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**Operator's Manual**

**GrandStand® HDX Mower**  
**With 52in or 60in TURBO FORCE® Cutting**  
**Unit**

Model No. 72506—Serial No. 40000000 and Up

Model No. 72510—Serial No. 40000000 and Up



It is a violation of California Public Resource Code Section 4442 or 4443 to use or operate the engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land unless the engine is equipped with a spark arrester, as defined in Section 4442, maintained in effective working order or the engine is constructed, equipped, and maintained for the prevention of fire.

The enclosed engine owner's manual is supplied for information regarding the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Emission Control Regulation of emission systems, maintenance, and warranty. Replacements may be ordered through the engine manufacturer.

Please refer to the engine manufacturer's information included with the machine.

**⚠ WARNING**

**CALIFORNIA  
Proposition 65 Warning**

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

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

**Use of this product may cause exposure to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.**

# Introduction

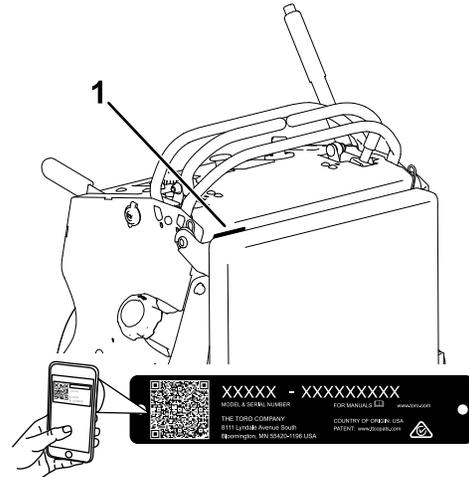
This rotary-blade, stand-on lawn mower is intended to be used by professional, hired operators. It is designed primarily for cutting grass on well-maintained lawns on residential or commercial properties. Using this product for purposes other than its intended use could prove dangerous to you and bystanders.

Read this information carefully to learn how to operate and maintain your product properly and to avoid injury and product damage. You are responsible for operating the product properly and safely.

Visit [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) for more information, including safety tips, training materials, accessory information, help finding a dealer, or to register your product.

Whenever you need service, genuine Toro parts, or additional information, contact an Authorized Service Dealer or Toro Customer Service and have the model and serial numbers of your product ready. **Figure 1** identifies the location of the model and serial numbers on the product. Write the numbers in the space provided.

**Important:** With your mobile device, you can scan the QR code on the serial number decal (if equipped) to access warranty, parts, and other product information.



**Figure 1**

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1. Location of the model and serial numbers

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

This manual identifies potential hazards and has safety messages identified by the safety-alert symbol (**Figure 2**), which signals a hazard that may cause serious injury or death if you do not follow the recommended precautions.



**Figure 2**

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1. Safety-alert symbol

This manual uses 2 words to highlight information. **Important** calls attention to special mechanical information and **Note** emphasizes general information worthy of special attention.

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# Safety

This machine has been designed in accordance with ANSI B71.4-2017.

## Safety-Alert Symbol

The safety-alert symbol (Figure 3) shown in this manual and on the machine identifies important safety messages that you must follow to prevent accidents.



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**Figure 3**  
Safety-alert symbol

Allow only people who are responsible, trained, familiar with the instructions, and physically capable to operate the machine.

- Stop the machine, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key before servicing, fueling, or unclogging the machine.

Improperly using or maintaining this machine can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions and always pay attention to the safety-alert symbol ▲, which means Caution, Warning, or Danger—personal safety instruction. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in personal injury or death.

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The safety-alert symbol appears above information that alerts you to unsafe actions or situations and is followed by the word **DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION**.

**DANGER** indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **will** result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could** result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **may** result in minor or moderate injury.

This manual uses two other words to highlight information. **Important** calls attention to special mechanical information and **Note** emphasizes general information worthy of special attention.

## General Safety

This product is capable of amputating hands and feet and of throwing objects. Always follow all safety instructions to avoid serious personal injury.

- Read and understand the contents of this *Operator's Manual* before starting the engine.
- Do not put your hands or feet near moving components of the machine.
- Do not operate the machine without all guards and other safety protective devices in place and functioning properly on the machine.
- Keep clear of the discharge opening.
- Keep bystanders and children out of the operating area. Do not allow children to operate the machine.

# Safety and Instructional Decals



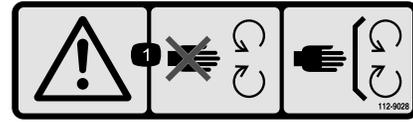
Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or missing.



## Battery Symbols

Some or all of these symbols are on your battery.

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| 1. Explosion hazard                    | 6. Keep bystanders away.   |
| 2. No fire, open flames, or smoking    | 7. Wear eye protection—explosive gases can cause blindness and other injuries. |
| 3. Caustic liquid/chemical burn hazard | 8. Battery acid can cause severe burns.  |
| 4. Wear eye protection.                | 9. Flush eyes immediately with water and get medical help fast.                |
| 5. Read the <i>Operator's Manual</i> . | 10. Contains lead; do not discard.   |

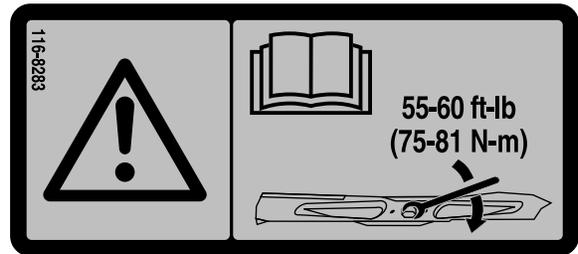


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- Warning—stay away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.

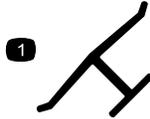
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- Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* for instructions on torquing the blade bolt/nut to 75 to 81 N-m (55 to 60 ft-lb).



## Manufacturer's Mark

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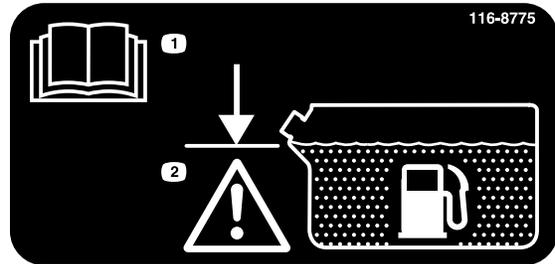
- This mark indicates that the blade is identified as a part from the original machine manufacturer.



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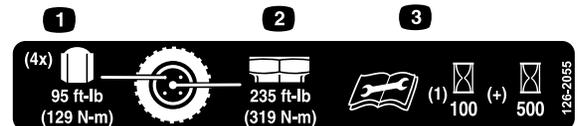
- Warning—do not touch the hot surface.



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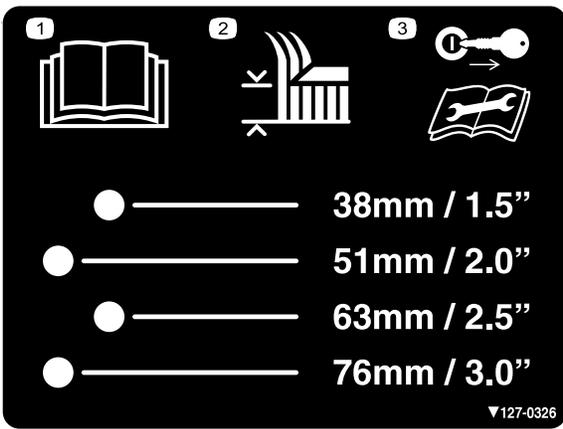
- Read the *Operator's Manual*.
- Warning—fill to the bottom of the filler neck; do not overfill the tank.



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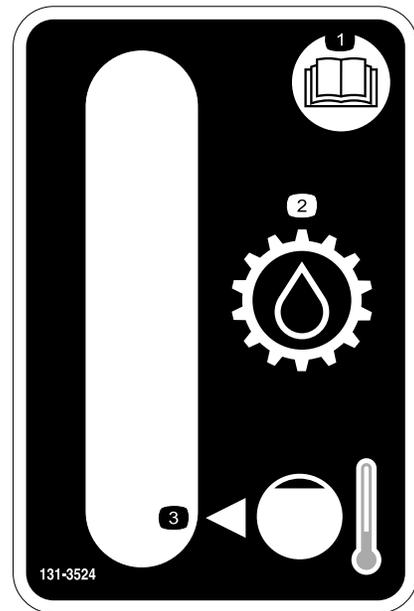
- Wheel lug nut—torque to 129 N-m (95 ft-lb).
- Wheel hub nut—torque to 319 N-m (235 ft-lb).
- Read the *Operator's Manual* before performing maintenance; check the torque after the first 100 hours and every 500 hours after.



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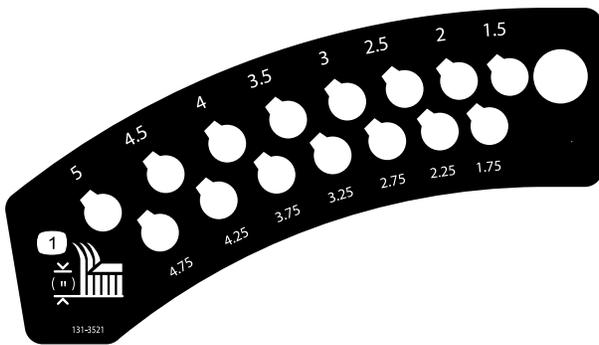
1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Height of cut
3. Remove the key and read the *Operator's Manual* before performing maintenance.



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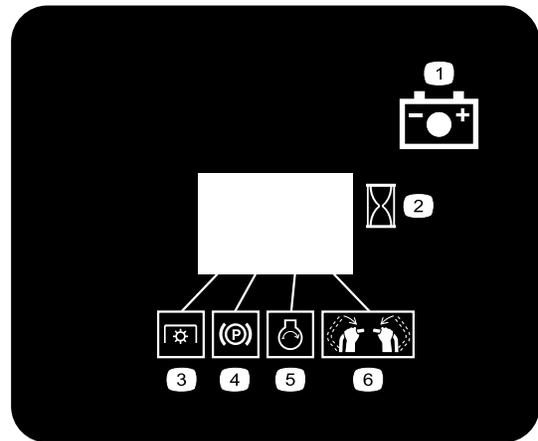
1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Transmission fluid
3. Cold fluid level



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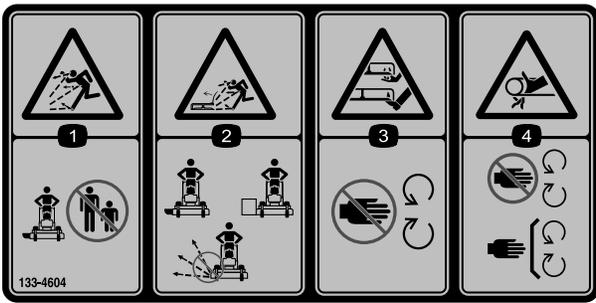
1. Height of cut



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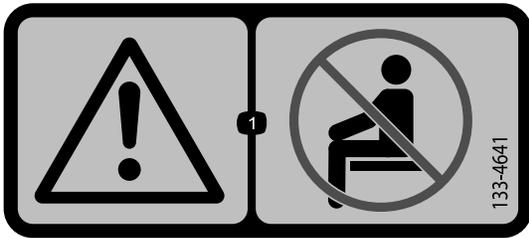
1. Battery
2. Time
3. Power takeoff (PTO)
4. Parking brake
5. Engine—start
6. Engage the handle bars.



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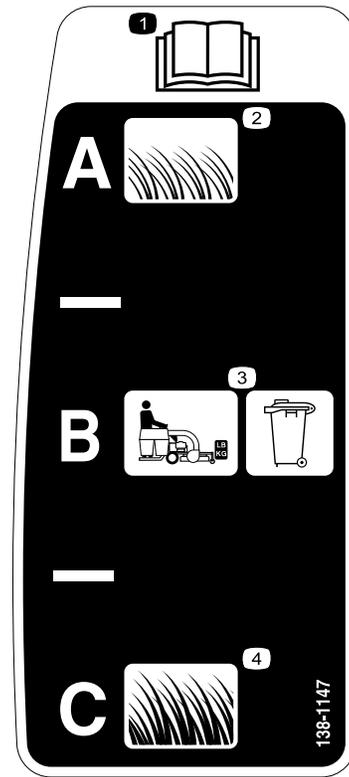
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders away from the machine.</li> <li>2. Thrown object hazard, open deflector—only operate the machine with a deflector or a grass collector.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Severing hazard of hand or foot—keep away from moving parts.</li> <li>4. Entanglement hazard—keep away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.</li> </ol> |
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1. Warning—do not carry passengers.



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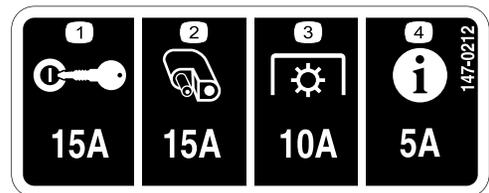
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read the <i>Operator's Manual</i>.</li> <li>2. Short, light grass</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Bagging setting</li> <li>4. Tall, dense grass</li> </ol> |
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 For more information, please visit [www.ticoCAProp65.com](http://www.ticoCAProp65.com)  
**CALIFORNIA SPARK ARRESTER WARNING**  
 Operation of this equipment may create sparks that can start fires around dry vegetation. A spark arrester may be required. The operator should contact local fire agencies for laws or regulations relating to fire prevention requirements.

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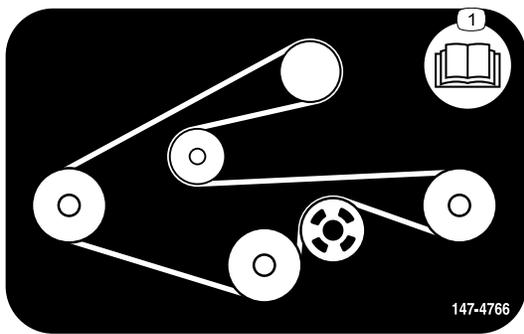
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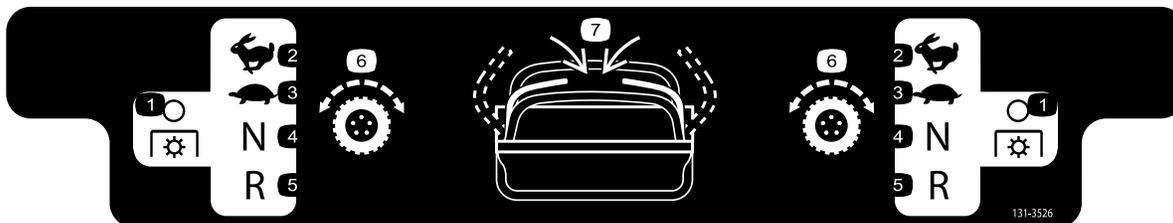
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.



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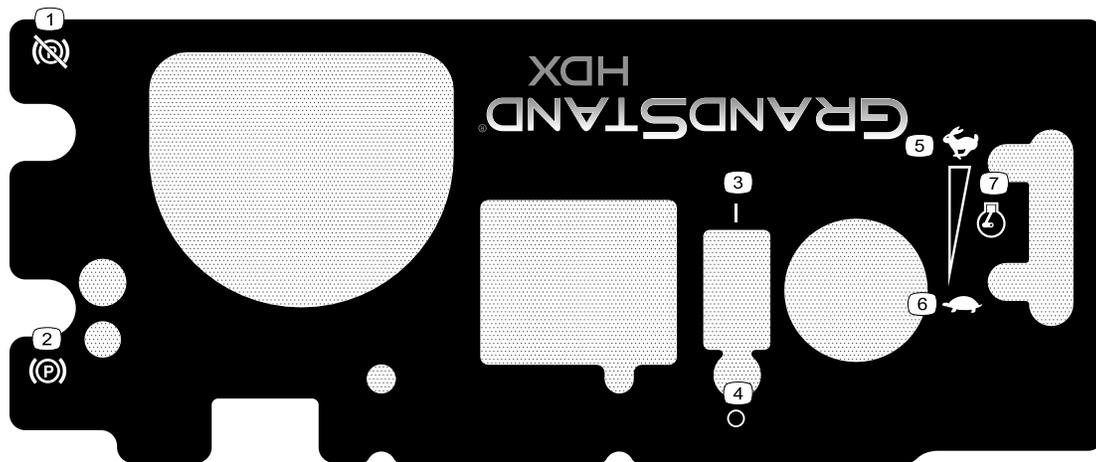
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| 1. Power takeoff (PTO)—disengaged | 5. Reverse             |
| 2. Fast                           | 6. Traction drive      |
| 3. Slow                           | 7. Engage the handles. |
| 4. Neutral                        |                        |



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| 1. Warning—read the <i>Operator's Manual</i> .   | 6. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders away.   |
| 2. Warning—all operators should be trained before operating the machine.   | 7. Warning—engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the key before leaving the machine or performing maintenance.  |
| 3. Warning—wear hearing protection.  | 8. Tipping hazard—do not use dual ramps when loading onto a trailer; use 1 ramp wide enough for the machine; back up the ramp when loading the machine and drive forward off the ramp when unloading. |
| 4. Thrown object hazard—lower the deflector before operating the machine.  | 9. Tipping hazard—do not use the machine near drop-offs or on slopes; stay at least 2 widths of the machine away from drop-offs.  |
| 5. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot—stay away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place. |   |

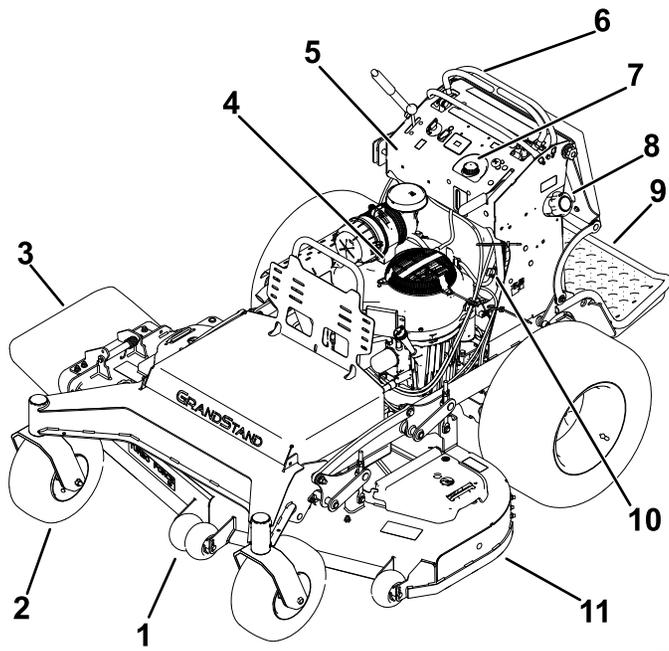


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| 1. Parking brake—Disengage | 5. Fast       |
| 2. Parking brake—Engage    | 6. Slow       |
| 3. On                      | 7. Engine—Run |
| 4. Off                     |               |
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# Product Overview



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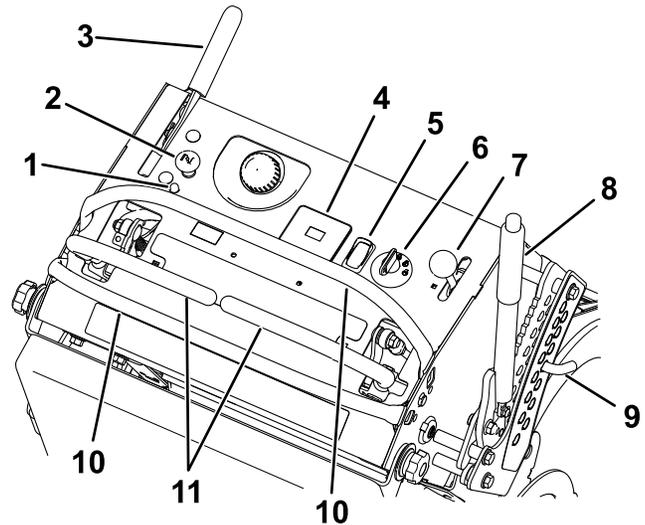
**Figure 4**

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| 1. Anti-scalp roller     | 7. Hydraulic tank           |
| 2. Front caster wheel    | 8. Fuel tank                |
| 3. Grass deflector       | 9. Platform (down position) |
| 4. Engine                | 10. Fuel-shutoff valve      |
| 5. Control panel         | 11. Mower deck              |
| 6. Motion-control levers |                             |

# Controls

Become familiar with all the controls before you start the engine and operate the machine.

## Control Panel



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**Figure 5**

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Malfunction-indicator light (MIL) | 7. Throttle control      |
| 2. Choke control                     | 8. Height-of-cut lever   |
| 3. Parking-brake lever               | 9. Height-of-cut pin     |
| 4. Hour meter                        | 10. Reference bar        |
| 5. Power-takeoff switch (PTO)        | 11. Motion-control lever |
| 6. Key switch                        |                          |

## Electronic-Control Unit Malfunction-Indicator Light

The electronic-control unit (ECU) continuously monitors the operation of the EFI system.

If a problem or fault within the system is detected, the malfunction-indicator light (MIL) is illuminated ([Figure 5](#)).

The MIL is the red light located in the console panel.

When the MIL illuminates, make initial troubleshooting checks; refer to [Troubleshooting \(page 58\)](#).

If these checks do not correct the problem, further diagnosis and servicing by an Authorized Service Dealer is necessary.

## Power-Takeoff Switch (PTO)

Use the power-takeoff switch (PTO) to engage and disengage mower blades or start and stop powered attachments; refer to [Operating the Mower-Blade-Control Switch \(PTO\) \(page 18\)](#).

## Hour Meter

The hour meter records the number of hours the engine has operated. It operates when the engine is running. Use these times for scheduling regular maintenance (Figure 6).

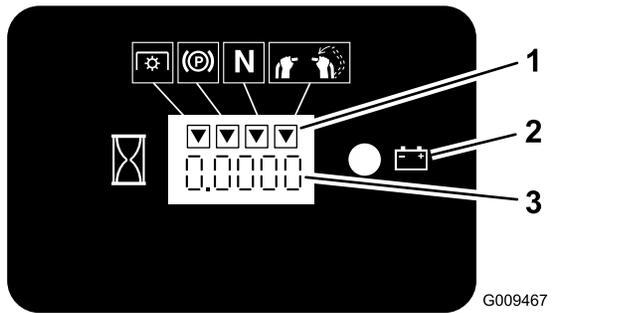


Figure 6

1. Safety-interlock symbols
2. Battery light
3. Hour meter

## Safety-Interlock Indicators

Symbols on the hour meter indicate with a black triangle that the interlock component is active (Figure 6).

## Battery-Indicator Light

If you turn the key to the ON position for a few seconds, the battery voltage displays in the area where the hours are normally displayed.

The battery light turns on when you turn the key to the ON position and when the charge is below the correct operating level (Figure 6).

## Throttle Control

The throttle controls the engine speed, and it has a continuous-variable setting from the SLOW to FAST position (Figure 5).

## Key Switch

The key switch, used to start and shut off the engine, has 3 positions: OFF, RUN, and START. Refer to [Starting the Engine \(page 16\)](#).

## Motion-Control Levers

Use the motion-control levers to drive the machine forward, reverse, and turn either direction.

## Fuel-Shutoff Valve

Close the fuel-shutoff valve when transporting or storing the machine; refer to [Using the Fuel-Shutoff Valve \(page 25\)](#).

## Specifications

**Note:** Specifications and design are subject to change without notice.

	52in Mower Deck	60in Mower Deck
Cutting width	131 cm (52 inches)	152 cm (60 inches)
Width with deflector down	173 cm (68 inches)	193 cm (76 inches)
Width with deflector raised	137 cm (54 inches)	157 cm (62 inches)
Length with platform down	218 cm (86 inches)	224 cm (88 inches)
Length with platform up	180 cm (71 inches)	188 cm (74 inches)
Height	127 cm (50 inches)	127 cm (50 inches)
Weight	481 kg (1061 lb)	495 kg (1091 lb)

## Attachments/Accessories

A selection of Toro approved attachments and accessories is available for use with the machine to enhance and expand its capabilities. Contact your Authorized Service Dealer or authorized Toro distributor or go to [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) for a list of all approved attachments and accessories.

To ensure optimum performance and continued safety certification of the machine, use only genuine Toro replacement parts and accessories. Replacement parts and accessories made by other manufacturers could be dangerous, and such use could void the product warranty.

# Operation

## *Before Operation*

### Before Operation Safety

#### General Safety

- Never allow children or untrained people to operate the machine. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator. The owner is responsible for training all operators and mechanics.
  - Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
  - Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operator's position. Allow the machine to cool before servicing, adjusting, fueling, cleaning, or storing it.
  - Know how to stop the machine and shut off the engine quickly.
  - Check that operator-presence controls, safety switches, and guards are attached and functioning properly. Do not operate the machine unless they are functioning properly.
  - Before mowing, always inspect the machine to ensure that the blades, blade bolts, and cutting assemblies are in good working condition.
  - Inspect the area where you will use the machine and remove all objects that the machine could throw.
  - Evaluate the terrain to determine the appropriate equipment and any attachments or accessories required to operate the machine properly and safely.
- If you spill fuel, do not attempt to start the engine. Avoid creating a source of ignition until the fuel vapors have dissipated.
  - Store fuel in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children.
- Fuel is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors can cause serious injury and illness.
    - Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
    - Keep your hands and face away from the nozzle and the fuel-tank opening.
    - Keep fuel away from your eyes and skin.
  - Do not store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light, such as on a water heater or on other appliances.
  - Do not fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground, away from your vehicle before filling.
  - Remove the equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it while it is on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel from a portable container rather than a fuel-dispenser nozzle.
  - Do not operate the machine without the entire exhaust system in place and in proper working condition.
  - Keep the fuel-dispenser nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
  - If you spill fuel on your clothing, change your clothing immediately. Wipe up any fuel that spills.
  - Never overfill the fuel tank. Replace the fuel cap and tighten it securely.

#### Fuel Safety

- Fuel is extremely flammable and highly explosive. A fire or explosion from fuel can burn you and others and can damage property.
  - To prevent a static charge from igniting the fuel, place the container and/or machine directly on the ground before filling, not in a vehicle or on an object.
  - Fill the fuel tank outdoors, in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any fuel that spills.
  - Do not handle fuel when smoking or around an open flame or sparks.
  - Do not remove the fuel cap or add fuel to the tank while the engine is running or hot.

# Adding Fuel

## Recommended Fuel

- For best results, use only clean, fresh (less than 30 days old), unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher ((R+M)/2 rating method).
- **Ethanol:** Gasoline with up to 10% ethanol (gasohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) by volume is acceptable. Ethanol and MTBE are not the same. Gasoline with 15% ethanol (E15) by volume is not approved for use. **Never use gasoline that contains more than 10% ethanol by volume**, such as E15 (contains 15% ethanol), E20 (contains 20% ethanol), or E85 (contains up to 85% ethanol). Using unapproved gasoline may cause performance problems and/or engine damage which may not be covered under warranty.
- **Do not** use gasoline containing methanol.
- **Do not** store fuel either in the fuel tank or fuel containers over the winter unless you use a fuel stabilizer.
- **Do not** add oil to gasoline.

## Using Stabilizer/Conditioner

Use fuel stabilizer/conditioner in the machine to keep the fuel fresh longer when used as directed by the fuel-stabilizer manufacturer.

**Important:** Do not use fuel additives containing methanol or ethanol.

Add the amount of fuel stabilizer/conditioner to fresh fuel as directed by the fuel-stabilizer manufacturer.

## Filling the Fuel Tank

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean around the fuel-tank cap and remove the cap.
4. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck.  
**Note:** Do not fill the fuel tank completely full. The empty space in the tank allows the fuel to expand.
5. Install the fuel-tank cap securely. Wipe up any spilled fuel.

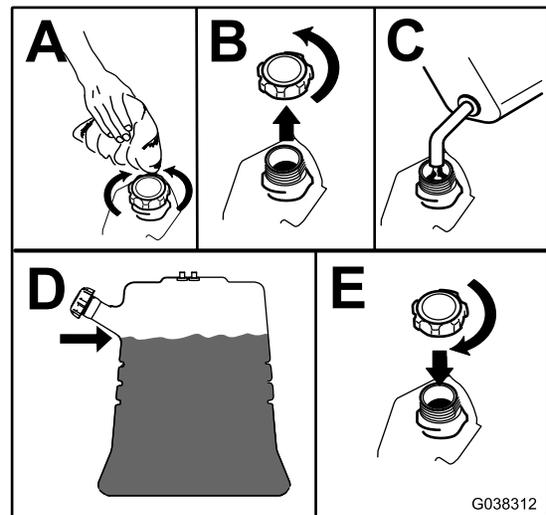


Figure 7

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## Performing Daily Maintenance

Before starting the machine each day, perform the Each Use/Daily procedures listed in [Maintenance \(page 28\)](#).

## Breaking in a New Machine

New engines take time to develop full power. Mower decks and drive systems have higher friction when new, placing additional load on the engine. Allow 40 to 50 hours of break-in time for new machines to develop full power and best performance.

# Using the Safety-Interlock System

## **⚠ DANGER**

If safety-interlock switches are disconnected or damaged, the machine could operate unexpectedly, which will result in serious injury or death.

- Do not tamper with the interlock switches.
- Check the operation of the interlock switches daily, and replace any damaged switches before operating the machine.

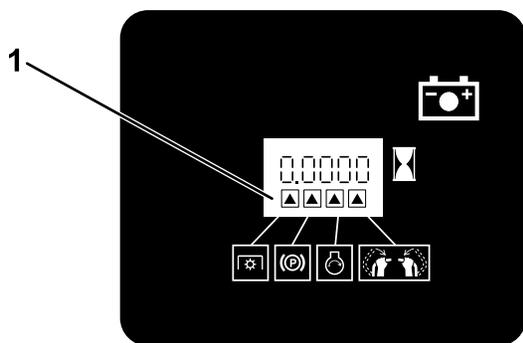
## Understanding the Safety-Interlock System

The safety-interlock system is designed to prevent PTO from engaging unless you do 1 of the following:

- Move either motion-control lever to the center, unlocked position.
- Press the ON position on the PTO switch.

The safety-interlock system is designed to stop the blades/attachment if you move or release both motion-control levers into the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.

The hour meter has symbols to notify the user when each interlock component is active. When the component is active, a triangle lights up in the corresponding square (Figure 8).



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**Figure 8**

1. The triangles light up when the interlock components are in the correct position.

# Testing the Safety-Interlock System

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

Test the safety-interlock system before you use the machine each time.

**Note:** If the safety system does not operate as described below, have an Authorized Service Dealer repair the safety system immediately.

1. Start the engine; refer to [Starting the Engine \(page 16\)](#).
2. With the parking brake still engaged, move the motion-control levers to the center, unlocked position.  
**Note:** The blades/attachment should stop and the engine should stop running.
3. Start the engine and disengage the parking brake.
4. Move either motion-control lever to the center, unlocked position.
5. Continue holding the motion-control lever in the center, unlocked position and press the ON position on the PTO switch.

**Note:** The clutch and blades/attachment should engage.

6. Move or release the motion-control levers into the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.  
**Note:** The blades/attachment should stop and the engine should continue to run.
7. Press the OFF position on the PTO switch and move either motion-control lever to the center, unlocked position.
8. Continue holding the motion-control lever in the center, unlocked position and press the ON position on the PTO switch.

**Note:** The clutch and blades/attachment should engage.

9. Press the OFF position on the PTO switch.

**Note:** The blades/attachment should stop.

10. With the engine running, press the ON position on the PTO switch without holding either motion-control lever to the center, unlocked position.

**Note:** The blades/attachment should not engage.

# ***During Operation***

## **During Operation Safety**

### **General Safety**

- The owner/operator can prevent and is responsible for accidents that may cause personal injury or property damage.
- Wear appropriate clothing, including eye protection; long pants; substantial, slip-resistant footwear; and hearing protection. Tie back long hair and do not wear loose clothing or loose jewelry.
- Use your full attention while operating the machine. Do not engage in any activity that causes distractions; otherwise, injury or property damage may occur.
- Do not operate the machine while ill, tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never carry passengers on the machine and keep bystanders and pets away from the machine during operation.
- Operate the machine only in good visibility and appropriate weather conditions. Do not operate the machine when there is the risk of lightning.
- Wet grass or leaves can cause serious injury if you slip and contact the blade. Avoid mowing in wet conditions.
- Before you start the engine, ensure that all drives are in neutral, the parking brake is engaged, and you are in the operating position.
- Ensure that you have good footing while using this machine, especially when backing up.
- Keep your hands and feet away from the cutting units. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
- Look behind and down before backing up to be sure of a clear path.
- Use extreme care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may block your view.
- Stop the blades whenever you are not mowing.
- Stop the machine, remove the ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before inspecting the mower deck or attachment after striking an object or if there is an abnormal vibration in the machine. Make all necessary repairs before resuming operation.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and crossing roads and sidewalks with the machine. Always yield the right-of-way.
- Disengage the cutting unit and shut off the engine before adjusting the height of cut (unless you can adjust it from the operating position).
- Operate the engine only in well-ventilated areas. Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, which is lethal if inhaled.
- Never leave a running machine unattended.
- Before leaving the operating position (including to empty the catchers or to unclog the chute), do the following:
  - Park the machine on a level surface.
  - Disengage the power take-off.
  - Engage the parking brake.
  - Shut off the engine and remove the ignition key.
  - Wait for all moving parts to stop.
- Shut off the machine and disengage the drive to the cutting unit in the following situations:
  - Before fueling
  - Before clearing blockages
  - Before checking, cleaning, or maintaining the cutting unit
  - After striking a foreign object or if an abnormal vibration occurs. Inspect the cutting unit for damage and make repairs before starting and operating the machine
  - Before leaving the operating position
- Do not use the machine as a towing vehicle.
- Use only accessories and attachments approved by The Toro® Company.

### **Slope Safety**

- Slopes are a major factor related to loss of control and rollover accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. You are responsible for safe slope operation. Operating the machine on any slope requires extra caution. Before using the machine on a slope, do the following:
  - Review and understand the slope instructions in the manual and on the machine.
  - Evaluate the site conditions of the day to determine if the slope is safe for machine operation. Use common sense and good judgment when performing this evaluation. Changes in the terrain, such as moisture, can quickly affect the operation of the machine on a slope.
- Operate across slopes, never up and down. Avoid operation on excessively steep or wet slopes.
- Identify hazards at the base of the slope. Do not operate the machine near drop-offs, ditches, embankments, water, or other hazards. The machine could suddenly roll over if a wheel goes over the edge or the edge collapses. Keep a safe

distance (twice the width of the machine) between the machine and any hazard. Use a walk-behind machine or a handheld tool to operate in these areas.

- Avoid starting, stopping, or turning the machine on slopes. Avoid making sudden changes in speed or direction; turn slowly and gradually.
- Do not operate a machine under any conditions where traction, steering or stability is in question. Be aware that operating the machine on wet grass, across slopes or downhill may cause the machine to lose traction. Loss of traction to the drive wheels may result in sliding and a loss of braking and steering. The machine can slide even if the drive wheels are stopped.
- Remove or mark obstacles such as ditches, holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden hazards. Tall grass can hide obstacles. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine.
- Use extra care while operating with accessories or attachments. These can change the stability of the machine and cause a loss of control. Follow directions for counterweights.
- If you lose control of the machine, step off and away from the direction of travel of the machine.

## Starting the Engine

**Important:** Do not engage the starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. If the engine fails to start, wait 15 seconds between attempts. Failure to follow these instructions can burn out the starter motor.

**Note:** You may need to repeat the cycle for starting the engine when you start it for the first time after you have filled a completely empty fuel system with fuel.

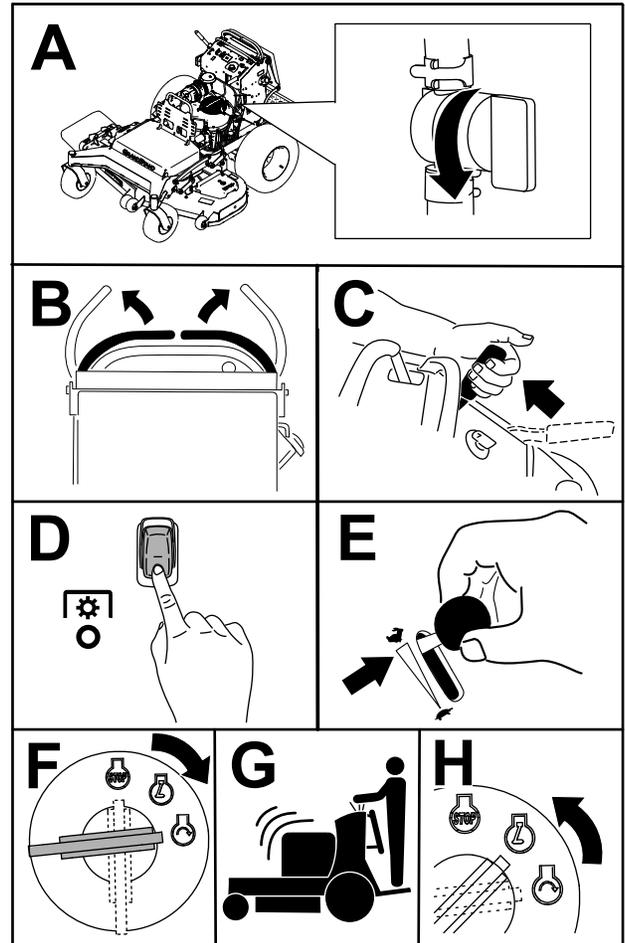


Figure 9

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# Shutting Off the Engine

## ⚠ CAUTION

Children or bystanders may be injured if they move or attempt to operate the machine while it is unattended.

Always remove the key and engage the parking brake when leaving the machine unattended.

Let the engine idle at fast throttle (rabbit) for 60 seconds before turning the key switch to the OFF position.

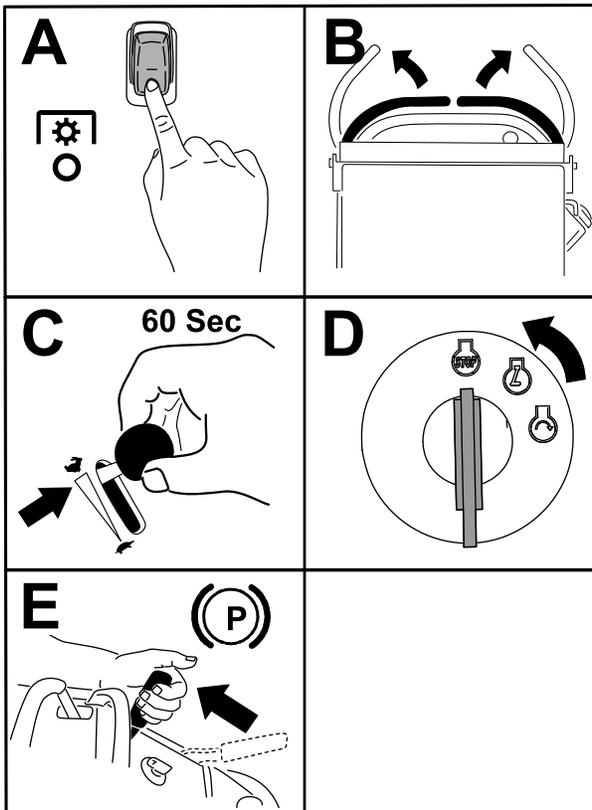


Figure 10

**Important:** Make sure that the fuel-shutoff valve is closed before transporting or storing the machine to prevent a fuel leak. Before storing the machine, disconnect the spark plug(s) to prevent the possibility of accidental starting.

# Operating the Parking Brake

Always engage the parking brake when you shut off the machine or leave it unattended. Before each use, check the parking brake for proper operation.

If the parking brake does not hold securely, adjust it; refer to [Adjusting the Brakes \(page 45\)](#).

Pull the parking-brake lever rearward to engage it (Figure 11).

Push the parking-brake lever forward to disengage it.

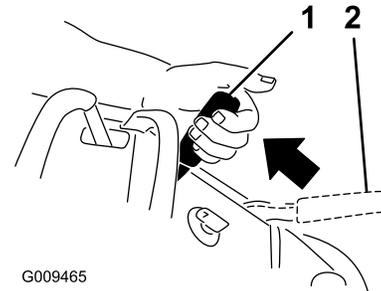


Figure 11

1. Parking brake—engaged
2. Parking brake—disengaged

# Operating the Mower-Blade-Control Switch (PTO)

Use the blade-control switch (PTO) in conjunction with the motion-control levers to engage and disengage the mower blades.

## **⚠ DANGER**

The rotating blades under the mower deck are dangerous. Blade contact will cause serious injury or death.

Do not put your hands or feet under the mower or mower deck when the blades are engaged.

## **⚠ DANGER**

An uncovered discharge opening allows objects to be thrown toward you or bystanders. Also, contact with the blade could occur. Thrown objects or blade contact will cause serious injury or death.

Do not operate the mower with the discharge deflector raised, removed, or altered unless a grass collection system or mulch kit is in place and working properly.

# Engaging the Mower Blades (PTO)

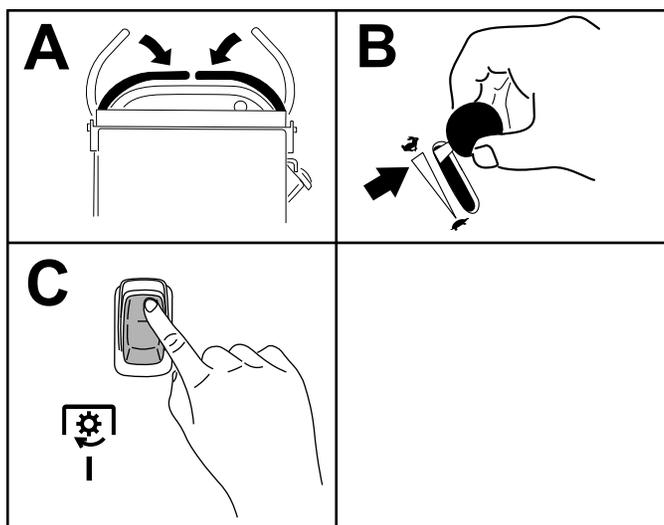


Figure 12

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# Disengaging the Mower Blades (PTO)

Figure 13 and Figure 14 show 2 ways to disengage the mower blades.

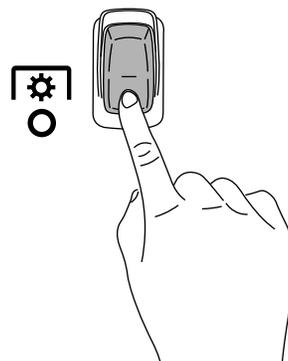


Figure 13

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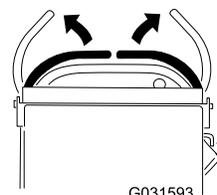


Figure 14

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**Note:** If you disengage the mower blades by releasing the motion-control levers, you can engage the blades again by pressing the ON position of the switch (Figure 12) without pressing the OFF position first.

## Operating the Throttle

You can move the throttle control between FAST and SLOW positions (Figure 15).

Always use the FAST position when engaging the PTO.

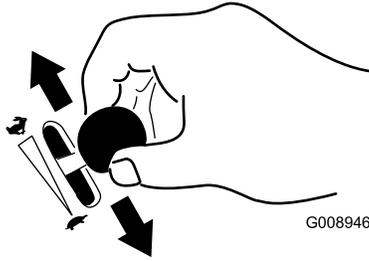


Figure 15

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## Operating the Choke

Use the choke to start a cold engine.

1. Pull up the choke knob to engage the choke before using the key switch (Figure 16).
2. Push down the choke knob to disengage the choke after the engine has started (Figure 16).

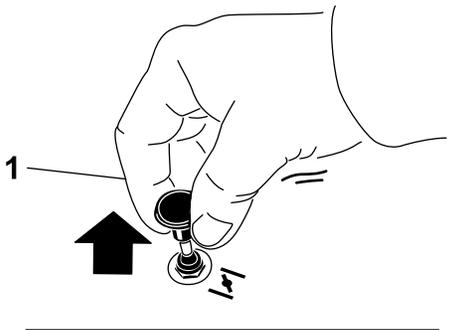


Figure 16

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1. ON position

2. OFF position

**Important:** Do not operate the machine with the choke engaged for extended periods of time or while the engine is warm.

## Using the Platform

You can use the machine with the platform in the up or down position. It is your preference on which position to use.

### ⚠ WARNING

The operator platform is heavy and may cause injury when you raise or lower it. Carefully lower or raise the operator platform, as suddenly dropping it could injure you.

- Do not put your hands or fingers in the platform-pivot area when lowering or raising the operator platform.
- Make sure that the platform is supported when you pull the latch pin out.
- Make sure that the latch secures the platform when folding it up. Push it tight against the cushion for the latch pin to lock into place.
- Keep bystanders away from the machine when raising or lowering the platform.

Operate the machine with the platform up for the following conditions:

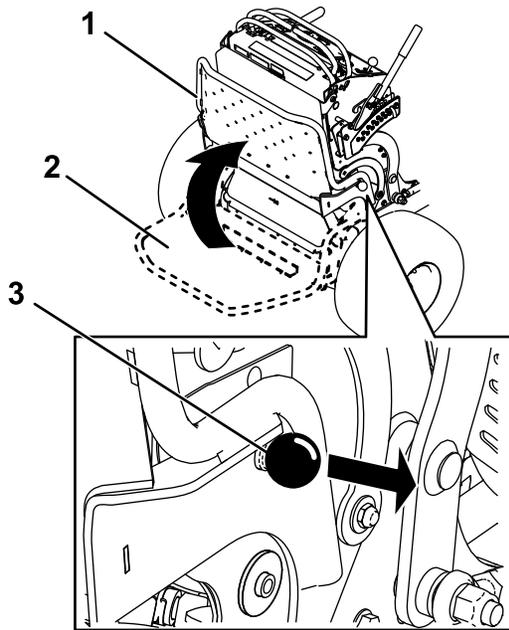
- Near drop-offs
- In small areas where the machine is too large
- In areas with low-hanging branches or obstacles
- Loading the machine for transport
- Driving up slopes

Operate the machine with the platform down for the following conditions:

- Using the machine in most areas
- Driving across slopes
- Driving down slopes

To raise the platform, pull out the knob and lift the platform. Push the platform tight against the cushion for the latch pin to lock it into place.

To lower the platform, push the platform forward against the cushion to release pressure on the latch pin, then pull the knob out and lower the platform.

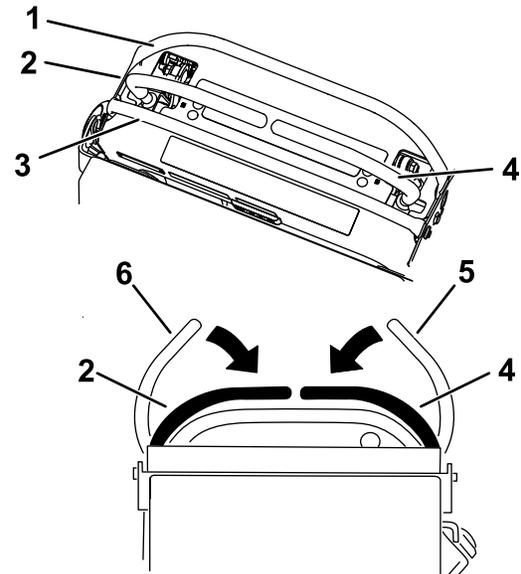


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**Figure 17**

1. Platform up
2. Platform down
3. Pull the knob out to release the platform.



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**Figure 18**

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Front reference bar | 4. Right control lever                              |
| 2. Left control lever  | 5. Right control lever in the NEUTRAL-LOCK position |
| 3. Rear reference bar  | 6. Left control lever in the NEUTRAL-LOCK position  |

## Driving the Machine

**Important:** Back the machine over curbs, 1 wheel at a time; driving it forward over curbs could damage the machine.

### **CAUTION**

Positioning one lever too far in front of the other causes the machine to spin very rapidly. As a result, you may lose control of the machine, causing personal injury to you and damage to the machine.

Slow down the machine before making sharp turns.

1. Disengage the parking brake.
2. Move the motion-control levers down to the center, unlocked position.

3. Slowly push the motion-control levers forward or rearward. Move 1 lever farther than the other lever to turn.

**Note:** The farther you move the motion-control levers, the faster the machine moves in that direction.

4. To stop, move the motion-control levers back to the NEUTRAL position.

## Side Discharging or Mulching the Grass

This machine has a hinged grass deflector that disperses clippings to the side and down toward the turf.

### **⚠ DANGER**

Without the grass deflector, discharge cover, or complete grass catcher assembly mounted in place, you and bystanders are exposed to blade contact and thrown debris. Contact with rotating mower blade(s) and thrown debris will cause injury or death.

- Do not remove the grass deflector from the machine, because the grass deflector routes material down toward the turf. If the grass deflector is ever damaged, replace it immediately.
- Never try to clear the discharge area or mower blades unless the power takeoff (PTO) is off. Rotate the key to the OFF position and remove the key.

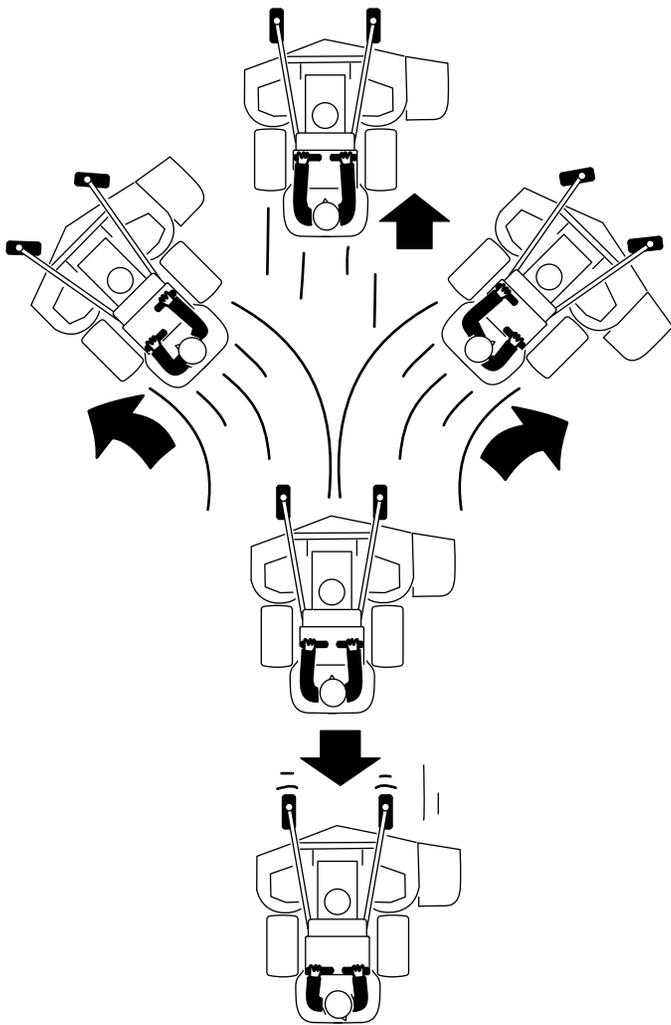


Figure 19

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## Adjusting the Height-of-Cut

The height-of-cut can be adjusted from 38 to 127 mm (1-1/2 to 5 inches) in 6 mm (1/4 inch) increments.

**Note:** Using a height-of-cut under 51 mm (2 inches) increases the wear on the mower-deck belt. Use a height-of-cut that is greater than 51 mm (2 inches) whenever possible.

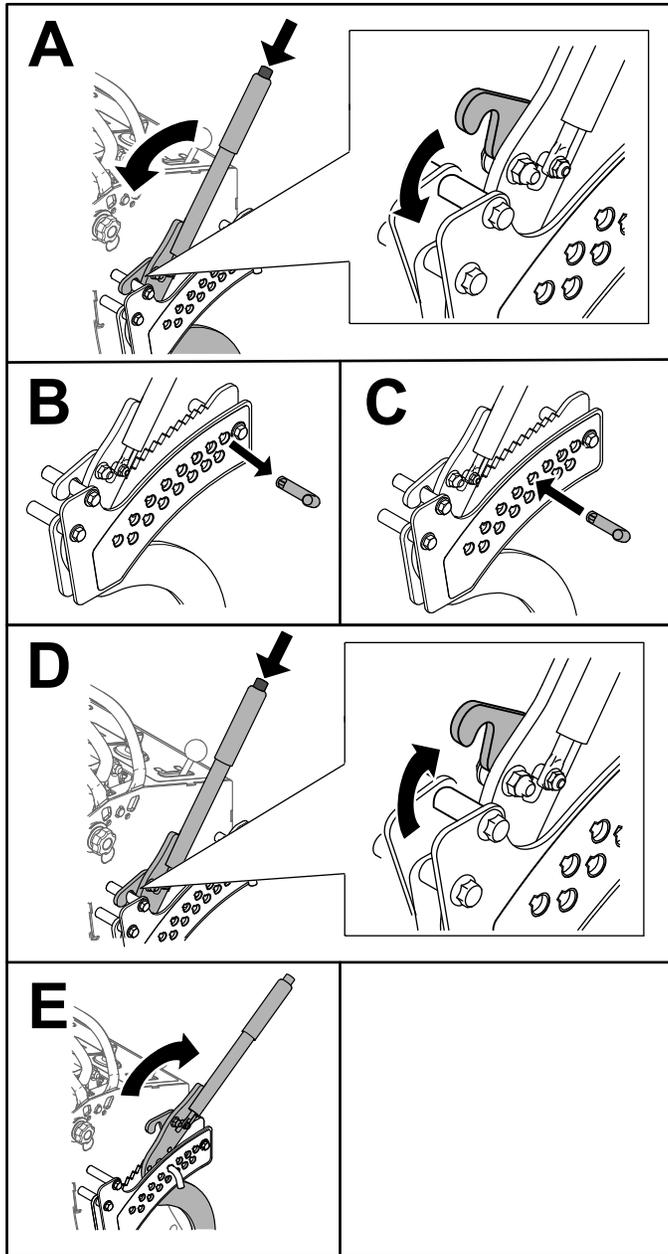


Figure 20

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## Adjusting the Anti-Scalp Rollers

Whenever you change the height-of-cut, adjust the height of the anti-scalp rollers.

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the nut and bolt position the anti-scalp rollers and install the nut and bolt.
4. Ensure that the spacers and bushings are installed (Figure 21).

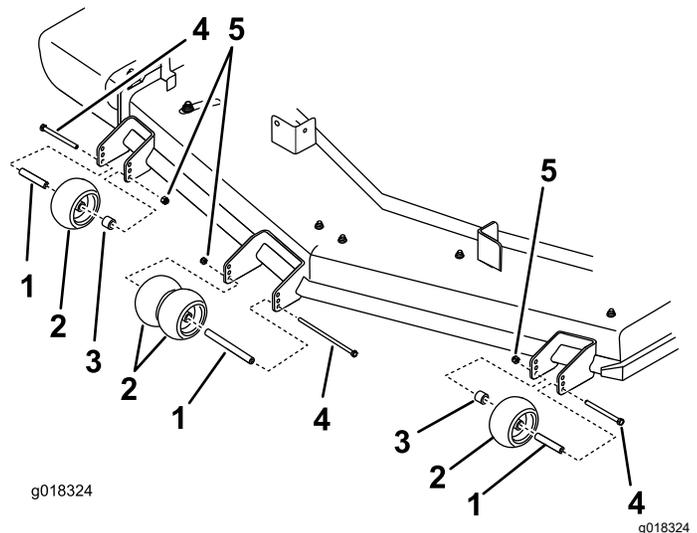


Figure 21

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|----------------------|---------|
| 1. Bushing           | 4. Bolt |
| 2. Anti-scalp roller | 5. Nut  |
| 3. Spacer            |         |

## Adjusting the Flow Baffle

You can adjust the mower-discharge flow for different types of mowing conditions. Position the cam lock and baffle to provide the best quality of cut.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. To adjust the baffle, loosen the knob (Figure 22).
4. Adjust the baffle and knob in the slot to the desired discharge flow and tighten the knob.

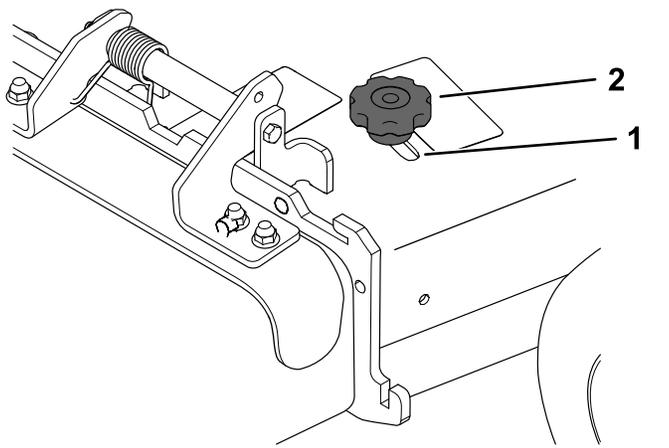


Figure 22

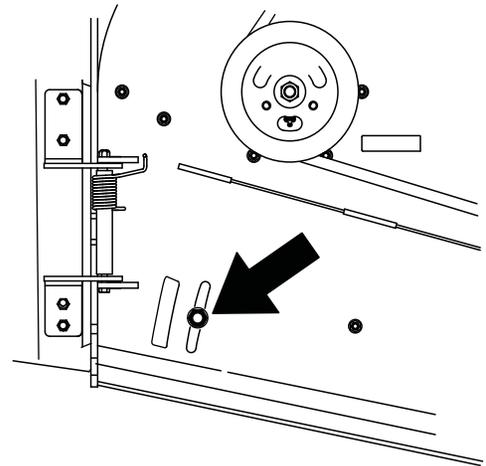
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1. Slot

2. Knob

## Position B

Use this position when bagging (Figure 24).



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Figure 24

## Positioning the Flow Baffle

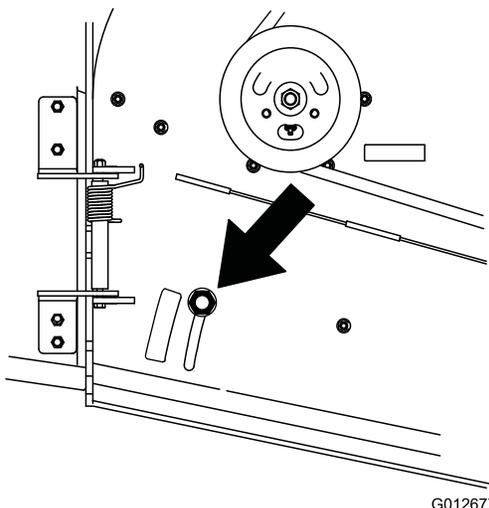
The following figures are for recommended use only. Adjustments vary by grass type, moisture content, and the height of the grass.

**Note:** If the engine power draws down and the mower ground speed is the same, open the baffle.

### Position A

This is the full, rear position (see Figure 23). Use this position for the following:

- In short, light grass mowing conditions
- In dry conditions
- Smaller grass clippings
- Propels grass clippings farther away from the mower



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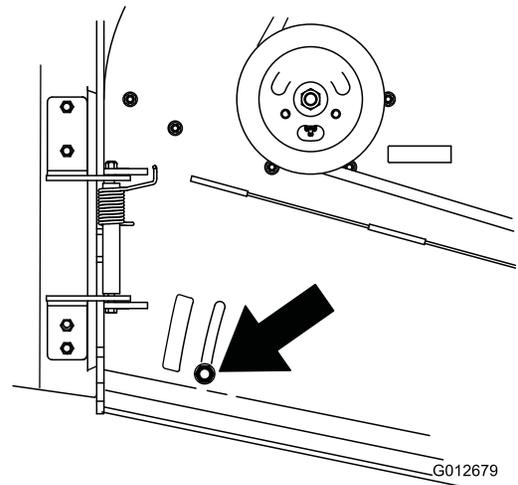
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Figure 23

### Position C

This is the full, open position (Figure 25). Use this position for the following:

- In tall, dense grass mowing conditions
- In wet conditions
- Lowers the engine-power consumption
- Allows increased ground speed in heavy conditions



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Figure 25

## Using Weights

- Install weights to improve balance. You can add or remove weights to create optimized performance under different operating conditions and for your preference.
- Add or remove weights 1 at a time until you achieve the desired handling and balance.
- Refer to the *Operator's Manual* of attachments for recommended weights.

**Note:** Contact an Authorized Service Dealer to order a weight kit.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Excessive weight changes can affect the handling and operation of the machine. This could cause serious injury to you or bystanders.**

- **Make weight changes in small increments only.**
- **Evaluate the machine after each weight change to ensure that you can operate the machine safely.**

## After Operation

### After Operation Safety

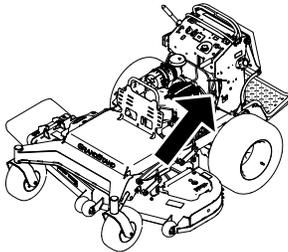
#### General Safety

- Always shut off the machine, remove the ignition key, wait for all moving parts to stop, and allow the machine to cool before adjusting, servicing, cleaning, or storing it.
- Clean grass and debris from the cutting units, mufflers, and engine compartment to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spills.
- Shut off the fuel before storing or transporting the machine.
- Disengage the PTO whenever you are transporting or not using the machine.
- Never store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light, such as on a water heater or on other appliances.
- Use full-width ramps for loading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Tie the machine down securely using straps, chains, cable, or ropes. Both front and rear straps should be directed down and outward from the machine.

# Using the Fuel-Shutoff Valve

Close the fuel-shutoff valve for transport, maintenance, and storage (Figure 26).

Ensure that the fuel-shutoff valve is open when starting the engine.



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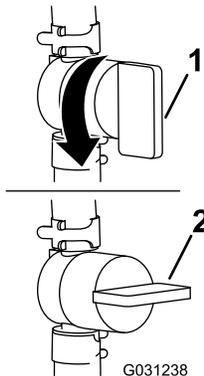


Figure 26

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1. ON position

2. OFF position

# Pushing the Machine by Hand

The bypass valves allow you to push the machine by hand without the engine running.

**Important:** Do not start or operate the machine with the bypass valves open. Damage to system may occur.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the platform.

4. Move both bypass levers fully rearward.

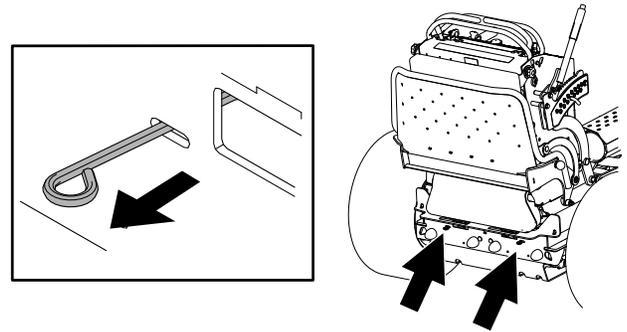


Figure 27

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5. Disengage the parking brake.
6. Push the machine to the desired location.

**Important:** Always push the machine by hand. Do not tow the machine, because hydraulic damage may occur.

7. Immediately after moving the machine, engage the parking brake.
8. Move both bypass levers fully forward.

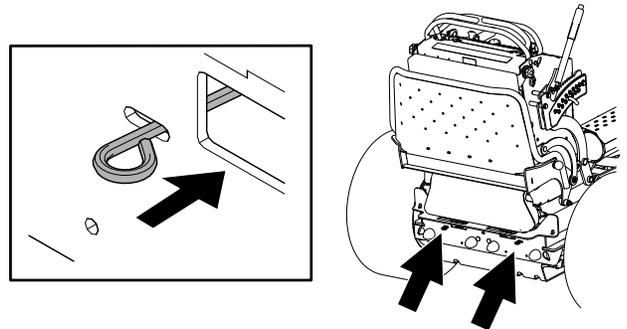


Figure 28

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# Transporting the Machine

Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the machine. Use a full-width ramp. Ensure that the trailer or truck has all the necessary brakes, lighting, and marking as required by law. Please carefully read all the safety instructions. Knowing this information could help you or bystanders avoid injury. Refer to your local ordinances for trailer and tie-down requirements.

## ⚠ WARNING

Driving on the street or roadway without turn signals, lights, reflective markings, or a slow-moving-vehicle emblem is dangerous and can lead to accidents, causing personal injury.

Do not drive the machine on a public street or roadway.

## ⚠ WARNING

Loading a machine onto a trailer or truck increases the possibility of backward tip-over and could cause serious injury or death.

- Use only full-width ramps; do not use individual ramps for each side of the machine.
- Ensure that the length of ramp is at least 4 times as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground.
- Use extreme caution when operating a machine on a ramp.
- Back the machine up the ramp and walk it forward down the ramp.
- Avoid sudden acceleration or deceleration while driving the machine on a ramp as this could cause a loss of control or a tip-over situation.

# Selecting a Trailer

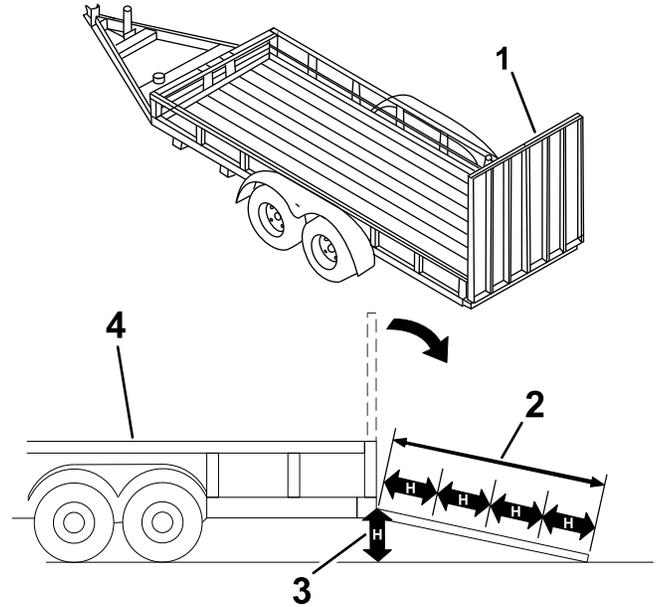


Figure 29

1. Full-width ramp in stowed position
2. Ramp is at least 4 times as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground
3. H=height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground
4. Trailer

# Loading the Machine

1. If using a trailer, connect it to the towing vehicle and connect the safety chains.
  2. If applicable, connect the trailer brakes and lights.
  3. Lower the ramp (Figure 29).
  4. Raise the platform.
- Important:** Always keep the platform up when loading and unloading the machine.
5. Back the machine up the ramp.

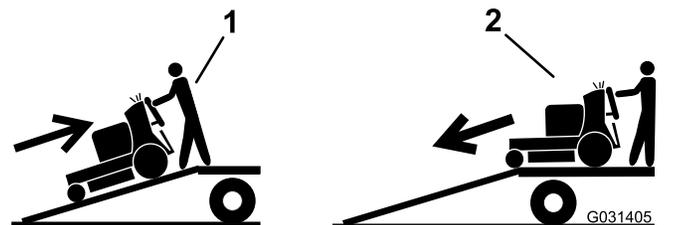
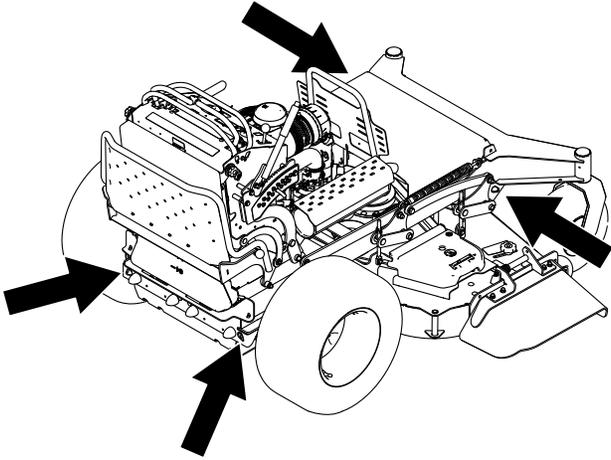


Figure 30

1. Back the machine up the ramp.
  2. Walk the machine down the ramp.
6. Shut off the machine, remove the key, and engage the parking brake.

7. Tie down the machine near the front caster wheels, or front frame holes, and the rear bumper holes with straps, chains, cable, or ropes ([Figure 31](#)). Refer to local regulations for tie-down requirements.



**Figure 31**

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# Maintenance

**Note:** Determine the left and right sides of the machine from the normal operating position.

## **▲ CAUTION**

**If you leave the ignition key in the switch, someone could accidentally start the engine and serious injure you or other bystanders.**

**Remove the ignition key from the switch before you perform any maintenance.**

## Maintenance Safety

- Before adjusting, cleaning, servicing, or leaving the machine, do the following:
  - Park the machine on a level surface.
  - Disengage the drives.
  - Engage the parking brake.
  - Shut off the engine and remove the ignition key.
  - Wait for all moving parts to stop.
  - Allow machine components to cool before performing maintenance.
- Do not allow untrained personnel to service the machine.
- Keep your hands and feet away from moving parts. If possible, do not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.
- Check the parking brake operation frequently. Adjust and service the brake as needed.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Clean grass and debris from the cutting unit, drives, muffler, and engine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spills.
- Check the grass catcher components frequently and replace them when they are worn or damaged.
- Do not rely on a hydraulic system to support the machine; support the machine with jack stands whenever you raise the machine.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hydraulic fittings tight. Replace all worn, damaged, or missing parts and decals. Keep all fasteners tight to ensure that the machine is in safe working condition.
- To ensure optimum performance and continued safety certification of the machine, use only genuine Toro replacement parts and accessories. Replacement parts and accessories made by other manufacturers could be dangerous, and such use could void the product warranty.

## Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 8 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the engine oil.</li><li>• Check the hydraulic-fluid level.</li></ul>
After the first 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic fluid.</li></ul>
After the first 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the wheel-lug nuts.</li></ul>
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the safety-interlock system.</li><li>• Check the engine-oil level.</li><li>• Clean the air-intake screen (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li><li>• Test the parking brake.</li><li>• Inspect the blades.</li><li>• Clean under the mower deck.</li></ul>
Every 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the spark arrester (if equipped).</li><li>• Check the tire pressure.</li><li>• Check the hydraulic-fluid level.</li></ul>

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the engine oil (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• For Kawasaki engines—replace or clean and gap the spark plug.</li> <li>• Check the battery.</li> <li>• Check the clutch.</li> <li>• Check and clean the engine cooling fins and shrouds (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Check the mower-deck belt(s).</li> </ul>
Every 200 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the engine-oil filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> </ul>
Every 250 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the primary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Check the safety air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> </ul>
Every 400 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the transmission belt.</li> </ul>
Every 500 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the safety air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Adjust the caster-pivot bearing.</li> <li>• Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic fluid.</li> </ul>
Every 800 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the fuel filter.</li> </ul>
Every 1,000 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the transmission belt.</li> </ul>
Before storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint chipped surfaces.</li> <li>• Perform all maintenance procedures listed above before storage.</li> </ul>
Yearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grease the front caster pivots (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Grease the caster-wheel hubs.</li> <li>• Grease the motion controls.</li> <li>• Apply anti-seize compound to the cushion knobs.</li> </ul>

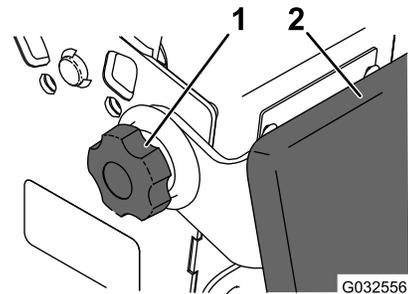
**Important:** Refer to your engine owner’s manual for additional maintenance procedures.

## Pre-Maintenance Procedures

### Releasing the Cushion for Rear Access

You can release the cushion for rear access to the machine for maintenance or adjustment.

1. Lower the platform.
2. Loosen the twist knobs on each side of the machine (Figure 32).



**Figure 32**

1. Twist knob
  2. Cushion
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3. Remove the cushion and lower it to the platform.
  4. Perform any maintenance or adjustment on the machine.
  5. Raise the cushion, and slide it onto the pins on both sides of the machine.
  6. Tighten the twist knobs.

## Opening the Engine Guard

Rotate the engine guard forward as shown in [Figure 33](#).

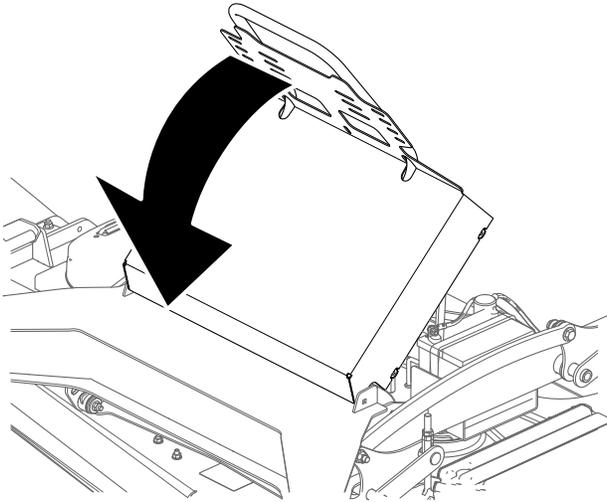


Figure 33

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## Lubrication

### Greasing the Machine

Grease with No. 2 lithium or molybdenum grease.

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean the grease fittings with a rag.

**Note:** Make sure to scrape any paint off the front of the fitting(s).

4. Connect a grease gun to the fitting.
5. Pump grease into the fittings until grease begins to ooze out of the bearings.
6. Wipe up any excess grease.

### Greasing the Front Caster Pivots

**Service Interval:** Yearly

**Grease type:** Lithium or molybdenum grease

1. Remove the dust cap and adjust the caster pivots; refer to [Adjusting the Caster-Pivot Bearing \(page 42\)](#).

**Note:** Keep the dust cap off until you have finished greasing the caster pivots.

2. Remove the hex plug.
3. Thread a grease fitting (1/4 inch–28 taper thread) into the hole.
4. Pump grease into the fitting until it oozes out around the top bearing.
5. Remove the grease fitting from the hole.
6. Install the hex plug and dust cap.

### Greasing the Caster-Wheel Hubs

**Service Interval:** Yearly

**Grease type:** Lithium or molybdenum grease

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the caster wheel from the caster forks.
4. Remove the seal guards from the wheel hub ([Figure 34](#)).

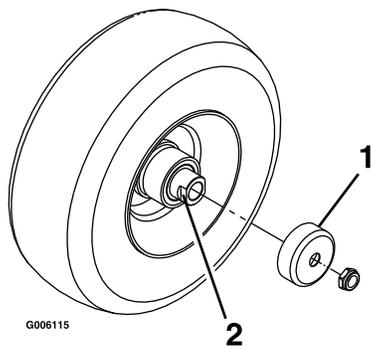


Figure 34

1. Seal guard
2. Spacer nut with wrench flats

5. Remove 1 spacer nut from the axle assembly in the caster wheel.

**Note:** Thread-locking adhesive has been applied to lock the spacer nuts to the axle. Remove the axle (with the other spacer nut still assembled to it) from the wheel assembly.

6. Pry out the seals, inspect bearings for wear or damage, and replace them if necessary.
7. Pack the bearings with a general-purpose grease.
8. Insert 1 bearing and 1 new seal into the wheel.

**Note:** You must replace the seals.

9. If both spacer nuts in the axle assembly have been removed (or broken loose), apply a thread-locking adhesive to 1 spacer nut, threading it onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.

**Note:** Do not thread the spacer nut all of the way onto the end of the axle. Leave approximately 3 mm (1/8 inch) from the outer surface of the spacer nut to the end of the axle inside the nut.

10. Insert the assembled nut and axle into the wheel on the side of the wheel with the new seal and bearing.
11. With the open end of the wheel facing up, fill the area inside the wheel around the axle full of general-purpose grease.
12. Insert the second bearing and the new seal into the wheel.
13. Apply a thread-locking adhesive to the second spacer nut, threading it onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.
14. Torque the nut to 8 to 9 N·m (71 to 80 in-lb), loosen it, then torque it to 2 to 3 N·m (20 to 25 in-lb).

**Note:** Make sure that the axle does not extend beyond either nut.

15. Install the seal guards over the wheel hub and insert the wheel into the caster fork.
16. Install the caster bolt and tighten the nut fully.

**Important:** To prevent seal and bearing damage, check the bearing adjustment often by spinning the caster wheel. The wheel should not spin freely (more than 1 or 2 revolutions) or have any side play. If the wheel spins freely, adjust the torque on the spacer nut until there is a slight amount of drag, and apply thread-locking adhesive.

## Lubricating the Motion Controls

**Service Interval:** Yearly

Grease the operator-presence-control balljoint and the motion-control bushing for both levers.

**Note:** Use an oil drip between the lever brackets to grease the bushing, located in the pivot tube.

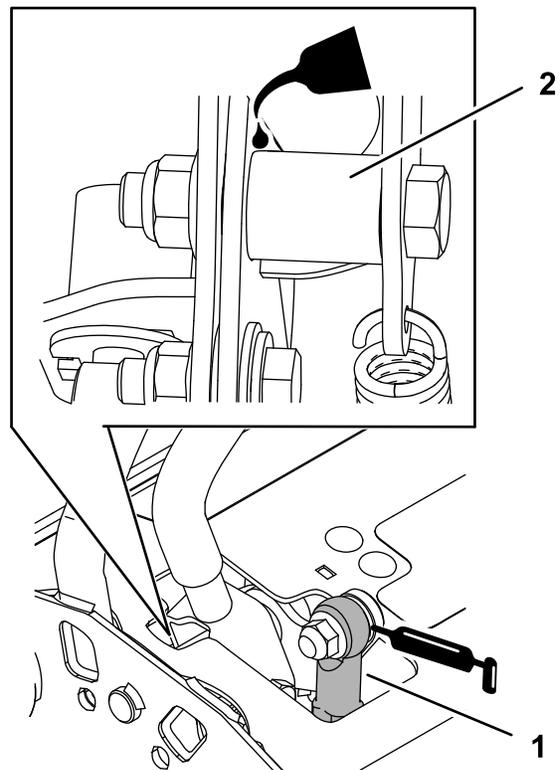


Figure 35

1. Operator-presence control
2. Pivot tube balljoint

# Engine Maintenance

## Engine Safety

- Shut off the engine before checking the oil or adding oil to the crankcase.
- Keep your hands, feet, face, clothing, and other body parts away from the muffler and other hot surfaces.

## Servicing the Air Cleaner

**Service Interval:** Every 250 hours—Replace the primary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 250 hours—Check the safety air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 500 hours—Replace the safety air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

**Note:** Service the air cleaner more frequently if operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

## Removing the Filters

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Release the latches on the air cleaner and pull the air-cleaner cover off the air-cleaner body (Figure 36).

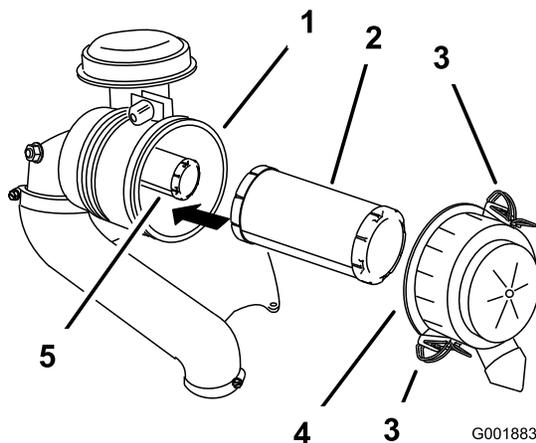


Figure 36

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| 1. Air-cleaner body | 4. Air-cleaner cover |
| 2. Primary filter   | 5. Safety filter     |
| 3. Latch            |                      |

4. Clean the inside of the air-cleaner cover with compressed air.

5. Gently slide the primary filter out of the air-cleaner body (Figure 36).

**Note:** Avoid knocking the filter into the side of the body.

6. Remove the safety filter only to replace it.

## Inspecting the Filters

1. Inspect the safety filter. If it is dirty, replace both the safety and primary filters.

**Important:** Do not attempt to clean the safety filter. If the safety filter is dirty, then the primary filter is damaged.

2. Inspect the primary filter for damage by looking into the filter while shining a bright light on the outside of the filter. If the primary filter is dirty, bent, or damaged, replace it.

**Note:** Holes in the filter appear as bright spots. Do not clean the primary filter.

## Installing the Filters

**Important:** To prevent engine damage, always operate the engine with both air filters and the cover installed.

1. If you are installing new filters, check each filter for shipping damage.

**Note:** Do not use a damaged filter.

2. If you are replacing the inner filter, carefully slide it into the filter body (Figure 36).

3. Carefully slide the primary filter over the safety filter (Figure 36).

**Note:** Ensure that the primary filter is fully seated by pushing on the outer rim while installing it.

**Important:** Do not press on the soft, inside area of the filter.

4. Install the air-cleaner cover and secure the latches (Figure 36).

# Servicing the Engine Oil

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

After the first 8 hours

Every 100 hours (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 200 hours—Change the engine-oil filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

## Engine-Oil Specifications

**Oil Type:** Detergent oil (API service SF, SG, SH, SJ, or SL)

**Crankcase Capacity:** 1.9 L (64 fl oz) with a filter change; 1.7 L (57 fl oz) with no filter change

**Viscosity:** See the table below.

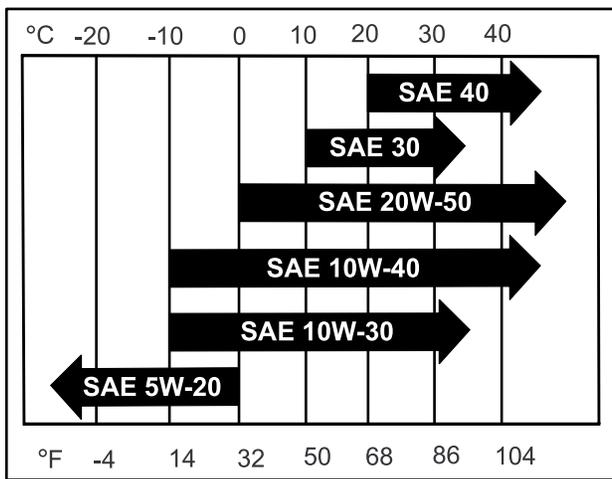


Figure 37

**Note:** Use of multi-grade oils (5W-20, 10W-30, or 10W-40) increases oil consumption. Check the oil level more frequently when using them.

## Checking the Engine-Oil Level

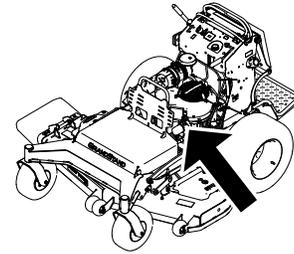
**Note:** Check the oil when the engine is cold.

**Important:** If you overfill or underfill the engine crankcase with oil and run the engine, you may damage the engine.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.

**Note:** Ensure that the engine is cool so that the oil has had time to drain into the sump.

3. To keep dirt, grass clippings, etc., out of the engine, clean the area around the oil-fill cap and dipstick before removing it (Figure 38).



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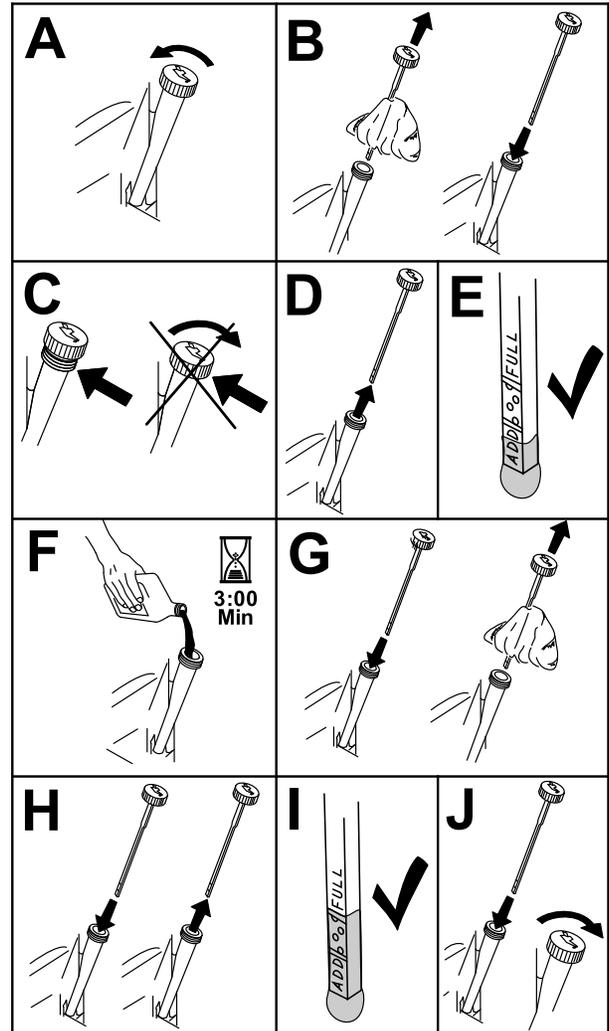


Figure 38

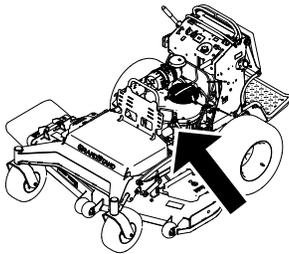
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# Changing the Engine Oil

**Note:** Dispose of the used oil at a recycling center.

1. Start the engine and let it run for 5 minutes.
 

**Note:** This warms the oil so that it drains better.
2. Park the machine so that the drain side is slightly lower than the opposite side to ensure that the oil drains completely.
3. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO) and engage the parking brake.
4. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
5. Drain the oil from the engine (Figure 39).



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6. Slowly pour approximately 80% of the specified oil into the filler tube and slowly add the additional oil to bring it to the Full mark (Figure 40).

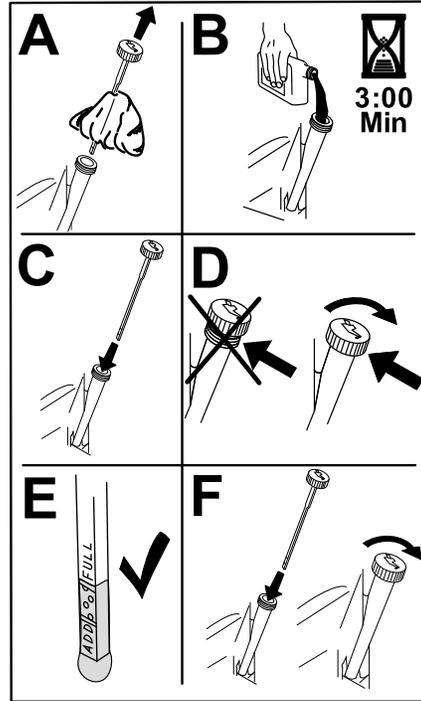


Figure 40

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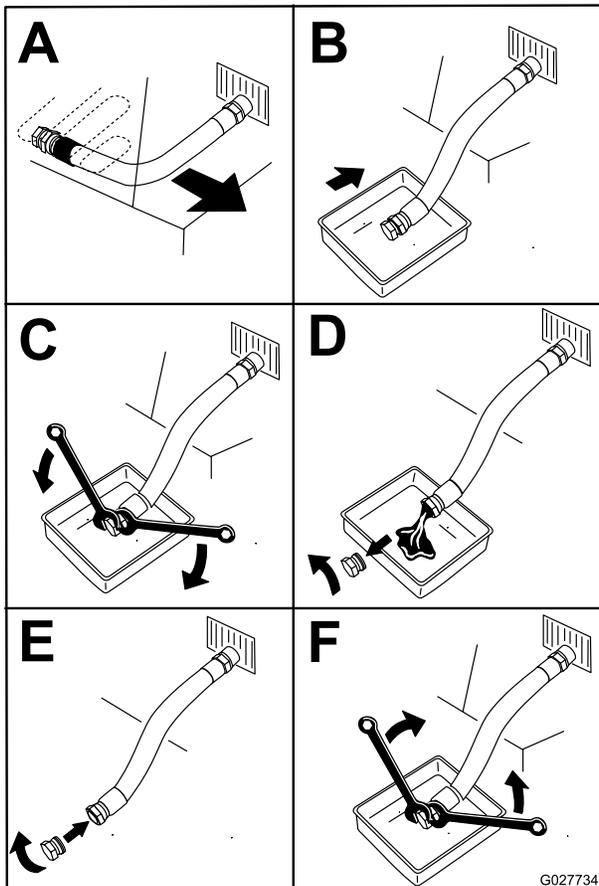


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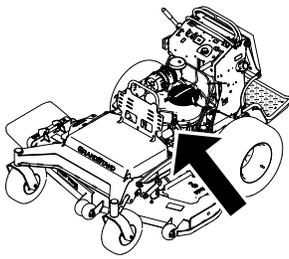
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7. Start the engine and drive to a flat area.
8. Check the oil level again.

## Changing the Engine-Oil Filter

1. Drain the oil from the engine; refer to [Changing the Engine-Oil Filter \(page 34\)](#).
2. Change the engine-oil filter (Figure 41).



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## Servicing the Spark Plug(s)

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

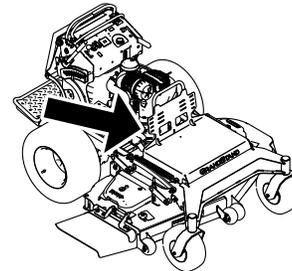
Ensure that the air gap between the center and side electrodes is correct before installing the spark plug. Use a spark plug wrench for removing and installing the spark plug and a gapping tool or feeler gauge to check and adjust the air gap. Install a new spark plug if necessary.

**Type of Spark Plug:** NGK® BPR5ES or equivalent

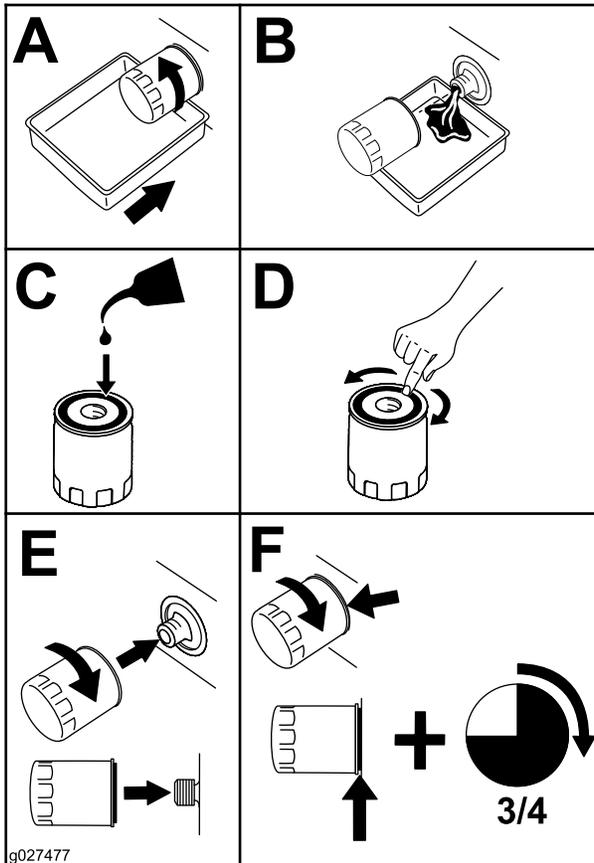
**Air Gap:** 0.75 mm (0.03 inch)

### Removing the Spark Plug(s)

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean the area around the base of the plug to keep dirt and debris out of the engine.
4. Locate and remove the spark plug(s) as shown in [Figure 42](#).



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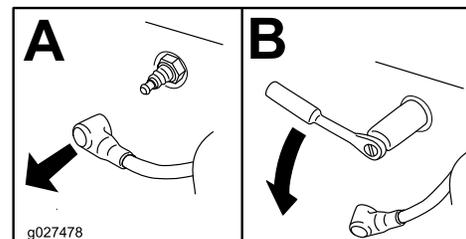
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Figure 41

**Note:** Ensure that the oil-filter gasket touches the engine, and then turn the oil filter an extra 3/4 turn.

3. Fill the crankcase with the proper type of new oil; refer to [Engine-Oil Specifications \(page 33\)](#).



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Figure 42

### Checking the Spark Plug(s)

**Important:** Do not clean the spark plug(s). Always replace the spark plug(s) when it has a black coating, worn electrodes, an oily film, or cracks.

If you see light brown or gray on the insulator, the engine is operating properly. A black coating on the insulator usually means the air cleaner is dirty.

Set the gap to 0.75 mm (0.03 inch).

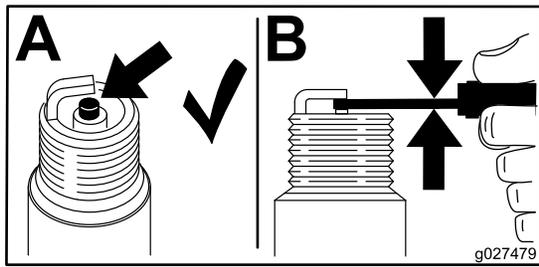


Figure 43

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## Checking the Spark Arrester

### For Machines with a Spark Arrester

Service Interval: Every 50 hours

#### **⚠ WARNING**

Hot exhaust-system components may ignite fuel vapors even after you shut off the engine. Hot particles exhausted during engine operation may ignite flammable materials, resulting in personal injury or property damage.

**Do not refuel or run the engine unless the spark arrester is installed.**

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Wait for the muffler to cool.
4. If you see any breaks in the screen or welds, replace the arrester.
5. If the screen is plugged, remove the arrester, shake loose particles out of the arrester, and clean the screen with a wire brush (soak the screen in solvent if necessary).
6. Install the arrester on the exhaust outlet.

## Installing the Spark Plug(s)

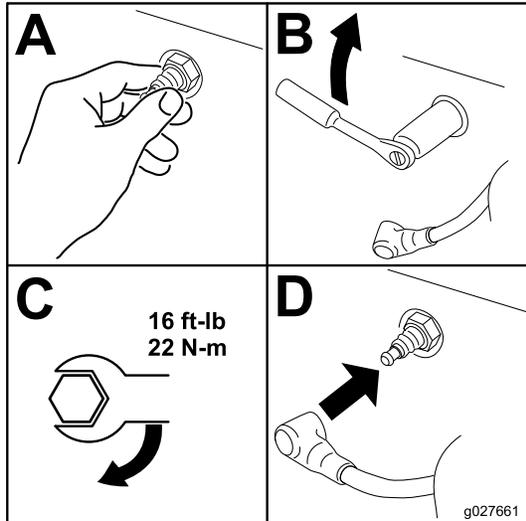


Figure 44

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# Fuel System Maintenance

## **▲ DANGER**

In certain conditions, fuel is extremely flammable and highly explosive. A fire or explosion from fuel can burn you and others and can damage property.

Refer to [Fuel Safety \(page 12\)](#) for a complete list of fuel related precautions.

## Draining the Fuel Tank

You can drain the fuel tank by removing it and pouring the fuel out of the fill neck; refer to [Removing the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#). You can also drain the fuel tank by using a siphon in the following procedure.

## **▲ DANGER**

In certain conditions, fuel is extremely flammable and highly explosive. A fire or explosion from fuel can burn you and others and can damage property.

- Drain fuel from the fuel tank when the engine is cold. Do this outdoors in an open area. Wipe up any fuel that spills.
- Never smoke when draining fuel, and stay away from an open flame, or where a spark may ignite the fuel fumes.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean around the fuel cap to prevent debris from getting into the fuel tank ([Figure 45](#)).
4. Remove the fuel cap.
5. Insert a syphon pump into the fuel tank.
6. Using the syphon pump, drain the fuel into a fuel container.
7. Wipe up any spilled fuel.

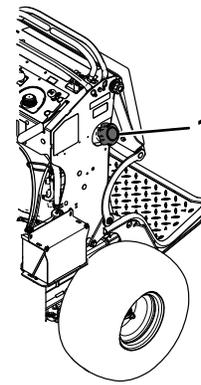


Figure 45

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1. Fuel cap

## Removing the Fuel Tank

1. Lower the platform.
2. Release the cushion; refer to [Releasing the Cushion for Rear Access \(page 29\)](#).
3. Remove the cross bracket.

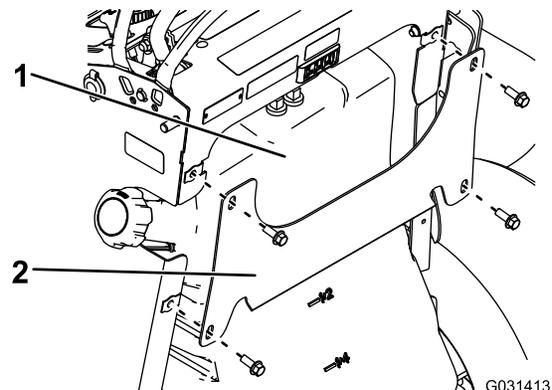


Figure 46

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1. Fuel tank
2. Cross bracket

4. Remove the fuel tank and set it on the operator platform.

**Note:** If you want to move the fuel tank further from the machine, remove the fuel and vent lines from the top of the tank.

# Replacing the Fuel Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 800 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)

Do not install a dirty filter if it is removed from the fuel line.

**Note:** Wipe up any spilled fuel.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Close the fuel-shutoff valve; refer to [Using the Fuel-Shutoff Valve \(page 25\)](#).
4. Replace the fuel filter as shown in [Figure 47](#).

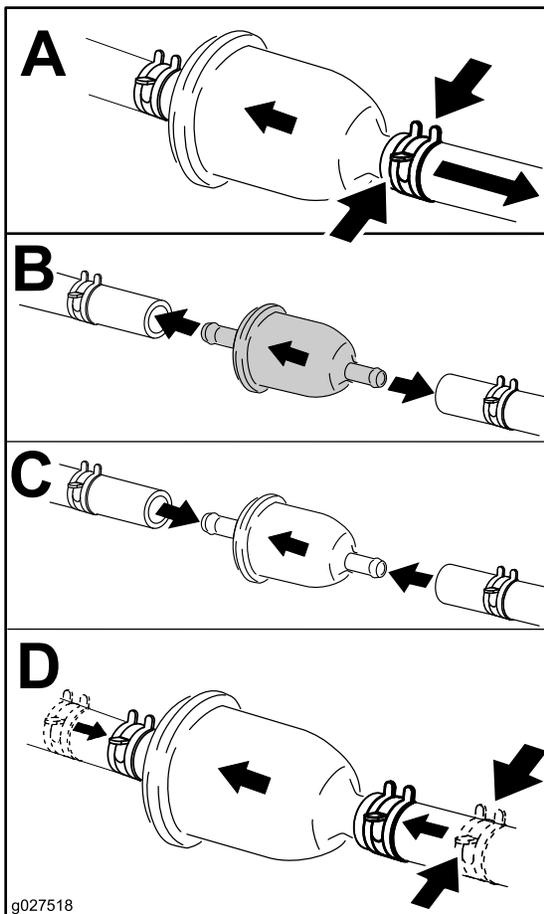


Figure 47

# Electrical System Maintenance

## Electrical System Safety

- Disconnect the battery or remove the spark-plug wire before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive terminal last. Connect the positive terminal first and negative last.
- Charge the battery in an open, well-ventilated area, away from sparks and flames. Unplug the charger before connecting or disconnecting the battery. Wear protective clothing and use insulated tools.

## Servicing the Battery

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

Always keep the battery clean and fully charged. Use a paper towel to clean the battery case. If the battery terminals are corroded, clean them with a solution of four parts water and 1 part baking soda. Apply a light coating of grease to the battery terminals to prevent corrosion.

Voltage: 12 V

## Removing the Battery

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Open the engine guard.
4. Remove the battery as shown.

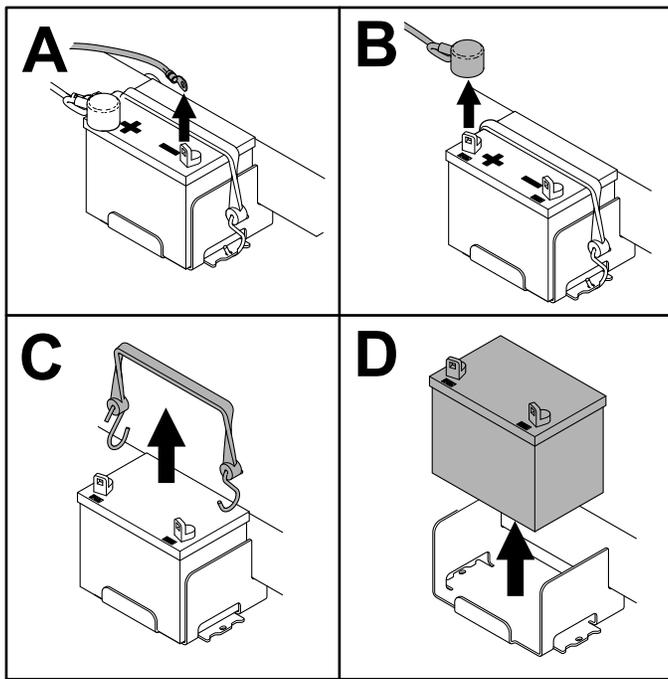


Figure 48

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## Charging the Battery

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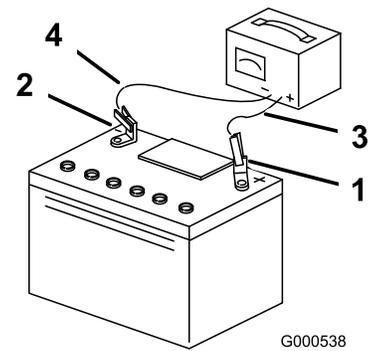
Charging the battery produces gasses that can explode.

Never smoke near the battery and keep sparks and flames away from battery.

**Important:** Always keep the battery fully charged (1.265 specific gravity) to prevent battery damage when the temperature is below 0°C (32°F).

1. Remove the battery from the chassis; refer to [Removing the Battery \(page 38\)](#).
2. Check the electrolyte level.
3. Ensure that the filler caps are installed on the battery.
4. Charge the battery for 1 hour at 25 to 30 A or 6 hours at 4 to 6 A.
5. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the charger from the electrical outlet, and disconnect the charger leads from the battery posts ([Figure 49](#)).
6. Install the battery onto the machine and connect the battery cables; refer to [Installing the Battery \(page 39\)](#).

**Note:** Do not run the machine with the battery disconnected; electrical damage may occur.



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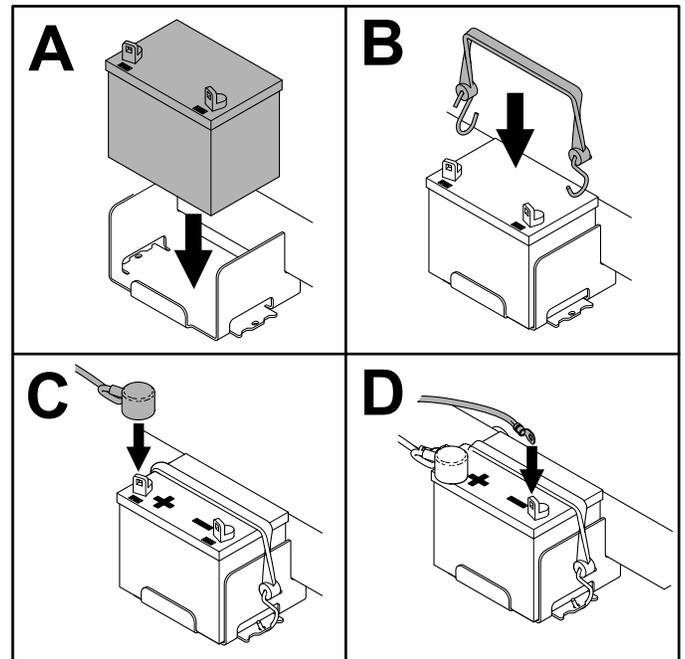
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Figure 49

1. Positive battery post
2. Negative battery post
3. Red (+) charger lead
4. Black (-) charger lead

## Installing the Battery

1. Install the battery as shown.



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Figure 50

2. Close the engine guard.

# Servicing the Fuses

The electrical system is protected by fuses. It requires no maintenance. If a fuse blows, check the component or circuit for a malfunction or short.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Release the operator cushion from the rear of the machine.
4. If you need to access the charge fuse, remove the fuel tank; refer to [Removing the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#).
5. Pull out the fuse and replace it ([Figure 51](#)).

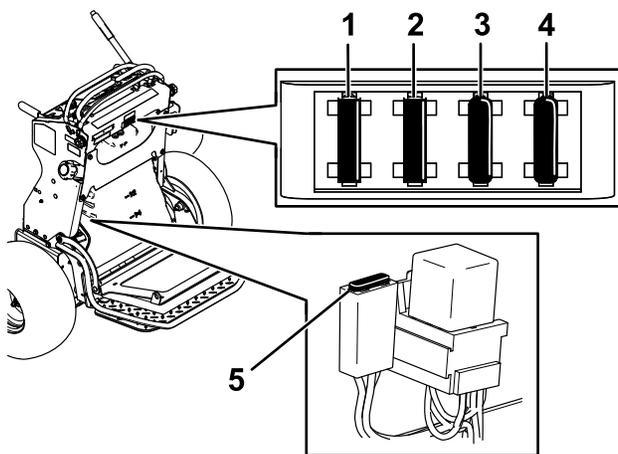


Figure 51

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| 1. Key switch fuse (15 A)          | 4. Hour meter (7.5 A) |
| 2. Accessory port (15 A)           | 5. Charge fuse (20 A) |
| 3. Power-takeoff (PTO) fuse (10 A) |                       |

6. Install the fuel tank, if removed; refer to [Removing the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#).
7. Install the operator cushion.

# Drive System Maintenance

## Adjusting the Tracking

If you push both motion-control levers forward the same distance and the machine pulls to 1 side, adjust the tracking as follows.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Release the cushion from the rear of the machine; refer to [Releasing the Cushion for Rear Access \(page 29\)](#).

**Note:** For easier access, you can also remove the fuel tank; refer to [Removing the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#).

4. Loosen the nut.
5. Rotate the left control rod in quarter-turn increments until the machine tracks straight.

**Note:** If the machine pulls to the right, shorten the control rod by rotating it to the right. If the machine pulls to the left, lengthen the rod by rotating it to the left.

**Note:** Adjust only the left control rod to match the left wheel speed to the right wheel speed. Do not adjust the right wheel speed, as this positions the right motion-control lever out of the center for the control panel neutral-lock slot.

**Important:** Do not rotate the control rod too far, as this may cause the machine to creep in neutral.

# Checking the Tire Pressure

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours/Monthly (whichever comes first)

Maintain the air pressure in the rear tires at 83 to 97 kPa (12 to 14 psi).

**Important:** Uneven tire pressure can cause an uneven cut.

**Note:** The front tires are semi-pneumatic tires and do not require air-pressure maintenance.

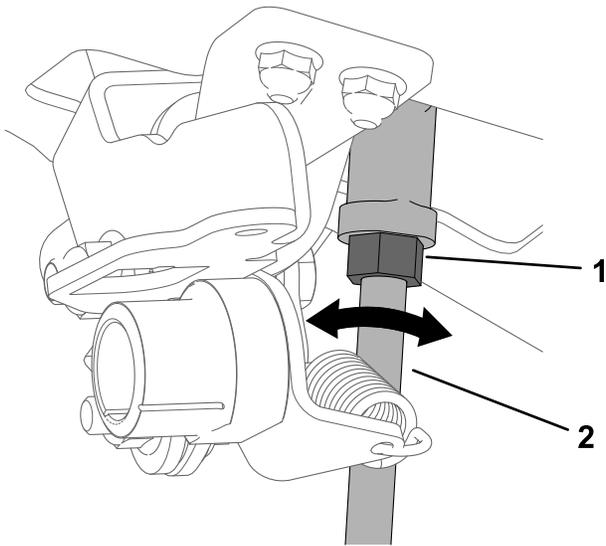


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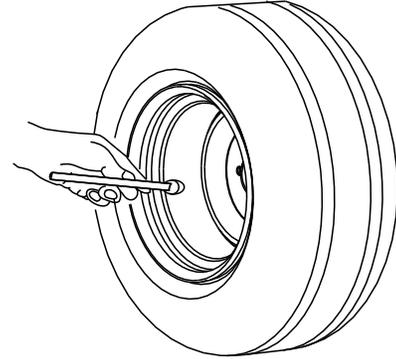
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1. Nut
2. Left control rod

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6. Tighten the nut.
  7. Check for proper tracking, and adjust the rod as necessary.

**Note:** If you are unable to achieve proper tracking by adjusting the left control rod, contact your Authorized Service Dealer.

8. Check that the machine does not creep from the neutral position with the park brakes disengaged.
9. Install the fuel tank, if you removed it.
10. Install the cushion.



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Figure 53

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# Adjusting the Caster-Pivot Bearing

**Service Interval:** Every 500 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the dust cap from the caster and tighten the locknut (Figure 54).
4. Tighten the locknut until the spring washers are flat, and then back off a 1/4 turn to properly set the preload on the bearings (Figure 54).

**Important:** Make sure that the spring washers are installed correctly as shown in Figure 54.

5. Install the dust cap (Figure 54).

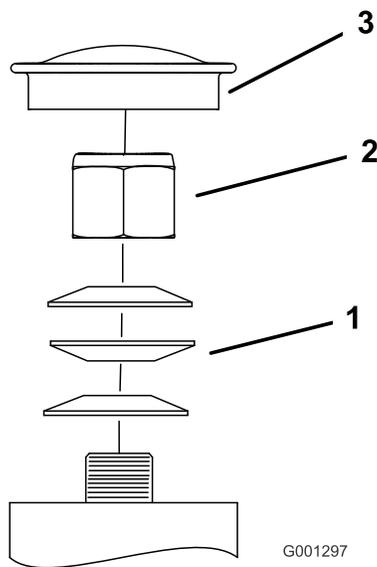


Figure 54

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|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. Spring washers | 3. Dust cap |
| 2. Locknut        |             |

# Servicing the Caster Wheels and Bearings

The caster wheels rotate on a roller bearing supported by a spanner bushing. If the bearing is kept well lubricated, wear will be minimal. Failure to keep the bearing well lubricated causes rapid wear. A wobbly caster wheel usually indicates a worn bearing.

1. Remove the locknut and wheel bolt holding the caster wheel to the caster fork (Figure 55).

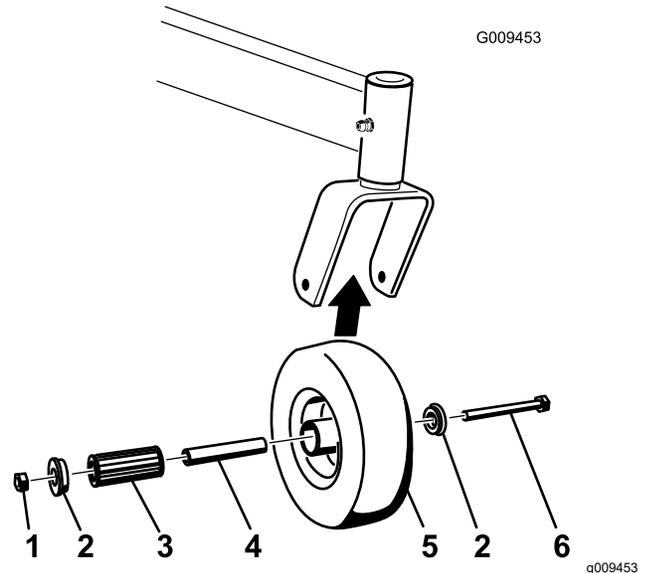


Figure 55

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Locknut         | 4. Roller bearing |
| 2. Bushing         | 5. Caster wheel   |
| 3. Spanner bushing | 6. Wheel bolt     |

2. Remove 1 bushing, then pull the spanner bushing and roller bearing out of the wheel hub (Figure 55).
3. Remove the other bushing from the wheel hub and clean any grease and dirt from the wheel hub (Figure 55).

4. Inspect the roller bearing, bushings, spanner bushing and the inside of the wheel hub for wear.

**Note:** Replace any damaged or worn parts (Figure 55).

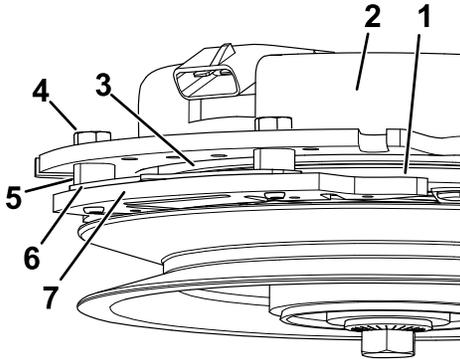
5. Place 1 bushing into the wheel hub (Figure 55).
6. Grease the roller bearing and spanner bushing, and slide them into the wheel hub (Figure 55).
7. Place the second bushing into the wheel hub (Figure 55).
8. Install the caster wheel into the caster fork and secure it with the wheel bolt and locknut (Figure 55).

9. Tighten the locknut until the spanner bushing bottoms against the inside of the caster forks (Figure 55).
10. Grease the fitting on the caster wheel.

## Removing the Clutch Shim

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours—Check the clutch.

When the clutch brake has worn to the point where the clutch no longer engages consistently, you can remove the shim to extend the clutch life (Figure 56).

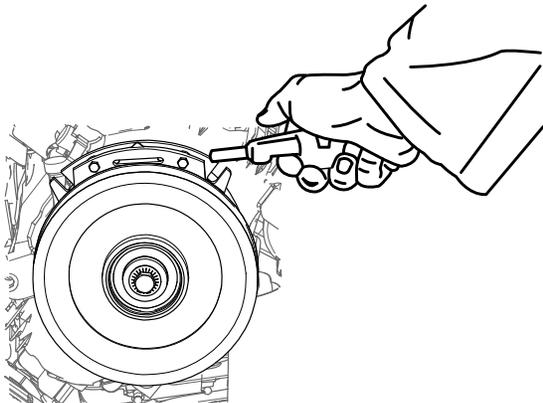


**Figure 56**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Armature            | 5. Brake spacer |
| 2. Field shell         | 6. Shim.        |
| 3. Rotor               | 7. Brake pole   |
| 4. Brake-mounting bolt |                 |

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Using an air compressor, blow out any debris under the brake pole and around the brake spacers.

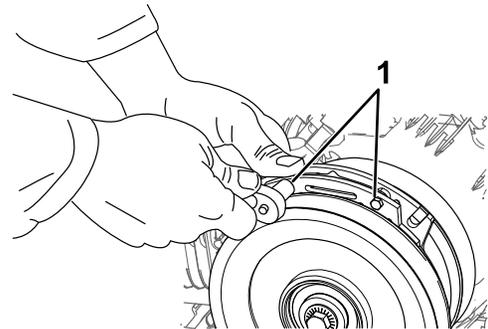


**Figure 57**

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4. Check the condition of the wire-harness leads, connectors, and terminals. Clean or repair them as necessary.
5. Verify that 12 V is present at the clutch connector when you engage the PTO switch.
6. Measure the gap between the rotor and armature. If the gap is greater than 1 mm (0.04 inch), proceed with the following steps:
  - A. Loosen both brake mounting bolts 1/2 to 1 full turn as shown in Figure 58.

**Note:** Do not remove the brake pole from the field shell/armature. The brake pole has worn to match the armature and needs to continue to match after you remove the shim to ensure the proper brake torque.



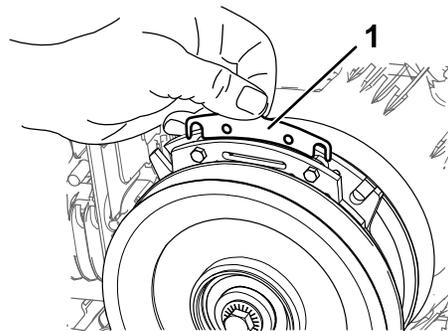
**Figure 58**

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1. Brake-mounting bolt

- B. Using needle-nose pliers, or by hand, remove the shim.

**Note:** Do not discard the shim until you confirm that the clutch functions properly.



**Figure 59**

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1. Shim

- C. Using a pneumatic line, blow out any debris under the brake pole and around the brake spacers.
- D. Torque each bolt (M6 x 1) to 12.3 to 13.7 N·m (9.5 to 10.5 ft·lb).

- E. Using a 0.010 inch thick-feeler gauge, verify that a gap is present between the rotor and armature face on both sides of the brake pole as shown in [Figure 60](#) and [Figure 61](#).

**Note:** Due to the way the rotor and armature faces wear (peaks and valleys), it is sometimes difficult to measure the true gap.

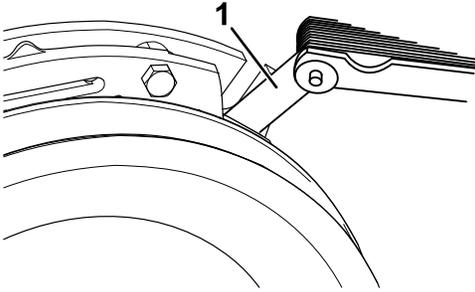


Figure 60

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1. Feeler gauge

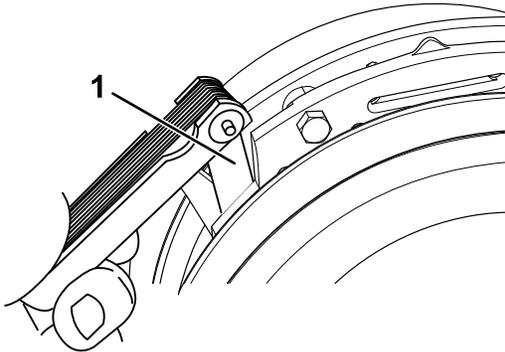


Figure 61

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1. Feeler gauge

- If the gap is less than 0.010 inch, then install the shim.
- If the gap is sufficient, proceed to the safety check in step [F](#).

- F. Perform the following safety check:

- i. Start the engine from the operator's position.
- ii. Make sure that the blades do not engage when the PTO switch is in the OFF position and the clutch is disengaged.

**Note:** If the clutch does not disengage, install the shim.

- iii. Engage and disengage the PTO switch 10 consecutive times to ensure that the clutch is functioning properly.

## Checking the Wheel-Lug Nuts

**Service Interval:** After the first 100 hours—Check the wheel-lug nuts.

Check and torque the wheel-lug nuts to 115 to 142 N·m (85 to 105 ft-lb).

# Cooling System Maintenance

## Cleaning the Air-Intake Screen

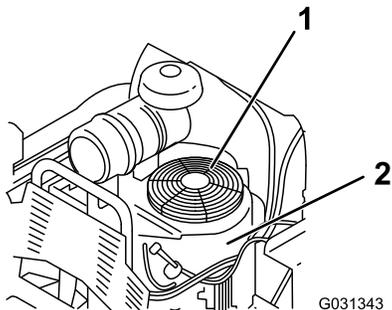
**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

Before each use, remove any buildup of grass, dirt, or other debris from the cylinder and cylinder-head cooling fins, air-intake screen on the flywheel end, and the carburetor-governor levers and linkage. This helps ensure adequate cooling of the engine and the correct engine speed, and it reduces the possibility of overheating or mechanical damage to the engine.

## Cleaning the Cooling System

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours—Check and clean the engine cooling fins and shrouds (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the air-intake screen and fan housing (Figure 62).
4. Clean the debris and grass from the engine parts.
5. Install the air-intake screen and fan housing (Figure 62).



**Figure 62**

1. Guard and engine air-intake screen
2. Fan housing

# Brake Maintenance

## Testing the Parking Brake

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

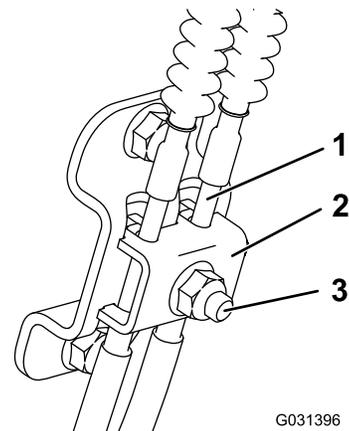
Before each use, test the parking brake on both a level surface and slope.

Always engage the parking brake when you stop the machine or leave it unattended. If the parking brake does not hold securely, adjust it.

1. Disengage the PTO and engage the parking brake
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Disengage the parking brake.
4. Engage the brake lever and ensure that the machine does not move.
5. Adjust the brake if needed.

## Adjusting the Brakes

1. Remove the fuel tank; refer to [Removing the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#).
2. Loosen the bolt on the cable clamp on the left side of the machine.



**Figure 63**

1. Cable
2. Cable clamp
3. Bolt and nut

3. Pull down on the cables until they are taut.
4. Tighten the nut.
5. Install the fuel tank, cross bracket, and cushion.

# Belt Maintenance

## Checking the Belts

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours—Check the mower-deck belt(s).

Check belts for cracks, frayed edges, burn marks, wear, signs of overheating, or any other damage.

The signs of a worn mower belt are squealing while the belt is rotating, blades slipping while you are cutting grass, frayed belt edges, burn marks, and cracks. Replace the mower belt if you detect any of these signs.

## Replacing the Mower-Deck Belt

1. Disengage the PTO and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Open the engine guard; refer to [Opening the Engine Guard \(page 30\)](#).
4. Remove the belt covers.

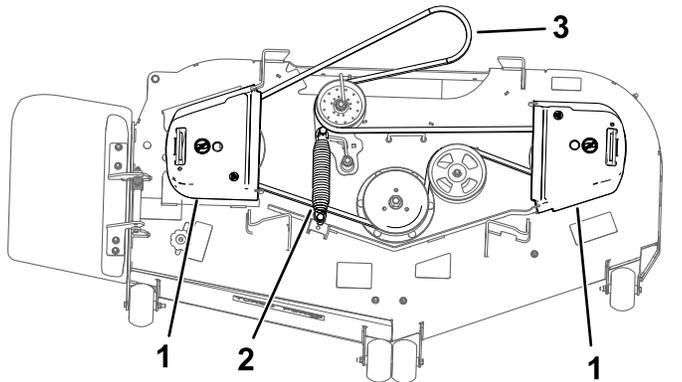


Figure 64

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1. Belt cover
2. Spring
3. Belt

7. Route the new belt around the engine pulley and deck pulleys.

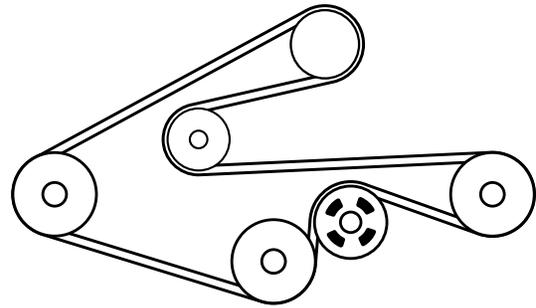


Figure 65

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8. Use the spring-removal tool to install the idler spring over the deck hook and place tension on the idler pulley and the mower belt.
9. Install the pulley covers.
10. Close the engine guard.

5. Using a spring-removal tool, remove the idler spring from the deck hook to remove tension on the idler pulley, and roll the belt off the pulleys.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**The spring is under tension when installed and can cause personal injury.**

**Be careful when removing the belt.**

6. Inspect the mower deck for any damaged pulleys or bearings. Remove any debris from the deck.

# Replacing the Transmission Belt

**Service Interval:** Every 400 hours

Every 1,000 hours—Replace the transmission belt.

1. Remove the fuel tank; refer to [Removing the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#).
2. Remove the tension spring.

## ⚠ CAUTION

The spring is under tension when installed and can cause personal injury.

Wear safety glasses and be careful when removing the spring.

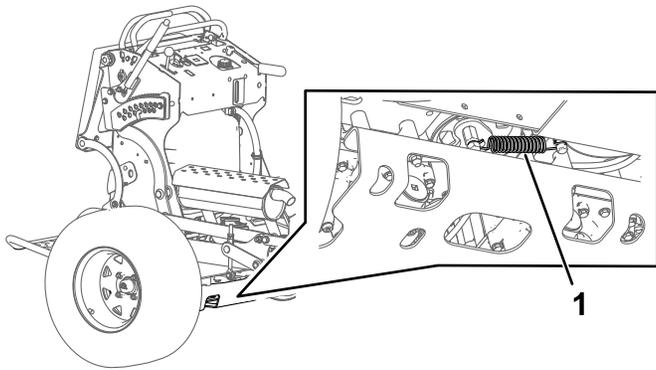


Figure 66

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1. Tension spring
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3. Remove the deck belt from the clutch and clutch stop.

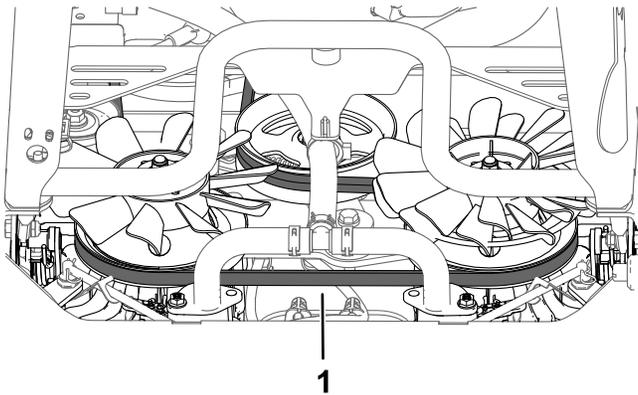


Figure 67

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1. Transmission belt

4. Install the new belt.
5. Install the tension spring.

# Controls System Maintenance

## Adjusting the Motion-Control Levers

If the motion-control levers do not align horizontally, adjust the motion-control levers.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Push the motion-control levers down out of the NEUTRAL-LOCK position ([Figure 68](#)).
4. Check if the right motion-control lever aligns horizontally with the left motion-control lever ([Figure 68](#)).

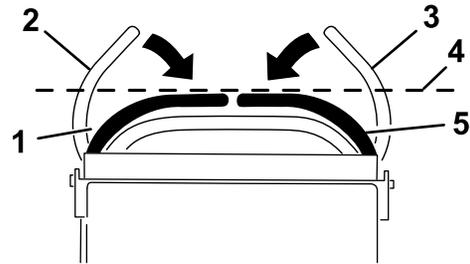


Figure 68

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1. Left motion-control lever in the Neutral-lock position
2. Left motion-control lever
3. Right motion-control lever in the Neutral-lock position
4. Check the horizontal alignment here
5. Right motion-control lever

**Note:** To adjust the right motion-control lever horizontally, adjust the cam.

5. Release the cushion from the rear of the machine.
6. Loosen the nut holding the cam ([Figure 69](#)).



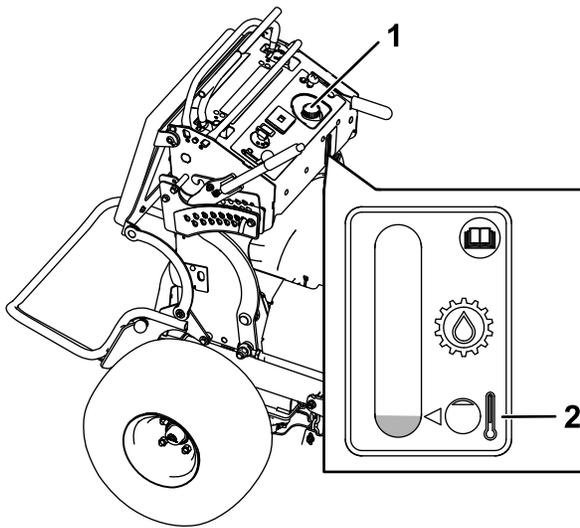


Figure 70

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1. Hydraulic-tank cap
2. Cold fluid level

5. Remove the cap from the filler neck (Figure 70).

**Note:** Look inside to check the fluid level in the reservoir.

6. Add fluid to the reservoir until it reaches the minimum cold fill level.
7. Install the cap on the filler neck.

## Replacing the Hydraulic Fluid and Filters

**Service Interval:** After the first 50 hours

Every 500 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)—Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic fluid.

Change the hydraulic fluid more frequently in severe conditions or in a hot operating climate. Contact your Authorized Service Dealer for a hydraulic kit to replace the hydraulic filters.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Hot hydraulic fluid can cause severe burns.**

**Allow the hydraulic fluid to cool before performing any maintenance on the hydraulic system.**

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the fuel tank; refer to [Removing the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#).

4. Remove the hydraulic-reservoir cap.
5. Locate the drain plug in the bottom of each transmission and place a drain pan under the plugs (Figure 71).

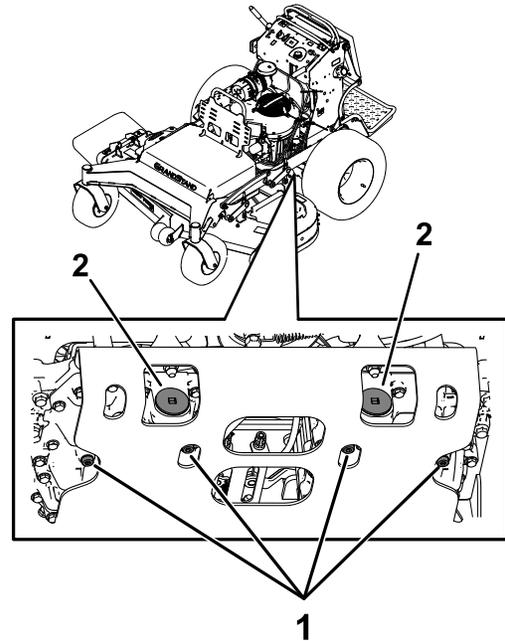


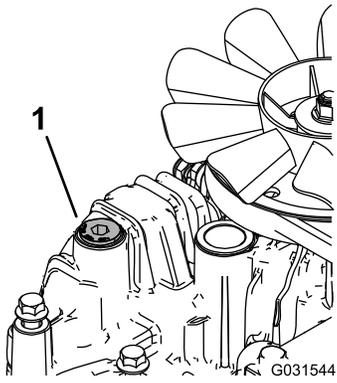
Figure 71

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1. Drain plug
2. Hydraulic filter

6. Remove the drain plugs.
7. Allow the hydraulic fluid to fully drain from the machine.
8. Remove the hydraulic filter cap and filter from each transmission.
9. Install new hydraulic filters with the spring side facing out and install the filter caps.
10. Install the drain plugs and torque to 22 to 27 N·m (16 to 20 ft-lb).
11. Loosen the vent plug in each transmission so that it is loose and wobbles (Figure 72).

**Note:** This allows air to escape the hydraulic system as you add hydraulic fluid.



**Figure 72**

Left transmission shown

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# Bleeding the Hydraulic System

The traction system is self-bleeding, however, it may be necessary to bleed the system if fluid is changed or after work is performed on the system.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the rear of the machine onto jack stands high enough to raise the drive wheels off the ground.

4. Start the engine and move the throttle control to the idle position.

**Note:** If the drive wheel does not rotate, assist the purging of the system by carefully rotating the tire in the forward direction.

5. Check the hydraulic fluid level as it drops, and add fluid as required to maintain the proper level.
6. Repeat this procedure for the opposite wheel.

1. Vent plug

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12. Slowly add fluid to the hydraulic tank until it starts to come out of the vent plugs.

**Important:** Use the fluid specified in [Hydraulic System Specifications \(page 48\)](#) or equivalent. Other fluids could cause system damage.

**Important:** Monitor the level of fluid in the hydraulic tank so that you do not overfill it.

13. Tighten the vent plugs.
14. Install the hydraulic-tank cap.
15. Install the fuel tank.
16. Start the engine and let it run for about 2 minutes to purge air from the system.
17. Shut off the engine and check for leaks.

**Note:** If 1 or both wheels do not drive, refer to [Bleeding the Hydraulic System \(page 50\)](#).

# Mower Deck Maintenance

## Blade Safety

A worn or damaged blade can break, and a piece of the blade could be thrown toward you or bystanders, resulting in serious personal injury or death.

- Inspect the blades periodically for wear or damage.
- Use care when checking the blades. Wrap the blades or wear gloves, and use caution when servicing the blades. Only replace or sharpen the blades; never straighten or weld them.
- Always inspect the machine to ensure that the blades and blade bolts are not worn or damaged. Replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.
- On multi-bladed machines, take care as rotating 1 blade can cause other blades to rotate.

## Servicing the Cutting Blades

To ensure a superior quality of cut, keep the blades sharp. For convenient sharpening and replacement, keep extra blades on hand.

## Before Inspecting or Servicing the Blades

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and disconnect the spark-plug wires from the spark plugs.

## Inspecting the Blades

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

1. Inspect the cutting edges.
2. If the edges are not sharp or have nicks, remove and sharpen the blade; refer to [Sharpening the Blades](#) (page 52).
3. Inspect the blades, especially in the curved area.
4. If you notice any cracks, wear, or a slot forming in this area, immediately install a new blade.

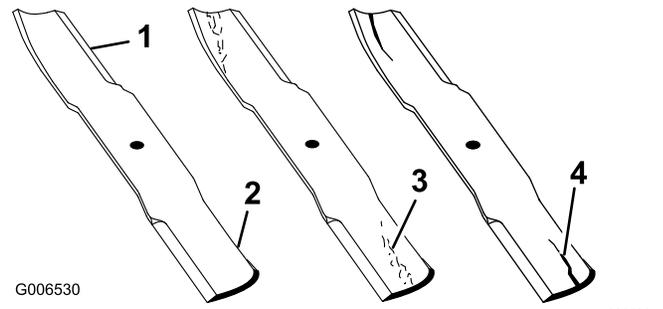


Figure 73

1. Cutting edge
2. Curved area
3. Wear/slot forming
4. Crack

## Checking for Bent Blades

### ⚠ WARNING

A blade that is bent or damaged could break apart and could critically injure you or bystanders.

- Always replace a bent or damaged blade with a new blade.
- Do not file or create sharp notches in the edges or surfaces of the blade.

1. Rotate the blades until the ends face forward and backward.
2. Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge, position A, of the blades.

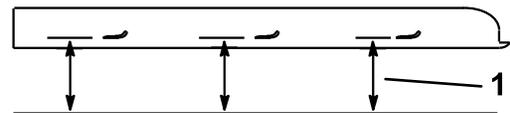
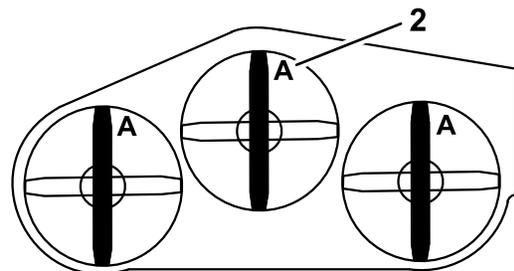


Figure 74

1. Measure here from blade to hard surface
2. Position A

3. Rotate the opposite ends of the blades forward.
4. Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blades at the same position as in step 2 above.

**Note:** The difference between the dimensions obtained in steps 2 and 3 must not exceed 3 mm (1/8 inch).

**Note:** If this dimension exceeds 3 mm (1/8 inch), replace the blade.

## Removing the Blades

Replace the blades if they hit a solid object, or if the blade is out of balance or bent.

1. Place a wrench on the flat of the spindle shaft or hold the blade end using a rag or thickly padded glove.
2. Remove the blade bolt, bushing, and blade from the spindle shaft (Figure 75).

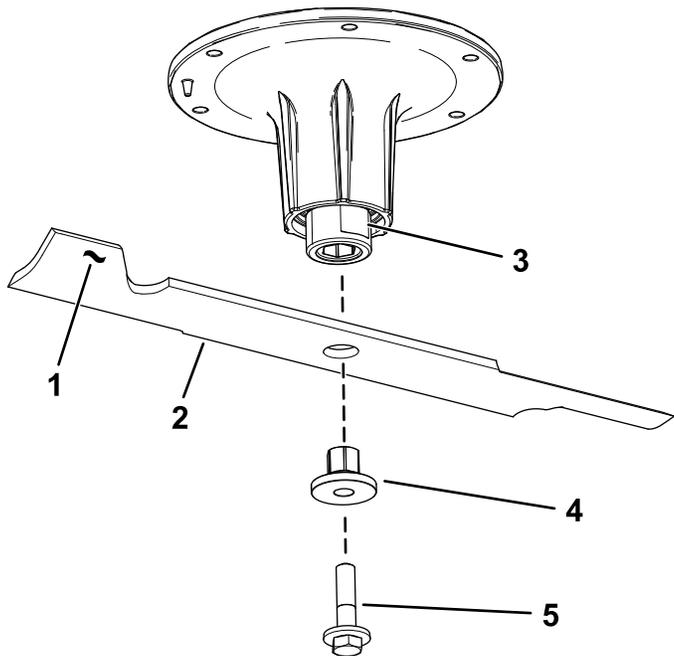


Figure 75

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| 1. Sail area of the blade    | 4. Bushing    |
| 2. Blade                     | 5. Blade bolt |
| 3. Flat of the spindle shaft |               |

## Sharpening the Blades

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade.

**Note:** Maintain the original angle.

**Note:** The blade retains its balance if the same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.

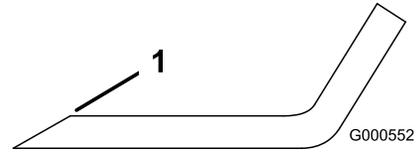


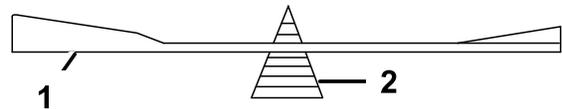
Figure 76

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1. Sharpen at original angle.

2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer.

**Note:** If the blade stays in a horizontal position, the blade is balanced and can be used. If the blade is not balanced, file some metal off the end of the sail area only.



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Figure 77

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| 1. Blade | 2. Balancer |
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3. Repeat this procedure until the blade is balanced.

## Installing the Blades

### ⚠ WARNING

Operating a machine after incorrectly installing the blade assembly and/or not using genuine Toro blade and blade hardware could allow a blade or blade component to be thrown out from under the deck, resulting in serious injury or death.

**Always install genuine Toro blades and blade hardware according to the instructions.**

1. Install the bushing through the blade with the bushing flange on the bottom (grass) side of the blade.

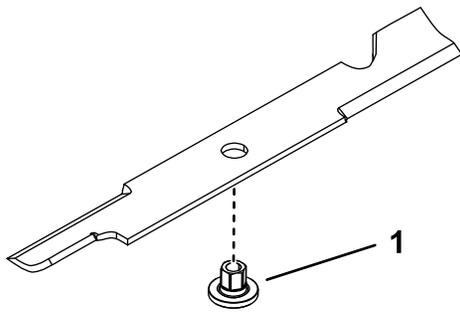


Figure 78

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1. Bushing

2. Install the bushing/blade assembly into the spindle shaft.

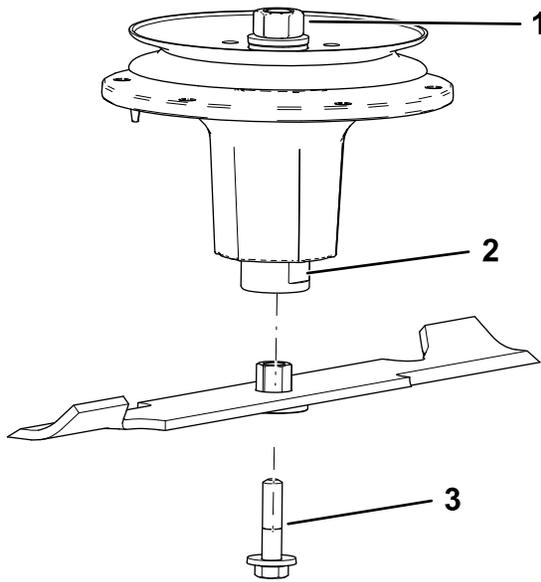


Figure 79

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1. Top spindle nut
2. Flat of the spindle shaft
3. Blade bolt

3. Apply copper-based lubricant or grease to the threads of the blade bolt as needed to prevent seizing. Install the blade bolt finger-tight.
4. Place a wrench on the flat of the spindle shaft and torque the blade bolt to 75 to 81 N·m (55 to 60 ft-lb).

## Leveling the Mower Deck

### Preparing the Machine

Ensure that the mower deck is level any time you install the mower deck or when you see an uneven cut on your lawn.

Level the mower deck side to side before adjusting the front-to-rear slope.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and disconnect the spark-plug wires from the spark plugs.
3. Check the tire pressure of both drive tires; refer to [Checking the Tire Pressure \(page 41\)](#).
4. Check the mower deck for bent blades; remove and replace any bent blades; refer to [Servicing the Cutting Blades \(page 51\)](#).
5. Lower the mower deck to the 76 mm (3 inch) height-of-cut position.

### Checking the Mower Deck Side-to-Side Height

1. Adjust the rear-tire pressure.
2. Ensure that the blades are not bent; refer to [Servicing the Cutting Blades \(page 51\)](#).
3. Position the blades side to side.
4. Measure at the **B** and **C** locations from a level surface to the cutting edge of blade tips ([Figure 80](#)).

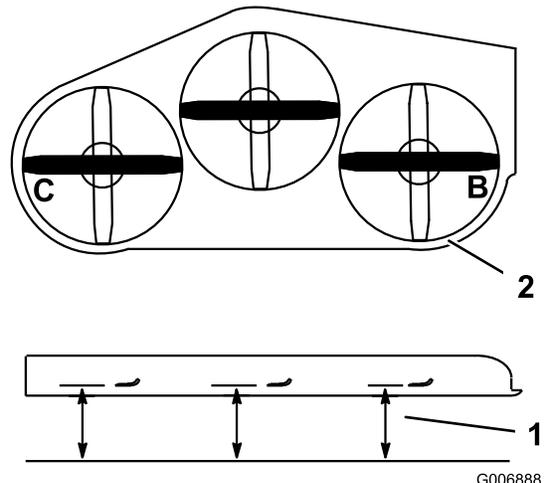


Figure 80

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1. Measure from a level surface
2. Measure the blade at points **B** and **C**

5. The difference between measurements **B** and **C** should be no more than 6 mm (1/4 inch).

**Note:** If it is not correct, refer to [Leveling the Mower Deck \(page 54\)](#).

## Checking the Mower Deck Front-to-Rear Pitch

1. Adjust the tire pressure in the rear tires to the correct specifications.
2. Position 1 blade front-to-rear. Measure at **A** and **B** locations from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blade tips (Figure 81).

**Note:** The mower blade should be 6 mm (1/4 inch) lower in front at **A** than in the rear at **B**.

3. Rotate the blades and repeat for other blades.

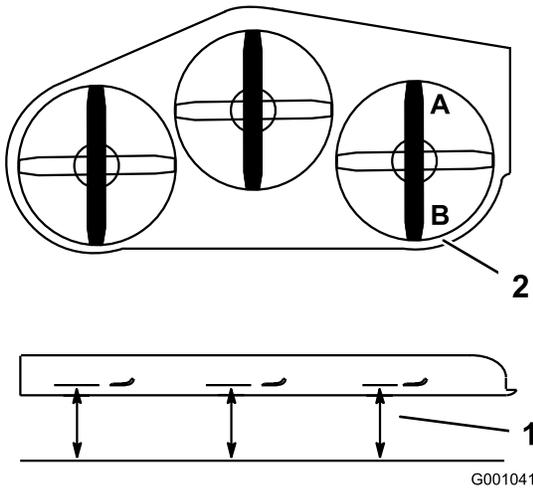


Figure 81

1. Measure the blade at points **A** and **B**
2. Measure from a level surface

4. If the front-to-rear pitch is not correct, refer to [Leveling the Mower Deck \(page 54\)](#).

## Leveling the Mower Deck

1. Loosen the jam nuts on the linkages you want to adjust.

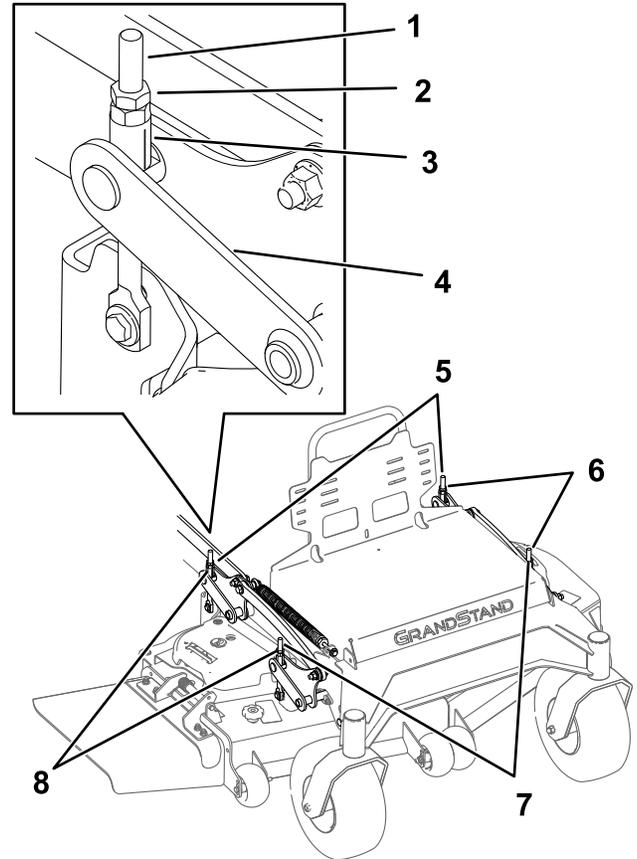


Figure 82

1. Top bolt
2. Jam nut
3. Yoke
4. Side nut
5. Adjust these linkages to adjust the rear of the mower deck.
6. Adjust these linkages to adjust the left side of the mower deck.
7. Adjust these linkages to adjust the front of the mower deck.
8. Adjust these linkages to adjust the right side of the mower deck.

2. Rotate the adjuster on the lift arm to adjust the height of the mower deck on that corner.

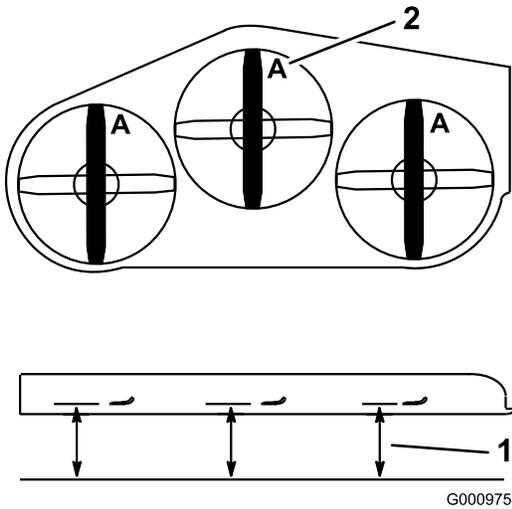
**Note:** Rotate the adjuster clockwise to raise the deck; rotate the bolt counterclockwise to lower it.

3. Tighten the jam nuts.
4. Check the side-to-side height; refer to [Checking the Mower Deck Side-to-Side Height \(page 53\)](#).
5. Check the front-to-rear pitch; refer to [Checking the Mower Deck Front-to-Rear Pitch \(page 54\)](#).

## Matching the Height-of-Cut

1. Check the rear tire pressure.
2. Set the height-of-cut to the 76 cm (3 inches) position; refer to [Adjusting the Height-of-Cut](#) (page 22).
3. With the machine on level surface, position 1 blade front-to-rear.
4. Measure at **A**, and from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blade tips ([Figure 83](#)).

**Note:** The measurement should be 76 cm (3 inches).



**Figure 83**

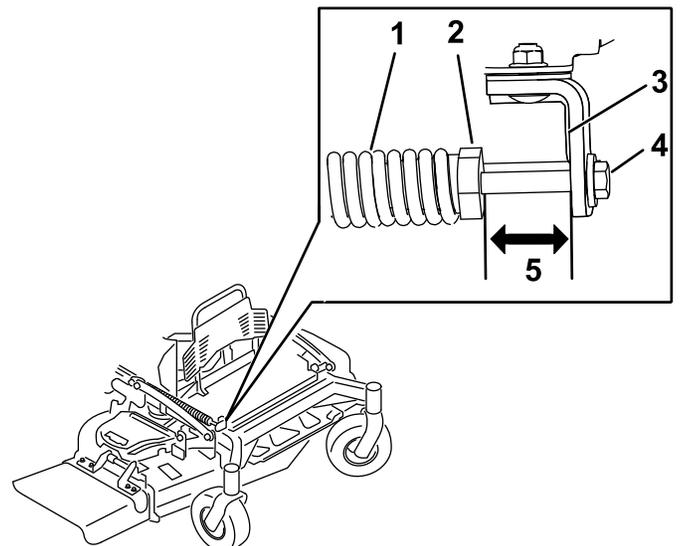
1. Measure from a level surface
2. Measure the blade at point **A**

5. If the measurement is not correct, adjust the front 2 deck linkages; refer to [Leveling the Mower Deck](#) (page 54).

## Adjusting the Deck-Lift Spring

**Note:** Adjusting the compression spring alters how much the deck floats and the amount of effort needed to lift the deck when using the height-of-cut lever.

- More spring extension reduces the lever lift force required and causes the deck to float more.
  - Less spring extension increases the lever lift force required and causes the deck to float less.
1. Raise the height-of-cut lever and lock it into the transport position.
  2. Check the distance between the spring nut and the rear side of the welded mount bracket ([Figure 84](#)).
  3. Ensure that the length is between 64 to 89 mm (2.5 to 3.5 inches) as shown in [Figure 84](#).
  4. If needed, adjust the distance by adjusting the bolt on the front of the mount bracket ([Figure 84](#)).



**Figure 84**

1. Deck-lift spring
2. Spring nut
3. Rear side of the mount bracket
4. Adjustment bolt
5. Length is between 47 to 50 mm (1.8 to 2 inches).

5. Repeat this procedure for the opposite deck-lift spring.

# Replacing the Grass Deflector

## **▲ DANGER**

An uncovered discharge opening allows objects to be thrown toward you or bystanders. Also, contact with the blade could occur. Thrown objects or blade contact will cause serious injury or death.

Do not operate the mower with the discharge deflector raised, removed, or altered unless a grass collection system or mulch kit is in place and working properly.

1. Remove the locknut, bolt, spring, and spacer holding the deflector to the pivot brackets.

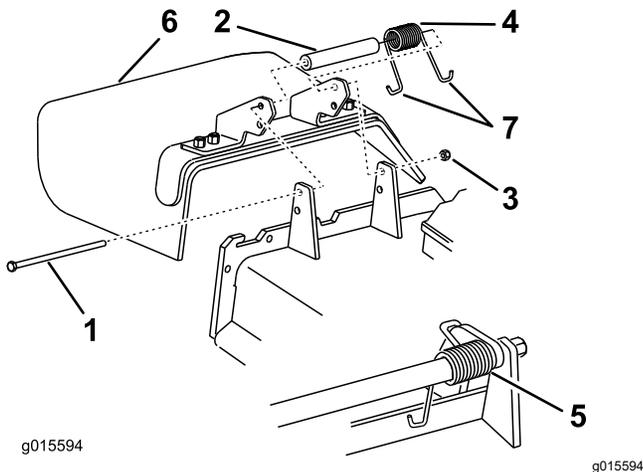


Figure 85

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Bolt    | 5. Spring (installed)       |
| 2. Spacer  | 6. Grass deflector          |
| 3. Locknut | 7. J-hook end of the spring |
| 4. Spring  |                             |

2. Remove the damaged or worn grass deflector.
3. Place the spacer and the spring onto the grass deflector.
4. Place 1 J-hook end of the spring behind the deck edge.

**Note:** Make sure that 1 J-hook end of spring is installed behind deck edge before installing the bolt as shown in [Figure 85](#).

5. Install the bolt and the nut.
6. Place 1 J-hook end of the spring around the grass deflector.

**Important:** The grass deflector must be able to rotate. Lift the deflector up to the full open position, and ensure that it rotates into the full-down position.

# Cleaning

## Cleaning under the Mower Deck

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

Remove the grass buildup under the mower daily.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the front of the machine and use jack stands to support the mower.

## Disposing of Waste

Engine oil, batteries, hydraulic fluid, and engine coolant are pollutants to the environment. Dispose of these according to your state and local regulations.

# Storage

## Storage Safety

- Before leaving the operator's position for any reason, do the following:
  - Park the machine on a level surface.
  - Disengage the drives and the power take-off.
  - Engage the parking brake.
  - Shut off the machine and remove the key.
  - Wait for all moving parts to stop.
  - Allow the machine to cool before servicing, adjusting, fueling, cleaning, or storing it.
- Let the engine cool before storing the machine.
- Do not store the machine or fuel near flames or drain the fuel indoors.

## Cleaning and Storage

1. Disengage the power takeoff (PTO), engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the key.
2. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the entire machine, especially the engine.

**Important:** You can wash the machine with a mild detergent and water. Do not pressure-wash the machine. Avoid excessive use of water, especially near the drive system and engine. Pressure-washing can force dirt and water into critical parts, such as spindle bearings and electrical switches.

3. Clean any dirt and chaff from the outside of the engine cylinder-head fins and blower housing.
4. Check the brake; refer to [Testing the Parking Brake \(page 45\)](#).
5. Service the air cleaner; refer to [Servicing the Air Cleaner \(page 32\)](#).
6. Grease the machine; refer to [Greasing the Machine \(page 30\)](#).
7. Change the engine oil; refer to [Changing the Engine Oil \(page 34\)](#).
8. Check the tire pressure; refer to [Checking the Tire Pressure \(page 41\)](#).
9. For long-term storage, do the following:
  - A. Add fuel stabilizer/conditioner to the fuel in the tank as directed by the fuel stabilizer manufacturer.
  - B. Run the engine to distribute the conditioned fuel through the fuel system for 5 minutes.

- C. Shut off the engine, allow it to cool, and drain the fuel tank; refer to [Draining the Fuel Tank \(page 37\)](#), or operate the engine until it shuts off.
- D. Start the engine and allow it to run until it shuts off. Repeat with the choke engaged (if applicable) until the engine does not start.
- E. Dispose of fuel properly; recycle it according to local regulations.

**Important:** Do not store fuel containing stabilizer/conditioner longer than the duration recommended by the fuel-stabilizer manufacturer.

10. Remove the spark plug(s) and check its condition; refer to [Servicing the Spark Plug\(s\) \(page 35\)](#).
11. With the spark plug(s) removed from the engine, pour 15 ml (2 tablespoons) of engine oil into the spark-plug hole, and use the starter to crank the engine and distribute the oil inside the cylinder.
12. Install the spark plug(s) but do not connect the wire to the spark plug(s).
13. Check and tighten all fasteners. Repair or replace any part that is damaged or missing.
14. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces with paint from an Authorized Service Dealer.
15. Store the machine in a clean, dry, garage or storage area. Remove the key from the switch and store it in a memorable place. Cover the machine to protect it and keep it clean.

# Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The engine does not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuel tank is empty or the shutoff valve is closed.</li> <li>2. A spark-plug wire is loose or disconnected.</li> <li>3. A spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect.</li> <li>4. The air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>5. Dirt is in the fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> <li>7. The gap between the safety-interlock switches is not correct.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill the fuel tank with fuel and open the valve</li> <li>2. Install the wire on spark plug.</li> <li>3. Install a new, correctly gapped spark plug.</li> <li>4. Service the air-cleaner element.</li> <li>5. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The engine loses power.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. The air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>3. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged.</li> <li>5. A spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect.</li> <li>6. The vent hole in the fuel cap is plugged.</li> <li>7. Dirt is in the fuel filter.</li> <li>8. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>2. Service the air-cleaner element.</li> <li>3. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>4. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> <li>5. Install a new, correctly gapped spark plug.</li> <li>6. Clean or replace the fuel cap.</li> <li>7. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The engine overheats.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>3. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>2. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>3. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> </ol>
The machine does not drive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The hydraulic-fluid reservoir is low.</li> <li>2. Air is in the hydraulic system.</li> <li>3. A pump-drive belt slips.</li> <li>4. A pump-drive belt idler spring is missing.</li> <li>5. The pump-bypass valves are open.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add hydraulic fluid to the reservoir.</li> <li>2. Bleed the air out the hydraulic system.</li> <li>3. Replace the pump-drive belt.</li> <li>4. Replace the pump-drive belt idler spring.</li> <li>5. Tighten the bypass valves. Torque to 12 to 15 N·m (9 to 11 ft-lb).</li> </ol>
There is abnormal vibration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced.</li> <li>2. A blade-mounting bolt is loose.</li> <li>3. The engine-mounting bolts are loose.</li> <li>4. An engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley is loose.</li> <li>5. An engine pulley is damaged.</li> <li>6. A blade spindle is bent.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>2. Tighten the blade-mounting bolt.</li> <li>3. Tighten the engine-mounting bolts.</li> <li>4. Tighten the appropriate pulley.</li> <li>5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The cutting height is uneven.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blade(s) are not sharp.</li> <li>2. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent.</li> <li>3. The mower deck is not level.</li> <li>4. The mower deck pitch is wrong.</li> <li>5. The underside of mower deck is dirty.</li> <li>6. The tire pressure is not correct.</li> <li>7. A blade spindle is bent.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sharpen the blade(s).</li> <li>2. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>3. Level the mower deck side-to-side position.</li> <li>4. Adjust the front-to-rear pitch.</li> <li>5. Clean the underside of the mower deck.</li> <li>6. Adjust the tire pressure.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The blades do not rotate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A pump-drive belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>2. A pump-drive belt is off pulley.</li> <li>3. A mower-deck belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>4. A mower-deck belt is off the pulley.</li> <li>5. An idler spring is broken or missing.</li> <li>6. The electric clutch is out of adjustment.</li> <li>7. The clutch connector or wire is damaged.</li> <li>8. The electric clutch is damaged.</li> <li>9. The safety-interlock system prevents blade rotation.</li> <li>10. The PTO switch is faulty.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the belt tension.</li> <li>2. Install the drive belt and check the adjusting shafts and belt guides for the correct position.</li> <li>3. Install the new deck belt.</li> <li>4. Install the deck pulley and check the idler pulley, idler arm and spring for the correct position and function.</li> <li>5. Replace the spring.</li> <li>6. Adjust the clutch air gap.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>9. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>10. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The clutch does not engage.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuse is blown.</li> <li>2. There is low voltage supply at the clutch.</li> <li>3. The coil is damaged.</li> <li>4. There is inadequate current supply.</li> <li>5. The rotor/armature air gap is too large.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace the fuse. Check the coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections, and replace components if necessary.</li> <li>2. Check the coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections and replace parts if necessary.</li> <li>3. Replace the clutch.</li> <li>4. Repair or replace the clutch lead wire or electrical system. Clean the connector contacts.</li> <li>5. Remove the shim or replace the clutch.</li> </ol>



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# California Proposition 65 Warning Information

## What is this warning?

You may see a product for sale that has a warning label like the following:



**WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm—[www.p65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.p65Warnings.ca.gov).**

## What is Prop 65?

Prop 65 applies to any company operating in California, selling products in California, or manufacturing products that may be sold in or brought into California. It mandates that the Governor of California maintain and publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, and/or other reproductive harm. The list, which is updated annually, includes hundreds of chemicals found in many everyday items. The purpose of Prop 65 is to inform the public about exposure to these chemicals.

Prop 65 does not ban the sale of products containing these chemicals but instead requires warnings on any product, product packaging, or literature with the product. Moreover, a Prop 65 warning does not mean that a product is in violation of any product safety standards or requirements. In fact, the California government has clarified that a Prop 65 warning "is not the same as a regulatory decision that a product is 'safe' or 'unsafe.'" Many of these chemicals have been used in everyday products for years without documented harm. For more information, go to <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/faqs-view-all>.

A Prop 65 warning means that a company has either (1) evaluated the exposure and has concluded that it exceeds the "no significant risk level"; or (2) has chosen to provide a warning based on its understanding about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the exposure.

## Does this law apply everywhere?

Prop 65 warnings are required under California law only. These warnings are seen throughout California in a wide range of settings, including but not limited to restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, schools, and hospitals, and on a wide variety of products. Additionally, some online and mail order retailers provide Prop 65 warnings on their websites or in catalogs.

## How do the California warnings compare to federal limits?

Prop 65 standards are often more stringent than federal and international standards. There are various substances that require a Prop 65 warning at levels that are far lower than federal action limits. For example, the Prop 65 standard for warnings for lead is 0.5 µg/day, which is well below the federal and international standards.

## Why don't all similar products carry the warning?

- Products sold in California require Prop 65 labelling while similar products sold elsewhere do not.
- A company involved in a Prop 65 lawsuit reaching a settlement may be required to use Prop 65 warnings for its products, but other companies making similar products may have no such requirement.
- The enforcement of Prop 65 is inconsistent.
- Companies may elect not to provide warnings because they conclude that they are not required to do so under Prop 65; a lack of warnings for a product does not mean that the product is free of listed chemicals at similar levels.

## Why does Toro include this warning?

Toro has chosen to provide consumers with as much information as possible so that they can make informed decisions about the products they buy and use. Toro provides warnings in certain cases based on its knowledge of the presence of one or more listed chemicals without evaluating the level of exposure, as not all the listed chemicals provide exposure limit requirements. While the exposure from Toro products may be negligible or well within the "no significant risk" range, out of an abundance of caution, Toro has elected to provide the Prop 65 warnings. Moreover, if Toro does not provide these warnings, it could be sued by the State of California or by private parties seeking to enforce Prop 65 and subject to substantial penalties.



**Count on it.**