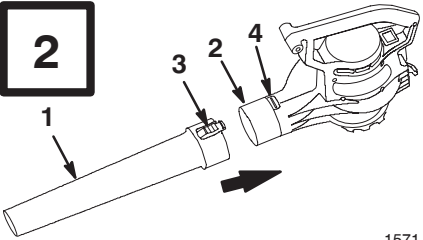
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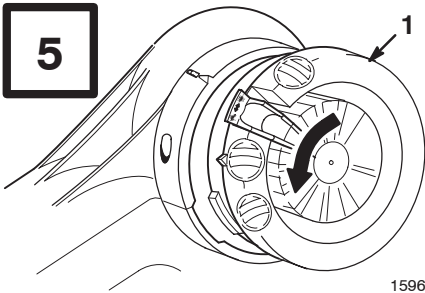
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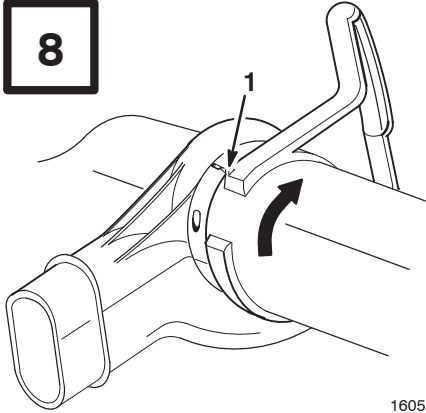
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2. Vacuum tube pointer
3. Tab



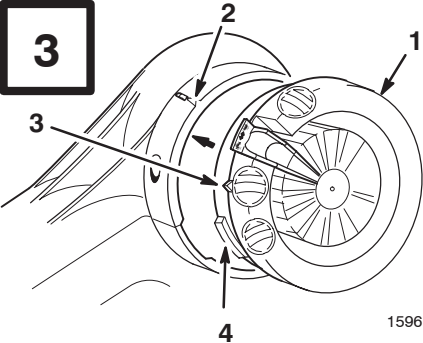
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2. Blower housing outlet
3. Tab
4. Latch



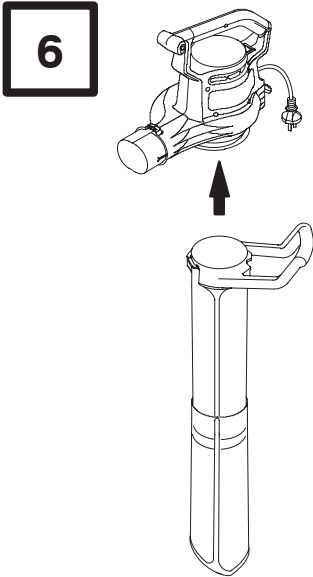
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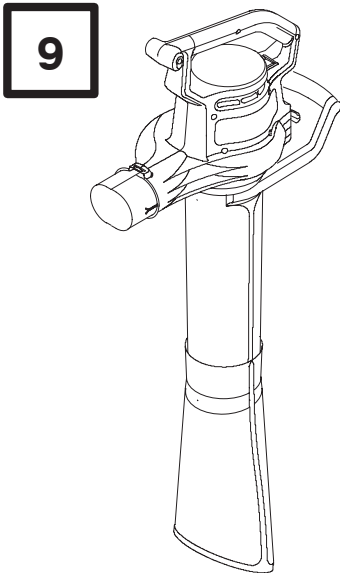
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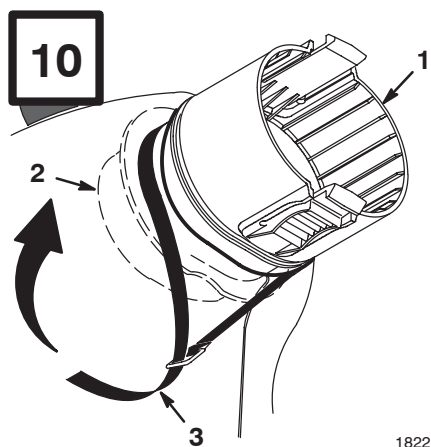
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3. Cover pointer
4. Tab



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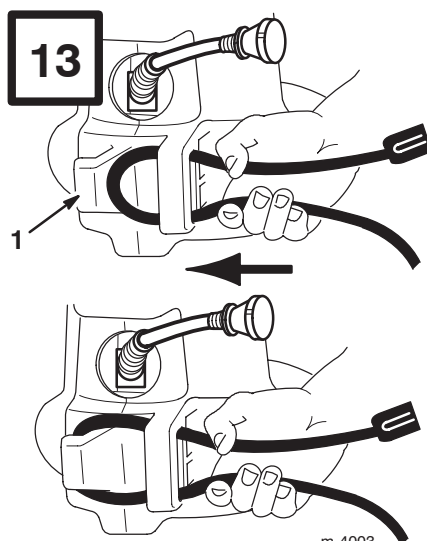


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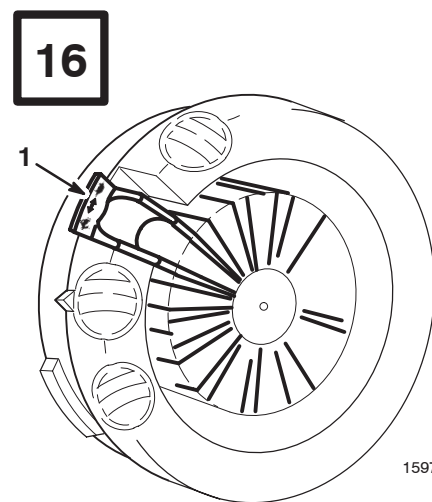
1. Bag collar
2. Bag collar flange
3. Velcro™ strap

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1. Cord lock

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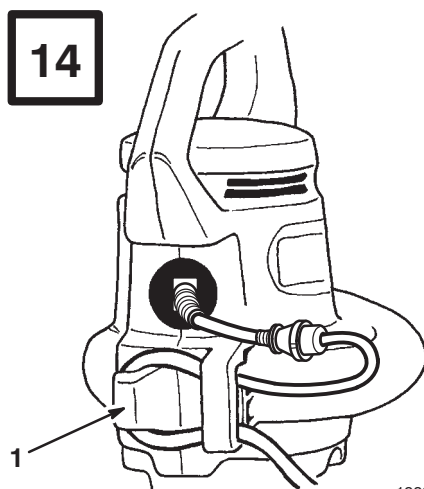


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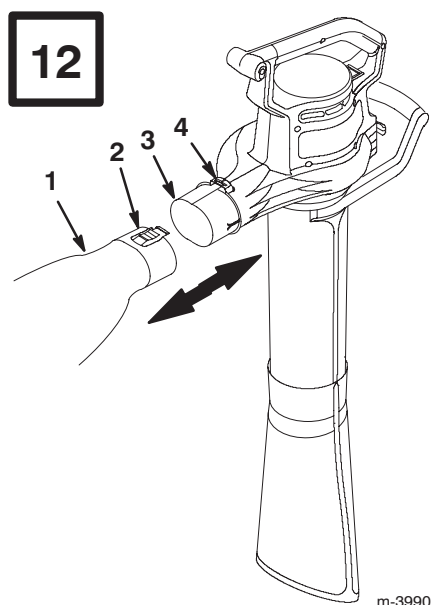


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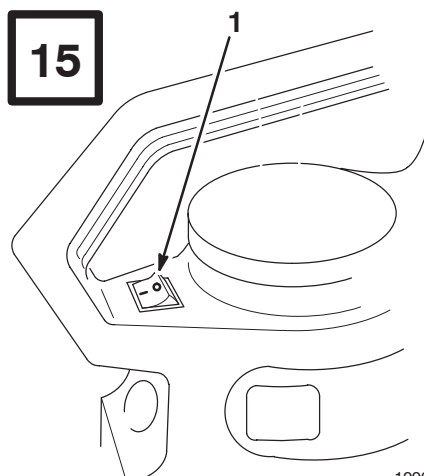


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1. Bag collar
2. Tab
3. Blower housing outlet
4. Latch

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1. Switch

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