



Mid-Size Mower

ProLine Gear 13hp with 32in or 36in Side Discharge Mower

Model No. 30150—Serial No. 240000001 and Up

Model No. 30161—Serial No. 240000001 and Up

Operator's Manual



Warning



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Proposition 65 Warning

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

Important This engine is not equipped with a spark arrester muffler. It is a violation of California Public Resource Code Section 4442 to use or operate this engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land. Other states or federal areas may have similar laws.

This spark ignition system complies with Canadian ICES-002.

Ce système d'allumage par étincelle de véhicule est conforme à la norme NMB-002 du Canada.

The enclosed Engine Owner's Manual is supplied for information regarding The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Emission Control Regulation of emission systems, maintenance, and warranty.

Keep this engine Owner's Manual with your mower. Should this engine Owner's Manual become damaged or illegible, replace immediately. Replacements may be ordered through the engine manufacturer.

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Introduction

Read this manual carefully to learn how to operate and maintain your product properly. The information in this manual can help you and others avoid injury and product damage. Although Toro designs and produces safe products, you are responsible for operating the product properly and safely.

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 illustrates the location of the model and serial numbers on the product.

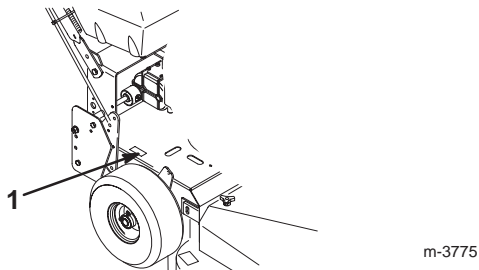


Figure 1

1. Location of the model and serial numbers

Write the product model and serial numbers in the space below:

Model No. _____
Serial No. _____

This manual identifies potential hazards and has special safety messages that help you and others avoid personal injury and even death. **Danger**, **Warning**, and **Caution** are signal words used to identify the level of hazard. However, regardless of the hazard, be extremely careful.

Danger signals an extreme hazard that *will* cause serious injury or death if you do not follow the recommended precautions.

Warning signals a hazard that *may* cause serious injury or death if you do not follow the recommended precautions.

Caution signals a hazard that may cause minor or moderate injury if you do not follow the recommended precautions.

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.

Safety

This machine meets or exceeds the B71.4–1999 specifications of the American National Standards Institute in effect at the time of production.

Note: The addition of attachments made by other manufacturers that do not meet American National Standards Institute certification will cause noncompliance of this machine.

Improper use or maintenance by the operator or owner can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions and always pay attention to the safety alert ▲ symbol, which means CAUTION, WARNING, or DANGER—“personal safety instruction.” Failure to comply with the instruction may result in personal injury or death.

Safe Operating Practices

The following instructions are from ANSI standard B71.4–1999.

Training

- Read the Operator’s Manual and other training material. If the operator(s) or mechanic(s) can not read English it is the owner’s responsibility to explain this material to them.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained. The owner is responsible for training the users.
- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to himself or herself, other people or property.

Preparation

- Evaluate the terrain to determine what accessories and attachments are needed to properly and safely perform the job. Only use accessories and attachments approved by the manufacturer.
- Wear appropriate clothing including hard hat, safety glasses and ear protection. Long hair, loose clothing or jewelry may get tangled in moving parts.
- Inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all objects such as rocks, toys and wire which can be thrown by the machine.

- Use extra care when handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive.
 - Use only an approved container.
 - Never remove gas cap or add fuel with engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke.
 - Never refuel or drain the machine indoors.
- Check that operator's presence controls, safety switches and shields are attached and functioning properly. Do not operate unless they are functioning properly.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and crossing roads and sidewalks. Stop blades if not mowing.
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone.
- Do not operate the mower under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into or from a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

Operation

- Never run an engine in an enclosed area.
- Only operate in good light, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Be sure all drives are in neutral and parking brake is engaged before starting engine.
- Be sure of your footing while using pedestrian controlled equipment, especially when backing up. Walk, don't run. Never operate on wet grass. Reduced footing could cause slipping.
- Slow down and use extra care on hillsides. Be sure to travel side-to-side on hillsides. Turf conditions can affect the machine's stability. Use caution while operating near drop-offs.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and when changing directions on slopes.
- Never raise deck with the blades running.
- Never operate with the PTO shield, or other guards not securely in place. Be sure all interlocks are attached, adjusted properly, and functioning properly.
- Never operate with the discharge deflector raised, removed or altered, unless using a grass catcher.
- Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.
- Stop on level ground, disengage drives, engage parking brake (if provided), shut off engine before leaving the operator's position for any reason including emptying the catchers or unclogging the chute.
- Stop equipment and inspect blades after striking objects or if an abnormal vibration occurs. Make necessary repairs before resuming operations.
- Keep hands and feet away from the cutting unit.
- Look behind and down before backing up to be sure of a clear path.
- Keep pets and bystanders away.

Maintenance and storage

- Disengage drives, set parking brake, stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning or repairing.
- Clean grass and debris from cutting unit, drives, mufflers, and engine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spillage.
- Let engine cool before storing and do not store near flame.
- Shut off fuel while storing or transporting. Do not store fuel near flames or drain indoors.
- Park machine on level ground. Set parking brake. Never allow untrained personnel to service machine.
- Use jack stands to support components when required.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.
- Remove spark plug wire before making any repairs.
- Use care when checking blades. Wrap the blades or wear gloves, and use caution when servicing them. Only replace blades. Never straighten or weld them.
- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts. If possible, do not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hardware tightened. Replace all worn or damaged decals.

Toro Mower Safety

The following list contains safety information specific to Toro products and other safety information you must know.

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

This product is designed for cutting and recycling grass or, when equipped with a grass bagger, for catching cut grass. Any use for purposes other than these could prove dangerous to user and bystanders.

General Operation

- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop the machine if anyone enters the area.
- Do not touch equipment or attachment parts which may be hot from operation. Allow to cool before attempting to maintain, adjust or service.
- Use only Toro-approved attachments. Warranty may be voided if used with unapproved attachments.
- Check carefully for overhead clearances (i.e. branches, doorways, electrical wires) before operating under any objects and do not contact them.

Slope Operation

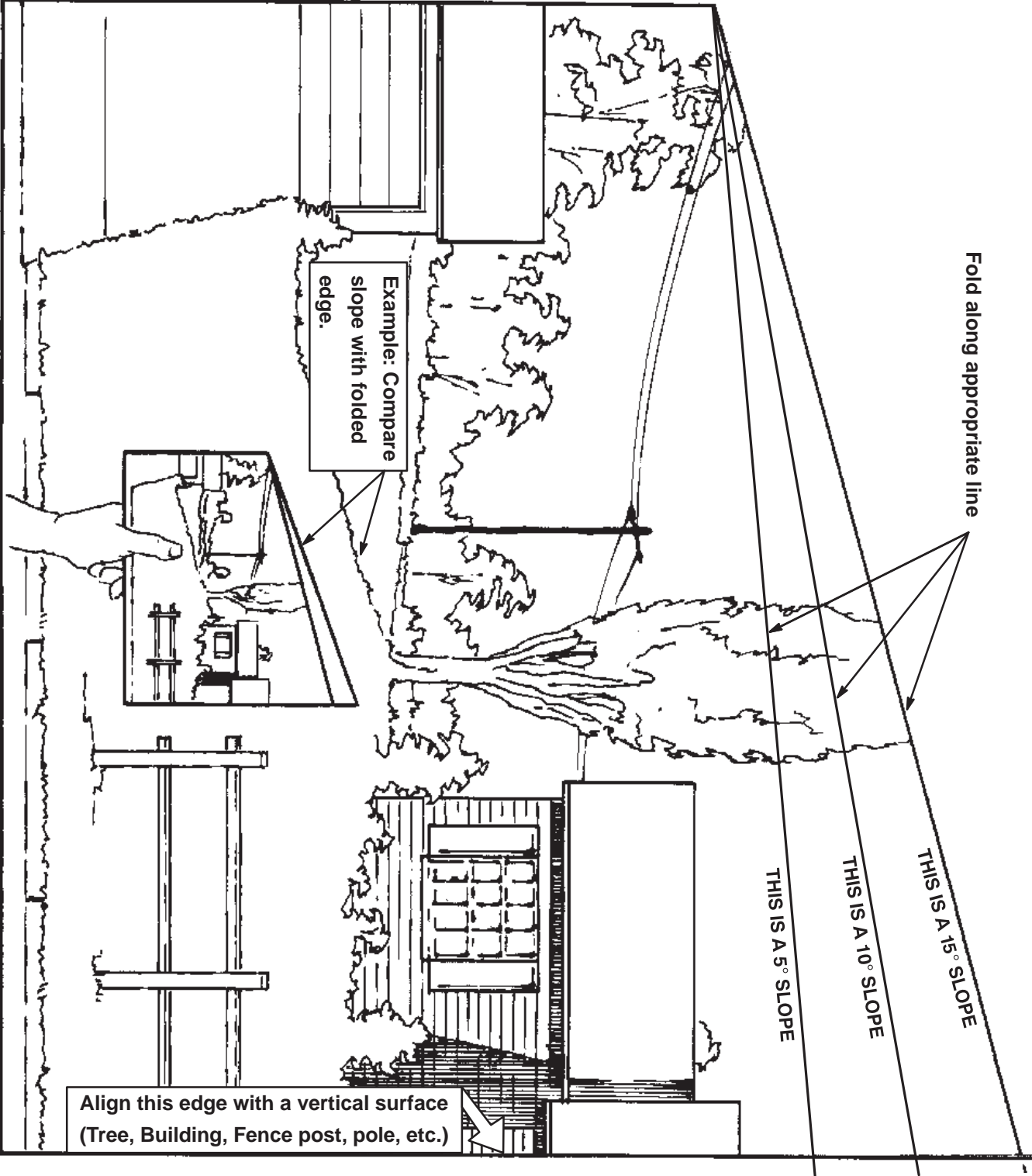
All slopes and ramps require extra caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow it.

- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc. from the mowing area.
- Watch for holes, ruts or bumps. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Use caution near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. The machine could suddenly turn over if a wheel goes over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.
- Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine.
- Keep all movement on slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Mow slopes side to side.
- Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.

Service

- Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as near a water heater or furnace.
- Keep nuts and bolts tight, especially the blade attachment bolts. Keep equipment in good condition.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check safety systems for proper operation before each use.
- Use only genuine replacement parts to ensure that original standards are maintained.
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.

Slope Chart



Safety and Instruction 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 lost.



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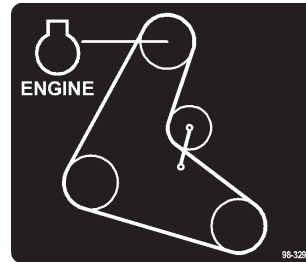
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual* for instructions on operating the cutting blade
2. Push forward to engage
3. Pull back to disengage

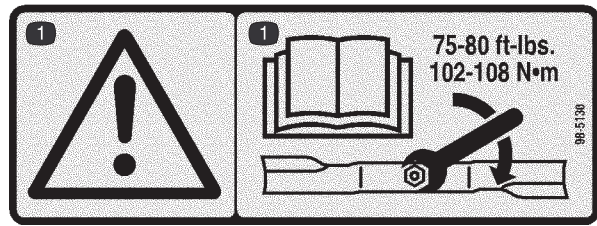


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1. Warning—wear hearing protection.



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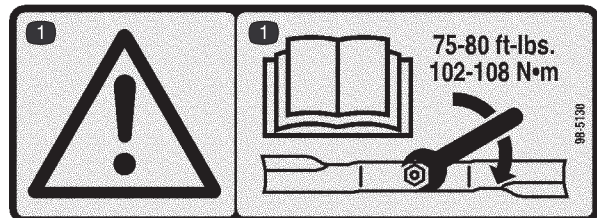
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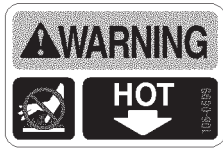


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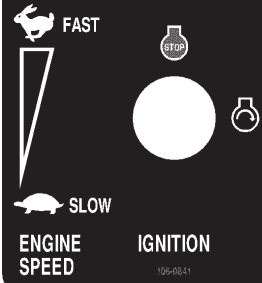
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▲ DANGER AVOID SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH:

- DO NOT MOW WHEN CHILDREN OR OTHERS ARE AROUND.
- DO NOT ALLOW OPERATION OF THE MACHINE BY UNTRAINED PERSONNEL.
- KEEP SAFETY DEVICES (GUARDS, SHIELDS, ETC.) IN PLACE & WORKING.
- REMOVE OBJECTS THAT COULD BE THROWN BY THE BLADE.
- READ THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL. FOR REPLACEMENT MANUAL, SEND MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER TO: THE TORO CO., 8111 LYNDALE AVE. S., BLOOMINGTON, MN 55420-1196



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PROLINE



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Gasoline and Oil

Recommended Gasoline

Use unleaded regular gasoline suitable for automotive use (85 pump octane minimum). Use leaded regular gasoline if unleaded regular is not available.

Important Never use methanol, gasoline containing methanol, or gasohol containing more than 10% ethanol because the fuel system could be damaged. Do not mix oil with gasoline.



Danger



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

- Fill the fuel tank outdoors, in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any gasoline that spills.
- Never fill the fuel tank inside an enclosed trailer.
- Do not fill the fuel tank completely full. Add gasoline to the fuel tank until the level is 1/4 to 1/2 inch (6 to 13 mm) below the bottom of the filler neck. This empty space in the tank allows the gasoline to expand.
- Never smoke when handling gasoline, and stay away from an open flame or where gasoline fumes may be ignited by a spark.
- Store gasoline in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children. Never buy more than a 30-day supply of gasoline.
- Always place gasoline containers on the ground and away from your vehicle before filling.
- Do not fill gasoline containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed because interior carpets or plastic truck bed liners may insulate the container and slow the loss of any static charge.
- When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel the equipment with its wheels on the ground.
- If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a truck or trailer from a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
- If a gasoline dispenser nozzle must be used, keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete.



Warning



Gasoline is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors can cause serious injury and illness.

- Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
- Keep face away from nozzle and fuel tank or conditioner opening.
- Keep gasoline away from eyes and skin.

Using Fuel Stabilizer/Conditioner

Use a fuel stabilizer/conditioner in the machine to provide the following benefits:

- Keeps gasoline fresh during storage of 90 days or less (For longer storage, drain the fuel tank.)
- Cleans the engine while it runs
- Eliminates gum-like varnish buildup in the fuel system, which causes hard starting

Important Do not use fuel additives containing methanol or ethanol.

Add the correct amount of fuel stabilizer/conditioner to the gasoline.

Note: A fuel stabilizer/conditioner is most effective when mixed with fresh gasoline. To minimize the chance of varnish deposits in the fuel system, use fuel stabilizer at all times.

Filling the Fuel Tank

1. Stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and set the parking brakes.
2. Clean around the fuel tank cap and remove the cap. Add unleaded regular gasoline to the fuel tank until the level is 1/4 to 1/2 inch (6 mm to 13 mm) below the bottom of the filler neck. This space in the tank allows the gasoline to expand. Do not fill the fuel tank completely full.
3. Install the fuel tank cap securely. Wipe up any spilled gasoline.

Checking the Engine Oil Level

Before you start the engine and use the machine, check the oil level in the engine crankcase; refer to Checking the Engine Oil Level, page 29.

Setup

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

Loose Parts

Note: Use the chart below to verify all parts have been shipped.

DESCRIPTION	QTY.	USE
Caster assemblies	2	Installing the front casters
Bolt, 3/8 x 3/4 inch	8	
Flange nut, 3/8 inch	8	
Upper handle	1	Installing the upper handle and wire harness
Bolt, 3/8 x 1 inch	4	
Locknut, 3/8 inch	4	
Plastic terminal	1	
Wire tie	1	
Rod fitting	2	Installing the traction control rods
Clevis pin	2	
Washer, 1/4 inch	2	
Hairpin cotter	4	
PTO rod	1	Installing the blade control (PTO) rod
Hairpin cotter	2	
No parts needed	–	Connecting the throttle cable
No parts needed	–	Connecting the choke cable
Shift lever	1	Installing the shift lever
Rubber seal	1	
Square hole washer	1	
Spring washer	1	
Locknut	1	
Fuel tank	1	Mounting the fuel tank
Bolt, 5/16 x 7/8 inch	2	
Lock washer, 5/16 inch	2	
Washer, 5/16 inch	4	
Stud	2	
Spring	2	
Hose clamp	1	

DESCRIPTION	QTY.	USE
No parts needed	–	Installing the muffler
Operator's Manual	1	Read before operating machine
Engine Operator's Manual	1	
Parts Catalog	1	
Registration card	1	

Installing the Front Casters

- Align casters with holes on top and front of mower and insert 8 bolts (3/8 x 3/4 inch) through mower. Secure with 8 flange nuts (3/8 inch) below mower (Fig. 2).

Note: Tighten lower bolts first to pull caster against front, then top bolts last.

- Torque bolts to 30–35 ft–lb (40–47 N•m).

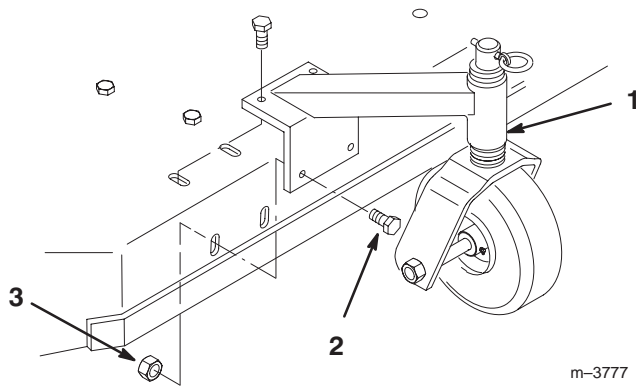


Figure 2

- Front caster
- Bolt, 3/8 x 3/4 inch
- Flange nut, 3/8 inch

Installing the Upper Handle and Wire Harness

- Position handle outside frame and align upper handle mounting holes with desired mounting holes in rear frame. Select high, medium or low according to operators height (Fig. 3).
- Secure each side with 2 bolts (3/8 x 1 inch) and 2 locknuts (3/8 inch) (Fig. 3).
- Torque bolts to 25 ft–lb (34 N•m).

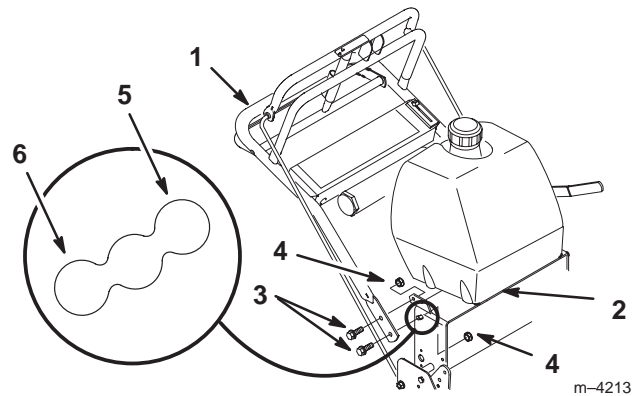


Figure 3

- Upper handle
- Rear frame
- Bolt, 3/8 x 1 inch
- Locknut, 3/8 inch
- Low
- High

- Route wire harness inside of frame, along left handle and over throttle cable. Compress wire harness covering and press into lower and upper holes in rear of control panel (Fig. 4).
- Thread harness up through rear tube of traction handle (Fig. 4).

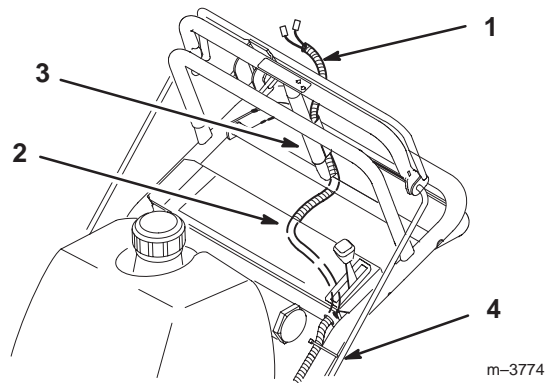
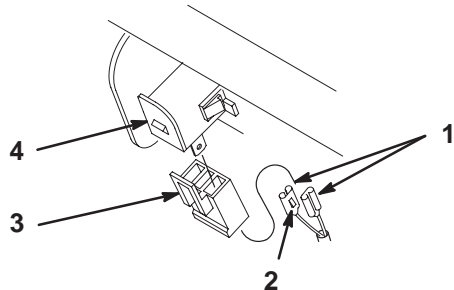


Figure 4

- Wire harness
- Control panel
- Rear tube
- Wire tie

6. Insert terminals into plastic plug until the clips snap into position (Fig. 5). If they do not snap, turn the plastic plug around and try again.
7. Push plug onto switch until it latches (Fig. 5).
8. Secure wire harness and throttle cable to left handle, away from PTO lever, with wire tie (Fig. 4).



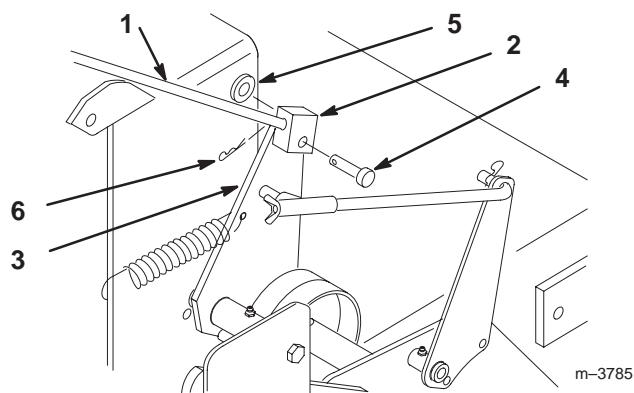
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Figure 5

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| 1. Terminal | 3. Plastic plug |
| 2. Clip | 4. Switch |

Installing the Traction Control Rods

1. Thread trunnions equal distance onto each control rod. For a starting point, thread on approximately 2 inch (51 mm) (Fig. 6).
2. With trunnion rod up, slide clevis pins through rod fittings and mounting holes in idler brackets (from outside) (Fig. 6). Secure with washers (1/4 inch) and hairpin cotters (Fig. 6).



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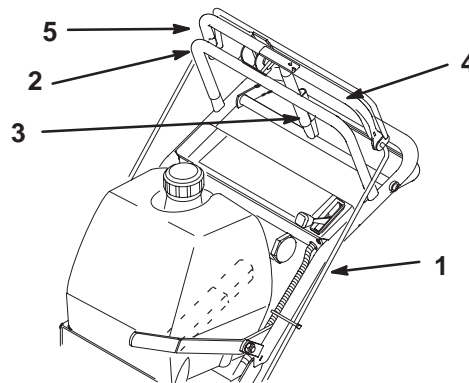
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| 1. Control rod | 4. Clevis pin |
| 2. Trunnion | 5. Washer, 1/4 inch |
| 3. Idler bracket | 6. Hairpin cotter |

3. Check the gap between upper control bar and fixed bar with wheel drive fully engaged. Gap should be approximately 1 to 1-1/4 inch (25-32 mm) (Fig. 7).

Note: The upper control bar and fixed bar must be parallel in the engaged, relaxed and brake positions.

4. Check operation. If adjustment is required, remove hairpin cotter securing rod to upper control bar. Thread rod in or out of trunion for proper position and install into upper control bar with hairpin cotter.
5. After adjusting control rods, check parking brake adjustment; refer to Servicing the Brake, page 32.



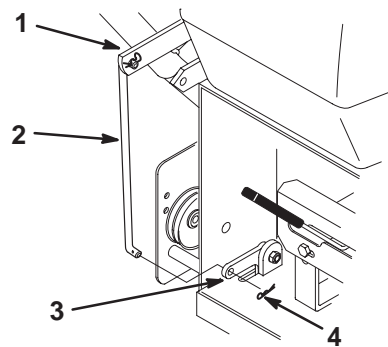
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Figure 7

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| 1. Control rod | 4. Upper control bar |
| 2. Fixed control bar | 5. 1 to 1-1/4 inch (25-32 mm) gap |
| 3. Parking brake lever | |

Installing the Blade Control (PTO) Rod

1. Rotate the blade control (PTO) lever vertically away from the left handle so that the blade control (PTO) rod drops down (Fig. 8).



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Figure 8

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| 1. Blade control lever | 3. Bell crank |
| 2. Blade control (PTO) rod | 4. Hairpin cotter |

2. Remove the hairpin cotter from the bottom end of the blade control (PTO) rod (Fig. 8).
3. Secure the blade control (PTO) rod through the hole in the bell crank with the hairpin coppers (Fig. 8).

Connecting the Throttle Cable

1. Hook the throttle cable inner wire into the hole of the speed control lever (Fig. 9).
2. Move the throttle control lever to the **Fast** position (Fig. 9).
3. Loosen the throttle cable clamp screw (Fig. 9).
4. Pull the throttle cable slightly to remove any slack in the inner wire (Fig. 9).
5. Tighten the cable clamp screw to lock the adjustment in place (Fig. 9).
6. Move the throttle lever to make sure the carburetor valve moves.

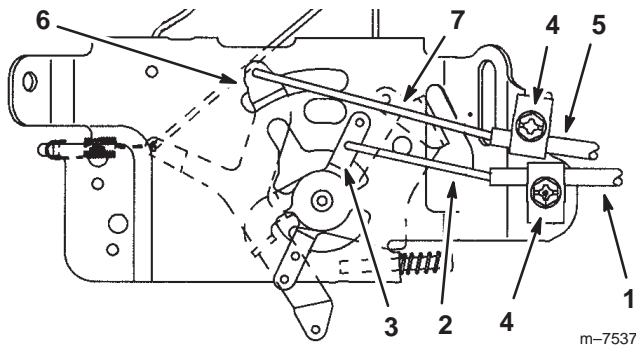


Figure 9

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| 1. Throttle cable | 5. Choke cable |
| 2. Throttle cable inner wire | 6. Choke control lever |
| 3. Speed control lever | 7. Choke cable inner wire |
| 4. Cable clamp screw | |

Connecting the Choke Cable

1. Move the choke control to the **Open** position (Fig. 9).
2. Hook the choke cable inner wire into the hole of the choke control lever (Fig. 9).
3. Loosen the choke cable clamp screw (Fig. 9).
4. Pull the choke cable slightly to remove any slack in the inner wire (Fig. 9).
5. Tighten the cable clamp screw to lock the adjustment in place (Fig. 9).
6. Move the choke control to make sure the carburetor choke valve moves.

Installing the Shift Lever

1. Remove the locknut (3/8 inch) and spring washer from the stud on top of the transmission (Fig. 10).

Note: Do not remove rubber seal washer and square hole washer from transmission shaft.

2. Slide the shift lever through the control panel and align the mounting hole in lever with square on transmission shaft (Fig. 10).
3. Secure lever to transmission with previously removed spring washer and locknut (Fig. 10).
4. Replace the spring washer, dish down, and locknut (Fig. 10).
5. Torque the nut to 35 ft-lb (47 N•m).

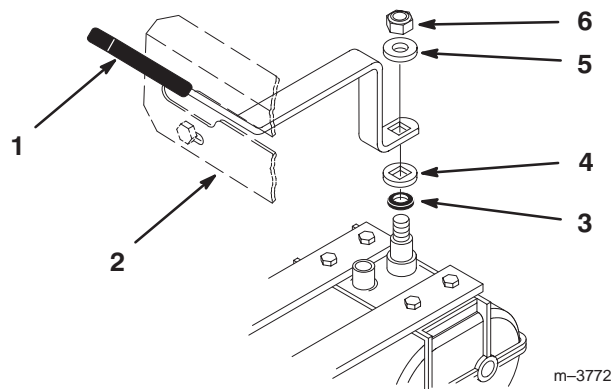


Figure 10

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| 1. Shift lever | 4. Square hole washer |
| 2. Control panel | 5. Spring washer |
| 3. Rubber seal washer | 6. Locknut 3/8 |

Adjusting the Shift Lever Plate

1. Shift lever to second gear and check alignment of lever in slot of shifter lever plate. The clearance between top and bottom of the shift lever should be equal (Fig. 11).
2. If clearance is not correct, remove lever and bend it slightly to adjust (Fig. 11).

Note: Do not bend lever while attached to transmission shaft or damage may occur.

3. Shift lever to neutral and check alignment of lever in slot of shifter lever plate. The clearance on the sides of shift lever should be equal (Fig. 11).

- If clearance is not correct, loosen shift lever plate and adjust it side-to-side. Tighten the shift lever plate.

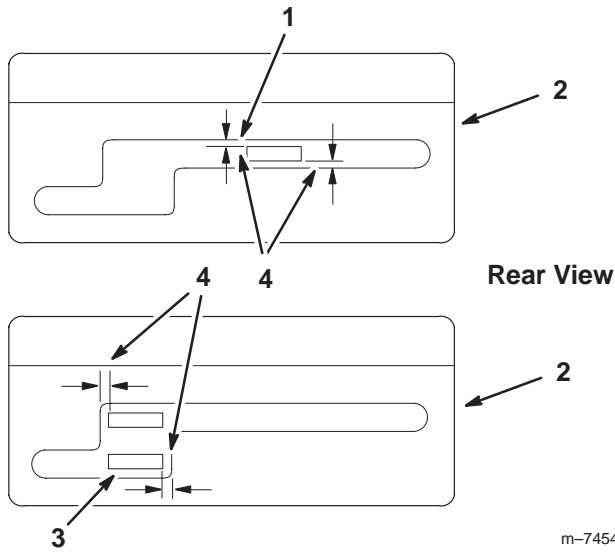


Figure 11

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| 1. Shift lever, 2nd gear | 3. Shift lever, neutral |
| 2. Shift lever plate | 4. Equal distance |

Mounting the Fuel Tank

- Align fuel tank with the top of the rear frame (Fig. 12).
- Secure the right side of the fuel tank to the rear frame with 2 bolts (5/16 x 7/8 inch), lock washers (5/16 inch) and washers (5/16 inch) (Fig. 12).
- Secure the left side of the fuel tank to the rear frame with 2 studs, washers (5/16 inch), springs and locknuts (5/16 inch) (Fig. 12).

Note: Tighten left side of the fuel tank until it is completely tight and then unscrew locknut one full turn. This will allow the spring to work.

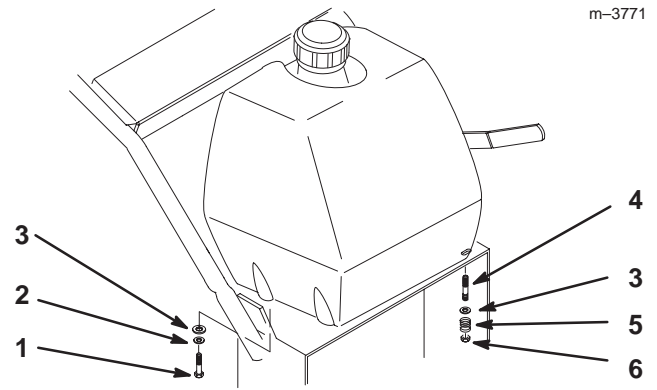


Figure 12

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| 1. Bolt, 5/16 x 7/8 inch | 4. Stud |
| 2. Lock washer, 5/16 inch | 5. Spring |
| 3. Washer, 5/16 inch | 6. Locknut |

- Slide the hose clamp onto the fuel line (Fig. 13).
- Push the fuel line onto the fuel tank connection and secure it with a hose clamp (Fig. 13).

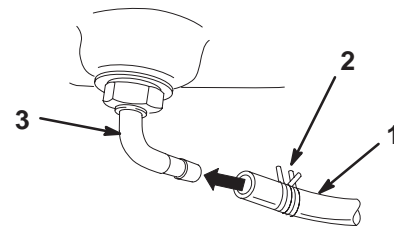


Figure 13

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| 1. Fuel line | 3. Fuel fitting |
| 2. Hose clamp | |

Installing the Muffler

- Loosen the clamp (Fig. 14).

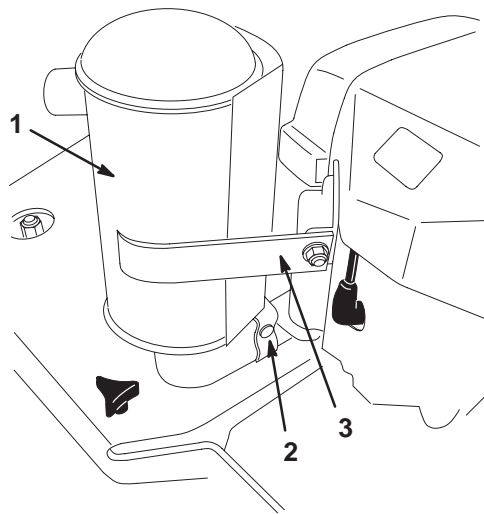


Figure 14

- 1. Muffler
- 2. Clamp
- 3. Muffler bracket

2. Rotate the muffler forward into the position shown in Figure 14.
3. Secure the muffler bracket (Fig. 14) to the engine bracket with the hardware provided.
4. Tighten the clamp.

Operation

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

Think Safety First

Carefully read all the safety instructions and decals in the safety section. Knowing this information could help you, your family, pets or bystanders avoid injury.

The use of protective equipment for eyes, hearing, feet and head is recommended.

! **Caution** !

This machine produces sound levels in excess of 85dBA at the operator's ear and can cause hearing loss through extended periods of exposure.

Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.

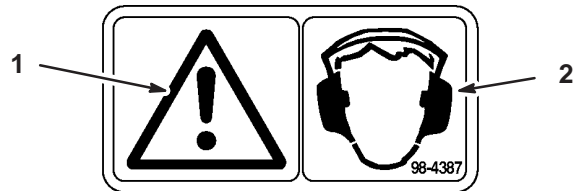


Figure 15

- 1. Caution
- 2. Wear hearing protection

Controls

Become familiar with all the controls (Fig. 16) before you start the engine and operate the machine.

Throttle Control – The throttle control has Choke, Fast, Slow and Stop positions.

Bail – The bail, in conjunction with the PTO switch, allows the engine to be started with the PTO disengaged. With the bail compressed the blade control (PTO) can be engaged. Release the bail with the PTO engaged and the engine stops.

Blade Control (PTO) – The blade control lever (PTO) engages and disengages power to the mower blades. Move the PTO lever forward to engage the blades. Pull rearward to stop driving mower blades

Gear Shift Lever – Transmission has five forward speeds, neutral and reverse, and has an in-line shift pattern. Do not shift while unit is moving, as transmission damage may occur.

Upper Control Bar – Shift to desired gear and push forward on control bar to engage forward traction operation and pull back to brake. Pull right side of control bar to turn right and left side to turn left.

Lower Control Bar – Shift transmission to reverse and pull rearward on lower control bar to engage rearward traction operation.

Parking Brake Lever – Pull back on upper control bar and swing brake lever up against the upper handle to keep brake engaged.

Recoil Starter – Pull recoil starter handle to start engine.

Fuel Shut-off Valve – (In fuel line) Close fuel shut-off valve when transporting or storing mower.

Choke – Use the choke to start a cold engine.

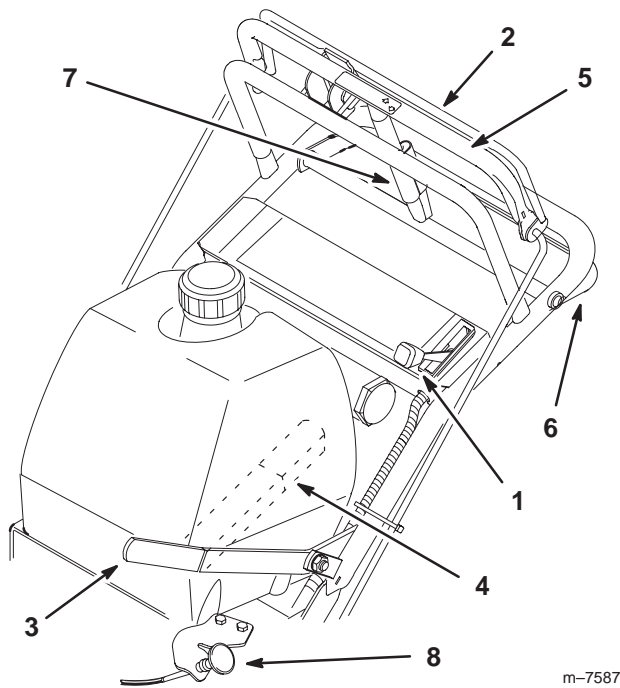


Figure 16

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| 1. Throttle control | 5. Upper control bar |
| 2. Bail | 6. Lower control bar |
| 3. Blade control (PTO) | 7. Parking brake lever |
| 4. Gear shift lever | 8. Choke |

Operating the Parking Brake

Always set the parking brake when you stop the machine or leave it unattended.

Setting the Parking Brake

1. Pull the upper control bar rearward and hold it in this position (Fig. 17).

2. Lift the parking brake lock up and gradually release the upper control bar (Fig. 17). The brake lock should stay in the set (locked) position.

Releasing the Parking Brake

1. Pull rearward on the upper control bar (Fig. 17). Lower the parking brake lock to the released position.
2. Gradually release the upper control bar.

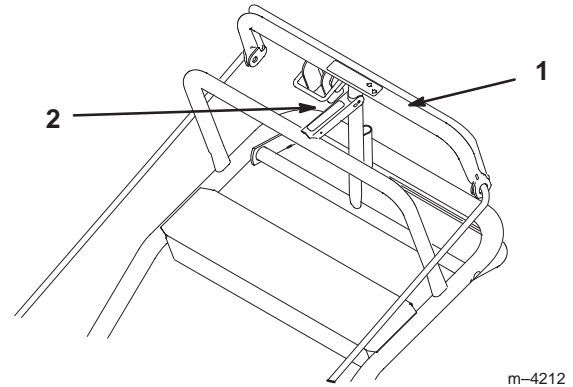


Figure 17

1. Upper control bar
2. Parking brake lock

Starting the Engine

1. Connect the wires to the spark plugs.
2. Open the fuel valve.
3. Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and move the shift lever to the **Neutral** position.
4. Set the parking brakes.
5. Turn the ignition key to the **Run** position.
6. Move the throttle control midway between the **Fast** and **Slow** positions before starting a cold engine.

Note: A warm or hot engine usually does not require any choking. To start a warm engine, move the throttle control to the **Fast** position.

7. Pull the choke knob.
8. Grasp the recoil starter handle firmly and pull it out until positive engagement results; then pull the handle vigorously to start the engine. Allow the rope to recoil slowly.

Important Do not pull the recoil rope to its limit or release the starter handle when you pull out the rope because the rope may break or the recoil assembly may be damaged.

9. If the engine is cold, allow it to warm up and then move the throttle control to the **Fast** position.

Stopping the Engine

1. Move the throttle lever to slow (Fig. 18).

Note: If the engine has been working hard or is hot, let it idle for a minute before stopping. This helps cool the engine. In an emergency, the engine may be stopped by pulling the throttle all the way back, to stop.

2. To stop the engine pull the throttle all the way back, to stop (Fig. 18).

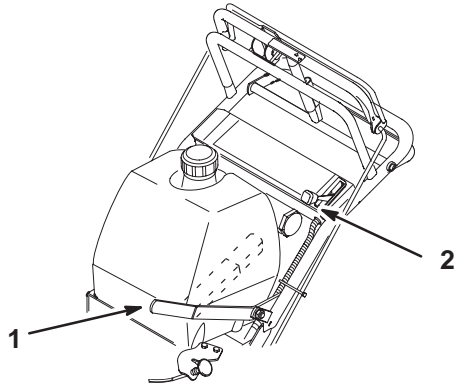


Figure 18

1. Blade control (PTO)
2. Throttle lever

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3. Set the parking brake.
4. Pull wire off spark plug(s) to prevent possibility of someone accidentally starting the machine while transporting or storing the machine.
5. Close the fuel shut off valve before transporting or storing machine.

Important Make sure the fuel shut off valve is closed before transporting or storing machine, or fuel leakage may occur.

Operating the Blade Control (PTO)

The blade control (PTO) lever engages and disengages power to the mower blades.

Engaging the Mower Blades (PTO)

1. Pull on the upper control bar to stop the machine (Fig. 19).
2. Hold the bail against the upper control bar (Fig. 19).
3. To engage blade(s), push the blade control lever firmly forward, until it latches over-center (Fig. 19).

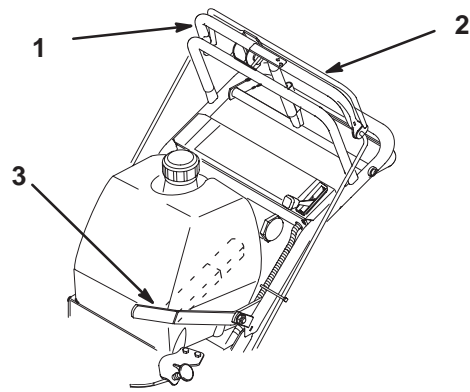


Figure 19

1. Upper control bar
2. Bail
3. Blade control (PTO)

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Disengaging the Mower Blades (PTO)

1. To disengage the blade(s), pull blade control lever rearward, all the way (Fig. 19).

Note: It is necessary to fully and manually disengage mower.

Understanding the Safety Interlock System



Caution



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.

The safety interlock system is designed to prevent the engine from starting if:

- The throttle lever is all the way back, to stop.
- The blade control lever (PTO) is engaged.

The safety interlock system is also designed to stop the engine if you released the bail with the PTO engaged or move the throttle all the way back, to stop.

Testing the Safety Interlock System

Test the safety interlock system before you use the machine each time. If the safety system does not operate as described below, have an Authorized Service Dealer repair the safety system immediately.

1. Set the parking brake, disengage the PTO and place the throttle forward. Start the engine. With the engine running squeeze the bail against upper control bar and push the mower blade control lever forward. The mower blades begin rotating.
2. With the engine running, release the bail. The engine should stop.
3. Start the engine again.
4. With the engine running, move the throttle lever all the way back, to stop. The engine should stop.

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.

Driving Forward

1. To go forward, move the shift lever to a forward gear.
2. Release the parking brake; refer to Releasing the Parking Brake, page 19.
3. Slowly press on the upper control bar to move forward (Fig. 20).

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both ends of the upper control bar (Fig. 20).

To turn, release pressure on the upper control bar side toward the direction you want to turn (Fig. 20).

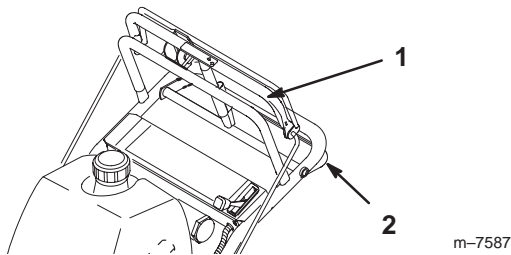


Figure 20

1. Upper control bar
2. Lower control bar

Driving Backward

1. To go backward, move the shift lever to a reverse gear.
2. Release the parking brake; refer to Releasing the Parking Brake, page 19.
3. Slowly squeeze on the lower control bar and handle together to move rearward (Fig. 20).

Operating the Lower Control Bar

This procedure is for driving up a curb. This can be performed while driving forward or backward.

1. Disengage the mower blades.

Warning

A blade can be bent or damaged when driving up a curb. Pieces of blade that may be thrown could seriously injure or kill you or bystanders.

- **Do not run blades while driving up a curb forward or backward.**

2. Select first gear or reverse to drive machine.
3. Drive machine until drive wheels contact curb (Fig. 22).

Note: Both drive wheels should contact the curb and caster wheels straight.

4. At the same time engage lower control bar and lift up on handle (Fig. 21 and 22).

Note: Lifting up on handle will assist driving the machine up a curb and not spin the drive wheels.

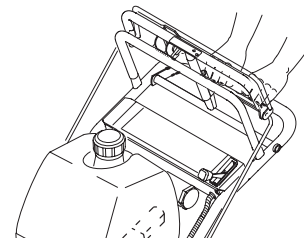
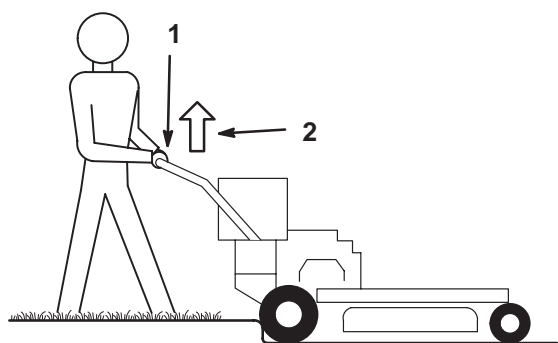


Figure 21

1. Lower Control Bar (Engaged)
2. Handle



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Figure 22

1. Lower Control Bar engaged and mower in reverse.
2. Pull up to assist machine reverse.

Stopping the Machine

To stop the machine apply the brakes, pull back on the upper control bar, release the bail and set the parking brake; refer to Setting the Parking Brake, page 19.

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

Always set the parking brake when leaving the machine unattended, even if just for a few minutes.

Transporting the Mower

Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the mower. Ensure that the trailer or truck has all the necessary lighting and markings as required by law. Please carefully read all the safety instructions. Knowing this information could help you, your family, pets, or bystanders avoid injury.

To transport the mower:

- Lock the brakes and block the wheels.
- Securely fasten the mower to the trailer or truck with straps, chains, cable, or ropes.
- Secure the trailer to the towing vehicle with safety chains.

Using the Side Discharge

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

!
Danger
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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 blades and thrown debris will cause injury or death.

- **Never remove the grass deflector from the mower because the grass deflector routes the material down toward the turf. If the grass deflector is ever damaged, replace it immediately.**
- **Never put your hands or feet under the mower.**
- **Never try to clear the discharge area or the mower blades unless you disengage the power take-off (PTO), stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop, and disconnect the wire from the spark plug.**

Adjusting the Height-of-Cut

This machine has a 1 to 4-1/4 inch (26 to 108 mm) range for the height-of-cut. This can be achieved by adjusting blade spacers, rear axle height, and front caster spacers. Use the Height-of-Cut Chart on page 24 to select the combination required.

Adjusting the Blade Height

Adjust the blades by using the 4 spacers (1/4 inch) on the blade spindle bolts. This allows a range, in 1/4 inch (6 mm) increments, of cutting height in any axle position. Use the same number of blade spacers on all blades to achieve a level cut (2 above and 2 below, 1 above and 3 below, etc.).

1. Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
2. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Hold the blade bolt and remove the nut (Fig. 23).

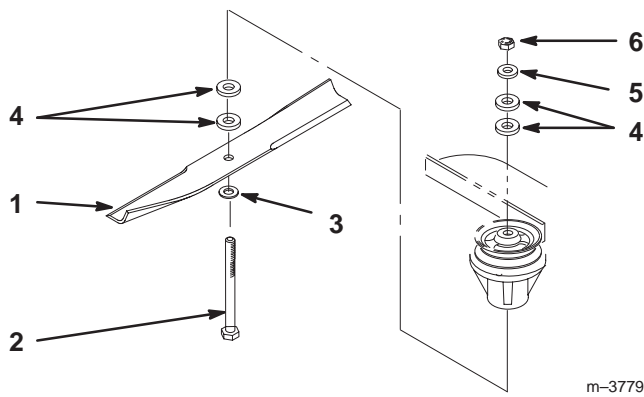


Figure 23

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| 1. Blade | 4. Spacer |
| 2. Blade bolt | 5. Thin washer |
| 3. Cone washer | 6. Nut |

- Slide the bolt down through the spindle, and change the spacers as needed (Fig. 23).
- Insert a bolt, add extra spacer(s), and secure them with a thin washer and a nut (Fig. 23).
- Torque the blade bolt to 75–80 ft-lb (101–108 N•m).

Adjusting the Axle Height

You can obtain the desired height-of-cut range by adjusting the rear axle and placing the caster spacers above or below the caster arm. Refer to the Height-of-Cut Chart, page 24.

- Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
- Loosen, but do not remove, the 2 axle pivot bolts and the 2 axle adjustment bolts (Fig. 24).

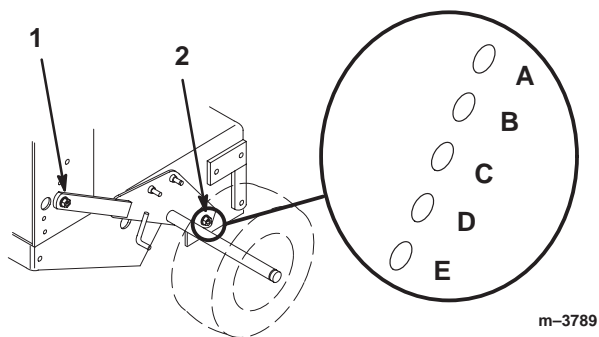


Figure 24

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| 1. Axle pivot bolt | 2. Axle adjustment bolt |
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- Place a jack under the rear center of the engine frame. Raise the back end of the engine frame up enough to remove the front 2 axle adjustment bolts (Fig. 24).

- Raise or lower the engine frame with the jack so that you can install the front 2 axle adjustment bolts in the desired hole location (Fig. 24).

Note: Use a tapered punch to help align the holes.

- Tighten all 4 bolts and lower the mower.
- Adjust the control rods and the brake linkages as required. Refer to Servicing the Brakes, page 32 and Installing the Control Rods, page 15.

Important You must adjust the control rods and the brake linkage when you change the axle positions for proper traction and brake function.

Adjusting the Caster Position

- Using the Height-of-Cut Chart (on page), adjust the caster spacers to match with the axle hole selected (Fig. 25).

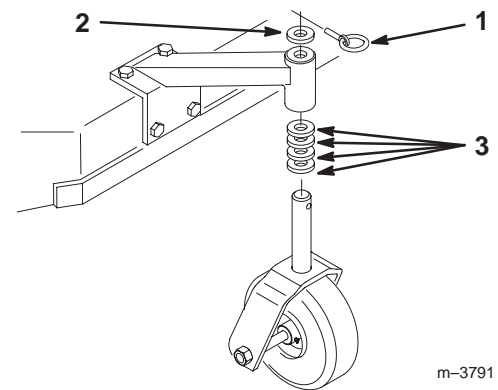


Figure 25

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| 1. Clevis pin | 3. Spacer, 1/2 inch (13 mm) |
| 2. Spacer, 3/16 inch (5 mm) | |
- Remove the clevis pin, slide the caster from the support, and change the spacers (Fig. 25).
 - Install the caster in the support and insert the clevis pin (Fig. 25).

Height-of-Cut Chart

Axle Position	No. of Spacers Below Caster		Number of 1/4 inch Blade Spacers Below Spindle				
	1/2 inch (13mm)	3/16 inch (5 mm)	4	3	2	1	0
A	0	0	1 inch (26 mm)	1-1/4 inch (32 mm)	1-1/2 inch (38 mm)	1-3/4 inch (45 mm)	2 inch (45 mm)
A	0	1	1-1/8 inch (29 mm)	1-3/8 inch (35 mm)	1-5/8 inch (41 mm)	1-7/8 inch (48 mm)	2-1/8 inch (55 mm)
A	1	0	1-3/8 inch (35 mm)	1-5/8 inch (41 mm)	1-7/8 inch (48 mm)	2-1/8 inch (55 mm)	2-3/8 inch (55 mm)
B	0	1	1-3/8 inch (35 mm)	1-5/8 inch (41 mm)	1-7/8 inch (48 mm)	2-1/8 inch (55 mm)	2-3/8 inch (61 mm)
B	1	0	1-5/8 inch (41 mm)	1-7/8 inch (48 mm)	2-1/8 inch (55 mm)	2-3/8 inch (61 mm)	2-5/8 inch (67 mm)
B	1	1	1-3/4 inch (45 mm)	2 inch (52 mm)	2-1/4 inch (58 mm)	2-1/2 inch (64 mm)	2-3/4 inch (70 mm)
B	2	0	2 inch (45 mm)	2-1/4 inch (58 mm)	2-1/2 inch (64 mm)	2-3/4 inch (70 mm)	3 inch (76 mm)
C	1	1	1-7/8 inch (48 mm)	2-1/8 inch (55 mm)	2-3/8 inch (61 mm)	2-5/8 inch (67 mm)	2-7/8 inch (73 mm)
C	2	0	2-1/8 inch (55 mm)	2-3/8 inch (61 mm)	2-5/8 inch (67 mm)	2-7/8 inch (73 mm)	3-1/8 inch (79 mm)
C	2	1	2-1/4 inch (58 mm)	2-1/2 inch (64 mm)	2-3/4 inch (70 mm)	3 inch (76 mm)	3-1/4 inch (82 mm)
C	3	0	2-1/2 inch (64 mm)	2-3/4 inch (70 mm)	3 inch (76 mm)	3-1/4 inch (82 mm)	3-1/2 inch (89 mm)
D	2	1	2-3/8 inch (61 mm)	2-5/8 inch (67 mm)	2-7/8 inch (73 mm)	3-1/8 inch (79 mm)	3-3/8 inch (86 mm)
D	3	0	2-1/2 inch (64 mm)	2-3/4 inch (70 mm)	3 inch (76 mm)	3-1/4 inch (82 mm)	3-1/2 inch (89 mm)
D	3	1	2-3/4 inch (70 mm)	3 inch (76 mm)	3-1/4 inch (82 mm)	3-1/2 inch (89 mm)	3-3/4 inch (96 mm)
D	4	0	3 inch (76 mm)	3-1/4 inch (82 mm)	3-1/2 inch (89 mm)	3-3/4 inch (96 mm)	4 inch (102 mm)
E	3	1	2-7/8 inch (73 mm)	3-1/8 inch (79 mm)	3-3/8 inch (86 mm)	3-5/8 inch (92 mm)	3-7/8 inch (99 mm)
E	4	0	3-1/8 inch (79 mm)	3-3/8 inch (86 mm)	3-5/8 inch (92 mm)	3-7/8 inch (99 mm)	4-1/8 inch (105 mm)
E	4	1	3-1/4 inch (82 mm)	3-1/2 inch (89 mm)	3-3/4 inch (96 mm)	4 inch (102 mm)	4-1/4 inch (108 mm)

Maintenance

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

Important Refer to your engine operator’s manual for additional maintenance procedures.

Recommended Maintenance Schedule

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
Each Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine Oil—check the level • Safety System—check • Brakes—check • Engine—clean engine screen • Idler Pivots—grease
After first 8 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine Oil—change • Mower Belt—check the tension
8 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting Blades—check • Mower Housing—clean • Caster Wheels—grease • Wheel Bearings—grease¹
After first 25 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mower Belt—check tension
25 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foam Air Cleaner—clean¹
50 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belts—check for wear/cracks • Paper Air Cleaner—clean¹ • Mower Belt—check the tension • Mower Belt Idler Pivots—grease • Tires—check pressure
100 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine Oil—change¹ • Engine—clean cooling system • Transmission Couplings—grease¹ • Spark Plug—check
200 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine Oil Filter—change (200 hours or every other oil change) • Fuel Filter—replace • Paper Air Cleaner—replace¹
At storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chipped Surfaces—paint • Perform all maintenance procedures listed above before storing the mower

¹More often in dusty, dirty conditions.

Important Refer to your engine operator’s manual for additional maintenance procedures.



Caution



Someone could accidentally start the engine and seriously injure you or other bystanders.

Disconnect the wire from the spark plug before you do any maintenance. Set the wire aside so that it does not accidentally contact the spark plug.

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.



Warning



A worn or damaged blade can break, and a piece of the blade could be thrown into the operator's or bystander's area, resulting in serious personal injury or death.

- Inspect the blades periodically for wear or damage.
- Replace a worn or damaged blade.

Before Inspecting or Servicing the Blades

Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade control (PTO) lever, and set the parking brakes.

Inspecting the Blades

1. Inspect the cutting edges (Fig 26). If the edges are not sharp or have nicks, remove and sharpen the blades. Refer to Sharpening the Blades, page 27.

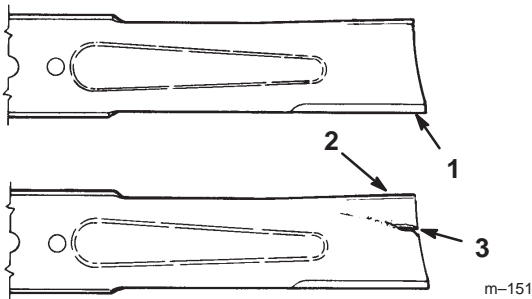


Figure 26

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

2. Inspect the blades, especially the curved area (Fig. 26). If you notice any damage, wear, or a slot forming in this area (item 3 in Fig. 26), immediately install a new blade.

Checking for Bent Blades

1. Rotate the blades until the ends face forward and backward (Fig. 27).

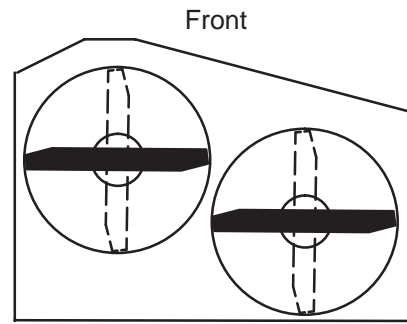
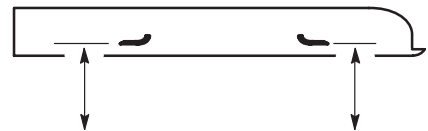


Figure 27

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2. Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blades (Fig. 28). Note this dimension.



MEASURE FROM CUTTING
EDGE TO A LEVEL SURFACE

Figure 28

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

Note: If this dimension exceeds 1/8 inch (3 mm), the blade is bent and must be replaced. Refer to Removing the Blades, page 27 and Installing the Blades, page 27.



Warning



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

- Always replace bent or damaged blade with a new blade.
- Never file or create sharp notches in the edges or surfaces of the blade.

Removing the Blades

Replace the blades if you hit a solid object or if the blades are out of balance or bent. To ensure optimum performance and continued safety conformance of the machine, use genuine Toro replacement blades. Replacement blades made by other manufacturers may result in non-conformance with safety standards.

1. Hold the blade bolt with a wrench.
2. Remove the nut, blade bolt, cone washer, blade, spacers, and thin washer from the spindle (Fig. 29).

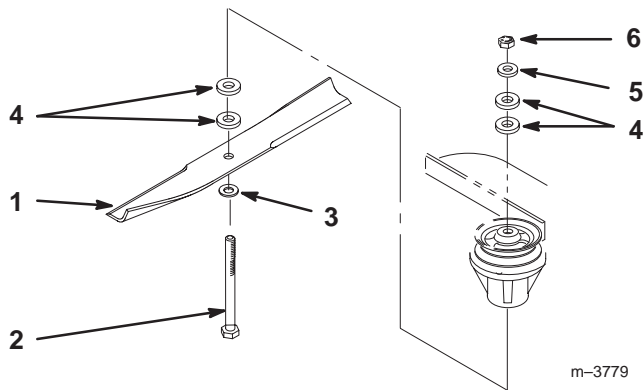


Figure 29

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| 1. Blade | 4. Spacer |
| 2. Blade bolt | 5. Thin washer |
| 3. Cone washer | 6. Nut |

Sharpening the Blades

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade (Fig. 30). Maintain the original angle. The blade retains its balance if the same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.

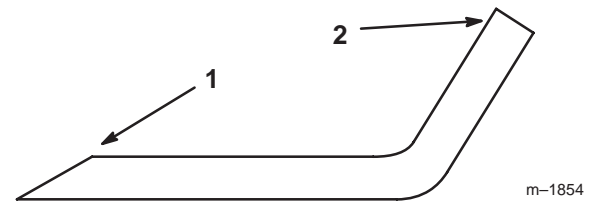


Figure 30

1. Sharpen at original angle
2. Sail

2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer (Fig. 31). If the blade stays in a horizontal position, the blade is balanced and can be used. If the blade is not balanced, file some metal off the end of the sail area only (Fig. 30). Repeat this step until the blade is balanced.

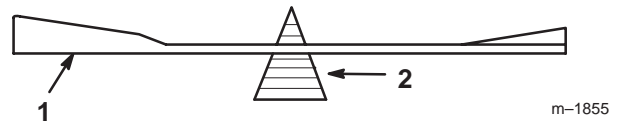


Figure 31

1. Blade
2. Balancer

Installing the Blades

1. Place the blade onto the bolt and over the cone washer. Select the proper number of spacer(s) for the height-of-cut, and slide the bolt into the spindle (Fig. 29).

Important The curved part of the blade must point upward toward the inside of the mower to ensure proper cutting.

2. Install the remaining spacer(s) and secure them with a thin washer and a nut (Fig. 29).
3. Torque the blade bolt to 75–80 ft-lb (101–108 N•m).

Servicing the Air Cleaner

Service Interval/Specification

Foam element: Clean it after every 25 operating hours.

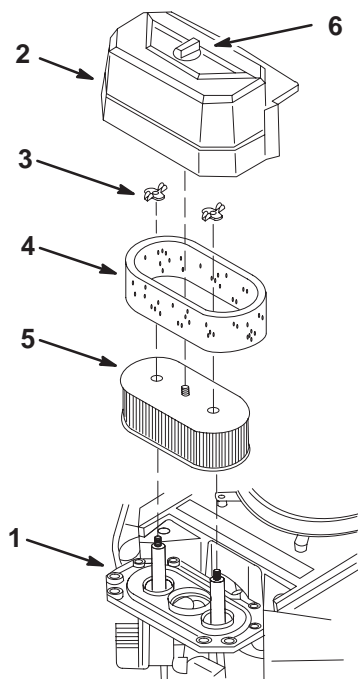
Paper element: Clean it after every 50 operating hours. Replace it after every 200 operating hours or yearly, whichever comes first.

Note: Service the air cleaner more frequently (every few operating hours) if the operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

Important Do not oil the foam or paper element.

Removing the Foam and Paper Elements

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean around the air cleaner to prevent dirt from getting into the engine and causing damage (Fig. 32).
4. Unscrew the cover knob and remove the air cleaner cover (Fig. 32).
5. Unscrew the 2 wing nuts and remove the air cleaner assembly (Fig. 32).
6. **Carefully** pull the foam element off the paper element (Fig. 32).



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Figure 32

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| 1. Engine | 4. Foam element |
| 2. Cover | 5. Paper element |
| 3. Wing nut | 6. Cover knob |

Cleaning the Foam Element

1. Wash the foam element in liquid soap and warm water. When the element is clean, rinse it thoroughly.
2. Dry the element by squeezing it in a clean cloth.

Important Replace the foam element if it is torn or worn.

Cleaning the Paper Element

Important Never clean the paper element with pressurized air or liquids, such as solvent, gas, or kerosene.

1. Lightly tap the element on a flat surface to remove dust and dirt (Fig. 32).
2. Inspect the element for tears, an oily film, or damage to the rubber seal.
3. Replace the paper element if it is damaged, or cannot be cleaned thoroughly.

Installing the Foam and Paper Elements

Important To prevent engine damage, always operate the engine with the complete foam and paper air cleaner assembly installed.

1. Carefully slide the foam element onto the paper air cleaner element (Fig. 32).
2. Place the air cleaner assembly onto the air cleaner base and secure it with the 2 wing nuts (Fig. 32).
3. Place the air cleaner cover into position and tighten the cover knob (Fig. 32).

Servicing the Engine Oil

Service Interval/Specification

Change the engine oil:

- After the first 8 operating hours
- After every 100 operating hours

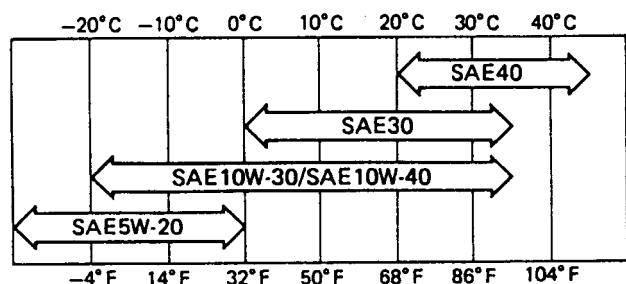
Note: Change the oil more frequently when the operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

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

Crankcase Capacity: 58 ounces (1.7 liter) with the filter removed; 51 ounces (1.5 liter) without the filter removed

Viscosity: Refer to the table below

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Checking the Engine Oil Level

1. Park the machine on a level surface.
2. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
3. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Clean around the oil dipstick (Fig. 33) so that dirt cannot fall into the filler hole and damage the engine.

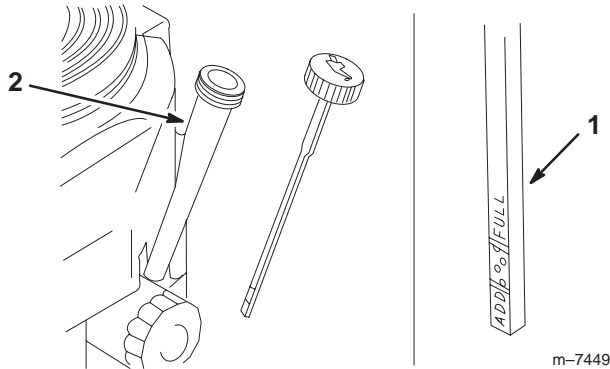


Figure 33

1. Oil dipstick
2. Filler tube

5. Unscrew the oil dipstick and wipe the end clean (Fig. 33).
6. Slide the oil dipstick fully into the filler tube, **but do not thread onto tube** (Fig. 33).
7. Pull the dipstick out and look at the end. If the oil level is low, slowly pour only enough oil into the filler tube to raise the level to the **Full** mark.

Important Do not overfill the crankcase with oil and run the engine; engine damage can result.

Changing the Oil

1. Start the engine and let it run five minutes. This warms the oil so it drains better.
2. Park the machine so that the drain side is slightly lower than the opposite side to assure the oil drains completely.
3. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
4. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
5. Slide the drain hose over the oil drain valve.
6. Place a pan below the drain hose. Rotate oil drain valve to allow oil to drain (Fig. 34).
7. When oil has drained completely, close the drain valve.

8. Remove the drain hose (Fig. 34).

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

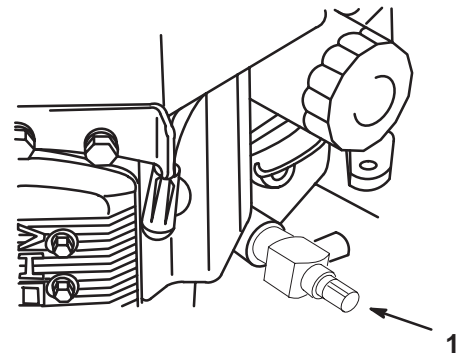


Figure 34

1. Oil drain valve

9. Slowly pour approximately 80% of the specified oil (refer to Service Interval/Specification, page 28) into the filler cap (Fig. 33).
10. Check the oil level; refer to Checking the Engine Oil Level, page 29.
11. Slowly add the additional oil to bring it to the **Full** mark.

Changing the Oil Filter

Replace the oil filter every 200 operating hours or every other oil change.

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

1. Drain the oil from the engine; refer to Changing the Oil, page 29.
2. Remove the old filter (Fig. 35).

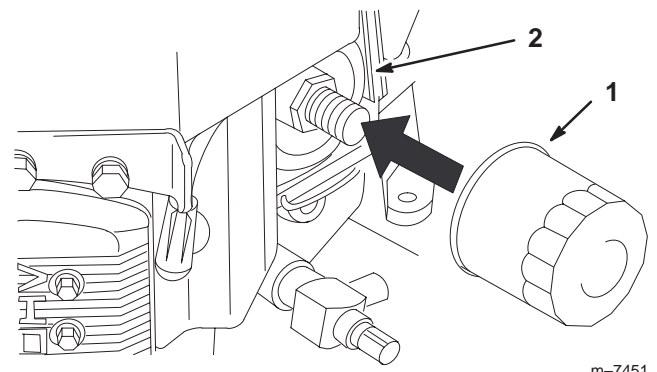


Figure 35

1. Oil filter
2. Adapter

3. Apply a thin coat of new oil to the rubber gasket on the replacement filter (Fig. 35).

4. Install the replacement oil filter to the filter adapter, turn the oil filter clockwise until the rubber gasket contacts the filter adapter, then tighten the filter an additional 3/4 turn (Fig. 35).
5. Fill the crankcase with the proper type of new oil; refer to Servicing the Engine Oil, page 28.
6. Run the engine for about 3 minutes, stop the engine, and check for oil leaks around the oil filter.
7. Check the engine oil level and add oil if needed.

Servicing the Spark Plugs

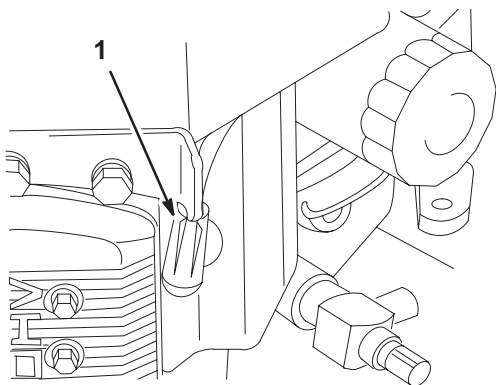
Service Interval/Specification

Check the spark plugs after every 100 operating hours. Ensure that the air gap between the center and side electrodes is correct before installing the spark plug. Use a spark plug wrench for removing and installing the spark plugs and a gapping tool/feeler gauge to check and adjust the air gap. Install a new spark plug if necessary.

Type: Champion® RCJ-8Y or equivalent
Air Gap: 0.030 inch (0.75 mm)

Removing the Spark Plugs

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Disconnect the wires from the spark plugs (Fig. 36).



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Figure 36

1. Spark-plug wire/spark plug
4. Clean around the spark plugs to prevent dirt from falling into the engine and potentially causing damage.
5. Remove the spark plugs and the metal washers.

Checking the Spark Plugs

1. Look at the center of the spark plugs (Fig. 37). If you see light brown or gray on the insulator, the engine is operating properly. A black coating on the insulator usually means that the air cleaner is dirty.
2. If needed, clean the spark plug with a wire brush to remove carbon deposits.

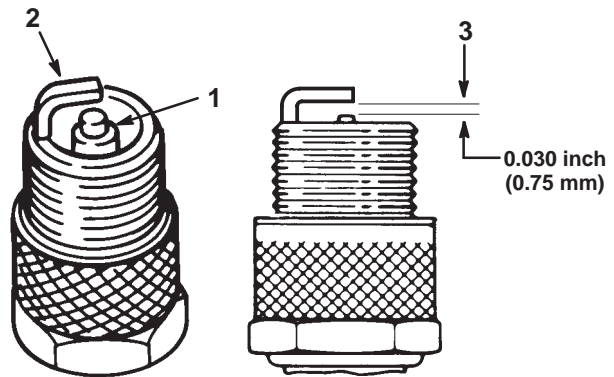


Figure 37

1. Center electrode insulator
2. Side electrode
3. Air gap (not to scale)

Important Always replace the spark plugs when it has a black coating, worn electrodes, an oily film, or cracks.

3. Check the gap between the center and side electrodes (Fig. 37). Bend the side electrode (Fig. 37) if the gap is not correct.

Installing the Spark Plugs

1. Install the spark plugs and the metal washer. Ensure that the air gap is set correctly.
2. Tighten the spark plugs to 16 ft-lb (22 N•m).
3. Connect the wires to the spark plugs (Fig. 36).

Cleaning the Cooling System

Clean the air intake screen from grass and debris before each use.

Check and clean cooling fins and engine shrouds every 100 hours or yearly, whichever comes first.

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the air intake screen, recoil starter and fan housing.
4. Clean the debris and grass from the engine parts.

5. Install air intake screen, recoil starter and fan housing.

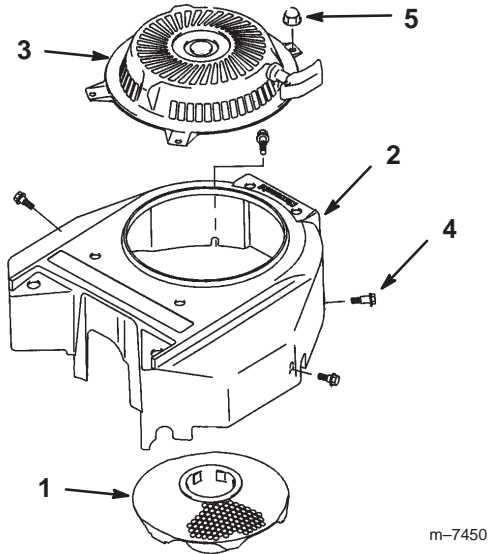


Figure 38

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| 1. Air intake screen | 4. Bolt |
| 2. Fan housing | 5. Nut |
| 3. Recoil starter | |

Checking the Tire Pressure

Service Interval/Specification

Maintain the air pressure in the front and rear tires as specified. Check the pressure at the valve stem after every 50 operating hours or monthly, whichever occurs first (Fig. 39). Check the tires when they are cold to get the most accurate pressure reading.

Pressure: 15 psi (103 kPa) rear tires
25–30 psi (172–207 kPa) caster tires

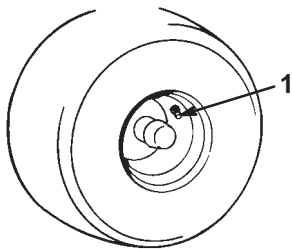


Figure 39

1. Valve stem

Greasing and Lubrication

Service Interval/Specification

Grease the areas shown at the intervals given in the Locating Where to Add Grease section below. Grease them more frequently when operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

Grease with No. 2 general-purpose lithium-base or molybdenum-base grease.

Applying the Grease

1. Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
2. Clean the grease fittings with a rag and scrape any paint from the front of the fitting(s).
3. Connect a grease gun to the fitting and pump grease into the fittings until grease begins to ooze out of the bearings.
4. Wipe up any excess grease.

Locating Where to Apply Grease

1. Lubricate the drive and caster wheel bearings and front spindles (Fig. 40) after every 8 operating hours.

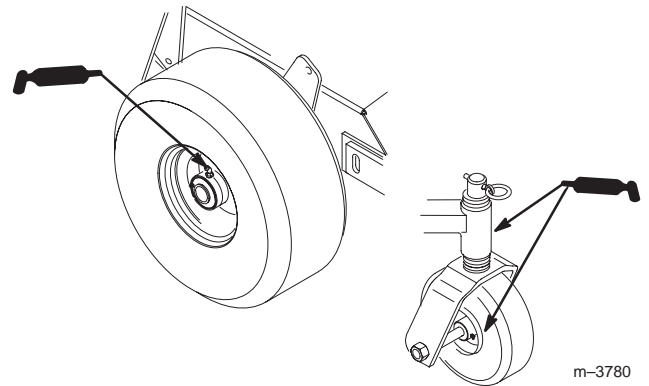


Figure 40

2. Lubricate the transmission couplers after every 100 operating hours and the idler bracket pivots after every 8 operating hours (Fig 41).

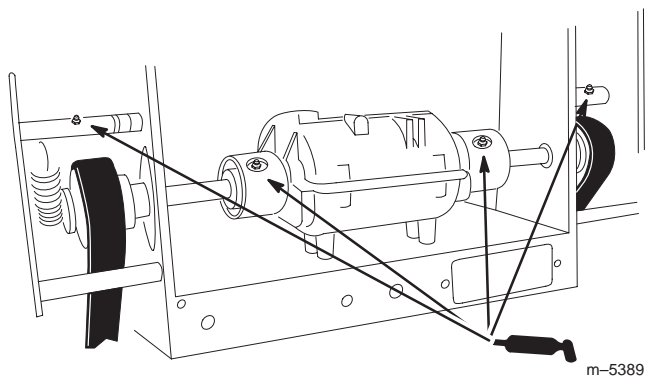


Figure 41

3. Lubricate the blade belt idler arm pivot (Fig. 42) after every 50 operating hours.

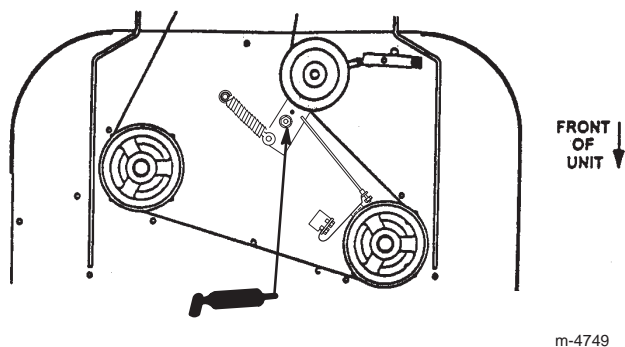


Figure 42

Servicing the Brakes

Service Interval/Specification

Before each use, check brakes for proper operation.

Always set the parking brake when you stop the machine or leave it unattended. If the parking brake does not hold securely, an adjustment is required.

Checking the Brakes

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade control (PTO) and set the parking brake.

2. Rear wheels must lock when you try to push the machine forward or backward. Adjustment is required if the wheels turn and do not lock; refer to Adjusting the Brake, page 32.
3. Release the brake and press upper control bar very lightly, approximately 1/2 inch (13 mm), wheels should rotate freely.
4. If both conditions are met, no adjustment is required.

Adjusting the Brakes

The brake lever is on the upper control bar (Fig. 16). If the parking brake does not hold securely, an adjustment is required.

1. Check the brake before you adjust it; refer to Checking the Brake, page 32.
2. Release the parking brake; refer to Releasing the Parking Brake, page 19.
3. To adjust brake set the parking brake latch, and rotate the wing nuts on the brake rods (Fig. 43). Clockwise to tighten the brake and counterclockwise to loosen the brake.

Note: Control bar should be parallel with reference bar when properly adjusted.

4. Check the brake operation again; refer to Checking the Brake, page 32.

Important With the parking brake released, the rear wheels must rotate freely when you push the mower. If brake action and free wheel rotation cannot be achieved contact your service dealer immediately.

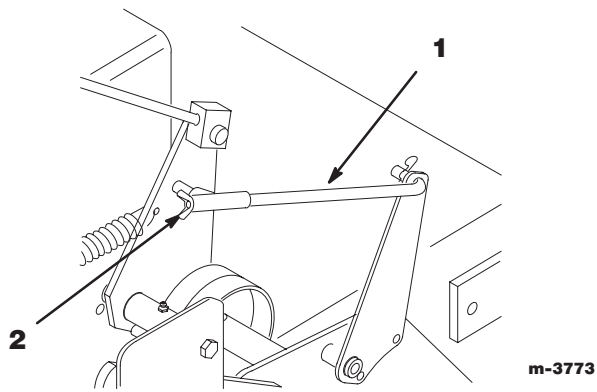


Figure 43

1. Brake rod
2. Wing nut

Servicing the Fuel Tank

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

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

Draining the Fuel Tank

1. Park the machine on a level surface, to assure fuel tank drains completely. Then disengage the power take off (PTO), set the parking brake, and turn the ignition key to **off**. Remove the key.
2. Close fuel shut-off valve at fuel tank (Fig. 44).
3. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamp together and slide it up the fuel line away from fuel filter (Fig. 44).
4. Pull the fuel line off the fuel filter (Fig. 44). Open fuel shut-off valve and allow gasoline to drain into a gas can or drain pan.

Note: Now is the best time to install a new fuel filter because the fuel tank is empty. Refer to Replacing the Fuel Filter; page 33.

5. Install the fuel line onto the fuel filter. Slide the hose clamp close to the valve to secure the fuel line.

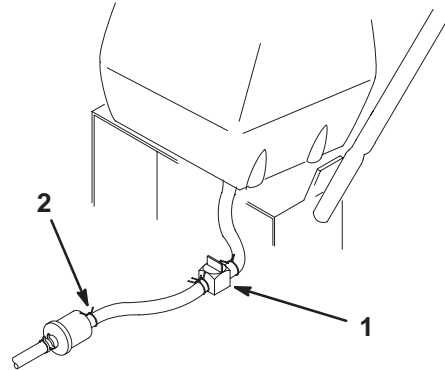


Figure 44

1. Fuel shut-off valve
2. Clamp

Servicing the Fuel Filter

Service Interval/Specification

Replace the fuel filter after every 200 operating hours or yearly, whichever occurs first.

Replacing the Fuel Filter

Never install a dirty filter if it is removed from the fuel line.

Note: Note how the fuel filter is installed.

Note: Wipe up any spilt fuel.

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Close fuel shut-off valve at fuel tank (Fig. 44).
4. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamps together and slide them away from the filter (Fig. 45).
5. Remove the filter from the fuel lines.
6. Install a new filter and move the hose clamps close to the filter.

- Open fuel shut-off valve at fuel tank (Fig. 44).
- Check for fuel leaks and repair if needed.

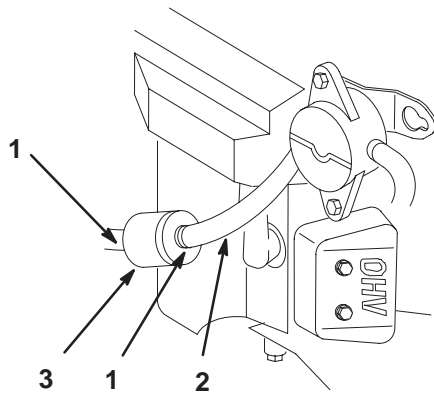


Figure 45

- Hose clamp
- Fuel line
- Filter

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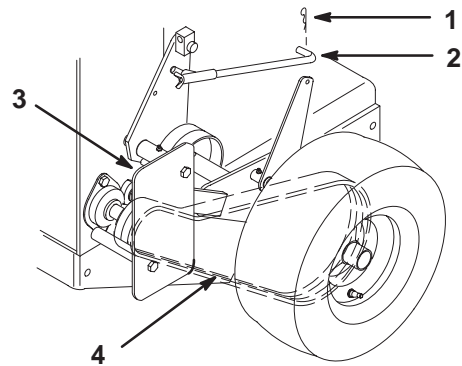


Figure 46

- Hairpin cotter
- Brake rod
- Shield
- Drive belt

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Checking the Belts

Service Interval/Specification

Check all belts after every 50 operating hours or monthly, whichever occurs first. Look for dirt, wear, cracks and signs of overheating.

Replacing the Wheel Belt

- Remove hairpin cotter securing brake rod to brake arm to relax belt idler tension (Fig. 46).
- Remove bottom and loosen top bolts of shield to rotate for belt clearance (Fig. 46).
- Lift belt past idler and off drive pulley (Fig. 46).
- Raise wheel off ground enough to allow belt removal.

Note: Make sure that the mud and grass scraper is adjusted properly and centered in the pulley grooves (see page 37). The pointed part of the scraper should be centered and as deep in the pulley groove as possible, without rubbing at any point.

- Replace the drive belt.
- Secure shield with previously removed bolt and tighten bolts (Fig. 46).
- Secure brake rod to brake arm with hairpin cotter (Fig. 46).

Replacing the Traction Belt

- Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
- Raise the rear of the machine and hold it up with jack stands.
- Remove the mower belt (Fig. 47).

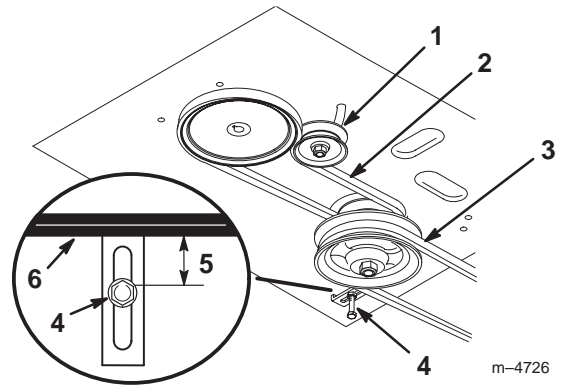


Figure 47

- Idler pulley in slot
- Traction belt
- Mower belt
- Belt guide
- 1-1/4 inch (32 mm)
- Mower belt

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- Loosen the pivot bolt enough to slide the idler pulley in the slot and remove the traction belt from the engine and the drive pulleys (Fig. 47).
- Install the new traction belt around the engine and the drive pulleys (Fig. 47).
- Slide the idler pulley in the engine frame to tension the traction belt (Fig. 47).

- Install the mower belt (Fig. 47).
- Check the belt guide under the engine frame for the proper adjustment (Fig. 47).

Note: The distance between the belt guide and mower belt should be 1-1/4 inch (32 mm) when the mower belt is engaged. Adjust the belt if necessary. The disengaged belt should not drag or fall off the pulley when the guides are properly adjusted.

Replacing the Mower Belt

- Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
- Remove the knobs and the belt cover on the mower.
- Remove the idler pulley and the worn belt (Fig. 47).
- Install the new mower belt.
- Install the idler pulley.
- Engage the blade control (PTO) lever and check the belt tension. Refer to Adjusting the Mower Belt Tension, page 36.

Note: The proper mower belt tension is 10–15 lbf. (44–67 N) with the belt deflected 1/2 inch (13 mm) halfway between the pulleys (Fig. 48).

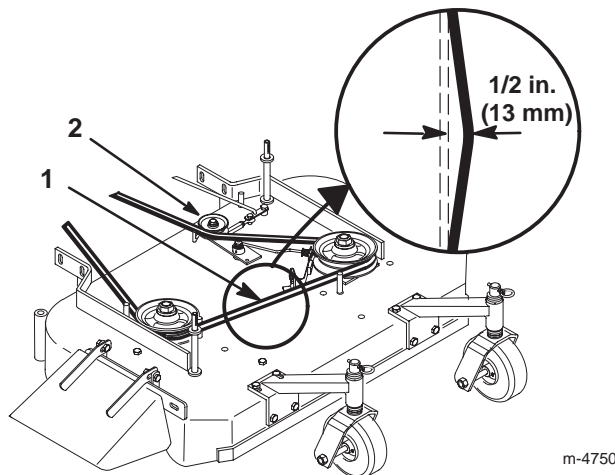


Figure 48

- Mower belt with 1/2 inch (13mm) deflection
- Idler pulley

- Engage the blade control (PTO) lever.
- Check the clearance between the bell crank and the transmission output shaft (Fig. 49).

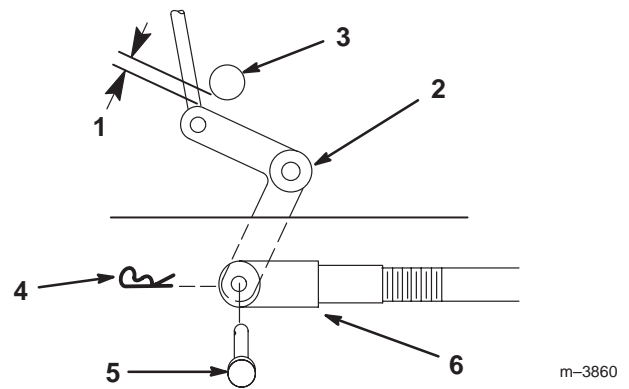


Figure 49

- 1/16–1/8 inch (2–3 mm)
- Bell crank
- Transmission output shaft
- Hairpin cotter
- Clevis pin
- Clevis

Note: The clearance should be 1/16–1/8 inch (2–3 mm).

- Remove the hairpin cotter and the clevis pin from the bell crank.
- Rotate the clevis clockwise on the rod to increase the clearance; rotate it counterclockwise to decrease it (Fig. 49).
- Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever.

Note: If the assist arm does not contact the front stop on the mower deck (Fig. 50), adjust the clevis to bring the bell crank closer to the transmission output shaft (Fig. 49).

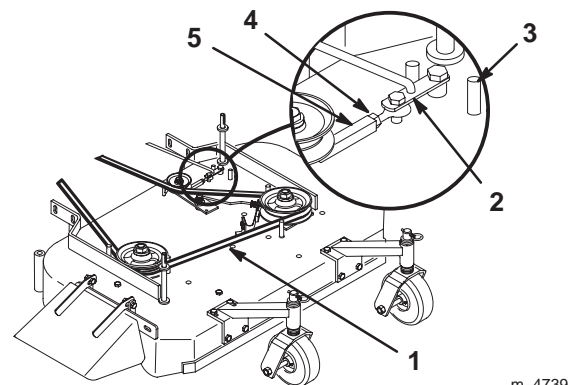


Figure 50

- 1/2 inch (13 mm) deflection here
- Assist arm
- Front stop
- Locknut
- Turnbuckle

- Check the belt guide under the engine frame for the proper adjustment (Fig. 47).

Note: The distance between the belt guide and the mower belt should be 1-1/4 inch (32 mm) when you engage the mower belt. Adjust the mower belt as necessary. The disengaged belt should not drag or fall off the pulley when the guides are properly adjusted.

Adjusting the Mower Belt Tension

Service Interval/Specification

Check the belt tension after the first 8 operating hours and 25 operating hours thereafter. Check the belt tension after every 50 operating hours.

Important The belt must be tight enough to not slip during heavy loads while cutting grass. Over tensioning the belt will reduce the bearing life of the belt and the spindle.

1. Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
2. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Loosen the locknut on the turnbuckle (Fig. 50).
4. Rotate the turnbuckle toward the rear of the mower to increase the tension on the belt. Rotate the turnbuckle toward the front of the mower to decrease the tension on the belt (Fig. 50).

Note: The eyebolt threads on both ends of the turnbuckle should be engaged a minimum of 5/16 inch (8 mm).

Adjusting the Blade Brake

1. Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
2. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. If necessary, adjust the spring mounting bolts so that the blade brake pad rubs against the pulley edges (Fig. 51).

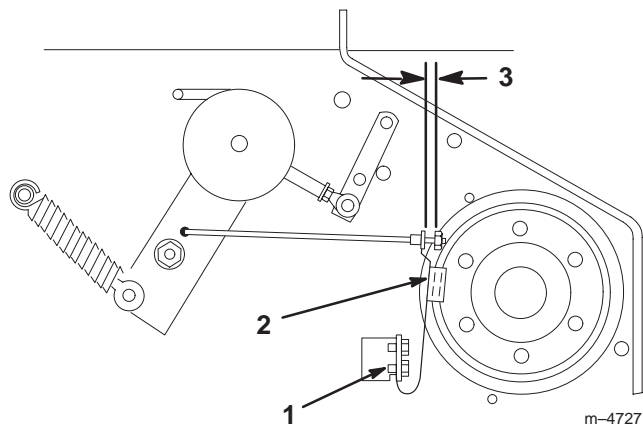


Figure 51

1. Spring mounting bolts
2. Blade brake pad
3. 1/8–3/16 inch (3–5mm)
4. Adjust the nut at the end of the blade brake rod until there is 1/8–3/16 inch (3–5 mm) between the nut and the spacer (Fig. 51).
5. Engage the blades, and ensure that the blade brake pad no longer contacts the pulley edges.

Adjusting the Grass/Mud Scraper

1. Loosen the locknut that holds the scraper to the engine frame (Fig. 52).

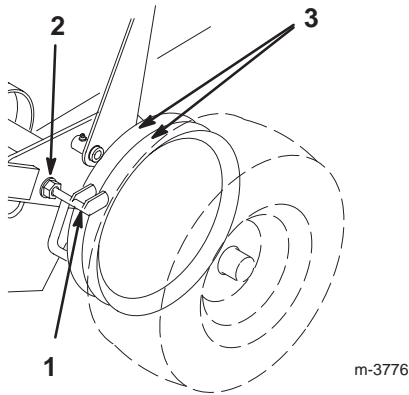


Figure 52

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| 1. Scraper | 3. Pulley |
| 2. Locknut | |

2. Rotate the scraper until it aligns with the center of the pulley grooves (Fig. 52).

3. Tighten the locknut (Fig. 52).

Note: The scraper must not contact the pulley on the sides or bottom of the grooves. Adjust it if necessary.

Replacing the Grass Deflector

Warning

An uncovered discharge opening could allow the lawn mower to throw objects in the operator's or bystander's direction and result in serious injury. Also, contact with the blade could occur.

Never operate the lawn mower unless you install a cover plate, a mulch plate, or a grass chute and catcher.

1. Remove the locknut, bolt, spring, and spacer that hold the deflector to the mounts (Fig. 53).

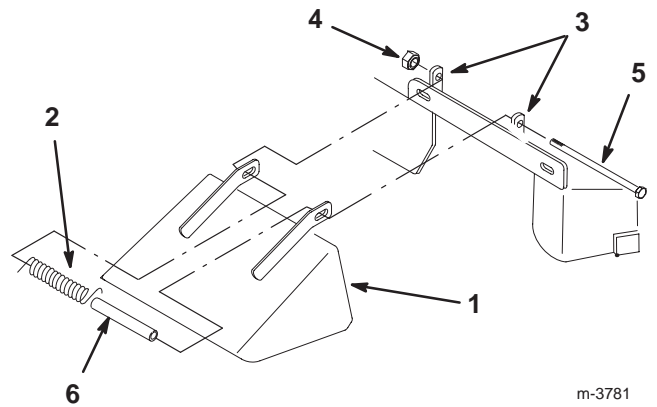


Figure 53

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| 1. Deflector | 4. Locknut |
| 2. Spring | 5. Bolt |
| 3. Deflector mount | 6. Spacer |

2. Straighten the deflector mounts if they are bent (Fig. 53).

3. Install a new deflector between the mounts with a spacer and a spring.

4. Hook the front end of the spring around the front deflector mount.

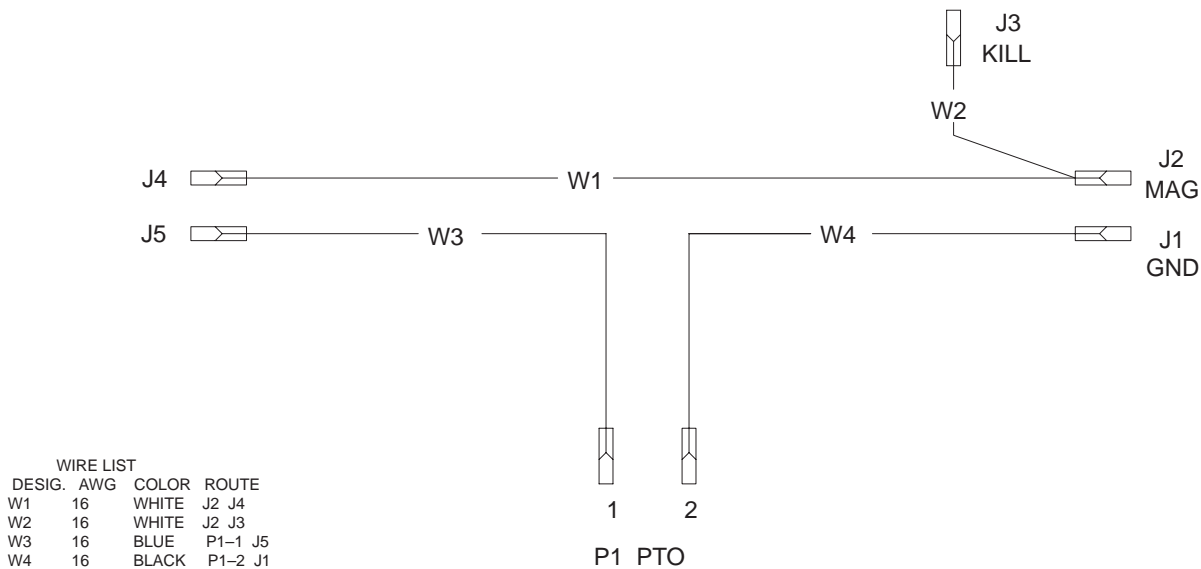
5. Insert the bolt through the spacer and secure it with a locknut.

6. Ensure that there is downward spring force on the deflector (Fig. 53).

7. Tighten the bolt and locknut until they lightly contact the pivot brackets (Fig. 53).

Important The grass deflector must be spring-loaded in the down position. Lift the deflector up to check that it snaps to the fully down position.

Wiring Diagram



Cleaning and Storage

1. Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever and set the parking brakes.
2. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the entire machine, especially the engine. Clean dirt and chaff from the outside of the engine cylinder head fins and the blower housing.

Important Wash the machine with a mild detergent and water. Do not use a pressure washer to wash the machine. Avoid excessive use of water, especially near the control panel and engine.

3. Check the brakes; refer to Servicing the Brakes, page 32.
4. Service the air cleaner; refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner, page 27.
5. Grease the machine; refer to Greasing and Lubrication, page 31.
6. Change the crankcase oil; refer to Servicing the Engine Oil, page 28.
7. Check the tire pressure; refer to Checking the Tire Pressure, page 31.
8. For long-term storage (more than 90 days) add a stabilizer/conditioner additive to the fuel in the tank.

9. Empty the fuel tank using the following steps:

- A. Run the engine to distribute conditioned fuel through the fuel system (5 minutes).
- B. Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
- C. Allow the engine to cool and drain the fuel tank; refer to Servicing the Fuel Tank, page 33, or operate engine until it stops.
- D. Start the engine and run it until it stops. Repeat this step with the **Choke** on until engine will not start.
- E. Dispose of fuel properly. Recycle per local codes.

Note: Do not store stabilizer/conditioned gasoline over 90 days.

10. Remove and inspect the spark plug; refer to Servicing the Spark Plug, page 30.
11. With the spark plug removed from the engine, pour two tablespoons of engine oil into the spark plug hole, then use the starter to crank the engine and distribute the oil inside the cylinder.
12. Install the spark plug. Do not connect the wire to the spark plug.
13. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is worn or damaged.
14. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces with paint available from an Authorized Service Dealer.
15. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area, and cover it to protect it and keep it clean.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
The engine will not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fuel tank is empty. 2. The choke is not on. 3. The blade control (PTO) lever is engaged. 4. The air cleaner is dirty. 5. The spark plug wire is loose or disconnected. 6. The spark plugs are pitted, fouled, or gap is incorrect. 7. There is dirt in the fuel filter. 8. There is dirt, water, or stale fuel in the fuel system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill the fuel tank with gasoline. 2. Set the Choke to the on position. 3. Disengage the blade control (PTO) lever. 4. Clean or replace the air cleaner element. 5. Connect the wire to the spark plug. 6. Install new, correctly gapped spark plugs. 7. Replace the fuel filter. 8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The engine loses power.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The engine load is excessive. 2. The air cleaner is dirty. 3. The engine oil level in the crankcase is low. 4. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged. 5. The spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect. 6. The vent hole in the fuel cap is plugged. 7. There is dirt in fuel filter. 8. There is dirt, water, or stale fuel is in fuel system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the ground speed. 2. Clean the air cleaner element. 3. Add engine oil to the crankcase. 4. Remove the obstruction(s) 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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The engine load is excessive. 2. The engine oil level in the crankcase is low. 3. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the ground speed. 2. Add oil to the crankcase. 3. Remove the obstruction(s) from cooling fins and air passages.
The machine does not drive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The shift lever is in the Neutral position. 2. The traction belt is worn, loose, or broken. 3. The traction belt is off the pulley. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move the shift lever to a drive gear position. 2. Change the belt. 3. Change the belt.

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There is abnormal vibration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cutting blades are bent or unbalanced. 2. The blade mounting bolt is loose. 3. The engine mounting bolts are loose. 4. The engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley is loose. 5. The engine pulley is damaged. 6. The blade spindle is bent. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install new cutting blades. 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.
The cutting height is uneven.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The blades are not sharp. 2. The blades are bent. 3. The mower is not level. 4. The underside of the mower is dirty. 5. The tire pressure is incorrect. 6. The blade spindle is bent. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharpen the blades. 2. Install new blades. 3. Level the mower from side-to-side and front-to-rear. 4. Clean the underside of the mower. 5. Adjust the tire pressure. 6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The blades do not rotate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The drive belt is worn, loose, or broken. 2. The drive belt is off the pulley. 3. The mower belt is worn, loose, or broken. 4. The mower belt is off the pulley. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check the belt tension. 2. Install the drive belt and check the adjusting shafts and the belt guides for the correct position. 3. Install the new mower belt. 4. Install the deck pulley and check the idler pulley, idler arm, and spring for the correct position and function.
The blades do not stop when they are disengaged.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The blade brake is not adjusted properly. 2. The belt guide is not set properly. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adjust the blade brake. 2. Adjust the belt guide.



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A Limited Warranty

Conditions and Products Covered

The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly promise to repair the listed Toro Products if defective in materials or workmanship. The following time periods apply from the date of purchase:

<u>Products</u>	<u>Warranty Period</u>
• All Products	1 year
• All Spindles	2 years parts and labor; third year, parts only
• Engines/Hydraulic Systems* on the following: Outfront and Mid-Mount Z's ProLine Mid-Size Mowers Groundsmaster® Riding Mowers Backpack Blowers	2 years
• Deck Shells (36"–72") on the following: ProLine Mid-Size Mowers Mid-Mount Z's	2 years
• Electric Clutch on 200 Series Mid-Mount Z's	2 years

This warranty includes the cost of parts and labor, but you must pay transportation costs.

This warranty applies to:

- Outfront and Mid-Mount Z's
- ProLine Mid-Size Mowers
- Groundsmaster Riding Mowers
- Turf Maintenance Equipment
- Debris Management Equipment

* Some engines used on Toro LCE Products are warranted by the engine manufacturer.

Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service

If you think that your Toro Product contains a defect in materials or workmanship, follow this procedure:

1. Contact any Toro Authorized or Master Service Dealer to arrange service at their dealership. To locate a dealer convenient to you, access our website at www.Toro.com. U.S. Customers may also call 800-348-2424.
2. Bring the product and your proof of purchase (sales receipt) to the Service Dealer.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the Service Dealer's analysis or with the assistance provided, contact us at:

LCB Customer Service Department
Toro Warranty Company
8111 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420-1196
888-577-7466 (U.S. customers)
877-484-9255 (Canada customers)

Countries Other than the United States or Canada

Customers who have purchased Toro products exported from the United States or Canada should contact their Toro Distributor (Dealer) to obtain guarantee policies for your country, province, or state. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with your Distributor's service or have difficulty obtaining guarantee information, contact the Toro importer. If all other remedies fail, you may contact us at Toro Warranty Company.

Owner Responsibilities

You must maintain your Toro Product by following the maintenance procedures described in the operator's manual. Such routine maintenance, whether performed by a dealer or by you, is at your expense.

Items and Conditions Not Covered

There is no other express warranty except for special emission system coverage on some products. This express warranty does not cover the following:

- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, tune-up parts, blade sharpening, brake and clutch adjustments.
- Any product or part which has been altered or misused or required replacement or repair due to normal wear, accidents, or lack of proper maintenance.
- Repairs necessary due to improper fuel, contaminants in the fuel system, or failure to properly prepare the fuel system prior to any period of non-use over three months.
- Pickup and delivery charges.

All repairs covered by this warranty must be performed by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer using Toro approved replacement parts.

General Conditions

Repair by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer is your sole remedy under this warranty.

Neither The Toro Company nor Toro Warranty Company is liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages in connection with the use of the Toro Products covered by this warranty, including any cost or expense of providing substitute equipment or service during reasonable periods of malfunction or non-use pending completion of repairs under this warranty.

Some states do not allow exclusions of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you.

All implied warranties of merchantability (that the product is fit for ordinary use) and fitness for use (that the product is fit for a particular purpose) are limited to the duration of the express warranty.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.