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# Operator's Manual

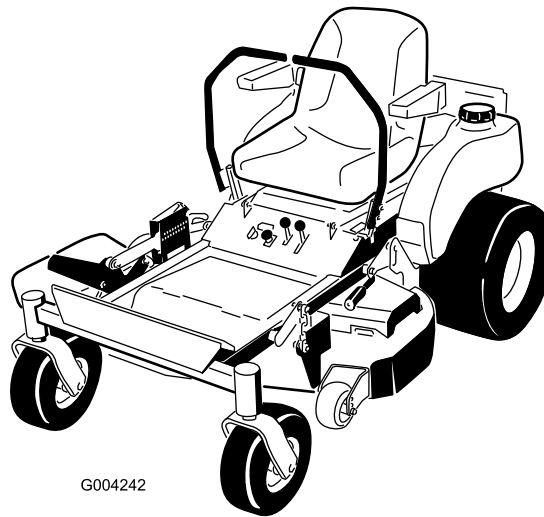
## **Z300 Z Master® with a 34in or 40in 7-Gauge Side Discharge Mower**

**Model No. 74408—Serial No. 290000001 and Up**

**Model No. 74408CP—Serial No. 290000001 and Up**

**Model No. 74409—Serial No. 290000001 and Up**

**Model No. 74409CP—Serial No. 290000001 and Up**



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## Warning

### CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning

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

**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 the 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.

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

## Introduction

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

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 identifies the location of the model and serial numbers on the product. Write the numbers in the space provided.

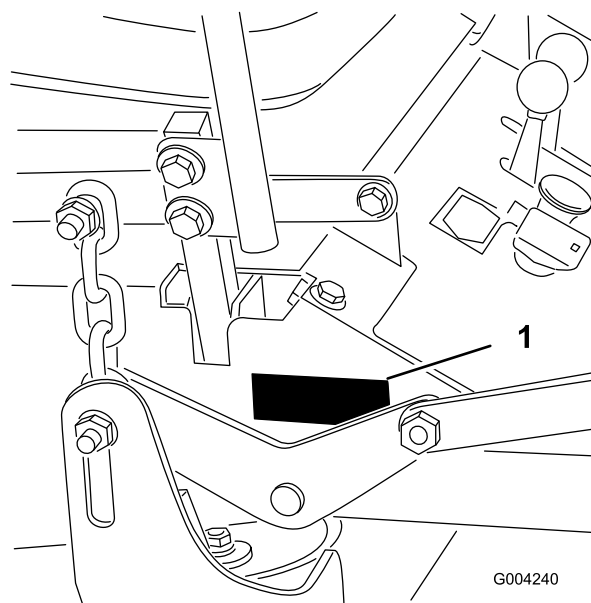


Figure 1

1. Model and serial number location

Model No. _____
Serial No. _____

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



Figure 2

1. Safety alert symbol

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

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# Safety

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.

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.

## Safe Operating Practices

The following instructions are from ANSI standard B71.4-2004.

### 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 hearing 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 refuel or drain the machine indoors.
  - Never remove gas cap or add fuel with engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke.
- Check that operator's presence controls, safety switches and shields are attached and functioning properly. Do not operate unless they are functioning properly.

### 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. Start the engine only from the operator's position. Use seat belts.
- Never raise mower with the blades running.
- Never operate without the PTO shield, or other guards 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, lower implements, disengage drives, engage parking brake, 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 units.
- Never carry passengers and keep pets and bystanders away.
- Be alert, slow down and use caution when making turns. Look behind and to the side before changing directions.
- Slow down and use caution when 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 extreme care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

## Slope Operation

- Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, steep banks or water. Wheels dropping over edges can cause rollovers, which may result in serious injury, death or drowning.
- Do not mow slopes when grass is wet. Slippery conditions reduce traction and could cause sliding and loss of control.
- Do not make sudden turns or rapid speed changes.
- Use a walk behind mower and/or a hand trimmer near drop-offs, ditches, steep banks or water.
- Reduce speed and use extreme caution on slopes.
- Remove or mark obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc. from the mowing area. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Watch for ditches, holes, rocks, dips, and rises that change the operating angle, as rough terrain could overturn the machine.
- Avoid sudden starts when mowing uphill because the mower may tip backwards.
- Be aware that loss of traction may occur going downhill. Weight transfer to the front wheels may cause drive wheels to slip and cause loss of braking and steering.
- Always avoid sudden starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly off the slope.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.
- Use extreme care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine and cause loss of control.
- Shut off fuel while storing or transporting. Do not store fuel near flames or drain indoors.
- Park machine on level ground. Never allow untrained personnel to service machine.
- Use jack stands to support components when required.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.
- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug wire before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive last. Reconnect positive first and negative last.
- Use care when checking blades. Wrap the blade(s) 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.
- Charge batteries in an open well ventilated area, away from spark and flames. Unplug charger before connecting or disconnecting from battery. Wear protective clothing and use insulated tools.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hardware tightened. Replace all worn or damaged decals.
- Use only Toro approved attachments. Warranty may be voided if used with unapproved attachments.

## Toro Riding Mower Safety

- Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, which is an odorless, deadly poison that can kill you. Do not run engine indoors or in an enclosed area.
- Stop the engine, disconnect spark plug wire(s) and remove key before performing any service, repairs, maintenance or adjustments.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, and loose clothing away from attachment discharge area, underside of mower and any moving parts while engine is running.
- Do not touch equipment or attachment parts which may be hot from operation. Allow to cool before attempting to maintain, adjust or service.
- Battery acid is poisonous and can cause burns. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Protect your face, eyes, and clothing when working with a battery.
- Battery gases can explode. Keep cigarettes, sparks and flames away from battery.
- If loading the machine onto a trailer or truck, use a single, full-width ramp only. The ramp angle should not exceed 15 degrees.

## Maintenance and storage

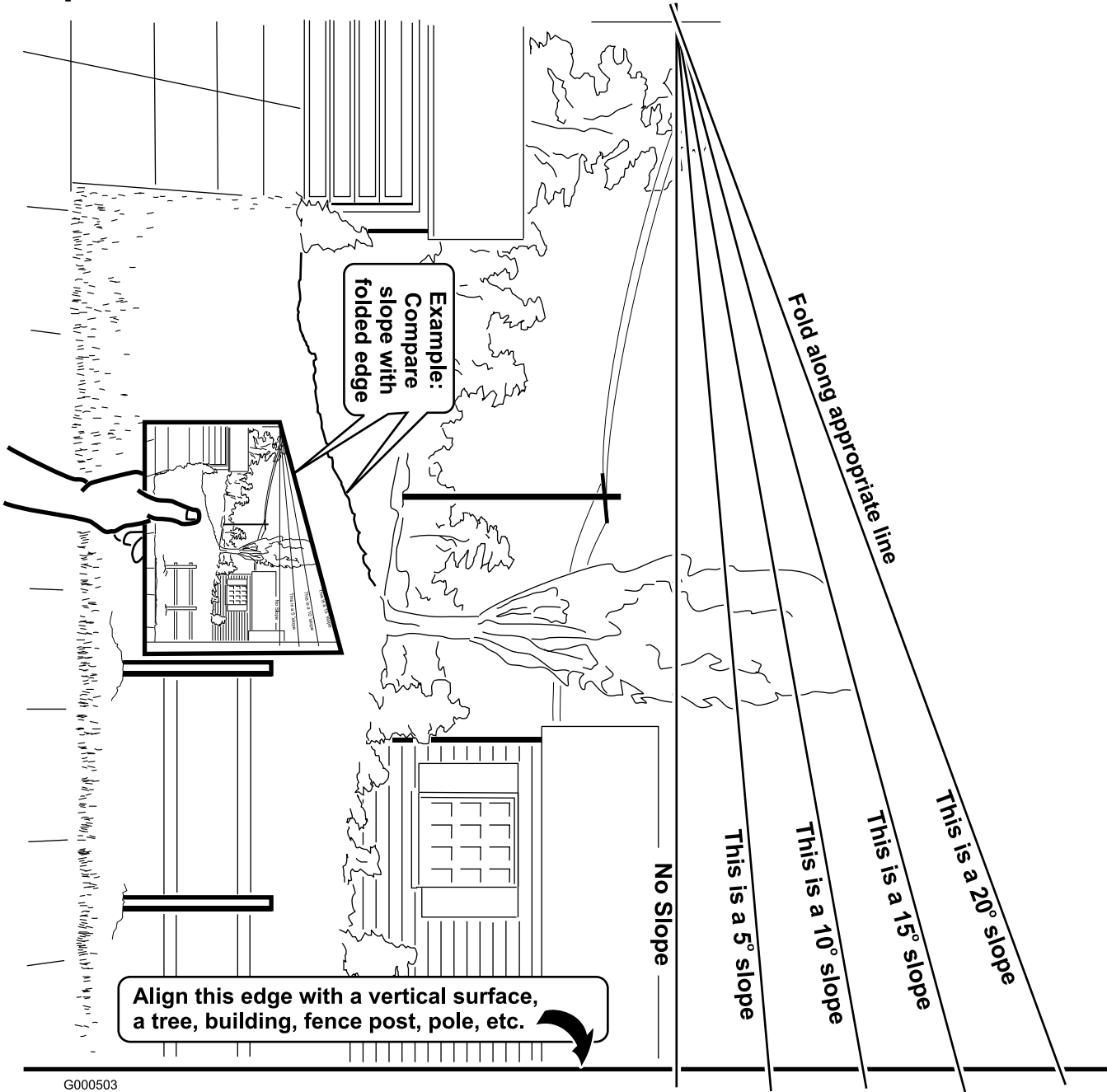
- Disengage drives, lower implement, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key or disconnect spark plug wire. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning or repairing.
- Clean grass and debris from cutting units, drives, mufflers, and engine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spillage.
- Let engine cool before storing and do not store near flame.

## Safe Handling of Gasoline:

To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extra care when handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and the vapors are explosive.

- Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.
- Never remove the gas cap or add fuel when the engine is running. Allow the engine to cool before refueling.
- Never refuel the machine indoors.
- Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as near a water heater or furnace.
- Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until the fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
- If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediately.
- Never overfill the fuel tank. Replace gas cap and tighten securely.
- Keep nuts and bolts tight, especially the blade attachment bolts. Keep equipment in good condition.
- Check for proper brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.

# Slope Chart



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# Safety and Instructional Decals



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



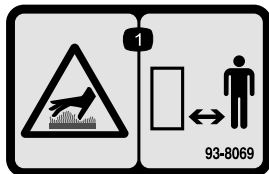
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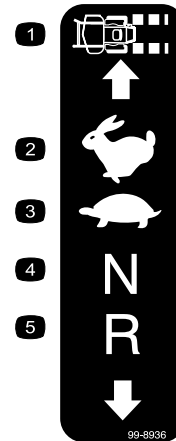


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1. Hot surface/burn hazard—stay a safe distance from the hot surface.



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1. Machine speed
2. Fast
3. Slow
4. Neutral
5. Reverse

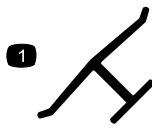


## Battery Symbols

Some or all of these symbols are on your battery

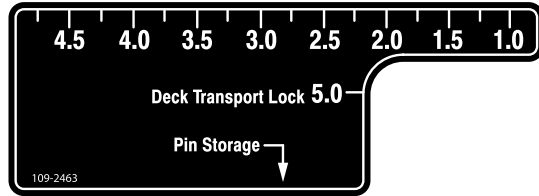
1. Explosion hazard
2. No fire, open flame, or smoking.
3. Caustic liquid/chemical burn hazard
4. Wear eye protection
5. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
6. Keep bystanders a safe distance from the battery.
7. Wear eye protection; explosive gases can cause blindness and other injuries
8. Battery acid can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



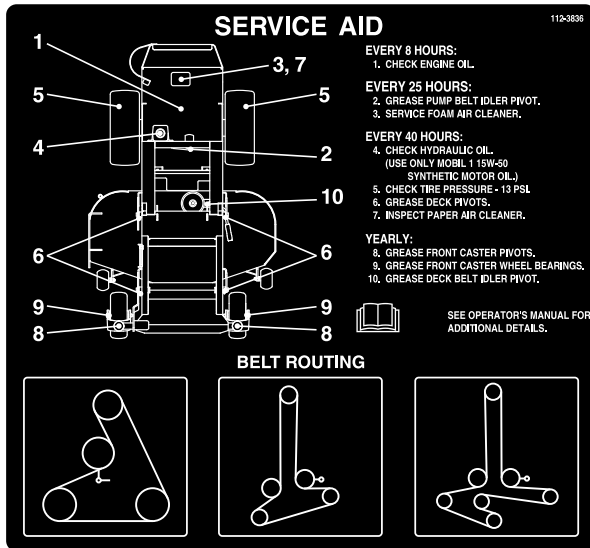


### Manufacturer's Mark

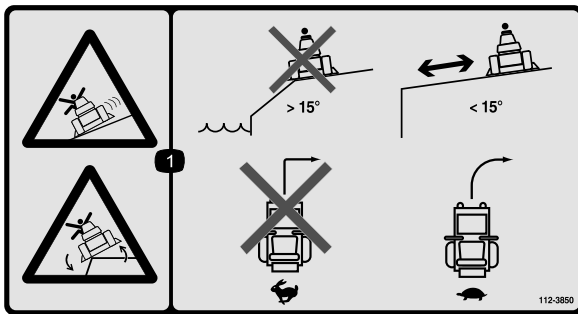
1. Indicates the blade is identified as a part from the original machine manufacturer.



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1. Sliding and loss of control hazard and tipping hazard, drop-offs—do not operate the machine near drop-offs, slopes greater than 15 degrees, or water; keep a safe distance from drop-offs; do not turn sharply while traveling fast, instead, slow down and turn gradually.



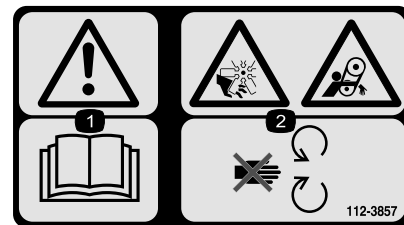
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1. Pull tow bypass levers rearward and then out to lock into place.
2. Push the machine.



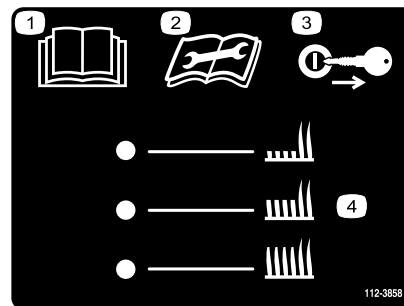
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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* for more information.
2. Poison hazard; caustic liquid/chemical burn hazard—keep children away from the battery.
3. Explosion hazard—no fire, open flames, or smoking; avoid sparks.



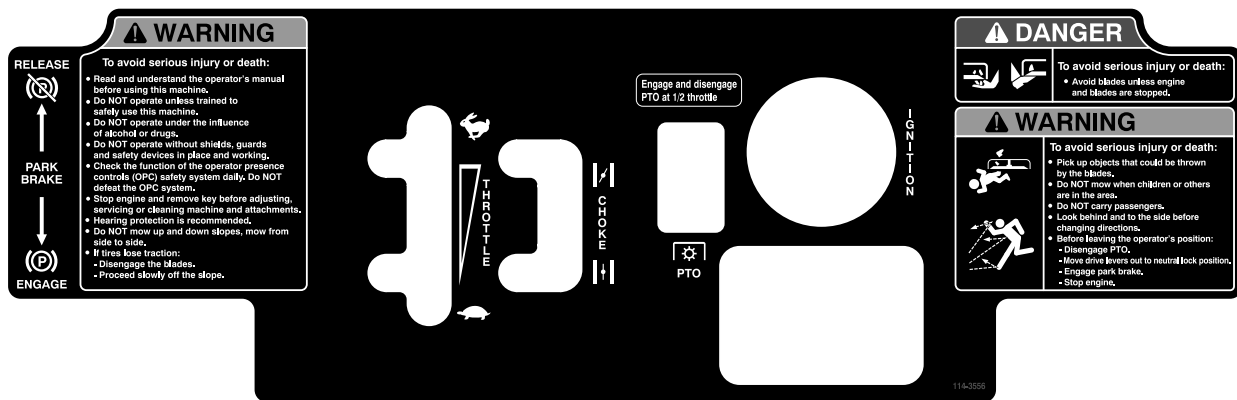
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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Cutting/dismemberment hazard, fan and entanglement hazard, belt—stay away from moving parts.



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



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## Product Overview

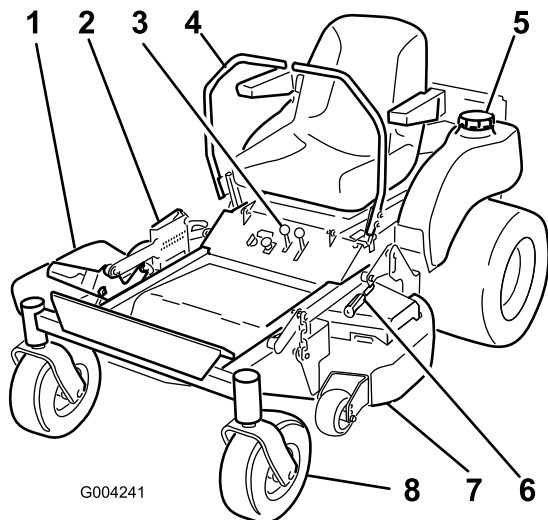


Figure 3

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Side discharge chute        | 5. Fuel cap (both sides) |
| 2. Height-of-cut selection pin | 6. Parking brake lever   |
| 3. Controls                    | 7. Mower deck            |
| 4. Motion control lever        | 8. Front caster wheel    |

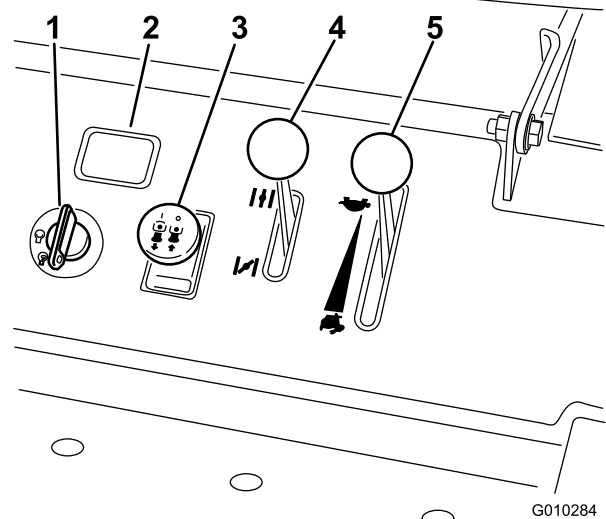


Figure 4

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| 1. Ignition switch | 4. Choke lever      |
| 2. Hour meter      | 5. Throttle control |
| 3. PTO Switch      |                     |

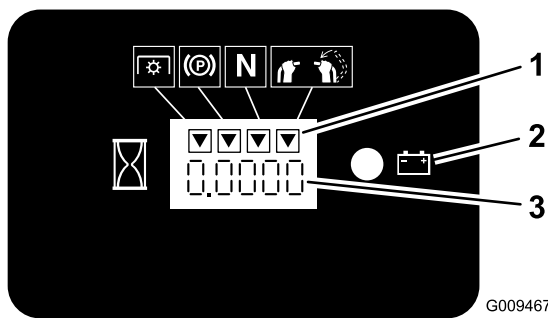
## Controls

Become familiar with all the controls before you start the engine and operate the machine (Figure 3 and Figure 4).

### Battery Indicator Light

When the ignition key is initially turned to the **On** position for a few seconds, the battery voltage will be displayed in the area where the hours are normally displayed.

The battery light turns on when the ignition is turned on and when the charge is below the correct operating level (Figure 5).



**Figure 5**

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

## Using the Hour Meter

The hour meter (@@@@5) records the number of hours the engine has operated. It operates when the engine is running. Use these times for scheduling regular maintenance.

## Throttle Control

The throttle control is variable between **Fast** and **Slow**.

## Choke

Use the choke to start a cold engine.

## Blade Control Switch (PTO)

The blade control switch (PTO) is used to engage the electric clutch to drive the mower blades with the right side motion control lever in the center, un-locked position. Pull the switch up to engage the blades and release. To disengage the blades, push the blade control switch (PTO) down or move or release the right side motion control lever into the neutral lock position.

## Ignition Switch

This switch is used to start the mower engine and has three positions: **Off**, **Run** and **Start**.

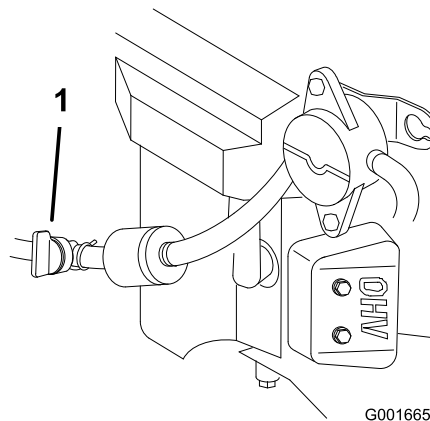
## Motion Control Levers

The motion control levers are used to drive the machine forward, reverse, and turn either direction.

## Using the Fuel Shutoff Valve

The machine has 2 fuel tanks, one on the left side and the other on the right side. Each tank connects to a check valve and then to a tee. From there a common fuel line leads to the engine (Figure 6).

Close the fuel shutoff valve before transporting or storing the machine.



**Figure 6**

1. Fuel shutoff valve

## Attachments/Accessories

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

# Operation

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

## Adding Fuel

Use **Unleaded** Regular Gasoline suitable for automotive use (85 pump octane minimum). Leaded regular gasoline may be used 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.



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 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.
- Do not operate without entire exhaust system in place and in proper working condition.



In certain conditions during fueling, static electricity can be released causing a spark which can ignite the gasoline vapors. A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you and others and can damage property.

- Always place gasoline containers on the ground 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.



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 gas tank or conditioner opening.
- Keep gas away from eyes and skin.

## Using 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 it is recommended that the fuel tank be drained.
- 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 gas stabilizer/conditioner to the gas.

**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. Shut the engine off and set the parking brake.
2. Clean around each fuel tank cap and remove the cap.
3. Add unleaded regular gasoline to both fuel tanks, 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 gasoline to expand.  
Do not fill the fuel tanks completely full.

4. Install fuel tank caps securely.
5. Wipe up any gasoline that may have spilled.

## 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 Oil Level in , page

## Think Safety First

Please read all safety instructions and symbols in the safety section. Knowing this information could help you or bystanders avoid injury.

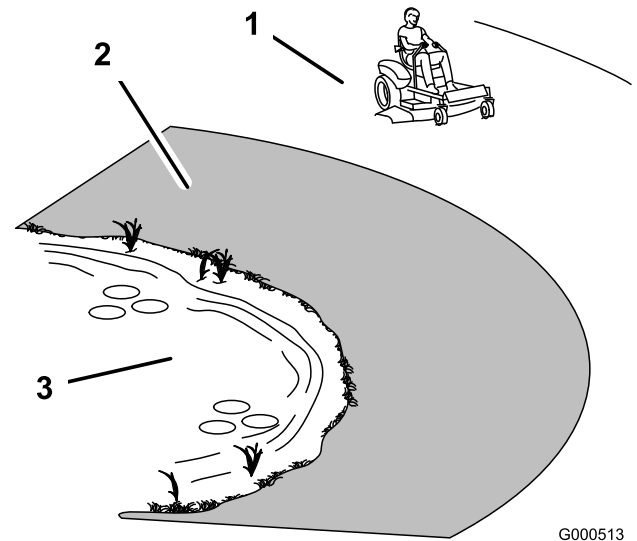


**Operating on wet grass or steep slopes can cause sliding and loss of control.**

**Wheels dropping over edges can cause rollovers, which may result in serious injury, death or drowning.**

**To avoid loss of control and possibility of rollover:**

- Do not operate near drop-offs or near water.
- Do not operate on slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Reduce speed and use extreme caution on slopes.
- Avoid sudden turns or rapid speed changes.



**Figure 7**

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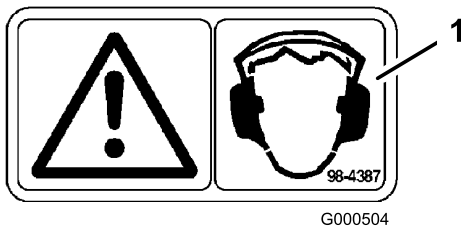
1. Safe Zone-use the Z Master here on slopes less than 15 degrees or flat areas.
2. Use walk behind mower and/or hand trimmer near drop-offs and water.
3. Water



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

**Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.**

Use protective equipment for your eyes, hearing, feet, and head.



**Figure 8**

1. Warning wear hearing protection

## Operating the Parking Brake

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

### Setting the Parking Brake

1. Move the motion control levers (Figure 15) out to the neutral lock position.
2. Pull up and back on the parking brake lever to set the parking brake (Figure 9). The parking brake lever should stay firmly in the engaged position.

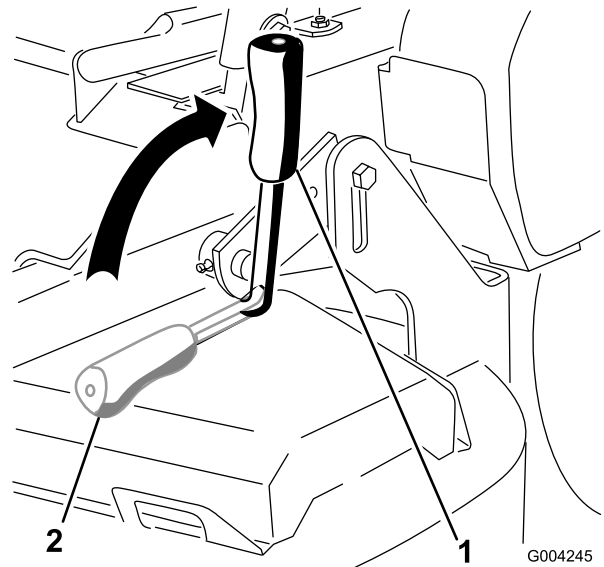


**Parking brake may not hold machine parked on a slope and could cause personal injury or property damage.**

**Do not park on slopes unless wheels are chocked or blocked**

### Releasing the Parking Brake

Push forward and down on the parking brake lever to release the parking brake (Figure 9).



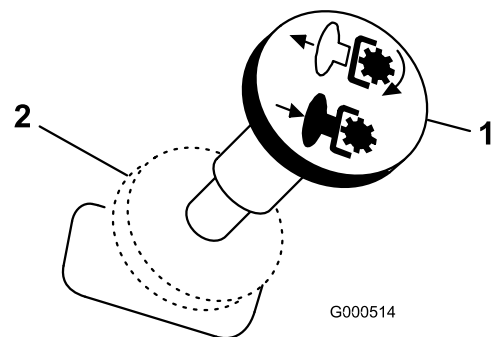
**Figure 9**

1. Parking brake – Set/ON
2. Parking brake – Released/OFF

## Starting and Stopping the Engine

### Starting the Engine

1. Sit on the seat and move the motion controls to neutral locked position.
2. Set the parking brake; refer to Setting the Parking Brake.
3. Move the PTO (power take off) switch to the Off position (Figure 10).



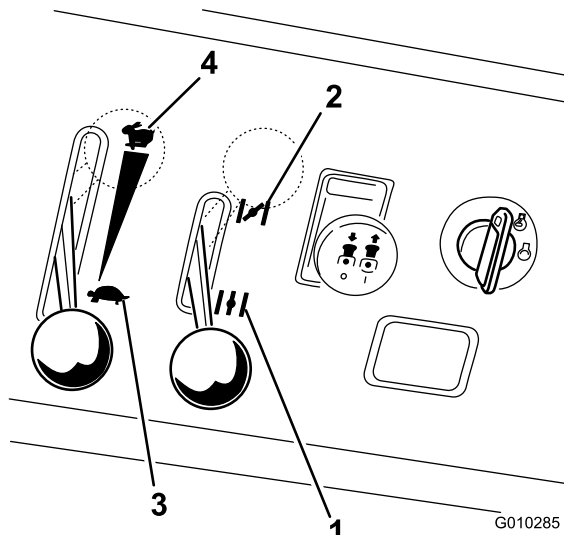
**Figure 10**

1. PTO on (knob out)
2. PTO off (knob in)

4. Move the choke control to the **on** position before starting a cold engine (Figure 11).

**Note:** A warm or hot engine may **not** require choking. After engine starts, move choke control to Run position.

5. Move the throttle control to the **fast** position before starting a cold engine (Figure 11).

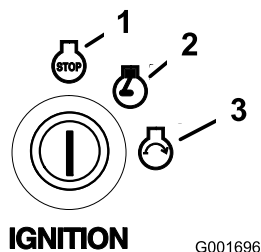


**Figure 11**

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|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Choke on  | 3. Throttle slow |
| 2. Choke off | 4. Throttle fast |

6. Turn the ignition key to Start. When the engine starts, release the key (Figure 12).

**Important:** Do not engage starter for more than 10 seconds at a time. If engine fails to start allow 30 second cool-down period between attempts. Failure to follow these instructions can burn out starter motor.



**Figure 12**

- |        |          |
|--------|----------|
| 1. Off | 3. Start |
| 2. Run |          |

7. After the engine starts, move the choke to off (Figure 11). If the engine stalls or hesitates, move the choke back to on for a few seconds, then move the throttle lever to desired setting. Repeat this as required.

## Stopping the Engine

1. Push the PTO to the off position (Figure 10).
2. Move the throttle lever midway between the slow and fast positions (Figure 11).

3. Let the engine idle for 60 seconds.
4. Turn the ignition key to the off position and remove the key (Figure 12).
5. Close the fuel shut off valve before transporting or storing the machine (Figure 6).

**Important:** Make sure that the fuel shut off valve is closed before transporting or storing the machine, as fuel leakage may occur. Set the parking brake before transporting. Make sure to remove the key as the fuel pump may run and cause the battery to lose charge.



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

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

## Operating the Power Take Off (PTO)

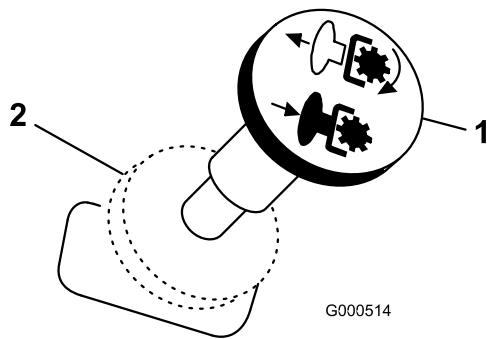
The power take off (PTO) switch starts and stops the mower blades and any powered attachments.

### Engaging the PTO

1. If the engine is cold, allow the engine to warm up 5 to 10 minutes before engaging the PTO.
2. While seated in the seat, release the pressure on the traction control levers and place in neutral.
3. Place the throttle in the fast position.

**Note:** Engaging the PTO with the throttle at the half or less position will cause excessive wear to the drive belts.

4. Pull out on the power take off (PTO) switch to engage it (Figure 13).



**Figure 13**

1. PTO-On (knob out)
2. PTO-Off (knob in)

## Disengaging the PTO

To disengage, push the PTO switch to the **off** position (Figure 13).

## The Safety Interlock System



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

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

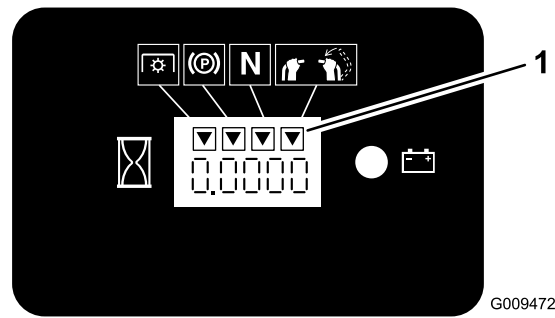
## Understanding the Safety Interlock System

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

- The parking brake is engaged.
- The power take off (PTO) is off.
- The motion control levers are in the neutral locked position

The safety interlock system also is designed to stop the engine when the traction controls are moved from the locked position with the parking brake engaged or if you rise from the seat when the PTO switch is on.

The hour meter has symbols to notify the user when the interlock component is in the correct position. When the component is in the correct position, a triangle will light up in the corresponding square.



**Figure 14**

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

## Testing the Safety Interlock System

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

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

1. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake and move the PTO to on. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.
2. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake and move the PTO to off. Move either motion control lever (out of neutral locked position). Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank. Repeat for other control lever.
3. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the PTO switch to off and move the motion control levers to neutral lock position. Now start the engine. While the engine is running, release the parking brake, move the PTO to on and rise slightly from the seat; the engine should stop.
4. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the PTO switch to off and move the motion control levers to neutral lock position. Now start the engine. While the engine is running, center either motion control and move (forward or reverse); the engine should stop. Repeat for other motion control.
5. Sitting on the seat, disengage the parking brake, move the PTO switch to off and move the motion control levers to neutral lock position. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.

## 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. Always operate in the full throttle position when mowing.





Machine can spin very rapidly. Operator may lose control of machine and cause personal injury or damage to machine.

- Use caution when making turns.
- Slow the machine down before making sharp turns.

## Driving Forward

1. Release the parking brake; refer to Releasing the Parking Brake in , page .
2. Move the levers to the center, the un-locked position.
3. To go forward, slowly push the motion control levers forward (Figure 15).

**Note:** The engine will kill if the traction control levers are moved with the parking brake engaged.

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both motion control levers (Figure 15).

To turn, move the motion control lever toward neutral in the direction you want to turn (Figure 15).

The farther you move the traction control levers in either direction, the faster the machine will move in that direction.

To stop, pull the motion control levers to the center position.

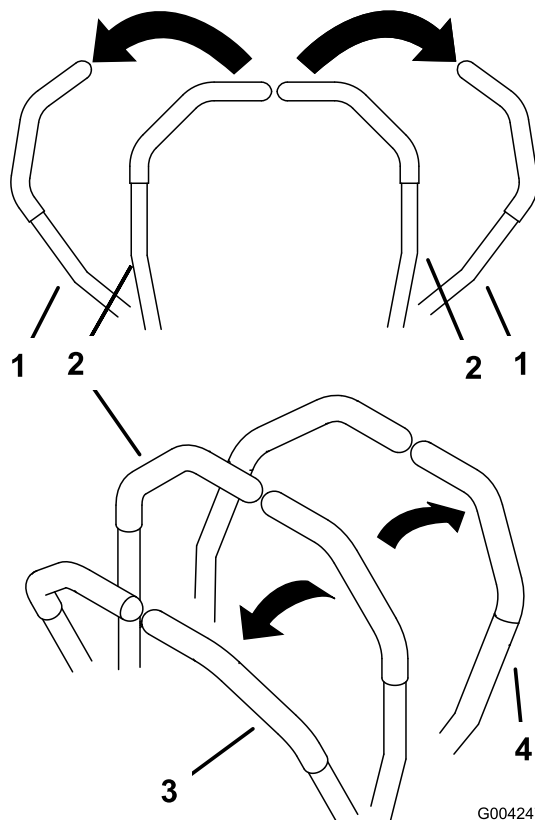


Figure 15

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| 1. Motion control lever-neutral lock position | 3. Forward  |
| 2. Center un-lock position                    | 4. Backward |

## Driving Backward

1. Move the levers to the center, un-locked position.
2. To go backward, slowly pull the motion control levers rearward (Figure 15).

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both motion control levers (Figure 15).

To turn, release pressure on the motion control lever toward the direction you want to turn (Figure 15).

To stop, push the motion control levers to the neutral position.

## Stopping the Machine

To stop the machine, move the traction control levers to the center position and move them out to the locked position, disengage the power take off (PTO), and turn the ignition key to off.

Set the parking brake when you leave the machine; refer to Setting the Parking Brake in , page . Remember to remove the key from the ignition switch.



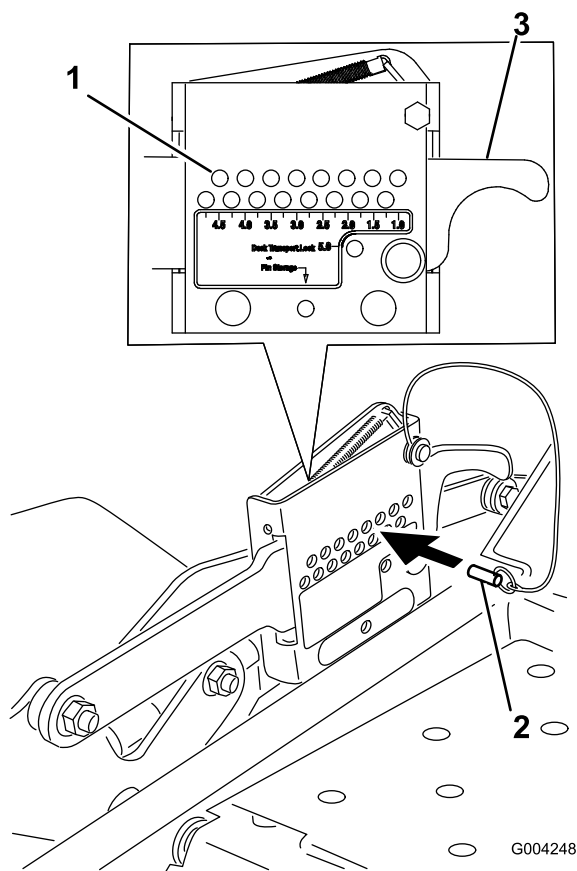
**Children or bystanders may be injured if they move or attempt to operate the tractor while it is unattended.**

**Always remove the ignition key and set the parking brake when leaving the machine unattended, even if just for a few minutes.**

## Adjusting the Height-of-Cut

The height-of-cut is adjusted from 1 to 5 inch (25 to 127 mm) in 1/4 inch (6 mm) increments by relocating the clevis pin into different hole locations.

1. Raise the height-of-cut lever to the transport position (also the 5 inch (127 mm) cutting height position) (Figure 16).
2. To adjust, remove the clevis pin from the height-of-cut bracket (Figure 16).
3. Select a hole in the height-of-cut bracket corresponding to the height-of-cut desired and, insert the clevis pin (Figure 16).
4. Move the lever to the selected height.



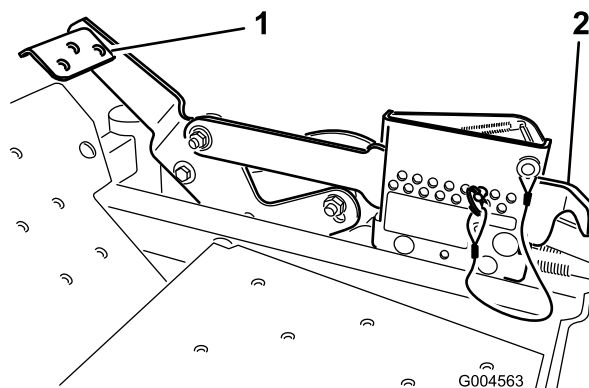
**Figure 16**

1. Height of cut holes
2. Clevis Pin

## Using the Lift Assist Pedal

The lift assist pedal is used for raising the mower deck. This allows for easier raising of the mower deck.

1. Place your foot onto lift assist lever.
2. Press on the lift assist lever while pulling up on the height-of-cut lever (Figure 17).



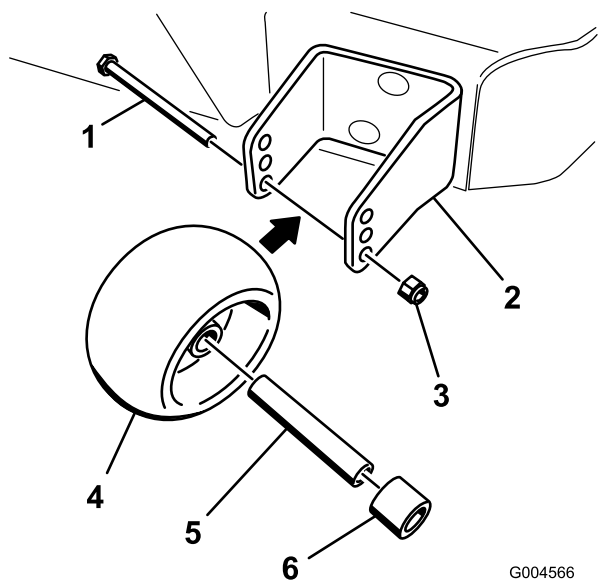
**Figure 17**

1. Lift Assist pedal
2. Height-of-cut lever

## Adjusting the Anti-Scalp Rollers

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

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position 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. After adjusting the height-of-cut, adjust the rollers by removing the flange nut, bushing, spacer, and bolt (Figure 18 ).
4. Select a hole so the anti-scalp roller is positioned to the nearest corresponding height-of-cut desired.
5. Install the flange nut bushing, spacer, and bolt. Torque to 40-45 ft-lb (54-61 N•m) (Figure 18 ).
6. Repeat this adjustment on the other anti-scalp rollers.



**Figure 18**

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| 1. Bolt                      | 4. Anti-scalp roller |
| 2. Anti-scalp roller bracket | 5. Spacer            |
| 3. Flange Nut                | 6. Bushing           |

## Pushing the Machine by Hand

**Important:** Always push the machine by hand. Never tow the machine because damage may occur.

### To Push the Machine

1. Disengage the blade control switch and move the control levers to the neutral locked position and apply the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Pull the two bypass levers rearward and push them to the outside into the slot to lock them into place. (Figure 20).

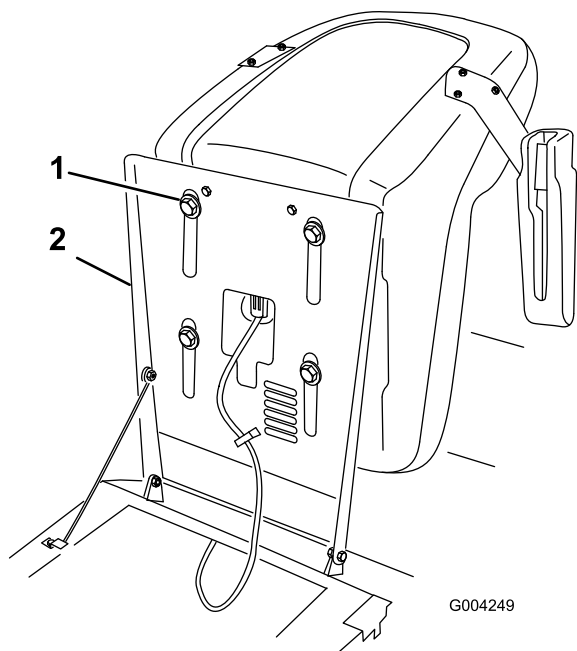
**Note:** Make sure both bypass levers are disengaged before pushing the machine.

4. Disengage the parking brake to push the machine.

## Positioning the Seat

The seat can move forward and backward. Position the seat where you have the best control of the machine and are most comfortable.

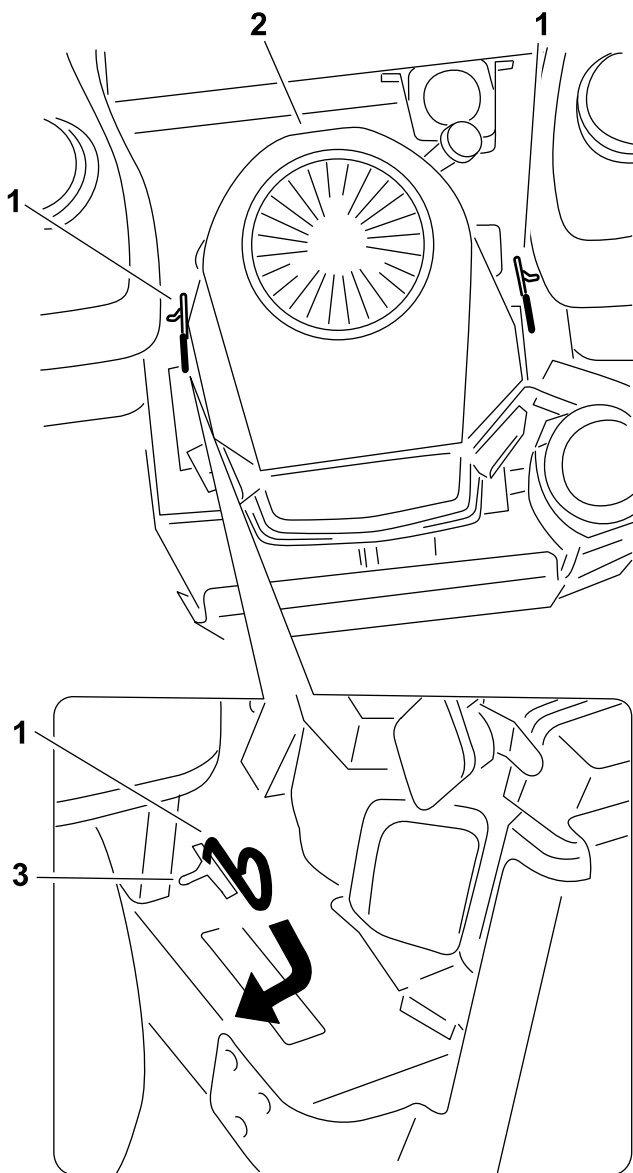
1. Raise the seat and loosen the adjustment bolts (Figure 19).
2. Move the seat to the desired position and tighten the bolts.



**Figure 19**

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| 1. Adjustment bolts | 2. Seat |
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**Figure 20**

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1. Bypass lever
2. Topview of engine
3. Slot

## To Operate the Machine

Push each bypass lever to the inside and push them forward (Figure 20).

**Note:** The machine will not drive unless the bypass levers are pushed forward.

## Using the Side Discharge

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



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

- Never remove the grass deflector from the mower because the grass deflector routes material down toward the turf. If the grass deflector is ever damaged, replace it immediately.
- Never put your hands or feet under the mower.
- Never try to clear the discharge area or mower blades unless you move the power take off (PTO) to the off position, rotate the ignition key to off and remove the key.
- Make sure the grass deflector is in the down position.

## Transporting Machines

Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the machine. Ensure that the trailer or truck has all necessary lighting and marking 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 machine:

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



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

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

# Loading Machines

Use extreme caution when loading units on trailers or trucks. One full width ramp that is wide enough to extend beyond the rear tires is recommended instead of individual ramps for each side of the unit (Figure 21). The lower rear section of the tractor frame extends back between the rear wheels and serves as a stop for tipping backward. Having a full width ramp provides a surface for the frame members to contact if the unit starts to tip backward. If it is not possible to use one full width ramp, use enough individual ramps to simulate a full width continuous ramp.

The ramp should be long enough so that the angles do not exceed 15 degrees (Figure 21). A steeper angle may cause mower components to get caught as the unit moves from ramp to trailer or truck. Steeper angles may also cause the unit to tip backward. If loading on or near a slope, position the trailer or truck so it is on the down side of the slope and the ramp extends up the slope. This will minimize the ramp angle. The trailer or truck should be as level as possible.

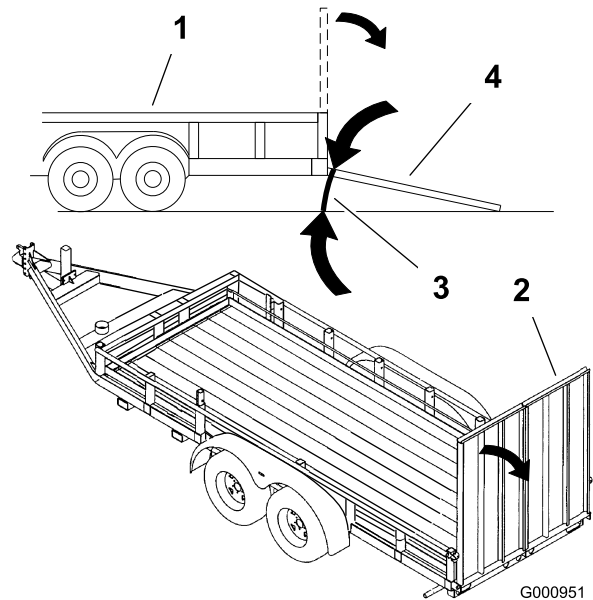
**Important: Do Not attempt to turn the unit while on the ramp; you may lose control and drive off the side.**

Avoid sudden acceleration when driving up a ramp and sudden deceleration when backing down a ramp. Both maneuvers can cause the unit to tip backward.



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

- Use extreme caution when operating a unit on a ramp.
- Use only a single, full width ramp; Do Not use individual ramps for each side of the unit.
- If individual ramps must be used, use enough ramps to create an unbroken ramp surface wider than the unit.
- Do not exceed a 15 degree angle between ramp and ground or between ramp and trailer or truck.
- Avoid sudden acceleration while driving unit up a ramp to avoid tipping backward.
- Avoid sudden deceleration while backing unit down a ramp to avoid tipping backward.



**Figure 21**

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| 1. Trailer         | 3. Not greater than 15 degrees |
| 2. Full width ramp | 4. Full width ramp side view   |

## Operating Tips

### Fast Throttle Setting

For best mowing and maximum air circulation, operate the engine at the fast throttle position. Air is required to thoroughly cut grass clippings, so do not set the height-of-cut so low as to totally surround the mower by uncut grass. Always try to have one side of the mower free from uncut grass, which allows air to be drawn into the mower.

### Cutting a Lawn for the First Time

Cut grass slightly longer than normal to ensure the cutting height of the mower does not scalp any uneven ground. However, the cutting height used in the past is generally the best one to use. When cutting grass longer than six inches tall, you may want to cut the lawn twice to ensure an acceptable quality of cut.

### Cut 1/3 of the Grass Blade

It is best to cut only about 1/3 of the grass blade. Cutting more than that is not recommended unless grass is sparse, or it is late fall when grass grows more slowly.

## **Mowing Direction**

Alternate mowing direction to keep the grass standing straight. This also helps disperse clippings which enhances decomposition and fertilization.

## **Mow at Correct Intervals**

Normally, mow every four days. But remember, grass grows at different rates at different times. So to maintain the same cutting height, which is a good practice, mow more often in early spring. As the grass growth rate slows in mid summer, mow less frequently. If you cannot mow for an extended period, first mow at a high cutting height; then mow again two days later at a lower height setting.

## **Cutting Speed**

To improve cut quality, use a slower ground speed in certain conditions.

## **Avoid Cutting Too Low**

If the cutting width of the mower is wider than the mower you previously used, raise the cutting height to ensure that uneven turf is not cut too short.

## **Long Grass**

If the grass is ever allowed to grow slightly longer than normal, or if it contains a high degree of moisture, raise the cutting height higher than usual and cut the grass at this setting. Then cut the grass again using the lower, normal setting.

## **When Stopping**

If the machine's forward motion must be stopped while mowing, a clump of grass clippings may drop onto your lawn. To avoid this, move onto a previously cut area with the blades engaged.

## **Keep the Underside of the Mower Clean**

Clean clippings and dirt from the underside of the mower after each use. If grass and dirt build up inside the mower, cutting quality will eventually become unsatisfactory.

## **Blade Maintenance**

Maintain a sharp blade throughout the cutting season because a sharp blade cuts cleanly without tearing or

shredding the grass blades. Tearing and shredding turns grass brown at the edges, which slows growth and increases the chance of disease. Check the cutter blades daily for sharpness, and for any wear or damage. File down any nicks and sharpen the blades as necessary. If a blade is damaged or worn, replace it immediately with a genuine TORO replacement blade.

# Maintenance

## *Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)*

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 8 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check for any loose fasteners and tighten them.</li><li>• Change the engine oil.</li><li>• Tighten the wheel lug nuts.</li><li>• Check the hydraulic fluid.</li></ul>
After the first 250 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the hydraulic filters and oil.</li></ul>
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the safety system.</li><li>• Check the engine oil level.</li><li>• Clean the air intake screen.</li><li>• Check the brake.</li><li>• Check the mower blades.</li><li>• Clean the mower deck.</li></ul>
Every 25 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean foam air cleaner element. (more often in dirty or dusty conditions)</li></ul>
Every 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the paper air cleaner element. (more often in dirty or dusty conditions)</li><li>• Check the tire pressure.</li><li>• Check pump drive belt.</li><li>• Check the hydraulic fluid.</li></ul>
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the engine oil. (more often in dirty or dusty conditions)</li><li>• Check the spark plugs.</li><li>• Check and clean engine cooling fins and shrouds.</li><li>• Inspect all belts for cracks and wear.</li></ul>
Every 150 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lubricate the machine with light oil</li></ul>
Every 200 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace the paper air cleaner element.</li><li>• Replace the oil filter</li><li>• Replace the fuel filter.</li></ul>
Every 500 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjust the caster pivot bearing.</li></ul>
Yearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grease the front caster pivots (more often in dirty or dusty conditions)</li><li>• Lubricate the caster wheel hubs.</li><li>• Change the hydraulic filters and oil.</li></ul>

**Important:** Refer to your *Engine Operator's Manual* for additional maintenance procedures.



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

Remove the key from the ignition and disconnect the wire from the spark plug(s) before you do any maintenance. Set the wire aside so that it does not accidentally contact the spark plug.

## *Lubrication*

### **Greasing and Lubrication**

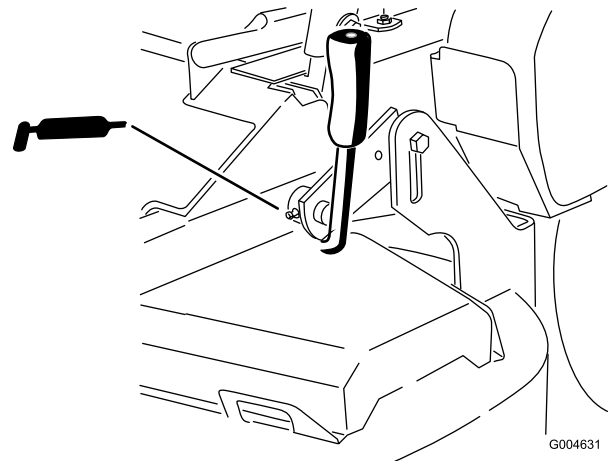
Lubricate the machine when shown on the Check Service Reference Aid decal (Figure 22). Grease more

frequently when operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

Grease Type: General-purpose grease.

## How to Grease

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position 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 the grease fittings with a rag. Make sure to scrape any paint off the front of the fitting(s).
4. Connect a grease gun to the fitting. Pump grease into the fittings until grease begins to ooze out of the bearings.
5. Wipe up any excess grease.



**Figure 23**  
Brake handle pivot

## Greasing the Front Caster Pivots

**Service Interval:** Yearly (more often in dirty or dusty conditions)

1. Remove the dust cap and adjust the caster pivots. Keep the dust cap off until greasing is done. Refer to Adjusting the Caster Pivot Bearing in , page .
2. Remove the hex plug. Thread a grease zerk into the hole.
3. Pump grease into the zerk until it oozes out around the top bearing.
4. Remove the grease zerk in the hole. Install the hex plug and cap.

## Where to Add Grease

Lubricate the grease fittings as shown on the Check Service Reference Aid decal (Figure 22).

Grease and oil the linkages as shown in Figure 24 and Figure 25.

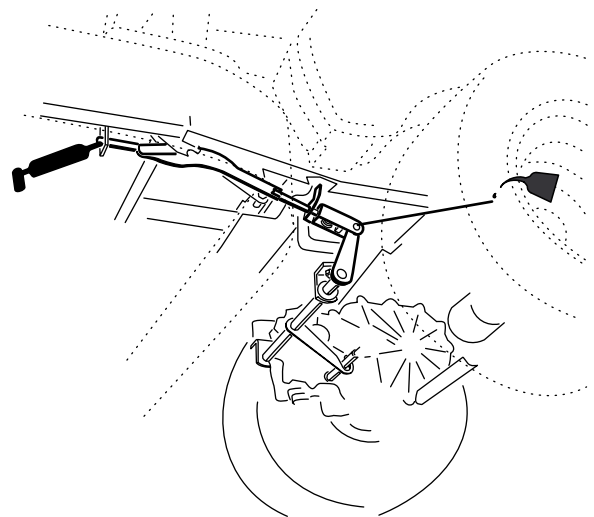
**Figure 22**

## Where to Add Light Oil or Spray Lubrication

**Service Interval:** Every 150 hours (Refer to Lubrication).

Lubricate the machine in the following areas with spray type lubricant or light oil.

- Seat switch actuator.
- Brake control links.
- Motion control pivots.



**Figure 24**



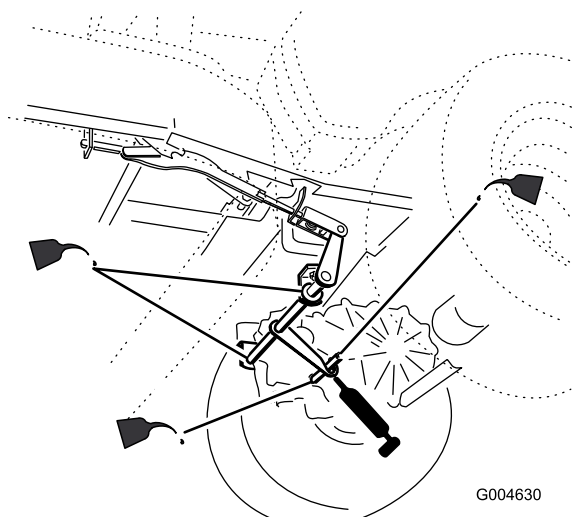


Figure 25

## Lubricating the Caster Wheel Hubs

**Service Interval:** Yearly

**Note:** When performing this procedure, the old seals will need to be replaced with new seals. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer for the correct seals.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position 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. Raise the front of the machine and support it with jack stands.
4. Remove then nut and bolt holding the caster wheel to the front caster fork (Figure 26).
5. Remove the seal guard from the wheel hub (Figure 26).

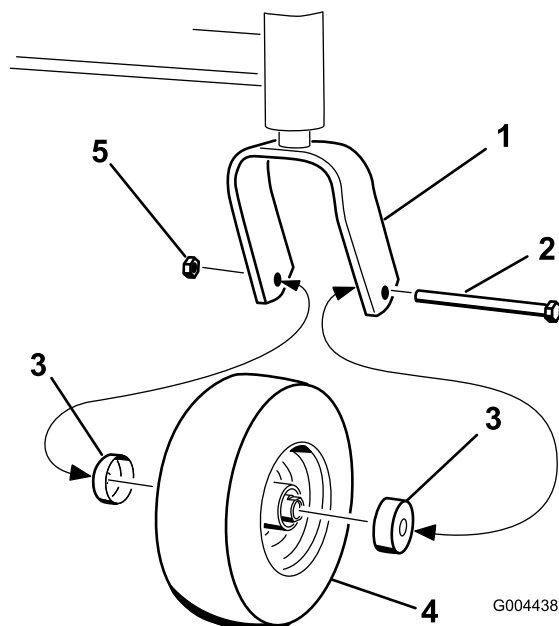


Figure 26

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| 1. Caster fork | 4. Caster wheel |
| 2. Bolt        | 5. Nut          |
| 3. Seal guard  |                 |

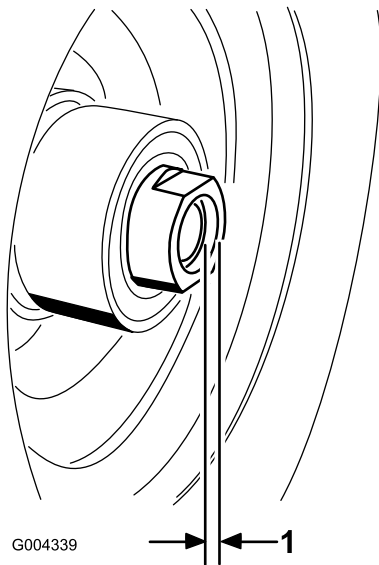
6. Remove **one** of the spacer nuts (with wrench flats) from the axle (Figure 28).

**Note:** Thread locking adhesive has been applied to the spacer nuts.

7. Remove the axle **without** removing the opposite spacer nut (Figure 28).
8. Remove the seals and inspect the bearings for wear or damage. Replace the bearings if needed.
9. Pack the bearings with general purpose grease.
10. Insert the bearing and a new seal into the wheel (Figure 28).

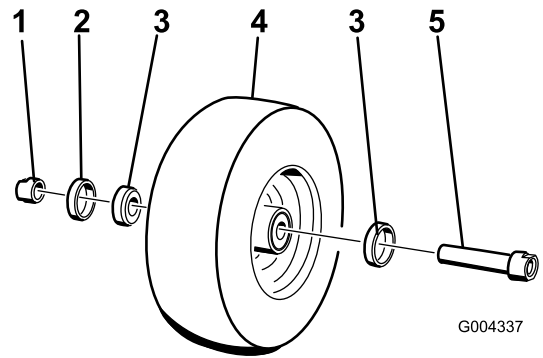
**Note:** Do not install the nut all the way onto the axle.

11. If both spacer nuts were removed from the axle, apply thread locking adhesive to the spacer nut. Install the spacer nuts onto the axle leaving an 1/8 inch (3mm) of the nut past the axle (Figure 27).



**Figure 27**

1. 1/8 inch (3 mm) of the nut past the axle



**Figure 28**

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| 1. Spacer nut                        | 4. Caster wheel           |
| 2. Bearing seal (new seals required) | 5. Nut and axle assembled |
| 3. Bearing                           |                           |

12. Install the assembled nut and axle into the wheel on the side with the bearing and a new seal (Figure 28).
13. Place the wheel with the open end facing up and fill the area inside the wheel with multi-purpose grease.
14. Install the second bearing and a new seal into the wheel (Figure 28).
15. Apply thread locking adhesive to the second spacer nut and install it onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.
16. Torque the spacer nut to 75-80 in-lb (8-9 N·m) then loosen it and torque it to 20-25 in-lb (2-3 N·m). Make sure the axle does not extend past either nut (Figure 27).
17. Install the seal guards over the wheel hubs and insert the wheel into the caster fork (Figure 26).
18. Install the caster bolt and tighten the nut (Figure 26).

**Important:** Check the bearing adjustment often to prevent seal and bearing damage. Spin the caster tire. The tire should not spin freely more than 1 to 2 revolutions or have any side-to-side play between the caster fork. If the wheel spins freely, adjust the torque on the spacer nut until there is a slight amount of drag.

# Engine Maintenance

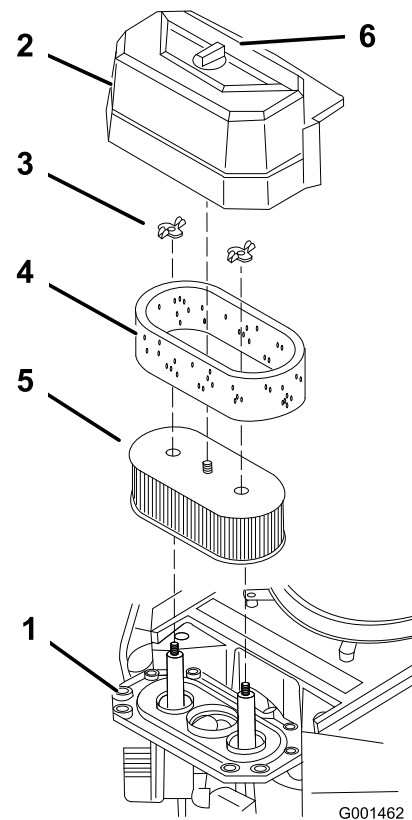
## Servicing the Air Cleaner

**Important:** Do not oil the foam or paper element.

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

### 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 (Figure 29).
4. Unscrew the cover knob and remove the air cleaner cover (Figure 29).
5. Remove the 2 wing nuts and remove the air cleaner assembly (Figure 29).
6. Carefully pull the foam element off the paper element (Figure 29).



**Figure 29**

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

## Cleaning the Foam Air Cleaner Element

**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours (more often in dirty or dusty conditions)

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.

## Servicing the Paper Air Cleaner Element

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours (more often in dirty or dusty conditions)

Every 200 hours or yearly, whichever occurs first.

1. Do not clean the paper filter, replace it.(Figure 29).
2. Inspect the element for tears, an oily film, or damage to the rubber seal.
3. Replace the paper element if it is damaged.

## 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 (Figure 29).
2. Place the air cleaner assembly onto the air cleaner base and secure it with the 2 wing nuts (Figure 29).
3. Place the air cleaner cover into position and tighten the cover knob (Figure 29).

## Servicing the Engine Oil

**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

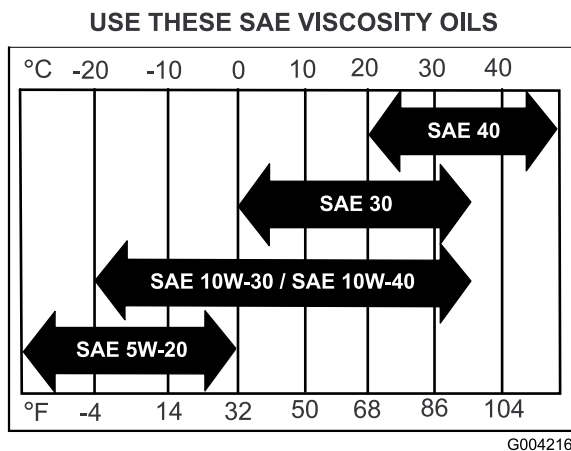


Figure 30

## Checking the Engine Oil Level

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

1. Park the machine on a level surface.
2. Disengage the PTO, turn the ignition key to off, and remove the key.
3. Wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position and then chock or block tires.
4. Clean around the oil dipstick (Figure 31) so that dirt cannot fall into the filler hole and damage the engine.

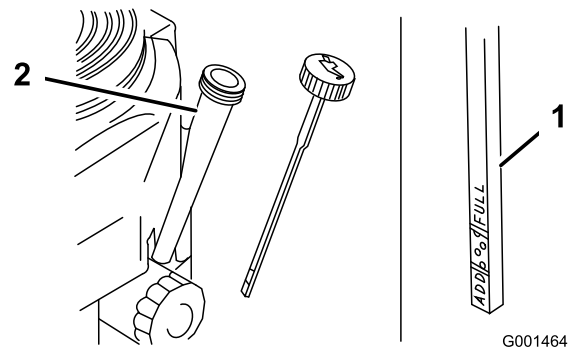


Figure 31

1. Oil dipstick
2. Filler tube

5. Unscrew the oil dipstick and wipe the end clean (Figure 31).
6. Slide the oil dipstick fully into the filler tube, but do not thread onto tube (Figure 31).
7. Pull the dipstick out and look at the metal 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.

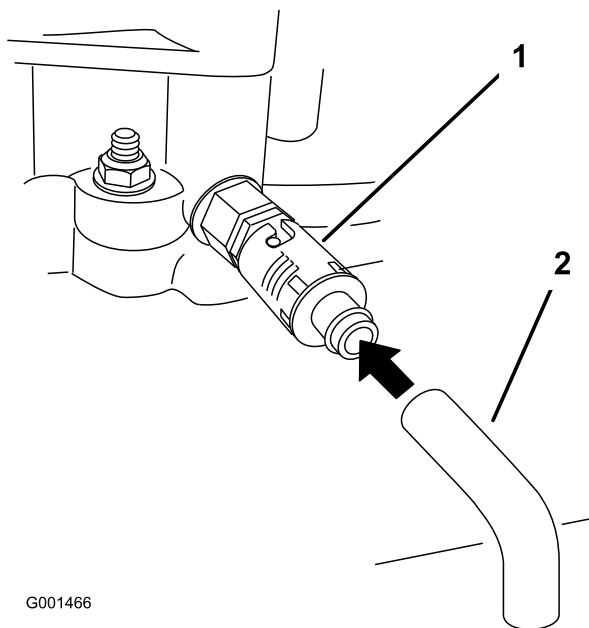
## Changing the Oil

**Service Interval:** After the first 8 hours

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

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 (Figure 32).
7. When oil has drained completely, close the drain valve.
8. Remove the drain hose (Figure 32).

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



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**Figure 32**

1. Oil drain valve                      2. Oil drain hose

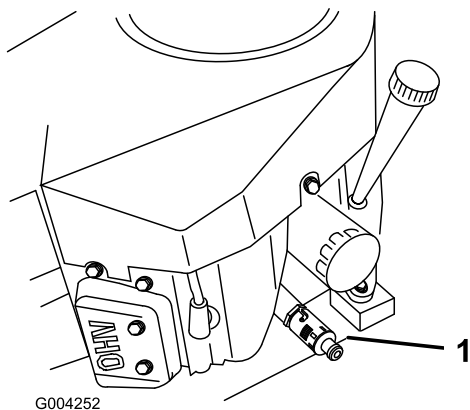
9. Slowly pour approximately 80% of the specified oil into the filler tube (Figure 31).
10. Check the oil level; refer to Checking the Engine Oil Level.
11. Slowly add the additional oil to bring it to the **Full** mark.

## Changing the Oil Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 200 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 Engine Oil.
2. Remove the old filter (Figure 33).



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**Figure 33**

1. Oil filter                                  2. Adapter

3. Apply a thin coat of new oil to the rubber gasket on the replacement filter (Figure 33).
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 (Figure 33).
5. Fill the crankcase with the proper type of new oil; refer to Servicing the Engine Oil.
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

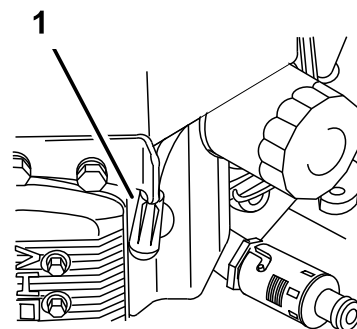
### Service Interval/Specification

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 plugs if necessary.

Type: Champion® RCJ8Y 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 (Figure 34).



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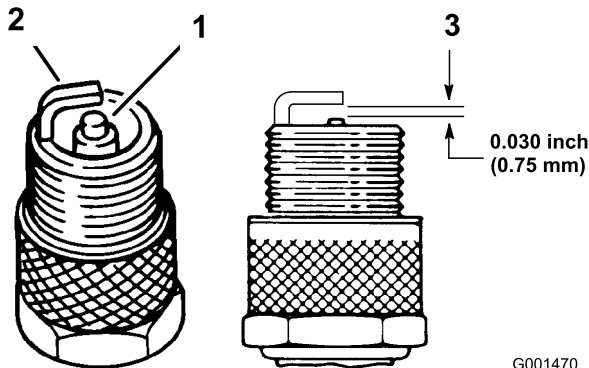
**Figure 34**

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

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

1. Look at the center of the spark plugs (Figure 35). 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 35**

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

**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 (Figure 35). Bend the side electrode (Figure 35) 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 (Figure 35).

# Fuel System Maintenance

## Draining the Fuel Tank



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.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, to ensure that the fuel tank drains completely.
2. Disengage the blade control switch and move the control levers to the neutral locked position and apply the parking brake.
3. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Close the fuel shut-off valve located under the front of the fuel tank.
5. Loosen the hose clamp at the fuel filter and slide it up the fuel line away from the fuel filter (Figure 36).
6. Pull the fuel line off of the fuel filter (Figure 36).
7. Open the fuel shut-off valve. 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.

## Replacing the Fuel Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 200 hours or yearly, whichever occurs first.

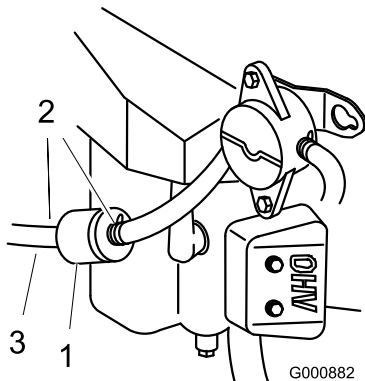
Never install a dirty filter if it is removed from the fuel line.

1. Disengage the blade control switch and move the control levers to the neutral locked position and apply 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 the fuel shut-off valve located under the front of the fuel tank.
4. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamps together and slide them away from the filter (Figure 36).
5. Remove the filter from the fuel lines.
6. Install a new filter and move the hose clamps close to the filter (Figure 36).

**Important:** Install the filter so the direction of the flow arrow is consistent with the flow of fuel; from the gas tank to the engine.

7. Open the fuel shut-off valve.



**Figure 36**

1. Fuel filter
2. Hose clamp
3. Fuel line

## Electrical System Maintenance

### Servicing the Battery

#### Warning

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

Wash hands after handling.



Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid which is a deadly poison and causes severe burns.

Do not drink electrolyte and avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear safety glasses to shield your eyes and rubber gloves to protect your hands.

### Removing the Battery



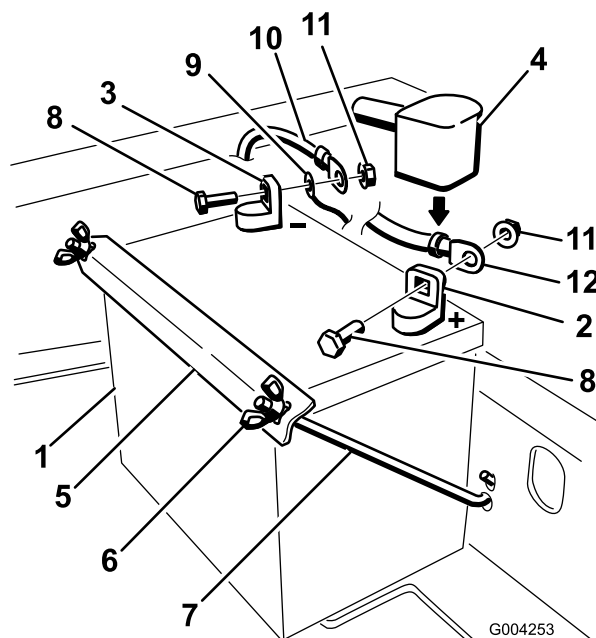
Battery terminals or metal tools could short against metal machine components causing sparks. Sparks can cause the battery gasses to explode, resulting in personal injury.

- When removing or installing the battery, do not allow the battery terminals to touch any metal parts of the machine.
- Do not allow metal tools to short between the battery terminals and metal parts of the machine.



Incorrect battery cable routing could damage the machine and cables causing sparks. Sparks can cause the battery gasses to explode, resulting in personal injury.

- Always Disconnect the negative (black) battery cable before disconnecting the positive (red) cable.
- Always Reconnect the positive (red) battery cable before reconnecting the negative (black) cable.



**Figure 37**

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position, 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. Unlatch the seat and tilt the seat up.
4. First disconnect the negative battery cable and ground wire from the negative (-) battery terminal (Figure 37).
5. Slide the red terminal boot off the positive (red) battery terminal. Then remove the positive (red) battery cable (Figure 37).

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Battery               | 7. J-bolts                 |
| 2. Positive battery post | 8. Bolt (1/4 x 3/4 inch)   |
| 3. Negative battery post | 9. Ground wire             |
| 4. Terminal boot         | 10. Negative battery cable |
| 5. Battery clamp         | 11. Locknut (1/4 inch)     |
| 6. Wingnut (1/4 inch)    | 12. Positive battery cable |

6. Remove both wing nuts (1/4 inch) securing the battery clamp (Figure 37).
7. Remove the battery.

## Installing the Battery

1. Position battery in the tray with the terminal posts toward the engine (Figure 37).
2. First, install the positive (red) battery cable to positive (+) battery terminal.
3. Then install the negative battery cable and ground wire to the negative (-) battery terminal.
4. Secure the cables with 2 bolts (1/4 x 3/4 inch), 2 washers (1/4 inch), and 2 locknuts (1/4 inch) (Figure 37).
5. Slide the red terminal boot onto the positive (red) battery post.
6. Secure battery with J-bolts, hold down clamp and 2 washers (1/4 inch), and 2 wing nuts (1/4 inch) (Figure 37).



## Charging the Battery

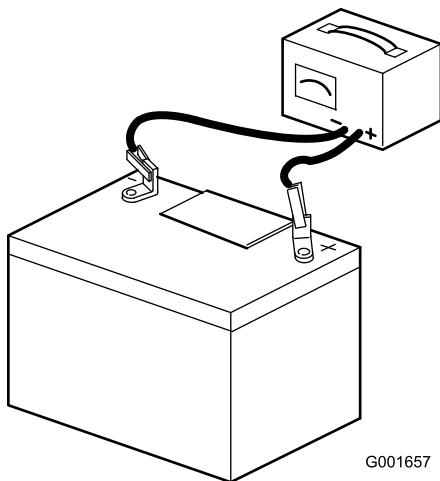


Charging the battery produces gasses that can explode.

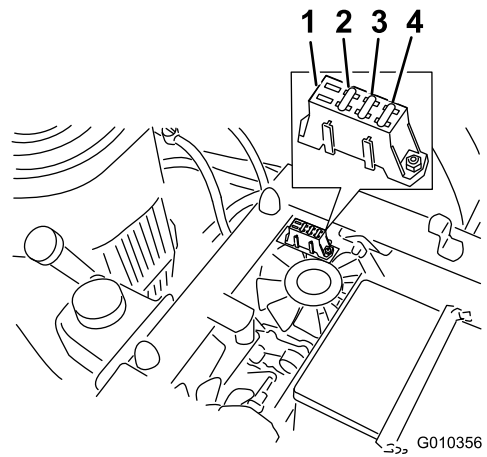
Never smoke near the battery and keep sparks and flames away from battery.

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

1. Charge battery for 10 to 15 minutes at 25 to 30 amps or 30 minutes at 4-6 amps.
2. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the charger from the electrical outlet, then disconnect the charger leads from the battery posts (Figure 38).



**Figure 38**



**Figure 39**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Fuse block          | 3. Charge circuit, 25 amp (F2) |
| 2. Clutch, 10 amp (F3) | 4. Main, 30 amp (F1)           |

3. Install the battery in the machine and connect the battery cables; refer to Installing the Battery.

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

## Servicing the Fuses

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

1. Raise the seat to gain access to the fuses on the left side of the machine (Figure 39).
2. To replace the fuses, pull out on the fuse to remove it.
3. Install a new fuse (Figure 39).

# Drive System Maintenance

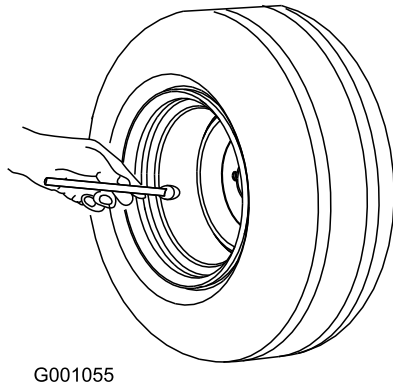
## Checking the Tire Pressure

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours or monthly, whichever occurs first.

Check the pressure at the valve stem after every 50 operating hours or monthly, whichever occurs first (Figure 40).

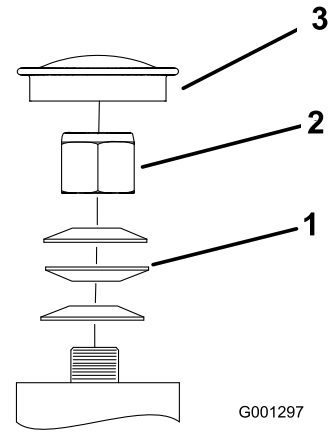
Maintain the air pressure in the rear tires at 13 psi (90 kPa). Uneven tire pressure can cause uneven cut. Check the tires when they are cold to get the most accurate pressure reading.

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



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**Figure 40**



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**Figure 41**

1. Spring Washers
2. Lock Nut
3. Dust Cap

## Adjusting the Caster Pivot Bearing

**Service Interval:** Every 500 hours

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position 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 dust cap from caster and tighten lock nut (Figure 41).
4. Tighten the locknut until the spring washers are flat and then back off a 1/4 turn to properly set the pre-load on the bearings (Figure 41).

**Important:** Make sure spring washers are installed correctly as shown in Figure 41.

5. Install the dust cap (Figure 41).

# Cooling System Maintenance

## Cleaning the Air Intake Screen

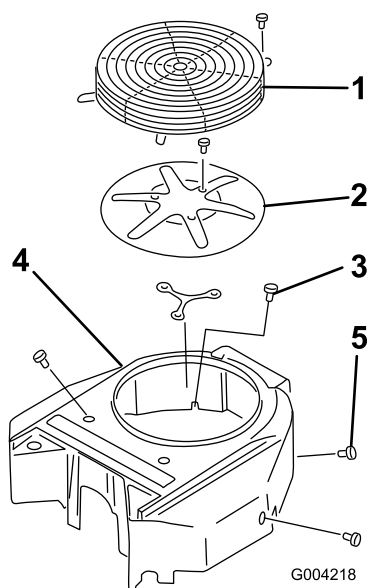
**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

Before each use remove any build-up of grass, dirt or other debris from the cylinder and cylinder head cooling fins, air intake screen on flywheel end, and carburetor-governor levers and linkage. This will help insure adequate cooling and correct engine speed and will reduce the possibility of overheating and mechanical damage to the engine.

## Cleaning the Engine Cooling System

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours or yearly, whichever occurs 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 engine guard, the engine air intake screen, and the fan housing (Figure 42).
4. Clean the debris and grass from the engine parts.
5. Install the engine guard, the engine air intake screen, and the fan housing (Figure 42).



**Figure 42**

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Engine guard             | 4. Bolt  |
| 2. Engine air intake screen | 5. Screw |
| 3. Fan housing              |          |

# Brake Maintenance

## Servicing the Brakes

Before each use, check the brakes on both a level surface and slope.

Always set the parking brake when you stop the machine or leave it unattended. If the parking brake does not hold securely, see an Authorized Service Dealer for maintenance.

## Checking the Brake

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

1. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade control (PTO).
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Apply the parking brake. The wheels must lock when you try to push the machine forward.
4. If the wheels do not lock, see an Authorized Service Dealer for maintenance.
5. Release the brakes and move the neutral/brake locks to the neutral position. The wheels should rotate, if not; see an Authorized Service Dealer for maintenance.

# Belt Maintenance

## Inspecting the Belts

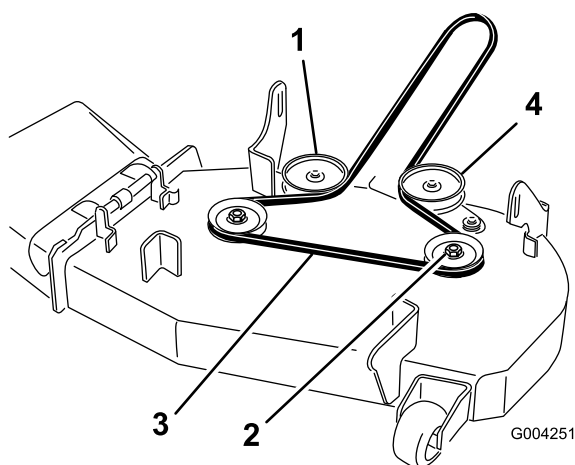
**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours—Inspect all belts for cracks and wear.

Check belts for cracks, frayed edges, burn marks or any other damage. Replace damaged belts.

## Replacing the Mower Belt

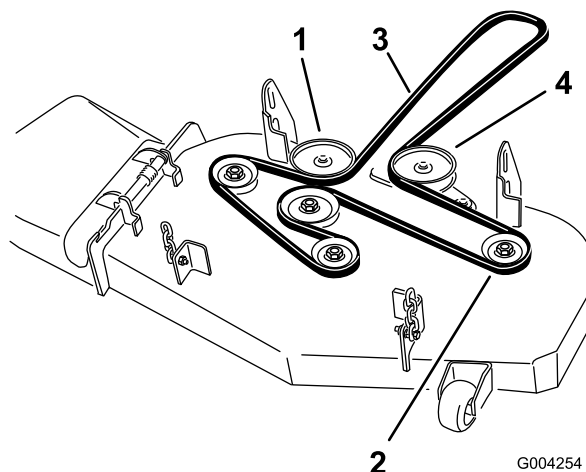
The signs of a worn mower belt are squealing while the belt is rotating, blades slipping while you are cutting grass, frayed belt edges, burn marks, and cracks. Replace the mower belt if you detect any of these signs.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position, 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 2 bolts and washers in each belt cover and remove the belt covers over the outside spindles (Figure 45).
4. Pull on the idler arm to relieve the belt tension on the left spindle pulley (Figure 43 or Figure 44).
5. Remove the old belt.
6. Install the new belt around the pulleys (Figure 43 or Figure 44).
7. Install the belt onto the spring loaded idler pulley.



**Figure 43**  
34 inch Mower

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| 1. Fixed idler pulley  | 3. Mower belt              |
| 2. Left spindle pulley | 4. Spring-loaded idler arm |

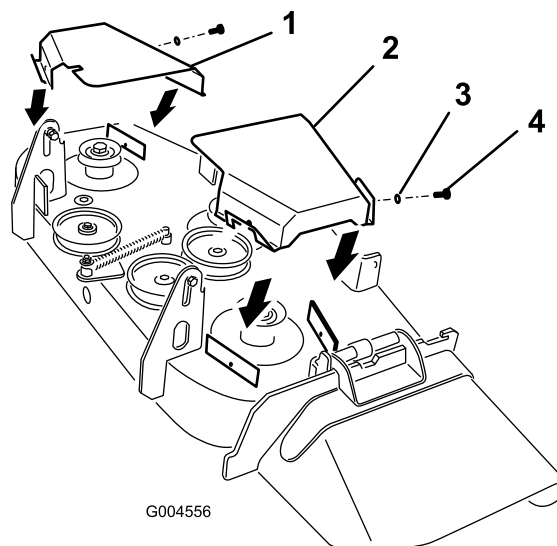


**Figure 44**  
40 inch Mower

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| 1. Fixed idler pulley  | 3. Mower belt              |
| 2. Left spindle pulley | 4. Spring-loaded idler arm |

8. Install the belt covers over the outside spindles (Figure 45).

**Note:** Non-commercial owners will need to install the front washer and bolt that holds the belt cover in place.



**Figure 45**  
40 inch mower shown

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| 1. Left belt cover  | 3. Washer |
| 2. Right belt cover | 4. Bolt   |

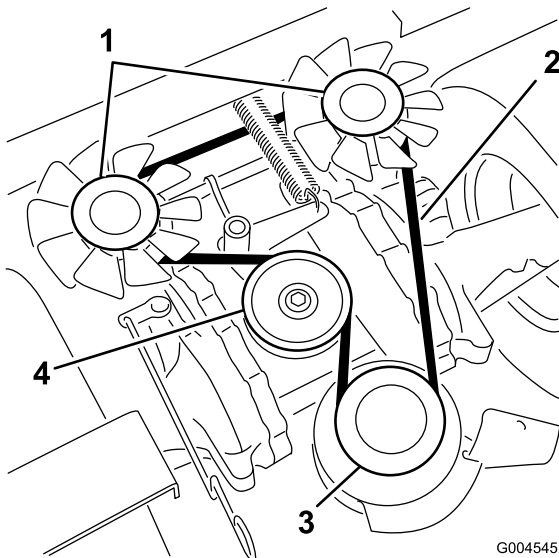
## Checking and Replacing the Pump Drive Belt

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours—Check pump drive belt.

1. Push the seat forward and locate the pump drive belt.

**Note:** Non-commercial owners will need to loosen the seat retainer clip that holds the seat in place.

2. Check the belt for wear and replace it if needed.
3. To replace the belt, remove the bolt from the clutch stop and unplug the clutch electrical wire (Figure 46).
4. Pull on the idler pulley to relieve the belt tension on the idler pulley (Figure 46).
5. Remove the pump drive belt from the engine and the hydraulic pump pulleys (Figure 46).
6. Install the new belt around the engine and the hydraulic pump pulleys (Figure 46).
7. Pull the spring-loaded idler to the side and align the belt.
8. Release the pressure on the spring loaded idler (Figure 46).



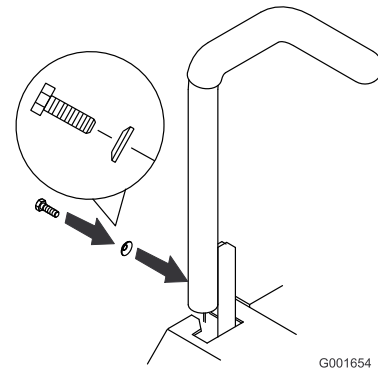
**Figure 46**

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| 1. Belt                      | 3. Engine pulley              |
| 2. Transmission pump pulleys | 4. Spring loaded idler pulley |

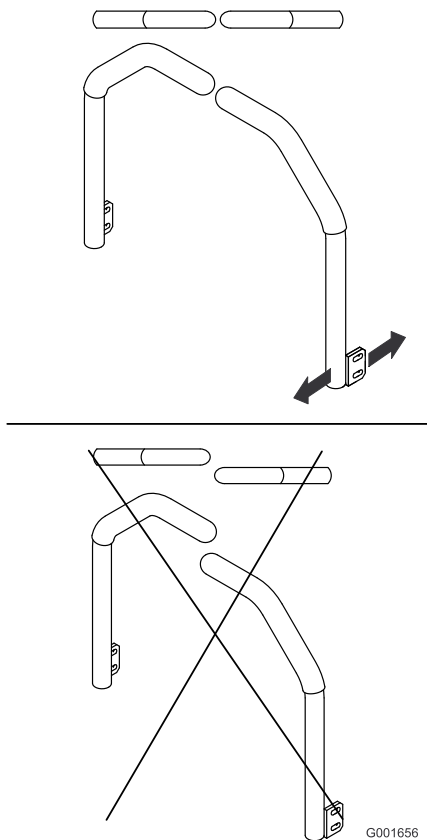
## Controls System Maintenance

### Adjusting the Control Handle Neutral Position

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position, 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. Loosen the bolts and curved washers installed in the levers (Figure 47).
4. Align the levers front to rear position by bring the levers together to the neutral position and slide them until they are aligned, then tighten the bolts (Figure 48).

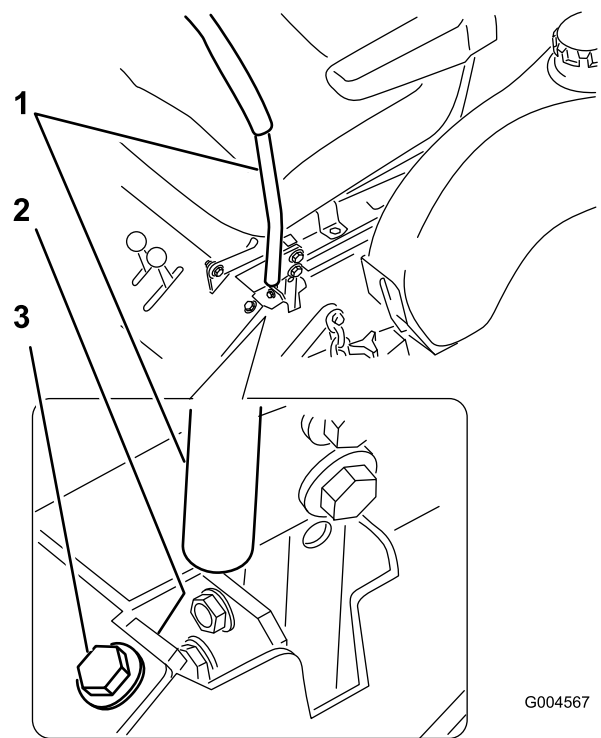


**Figure 47**



**Figure 48**

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**Figure 49**

1. Control lever
2. Stop
3. Bolt in front of the control lever

5. If the ends of the levers hit against each other, adjust the levers by rotating them out to the neutral locked position and carefully bend them outward. Repeat this step as needed.

## Adjusting the Tracking

1. If the machine turns right or left when the handles are pushed forward together, adjust the stop on the side opposite that the machine turns.
2. Loosen the bolt located in front of the control lever.
3. Move the stop until the machine drives straight (Figure 49).
4. Tighten the bolt located in front of the control lever (Figure 49).

# Hydraulic System Maintenance

## Servicing the Hydraulic System

### Checking the Hydraulic Fluid

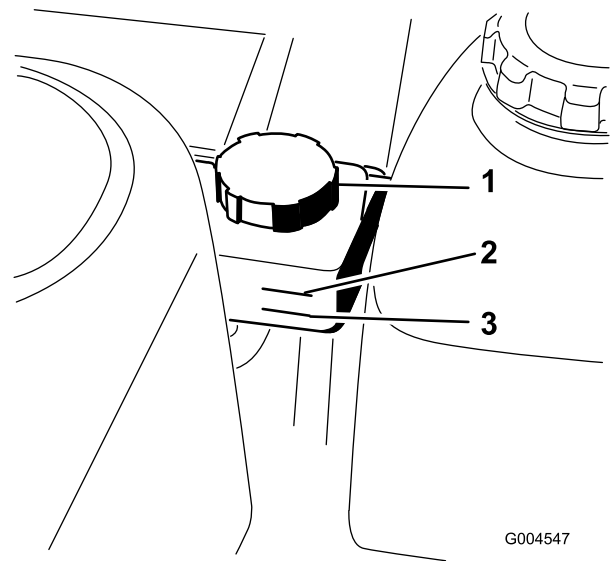
**Service Interval:** After the first 8 hours  
Every 50 hours

**Fluid Type:** Mobil 1 15W-50 synthetic motor oil or equivalent synthetic oil.

**Important:** Use oil specified or equivalent. Other fluids could cause system damage.

**Note:** There are two ways of checking the hydraulic oil; when the oil is warm or when the oil is cold. The tank has two levels depending if the oil is warm or cold (Figure 50).

1. Position the machine on a level surface and set the parking brake.
2. Clean the area around the hydraulic tank (Figure 50).
3. If the machine has not been started and is cold, ensure the fluid is up to the cold line on the side of the hydraulic tank.
4. If the machine has been run and is up to normal operating temperature, ensure the fluid is up to the hot line on the side of the hydraulic tank.
5. If fluid is needed, remove the cap from the filler neck (Figure 50).
6. Add fluid to the reservoir until it reaches the cold or hot line of the tank depending on the temperature of the fluid.
7. Install the cap on filler neck.



**Figure 50**

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|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1. Cap    | 3. Cold fluid level-full |
| 2. Baffle | 4. Hot fluid level-full  |



**Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate skin and cause injury.**

- If hydraulic fluid is injected into the skin it must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this type of injury. Gangrene may result if this is not done.
- Keep body and hands away from pin hole leaks or nozzles that eject high pressure hydraulic fluid.
- Use cardboard or paper to find hydraulic leaks.
- Safely relieve all pressure in the hydraulic system before performing any work on the hydraulic system.
- Make sure all hydraulic fluid hoses and lines are in good condition and all hydraulic connections and fittings are tight before applying pressure to hydraulic system.

## Replacing the Hydraulic Filters and Oil

**Service Interval:** After the first 250 hours

Yearly—Change the hydraulic filters and oil.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position 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.

**Important:** Do not substitute automotive oil filter or severe hydraulic system damage may result.

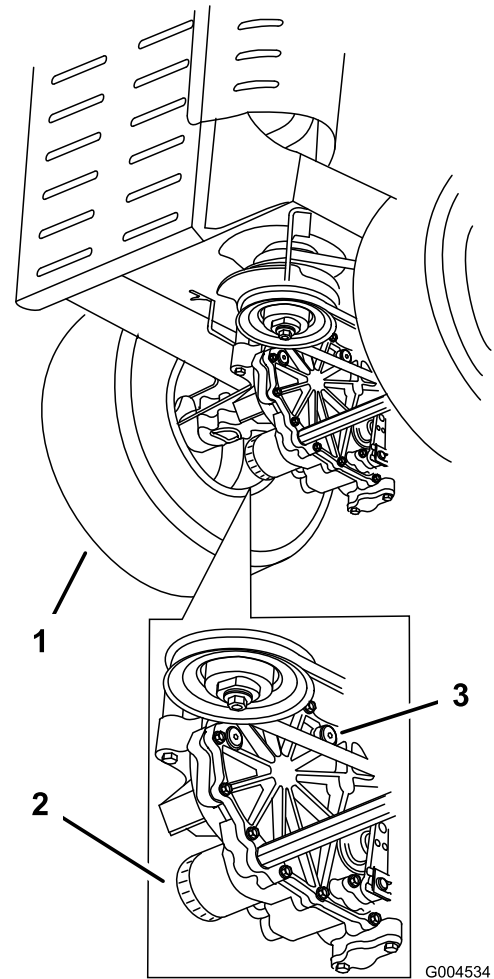
3. Locate the two filters, one under each transmission and remove the filter guards.
4. Carefully clean the area around the filters. It is important that no dirt or contamination enter the hydraulic system (Figure 51).
5. Unscrew the filters and allow the oil to drain from the drive system (Figure 51).

**Important:** Before reinstalling new filters, apply a thin coat of oil on the surface of the filters rubber seal.

6. Install the new filters clockwise until rubber seal contacts the filter adapter and then tighten the filter an additional 3/4 to 1 full turn.
7. Remove the vent plug on each transmission and fill through the hydraulic tank, when oil comes out of vent reinstall plug. Torque the plugs to 180 in-lb (244 N·m).
8. Add oil until it reaches the cold line on the hydraulic tank (Figure 50).
9. Raise the rear of machine up just enough to allow the drive wheels to turn freely and support it with jack stands.
10. Start the engine and move the throttle control ahead to the 1/2 throttle position. Disengage the parking brake.
11. With the bypass valve **open** and the engine running, slowly move the directional control in both forward and reverse 5 or 6 times.
12. With the bypass valve **closed** and the engine running, slowly move the directional control in both forward and reverse directions 5 to 6 times. Stop the engine and check the oil level, and add oil as required to the hot line.
13. Repeat items 11 and 12 as necessary until all the air is completely purged from the system. When the transaxle operates at normal noise levels and moves smoothly forward and reverse at normal speeds, then the transaxle is purged.

**Important:** Do not change hydraulic system oil (except for what can be drained when

changing filter), unless it is felt the oil has been contaminated or been extremely hot. Changing the oil unnecessarily could damage the hydraulic system by introducing contaminants into the system.



**Figure 51**

1. Left rear tire
2. Hydraulic filter
3. Vent plug



# Mower Deck Maintenance

## Leveling the Mower

**Important:** There are only three measuring positions needed to level the mower.

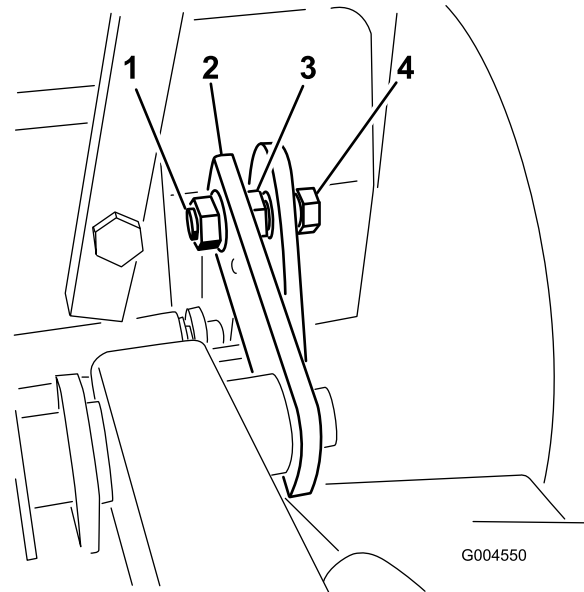
1. Position mower on a flat surface.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position and set the parking brake.
3. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Check tire pressure of the rear tires. If needed, adjust to 13 psi (90 kPa)
5. Place two thick blocks under rear left and right lower edge of the mower deck so the weight of the deck rests on the blocks.
6. Lower the mower to the 3 inch (76 mm) height-of-cut position.
7. Loosen the bolts connecting the two chains and the two rear brackets to the mower (Figure 53).
8. Adjust the two rear bolts so they are in the middle of the slot located in the pivot bracket (Figure 53).
9. Adjust the bolts so the end of the bolt is flush with the nut. This will allow the bushing to roll in the slot in the mower deck bracket (Figure 52).
10. Adjust the discharge side front bolt so it is in the middle of the slot located in the pivot bracket (Figure 53).
11. Raise the mower deck and remove the blocks holding up the mower deck.
12. Adjust the left front bolt in the pivot bracket so the chain has no slack in it.
13. Inspect the four chains. The chains need to have tension.

**Note:** When properly adjusted, the front blade tip will be a 1/4 inch (6 mm) lower for 34 inch mowers and 3/16 (4 mm) lower for 40 inch mowers than the rear blade tip. Refer to Checking for Bent Blades for the procedure to measure the blade tip height.

14. The right blade at the front position (Figure 55 or Figure 56) needs to be the same height as the left blade at the front position.

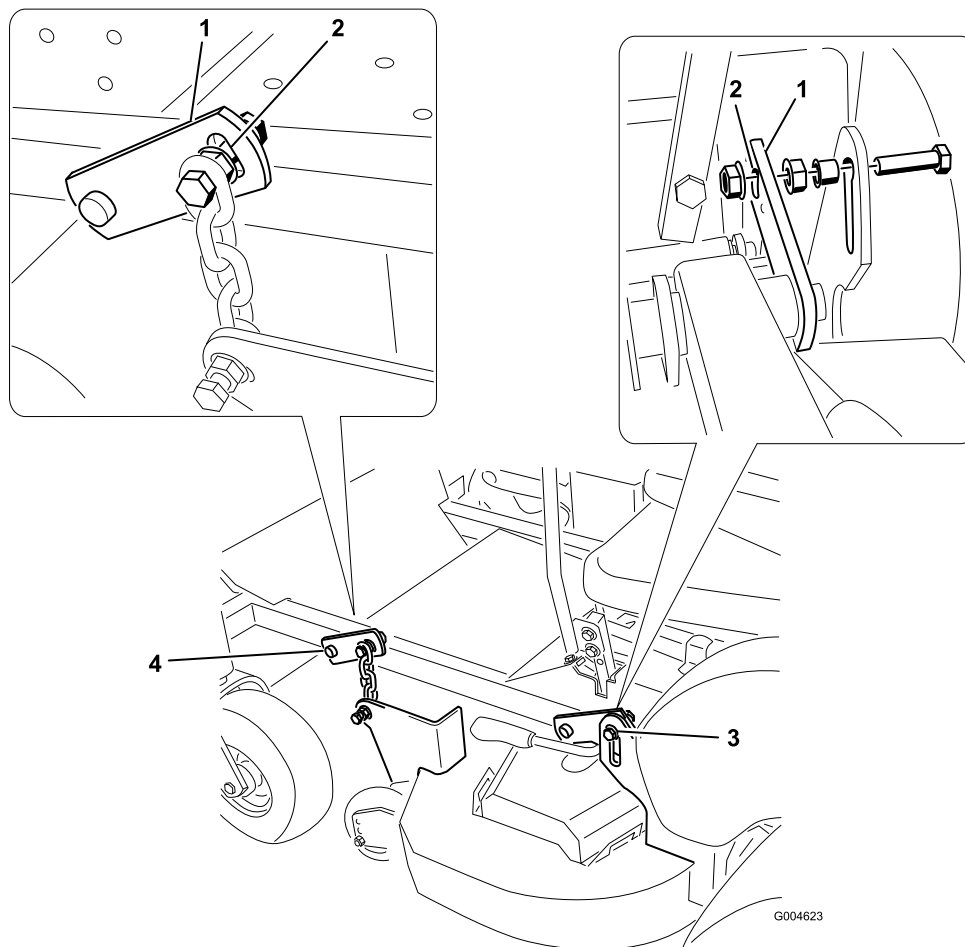
If there is more than an 1/8 inch (3 mm) difference between left and right, then adjust the mounting bolts in the slot to level the mower deck left to right.

**Note:** The mower deck cutting height can be adjusted. Loosen the height of cut bracket and adjust it forward or backward to get the correct height. Tighten the bracket after the adjustment is made.



**Figure 52**

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| 1. Keep the end of the bolt flush with the nut | 3. Nut  |
| 2. Rear pivot bracket                          | 4. Bolt |



**Figure 53**  
Left side shown

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|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pivot bracket</li> <li>2. Bolt installed in the middle of the slot</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Rear pivot bracket</li> <li>4. Front pivot bracket</li> </ol> |
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## Servicing the Cutting Blades

Maintain sharp blades throughout the cutting season because sharp blades cut cleanly without tearing or shredding the grass blades. Tearing and shredding turns grass brown at the edges, which slows growth and increases the chance of disease.

Check the cutter blades daily for sharpness, and for any wear or damage. File down any nicks and sharpen the blades as necessary. If a blade is damaged or worn, replace it immediately with a genuine Toro replacement blade. For convenient sharpening and replacement, you may want to keep extra blades on hand.



**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.**

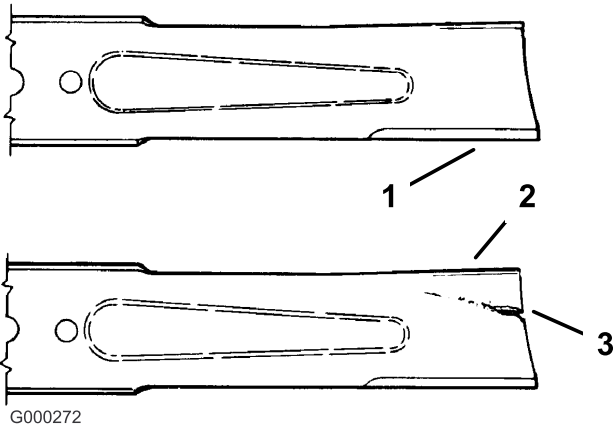
## Before Inspecting or Servicing the Blades

Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade control (PTO), and set the parking brake. Turn the ignition key to Off. Remove the key.

## Inspecting the Blades

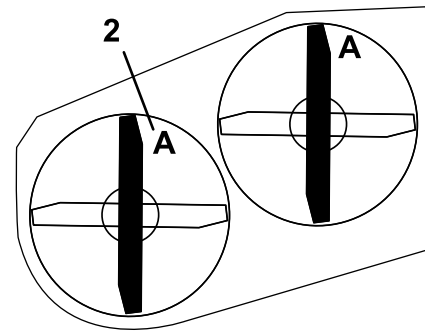
**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

1. Inspect the cutting edges (Figure 54). If the edges are not sharp or have nicks, remove and sharpen the blades. Refer to Sharpening the Blades.
2. Inspect the blades, especially the curved area (Figure 54). If you notice any damage, wear, or a slot forming in this area (Figure 54), immediately install a new blade.



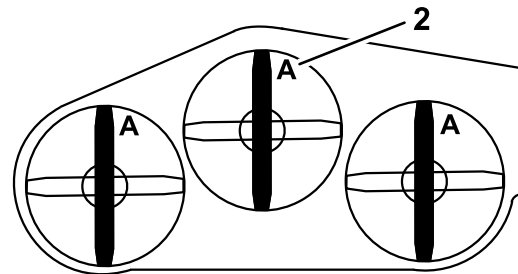
**Figure 54**

1. Cutting Edge
2. Curved Area
3. Wear/slot Forming



**Figure 55**  
34 inch Mower

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



**Figure 56**  
40 inch Mower

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

## Checking for Bent Blades

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position 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. Rotate the blades until the ends face forward and backward (Figure 55 or Figure 56). Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge at position **A**, of the blades (Figure 55 or Figure 56). Note this dimension.

4. Rotate the opposite ends of the blades forward.
5. Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blades at the same position as in step 3 above. The difference between the dimensions obtained in steps 3 and 4 must not exceed 1/16 inch (1.5 mm). If this dimension exceeds 1/16 inch (1.5 mm), the blade is bent and must be replaced; refer to Removing the Blades and Installing the Blades.



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 blade.

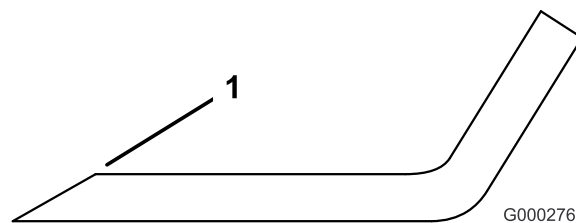


Figure 57

1. Sharpen at original angle

## Removing the Blades

Blades must be replaced if a solid object is hit, if the blade is out of balance or is 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 nonconformance with safety standards.



Contact with a sharp blade can cause serious injury.

Wear gloves or wrap sharp edges of the blade with a rag.

1. Hold the blade end using a rag or thickly-padded glove.
2. Remove the blade bolt, spring disk and blade from the spindle shaft (Figure 59).

## Sharpening the Blades



When sharpening blade, pieces of blade could be thrown and cause serious injury.

Wear proper eye protection when sharpening blade.

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade (Figure 57). Maintain the original angle. The blade retains its balance if the same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.

2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer (Figure 58). 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 (Figure 59). Repeat this procedure until the blade is balanced.

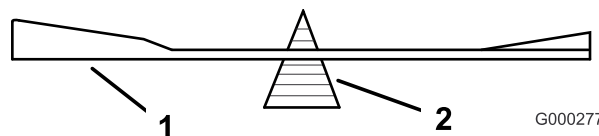


Figure 58

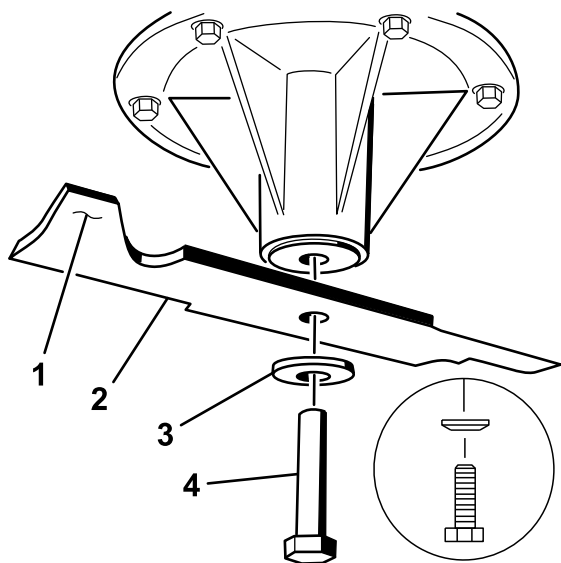
1. Blade
2. Balancer

## Installing the Blades

1. Install the blade onto the spindle shaft (Figure 59).

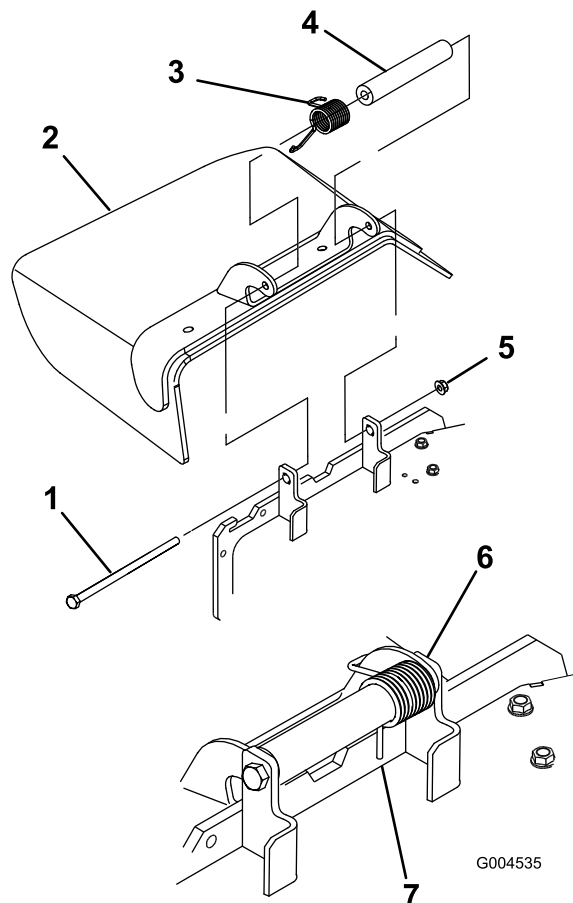
**Important:** The curved part of the blade must be pointing upward toward the inside of the mower to ensure proper cutting.

2. Install the spring disk and blade bolt. The spring disk cone must be installed toward the bolt head (Figure 59). Torque the blade bolt to 85-110 ft-lb (115-150 N•m).



**Figure 59**

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Sail Area of Blade | 4. Blade Bolt             |
| 2. Blade              | 5. Cone Towards Bolt Head |
| 3. Spring Disk        |                           |



**Figure 60**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bolt            | 5. Locknut          |
| 2. Grass Deflector | 6. Spring installed |
| 3. Spring          | 7. Mower deck       |
| 4. Spacer          |                     |

## Replacing the Grass Deflector



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.
- Make sure the grass deflector is in the down position.

1. Remove the locknut, bolt, spring and spacer holding the deflector to the pivot brackets (Figure 60). Remove the damaged or worn grass deflector.
2. Place the spacer and spring onto grass deflector. Place one end of spring behind deck edge.

**Note:** Make sure the end of the spring is installed behind the deck edge before installing the bolt as shown in Figure 60.

3. Install the bolt and nut. Place the end of the spring around the grass deflector (Figure 60).

**Important:** The grass deflector must be able to lower down into position. Lift the deflector up to test that it lowers into the full down position.

# Cleaning

## Cleaning Under the Mower

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

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position 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. Raise the mower to the transport position.
4. Lift the front of the machine and support the machine using jack stands.

## Waste Disposal

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

# Storage

1. Disengage the power take off (PTO), set the parking brake, and turn the ignition key to Off. Remove the key.
2. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the entire machine, especially the engine and hydraulic system. Clean dirt and chaff from the outside of the engine cylinder head fins and blower housing.

**Important:** You can wash the machine with mild detergent and water. Do not pressure wash the machine. Avoid excessive use of water, especially near the control panel, engine, hydraulic pumps, and motors.

3. Service the air cleaner; refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner in , page .
4. Grease the machine; refer to Greasing and Lubrication in , page .
5. Change the crankcase oil; refer to Servicing the Engine Oil in , page .
6. Check the tire pressure; refer to Checking the Tire Pressure in , page .
7. Change the hydraulic filter; refer to Servicing the Hydraulic System in , page .
8. Charge the battery; refer to Servicing the Battery in , page .
9. Scrape any heavy buildup of grass and dirt from the underside of the mower, then wash the mower with a garden hose.

**Note:** Run the machine with the PTO engaged and the engine at high idle for 2 to 5 minutes after washing.

10. Check the condition of the blades; refer to Servicing the Cutting Blades in , page .
11. Prepare the machine for storage when non-use occurs over 30 days. Prepare the machine for storage as follows:

A. Add a petroleum based stabilizer/conditioner to fuel in the tank. Follow mixing instructions from the stabilizer manufacturer. Do not use an alcohol based stabilizer (ethanol or methanol).

**Note:** A fuel stabilizer/conditioner is most effective when mixed with fresh fuel and used at all times.

B. Run the engine to distribute conditioned fuel through the fuel system (5 minutes).

- C. Stop the engine, allow it to cool, and drain the fuel tank; refer to Servicing the Fuel Tank in , page .
- D. Restart the engine and run it until it stops.
- E. Dispose of fuel properly. Recycle as per local codes.

**Important: Do not store stabilizer/conditioned fuel over 90 days.**

- 12. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is damaged.
- 13. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces. Paint is available from your Authorized Service Dealer.
- 14. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area. Remove the key from the ignition switch and keep it out of reach of children or other unauthorized users. Cover the machine to protect it and keep it clean.

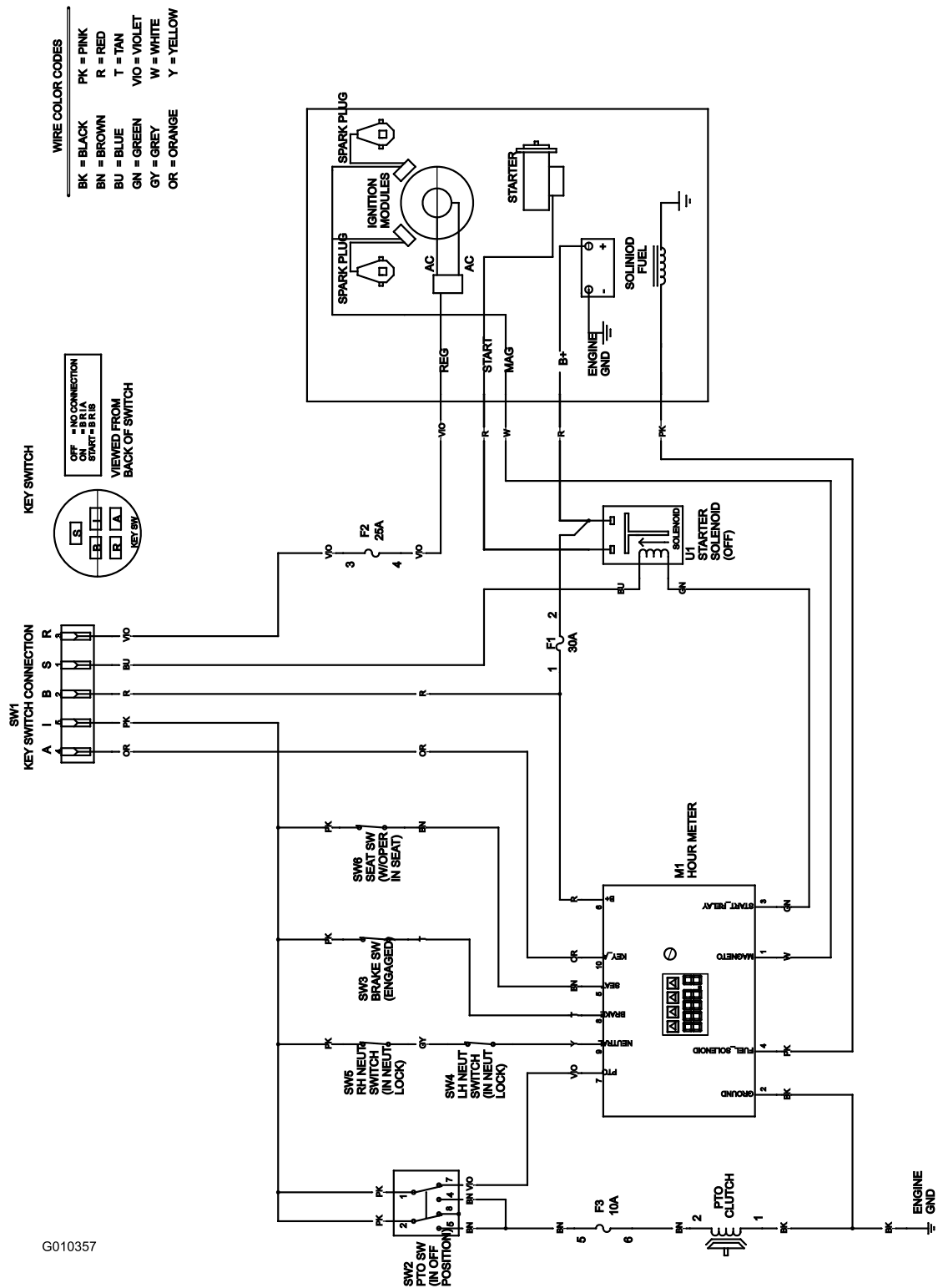
# Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Starter does not crank	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blade control (PTO) is engaged.</li> <li>2. Parking brake is not on.</li> <li>3. Operator is not seated.</li> <li>4. Battery is dead.</li> <li>5. Electrical connections are corroded or loose.</li> <li>6. Fuse is blown.</li> <li>7. Relay or switch is defective.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move the blade control (PTO) to disengaged.</li> <li>2. Set the parking brake.</li> <li>3. Sit on the seat.</li> <li>4. Charge the battery.</li> <li>5. Check the electrical connections for good contact.</li> <li>6. Replace the fuse.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
Engine will not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fuel tank is empty.</li> <li>2. Air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>3. Dirt in the fuel filter.</li> <li>4. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill the fuel tank with fuel.</li> <li>2. Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>3. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>4. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
Engine loses power.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. Air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>3. Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. Cooling fins and air passages above the engine are plugged.</li> <li>5. Vent hole in the fuel cap is plugged.</li> <li>6. Dirt in the fuel filter.</li> <li>7. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>2. Clean the air cleaner element.</li> <li>3. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>4. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> <li>5. Clean or replace the fuel cap.</li> <li>6. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
Engine overheats.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>3. Cooling fins and air passages above the engine are plugged.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>2. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>3. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> </ol>
Machine does not drive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By pass valve is not closed tight.</li> <li>2. Drive or pump belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>3. Drive or pump belt is off a pulley.</li> <li>4. Broken or missing idler spring.</li> <li>5. Hydraulic fluid level is low or too hot.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tighten the by pass valve.</li> <li>2. Change the belt.</li> <li>3. Change the belt.</li> <li>4. Replace the spring.</li> <li>5. Add hydraulic fluid to reservoir or let it cool down.</li> </ol>
Abnormal vibration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced.</li> <li>2. Blade mounting bolt is loose.</li> <li>3. Engine mounting bolts are loose.</li> <li>4. Loose engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley.</li> <li>5. Engine pulley is damaged.</li> <li>6. Blade spindle is bent.</li> <li>7. Motor mount is loose or worn.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>2. Tighten the blade mounting bolt.</li> <li>3. Tighten the engine mounting bolts.</li> <li>4. Tighten the appropriate pulley.</li> <li>5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>



<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
Uneven cutting height.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blade(s) not sharp.</li> <li>2. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent.</li> <li>3. Mower is not level.</li> <li>4. Underside of mower is dirty.</li> <li>5. Tire pressure is not correct.</li> <li>6. Blade spindle bent.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sharpen the blade(s).</li> <li>2. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>3. Level the mower from side-to-side and front-to-rear.</li> <li>4. Clean the underside of the mower.</li> <li>5. Adjust the tire pressure.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
Blades do not rotate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drive belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>2. Drive belt is off pulley.</li> <li>3. Deck belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>4. Deck belt is off pulley.</li> <li>5. Broken or missing idler spring.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the belt tension.</li> <li>2. Install the drive belt and check adjusting shafts and belt guides for correct position.</li> <li>3. Install a new deck belt.</li> <li>4. Install the deck pulley and check the idler pulley, idler arm and spring for correct position and function.</li> <li>5. Replace the spring.</li> </ol>

# Schematics



## Wire Diagram (Rev. A)

**Notes:**



## The Toro Total Coverage Guarantee

A Limited Warranty (see warranty periods below)

Landscape  
Contractor  
Equipment (LCE)

### 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 warranty time periods apply from the date of purchase by the original owner:

Product	Warranty Period
Mid-Size Walk-Behind Mowers	2 years**
GrandStand™ Mowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engine</li><li>• Frame</li></ul>	5 years or 1,200 hours* 2 years** Lifetime (original owner only)***
Z Master® Z300, Z400, Z500 Mowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engine</li><li>• Frames</li></ul>	4 years or 1,200 hours* 2 years** Lifetime (original owner only)***
Z Master® G3 Mowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engine</li><li>• Frame</li></ul>	5 years or 1,200 hours* 2 years** Lifetime (original owner only)***
Batteries (for above units)	1 year
Attachments (for above units)	1 year

\*Whichever occurs first.

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

\*\*\*Lifetime Frame Warranty - If the main frame, consisting of the parts welded together to form the tractor structure that other components such as the engine are secured to, cracks or breaks in normal use, it will be repaired or replaced under warranty at no cost for parts and labor. Frame failure due to misuse or abuse and failure or repair required due to rust or corrosion are not covered.

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

### 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 Authorized Toro Service Dealer to arrange service at their dealership. To locate a dealer convenient to you, refer to the *Yellow Pages* of your telephone directory (look under "Lawn Mowers") or access our web site at [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com). You may also call the numbers listed in item #3 to use the 24-hour Toro Dealer locator system.
2. Bring the product and your proof of purchase (sales receipt) to the Service Dealer. The dealer will diagnose the problem and determine if it is covered under warranty.
3. 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  
888-865-5676 (U.S. Customers)  
888-865-5691 (Canada customers)

### Countries Other than the United States or Canada

Customers who have purchased Toro products outside 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 and engine warranty coverage on some products.

This express warranty does not cover:

- 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.

### General Conditions

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

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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