



**ProLine 53cm Heavy-Duty  
Recycler<sup>®</sup> / Rear-Bagging  
Walk Power Lawn Mower**

**Model No. 22167TE—240000001 and Up**

**Operator's Manual**

Keep this engine Owner's Manual with your unit.  
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.

You may contact Toro directly at [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) for product and accessory information, help finding a dealer, or to register your product.

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

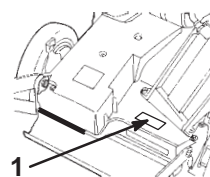


Figure 1

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

Toro designed and tested this lawn mower to offer reasonably safe service; however, **failure to comply with the following instructions may result in personal injury.**

 <b>Warning</b> 	
<b>Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless, deadly poison that can kill you.</b>	
<b>Do not run the engine indoors or in an enclosed area.</b>	

To ensure maximum safety, best performance, and to gain knowledge of the product, it is essential that you and any other operator of the lawn mower read and understand the contents of this manual before the engine is ever started.

 This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

**Improperly using or maintaining this lawn mower can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions.**

## General Lawn Mower Safety

This lawn mower is capable of amputating hands and feet and of throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

### Training

- Read this operator's manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the lawn mower before starting it.
- Never allow children to operate the lawn mower. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.

- Never allow adults unfamiliar with these instructions to operate the lawn mower.
- Never mow while people (especially children) or pets are nearby. Stop the lawn mower if anyone enters the area.
- Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the lawn mower and the mowing activity. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.
- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of a responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn the lawn mower off if children enter the area.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.
- Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
- See the manufacturer's instructions for proper operation and installation of accessories. Use only the accessories that are approved by the manufacturer.

### Preparation

- Thoroughly inspect the area where you will use the lawn mower, and remove all stones, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects.
- While mowing, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers.
- Do not operate the lawn mower when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when operating the lawn mower.
- Warning: Gasoline is highly flammable. Take the following precautions:
  - Store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.
  - Refuel outdoors only and do not smoke while refuelling.
  - Add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add gasoline while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.
  - If gasoline is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine. Move the lawn mower away from the area of spillage to avoid creating any source of ignition until the gasoline vapors have dissipated.
  - Replace all fuel tank and container caps securely.

- If you must drain the fuel from the fuel tank, do it outdoors.
- Replace faulty mufflers.
- Before using, always visually inspect the blades, blade bolts, and cutter assembly for wear or damage. Replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.
- On multibladed lawn mowers, use care as rotating one blade can cause the other blades to rotate.

## Operation

- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- Always be sure of your footing on slopes.
- Walk; never run.
- Keep a firm hold on the handle.
- For wheeled rotary lawn mowers, mow across the face of slopes, never up and down.
- Exercise extreme caution when changing the direction on slopes.
- Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
- Use extreme caution when reversing or pulling the lawn mower toward you.
- Before and while moving backward, look behind and down for small children.
- Stop the blade(s) if you must tilt the lawn mower for transportation when crossing surfaces other than grass and when transporting the lawn mower to and from the area to be mowed.
- Never operate the lawn mower with damaged or missing guards or shields, or without safety devices (such as deflectors and grass catchers) in place.
- Do not change the speed settings on the engine.
- Disengage all blade and drive clutches before starting the engine.
- Start the engine carefully according to instructions and with feet well away from the blade(s).
- Do not tilt the lawn mower when starting the engine, unless you must tilt the lawn mower to start it. In this case, do not tilt it more than absolutely necessary and lift only the part which is away from the operator.
- Do not start the engine when standing in front of the discharge chute.
- Do not put your hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
- Never pick up or carry a lawn mower while the engine is running.
- Stop the engine and disconnect the spark-plug wire:
  - before clearing blockages or unclogging the chute;
  - before checking, cleaning, or working on the lawn mower;
  - after striking a foreign object. Inspect the lawn mower for damage and make repairs before starting and operating the lawn mower; and
  - if the lawn mower starts to vibrate abnormally (check it immediately).
- Stop the engine:
  - whenever you leave the lawn mower; and
  - before refuelling.
- Reduce the throttle setting during engine run-out and, if the engine has a shutoff valve, turn the fuel off after mowing.
- Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads.
- Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher.
- Do not operate the lawn mower while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- If the lawn mower should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.

Slopes are a major factor related to slip and fall accidents which can result in a severe injury. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow it.

- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. You could lose your footing or balance.
- Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced footing could cause slipping.

## Maintenance and Storage

- Keep all nuts, bolts (especially blade attachment bolts), and screws tight to ensure that the lawn mower is in safe working condition.
- Never store the lawn mower with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing the lawn mower in any enclosure.
- To reduce the fire hazard, keep the engine, muffler, battery compartment, and gasoline storage area free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check the grass catcher frequently for wear or deterioration.
- Replace worn or damaged parts.
- Use extra care when handling gasoline; gasoline vapors are explosive.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Keep the lawn mower free of grass, leaves, or other debris buildup. Clean up any oil or fuel that spills.
- Stop and inspect the lawn mower if you strike an object. Repair the lawn mower, if necessary, before starting the engine.
- Never attempt to make wheel height adjustments while the engine is running.
- Grass catcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. Frequently check the components and replace them with the manufacturer's recommended parts when necessary.
- Lawn mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
- Do not change the speed settings on the engine.
- If you must drain the fuel from the fuel tank, do it outdoors.
- To ensure the best performance and safety, purchase only genuine Toro replacement parts and accessories.
- Maintain or replace safety and instruction decals when necessary.

## Sound Pressure

This unit has a maximum sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 86 dBA, based on measurements of identical machines per Directive 98/37/EC.

## Sound Power

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 100 dBA, based on measurements of identical machines per Directive 2000/14/EC.

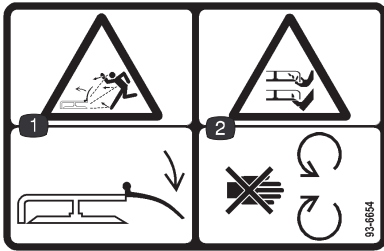
## Vibration

This unit does not exceed a hand/arm vibration level of 4.2 m/s<sup>2</sup>, based on measurements of identical machines per Directive 98/37/EC.

## Safety and Instruction Decals

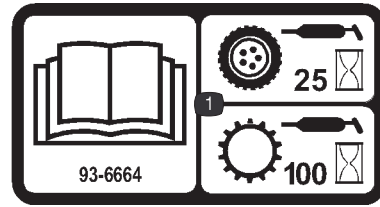


Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or lost.



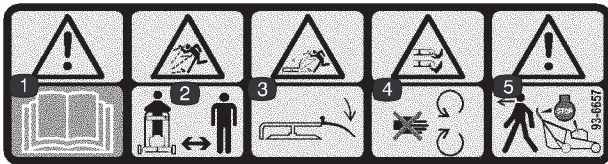
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1. Thrown object hazard, mower—keep the deflector in place.
2. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.



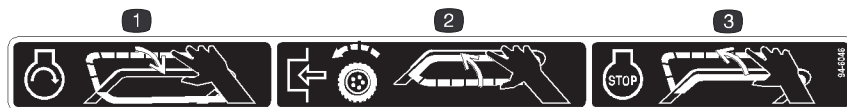
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual* for information on greasing the traction drive every 25 operating hours and greasing the transmission every 100 operating hours.



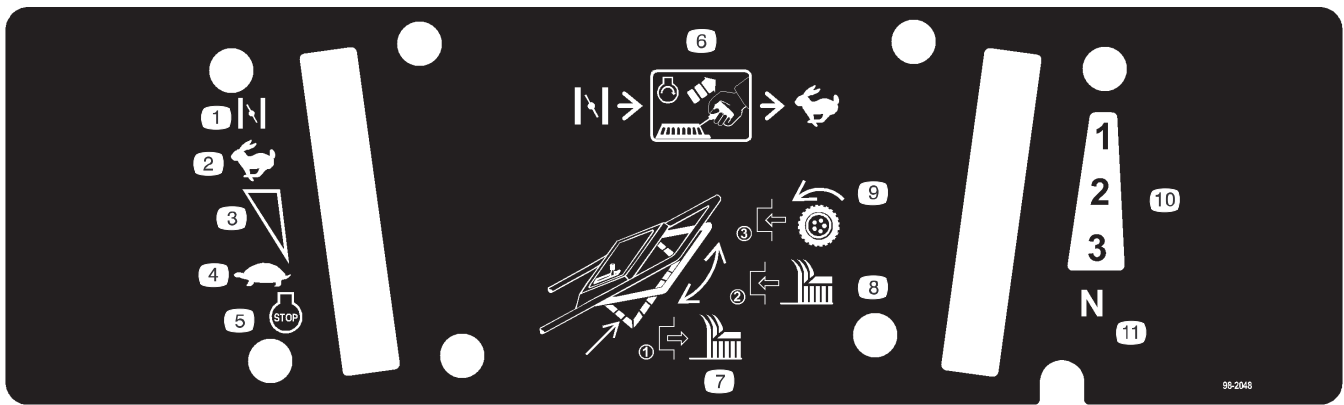
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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Thrown object hazard—stay a safe distance from the machine.
3. Thrown object hazard, mower—keep the deflector in place.
4. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.
5. Warning—stop the engine before leaving the machine.



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1. To start the engine, hold the upper bail against the handle.
2. To engage the traction drive, pull the lower bail toward the handle.
3. To stop the engine, release the upper bail.



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1. Choke
2. Fast
3. Continuous variable setting
4. Slow
5. Engine—stop
6. Set the throttle lever to the Choke position, pull the cord to start the engine, then move the throttle to the Fast position.
7. Release the bail to disengage the cutting blade.
8. Move the bail up to engage the cutting blade.
9. Move the bail to the handle to engage the traction drive.
10. Forward speeds
11. Neutral



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1. Warning—wear hearing protection.

## Assembly

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

### Loose Parts

DESCRIPTION	QTY.	USE
Handle	1	Installing the handle
Bolts, 5/16–18 x 1-1/4 in.	2	
Bolts, 5/16–18 x 1-1/2 in.	2	
Carriage bolt	1	
Washers	4	
Locknuts	2	
Thin nylon insert locknuts	2	
Bag support rod	1	
Bag aligning plate	1	
Cap locknuts	3	
Cable ties	3	

## Installing the Handle

1. Mount the handle to the outside of the lawn mower housing (using the bottom hole) with two 5/16–18 x 1-1/4 in. bolts, washers, and thin nylon insert locknuts (Fig. 2).

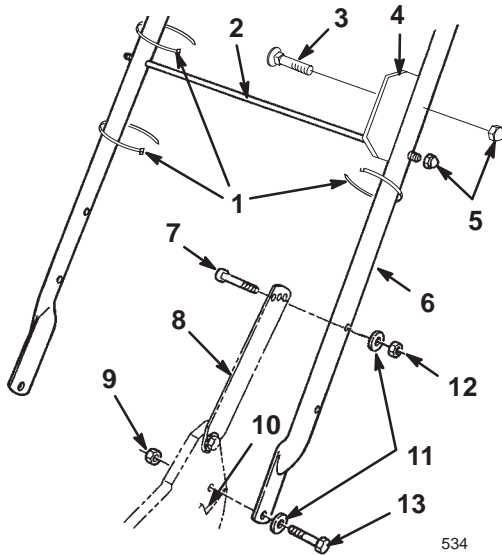


Figure 2

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| 1. Cable ties                  | 8. Handle latch (2)              |
| 2. Bag support rod             | 9. Thin nylon insert locknut (2) |
| 3. Carriage bolt               | 10. Bottom hole in housing       |
| 4. Bag aligning plate          | 11. Washers (4)                  |
| 5. Cap locknuts (3)            | 12. Locknut (2)                  |
| 6. Handle                      | 13. Bolt, 5/16–18x1-1/2 in. (2)  |
| 7. Bolt, 5/16–18x1-1/4 in. (2) |                                  |

2. Secure the handle latches to the handle with two 5/16–18 x 1-1/2 in. bolts, washers, and nylon insert locknuts (Fig. 2).

**Note:** You can adjust the handle height for comfortable operation. Stand behind the handle to determine the height. To adjust the handle height, position the bolts and the locknuts that secure the handle latches to the handle into the other mounting holes in the handle latches.

3. Slide the bag support rod through the bag aligning plate and into the second from the top mounting holes in the handle, and secure each end with a cap locknut (Fig. 2).
4. Insert the carriage bolt through the bag aligning plate and the top hole on the left side of the handle, and secure it with a cap locknut (Fig. 2).
5. Use a cable tie to secure the control cables to the left handle below the bag support rod.
6. Use cable ties to secure the brake cable to the handle (Fig. 2).

## Installing the Starter Rope

Pull the starter rope through the rope guide on the handle (Fig. 3).

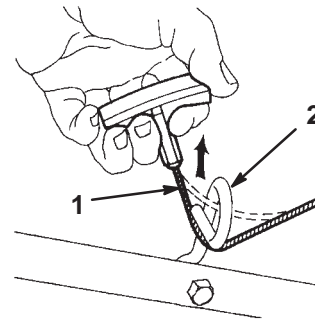


Figure 3

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| 1. Starter rope | 2. Rope guide |
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**Note:** To make the rope easier to install, squeeze the control bar on the handle.

## Installing the Discharge Tunnel Plug

1. Open the discharge door by pulling forward on the handle and moving it rearward (Fig. 4). Hold the discharge door handle to prevent the spring-loaded door from closing while you insert the plug.

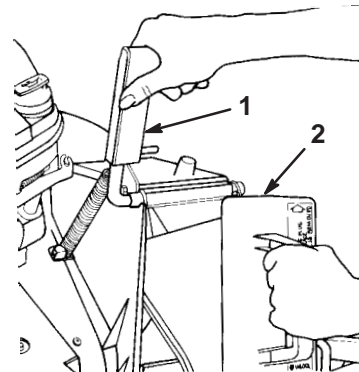


Figure 4

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| 1. Discharge door handle | 2. Plug rotated clockwise |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|

2. Since the plug is slightly wider than the discharge tunnel opening, rotate the plug clockwise slightly while inserting it (Fig. 4).

**Note:** Ensure that the arrow on the plug decal points upward.

3. Push the plug all the way in until the spring clip on the bottom of the plug clicks into place, locking the plug securely into the discharge tunnel (Fig. 5).

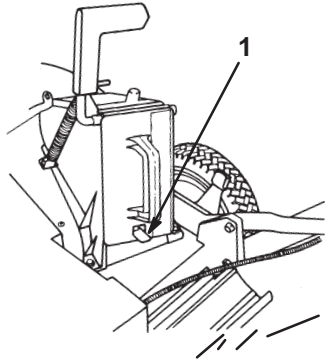


Figure 5

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1. Spring clip

4. Release the discharge door handle to lock the top of the plug.

## Before Starting

### Filling the Crankcase with Oil

The engine crankcase can hold 22 ounces (0.65 liters) of oil. Use only high-quality SAE 10W-30 weight detergent oil that has the American Petroleum Institute (API) service classification SH, SJ, or equivalent.

Before each use, ensure that the oil level is between the lower limit and upper limit marks on the dipstick (Fig. 6).

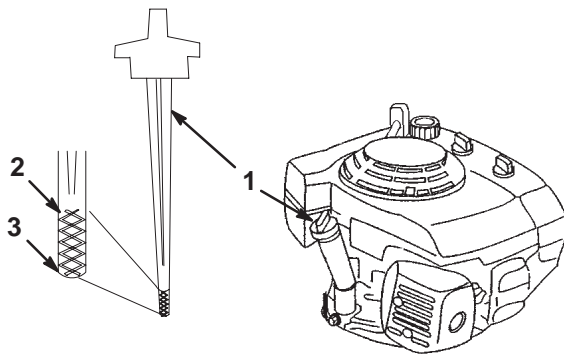


Figure 6

1. Dipstick
2. Upper limit mark
3. Lower limit mark

**Note:** When the crankcase is empty, pour about three-fourths of the crankcase capacity of oil in the crankcase, then follow the procedure in this section.

To add oil:

1. Move the lawn mower to a level surface.
2. Clean around the dipstick (Fig. 6).
3. Remove the dipstick by rotating the cap counterclockwise and pulling it out.
4. Wipe the dipstick clean with a clean cloth.
5. Insert the dipstick into the filler neck (but **do not rotate the cap clockwise to secure it**), then remove it.
6. Read the oil level on the dipstick (Fig. 6).
7. If the oil level reading is below the lower limit mark on the dipstick, remove the dipstick and **slowly** pour only enough oil into the filler hole to raise the oil level to the upper limit mark on the dipstick (Fig. 6).

**Important** Do not overfill the crankcase with oil and run the engine; engine damage will result. Drain the excess oil until the oil level reaches the upper limit mark on the dipstick.

8. Insert the dipstick into the filler neck and rotate the cap clockwise until it is tight.

## Filling the Fuel Tank with Gasoline

For best results, use clean, fresh, lead-free gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher. To ensure freshness, purchase only the quantity of gasoline that you expect to use in 30 days. Using unleaded gasoline results in fewer combustion deposits and longer engine life. You may use leaded gasoline if unleaded gasoline is not available.

**Important** Do not add oil to the gasoline.

**Important** Do not use methanol, gasoline containing methanol, gasohol containing more than 10% ethanol, premium gasoline, or white gas. Using these fuels can damage the engine's fuel system.

**Important** Do not use gasoline that is more than 30 days old.



## 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, and when the engine is cold. Wipe up any gasoline that spills.
- Do not fill the fuel tank completely full. Add gasoline to the fuel tank until the level is 1/4 to 1/2 in. (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 a spark may ignite the gasoline fumes.
- Store gasoline in an approved fuel container and keep it out of the reach of children.
- Never buy more than a 30-day supply of gasoline.



## Danger



When fueling, under certain circumstances, a static charge can develop, igniting the gasoline. A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you and others and damage property.

- 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 gasoline-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, not from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
- If you must use a gasoline dispenser nozzle, keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete.

Use a fuel stabilizer/conditioner regularly during operation and storage. A fuel stabilizer/conditioner cleans the engine during operation and prevents gum-like varnish deposits from forming in the engine during periods of storage.

**Important** Do not use fuel additives other than a fuel stabilizer/conditioner. Do not use fuel stabilizers with an alcohol base such as ethanol, methanol, or isopropanol.

1. Clean around the fuel tank cap (Fig. 7).

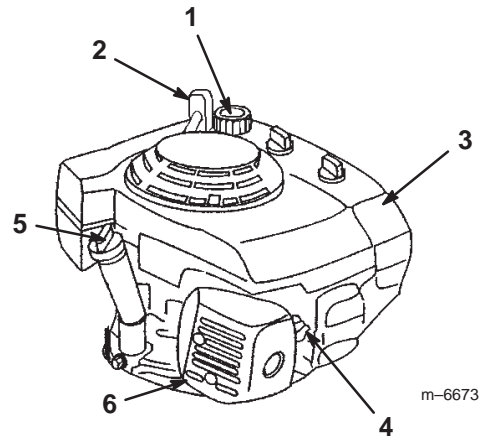


Figure 7

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| 1. Fuel tank cap         | 4. Spark plug                  |
| 2. Recoil starter handle | 5. Dipstick/Oil fill and drain |
| 3. Air cleaner           | 6. Muffler                     |

2. Remove the fuel tank cap.

3. Fill the fuel tank with unleaded gasoline to within 1/4 to 1/2 inch (6 to 13 mm) from the top of the tank. **Do not fill into the filler neck.**

**Note:** The fuel tank capacity is 2.1 qt. (2.0 l).

**Important** Do not fill the tank more than 1/4 inch (6 mm) from the top of the tank because the gasoline must have room to expand.

4. Install the fuel tank cap and wipe up any spilled gasoline.

## Reviewing the Maintenance Schedule

Review the Recommended Maintenance Schedule on page 15. You may need to perform one or more additional procedures before or soon after you begin operating the lawn mower.

# Operation

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

Each time before you mow, ensure that the self-propel drive and the control bar operate properly. When you release the control bar, the engine and the blade should stop within 3 seconds. If they do not, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.



## Caution

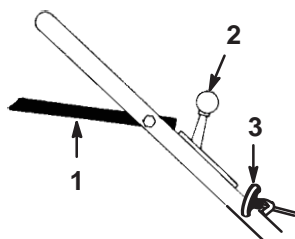


This machine produces sound levels in excess of 85dBA at the operator's ear and can cause hearing loss through extended periods of exposure.

Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.

## Controls

The control bar, the throttle control, and the starter handle are on the upper handle as shown in Figure 8.



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Figure 8

1. Control bar
2. Throttle

3. Starter handle

## Starting the Engine

1. Connect the wire to the spark plug (Fig. 7).
2. Open the fuel valve by moving the lever to the **right** (Fig. 9).

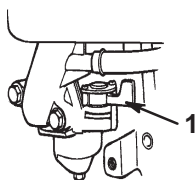


Figure 9

1. Fuel valve

3. Move the throttle control to the **Choke** position (Fig. 8).

**Note:** Do not use the choke when the engine is warm.

4. Hold the control bar to the handle (Fig. 8).
5. Pull the starter handle (Fig. 8) lightly until you feel resistance, then pull it sharply. Allow the rope to return to the handle slowly.
6. When the engine starts, move the throttle control to the **Fast** position, and set the ground speed control as desired.

**Note:** If the engine fails to start after three pulls, repeat steps 4 through 6.

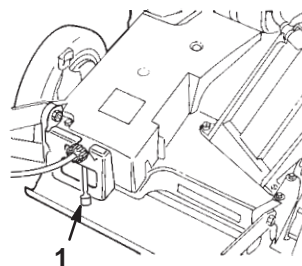
## Stopping the Engine

Release the control bar. Both the engine and the blade should stop within 3 seconds. If they do not, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

**Note:** Close the fuel valve by moving the lever to the **left** if you will not be starting the engine soon afterward.

## Using the Self-propel Drive

The lawn mower has three ground speeds. **1** is slow, **2** is medium, and **3** is fast. The ground speed control is located at the rear of the belt cover (Fig. 10).



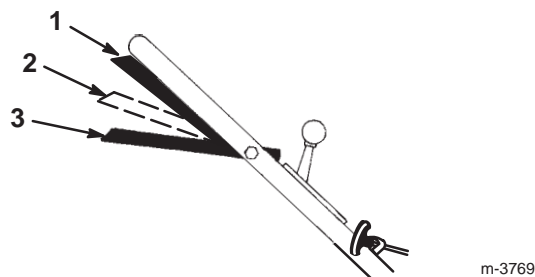
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Figure 10

1. Ground speed control

1. Move the ground speed control to the **N** (**Neutral**) position.
2. Start the engine.

3. Squeeze the control bar against the handle to the **Run/Drive** position (Fig. 11).



**Figure 11**

1. **Run/Drive** position
2. **Run/Shift** position
3. **Stop** position

**Note:** Do not shift speeds while squeezing the control bar against the handle in the **Run/Drive** position; this can damage the transmission. Move the control bar to the **Run/Shift** position (Fig. 11) when you change the ground speed.

**Note:** You can vary the ground speed by increasing or decreasing the distance between the control bar and the handle. Lower the control bar to decrease the ground speed when you are making a turn or if the lawn mower is moving too fast for you. If you lower the control bar too far, the lawn mower stops self-propelling. Squeeze the control bar closer to the handle to increase the ground speed. When you hold the control bar tight against the handle, the lawn mower self-propels at the maximum ground speed. Move the ground speed control to the **Neutral** position when you use the lawn mower for trimming or whenever you leave the lawn mower.

## Using the Discharge Tunnel Plug

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Insert the discharge tunnel plug; refer to Installing the Discharge Tunnel Plug on page 8.
3. To remove the plug, move the discharge door handle rearward and lift up the spring clip on the bottom of the plug. When the plug is unlocked, pull it out of the discharge tunnel.

**Note:** When grass is thick and lush, clippings may collect on and around the discharge tunnel plug. This may make removing the plug difficult. Clean the plug thoroughly after each use.

## Adjusting the Cutting Height

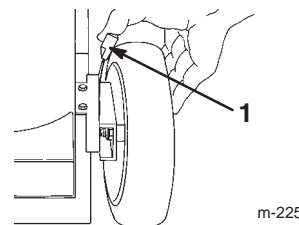
Each wheel is adjusted individually with a wheel height adjustment lever. Cutting heights are 3/4 inch (1.9 cm), 1-1/4 inches (3.2 cm), 1-3/4 inches (4.4 cm), 2-1/4 inches (5.7 cm), 2-3/4 inches (7.0 cm), and 3-1/4 inches (8.3 cm).

**! Danger !**

**Adjusting the cutting height levers could bring your hands into contact with a moving blade and result in serious injury.**

- **Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before adjusting the cutting height.**
- **Do not put your fingers under the housing when adjusting the cutting height.**

1. Pull the wheel height adjustment lever toward the wheel (Fig. 12) and move it to the desired setting.



**Figure 12**

1. Wheel height adjustment lever
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2. Release the wheel height adjustment lever and seat it securely in the notch.
  3. Adjust all the wheels to the same cutting height setting.

# Using the Grass Bag

Occasionally, you may want to use the grass bag for bagging extra long grass, lush grass, or leaves.

## Installing the Grass Bag

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Ensure that the discharge door handle is fully forward and that the pin is engaged in the catch (Fig. 13).

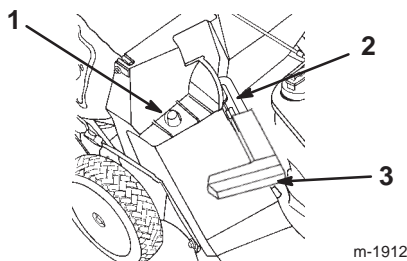


Figure 13

1. Bag frame on retaining post
2. Pin engaged in catch
3. Slide the hole in the bag frame onto the retaining post on the discharge tunnel (Fig. 13).
4. Set the rear of the bag frame onto the bag support rod.
5. Pull the discharge door handle forward until the pin clears the catch, and move the handle rearward until the pin locks in the bag notch (Fig. 14).

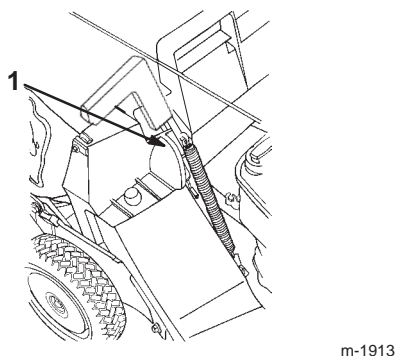


Figure 14

1. Pin locked in bag notch

**Note:** The discharge door in the lawn mower housing is now open.

## Mowing with the Grass Bag



### Warning



A worn grass bag could allow small stones and other similar debris to be thrown in the operator's or bystander's direction and result in serious personal injury or death to the operator or bystanders.

Check the grass bag frequently. If it is damaged, install a new Toro replacement bag.

Cut the grass until the bag is full.

### Important

Do not overfill the bag.

## Removing the Grass Bag



### Danger



If the discharge door does not close completely, the lawn mower could throw objects, causing serious personal injury or death.

If you cannot close the door because the grass clippings clog the discharge area, stop the engine and gently move the discharge door handle back and forth until you can close the door completely. If you still cannot close the door, remove the obstruction with a stick, not your hand.



### Danger



The lawn mower can throw grass clippings and other objects through an open discharge tunnel. Objects thrown with enough force could cause serious personal injury or death to the operator or bystander.

Never open the door on the discharge tunnel when the engine is running.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Raise the discharge door handle and move it forward to engage the pin with the catch (Fig. 13).
3. Grasp the handles at the front and the rear of the bag and lift the bag off the lawn mower.
4. Gradually tip the bag forward to empty the clippings.
5. To install the bag, refer to Installing the Grass Bag on page 13.

## Operating Tips

- Review the safety instructions and read this manual carefully before operating the lawn mower.
- Clear the area of sticks, stones, wire, branches, and other debris that the blade could hit and throw.
- Keep everyone, especially children and pets, away from the area of operation.
- Avoid striking trees, walls, curbs, or other solid objects. Never deliberately mow over any object.
- If the lawn mower strikes an object or starts to vibrate, immediately stop the engine, disconnect the wire from the spark plug, and examine the lawn mower for damage.
- Maintain a **sharp blade** throughout the cutting season. Periodically file down nicks on the blade.
- Replace the blade when necessary with an original Toro replacement blade.
- Mow only dry grass or leaves. Wet grass and leaves tend to clump on the yard and can cause the lawn mower to plug or the engine to stall.



### Warning



**Wet grass or leaves can cause serious injury if you slip and contact the blade.**

**Mow only in dry conditions.**

- Clean the underside of the lawn mower housing after each mowing. See Cleaning under the Housing on page 16.
- Keep the engine in good running condition.
- Set the engine speed to the fastest position for the best cutting results.



### Warning



**Operating a lawn mower with its engine running at a speed greater than the factory setting can cause the lawn mower to throw a part of the blade or engine into the operator's or bystander's area and result in serious personal injury or death.**

- **Do not change the engine speed setting.**
- **If you suspect the engine speed is faster than normal, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.**

- Clean the air filter frequently. Mulching stirs up more clippings and dust which clogs the air filter and reduces engine performance.

## Cutting Grass

- Grass grows at different rates at different times of the year. In the summer heat, it is best to cut grass at the 2-1/4-inch (5.7 cm), 2-3/4-inch (7.0 cm), or 3-1/4-inch (8.3 cm) cutting height settings. Cut only about a third of the grass blade at a time. Do not cut below the 2-1/4-inch (5.7 cm) setting unless the grass is sparse or it is late fall when grass growth begins to slow down.
- When cutting grass over six inches (15 cm) tall, first mow at the highest cutting height setting and walk slower; then mow again at a lower setting for the best lawn appearance. If the grass is too long and the leaves clump on top of the lawn, the lawn mower may plug and cause the engine to stall.
- Alternate the mowing direction. This helps disperse the clippings over the lawn for even fertilization.

If the finished lawn appearance is unsatisfactory, try one or more of the following:

- Sharpen the blade.
- Walk at a slower pace while mowing.
- Raise the cutting height on your lawn mower.
- Cut the grass more frequently.
- Overlap cutting swaths instead of cutting a full swath with each pass.
- Set the cutting height on the front wheels one notch lower than the rear wheels. For example, set the front wheels at 2-1/4 inches (5.7 cm) and the rear wheels at 2-3/4 inches (7.0 cm).

## Cutting Leaves

- After cutting the lawn, ensure that half of the lawn shows through the cut leaf cover. You may need to make more than one pass over the leaves.
- For light leaf coverage, set all the wheels at the same cutting height setting.
- If there are more than five inches (12.7 cm) of leaves on the lawn, set the front cutting height one or two notches higher than the rear cutting height. This makes it easier to feed the leaves under the lawn mower housing.
- Slow down your mowing speed if the lawn mower does not cut the leaves finely enough.
- If you mow over oak leaves, you can add lime to the grass in the spring to reduce the acidity of the oak leaves.

# Maintenance

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

## Recommended Maintenance Schedule

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
Each Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the engine oil level. Refer to Checking the Engine Oil Level on page 16.</li> <li>Check the stopping time of the blade brake. The blade must stop within 3 seconds of releasing the control bar; if it does not, contact an Authorized Service Dealer for repair.</li> <li>Remove grass clippings and dirt from under the housing. Refer to Cleaning under the Housing on page 16.</li> <li>Clean the discharge tunnel and the discharge tunnel plug. Refer to Cleaning the Discharge Tunnel and Plug on page 17.</li> <li>Inspect the air cleaner elements. Refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner on page 17.</li> </ul>
5 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the blade and the engine mounting fasteners. Tighten loose fasteners.</li> </ul>
25 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean the air cleaner elements; clean them more frequently in dusty operating conditions. Refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner on page 17.</li> <li>Lubricate the pivot arms. Refer to Lubricating the Pivot Arms on page 19.</li> </ul>
50 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the engine oil.<sup>1</sup> Refer to Changing the Engine Oil on page 20.</li> <li>Sharpen or replace the blade; maintain it more frequently if the edge dulls quickly in rough or in sandy conditions. Refer to Maintaining the Blade on page 18.</li> <li>Remove grass clippings and debris from under the belt cover. Refer to Cleaning under the Belt Cover on page 19.</li> <li>Have an authorized engine servicing dealer check and adjust the flywheel brake pad.</li> </ul>
75 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust the self-propel drive system. Refer to Adjusting the Self-propel Drive on page 20.</li> </ul>
100 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspect, clean, and adjust the spark plug; replace it if necessary. Refer to Servicing the Spark Plug on page 20.</li> <li>Lubricate the gear case. Refer to Lubricating the Gear Case on page 21.</li> <li>Adjust the blade brake cable. Refer to Adjusting the Blade Brake Cable on page 21.</li> <li>Service the wheels. Refer to Servicing the Wheels on page 21.</li> <li>Have an authorized engine servicing dealer check and adjust the idle speed, check and adjust the valve clearance, and clean the fuel tank and filter.</li> </ul>
250 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace the air cleaner elements; replace them more frequently in dusty operating conditions. Refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner on page 17.</li> <li>Replace the spark plug. Refer to Servicing the Spark Plug on page 20.</li> <li>Have an authorized engine servicing dealer check for leaks in the fuel system and/or a deteriorating fuel hose. Replace parts if necessary.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>Change the engine oil after the first 5 operating hours.

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



## Caution



If you leave the wire on the spark plug, 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.

## Checking the Engine Oil Level

Before you use the lawn mower, ensure that the oil level is between the lower limit and the upper limit marks as shown on the dipstick (Fig. 6). If the oil level is below the lower limit mark, add oil. Refer to Filling the Crankcase with Oil on page 9.

## Cleaning under the Housing

To ensure the best performance, keep the underside of the housing clean. Be especially careful to keep the kickers free of debris (Fig. 15).

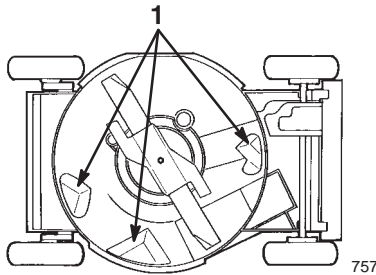


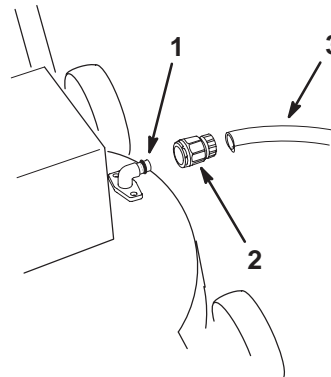
Figure 15

1. Kickers

### Washing Method

1. Move the lawn mower to a flat concrete or asphalt surface near a garden hose.
2. Attach a quick-disconnect coupling (sold separately) to the end of the garden hose.

3. Attach the coupling to the washout fitting (Fig. 16).



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Figure 16

1. Washout fitting
2. Quick-disconnect coupling
3. Garden hose

4. Turn the water on high.
5. Start the engine and let it run for two minutes.
6. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
7. Turn off the water.
8. Remove the coupling from the washout fitting.
9. Start the lawn mower and let it run for a minute to dry out the lawn mower and its components.

**Note:** If the underside of the housing has excessive grass buildup, connect the hose to the washout fitting, turn the water on high, and run the lawn mower for 2 minutes. Stop the lawn mower and turn off the water. Let the lawn mower soak for 30 minutes. Then turn the water on high again and run the mower for another 2 minutes.

### Scraping Method

If the washing method does not remove all the debris from under the lawn mower, scrape it clean.

1. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).
2. Drain the fuel from the fuel tank.



## Warning



Tipping the lawn mower may cause the fuel to leak from the carburetor or the fuel tank. Gasoline is extremely flammable, highly explosive, and, under certain conditions, can cause personal injury or property damage.

Avoid fuel spills by running the engine dry or by removing the gasoline with a hand pump; never siphon.

3. Tip the lawn mower onto its **right** side (air cleaner up) (Fig. 15).
4. Remove the dirt and grass clippings with a hardwood scraper. Avoid burrs and sharp edges.
5. Return the lawn mower to the operating position.
6. Fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline.
7. Connect the wire to the spark plug.

## Cleaning the Discharge Tunnel and Plug

Remove the plug from the discharge tunnel and clean it after each use.

Always ensure that the discharge tunnel door closes securely when you release the handle. If the debris prevents the discharge door from closing securely, clean the inside of the discharge tunnel and the door thoroughly.



## Warning



Grass clippings and other objects can be thrown from an open discharge tunnel and cause serious injury or kill the operator or bystanders.

Never start or operate the lawn mower unless *one* of the following is true:

- The discharge tunnel plug is locked securely in the discharge tunnel.
- The grass bag is locked in place.
- The optional side discharge chute is locked in place.
- The discharge tunnel door is locked in place.

## Servicing the Air Cleaner

Inspect the air cleaner elements after every time you use the lawn mower.

Clean the cover, base, and foam and paper elements after every 25 operating hours. Replace the elements after every 250 operating hours or sooner if they are damaged or excessively dirty.

**Important** Do not operate the engine without the air cleaner assembly; extreme engine damage will occur.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).
3. Remove the 2 wing bolts that secure the cover (Fig. 17).

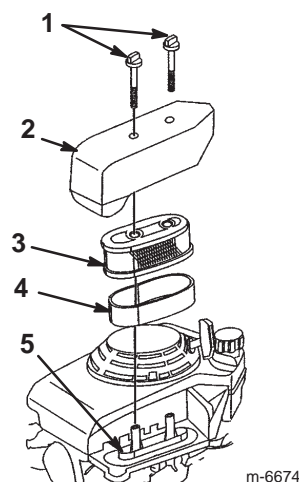


Figure 17

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| 1. Wing bolts    | 4. Foam element |
| 2. Cover         | 5. Base         |
| 3. Paper element |                 |

4. Remove the cover.

**Note:** Be careful to prevent dirt and debris from falling into the base.

5. Remove the foam and paper elements from the base (Fig. 17).
6. Remove the foam element from the paper element (Fig. 17).
7. Inspect the foam and paper elements, and replace them if they are damaged or excessively dirty.
8. Tap the paper element on a hard surface several times or use compressed air not exceeding 30 psi (207 kPa) through the filter from the wire screen side to remove any excess dirt. If the paper element is excessively dirty, replace it.

**Note:** Never try to brush dirt off the paper element; brushing forces the dirt into the fibers.

9. Clean the foam element in warm, soapy water or in a **nonflammable** solvent.

**Note:** Do not use gasoline to clean the foam element because it could create a risk of fire or explosion.

10. Rinse and dry the foam element thoroughly.
11. Dip the foam element in clean engine oil, then squeeze out the excess oil.

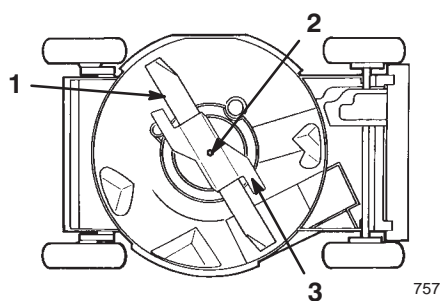
**Note:** Excess oil in the foam element restricts the air flow through the element and may reach the paper filter and clog it.

12. Wipe dirt from the base and the cover with a moist rag.
- Note:** Be careful to prevent dirt and debris from entering the air duct leading to the carburetor.
13. Install the air cleaner elements and ensure that they are properly positioned.
14. Securely install the cover with the 2 wing bolts.

## Maintaining the Blade

Always mow with a sharp blade. A sharp blade cuts cleanly and without tearing or shredding the grass blades.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).
3. Drain the gasoline from the fuel tank.
4. Tip the lawn mower onto its **right** side (air cleaner up) (Fig. 18).



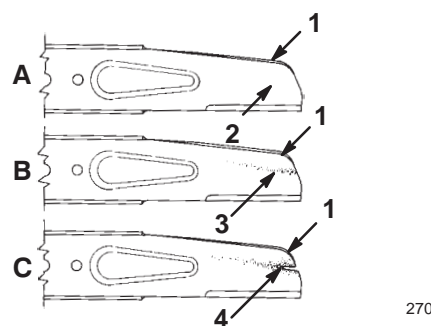
**Figure 18**

1. Blade
2. Bolt and lock washer
3. Accelerator

## Inspecting the Blade

Carefully examine the blade for sharpness and wear, especially where the flat and the curved parts meet (Fig. 19A). Because sand and abrasive material can wear away the metal that connects the flat and curved parts of



the blade, check the blade before using the lawn mower. If you notice a slot or wear (Figs. 19B and 19C), replace the blade; refer to Removing the Blade on page 18.



**Figure 19**

1. Sail
2. Flat part of blade
3. Wear
4. Slot formed

**Note:** For the best performance, install a new blade before the cutting season begins. During the year, file down any small nicks to maintain the cutting edge.

**Danger**

**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 blade periodically for wear or damage.**
- **Replace a worn or damaged blade.**

## Removing the Blade

1. Grasp the end of the blade using a rag or a thickly padded glove.
2. Remove the blade bolt, the lockwasher, the accelerator, and the blade (Fig. 18).

## Sharpening the Blade

File the top side of the blade to maintain its original cutting angle (Fig. 20A) and inner cutting edge radius (Fig. 20B). The blade will remain balanced if you remove the same amount of material from both cutting edges.

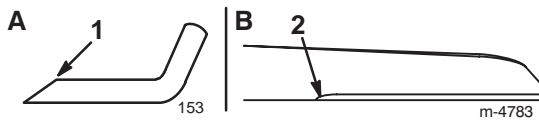


Figure 20

1. Sharpen at this angle only
2. Maintain the original radius here

## Balancing the Blade

1. Check the balance of the blade by placing the center hole of the blade over a nail or screwdriver shank clamped horizontally in a vise (Fig. 21).

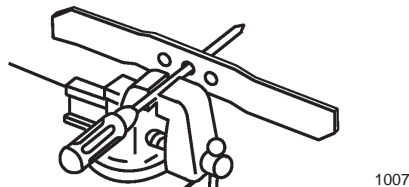


Figure 21

**Note:** You can also check the balance using a commercially manufactured blade balancer.

2. If either end of the blade rotates downward, file that end (not the cutting edge or the end near the cutting edge). The blade is properly balanced when neither end drops.

## Installing the Blade

1. Install a sharp, balanced Toro blade, the accelerator, the lock washer, and the blade bolt. The sail of the blade must point toward the top of the lawn mower housing for proper installation. Torque the blade bolt to 50 ft-lb (68 N·m).



### Warning



**Operating the lawn mower without the accelerator in place can cause the blade to flex, bend, or break, resulting in serious injury or death to the operator or bystanders.**

**Do not operate the lawn mower without the accelerator.**

2. Return the lawn mower to its upright position.
3. Connect the wire to the spark plug.

## Cleaning under the Belt Cover

Keep the area under the belt cover free of debris.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).
3. Remove the bolts that secure the belt cover to the lawn mower housing (Fig. 22).

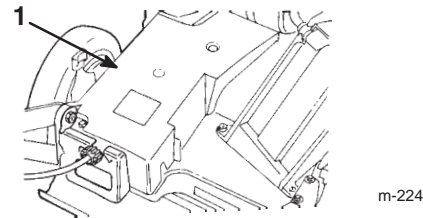


Figure 22

1. Belt cover

4. Lift off the cover and brush out all the debris around the belt area.
5. Install the belt cover.
6. Connect the wire to the spark plug.

## Lubricating the Pivot Arms

After every 25 operating hours or when the season ends, lubricate the pivot arms.

1. Move the rear wheel cutting height levers to the center setting.
2. Wipe the grease fittings with a clean rag (Fig. 23).

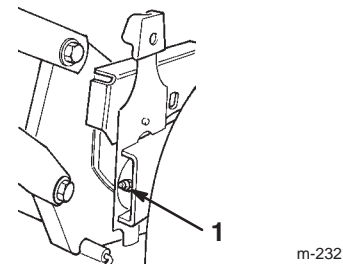


Figure 23

1. Grease fitting

3. Install a grease gun onto the fitting and gently apply two or three pumps of #2 multi-purpose lithium base grease (Fig. 23).

**Note:** Applying grease with excessive pressure may damage the seals.

## Adjusting the Self-propel Drive

If the lawn mower does not self-propel or has a tendency to creep forward when the control bar is **more** than 1-1/2 inches (3.8 cm) from the handle, adjust the wheel drive control knob on the rear of the gear box (Fig. 24).

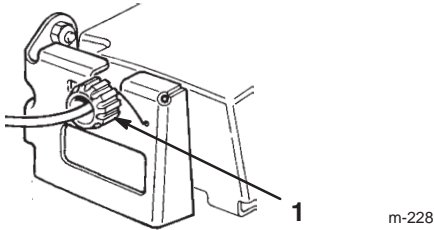


Figure 24

1. Control knob

1. Close the door in the lawn mower housing and remove the grass bag.
2. Rotate the control knob clockwise 1/2 turn if the lawn mower does not self-propel. If the lawn mower creeps forward, rotate the knob 1/2 turn counterclockwise (Fig. 24).
3. Slowly pull the lawn mower rearward while you gradually move the control bar toward the handle.

**Note:** The adjustment is correct when the rear wheels stop turning and the control bar is about one inch (2.5 cm) from the handle (Fig. 25).

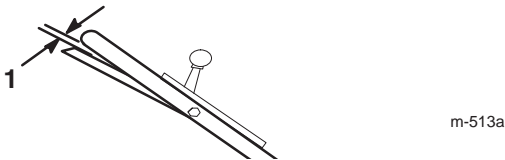


Figure 25

1. One inch (2.5 cm)

## Changing the Engine Oil

Change the oil after the first 5 operating hours (or the first month); and then after every 50 operating hours (or every 6 months).

1. Run the engine to warm the engine oil.

**Note:** Warm oil flows better and carries more contaminants.



### Warning



**Oil may be hot after engine has been run, and contact with hot oil can cause severe personal injury.**

**Avoid contacting the hot engine oil when you drain it.**

2. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
3. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).
4. Place a suitable drain pan under the dipstick/oil drain (Fig. 7).
5. Clean around the dipstick.
6. Remove the dipstick by rotating the cap counterclockwise and pulling it out.
7. Raise the **left** side of the lawn mower to drain the oil from the dipstick fill tube into the drain pan.
8. After draining the oil, return the lawn mower to the operating position.
9. Fill the crankcase with fresh oil to the upper limit mark on the dipstick. Refer to the Filling the Crankcase with Oil on page 9.
10. Insert the dipstick into the filler neck and rotate the cap clockwise until it is tight.
11. Wipe up any spilled oil.
12. Connect the wire to the spark plug.
13. Recycle the used oil according to local codes.

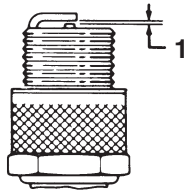
## Servicing the Spark Plug

Check the spark plug after every 100 operating hours or yearly; replace it after every 250 operating hours or every 2 years. Use an **NGK® BPR5ES** or **Nippondenso® W16EPR-U** spark plug or equivalent.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).
3. Clean around the spark plug.
4. Remove the spark plug from the cylinder head.

**Important** Replace a cracked, fouled, or dirty spark plug. Do not clean the electrodes because grit entering the cylinder can damage the engine.

- Set the gap on the plug to 0.030 in. (0.76 mm) (Fig. 26).



**Figure 26**

- 0.030 in. (0.76 mm)

- Carefully install the spark plug by hand (to avoid cross threading) until it is hand tight.
- Tighten the spark plug an additional 1/2 turn if it is new; otherwise, tighten it an additional 1/8 to 1/4 turn.

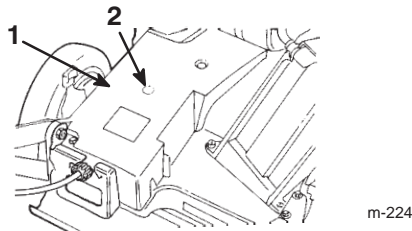
**Important** A loose spark plug can become very hot and can damage the engine; overtightening a spark plug may damage the threads in the cylinder head.

- Connect the wire to the spark plug.

## Lubricating the Gear Case

After every 100 operating hours, grease the gear case.

- Remove the grass bag.
- Install a grease gun onto the fitting through the belt cover opening (Fig. 27).



**Figure 27**

- Belt cover
- Grease fitting

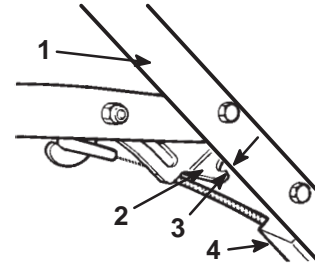
- Gently apply one to two pumps of #2 multi-purpose lithium-base grease.
- Install the grass bag.

## Adjusting the Blade Brake Cable

Whenever you install a new blade brake cable assembly, adjust it.

- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
- Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).

- Check the adjustment of the cable by moving the control bar toward the handle until you remove the slack in the cable. The gap between the brake lever and the handle must be between 3/16 and 1/4 in. (5 and 6 mm). To adjust the cable, go to step 4.
- Loosen the nut on the cable bracket (Fig. 28).



**Figure 28**

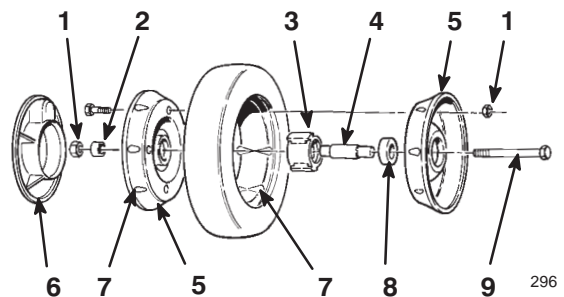
- Handle
- Brake lever
- 3/16 to 1/4 in. (5 to 6 mm)
- cable bracket

- Insert a 3/16 to 1/4 in. (5 to 6 mm) object between the brake lever and the handle.
- Pull down on the cable conduit until you remove the slack from the wire.
- Tighten the nut.

## Servicing the Wheels

### Removing the Wheels

- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
- Disconnect the wire from the spark plug (Fig. 7).
- Remove the bolt, the wheel spacer, and the locknut mounting the wheel to the pivot arm (Fig. 29).



**Figure 29**

- Locknut
- Wheel spacer
- Bearing/hub assembly
- Bearing spacer
- Wheel half
- Plastic cover (rear wheels only)
- Lug
- Bearing (2)
- Bolt

4. Separate the wheel halves from the tire by removing four bolts and four locknuts (Fig. 29).

**Note:** If you remove the bearings from the bearing/hub assembly, remove them by pressing on the bearing spacer (Fig. 29).

## Assembling the Wheels

1. Position the tire onto one wheel half, aligning the lugs on each (Fig. 29).
2. Place the bearing/hub assembly into the center hole of the wheel half. Ensure that the legs of the hub are positioned over the flange of the hole (Fig. 29).
3. Place the other wheel half onto the bearing/hub assembly, aligning the wheel and the tire lugs and the mounting holes (Fig. 29).
4. Using two 1/4-20 x 1.50 in. (6 x 38 mm) fully threaded bolts and non-locking nuts, loosely secure the wheel halves together. Mount the bolts in the opposing holes (Fig. 29).
5. Check the alignment of all parts and tighten the bolts, alternating from side to side for a uniform fit, until the wheel halves are drawn together (Fig. 29).
6. Install the two bolts and two locknuts previously removed in the remaining holes in the wheel halves and tighten. Remove the two long bolts and replace them with two bolts and two locknuts (Fig. 29).
7. Install the wheel to the pivot arm with the bolts, a spacer, and a locknut. Ensure that the spacer is positioned between the wheel hub and the pivot arm (Fig. 29).

## Storage

To prepare the lawn mower for off-season storage, perform the recommended maintenance procedures. Refer to Maintenance on page 15.

Store the lawn mower in a cool, clean, and dry place. Cover the lawn mower to keep it clean and protected.

## Preparing the Fuel System

Empty the fuel tank when mowing the last time before storing the lawn mower.

1. Run the lawn mower until the engine stops from running out of fuel.
2. Prime the engine and start it again.
3. Allow the engine to run until it stops. When you can no longer start the engine, it is sufficiently dry.



### Warning



**Gasoline can vaporize if you store it over long periods of time and explode if it comes into contact with an open flame.**

- **Do not store gasoline over long periods of time.**
- **Do not store the lawn mower with gasoline in the fuel tank or the carburetor in an enclosure with an open flame. (For example, a furnace or a water heater pilot light.)**
- **Allow the engine to cool before storing it in any enclosure.**

## Preparing the Engine

1. While the engine is still warm, change the oil from the crankcase. Refer to Changing the Engine Oil on page 20.
2. Remove the spark plug (Fig. 7).
3. Using an oil can, add about one tablespoon of oil to the crankcase through the spark plug hole.
4. Slowly rotate the engine several times, using the starter rope, to distribute the oil.
5. Install the spark plug but **do not** connect the wire to the spark plug.

## General Information

1. Clean the lawn mower housing. Refer to Cleaning under the Housing on page 16.
2. Clean any dirt and chaff from the cylinder, cylinder head fins, and blower housing.
3. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the engine, the shrouding, and the top of the lawn mower housing.
4. Check the condition of the blade. Refer to Maintaining the Blade on page 18.
5. Service the air cleaner; refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner on page 17.
6. Lubricate the pivot arms; refer to Lubricating the Pivot Arms on page 19.
7. Tighten all nuts, bolts, and screws.
8. Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces with paint available from an Authorized Service Dealer.

## Removing the Lawn Mower from Storage

1. Check and tighten all fasteners.
2. Remove the spark plug and spin the engine rapidly using the starter to blow the excess oil from the cylinder.
3. Clean the spark plug or replace it if it is cracked, broken, or if the electrodes are worn.
4. Install the spark plug. Refer to Servicing the Spark Plug on page 20.
5. Perform any needed maintenance procedures; refer to Maintenance on page 15.

6. Fill the fuel in the fuel tank with fresh gasoline.
7. Check the engine oil level.
8. Connect the wire to the spark plug.

## Accessories

You may purchase the following accessories from an Authorized Service Dealer:

- Side Discharge Kit
- Atomic Blade

## Troubleshooting

Toro designed and built your lawn mower for trouble-free operation. Check the following components and items carefully, and refer to Maintenance on page 15 for more information. If a problem continues, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

Problem	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
Engine does not start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuel tank is empty or the fuel system contains stale fuel.</li> <li>2. The throttle lever is not in the <b>Choke</b> position.</li> <li>3. The wire is not connected to the spark plug.</li> <li>4. The spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drain and/or fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline. If the problem persists, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>2. Move the throttle lever to the <b>Choke</b> position.</li> <li>3. Connect the wire to the spark plug.</li> <li>4. Check the spark plug and adjust the gap if necessary. Replace the spark plug if it is pitted, fouled, or cracked.</li> </ol>
Engine starts hard or loses power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuel tank contains stale fuel.</li> <li>2. The fuel cap vent hole is plugged.</li> <li>3. The air cleaner elements are dirty and are restricting the air flow.</li> <li>4. The underside of the lawn mower housing contains clippings and debris.</li> <li>5. The spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect.</li> <li>6. The engine oil level is low or the oil is dirty.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drain and fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline.</li> <li>2. Clean the fuel cap vent hole or replace the fuel cap.</li> <li>3. Service the air cleaner elements.</li> <li>4. Clean under the lawn mower housing.</li> <li>5. Check the spark plug and adjust the gap if necessary. Replace the spark plug if it is pitted, fouled, or cracked.</li> <li>6. Check the engine oil. Change the oil if it is dirty or add oil if it is low.</li> </ol>

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
Engine runs rough	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The wire is not connected to the spark plug.</li> <li>2. The spark plug is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect.</li> <li>3. The throttle lever is not in the <b>Fast</b> position.</li> <li>4. The air cleaner elements are dirty and are restricting the air flow.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Connect the wire to the spark plug.</li> <li>2. Check the spark plug and adjust the gap if necessary. Replace the spark plug if it is pitted, fouled, or cracked.</li> <li>3. Move the throttle lever to the <b>Fast</b> position.</li> <li>4. Service the air cleaner elements.</li> </ol>
Lawn mower or engine vibrates excessively	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The blade is bent or is out of balance.</li> <li>2. The blade mounting nuts are loose.</li> <li>3. The underside of the lawn mower housing contains clippings and debris.</li> <li>4. The engine mounting bolts are loose.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Balance the blade. If the blade is bent, replace it.</li> <li>2. Tighten the blade mounting nuts.</li> <li>3. Clean under the lawn mower housing.</li> <li>4. Tighten the engine mounting bolts.</li> </ol>
Uneven cutting pattern	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All four wheels are not at the same height.</li> <li>2. The blade is dull.</li> <li>3. You are mowing in the same pattern repeatedly.</li> <li>4. The underside of the lawn mower housing contains clippings and debris.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Place all four wheels at the same height.</li> <li>2. Sharpen and balance the blade.</li> <li>3. Change the mowing pattern.</li> <li>4. Clean under the lawn mower housing.</li> </ol>
Discharge chute plugs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The throttle lever is not in the <b>Fast</b> position.</li> <li>2. The cutting height is too low.</li> <li>3. You are mowing too fast.</li> <li>4. The grass is wet.</li> <li>5. The underside of the lawn mower housing contains clippings and debris.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move the throttle lever to the <b>Fast</b> position.</li> <li>2. Raise the cutting height.</li> <li>3. Slow down.</li> <li>4. Allow the grass to dry before mowing.</li> <li>5. Clean under the lawn mower housing.</li> </ol>
Lawn mower does not self-propel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The self-propel drive cable is out of adjustment or is damaged.</li> <li>2. There is debris under the belt cover.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adjust the self-propel drive cable. Replace the cable if necessary.</li> <li>2. Clean the debris from under the belt cover.</li> </ol>