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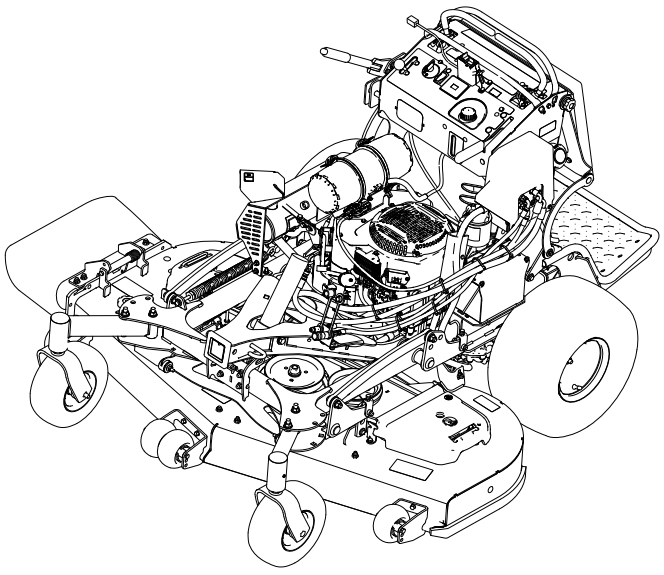
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Operator's Manual

GrandStand® Multi Force® Mower

With 52in or 60in TURBO FORCE® Cutting Unit and Low Flow Hydraulics

Model No. 72524—Serial No. 419073843 and Up
Model No. 72525—Serial No. 400000000 and Up
Model No. 72530—Serial No. 419073884 and Up
Model No. 72531—Serial No. 400000000 and Up



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Original Instructions (EN)

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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.

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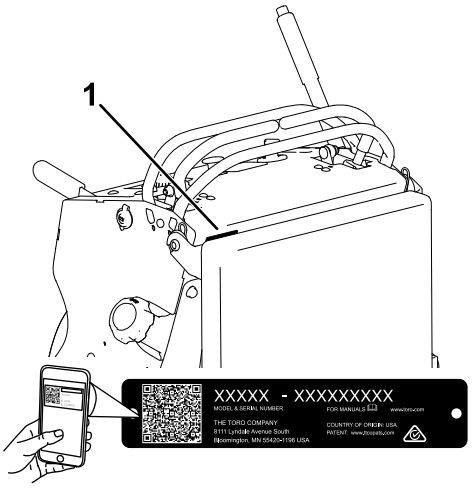
The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

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.

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.**



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Figure 1

1. Location of the model and serial numbers

Model No. _____

Serial No. _____

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 for more information, including safety tips, training materials, accessory information, help finding a dealer, or to register your product.

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Safety

Safety-Alert Symbol

The safety-alert symbol (Figure 2) shown in this manual and on the machine identifies important safety messages that you must follow to prevent accidents.



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Figure 2

Safety-alert symbol

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. 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.

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.

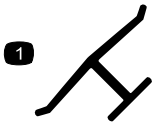


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Battery Symbols

Some or all of these symbols are on your battery.

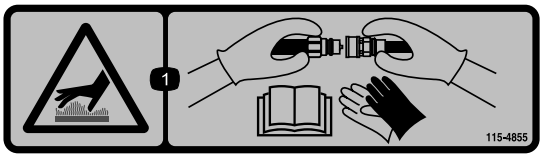
1. Explosion hazard
2. No fire, open flame, or smoking
3. Caustic liquid/chemical burn hazard
4. Wear eye protection.
5. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
6. Keep bystanders away from the battery.
7. Wear eye protection; explosive gases can cause blindness and other injuries.
8. Battery acid can cause blindness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



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Manufacturer's Mark

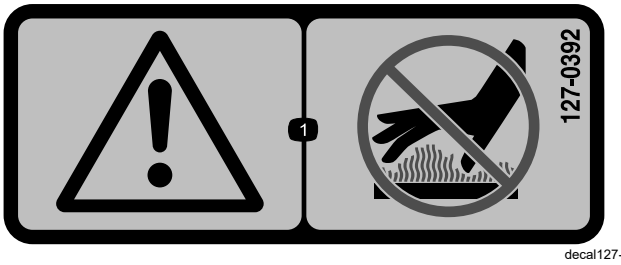
1. This mark indicates that the blade is identified as a part from the original machine manufacturer.



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1. Hot surface/burn hazard—wear protective gloves when handling the hydraulic couplers and read the *Operator's Manual* for information on handling hydraulic components.

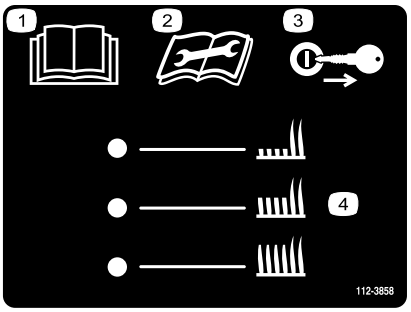


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1. Warning—stay away from hot surfaces.

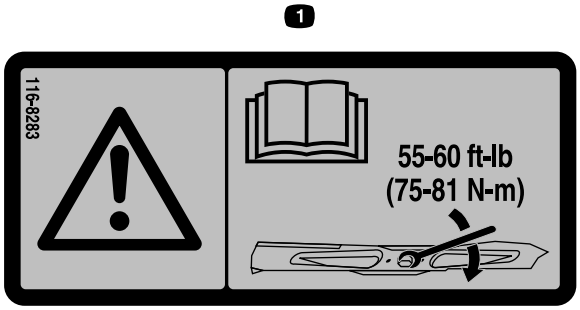
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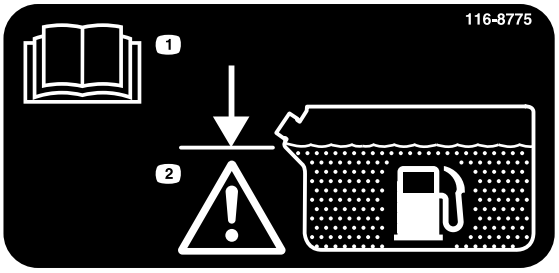
1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Read the *Operator's Manual* before performing maintenance.
3. Remove the key before adjusting the height of cut.
4. Height-of-cut settings



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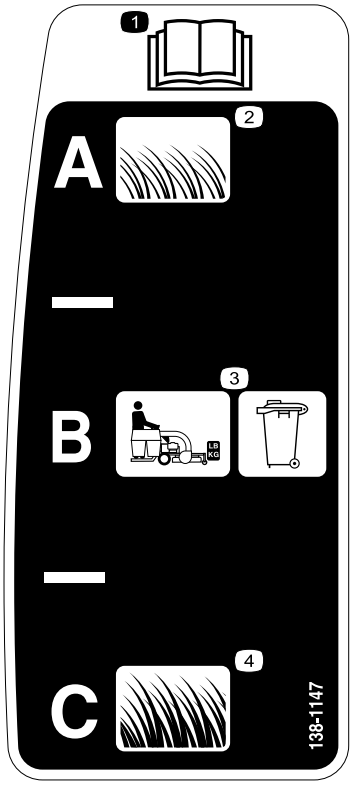
1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* for instructions on torquing the blade bolt/nut to 75 to 81 N·m (55 to 60 ft-lb).



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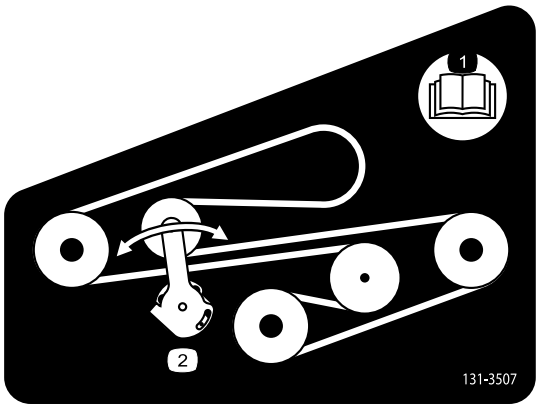
1. Read the *Operator's Manual.*
2. Warning—fill to the bottom of the filler neck; do not overfill the tank.



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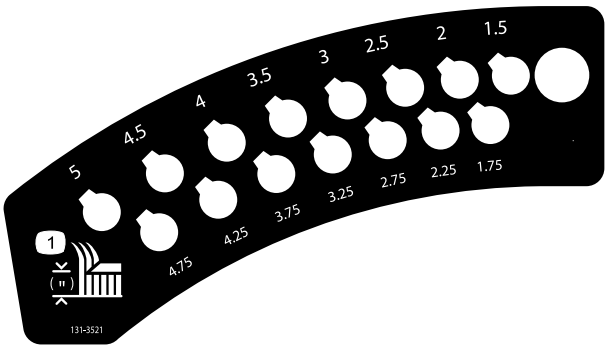
1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Short, light grass
3. Bagging setting
4. Tall, dense grass



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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Belt tensioner



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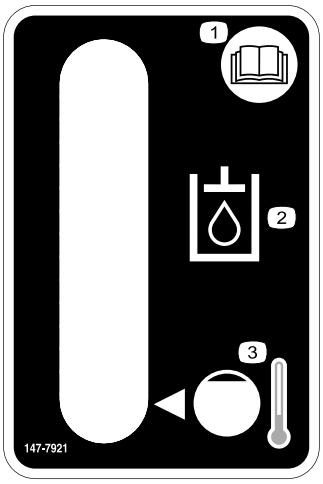
1. Height of cut



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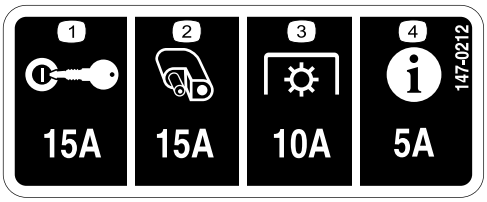
1. Crushing hazard of hands or feet—install the cylinder lock.



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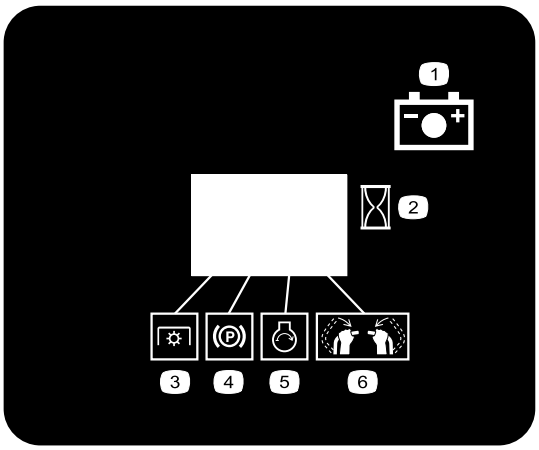
1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Transmission fluid
3. Cold fluid level



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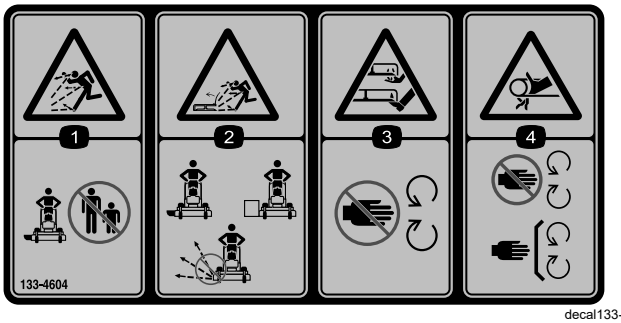
1. Key switch
2. Accessory port
3. Power takeoff (PTO)
4. InfoCenter



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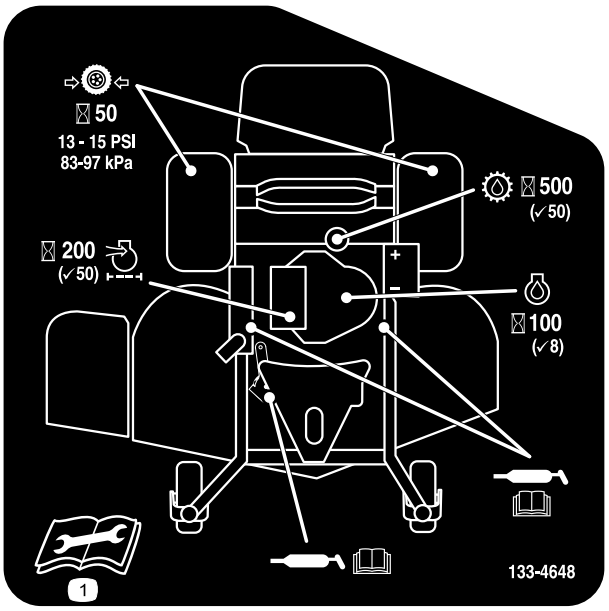
1. Battery
2. Time
3. Power takeoff (PTO)
4. Parking brake
5. Engine—start
6. Engage the handle bars.



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1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders away from the machine.
2. Thrown object hazard, open deflector—only operate the machine with a deflector or a grass collector.
3. Severing hazard of hand or foot—keep away from moving parts.
4. Entanglement hazard—keep away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.



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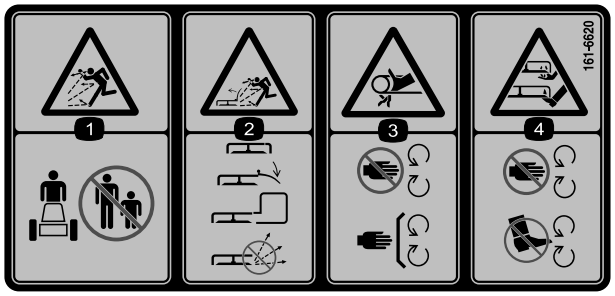
1. Read the *Operator's Manual* for more information on servicing the machine.



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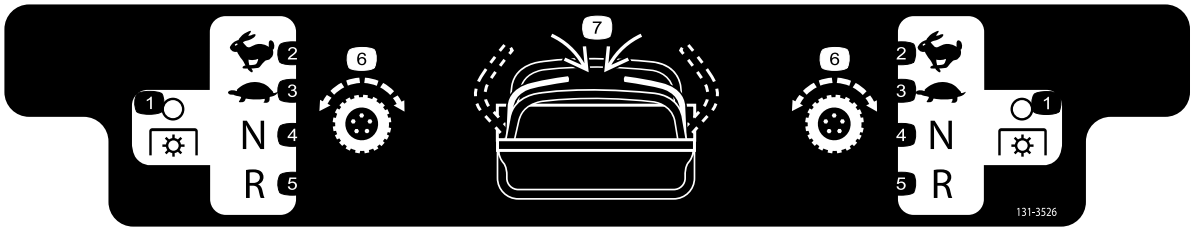
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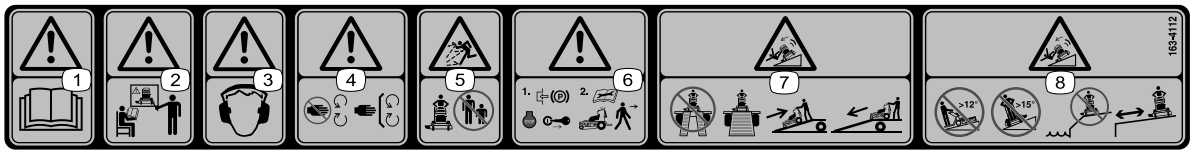
1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders away from the machine.
2. Thrown object hazard, raised deflector—lower the deflector before operating the machine; always operate the machine with the deflector, discharge cover, or grass collection system in place; do not operate the machine with the discharge opening uncovered.
3. Entanglement hazard—keep away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.
4. Severing hazard of hand or foot—keep hands and feet away from moving parts.



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

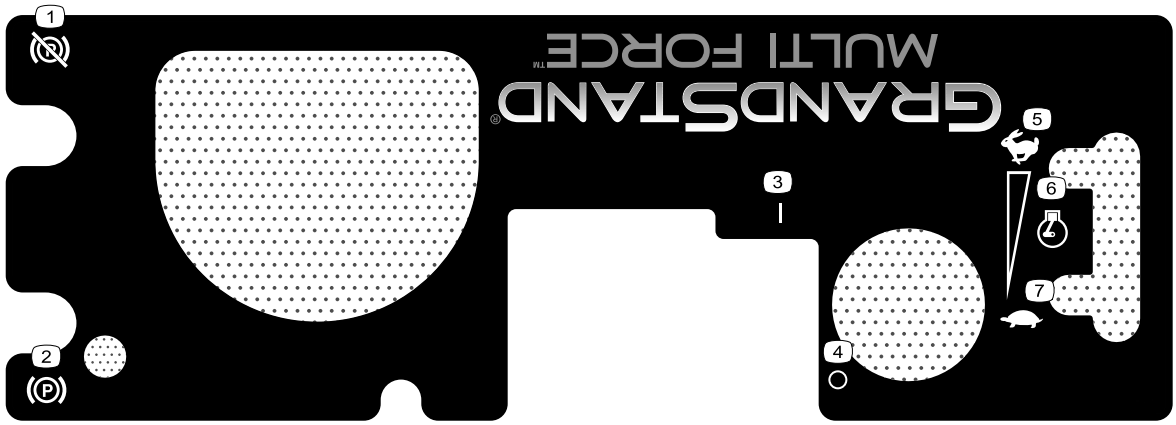


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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Warning—all operators should be trained before operating the machine.
3. Warning—wear hearing protection.
4. Warning—stay away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.
5. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders away.
6. Warning—engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the key before leaving the machine or performing maintenance.
7. 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
8. Tipping hazard—do not mow up and down slopes greater than 12 degrees; do not mow across slopes greater than 15 degrees; do not use the machine near drop-offs or on slopes; stay at least 2 widths of the machine away from drop-offs.

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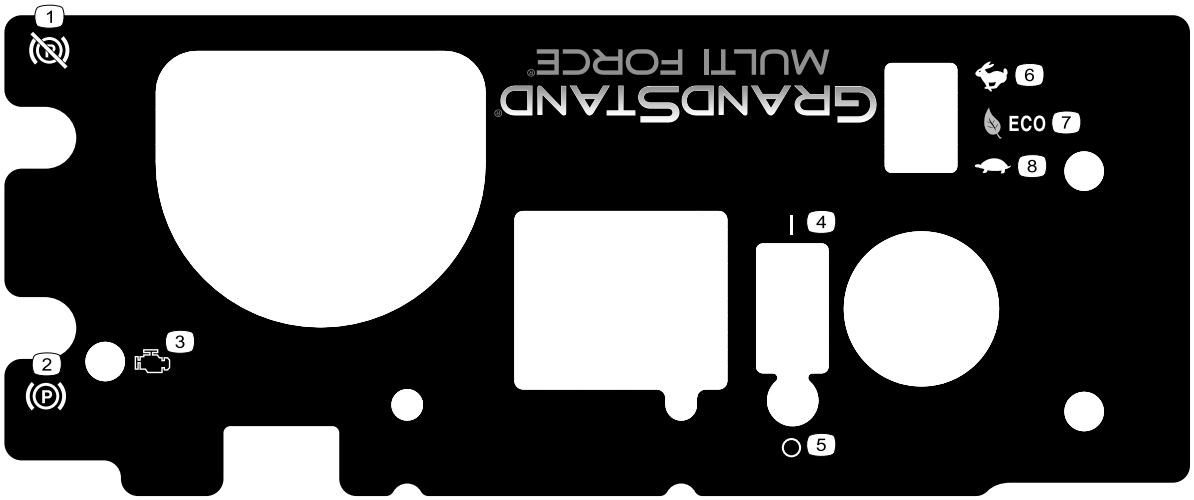


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1. Parking brake—disengaged
2. Parking brake—engaged
3. On
4. Off
5. Fast
6. Engine speed
7. Slow

Decal 163-4008 is for models 72525 and 72531 only.



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1. Parking brake—Disengage
2. Parking brake—Engage
3. Engine check
4. On
5. Off
6. Fast
7. Eco mode
8. Slow

Product Overview

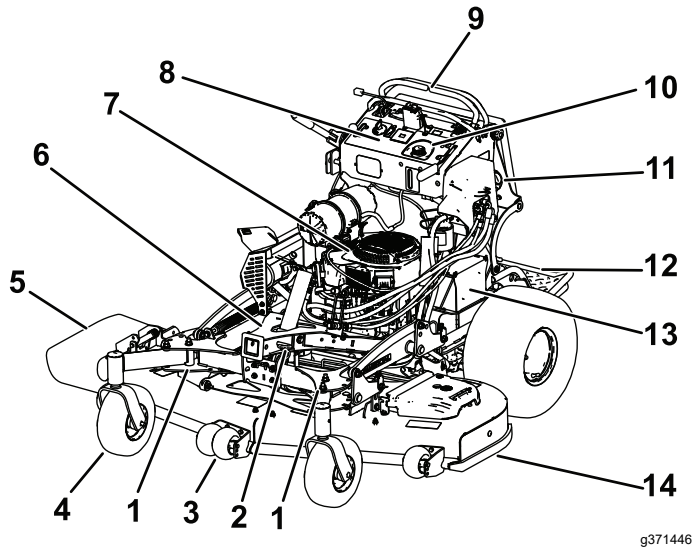


Figure 3

1. Adjustable caster
2. Accessory-frame lock
3. Anti-scalp roller (60-inch decks only)
4. Front caster wheel
5. Side-discharge chute
6. Accessory frame
7. Engine
8. Control panel
9. Motion-control levers
10. Hydraulic tank
11. Fuel tank
12. Platform (down position)
13. Battery
14. Mower deck

Controls

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

Control Panel

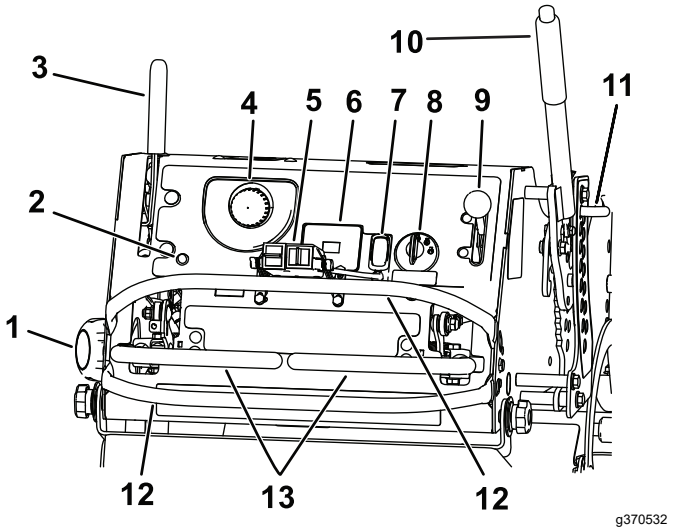


Figure 4

Models 72524 and 72530 only

1. Fuel cap
2. Malfunction-indicator light (MIL)
3. Parking-brake lever
4. Hydraulic-tank cap
5. Attachment controls
6. Hour meter
7. Power-takeoff switch (PTO)
8. Key switch
9. Throttle control
10. Height-of-cut lever
11. Height-of-cut pin
12. Reference bar
13. Motion-control lever

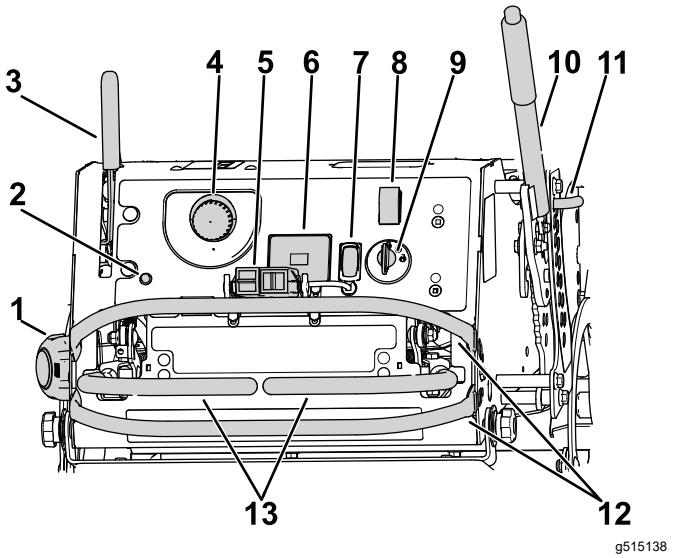


Figure 5

Models 72525 and 72531 only

1. Fuel cap
2. Malfunction-indicator light (MIL)
3. Parking-brake lever
4. Hydraulic-tank cap
5. Attachment controls
6. Hour meter
7. Power-takeoff switch (PTO)
8. Throttle-control switch
9. Key switch
10. Height-of-cut lever
11. Height-of-cut pin
12. Reference bar
13. Motion-control lever

Attachment Controls

The controls functions vary depending on the attachment installed. Refer to your attachment *Operator's Manual* or *Installation Instructions*.

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.

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

When the MIL illuminates, make initial troubleshooting checks; refer to Troubleshooting (page 67).

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 Power-Takeoff (PTO) Switch (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.

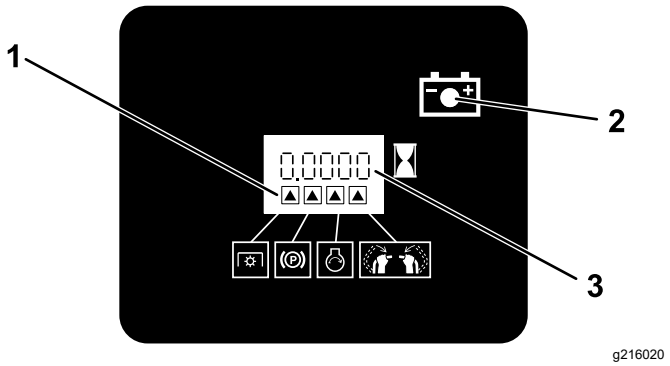


Figure 6

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 in the correct position.

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.

Throttle Control

Models 72524 and 72530 Only

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

Throttle-Control Switch

Models 72525 and 72531 Only

The throttle-control switch, used to control the engine speed, has a 3 positons: SLOW, ECO, and FAST position.

Key Switch

The key switch, used to start and shut off the engine, has 3 positions: OFF, RUN, and START. Refer to Operating the Ignition Switch (page 20).

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 28).

Accessory Frame

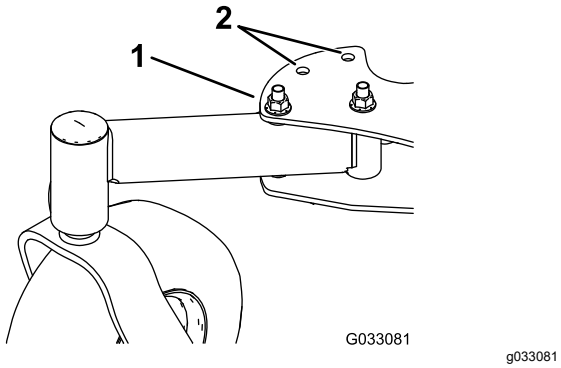
Use the accessory frame to attach only Toro-approved accessories to the machine. Refer to the *Operator's Manual* for the accessory for installation instructions.

Accessory-Frame Lock

The accessory-frame lock holds the frame in place on the machine using the lock pin. Always lock the frame unless a hydraulic kit is installed with an accessory on the machine.

Adjustable Casters

When using the machine **without** an accessory, place the adjustable casters in the mowing position (front hole) as shown in Figure 7. When using the machine **with** an accessory, refer to the *Operator's Manual* for that accessory for the correct caster position.



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Figure 7

Right Caster Shown

1. Mowing position
2. Accessory positions

Specifications

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

	Model 72524	Model 72525	Model 72530	Model 72531
Cutting width	152 cm (60 inches)	152 cm (60 inches)	131 cm (52 inches)	131 cm (52 inches)
Width with deflector down	193 cm (76 inches)	193 cm (76 inches)	173 cm (68 inches)	173 cm (68 inches)
Width with deflector raised	157 cm (62 inches)	157 cm (62 inches)	137 cm (54 inches)	137 cm (54 inches)
Length with platform down	201 cm (79 inches)	201 cm (79 inches)	191 cm (75 inches)	191 cm (75 inches)
Length with platform up	165 cm (65 inches)	165 cm (65 inches)	155 cm (61 inches)	155 cm (61 inches)
Height	122 cm (48 inches)	122 cm (48 inches)	122 cm (48 inches)	122 cm (48 inches)
Weight	405 kg (893 lb)	481 kg (1061 lb)	436 kg (962 lb)	456 kg (1006 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 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.

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.
  - 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.

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.**

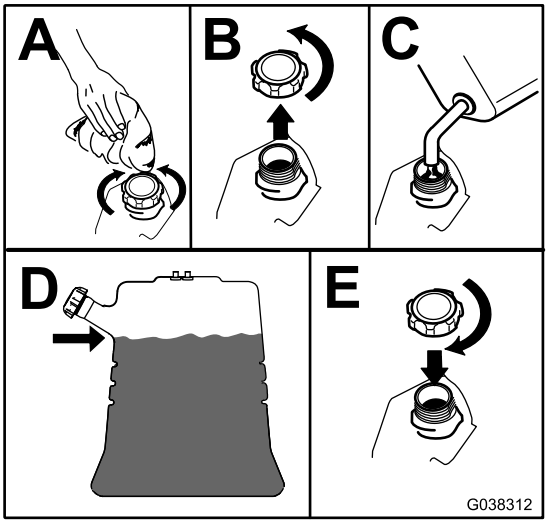
Add the amount of fuel stabilizer/conditioner to fresh fuel as directed by the fuel-stabilizer manufacturer.

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.



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Figure 8

Performing Daily Maintenance

Before starting the machine each day, perform the Each Use/Daily procedures listed in Maintenance (page 31).

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

⚠ WARNING

If safety-interlock switches are disconnected or damaged, the machine could operate unexpectedly, causing personal injury.

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

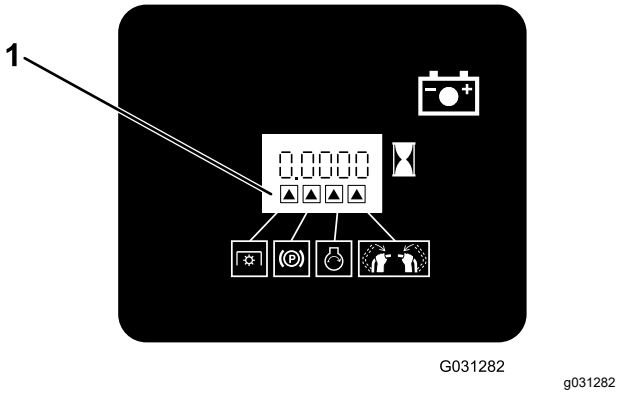
Understanding the Safety-Interlock System

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 in the correct position. When the component is in the correct position, a triangle lights up in the corresponding square (Figure 9).



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Figure 9

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 21).
2. 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.

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 52).

Pull the parking-brake lever rearward to engage it (Figure 10).

Push the parking-brake lever forward to disengage it.

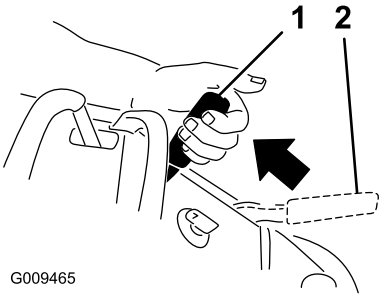


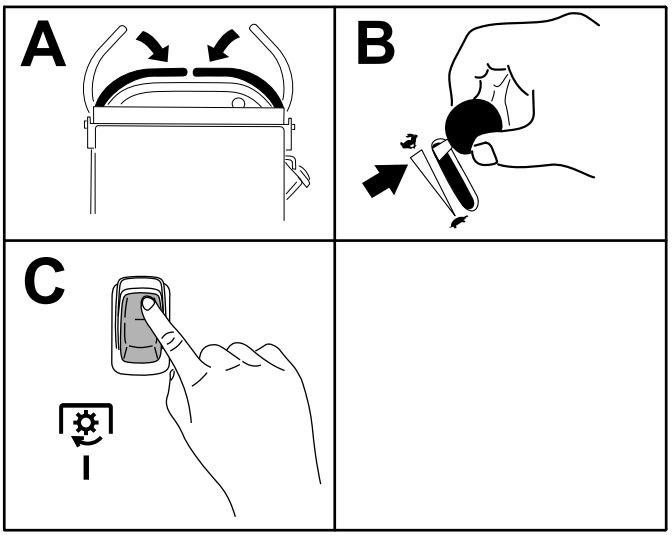
Figure 10

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

Operating the Power-Takeoff (PTO) Switch

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

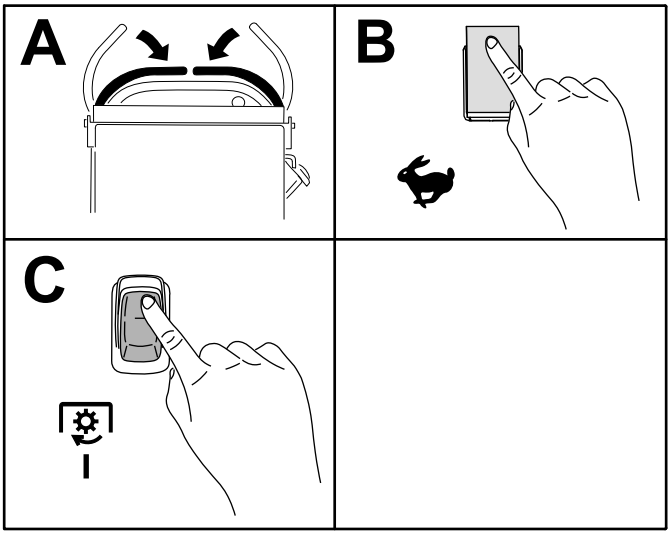
Engaging the Power-Takeoff (PTO) Switch



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Figure 11

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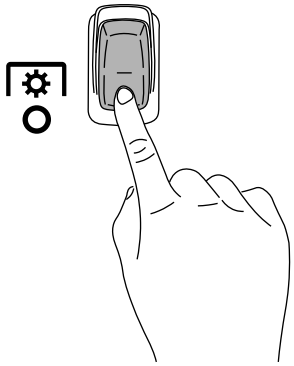
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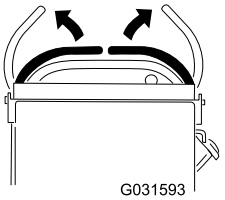
Disengaging the Power-Takeoff (PTO) Switch

Figure 13 and Figure 14 show 2 ways to disengage the PTO.



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Figure 13



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Figure 14

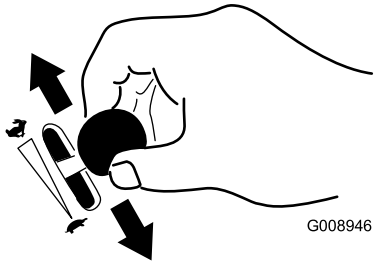
Note: If you disengage the PTO by releasing the motion-control levers, you can engage the PTO again by pressing the ON position of the switch without pressing the OFF position first.

Operating the Throttle

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You can move the throttle control between FAST and SLOW positions.

Always use the FAST position when engaging the PTO.



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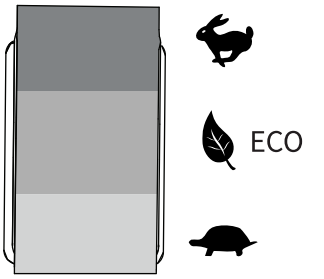
Figure 15
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You can adjust the throttle to SLOW, ECO, or FAST.

Use the FAST position for the best cutting performance; use the ECO for fuel-efficient cutting.

Always use the FAST position when engaging the PTO.



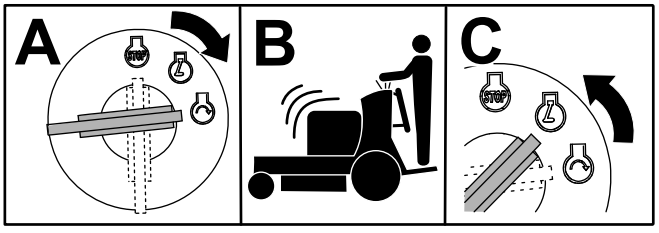
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Operating the Ignition Switch

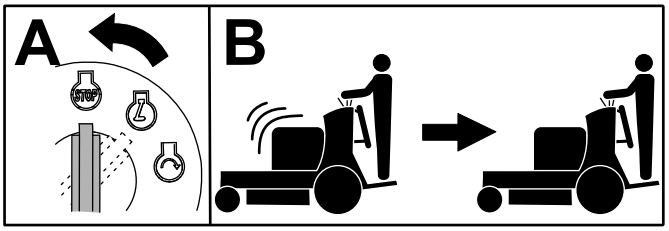
Important: **Do not engage the starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. If the engine fails to start, wait 15 seconds between attempts. Failure to follow these instructions can burn out the starter motor.**

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.



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Figure 17



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Figure 18

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.

Important: **The machine may have difficulty starting under severe cold conditions. When starting a cold machine, keep the machine above -23°C (-10°F).**

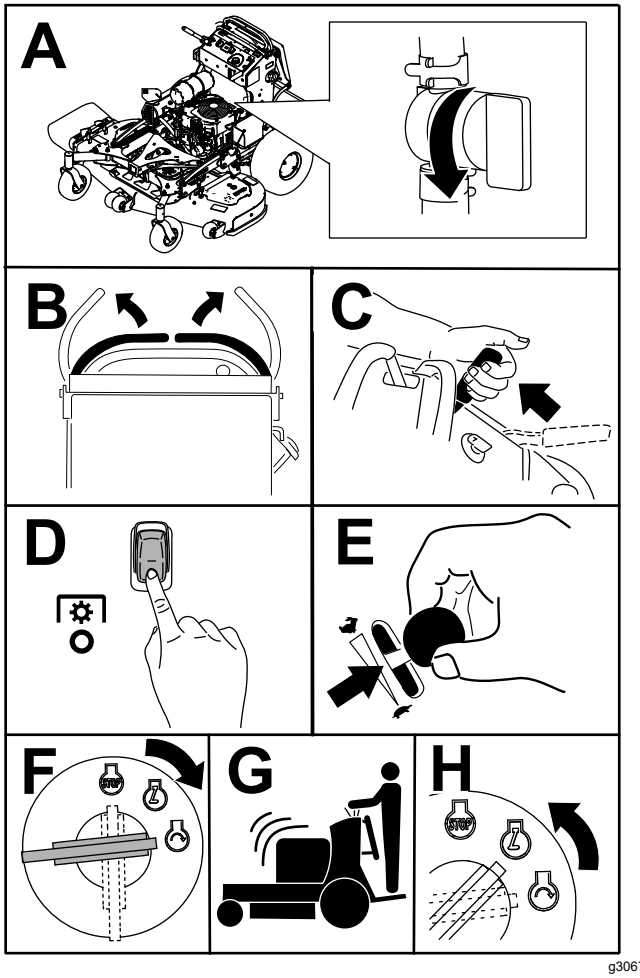


Figure 19

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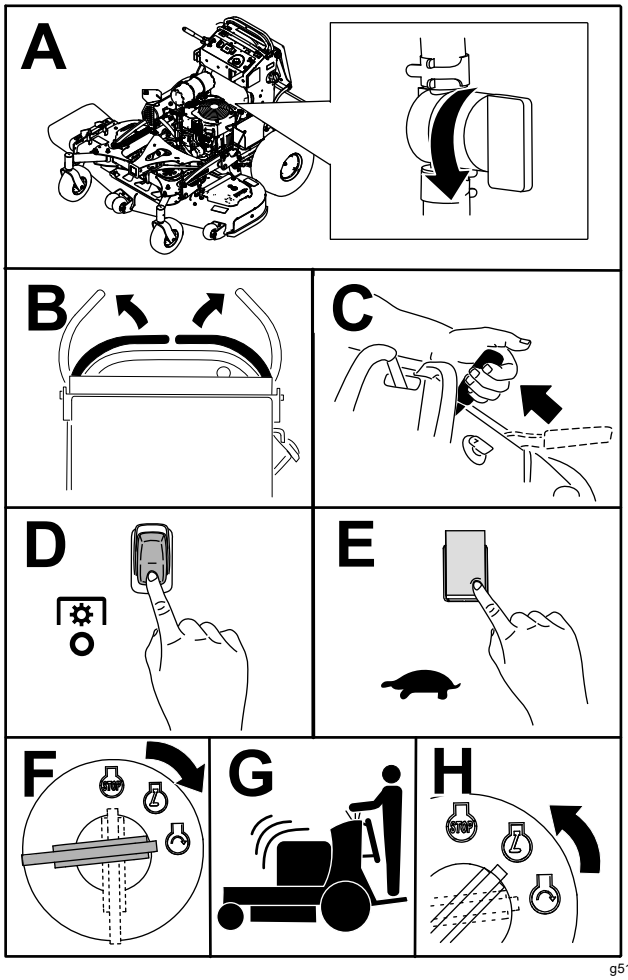


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Shutting Off the Engine

⚠ 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 slow throttle (turtle) for 60 seconds before turning the key switch to the OFF position.

Important: **Starting and shutting off the engine frequently in cold conditions can damage the engine. Allow the machine to reach normal operating temperature before shutting off the engine.**

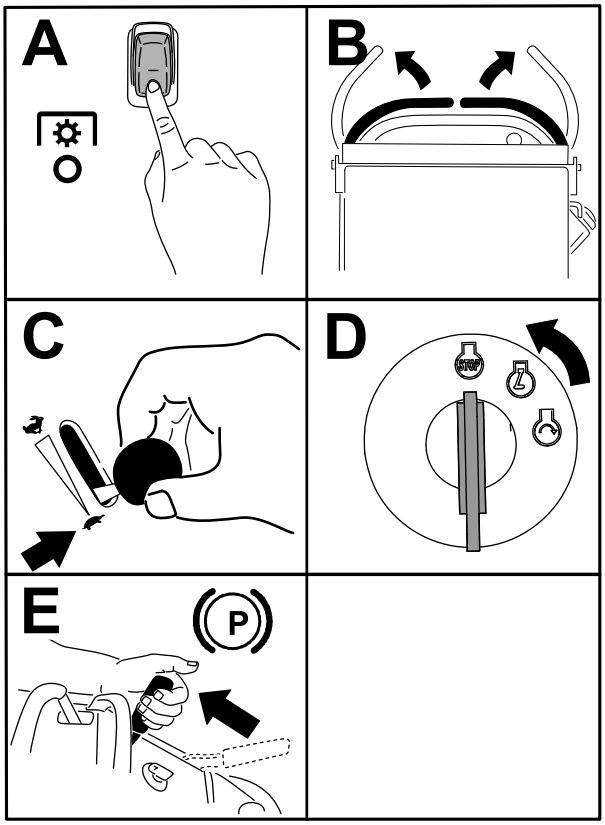


Figure 21
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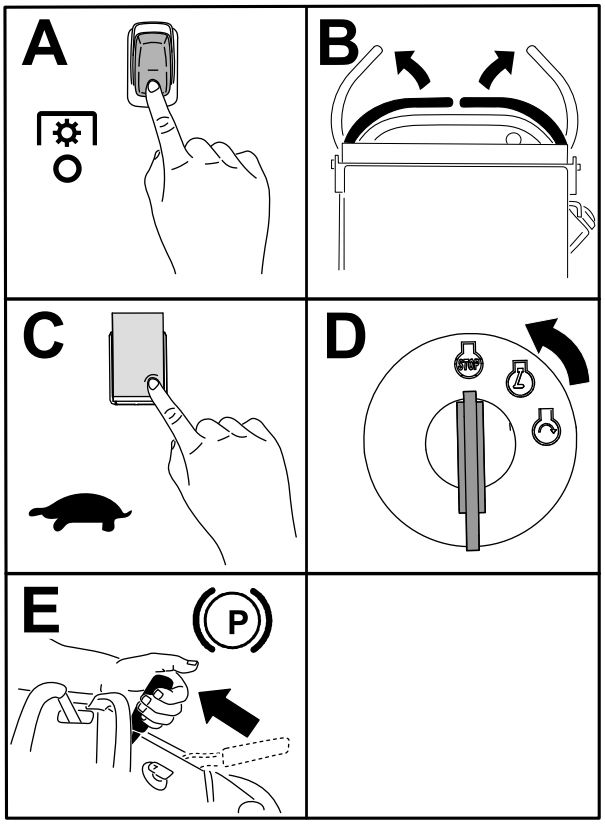


Figure 22
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Important: **Make sure that the fuel-shutoff valve is closed before transporting or storing the machine to prevent a fuel leak. Before storing the machine, disconnect the spark plug(s) to prevent the possibility of accidental starting.**

Operating the 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.**

Operating the Machine with the Platform Up

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

- Using the machine near drop-offs
- Using the machine in small areas where the machine is too large
- Areas with low-hanging branches or obstacles
- Loading the machine for transport
- Driving up slopes

To raise the platform, pull the back of the platform up so that the latch pin and knob lock it into place. Push it tight against the cushion for the latch pin to lock it into place.

Operating the Machine with the Platform Down

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

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

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 (Figure 23).

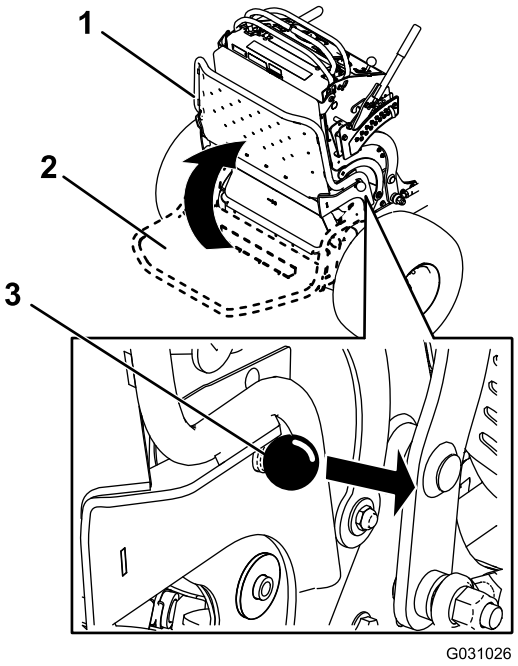


Figure 23

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

Driving Forward or Backward

The throttle control regulates the engine speed as measured in rpm (revolutions per minute). Place the throttle control in the FAST position for best performance.

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

⚠ CAUTION

The machine can spin very rapidly, and 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.

Driving Forward

1. Disengage the parking brake; refer to Operating the Parking Brake (page 18).
2. Move the motion-control levers to the center, unlocked position.

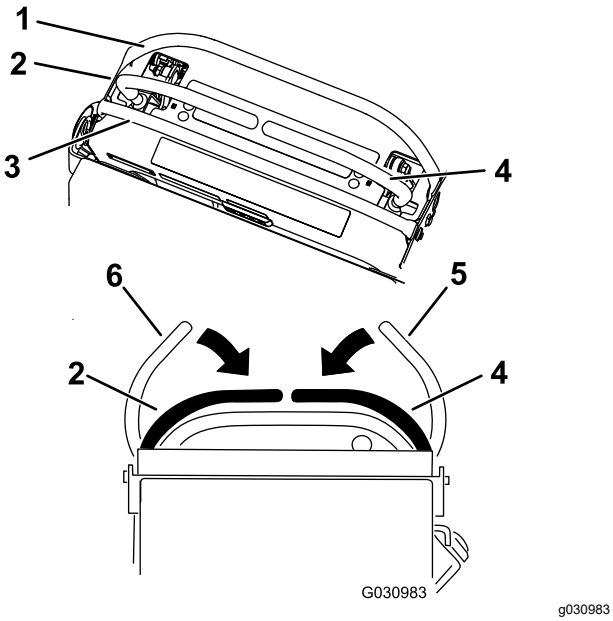


Figure 24

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

3. Slowly push the motion-control levers forward (Figure 25).

   Note: The engine shuts off if you move a motion-control lever while the parking brake is engaged.

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

   Note: To stop, pull the motion-control levers back to the NEUTRAL position.

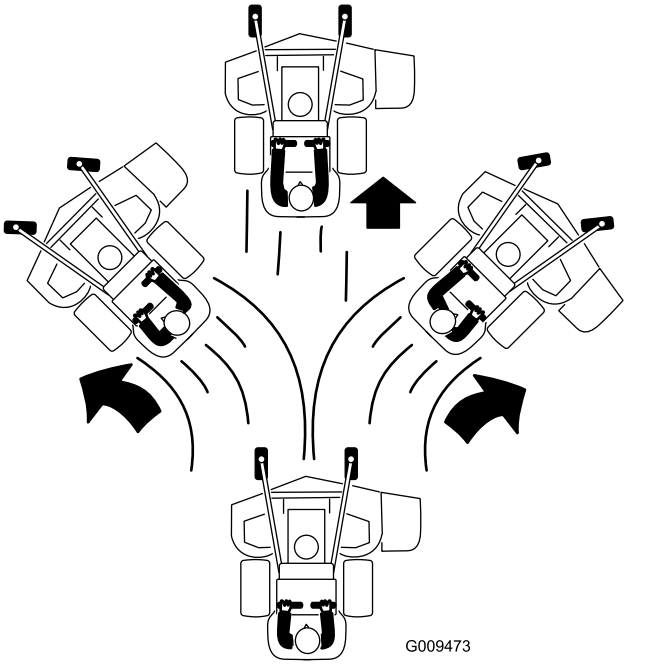


Figure 25

Driving Backward

1. Move both motion-control levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. Slowly pull the motion-control levers rearward (Figure 26).

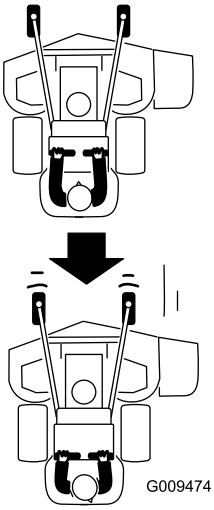


Figure 26

Side Discharging or Mulching the Grass

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

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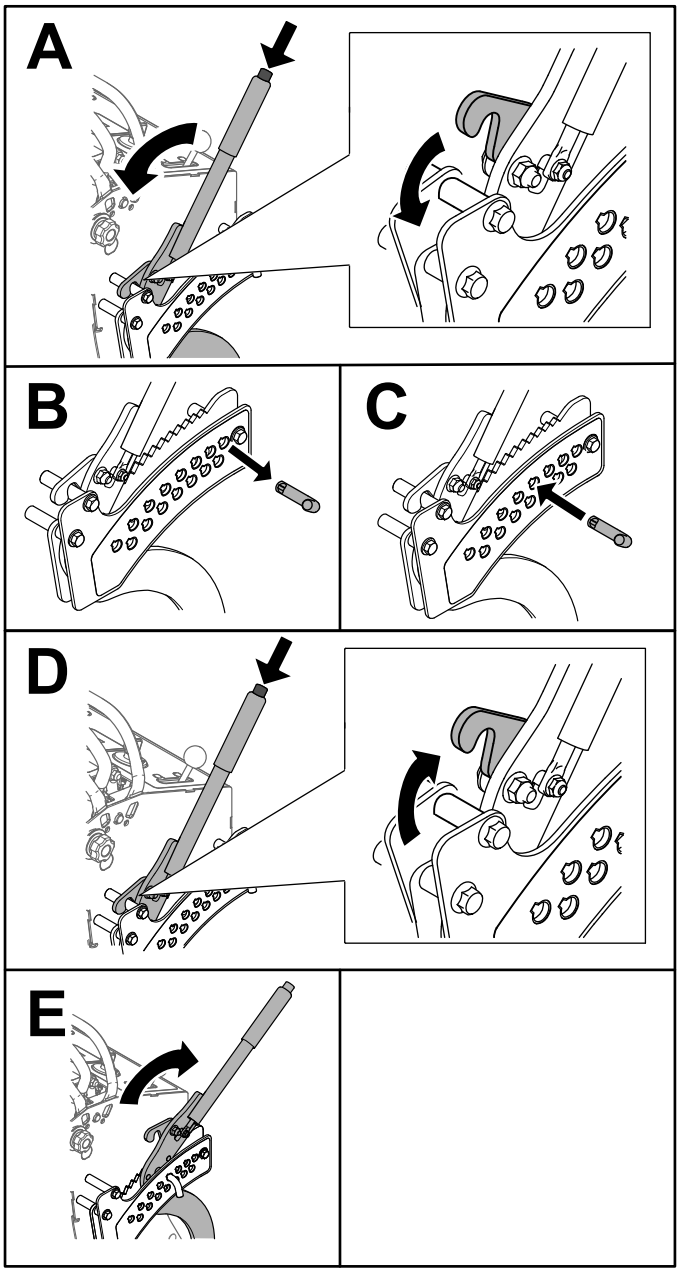
Without the grass deflector, discharge cover, or complete grass catcher assembly mounted in place, you and others are exposed to blade contact and thrown debris. Contact with rotating mower blade(s) and thrown debris cause injury or death.

- **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 put your hands or feet under the machine.**
- **Never try to clear the discharge area or mower blades unless you release the bail and the power takeoff (PTO) is off. Rotate the key to the OFF position. Also remove the key and disconnect the wire(s) from the spark plug(s).**

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.



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Figure 27

Adjusting the Anti-Scalp Rollers

Models with a 60-Inch Deck Only

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 28).

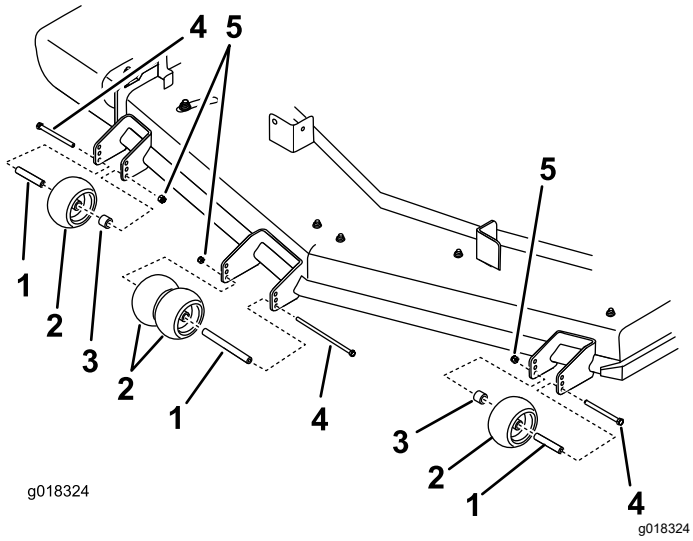


Figure 28

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

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 29).
4. Adjust the baffle and knob in the slot to the desired discharge flow and tighten the knob.

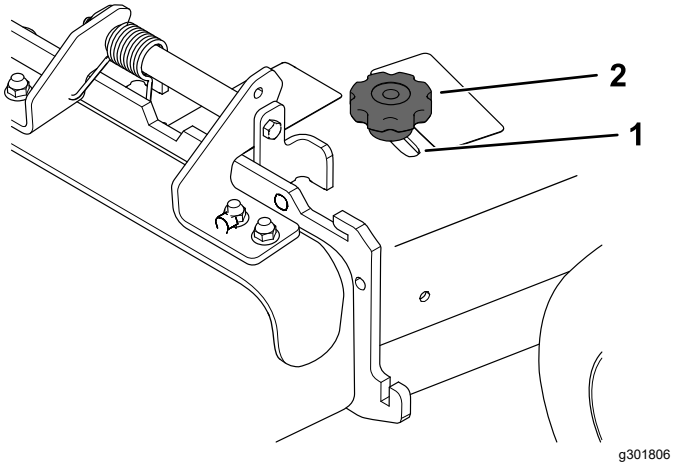


Figure 29

1. Slot
2. Knob

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 30). 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

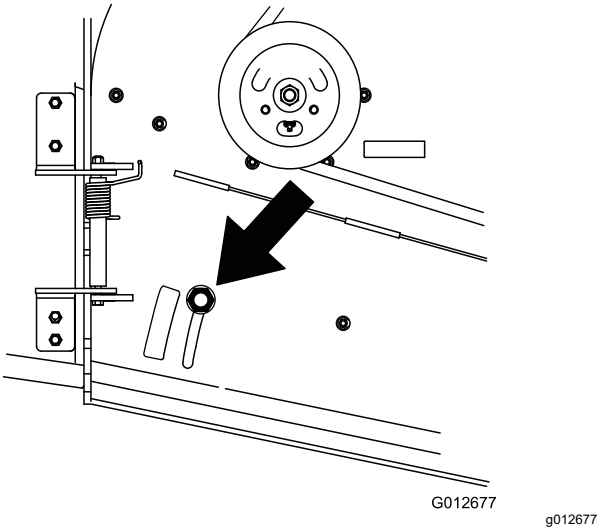


Figure 30

Position B

Use this position when bagging (Figure 31).

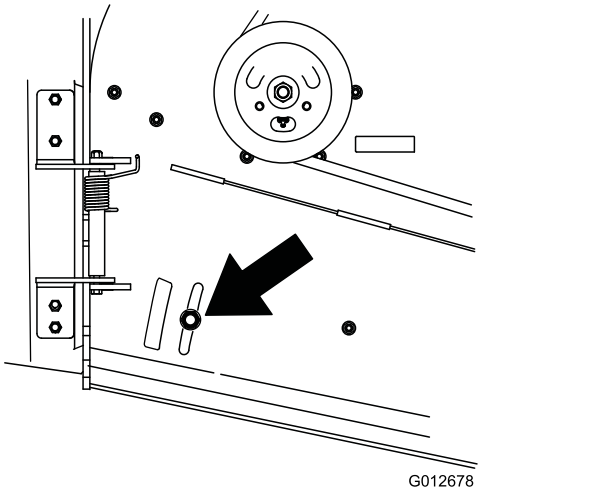


Figure 31

Position C

This is the full, open position (Figure 32). 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

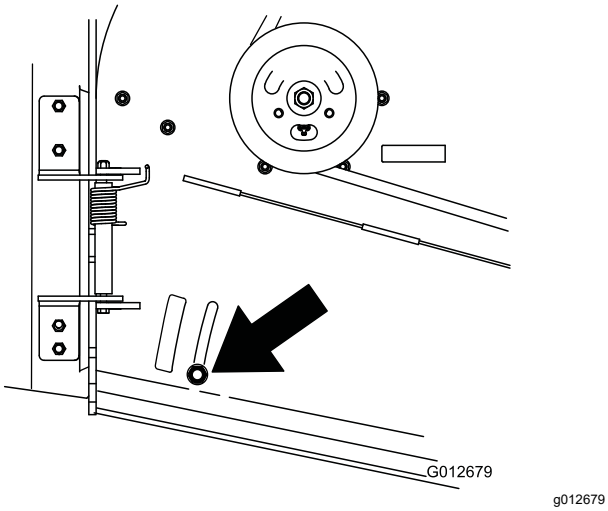


Figure 32

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.

Preventing Freeze-up after Use

- In snowy and cold conditions, some controls and moving parts may freeze. **Do not use excessive force when trying to operate frozen controls.** If you have difficulty operating any control or part, start the engine and let it run for a few minutes. Thaw frozen parts before operating the machine.
- After using the machine, let the engine run for a few minutes to prevent moving parts from freezing. Shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove all ice and snow from the machine.

Using the Fuel-Shutoff Valve

Close the fuel-shutoff valve for transport, maintenance, and storage (Figure 33).

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

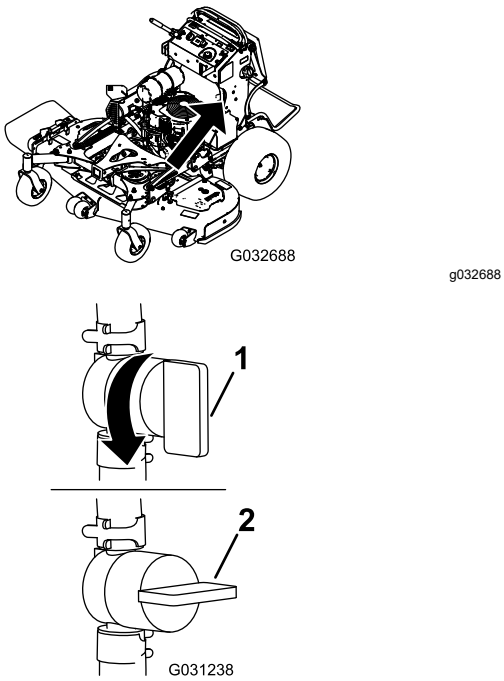


Figure 33

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

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

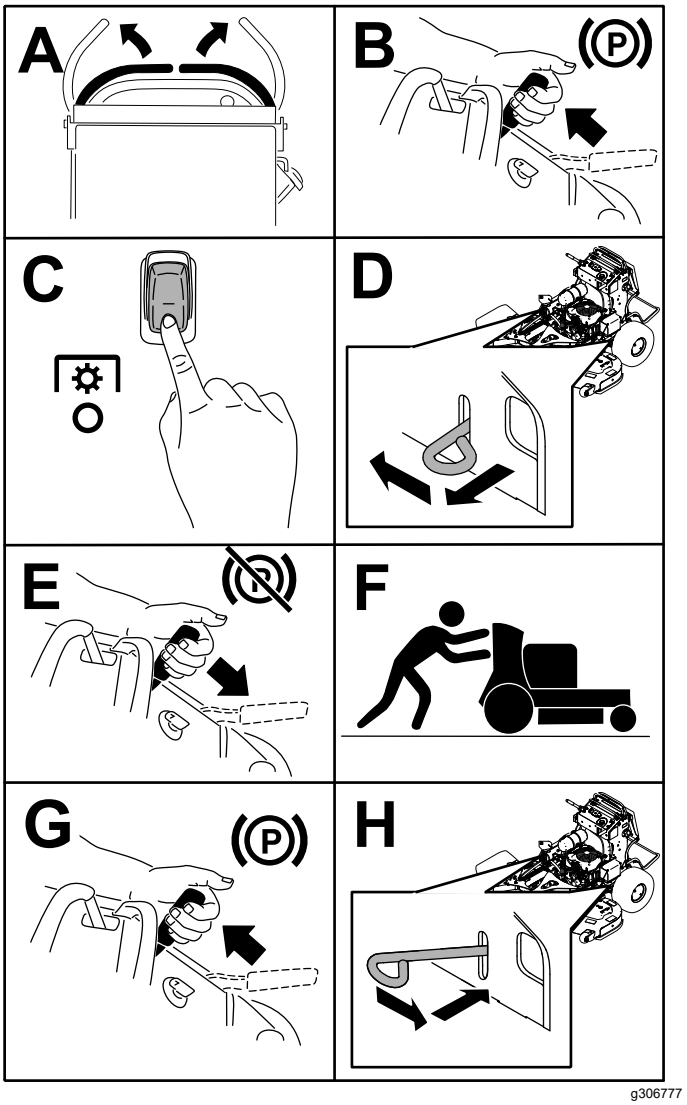


Figure 34

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.

Selecting a Trailer

⚠ WARNING

Loading a machine onto a trailer or truck increases the possibility of tip-over and could cause serious injury or death (Figure 35).

- **Use only a full-width ramp; 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.**

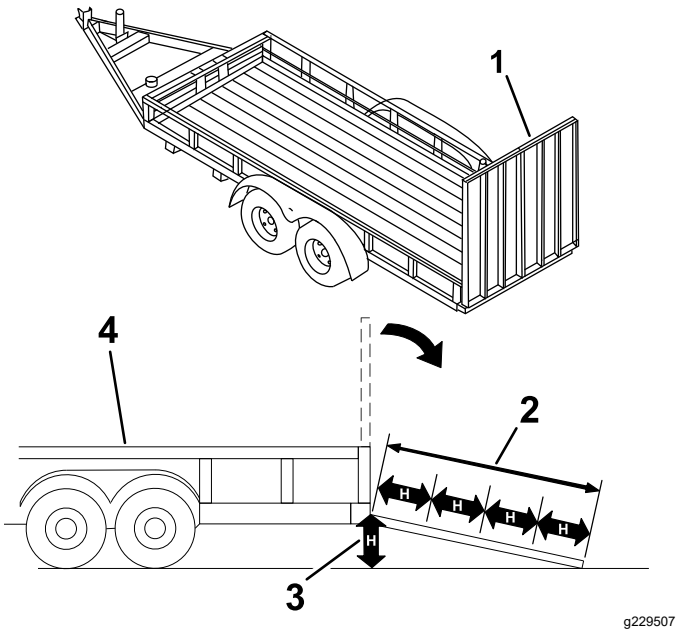


Figure 35

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

⚠ WARNING

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

- **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.**

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 35).
4. Raise the platform.

   Important: **Always keep the platform up when loading and unloading the machine.**
5. Load the machine onto the trailer with the heavy end up the ramp.

- If the attachment is installed, load the machine with the front up the ramp.
- If the attachment is not installed, load the machine with the rear up the ramp (Figure 36).

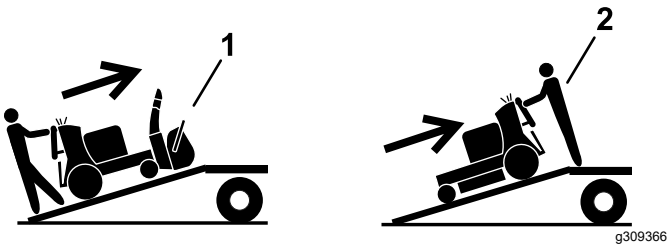


Figure 36

1. Machine with attachment—load the machine with the front up the ramp.
2. Machine with mower only or no attachment—load the machine with the rear up the ramp.

6. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and engage the parking brake.
7. Tie down the machine near the front caster wheels and the rear bumper with straps, chains, cable, or ropes (Figure 37). Refer to local regulations for tie-down requirements.

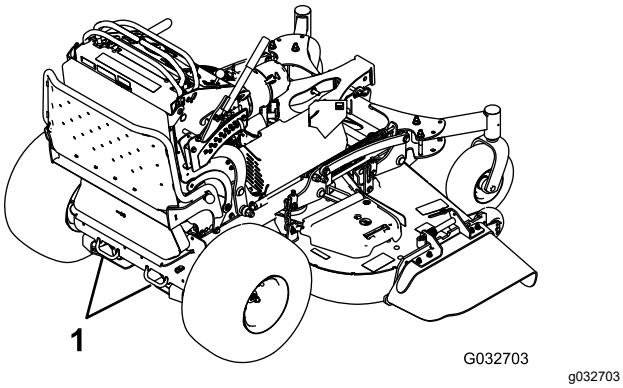


Figure 37

1. Tie-down loops

Maintenance

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

⚠ CAUTION

If you leave the key in the ignition switch, someone could accidently start the engine and seriously injure you or other bystanders.

Remove the key from the ignition and disconnect the spark-plug wires from the spark plugs before you do any maintenance. Set the wires aside so that they do not accidentally contact the spark plugs.

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.
- For machines equipped with an A-frame: If any maintenance or repair requires the A-frame to be in the raised position, use the cylinder lock to secure the A-frame in the raised position.
- 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	• Change the engine oil. • Check the hydraulic-fluid level.
After the first 50 hours	• Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic fluid.
After the first 100 hours	• Check the wheel-lug nuts.
Before each use or daily	• Check the safety-interlock system. • Check the engine-oil level. • Clean the air-intake screen (more often in dirty or dusty conditions). • Test the parking brake. • Inspect the blades. • Clean under the mower deck. • Wash the machine, especially after winter applications.

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
Every 50 hours	• Check the spark arrester (if equipped). • Check the tire pressure. • Check the hydraulic-fluid level.
Every 100 hours	• Kawasaki engine only—Check, clean, and gap the spark plug. • Check the battery. • Check the clutch. • Check and clean the engine cooling fins and shrouds (more often in dirty or dusty conditions). • Check the mower-deck belt(s).
Every 100 hours or yearly, whichever comes first	• Change the engine oil.
Every 150 hours	• Kohler engines only: Inspect the primary filter and the air-inlet screen.
Every 200 hours	• Change the engine-oil filter. • Kohler engine only—Check, clean, and gap the spark plug.
Every 250 hours	• Kawasaki engines only: Inspect the primary filter and the air-inlet screen.
Every 300 hours	• Grease the engine voltage regulator. (More often if grease is not present.) • Replace the primary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions). • Check the inner air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).
Every 500 hours	• Apply anti-sieze compound to the platform knobs. • Kawasaki engines only: Replace the inner air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions). • Adjust the caster-pivot bearing. • Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic fluid. • Replace the low-flow hydraulic filter.
Every 600 hours	• Kohler engines only: Replace the inner air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).
Every 800 hours	• Replace the fuel filter.
Every 1,000 hours	• Replace the transmission belt.
Before storage	• Paint chipped surfaces. • Perform all maintenance procedures listed above before storage. • Paint chipped surfaces. • Perform all maintenance procedures listed above before storage.
Yearly	• Grease the torsion idler. • Grease the front caster pivots (more often in dirty or dusty conditions). • Grease the caster-wheel hubs. • Grease the brake calipers. • Grease the motion controls. • Apply anti-seize compound to the cushion knobs. • Apply dielectric grease to the battery terminals.

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

Pre-Maintenance Procedures

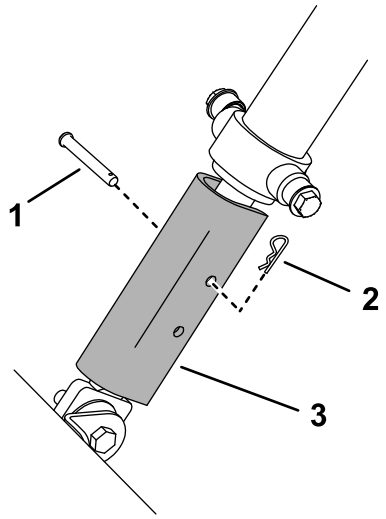
Using the Cylinder Lock

⚠ WARNING

The A-frame may lower when in the raised position, crushing anyone underneath.

Install the cylinder lock before performing maintenance that requires a raised A-frame.

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. Raise the A-frame.
3. Shut off the engine and remove the key.
4. Install the cylinder lock over the cylinder rod using the pin and hairpin cotter.



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Figure 38

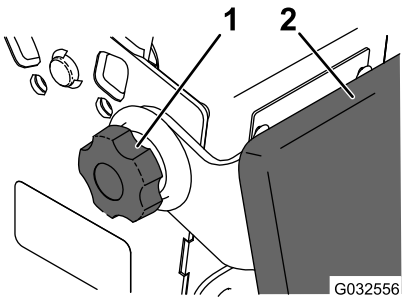
1. Pin
2. Hairpin cotter
3. Cylinder lock

Releasing the Cushion for Rear Access

Service Interval: Every 500 hours

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 39).



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Figure 39

1. Twist knob
2. Cushion

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.

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 Accessory Frame

Grease the pivots of the accessory frame at the locations shown in Figure 40.

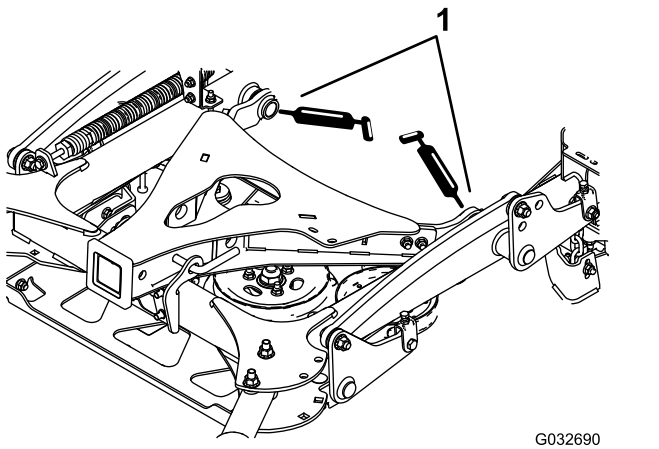


Figure 40

1. Grease these pivots.

Greasing the Torsion Idler

Service Interval: Yearly

Grease the torsion idler on the mower deck using high-temperature grease at the grease fitting shown in Figure 41.

Important: **Use only high-temperature grease. Do not use general-purpose grease.**

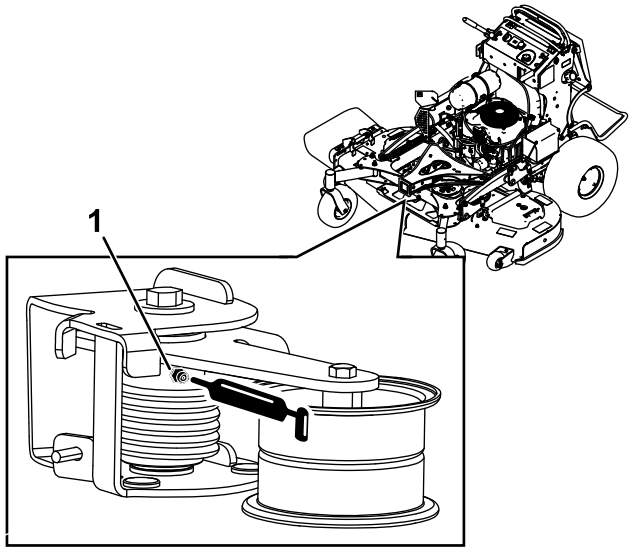


Figure 41

1. Grease fitting

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 48).

   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 42).

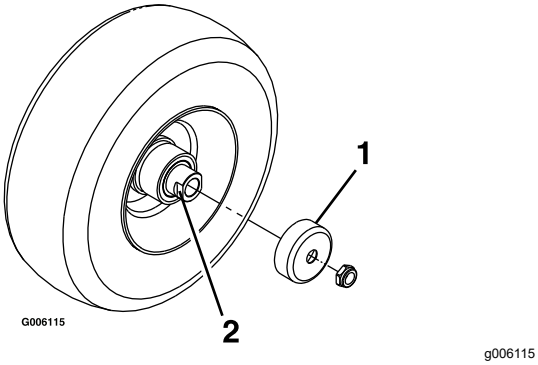


Figure 42

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.**

Greasing the Engine Voltage Regulator

Models with a Kohler Engine Only

Service Interval: Every 300 hours (More often if grease is not present.)

Grease type: Dielectric 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. Disconnect the spark plug wires from the spark plug.
4. Lightly apply grease to the voltage regulator blades (Figure 43).

   Important: **Too much grease can cause water to pool at the connector and short the regulator.**
5. Connect the spark plug.

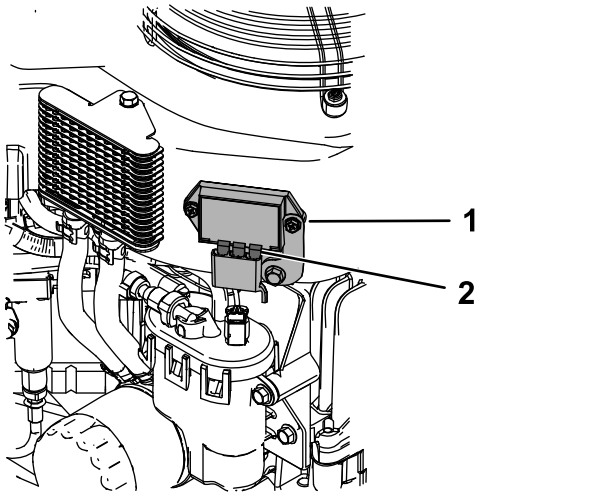


Figure 43

1. Voltage regulator
2. Regulator blades

Greasing the Brake Calipers

Service Interval: Yearly

Apply a rust-preventative spray to the brake calipers yearly.

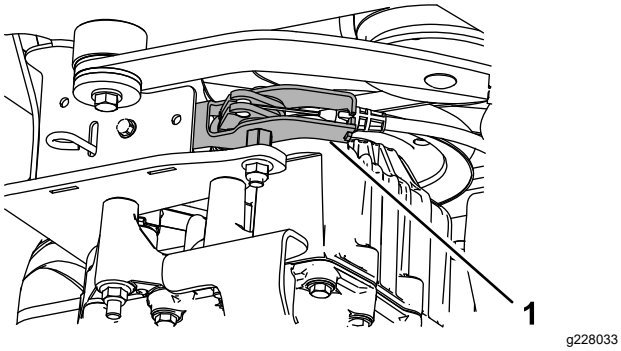


Figure 44

1. Brake caliper

Greasing 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.

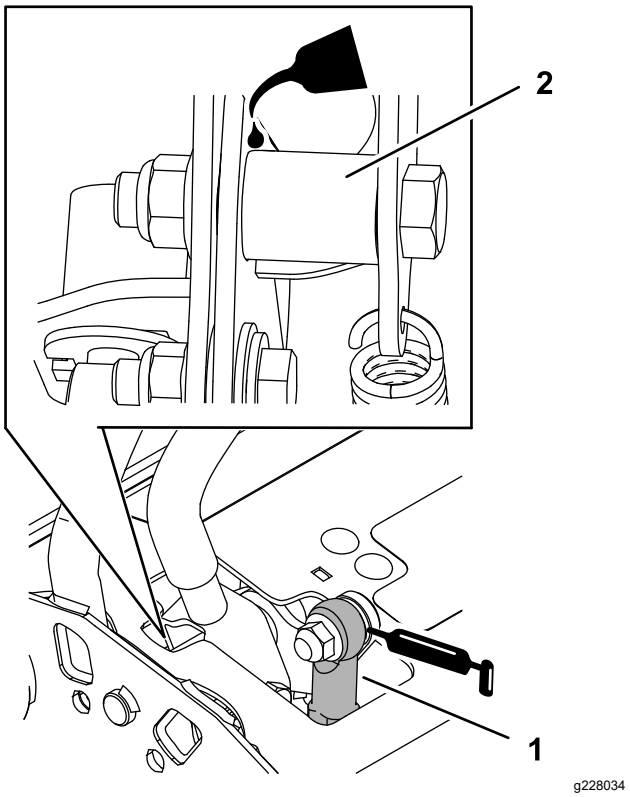


Figure 45

1. Operator-presence control balljoint
2. Pivot tube

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 150 hours—Kohler engines only: Inspect the primary filter and the air-inlet screen.

Every 250 hours—Kawasaki engines only: Inspect the primary filter and the air-inlet screen.

Every 300 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)—Replace the primary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 300 hours—Check the inner air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 500 hours—Kawasaki engines only: Replace the inner air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 600 hours—Kohler engines only: Replace the inner air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Note: Check the filters more frequently if the operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

Removing the Filters

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. Release the latches on the air cleaner and pull the air-inlet cover off the air-cleaner body (Figure 46).
4. Clean the air-inlet screen and cover.
5. Install the air-inlet cover and secure it with the latches (Figure 46).

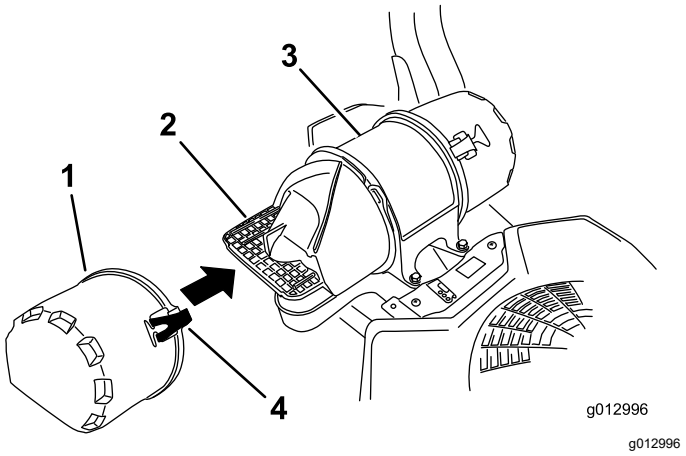


Figure 46

1. Air-inlet cover
2. Air-inlet screen
3. Air-cleaner body
4. Latch

6. Release the latches on the air cleaner and pull the air-cleaner cover off the air-cleaner body (Figure 47).
7. Clean the inside of the air-cleaner cover with compressed air.
8. Gently slide the primary filter out of the air-cleaner body (Figure 47).

   Note: Avoid knocking the filter into the side of the body.
9. Remove the inner filter only if you intend to replace it.

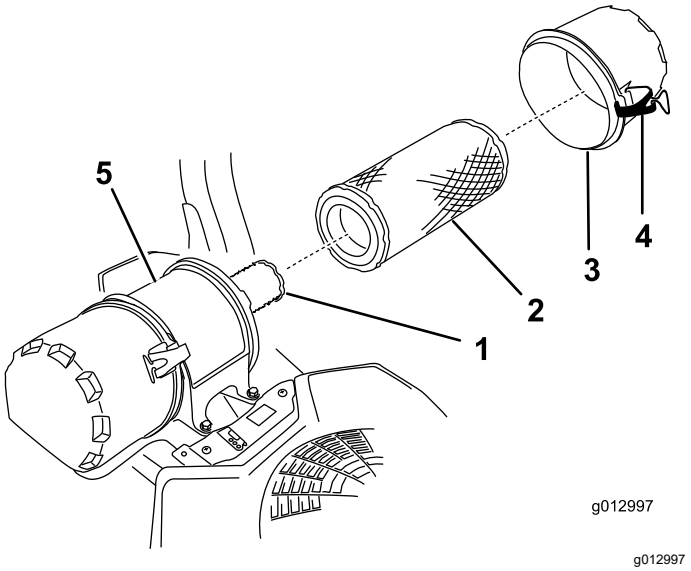


Figure 47

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

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 47).

3. Carefully slide the primary filter over the safety filter (Figure 47).

   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 47).

Servicing the Engine Oil

Engine-Oil Specifications

Oil Type: Detergent oil (API service SJ or higher)

Oil Capacity: 1.65 L (56 fl oz) with the filter; 1.50 L (51 fl oz) without the filter

Viscosity: See the tables below.

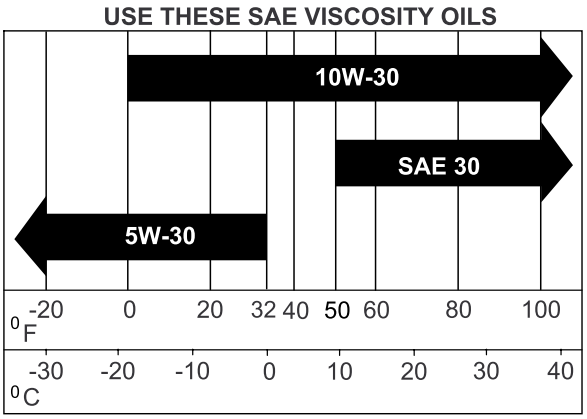


Figure 48
Kohler engines only

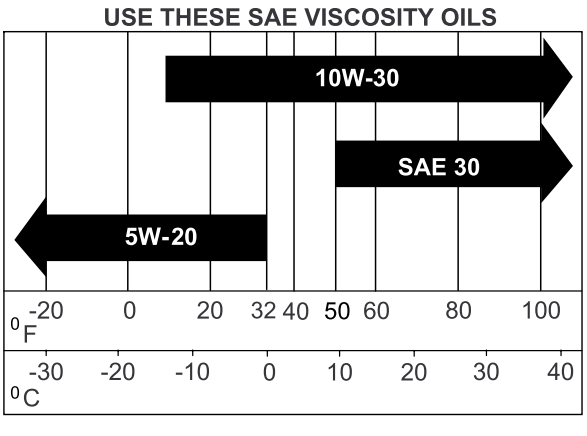


Figure 49
Kawasaki engines only

Note: Use a synthetic oil with 5W-20 (Kawasaki) or 5W-30 (Kohler) rating, up to 4°C (40°F).

Note: Synthetic oils provide better starting when the temperature is below -23°C (-10°F).

Checking the Engine-Oil Level

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

Note: Check the oil when the engine is cold.

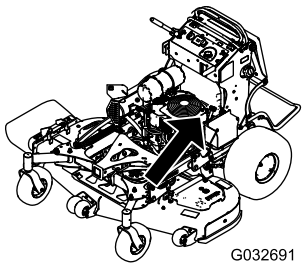
⚠ WARNING

Contact with hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

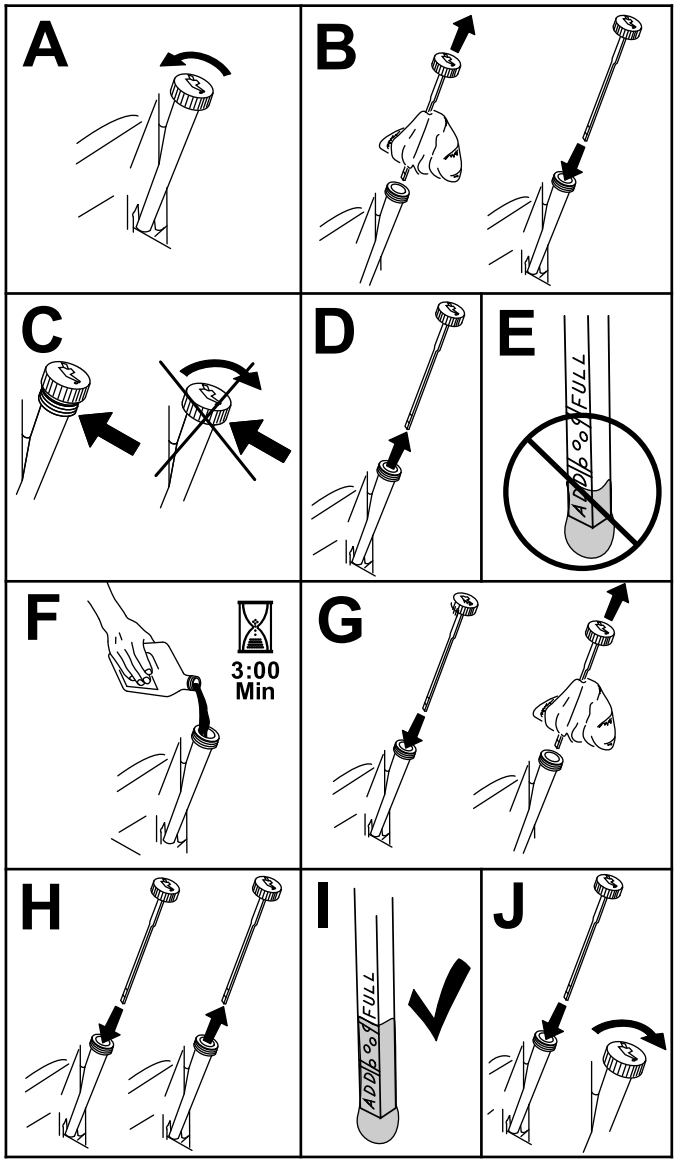
Keep your hands, feet, face, clothing and other body parts away the muffler and other hot surfaces.

Important: **Do not overfill the crankcase with oil because damage to the engine may result. Do not run engine with oil below the low mark because the engine may be damaged.**

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. Check the engine-oil level as shown in (Figure 50).



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Figure 50

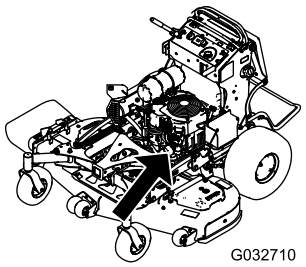
Changing the Engine Oil

Service Interval: After the first 8 hours

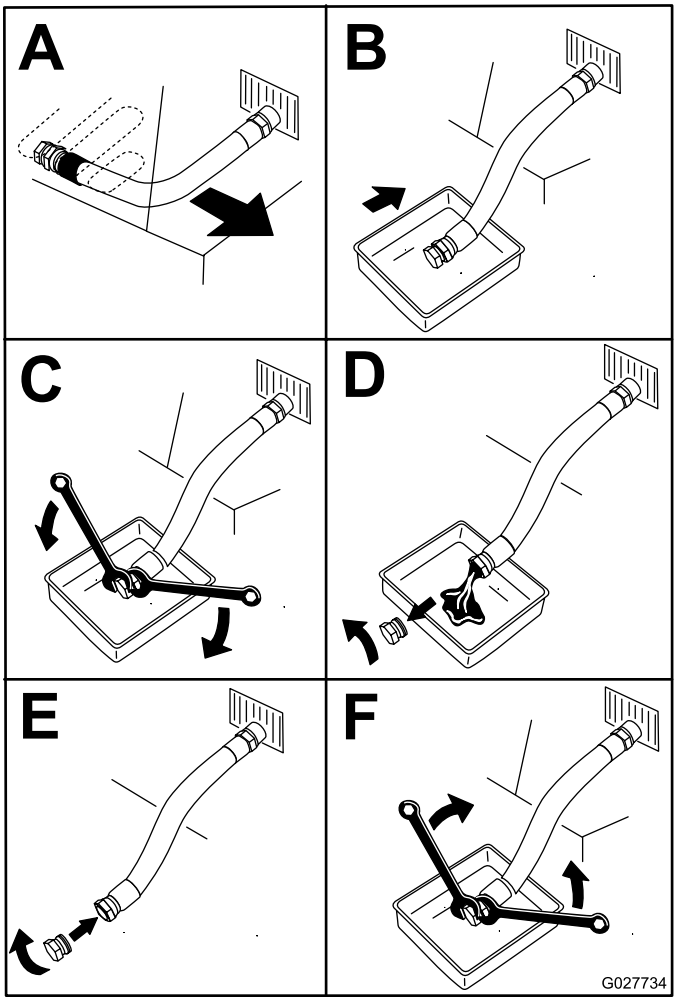
Every 100 hours or yearly, whichever comes first

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

1. Park the machine so that the drain side is slightly lower than the opposite side to assure the oil drains completely.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Change the engine oil as shown in Figure 51.



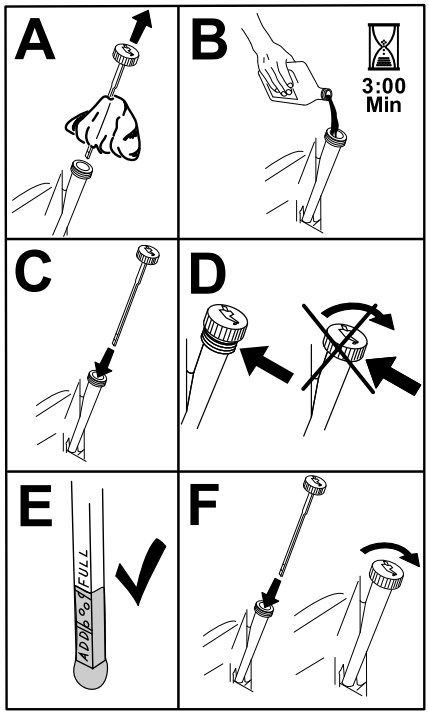
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Figure 51

5. 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 52).



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Figure 52

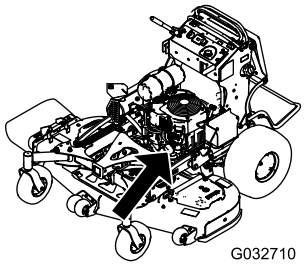
6. Start the engine and drive to a flat area.
7. Check the oil level again.

Changing the Engine-Oil Filter

Service Interval: Every 200 hours

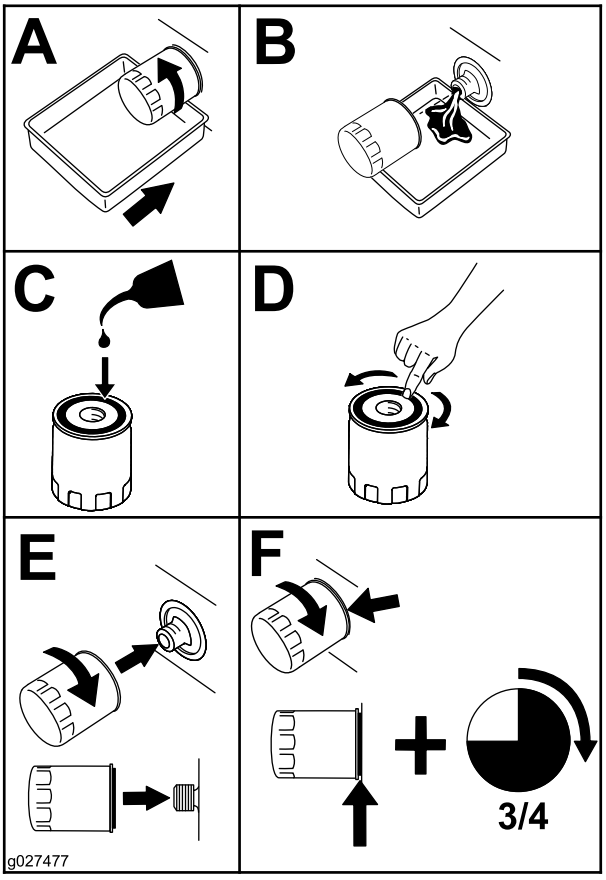
Note: Change the engine-oil filter more frequently when operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

1. Drain the oil from the engine; refer to Changing the Engine Oil (page 40).
2. Change the engine-oil filter (Figure 53).



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Figure 53

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

3. Fill the crankcase with the proper type of new oil; refer to Engine-Oil Specifications (page 38).

Servicing the Spark Plug

Service Interval: Every 100 hours

Every 200 hours

Make sure 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(s) and a gapping tool/feeler gauge to check and adjust the air gap. Install a new spark plug(s) if necessary.

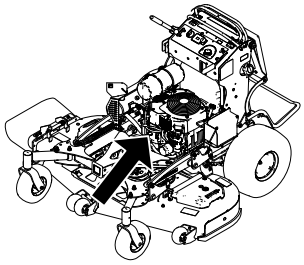
Type for Kohler Engines: Kohler 25 132 14-c, Champion XC12YC, or equivalent

Type for Kawasaki Engines: NGK BPR6ES

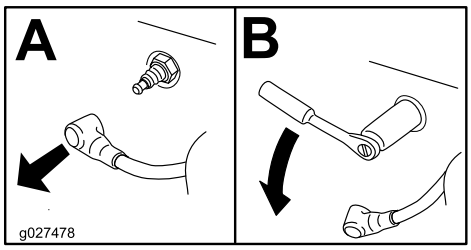
Air Gap: 0.75 mm (0.03 inch)

Removing the Spark Plug

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 spark plug as shown in Figure 54.



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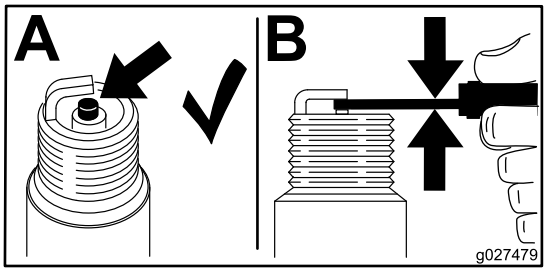
Figure 54

Checking the Spark Plug

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.

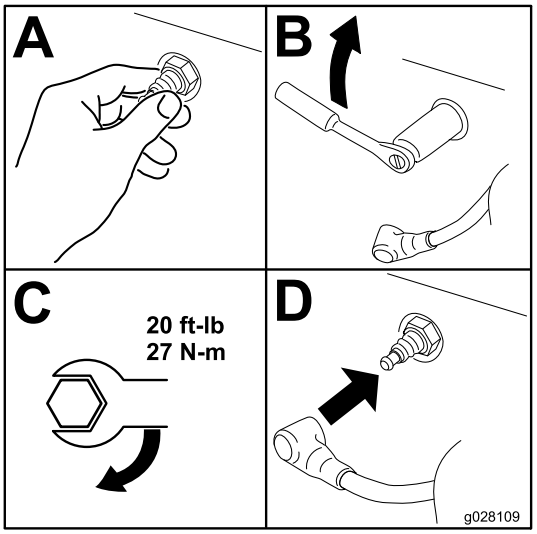
Set the gap to 0.75 mm (0.03 inch).



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Figure 55

Installing the Spark Plug



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Figure 56

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.

Fuel System Maintenance

Draining the Fuel Tank

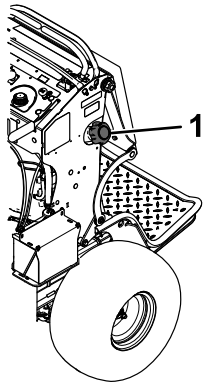
You can drain the fuel tank by removing it and pouring the fuel out of the fill neck; refer to Removing the Fuel Tank (page 44). You can also drain the fuel tank by using a siphon in the following procedure.

⚠ 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 57).
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.



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Figure 57

1. Fuel cap

Removing the Fuel Tank

1. Lower the platform.
2. Release the cushion; refer to Releasing the Cushion for Rear Access (page 33).
3. Remove the cross bracket.

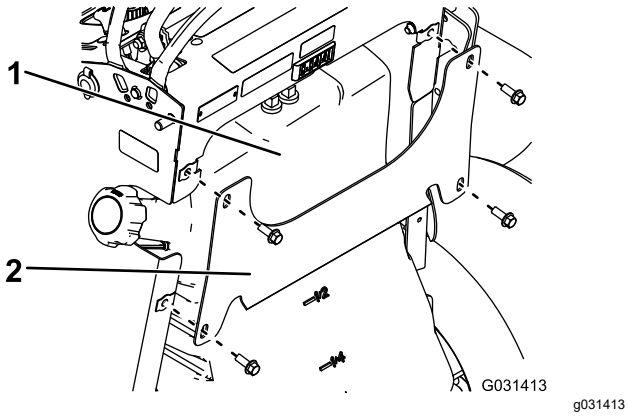


Figure 58

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.

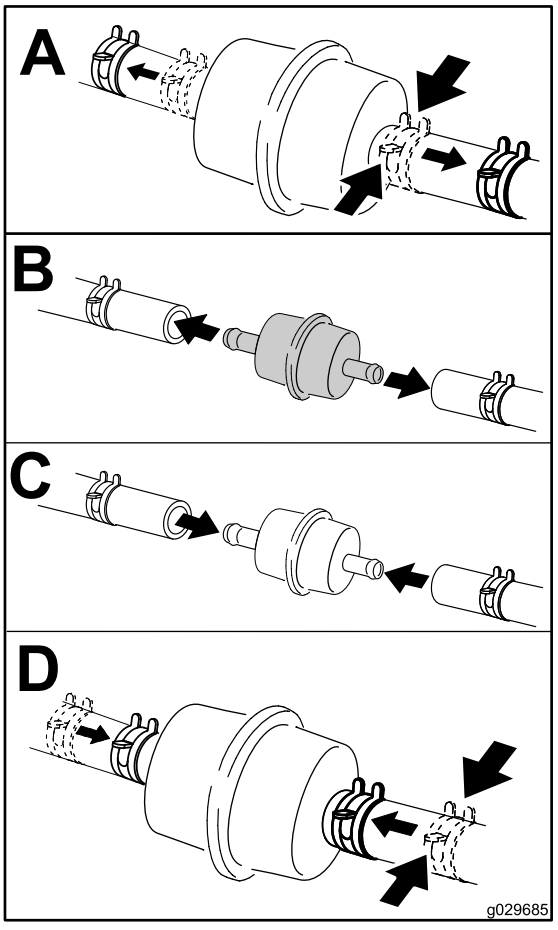
Replacing the Fuel Filter

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 28).
4. Replace the fuel filter as shown in .



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Figure 59

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

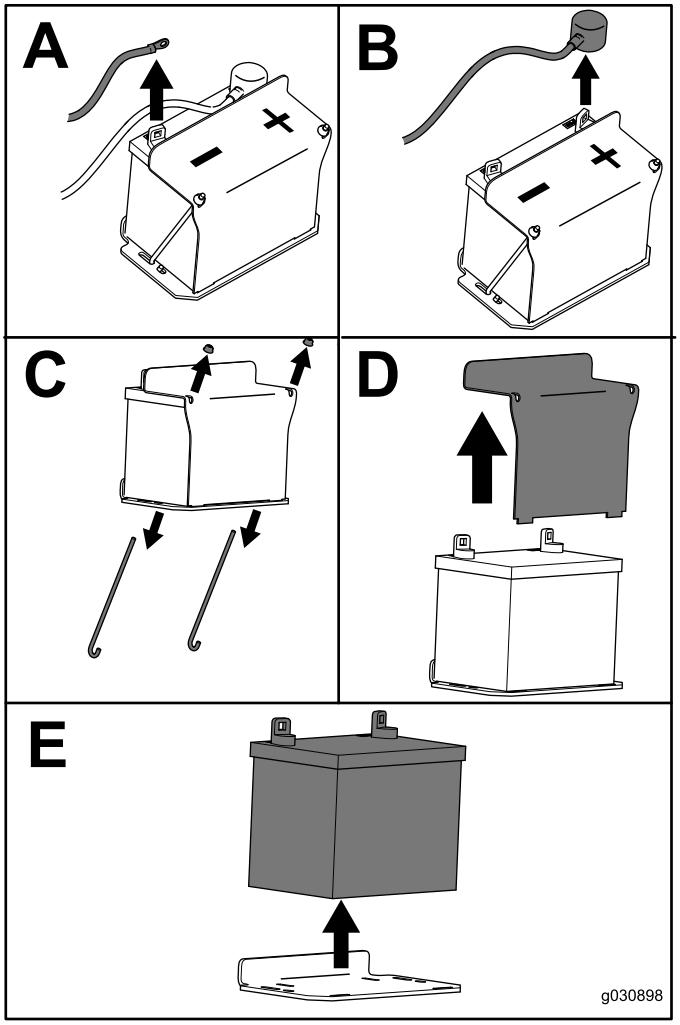
Yearly

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 4 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. Remove the battery as shown in Figure 60.



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Figure 60

Charging the Battery

⚠ WARNING

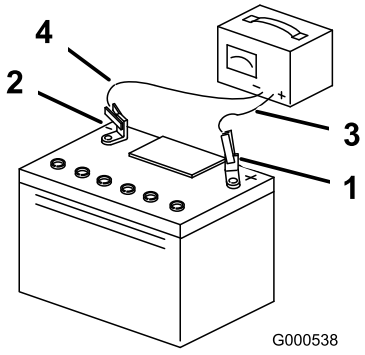
Charging the battery produces gasses that can explode.

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 45).
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 61).
6. Install the battery onto the machine and connect the battery cables; refer to Installing the Battery (page 46).

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



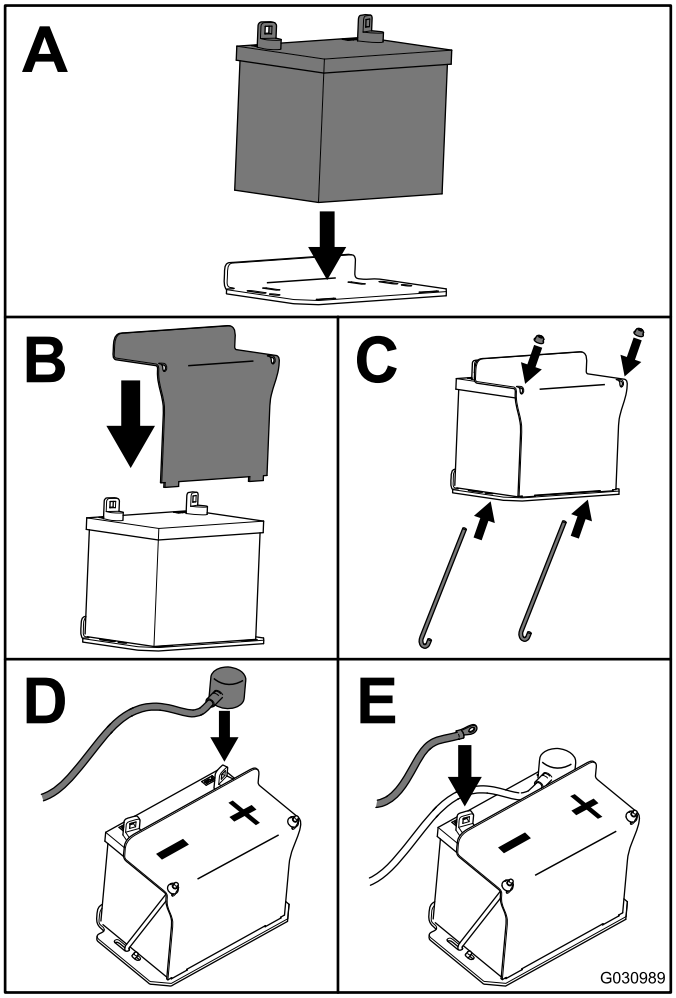
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Figure 61

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

Installing the Battery

Install the battery as shown in Figure 62.



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Figure 62

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 44).
5. Pull out the fuse and replace it (Figure 63).

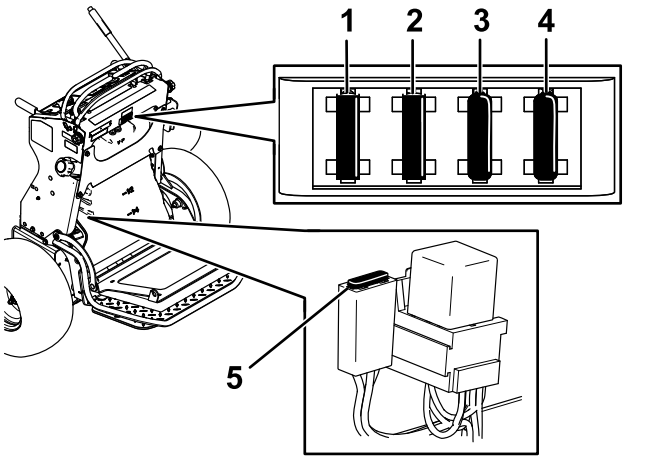


Figure 63

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

6. Install the fuel tank, if removed; refer to Removing the Fuel Tank (page 44).
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.

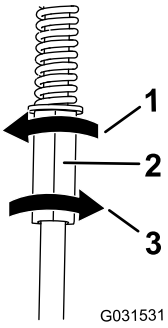
1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Release the cushion from the rear of the machine; refer to Releasing the Cushion for Rear Access (page 33).

   Note: For easier access, you can also remove the fuel tank; refer to Removing the Fuel Tank (page 44).
4. Rotate the left control rod in quarter-turn increments until the machine tracks straight (Figure 64).

   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.**



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Figure 64

1. Rotate left to lengthen the rod.
2. Left control rod
3. Rotate right to shorten the rod.

5. 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.

6. Check that the machine does not creep from the neutral position with the parking brake disengaged.
7. Install the fuel tank, if you removed it.
8. Install the cushion.

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.

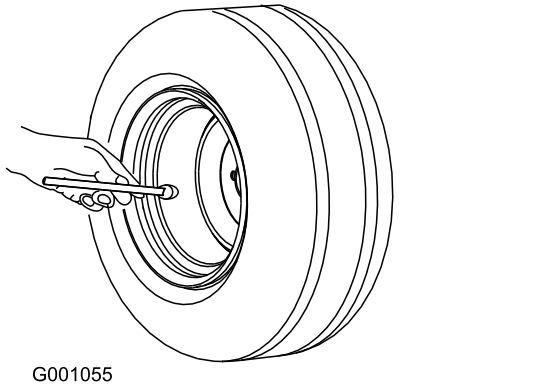


Figure 65

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 66).
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 66).

   Important: **Make sure that the spring washers are installed correctly as shown in Figure 66.**

5. Install the dust cap (Figure 66).

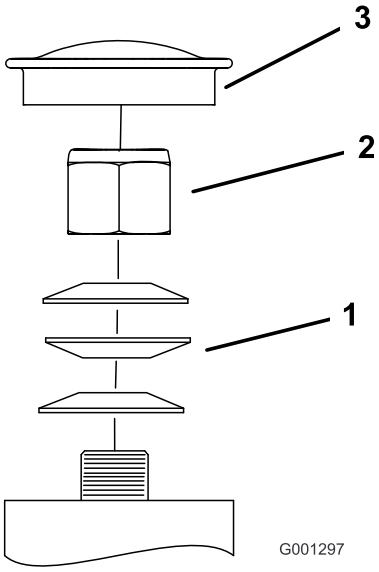


Figure 66

1. Spring washers
2. Locknut
3. Dust cap

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 67).

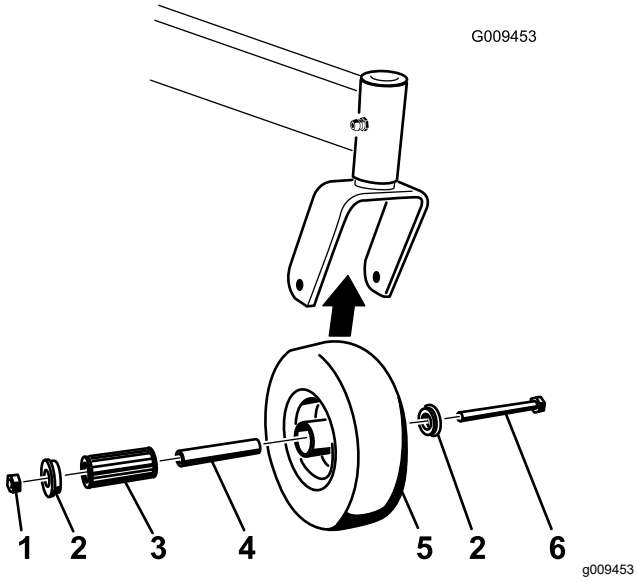


Figure 67

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

2. Remove 1 bushing, then pull the spanner bushing and roller bearing out of the wheel hub (Figure 67).
3. Remove the other bushing from the wheel hub and clean any grease and dirt from the wheel hub (Figure 67).
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 67).
5. Place 1 bushing into the wheel hub (Figure 67).
6. Grease the roller bearing and spanner bushing, and slide them into the wheel hub (Figure 67).
7. Place the second bushing into the wheel hub (Figure 67).
8. Install the caster wheel into the caster fork and secure it with the wheel bolt and locknut (Figure 67).
9. Tighten the locknut until the spanner bushing bottoms against the inside of the caster forks (Figure 67).
10. Grease the fitting on the caster wheel.

Removing the Clutch Shim

Service Interval: Every 100 hours

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 68).

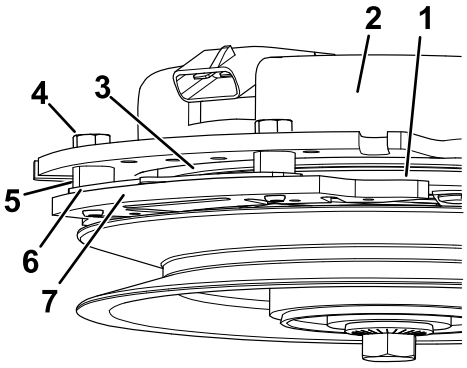


Figure 68

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

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.

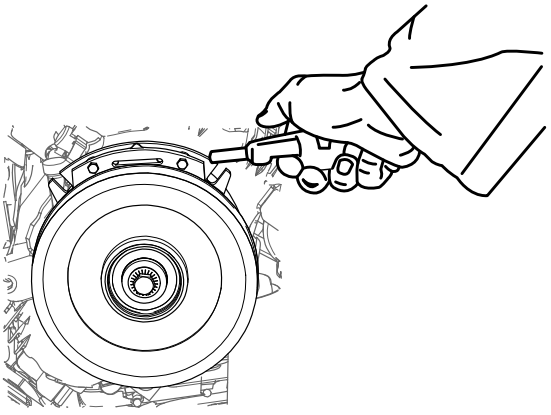
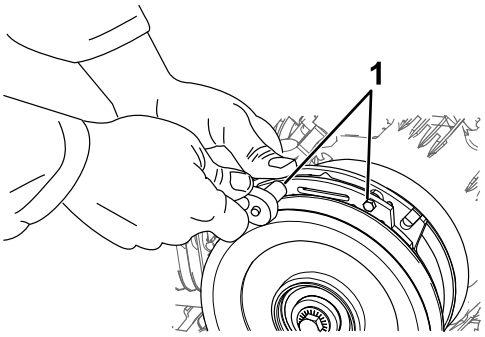


Figure 69

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 the 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 70.

      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.



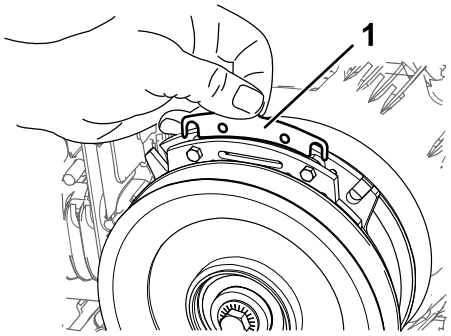
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Figure 70

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.



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Figure 71

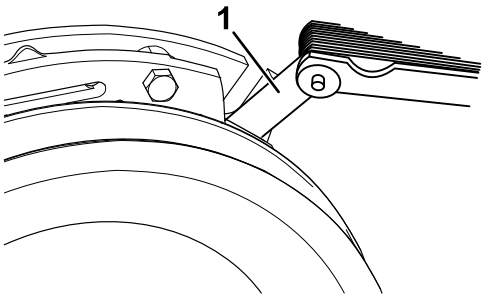
1. Shim

   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 72 and Figure 73.

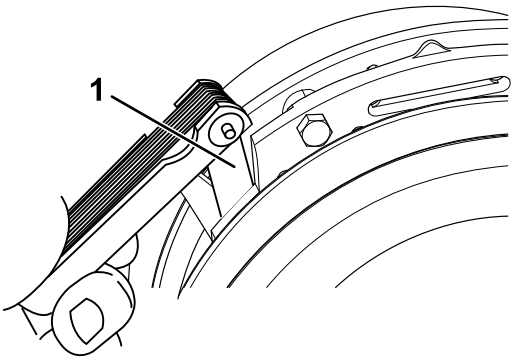
      Note: Due to the way the rotor and armature faces wear (peaks and valleys), it is sometimes difficult to measure the true gap.



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Figure 72

1. Feeler gauge



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Figure 73

1. Feeler gauge

   - If the gap is less than 0.010 inch, then install the shim and refer to Troubleshooting (page 67).
   - 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, and refer to Troubleshooting (page 67).

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

Note: If the clutch does not engage properly, refer to Troubleshooting (page 67).

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

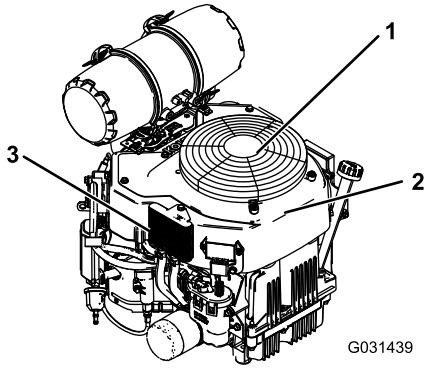
Service Interval: Before each use or daily

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 74).
4. Clean the debris and grass from the engine parts.
5. Install the air-intake screen and the fan housing (Figure 74).



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Figure 74

1. Guard and engine air-intake screen
2. Fan housing
3. Engine-oil cooler

Brake Maintenance

Testing the Parking Brake

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

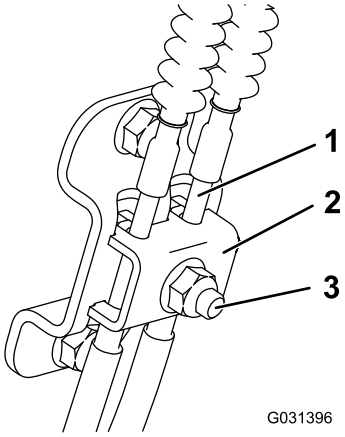
Before each use, test the parking brake on both a level surface and slope.

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 44).
2. Loosen the bolt on the cable clamp on the left side of the machine.



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Figure 75

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

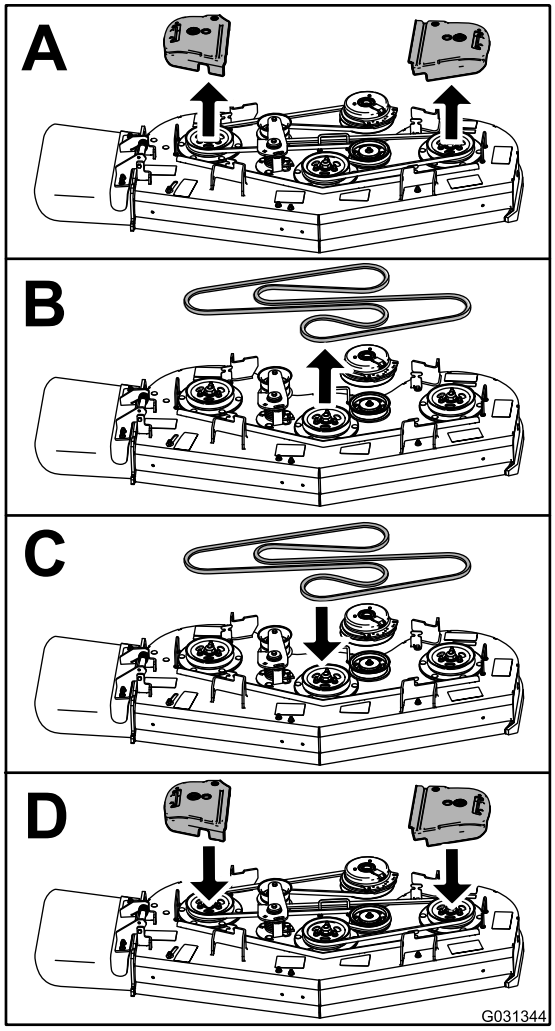
Service Interval: Every 100 hours—Check the mower-deck belt(s).

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. Replace the belt as shown in Figure 76.



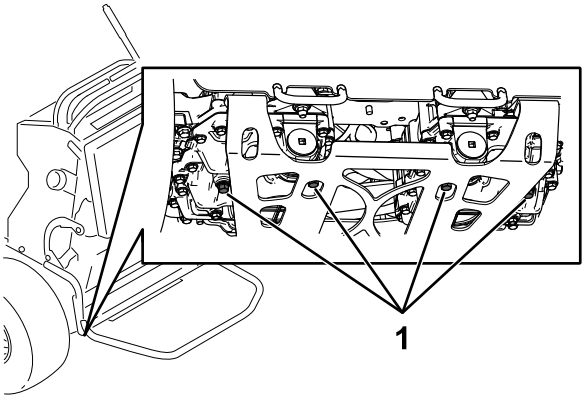
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Figure 76

Replacing the Transmission Belt

Service Interval: Every 1,000 hours—Replace the transmission belt.

1. Remove the fuel tank; refer to Removing the Fuel Tank (page 44).
2. Remove the hydraulic-reservoir cap.
3. Locate the drain plugs in the bottom of the transmission and place a drain pan under the plug (Figure 77).

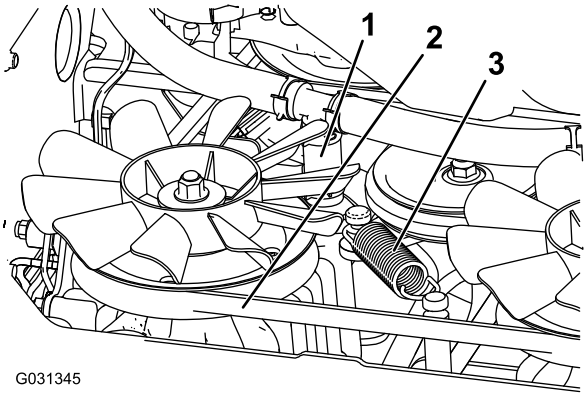


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Figure 77

1. Drain plug

4. Allow the hydraulic fluid to drain from the machine.
5. Remove the lower hydraulic hose (Figure 78).



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Figure 78

1. Lower hydraulic hose
2. Transmission belt
3. Tension spring

6. Remove the tension spring (Figure 78).

⚠ CAUTION

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

Wear safety glasses and be careful when removing the spring.

7. Remove the deck belt from the clutch and clutch stop (Figure 78).
8. Install the new belt.
9. Install the tension spring and lower hydraulic hose.
10. Install the drain plugs and torque to 22 to 27 N·m (16 to 20 ft-lb).
11. Add hydraulic fluid to the fill level.
12. Install the hydraulic-reservoir cap.
13. Run the machine for 10 minutes and verify that the hydraulic fluid is at the correct level.

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 79).
4. Check if the right motion-control lever aligns horizontally with the left motion-control lever (Figure 79).

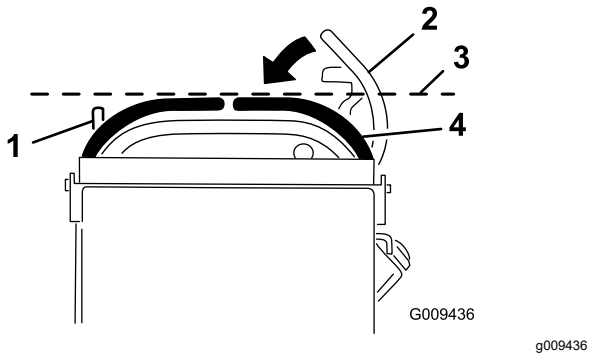


Figure 79

1. Left motion-control lever
2. Right motion-control lever in the Neutral-lock position
3. Check the horizontal alignment here
4. 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 80).

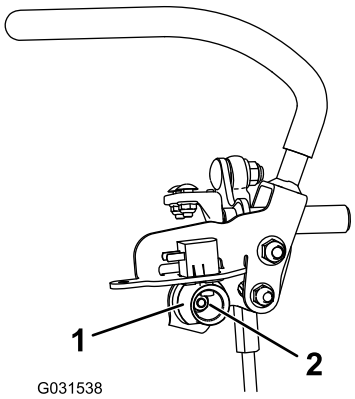


Figure 80

1. Cam
2. Nut

7. Adjust the cam until it aligns with the left motion-control lever and tighten the nut for the cam.

   Note: Moving the cam clockwise (in the vertical position) lowers the handle; moving the cam counterclockwise (in the vertical position) raises the handle.

   Important: **Ensure that the flat portion of the cam does not go above a vertical position (right or left); otherwise you may damage the switch.**

8. Repeat steps 3 through 7 for the left motion-control lever.

Hydraulic System Maintenance

Hydraulic System Safety

- Seek immediate medical attention if fluid is injected into skin. Injected fluid must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor.
- Ensure that all hydraulic-fluid hoses and lines are in good condition and all hydraulic connections and fittings are tight before applying pressure to the hydraulic system.
- Keep your body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high-pressure hydraulic fluid.
- Use cardboard or paper to find hydraulic leaks.
- Safely relieve all pressure in the hydraulic system before performing any work on the hydraulic system.

Hydraulic System Specifications

Hydraulic Fluid Type: Toro® HYPR-OIL™ 500 hydraulic fluid

Hydraulic System Fluid Capacity: 4.7 L (159 fl oz)

Important: **Use the fluid specified. Other fluids could damage the system.**

Checking the Hydraulic Fluid

Service Interval: After the first 8 hours

Every 50 hours

Note: Check the hydraulic-fluid level when the fluid is cold.

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 machine to cool.
4. Clean the area around the cap and the filler neck of the hydraulic tank (Figure 81).

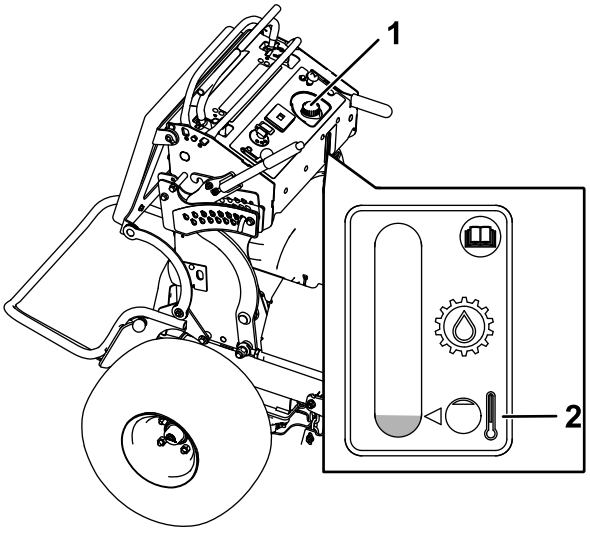


Figure 81

1. Hydraulic-tank cap
2. Cold fluid level

5. Remove the cap from the filler neck (Figure 81).

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

6. Add fluid to the reservoir until it reaches the 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 44).
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 82).

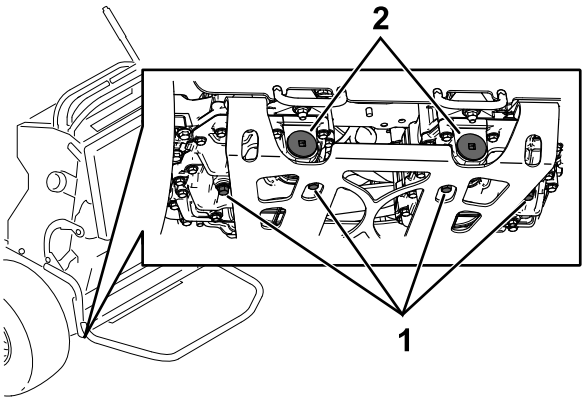


Figure 82

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 83).

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

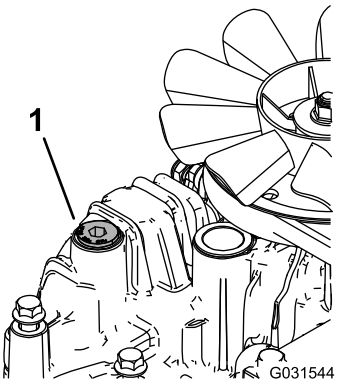


Figure 83

Left transmission shown

1. Vent plug

12. Slowly add fluid to the hydraulic tank until it starts to come out 1 of the vent plugs.

Important: **Use the fluid specified in Hydraulic System Specifications (page 55) 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 57).

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.

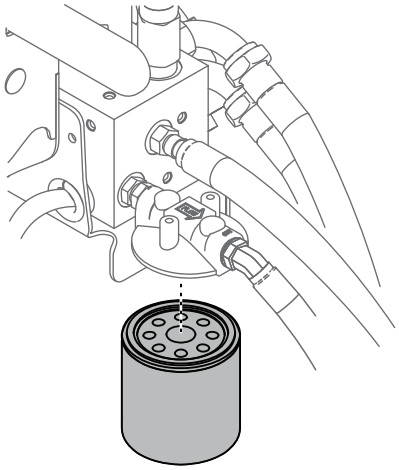
1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, and engage the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the rear of the machine onto jack stands high enough to raise the drive wheels off the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

Replacing the Low-Flow Hydraulic Filter

Service Interval: Every 500 hours

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. Locate the filter and place a drain pan under the filter.



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Figure 84

4. Remove the old filter and wipe the filter-adapter gasket surface clean.
5. Apply a thin coat of hydraulic fluid to the rubber gasket on the replacement filter.
6. Install replacement hydraulic filter onto the filter adapter.
7. Turn the filter clockwise until the rubber gasket contacts the filter adapter and tighten the filter an additional 1/2 turn.
8. Clean up any spilled fluid.
9. Check the fluid in the reservoir and add fluid to the tank until it reaches the cold baffle of the tank.

   Important: **Use the specified fluid or equivalent. Other fluids could cause system damage.**
10. Start the engine and let it run for about 2 minutes to purge air from the system.
11. Shut off the engine and check for leaks.
12. Check the fluid level and add fluid, if required.

    Important: **Do not overfill.**

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 (Figure 85).
2. If the edges are not sharp or have nicks, remove and sharpen the blade; refer to Sharpening the Blades (page 59).
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 85).

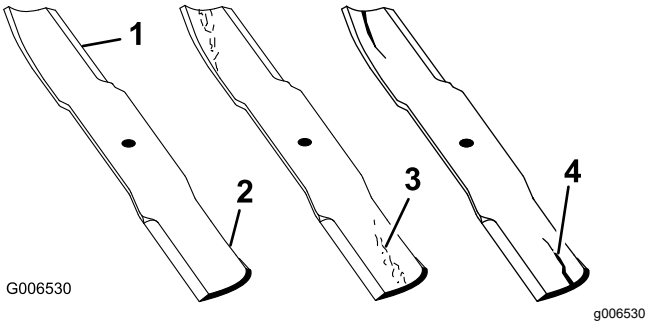


Figure 85

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

Checking for Bent Blades

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 86).

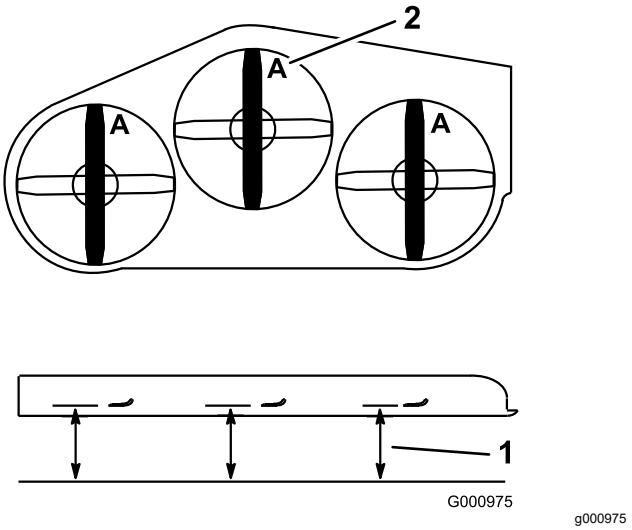


Figure 86

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.

⚠ 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.**

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 87).

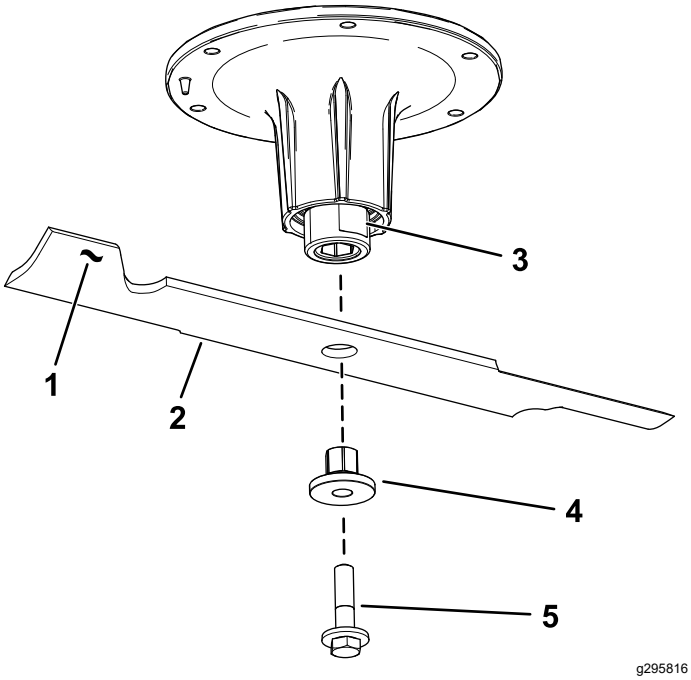


Figure 87

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

Sharpening the Blades

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade (Figure 88).

   Note: Maintain the original angle.

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

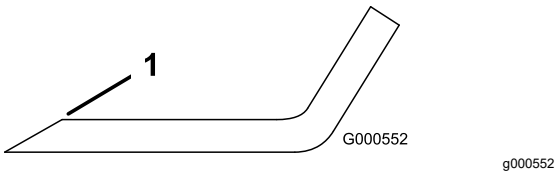


Figure 88

1. Sharpen at original angle.

2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer (Figure 89).

   Note: If the blade stays in a horizontal position, the blade is balanced and can be used.

   Note: If the blade is not balanced, file some metal off the end of the sail area only (Figure 88).

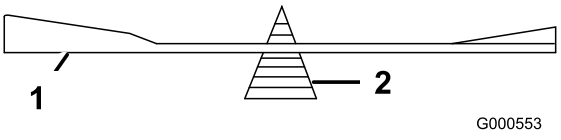


Figure 89

1. Blade
2. Balancer

3. Repeat this procedure until the blade is balanced.

Installing the Blades

1. Install the bushing through the blade with the bushing flange on the bottom (grass) side of the blade (Figure 90).

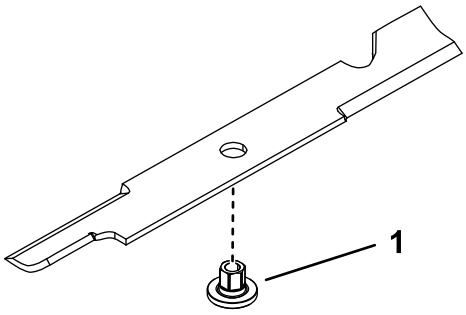


Figure 90

1. Bushing

2. Install the bushing/blade assembly into the spindle shaft (Figure 91).

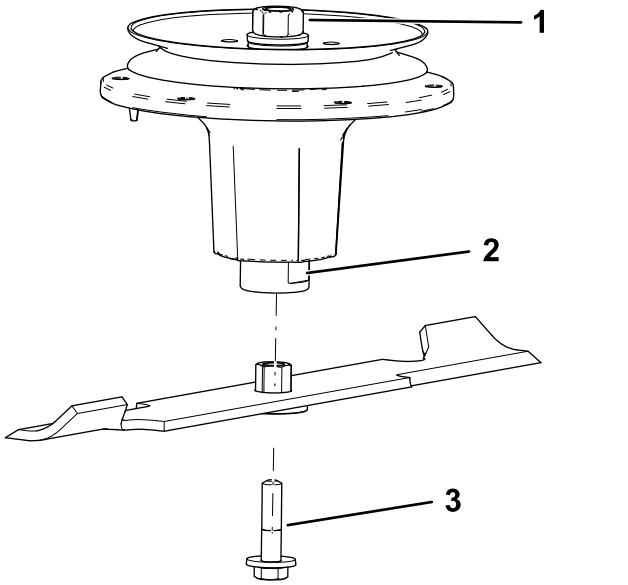


Figure 91

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).

Removing the Mower Deck

1. Shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, engage the parking brake, and remove the key.
2. Use the height-of-cut lever to lower the mower deck onto wood blocks.
3. Remove the mower-deck belt; refer to Replacing the Mower-Deck Belt (page 52).
4. Remove the 2 bolts and 2 nuts connecting the strut bracket to the frame (Figure 92).

   Note: Retain the fasteners with the strut bracket.

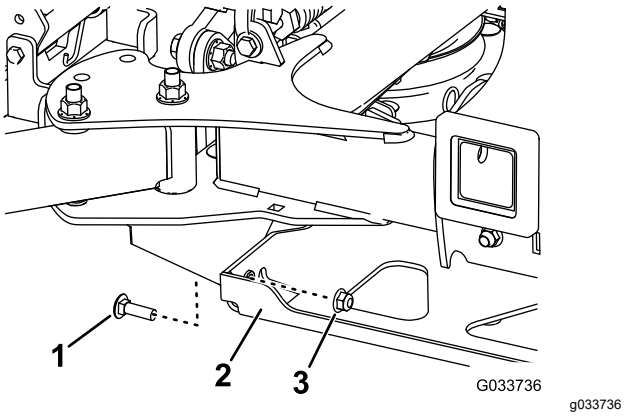


Figure 92

Right side shown

1. Bolt
2. Strut bracket
3. Nut

5. Remove the 2 bolts, 2 nuts, and washer connecting the mower-deck hangers to the lift plates for both sides of the mower deck (Figure 93 and Figure 94).

   Note: Retain the mounting hardware with the deck chains.

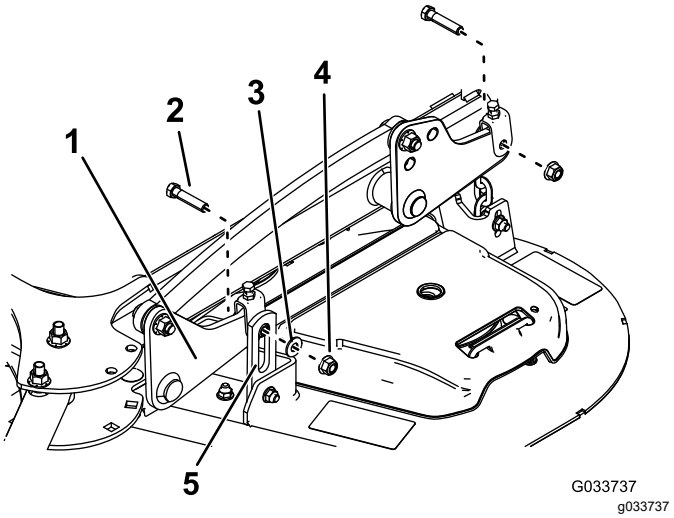


Figure 93

Left Side of 52-inch Deck Shown

1. Lift plate
2. Bolt
3. Washer
4. Nut
5. Mower-deck hanger

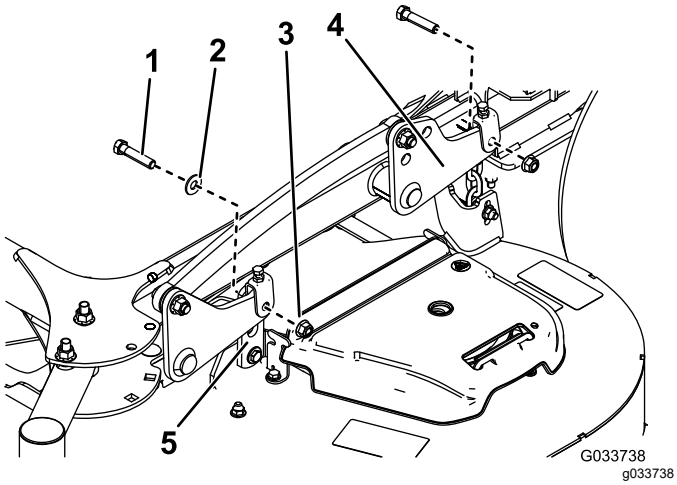


Figure 94
Left Side of 60-inch Deck Shown

1. Bolt
2. Washer
3. Nut
4. Lift plate
5. Mower-deck hanger

6. Rotate the caster wheels forward.
7. Slide the mower deck out from under the machine.
8. If you are using the machine in a winter application without a PTO-powered attachment, remove the clutch to prevent corrosion as follows:
   A. Unplug the wire harness from the clutch (Figure 95).

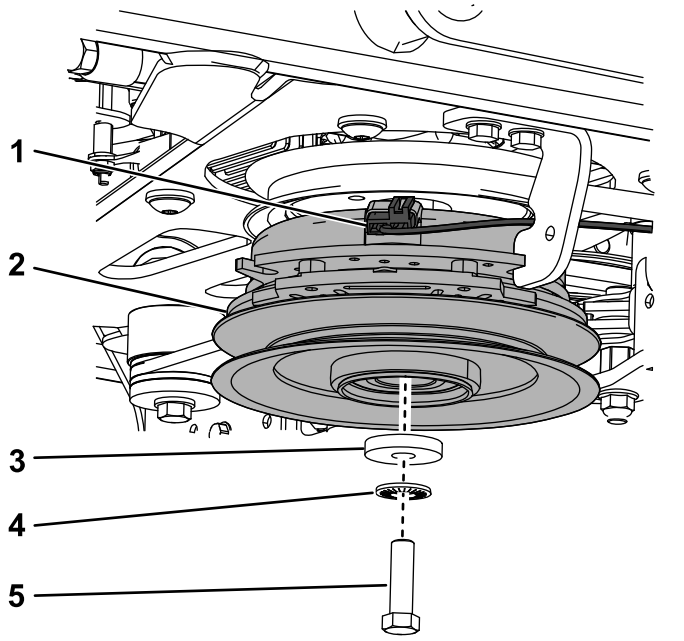


Figure 95

1. Wire harness
2. Clutch
3. Washer
4. Spring washer
5. Bolt

   B. Remove the bolt, washer, spring washer, and clutch (Figure 95).
   C. Apply anti-seize compound to the crank shaft, then install the bolt, washer, spring washer, and a spacer (Toro part no. 136-5411) to the shaft (Figure 96).

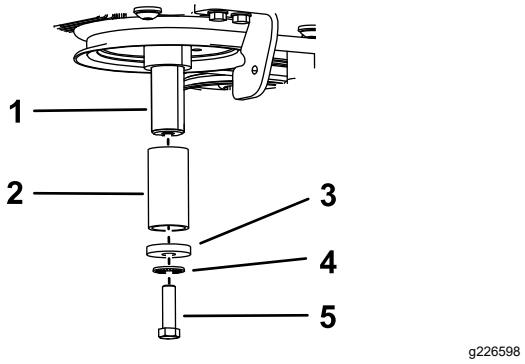


Figure 96

1. Crank shaft
2. Spacer
3. Washer
4. Spring washer
5. Bolt

   D. Apply dielectric grease to the connector and use a cable tie to secure it to the machine.

Installing the Mower Deck

1. Slide the mower deck under the machine.
2. Rotate the caster wheels rearward.
3. Connect the deck hangers to the lift plates using the 2 bolts, 2 nuts, and 2 washers that you retained for each side of the mower deck.

   Note: Mount the front hanger brackets on the outside of the front lift arms for 52-inch decks (Figure 93). Mount the front hanger brackets on the inside of the front lift arms for 60-inch decks (Figure 94).

   Note: Torque the bolts to 38 to 49 N·m (28 to 36 ft-lb).
4. Install the 2 bolts that you retained to connect the strut bracket to the frame (Figure 92).

   Note: Torque the bolts to 61 to 75 N·m (45 to 55 ft-lb).
5. Install the mower-deck belt; refer to Belt Maintenance (page 52).
6. Level the mower deck; refer to Leveling the Mower Deck from Side to Side (page 62) and Leveling the Mower Deck from Front to Rear (page 63).

   Note: You do not need to level the mower deck if the adjustment hardware was not loosened when the mower deck was removed.

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 48).
4. Check the mower deck for bent blades; remove and replace any bent blades; refer to Servicing the Cutting Blades (page 58).
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 Checking for Bent Blades (page 58).
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 97).

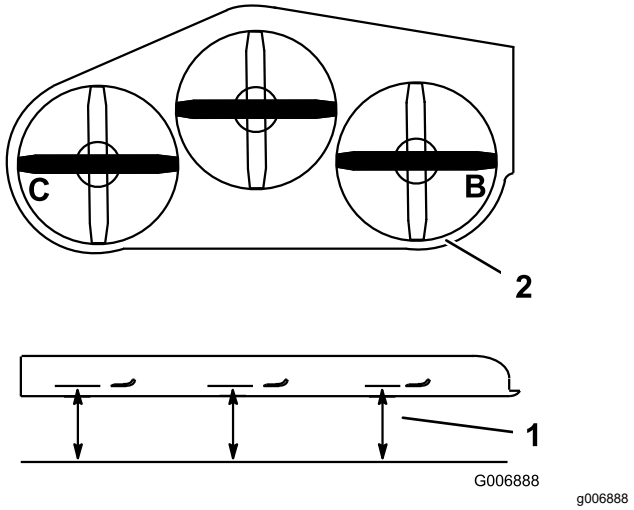


Figure 97

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 from Side to Side (page 62).

Leveling the Mower Deck from Side to Side

1. Loosen the side nut and jam nut in the yokes you want to adjust (Figure 98).

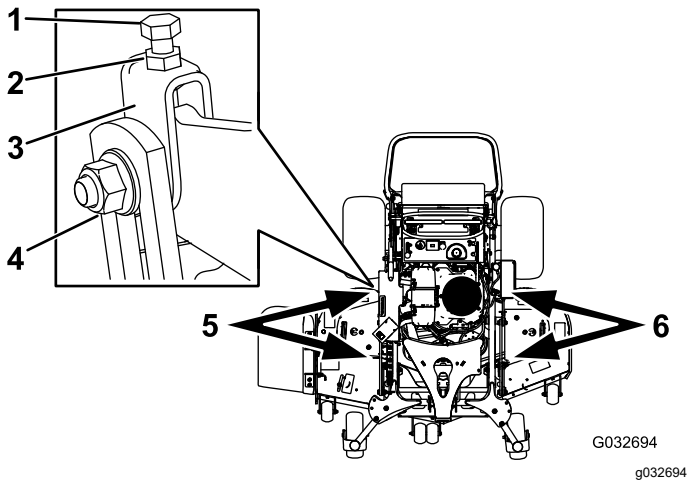


Figure 98

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

2. Rotate the top bolt of the yokes to adjust the height of the mower deck (Figure 98).

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

3. Tighten the jam nuts and side bolts.
4. Check the side-to-side height; refer to Checking the Mower Deck Side-to-Side Height (page 62).

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 99).

   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.

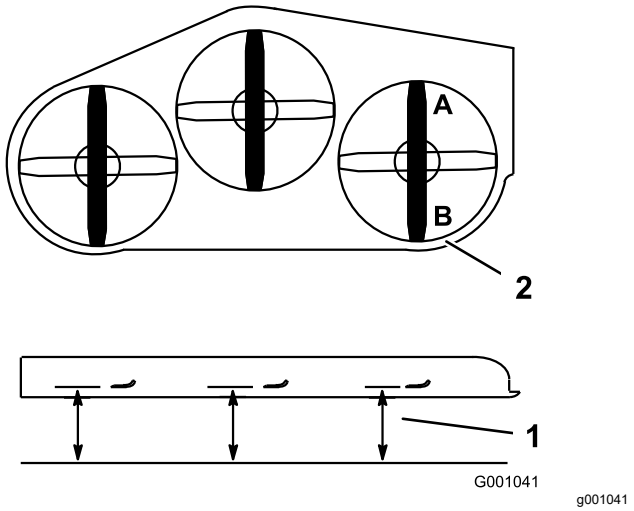


Figure 99

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 from Front to Rear (page 63).

Leveling the Mower Deck from Front to Rear

1. Loosen the jam nut and side bolt in the yokes that you want to adjust (Figure 100).

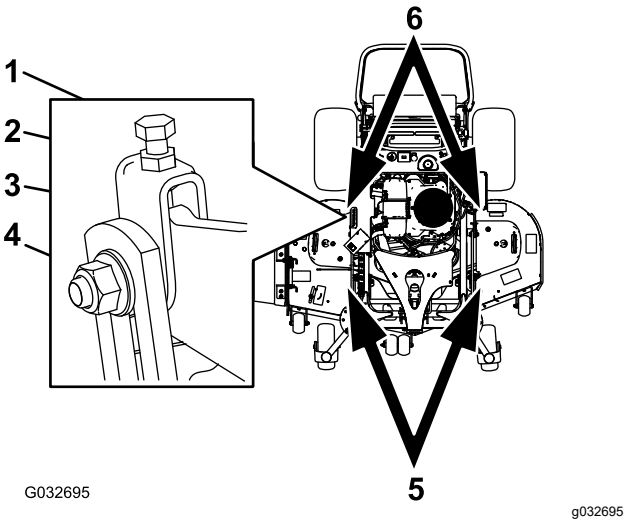


Figure 100

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

2. Rotate the top bolt of the yokes to adjust the height of the mower deck (Figure 100).

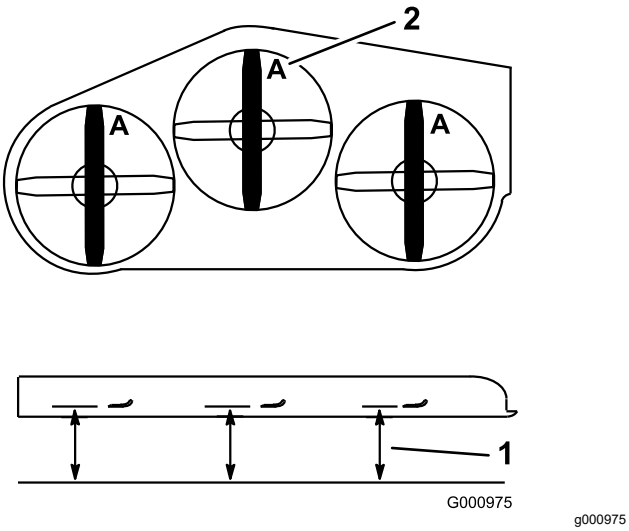
Note: Rotate the bolt clockwise to raise the deck; rotate the bolt counterclockwise to lower it.

3. Tighten the jam nuts and side bolts.
4. Check the front-to-rear pitch; refer to Checking the Mower Deck Front-to-Rear Pitch (page 63).

Matching the Height-of-Cut

1. Check the rear tire pressure.
2. Set the height-of-cut to the 76 mm (3 inch) position; refer to Adjusting the Height-of-Cut (page 25).
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 101).

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



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Figure 101

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

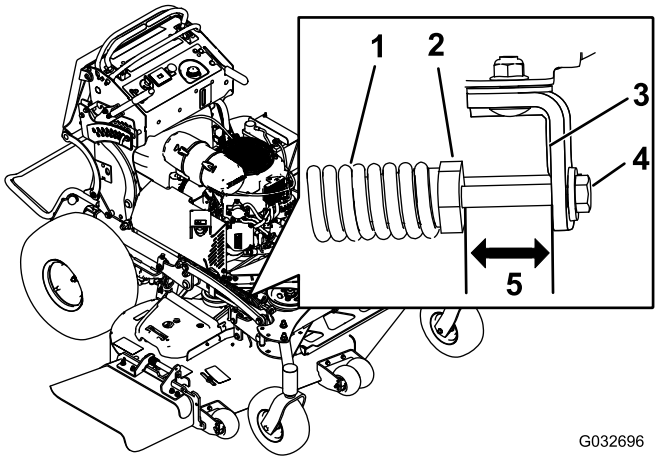
5. If the measurement is not correct, locate the front 2 yokes on the machine (Figure 100).
6. Loosen the side bolt and jam nut of the yokes.
7. Adjust the top bolt of the yokes until the blade tips match 76 mm (3 inches).
8. Tighten the jam nuts and side bolts.

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 102).
3. Ensure that the length is 51mm (2 inches) for 48/52in decks, and 38mm (1.5 inches) for 60in decks as shown in Figure 102.
4. If needed, adjust the distance by adjusting the bolt on the front of the mount bracket (Figure 102).



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Figure 102

1. Deck-lift spring
2. Spring nut
3. Rear side of the mount bracket
4. Adjustment bolt
5. Length is 51mm (2 inches) for 48/52in decks, and 38mm (1.5 inches) for 60in decks.

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

Replacing the Grass Deflector

⚠ WARNING

An uncovered discharge opening could allow the machine to throw objects toward you or bystanders, resulting in serious injury. Also, contact with the blade could occur.

Do not operate the machine unless you install a cover plate, a mulch plate, grass deflector, or bagger.

1. Remove the locknut, bolt, spring, and spacer holding the deflector to the pivot brackets (Figure 103).

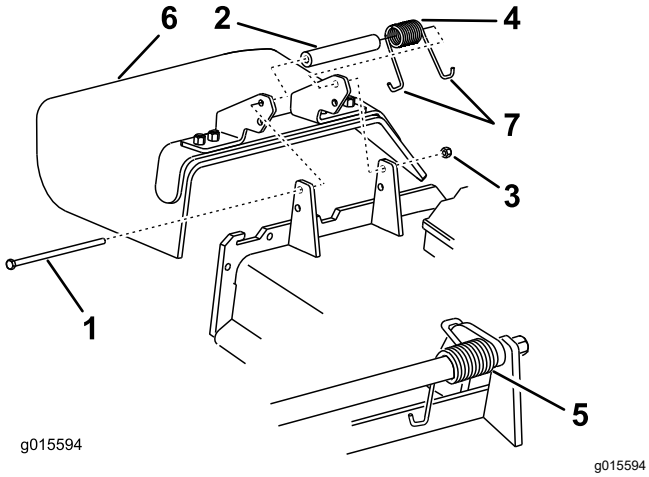


Figure 103

1. Bolt
2. Spacer
3. Locknut
4. Spring
5. Spring (installed)
6. Grass deflector
7. **J**-hook end of the 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 103.
5. Install the bolt and the nut.
6. Place 1 **J**-hook end of the spring around the grass deflector (Figure 103).

   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

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

- Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop leaving the operator's position. Allow the machine to cool before servicing, adjusting, fueling, 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

Service Interval: Before storage

Before storage

Store the machine in temperatures above -12°C (10°F).

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 Brake Maintenance (page 52).
5. Service the air cleaner; refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner (page 37).
6. Grease the machine; refer to Lubrication (page 34).
7. Change the engine oil; refer to Changing the Engine Oil (page 40).
8. Check the tire pressure; refer to Checking the Tire Pressure (page 48).
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 43), 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.

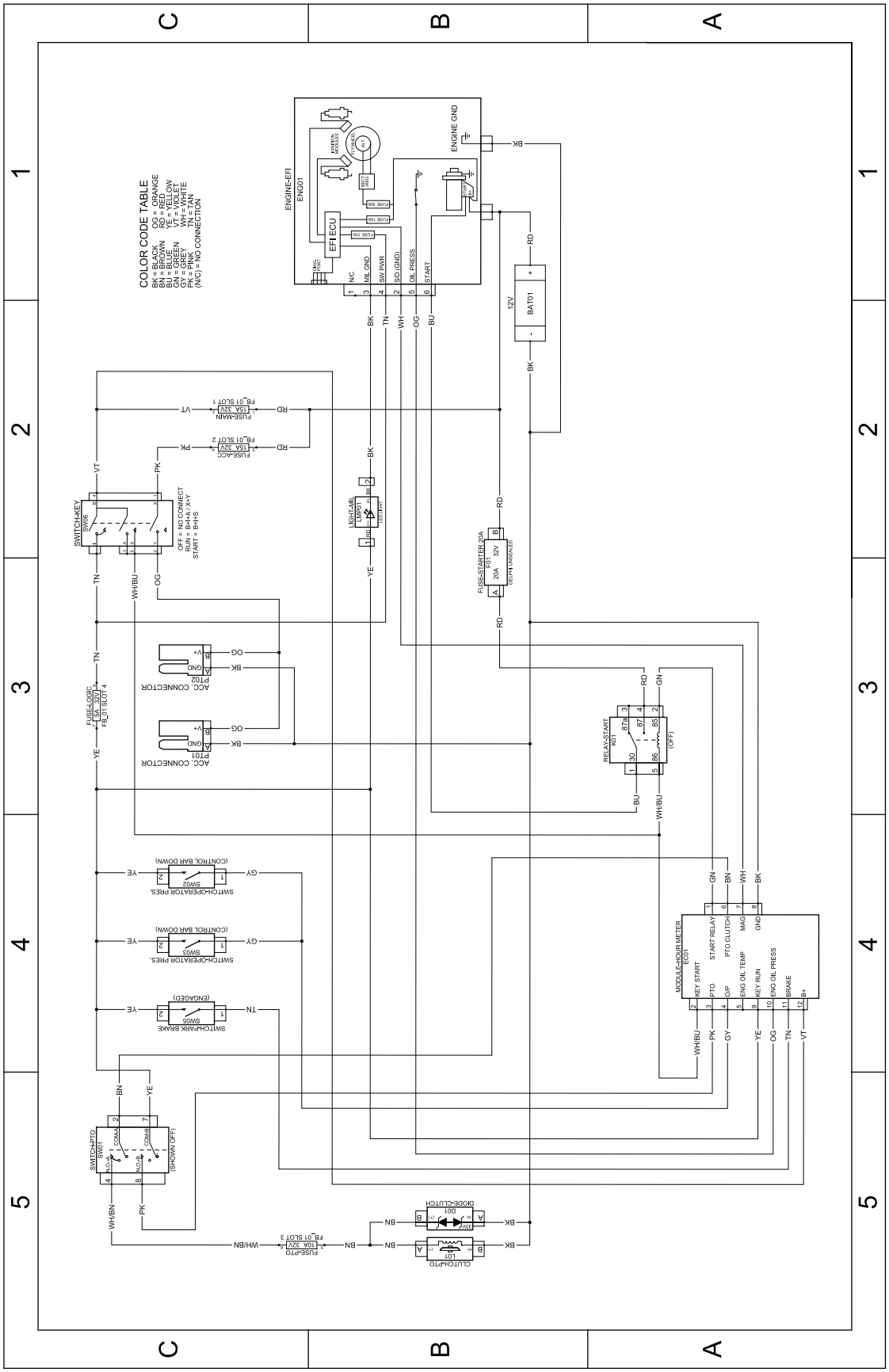
      Important: **Do not store fuel containing stabilizer/conditioner longer than the duration recommended by the fuel-stabilizer manufacturer.**
10. Remove the spark plug(s) and check its condition; refer to Removing the Spark Plug (page 42).
11. With the spark plug(s) removed from the engine, pour 15 ml (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.	1. The fuel tank is empty or the shutoff valve is closed. 2. The choke control is not engaged. 3. A spark-plug wire is loose or disconnected. 4. A spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect. 5. The air cleaner is dirty. 6. Dirt is in the fuel filter. 7. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system. 8. The gap between the safety-interlock switches is not correct.	1. Fill the fuel tank with fuel and open the valve 2. Engage the choke control. 3. Install the wire on spark plug. 4. Install a new, correctly gapped spark plug. 5. Service the air-cleaner element. 6. Replace the fuel filter. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The engine loses power.	1. The engine load is excessive. 2. The air cleaner is dirty. 3. The oil level in the crankcase is low. 4. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged. 5. A spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect. 6. The vent hole in the fuel cap is plugged. 7. Dirt is in the fuel filter. 8. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.	1. Reduce the ground speed. 2. Service the air-cleaner element. 3. Add oil to the crankcase. 4. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages. 5. Install a new, correctly gapped spark plug. 6. Clean or replace the fuel cap. 7. Replace the fuel filter. 8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The engine overheats.	1. The engine load is excessive. 2. The oil level in the crankcase is low. 3. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged.	1. Reduce the ground speed. 2. Add oil to the crankcase. 3. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages.
The machine does not drive.	1. The hydraulic-fluid reservoir is low. 2. Air is in the hydraulic system. 3. A pump-drive belt slips. 4. A pump-drive belt idler spring is missing. 5. The pump-bypass valves are open.	1. Add hydraulic fluid to the reservoir. 2. Bleed the air out the hydraulic system. 3. Replace the pump-drive belt. 4. Replace the pump-drive belt idler spring. 5. Tighten the bypass valves. Torque to 12 to 15 N·m (9 to 11 ft-lb).
There is abnormal vibration.	1. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced. 2. A blade-mounting bolt is loose. 3. The engine-mounting bolts are loose. 4. An engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley is loose. 5. An engine pulley is damaged. 6. A blade spindle is bent.	1. Install new cutting blade(s). 2. Tighten the blade-mounting bolt. 3. Tighten the engine-mounting bolts. 4. Tighten the appropriate pulley. 5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

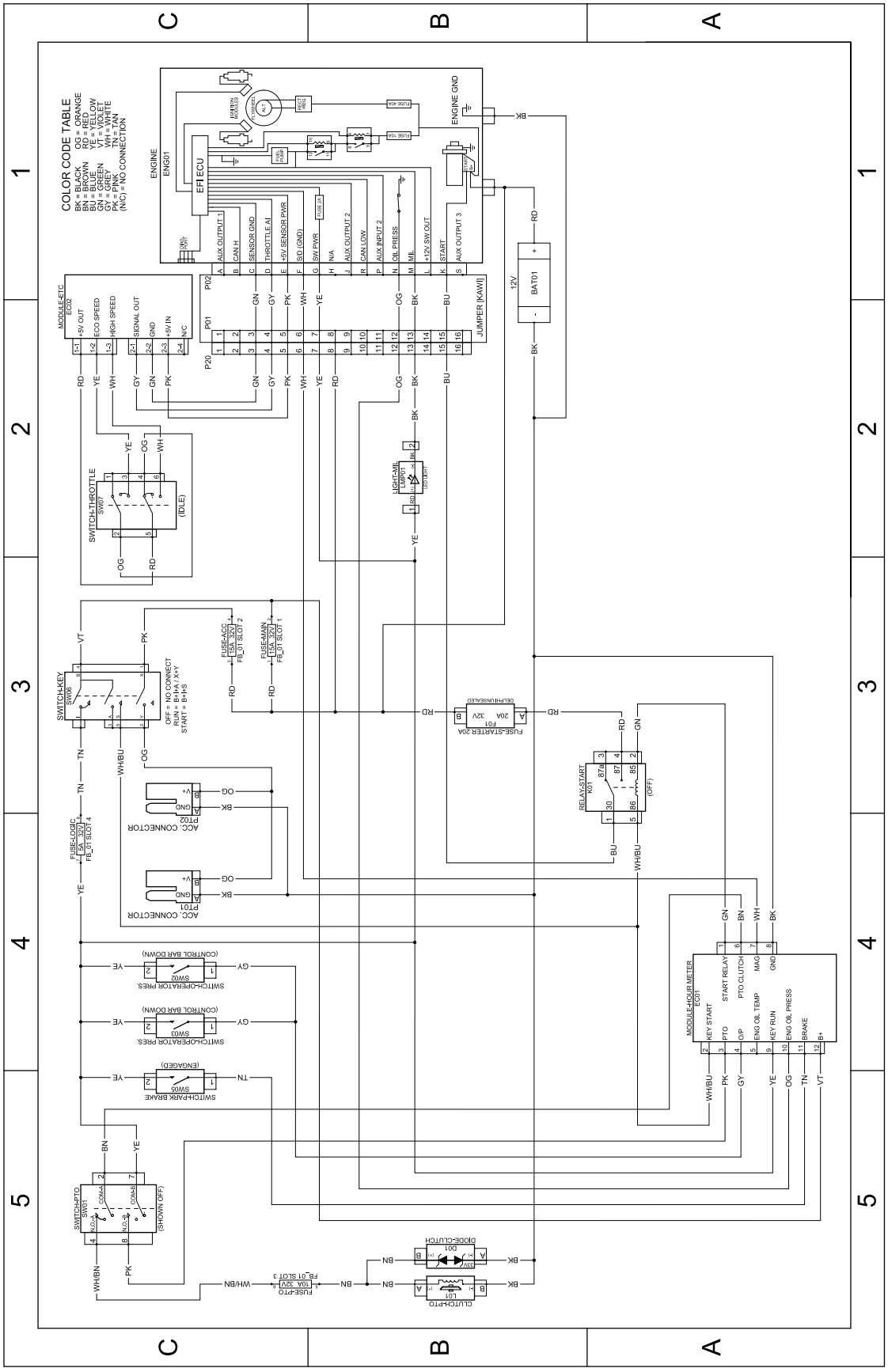
Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The cutting height is uneven.	1. Blade(s) are not sharp. 2. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent. 3. The mower deck is not level. 4. The mower deck pitch is wrong. 5. The underside of mower deck is dirty. 6. The tire pressure is not correct. 7. A blade spindle is bent.	1. Sharpen the blade(s). 2. Install new cutting blade(s). 3. Level the mower deck side-to-side position. 4. Adjust the front-to-rear pitch. 5. Clean the underside of the mower deck. 6. Adjust the tire pressure. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The blades do not rotate.	1. A pump-drive belt is worn, loose or broken. 2. A pump-drive belt is off pulley. 3. A mower-deck belt is worn, loose or broken. 4. A mower-deck belt is off the pulley. 5. An idler spring is broken or missing. 6. The electric clutch is out of adjustment. 7. The clutch connector or wire is damaged. 8. The electric clutch is damaged. 9. The safety-interlock system prevents blade rotation. 10. The PTO switch is malfunctioning.	1. Check the belt tension. 2. Install the drive belt and check the adjusting shafts and belt guides for the correct position. 3. Install the new deck belt. 4. Install the deck pulley and check the idler pulley, idler arm and spring for the correct position and function. 5. Replace the spring. 6. Adjust the clutch air gap. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 9. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 10. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The clutch does not engage.	1. The fuse is blown. 2. There is low voltage supply at the clutch. 3. The coil is damaged. 4. There is inadequate current supply. 5. The rotor/armature air gap is too large.	1. Replace the fuse. Check the coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections, and replace components if necessary. 2. Check the coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections and replace parts if necessary. 3. Replace the clutch. 4. Repair or replace the clutch lead wire or electrical system. Clean the connector contacts. 5. Remove the shim or replace the clutch.
The malfunction indicator light (MIL) comes on.	1. The engine is too hot. 2. There is old fuel in the fuel tank. 3. The fuel-shutoff valve is not open completely. 4. The air cleaner is dirty. 5. The battery is not charged. 6. Incorrect fuel filters are being used or the fuel filters are dirty. 7. The connections to the sensors electronic control unit (ECU) and fuel injectors are not secured properly. 8. There is low voltage from the battery. 9. A fuse is blown.	1. Turn the engine off and let it cool. 2. Use new fuel. 3. Open the fuel-shutoff valve. 4. Make sure that the air cleaner and precleaner are clean. Replace them if necessary. 5. Charge or replace the battery. 6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 8. Ensure that the battery is fully charged. 9. Check and replace any blown fuses.

Schematics



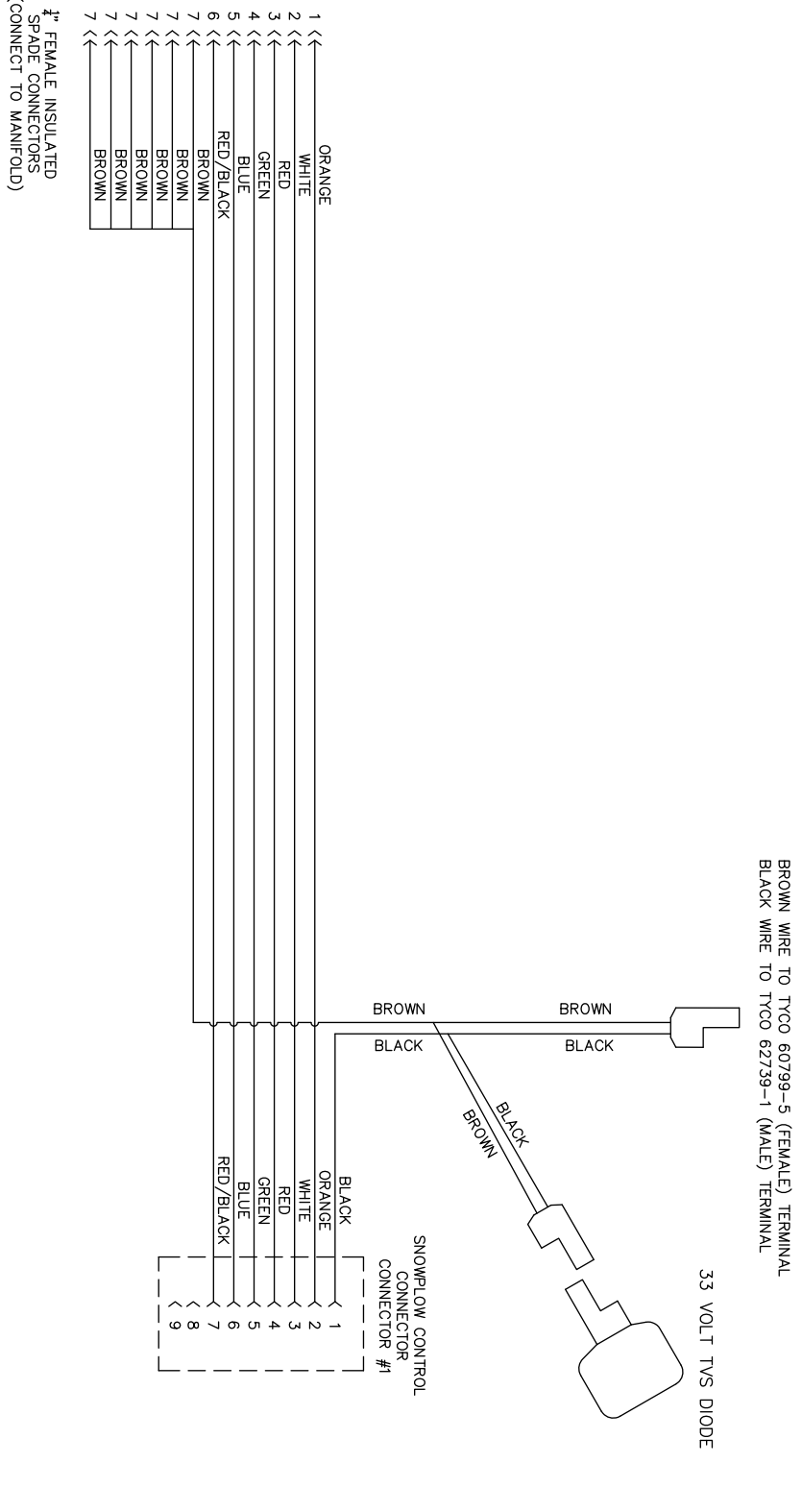
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Low Flow Hydraulic Electrical Schematic (Rev. 0)

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.

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.