

General #03-06

## **Understanding Variables of Engine Oil Consumption**

## **Product: All Gas and Diesel Powered Equipment**

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## Information:

By nature of the design, all engines (gasoline or diesel) will consume some amounts of engine lubricating oil while working. All engine manufactures acknowledge that some oil consumption is considered normal. The volume of the oil used (or burned in the combustion process) can vary widely due to variables in engine size, load factors (duty cycle), maintenance practices, hours, overall engine condition, oil type and normal engine-to-engine manufacturing variances.

The engines used in Toro Commercial products have been selected and tested to ensure a proper fit and performance for the individual turf applications. The operation (or duty cycle) of these engines can be characterized as "off-road" which classifies them a severe duty application.

Given this application (severe duty cycle), engine oil consumption is considered normal as long as the correct type oil is used and the oil level remains within the "safe range" on the dipstick within the recommended oil change intervals. Refer to the Operator's Manual for each piece of equipment for the recommended oil type and servicing intervals.

If you have additional concerns regarding this subject please contact your local authorized Toro Commercial products Distributor.