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**Operator's Manual**

**TITAN ZX4800 Zero-Turn-Radius  
Riding Mower**

**Model No. 74912—Serial No. 310000001 and Up**



This machine is a ride-on, rotary-blade lawnmower intended to be used by homeowners in residential applications. It is primarily designed for cutting grass on well-maintained lawns. It is not designed for cutting brush, mowing grass and other growth alongside highways, or for agricultural uses.

This product complies with all relevant European directives, for details please see the separate product specific Declaration of Conformity (DOC) sheet.

**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.

For models with stated engine horsepower, the gross horsepower of the engine was laboratory rated by the engine manufacturer in accordance with SAE J1940. As configured to meet safety, emission, and operating requirements, the actual engine horsepower on this class of lawn mower will be significantly lower.

## Introduction

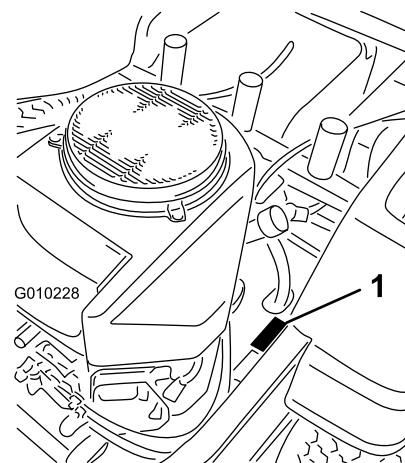
Read this information carefully to learn how to operate and maintain your product properly and to avoid injury and product damage. You are responsible for operating the product properly and safely.

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.



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**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.



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

## Safe Operation Practices for Ride-on (riding) Rotary Lawnmower Machines

This machine meets or exceeds European Standards in effect at the time of production. However, improper use or maintenance by the operator or owner can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions and always pay attention to the safety alert symbol, which means CAUTION, WARNING, or DANGER -“personal safety instruction.” Failure to comply with the instruction may result in personal injury or death.

## Safe Operating Practices

The following instructions are from the EN standard EN 836:1997.

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

### Training

- Read the instructions carefully. Be familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
- Never allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the lawnmower. Local regulations can restrict the age of the operator.
- Never mow while people, especially children, or pets are nearby.
- Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
- Do not carry passengers.
- All drivers should seek and obtain professional and practical instruction. Such instruction should emphasize:
  - the need for care and concentration when working with ride-on machines;
  - control of a ride-on machine sliding on a slope will not be regained by the application of the brake. The main reasons for loss of control are:
    - ◊ insufficient wheel grip;
    - ◊ being driven too fast;
    - ◊ inadequate braking;
    - ◊ the type of machine is unsuitable for its task;

- ◊ lack of awareness of the effect of ground conditions, especially slopes;
- ◊ incorrect hitching and load distribution.

### Preparation

- While mowing, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all objects which may be thrown by the machine.
- Warning-Fuel is highly flammable.
  - Store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.
  - Refuel outdoors only and do not smoke while refuelling.
  - Add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add fuel while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.
  - If fuel is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine but move the machine away from the area of spillage and avoid creating any source of ignition until fuel vapors have dissipated.
  - Replace all fuel tanks and container caps securely.
- Replace faulty silencers.
- Before using, always visually inspect to see that the blades, blade bolts and cutter assembly are not worn or damaged. Replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.
- On multi-bladed machines, take care as rotating one blade can cause other blades to rotate.

### Operation

- Be alert, slow down and use caution when making turns. Look behind and to the side before changing directions.
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- Before attempting to start the engine, disengage all blade attachment clutches and shift into neutral.
- Do not use on slopes of more than 15 degrees.
- Remember there is no such thing as a safe slope. Travel on grass slopes requires particular care. To guard against overturning:
  - do not stop or start suddenly when going up or downhill;

- use low speeds on slopes and during tight turns;
- stay alert for humps and hollows and other hidden hazards;
- Use care when pulling loads.
  - Use only approved drawbar hitch points.
  - Limit loads to those you can safely control.
  - Do not turn sharply. Use care when reversing.
- Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.
- Stop the blades rotating before crossing surfaces other than grass.
- When using any attachments, never direct discharge of material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near the machine while in operation.
- Never operate the machine with damaged guards or without safety protective devices in place.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Operating the engine at excessive speed can increase the hazard of personal injury.
- Before leaving the operator's position:
  - disengage the power take-off and lower the attachments;
  - change into neutral and set the parking brake;
  - stop the engine and remove the key.
- Disengage drive to attachments, stop the engine, and disconnect the spark plug wire(s) or remove the ignition key
  - before clearing blockages or unclogging chute;
  - before checking, cleaning or working on the lawnmower;
  - after striking a foreign object. Inspect the lawnmower for damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the equipment;
  - if the machine starts to vibrate abnormally (check immediately).
- Disengage drive to attachments when transporting or not in use.
- Stop the engine and disengage drive to attachment
  - before refuelling;
  - before removing the grass catcher;
  - before making height adjustment unless adjustment can be made from the operator's position.

- Reduce the throttle setting during engine run-out and, if the engine is provided with a shut-off valve, turn the fuel off at the conclusion of mowing.
- Lightning can cause severe injury or death. If lightning is seen or thunder is heard in the area, do not operate the machine; seek shelter.

## Maintenance and Storage

- Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the equipment with fuel in the tank inside a building where fumes can reach an open flame or spark.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- To reduce the fire hazard, keep the engine, silencer, battery compartment and fuel storage area free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check the grass catcher frequently for wear or deterioration.
- Replace worn or damaged parts for safety.
- If the fuel tank has to be drained, this should be done outdoors.
- When machine is to be parked, stored or left unattended, lower the cutting means.

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The following list contains safety information specific to Toro products or other safety information that you must know that is not included in the CEN standard.

- 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.
- 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.
- Use only genuine Toro replacement parts to ensure that original standards are maintained.
- Use only Toro-approved attachments.

## **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 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.

## **Model 74912**

### **Sound Power**

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 105 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA

Sound power level was determined according to the procedures outlined in ISO 11094.

### **Sound Pressure**

This unit has a sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 93 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

Sound power level was determined according to the procedures outlined in EN 836.

### **Hand-Arm Vibration**

Measured vibration level for right hand = 1.9 m/s<sup>2</sup>

Measured vibration level for left hand = 1.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>

Uncertainty Value (K) = 1.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>

Measured values were determined according to the procedures outlined in EN 836.

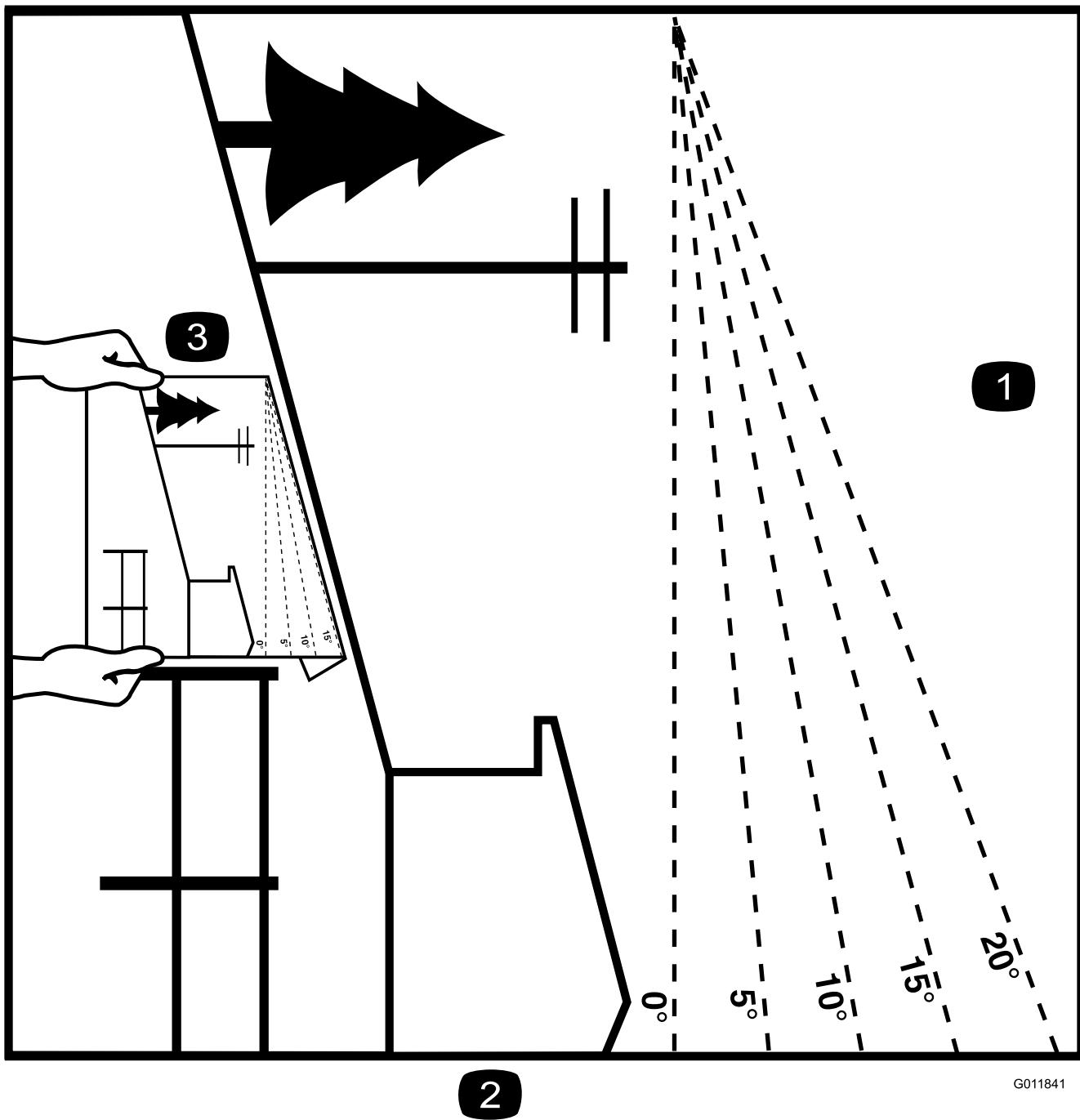
### **Whole Body Vibration**

Measured vibration level = 0.33 m/s<sup>2</sup>

Uncertainty Value (K) = 0.17 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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# Slope Indicator



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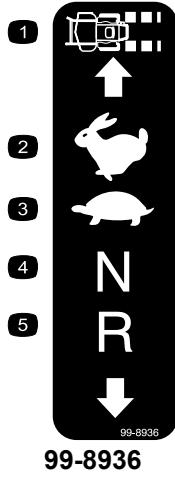
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1. The maximum slope you can safely operate the machine on is **15 degrees**. Use the slope chart to determine the degree of slope of hills before operating. **Do not operate this machine on a slope greater than 15 degrees.** Fold along the appropriate line to match the recommended slope.
2. Align this edge with a vertical surface, a tree, building, fence pole, etc.
3. Example of how to compare slope with folded edge.

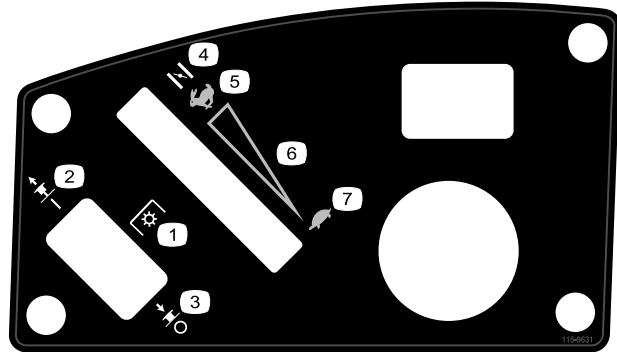
# Safety and Instructional Decals



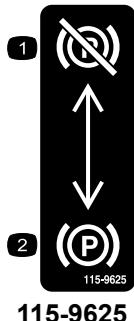
Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or lost.



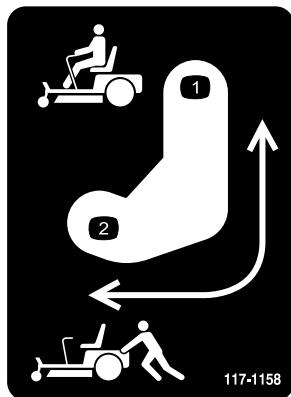
- 1. Machine speed
- 2. Fast
- 3. Slow
- 4. Neutral
- 5. Reverse



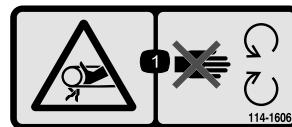
- 1. Power take-off (PTO), Blade control switch on some models
- 2. Blade control switch—On
- 3. Blade control switch—Off
- 4. Choke
- 5. Fast
- 6. Continuous variable setting
- 7. Slow



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



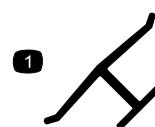
- 1. Bypass lever position for operating the machine
- 2. Bypass lever position for pushing the machine



- 1. Entanglement hazard, belt—keep all guards in place.



- 1. Warning—don't operate the mower with the deflector up or removed; keep the deflector in place.
- 2. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.



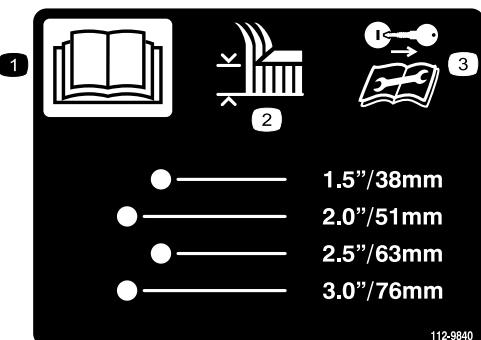
**Manufacturer's Mark**

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



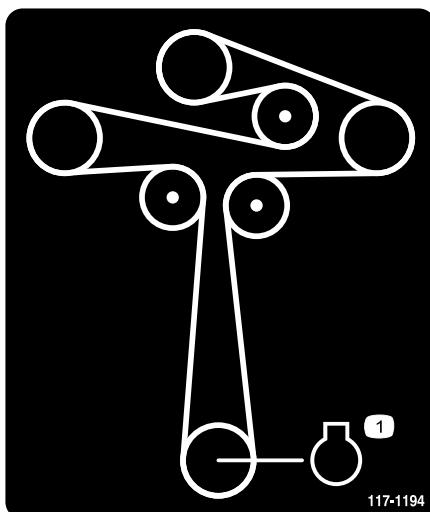
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- Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine.
- Thrown object hazard, mower—do not operate without the deflector, discharge cover, or grass collection system in place.
- Cutting/dismemberment of hand or foot—stay away from moving parts.



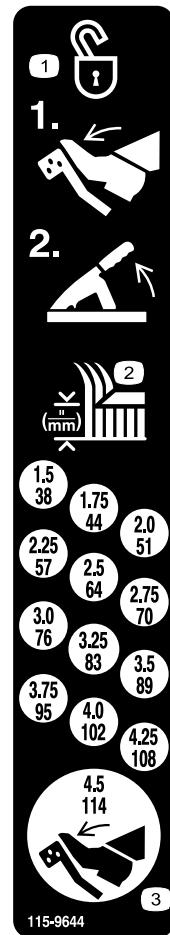
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- Read the *Operator's Manual*.
- Height of cut
- Remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.



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- Engine



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- Press the pedal and lift the height of cut lever to unlock the deck position.
- Height of cut
- Press the pedal to move the deck to the transport position



#### Battery Symbols

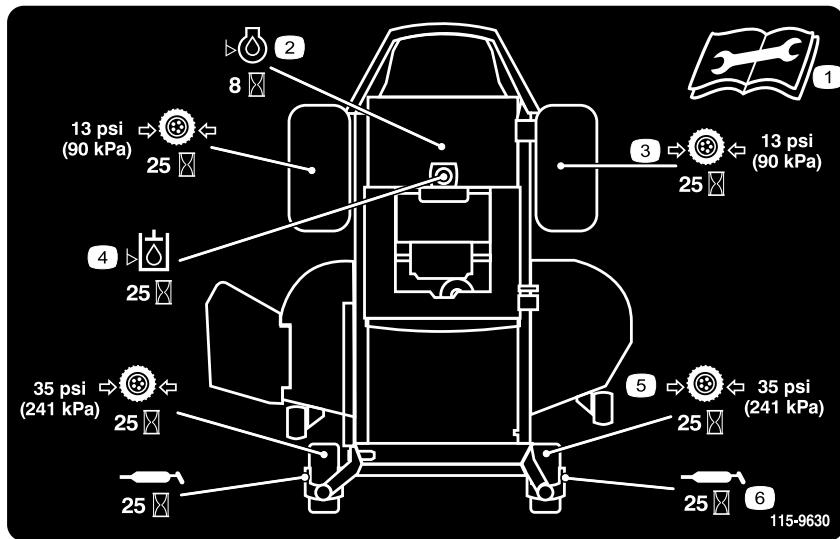
Some or all of these symbols are on your battery

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



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1. Warning—read the Operator's Manual.
2. Read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance; apply parking brake, remove the ignition key and disconnect the spark plug wire.
3. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine, pick up debris before operating, keep the discharge deflector in place.
4. Loss of traction/control hazard, slopes—loss of traction/control on slope, disengage the blade control switch (PTO), proceed off the slope slowly.
5. Tipping hazard—avoid sudden and sharp turns while on slopes, only mow across slopes less than 15 degrees, keep a safe distance from water, and only mow up and down slopes less than 15 degrees.
6. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.
7. Crushing/dismemberment hazard of bystanders, reversing—Do Not carry passengers, look behind and down when reversing.



1. Read the *Operator's Manual* before performing any maintenance.
2. Check the engine oil every 8 hours
3. Check the drive wheel tire pressure every 25 hours
4. Check the hydraulic oil every 25 hours
5. Check the caster wheel tire pressure every 25 hours
6. Lubricate the caster wheel every 25 hours



1. Fuel

2. Full

3. Half

4. Empty

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# Product Overview

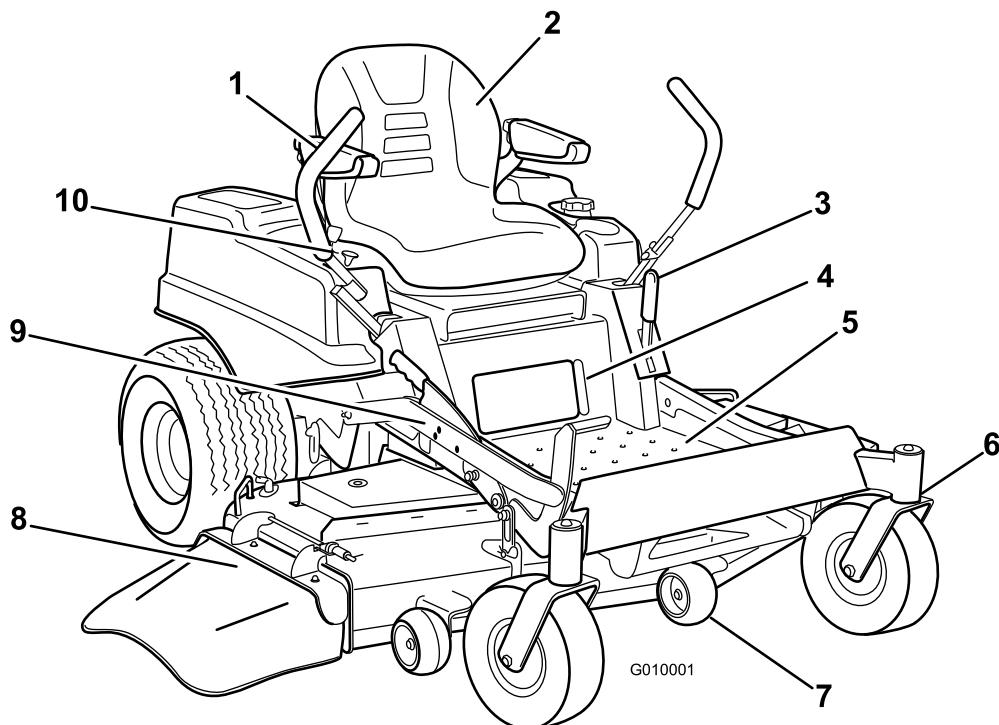


Figure 4

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1. Motion control levers | 4. Fuel gauge         | 7. Anti-scalp roller                      | 10. Control panel |
| 2. Operator seat         | 5. Footrest           | 8. Deflector                              |                   |
| 3. Parking brake         | 6. Front caster wheel | 9. Foot pedal deck lift and height-of-cut |                   |

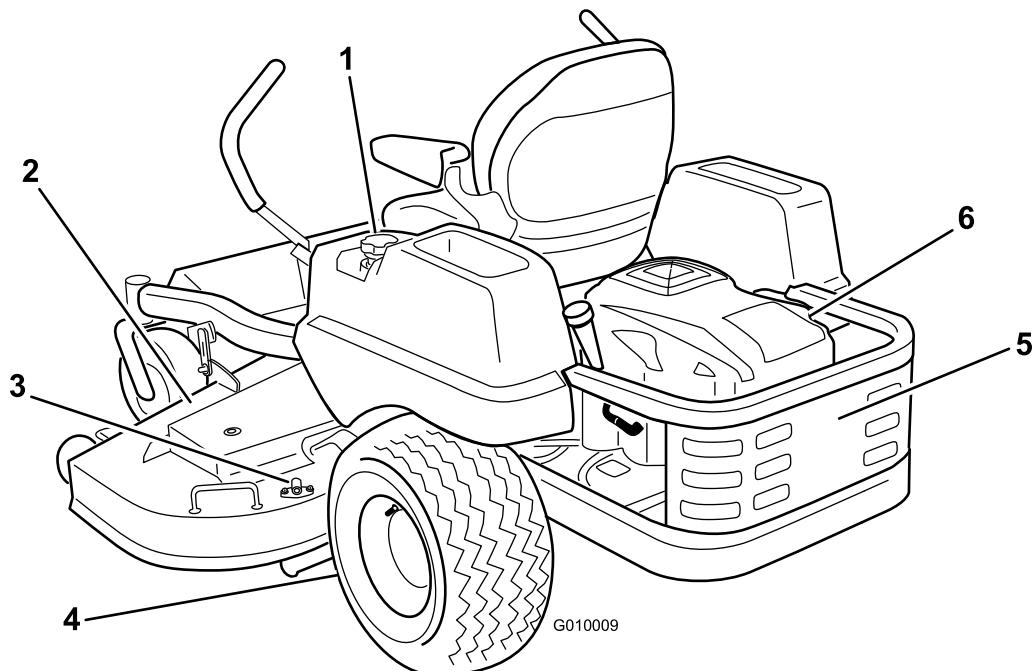
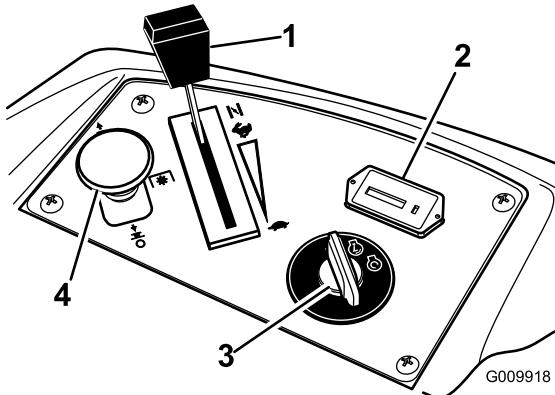


Figure 5

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Gas tank cap | 3. Washout port | 5. Engine guard |
| 2. Mower Deck   | 4. Drive wheel  | 6. Engine       |

# Controls

Become familiar with all the controls before you start the engine and operate the machine (Figure 6).

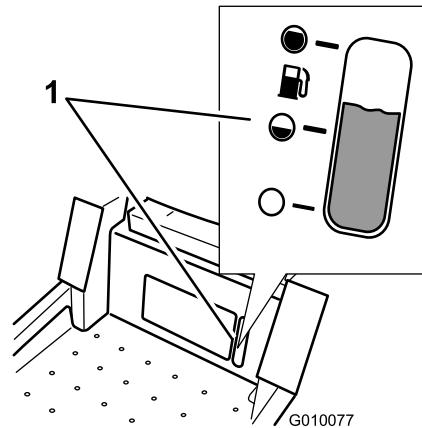


**Figure 6**

- 1. Throttle and choke control
- 2. Hour meter
- 3. Ignition switch
- 4. Blade control switch (PTO)
- 5. Fuses



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**Figure 7**

- 1. Fuel gauge window

## Ignition Switch

The ignition switch has three positions: **Start**, **Run** and **Off**. The key will turn to Start and move back to Run upon release. Turning the key to the Off position will stop the engine; however, always remove the key when leaving the machine to prevent the engine from accidentally starting (Figure 6).

## Throttle/Choke Control

The throttle and choke is combined into one control lever. The throttle control is variable between **Fast** and **Slow**. Engage the choke by moving the lever past the **Fast** setting until it stops (Figure 6).

## Blade Control Switch (Power Take-Off)

The blade control switch, represented by a power take-off (PTO) symbol, engages and disengages power to the mower blades (Figure 6).

## Hour Meter

The hour meter records the number of hours the blades have operated. It operates when the blade control switch (PTO) is engaged. Use these times for scheduling regular maintenance (Figure 6).

## Fuel Gauge

The fuel window located below the operator position can be used to verify the level of gasoline in the tank (Figure 7).

## Motion Control Levers

The motion control levers are speed sensitive controls of independent wheel motors. Moving a lever forward or backward turns the wheel on the same side forward or in reverse; wheel speed is proportional to the amount the lever is moved. Move the control levers outward from the center to the neutral lock position and exit the machine (Figure 4). Always position the motion control levers into the neutral lock position when you stop the machine or leave it unattended.

## Neutral Lock Position

The neutral lock position is used with the safety interlock system to engage and disengage the mower blades and to determine neutral position.

## Foot Pedal Deck Lift System

The foot pedal deck lift system allows the operator to lower and raise the deck from the seated position. The operator can use the foot pedal to lift the deck briefly to avoid obstacles or lock the deck in the highest height-of-cut or transport position (Figure 4).

## Height-of-Cut Lever

The height-of-cut lever works with the foot pedal to lock the deck in a specific cutting height. Only adjust the height of cut while machine is not moving (Figure 4).

## 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.

### Think Safety First

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

#### **⚠ DANGER**

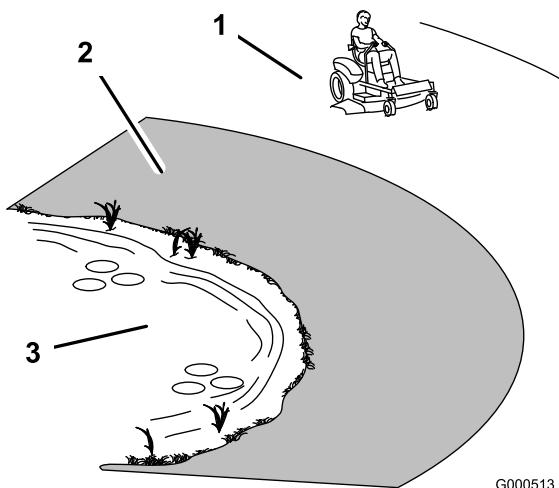
**Mowing on wet grass or steep slopes can cause sliding and loss of control.**

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

**A loss of traction is a loss of steering control.**

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

- Do not mow near drop-offs or near water.**
- Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.**
- Reduce speed and use extreme caution on slopes.**
- When mowing slopes, gradually work from lower to higher areas on the incline.**
- Avoid sudden turns or rapid speed changes.**
- Turn up, into an incline when changing directions on slopes. Turning down the slope reduces traction.**
- Attachments change the handling characteristics of the machine. Use extra caution when using attachments with the machine.**



**Figure 8**

1. Safe Zone-use the machine here
2. Use walk behind mower and/or hand trimmer near drop-offs and water.
3. Water

## 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.

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

- Fill the fuel tank outdoors, in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any gasoline that spills.
- Never fill the fuel tank inside an enclosed trailer.
- Do not fill the fuel tank completely full. Add gasoline to the fuel tank until the level is 1/4 to 1/2 inch (6 to 13 mm) below the bottom of the filler neck. This empty space in the tank allows 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.

### **⚠ DANGER**

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.

## ⚠ WARNING

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

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



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## 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.

## Gasoline/Alcohol blends

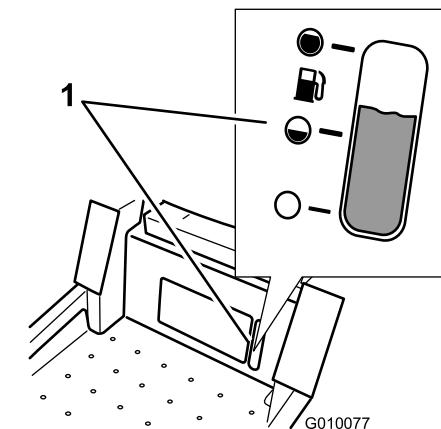
Gasohol (up to 10 percent ethyl alcohol, 90 percent unleaded gasoline by volume) is approved for fuel use by the engine manufacturer. Other gasoline/alcohol blends, such as E85, are not approved.

## Gasoline/Ether blends

Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) and unleaded gasoline blends (up to a maximum of 15 percent MTBE by volume) are approved for fuel use by the engine manufacturer. Other gasoline/ether blends are not approved.

## Fuel Gauge

Use the fuel window below the operator to verify the level of gasoline before filling the tank (Figure 9).



1. Fuel gauge window

## Filling the Fuel Tank

**Note:** Do not fill the fuel tank completely full, this will allow gasoline to expand.

1. Shut the engine off and set the parking brake.
2. Clean around the fuel tank cap.
3. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neckFigure 10.



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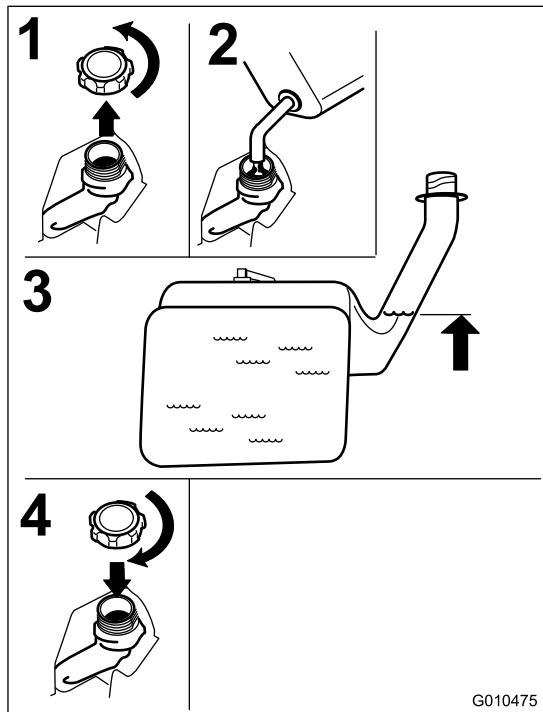


Figure 10

## Releasing the Parking Brake

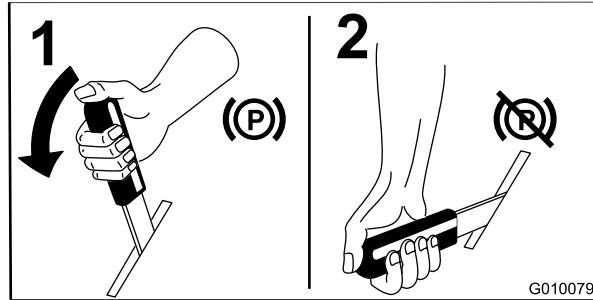


Figure 12

## Operating the Throttle

The throttle control can be moved between **Fast** and **Slow** positions (Figure 13).

Always use the fast position when turning on the mower deck with the blade control switch (PTO).

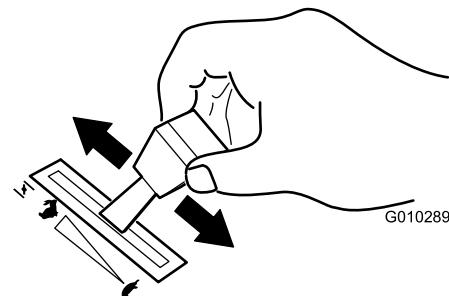


Figure 13

## Checking the Engine Oil Level

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

## Operating the Parking Brake

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

## Setting the Parking Brake

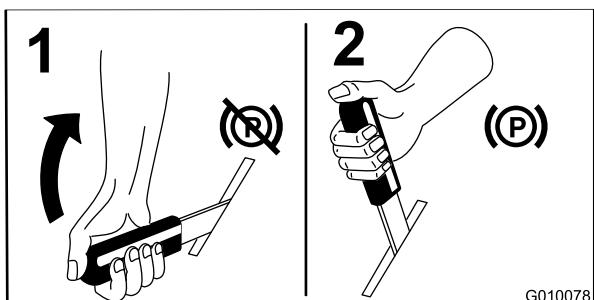


Figure 11

## Operating the Choke

If the engine is cold, use the choke to start the engine.

Engage the choke by moving the throttle lever past the **Fast** setting until it stops (Figure 14).

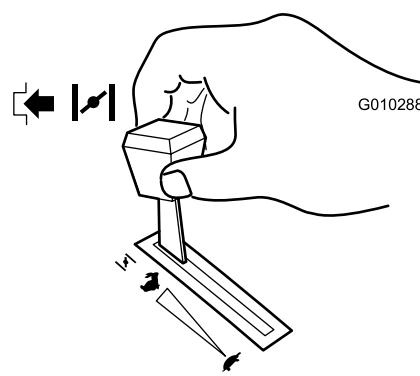


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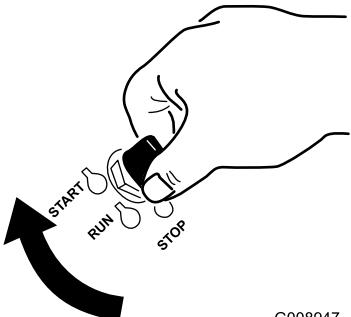
Move the throttle lever back to disengage the choke after the engine has started.

# Operating the Ignition Switch

1. Turn the ignition key to the Start position (Figure 15). When the engines starts, release the key.

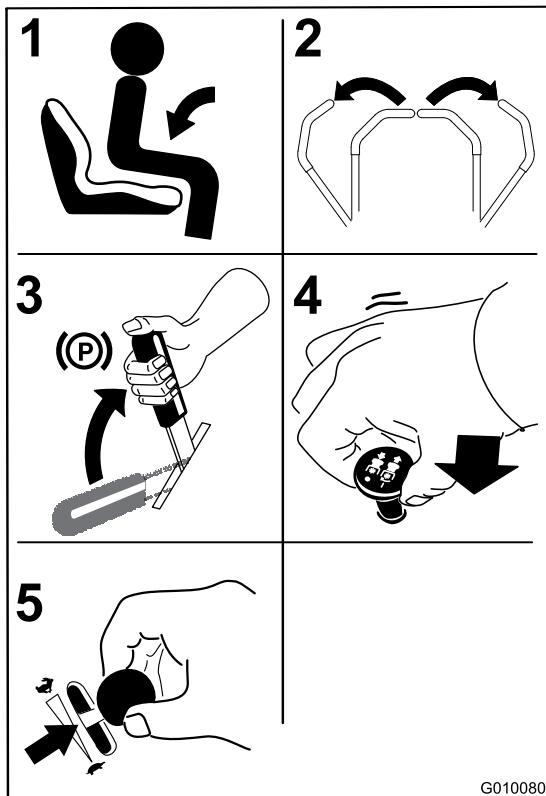
**Important:** Do not engage starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. If the engine fails to start allow a 15 second cool-down period between attempts. Failure to follow these instructions can burn out the starter motor.

**Note:** Additional starting cycles may be required when starting the engine for the first time after the fuel system has been without fuel completely.



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Figure 15



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Figure 16

2. Turn the ignition key to stop to stop the engine.

## Starting and Stopping the Engine

### Starting the Engine

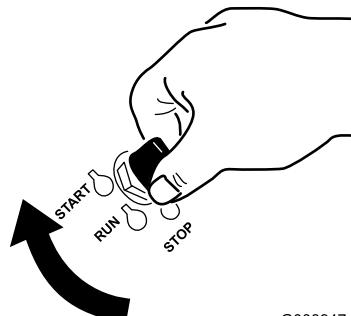
1. Sit down on the seat (Figure 16).
2. Move the motion controls outward to the neutral lock position (Figure 16).
3. Set the parking brake (Figure 16); refer to Setting the Parking Brake.
4. Move the blade control switch (PTO) to the Off position (Figure 16).
5. Move the throttle lever to Choke before starting a cold engine.

**Note:** A warm or hot engine may not require choking.

6. Turn the ignition key to the Start position (Figure 15). When the engines starts, release the key.

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

**Note:** Additional starting cycles may be required when starting the engine for the first time after the fuel system has been without fuel completely.



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Figure 17

1. Off
2. Run
3. Start

## Stopping the Engine

### ⚠ CAUTION

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.

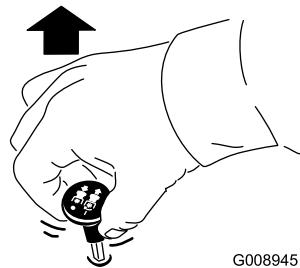


Figure 19

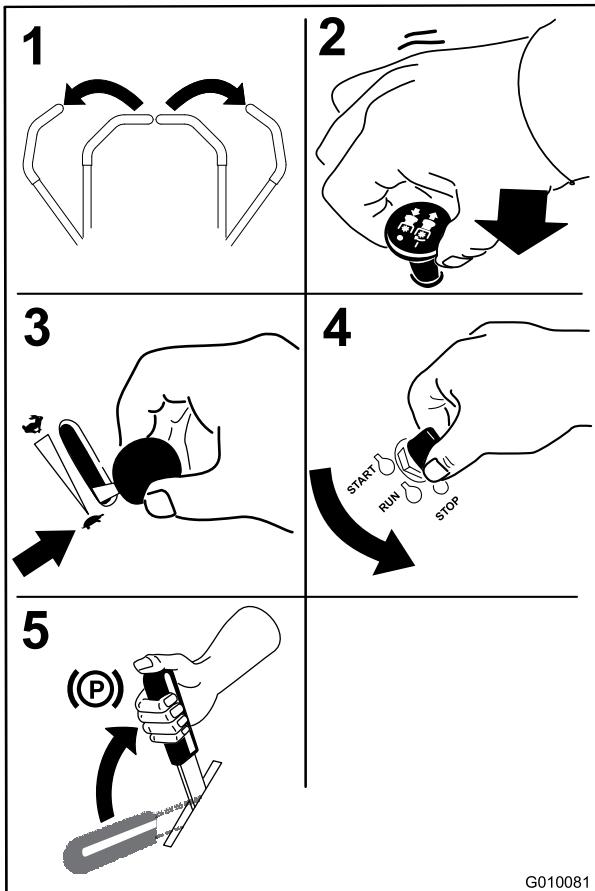


Figure 18

### Disengaging the Blade Control Switch (PTO)

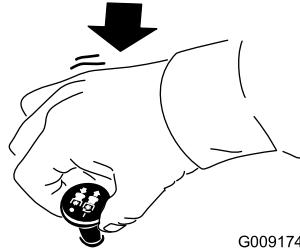


Figure 20

## The Safety Interlock System

### ⚠ WARNING

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

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

### Understanding the Safety Interlock System

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

- The parking brake is engaged.
- The blades are disengaged.
- The motion control levers are in the neutral lock position.

The safety interlock system also is designed to stop the engine when the control levers are out of the neutral lock position with the parking brake on or if you rise from the seat when the blades are engaged.

## Operating the Mower Blade Control Switch (PTO)

The blade control switch (PTO) starts and stops the mower blades and any powered attachments.

### Engaging the Blade Control Switch (PTO)

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

## Testing the Safety Interlock System

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

1. While sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake and move the blade control switch to On. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.
2. While sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake and move the blade control switch to Off. Move either motion control lever (forward or reverse). Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank. Repeat with the other motion control lever.
3. While sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the blade control switch to Off, and lock the motion control levers in neutral. Start the engine. While the engine is running, release the parking brake, engage the blade control switch, and rise slightly from the seat; the engine should stop.
4. While sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the blade control switch to Off, and lock the motion control levers in neutral. Start the engine. While the engine is running, center the motion controls and move (forward or reverse); the engine should stop.

## Driving Forward or Backward

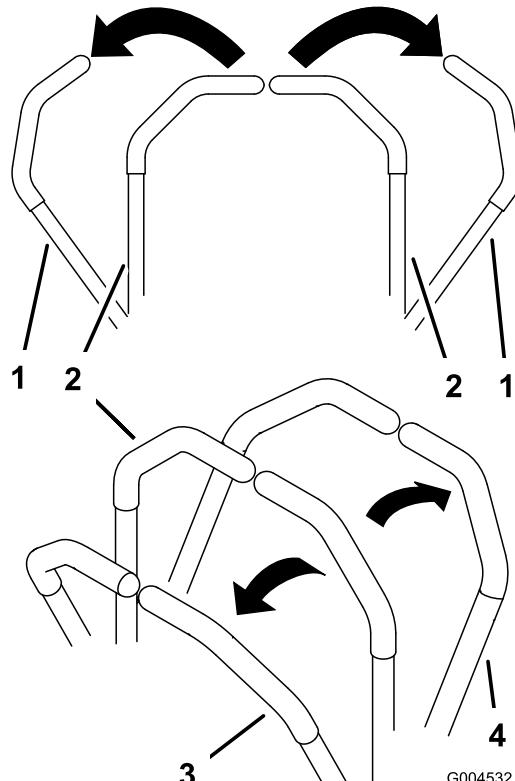
The throttle control regulates the engine speed as measured in rpm (revolutions per minute). Place the throttle control in the fast position for best performance. Always operate in the full throttle position when mowing.

### ⚠ CAUTION

**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.

## Using the Motion Control Levers



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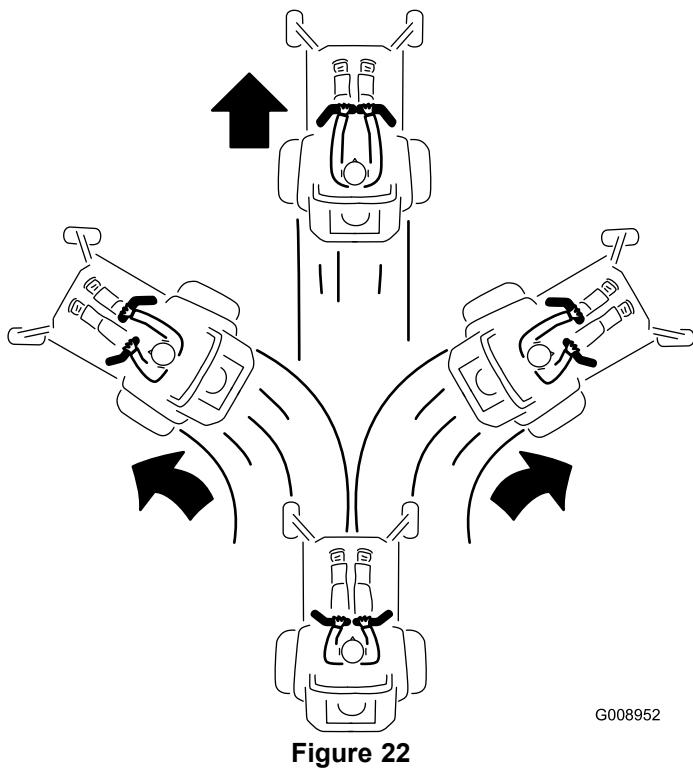
**Figure 21**

1. Motion control lever-neutral lock position
2. Center, unlocked position
3. Forward
4. Backward

## Driving Forward

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

1. Release the parking brake; refer to Releasing the Parking Brake in Operation.
2. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
3. To go forward, slowly push the motion control levers forward (Figure 22).



## Stopping the Machine

To stop the machine, move the traction control levers to neutral and move to locked position, disengage the blade control switch (PTO), and turn the ignition key to off.

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

### ⚠ CAUTION

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

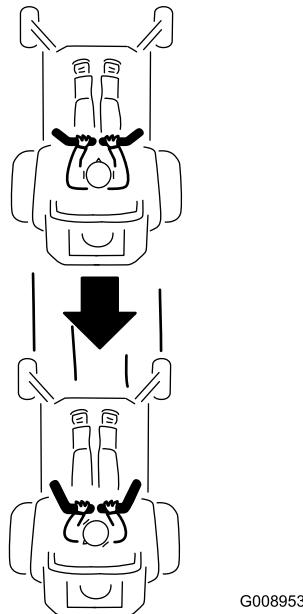
Always remove the ignition key and set the parking brake when leaving the machine unattended, even if just for a few minutes.

## Adjusting the Height of Cut

The machine is equipped with a foot pedal deck lift system. The operator can use the foot pedal to lift the deck briefly to avoid obstacles or lock the deck in the highest height-of-cut or transport position. The operator can use the height-of-cut lever with the foot pedal to lock the deck in a specific cutting height.

## Using the Foot Pedal Deck Lift System

Press the pedal down to raise the deck; continue to press the pedal until the deck is locked in the transport position Figure 24. Push on the deck lift pedal with your foot and raise the height-of-cut lever slightly to disengage the transport lock.

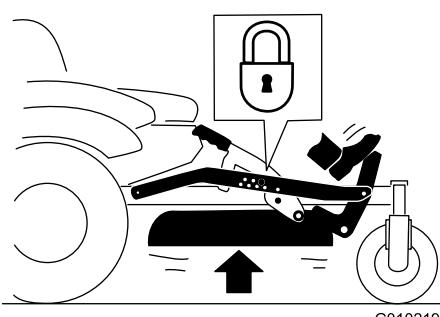
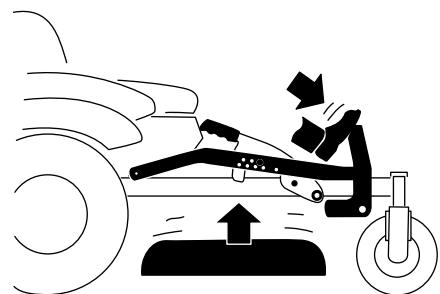


## Driving Backward

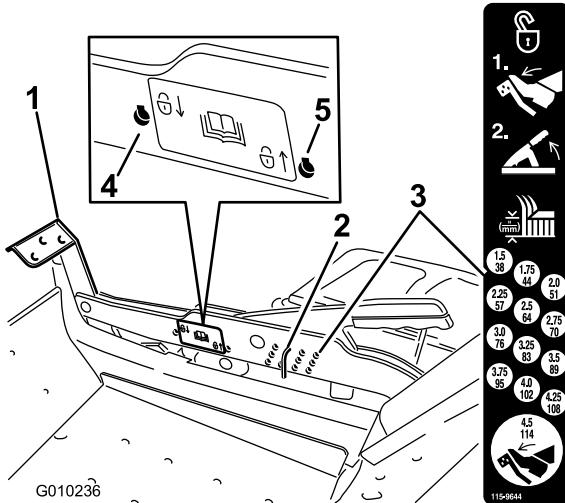
1. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. To go backward, slowly pull the motion control levers rearward (Figure 23).



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**Figure 24**  
Transport Lock Position



**Figure 25**

- 1. Deck lift pedal
- 2. Cut height pin
- 3. Height-of-cut positions
- 4. Lock position. lowest height-of-cut (use only for deck removal)
- 5. Lock position. transport position

## Adjusting the Height-of-Cut

The height-of-cut can be adjusted from 1-1/2 to 4-1/2 inch (38 to 114 mm) in 1/4 inch (6 mm) increments by relocating the clevis pin into different hole locations.

1. Push on the deck lift pedal with your foot and raise the mower deck to the transport position (also the 4-1/2 inch (114 mm) cutting height position) (Figure 25).
2. To adjust, remove the pin from the height-of-cut bracket (Figure 25).
3. Select a hole in the height-of-cut system corresponding to the height-of-cut desired and, insert the pin (Figure 25).
4. Push on the deck lift pedal with your foot and raise the height-of-cut lever slightly to disengage the transport lock. Lower the deck slowly until the pin makes contact with the lever.

## Using the Lock Positions

The deck can be locked in the highest height-of-cut or transport position or the lowest height-of-cut position.

1. Push on the deck lift pedal with your foot and raise the height-of-cut lever slightly to disengage the transport lock. Lower the deck slowly until the pin makes contact with the lever.
2. Remove the pin from the height-of-cut bracket (Figure 25).
3. Select a hole on the lock decal and insert the pin (Figure 25).
4. Push on the deck lift pedal with your foot and raise the height-of-cut lever slightly to disengage the transport lock. Lower the deck slowly until the pin makes contact with the lever.

## Adjusting the Anti-Scalp Rollers

Whenever you change the height-of-cut, it is recommended to adjust the height of the anti-scalp rollers.

1. Disengage the blade control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the neutral lock position and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.

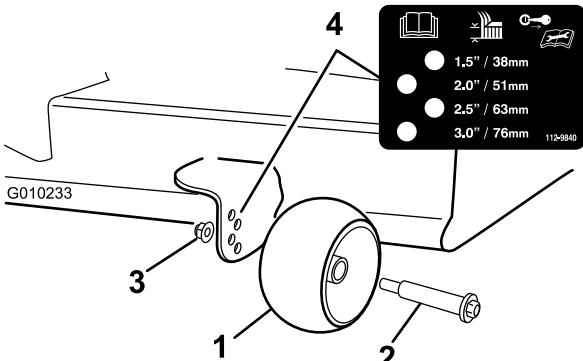


Figure 26

- 1. Anti-scalp roller
- 2. Bolt
- 3. Flange Nut
- 4. Hole spacing

## Changing the Seat Ride Suspension

The number of seat springs can be changed to maximize rider comfort. More springs should be used with heavier operators and on rough terrain. Fewer springs should be used with lighter operators and when mowing smooth, well established lawns. Always keep the number of springs on the left and right side the same when adding and removing springs.

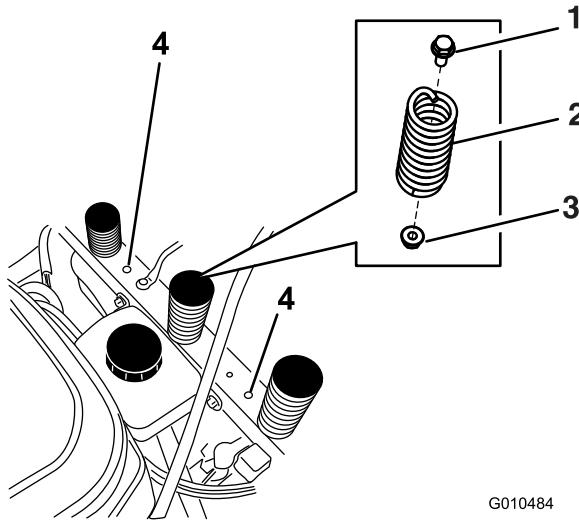


Figure 28

- 1. Bolt
- 2. Spring
- 3. Nut
- 4. Additional mounting holes

## 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.

While sitting in the operator's position, raise the seat adjustment lever slightly and move the seat forward or backward to the desired position (Figure 27).

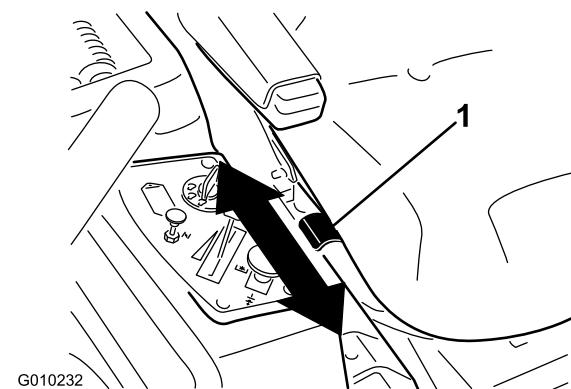
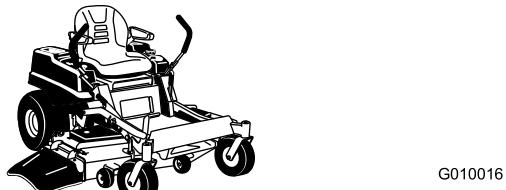


Figure 27

- 1. Adjustment lever

Up to five springs can be secured to the seat support with a nut and bolt, see Figure 28.

Refer to your Parts Manual for spring and hardware part numbers.

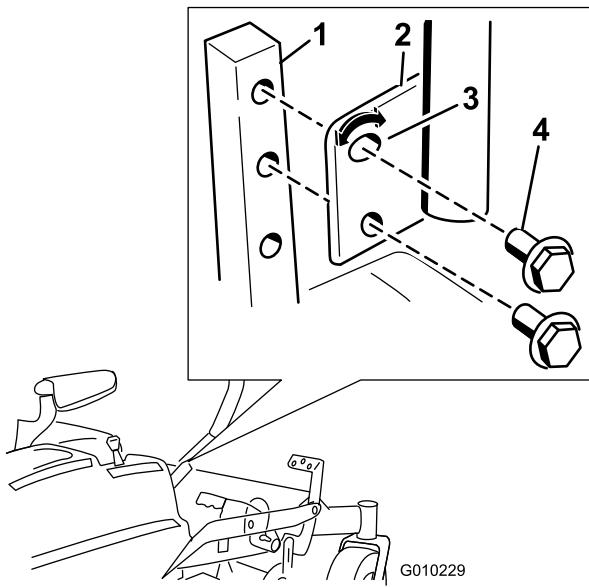
## Adjusting the Motion Control Levers

### Adjusting the Height

The motion control levers can be adjusted higher or lower for maximum operator comfort.

1. Remove the 2 bolts holding the control lever to the control arm shaft (Figure 29).
2. Move the control lever to the next set of holes. Secure the lever with the 2 bolts (Figure 29).

**Note:** The control levers can also be installed on the outside of the control arm shafts.



**Figure 29**

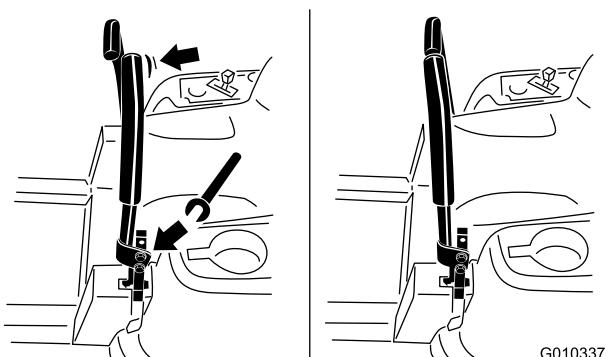
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| 1. Control arm shaft | 3. Slotted, upper hole |
| 2. Control lever     | 4. Bolt                |

3. Repeat the adjustment for the opposite control lever.

## Adjusting the Tilt

The motion control levers can be tilted fore or aft for maximum operator comfort.

1. Loosen the upper bolt holding the control lever to the control arm shaft.
2. Loosen the lower bolt just enough to pivot the control lever fore or aft (Figure 29). Tighten both bolts to secure the control in the new position.
3. Repeat the adjustment for the opposite control lever.



**Figure 30**

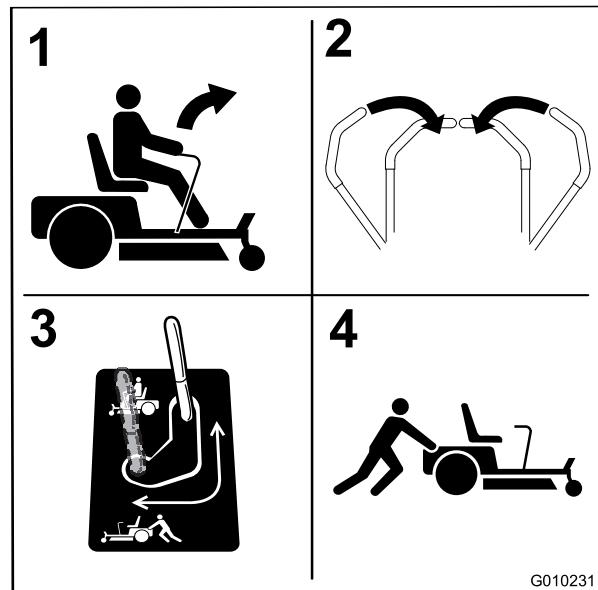
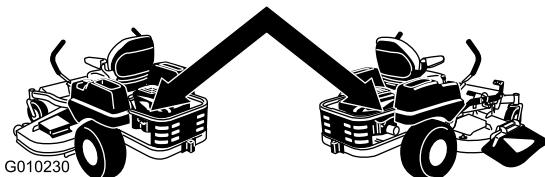
## Pushing the Machine by Hand

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

### To Push the Machine

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to neutral lock position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position. Make sure the parking brake is **disengaged**.
3. Locate the bypass levers at the rear of the machine, on the left and right side of the frame.
4. Move the bypass levers rearward and then down to lock them in place as shown in Figure 31 to disengage the wheel motors. Repeat this on each side of the machine.

The machine is now able to be pushed by hand.



**Figure 31**

1. Bypass lever decal
2. Lever position for operating the machine
3. Lever position for pushing the machine

## To Operate the Machine

Move the bypass to the position for pushing the machine (Figure 31) to engage the wheel motors.

## Converting to Side Discharge

The mower deck and mower blades shipped with this machine were designed for optimum mulching performance. Side discharge performance can be improved by replacing the mulching blades with standard cutting blades obtained from your local authorized Toro dealer. To maintain optimum mulching performance, always install the mulching blades that are shipped with this unit when changing back to mulching operation.

Install the fasteners into the same holes in the deck they were originally removed from. This ensure no holes are left open when the deck is operated.

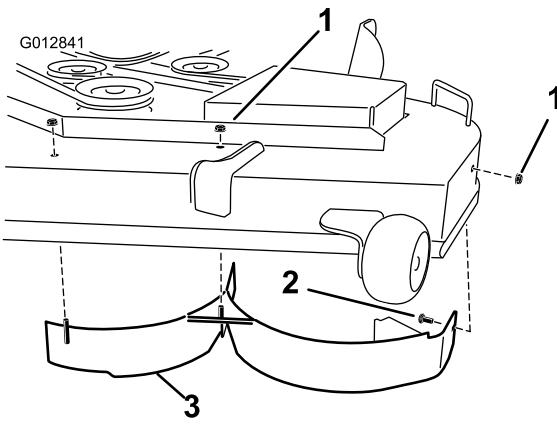
### **DANGER**

**Open holes in the mower expose you and others to thrown debris. Debris thrown out of holes in the mower can cause injury.**

- Never operate the mower without hardware mounted in all holes in the mower.
- Install hardware in mounting holes when the baffle is removed.

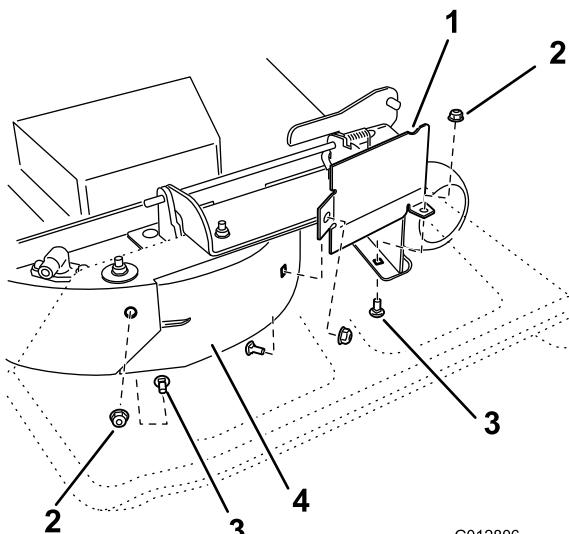
## Removing the Mulch Baffle

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the mower as described in the Removing the Mower procedure in the *Maintenance* section for more information.
4. Turn the mower upside down.
5. Remove the existing mower blades installed on your deck. Refer to the Removing the Blades procedure in the *Maintenance* section for more information.
6. Remove the two lock nuts (5/16 inch) secured to the welded posts of the left baffle on the top of the mower deck at the center and left of center positions (Figure 32). Remove the carriage bolt and lock nut on the side wall of the mower deck securing the left baffle to the deck.



**Figure 32**

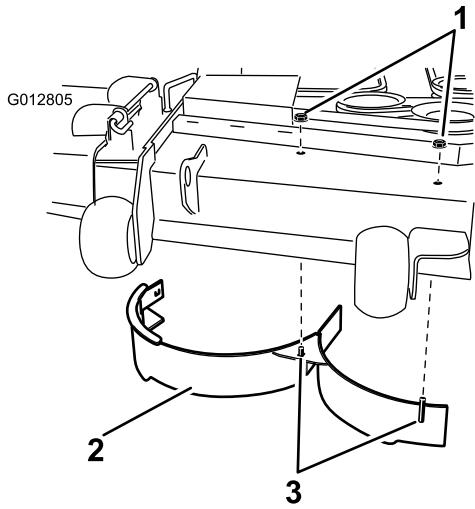
1. Lock nut (5/16 inch)
  2. Carriage bolt (5/16 x 3/4 inch)
  3. Left baffle
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7. Remove the left baffle from the mower deck as shown in Figure 32.
  8. Locate the two bolts and lock nuts in loose parts. Install these fasteners into the holes shown in Figure 32 on the mower deck to prevent flying debris. Install the bolt up, through the underside of the deck and use a lock nut to secure from the topside.
- ### **WARNING**
- Open holes in the mower expose you and others to thrown debris which can cause severe injury.**
- Never operate the mower without hardware mounted in all holes in the mower housing.
  - Install the hardware in the mounting holes when you remove the mulching baffle.
  9. Remove the carriage bolt (5/16 x 3/4 inch) and lock nut (5/16 inch) on the rear wall of the mower deck securing the baffle to the deck (Figure 33).
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**Figure 33**

- 1. Baffle guard
- 2. Lock nut (5/16 inch)
- 3. Carriage bolt (5/16 x 3/4 inch)
- 4. Right baffle

10. Locate the baffle guard at the front edge of the side discharge opening. Remove the fasteners securing the baffle guard and the right baffle to the mower deck as shown in Figure 33. Remove the baffle guard and retain all fasteners.
11. Remove the two lock nuts (5/16 inch) to securing the welded posts of the right baffle to the top of the mower deck at center and right of center positions (Figure 34). Remove the right baffle from the mower deck.

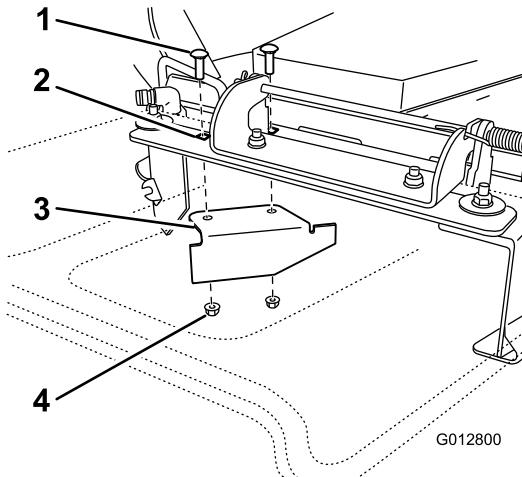


**Figure 34**

- 1. Lock nut (5/16 inch)
- 2. Right baffle
- 3. Welded posts, right baffle

12. Install the fasteners removed previously at the front holes in the discharge plate and forward hole in the deck (Figure 33).

13. Locate the cut off baffle in the loose parts bag. Remove the fasteners at the rear holes of the discharge plate. Install the baffle at the side discharge opening on the mower deck (Figure 35).



**Figure 35**

- 1. Carriage bolt, existing
- 2. Rear holes in the discharge plate
- 3. Cut off baffle, shipped loose
- 4. Lock nut, existing

14. Use the fasteners removed to secure the cut off baffle to the deck.
  15. Install the blades to the deck. Refer to the *Installing the Blades* procedure in the *Maintenance* section for more information.
- Note:** Standard cutting blades will improve discharge performance and can be obtained from your local authorized Toro dealer.
16. Install the mower as described in the *Installing the Mower* procedure in the *Maintenance* section for more information.

## Using the Side Discharge

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

## **DANGER**

Without a 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 blade control switch (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.

## **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)*

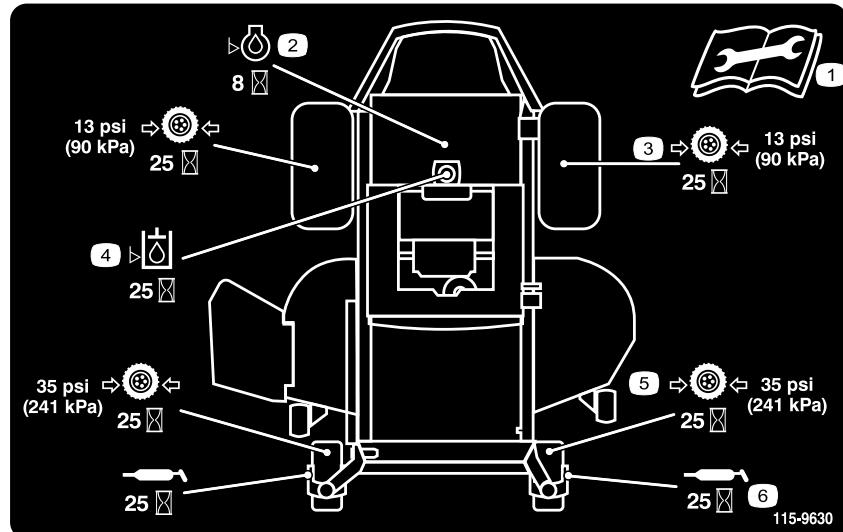
Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 8 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the engine oil.</li></ul>
After the first 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the hydraulic system filter and oil.</li></ul>
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the safety interlock system.</li><li>• Check the air cleaner for dirty, loose or damaged parts.</li><li>• Check the engine oil level.</li><li>• Check air intake and cooling areas, clean as necessary.</li><li>• Check the mower blades.</li><li>• Inspect the grass deflector for damage</li><li>• Clean the mower housing.</li></ul>
Every 25 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grease all lubrication points.</li><li>• Service the foam element. (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)</li><li>• Check tire pressure.</li><li>• Check the hydraulic oil level in the expansion tank.</li></ul>
Every 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Service the paper element. (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)</li><li>• Inspect the belts for cracks and wear.</li></ul>
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace the paper element. (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)</li><li>• Change the engine oil. (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)</li><li>• Clean the blower housing (more often under dusty, dirty conditions).</li></ul>
Every 200 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the engine oil filter.</li><li>• Check spark plug(s) condition and gap.</li></ul>
Every 400 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the hydraulic system filter and oil.</li></ul>
Every 500 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace the spark plug(s).</li><li>• Replace the fuel filters (more often under dusty, dirty conditions).</li></ul>
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the battery charge.</li></ul>
Yearly or before storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paint chipped surfaces.</li><li>• Check all maintenance procedures listed above before storage.</li></ul>

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

### **▲ CAUTION**

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 before you do any maintenance.



**Figure 36**  
Located on the seat pan underside

1. Read the *Operator's Manual* before performing any maintenance.
2. Check the engine oil every 8 hours
3. Check the drive wheel tire pressure every 25 hours
4. Check the hydraulic oil every 25 hours
5. Check the caster wheel tire pressure every 25 hours
6. Lubricate the caster wheel every 25 hours

# Premaintenance Procedures

## Raising the Seat

Make sure the motion control levers are locked in the neutral lock position. Lift the seat forward.

The following components can be accessed by raising the seat:

- Service decal
- Fuses
- Battery and cables

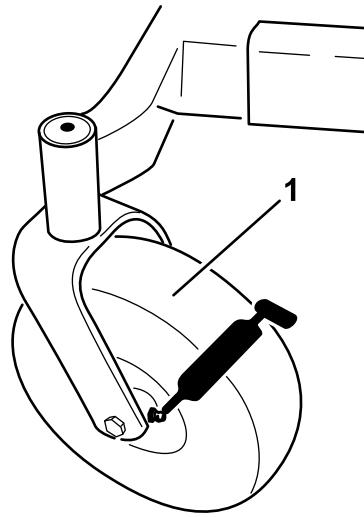
# Lubrication

## Greasing the Bearings

**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours—Grease all lubrication points.

**Grease Type:** No. 2 General Purpose Lithium Base Grease

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the neutral lock position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean the grease fittings (Figure 37 and Figure 36) with a rag. Make sure to scrape any paint off of the front of the fitting(s).



**Figure 37**

1. Front caster tire
4. Connect a grease gun to each fitting (Figure 37 and Figure 36). Pump grease into the fittings until grease begins to ooze out of the bearings.
5. Wipe up any excess grease.

# Engine Maintenance

## ⚠ WARNING

Contact with hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

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

## Servicing the Air Cleaner

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily—Check the air cleaner for dirty, loose or damaged parts.

Every 25 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)—Service the foam element. (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)

Every 50 hours—Service the paper element. (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)

Every 100 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)—Replace the paper element. (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)

This engine is equipped with a replaceable, high density paper air cleaner element. Check the air cleaner daily or before starting the engine. Check for a buildup of dirt and debris around the air cleaner system. Keep this area clean. Also check for loose or damaged components. Replace all bent or damaged air cleaner components.

**Note:** Operating the engine with loose or damaged air cleaner components could allow unfiltered air into the engine causing premature wear and failure.

**Note:** Service the air cleaner more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions.

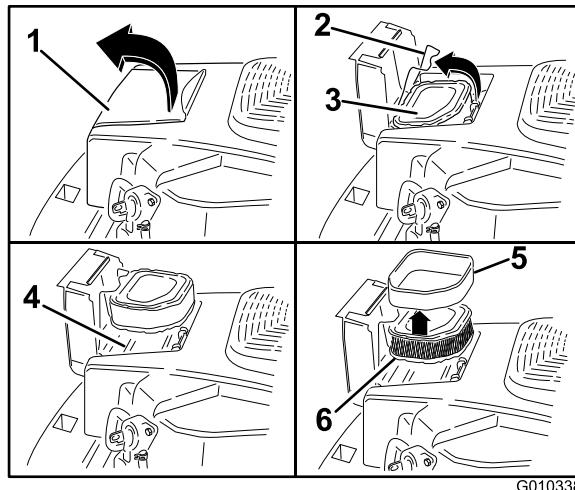


Figure 38

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Air cleaner cover | 4. Air cleaner base |
| 2. Air cleaner latch | 5. Foam element     |
| 3. Air cleaner       | 6. Paper element    |

## Servicing Foam Element

Check the foam element every 25 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty or dirty conditions). Clean or replace the element as necessary.

Replace the air cleaner element yearly, or every 100 hours.

1. Open the air cleaner cover door on the blower housing to access the air cleaner element (Figure 38).
2. Unhook the latch and remove the air cleaner (Figure 38).
3. Wash the foam element in warm water with detergent. Rinse the element thoroughly until all traces of detergent are eliminated. Squeeze out excess water (do not wring) and allow the foam element to air dry.
4. Saturate the foam element with new engine oil. Squeeze out all excess oil.
5. Reinstall the foam element over the paper air cleaner element.
6. Clean the air cleaner base as required and check condition.
7. Install the air cleaner onto the air cleaner base. Secure with the latch.
8. Close the air cleaner cover door.

## Servicing Paper Element

Check the paper element every 50 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty or dirty conditions). Clean or replace the element as necessary.

Replace the air cleaner element yearly, or every 100 hours.

1. Open the air cleaner cover door on the blower housing to access the air cleaner element (Figure 38).
2. Unhook the latch and remove the air cleaner (Figure 38).
3. Remove the foam element and inspect. Clean and replace as necessary.
4. Gently tap the paper element to dislodge dirt. **Do not wash the paper element or use pressurized air**, as this will damage the element. Replace a dirty, bent, or damaged element. Handle the new element carefully; do not use if the sealing surfaces are bent or damaged.
5. Clean the air cleaner base as required and check condition.
6. Install the paper element onto the air cleaner base. Secure with the latch.
7. Close the air cleaner cover door.

## Servicing the Engine Oil

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

**Crankcase Capacity:** 1.6-1.8 qt (1.7-1.9 l) when the filter is changed

**Viscosity:** See the table below.

### USE THESE SAE VISCOSITY OILS

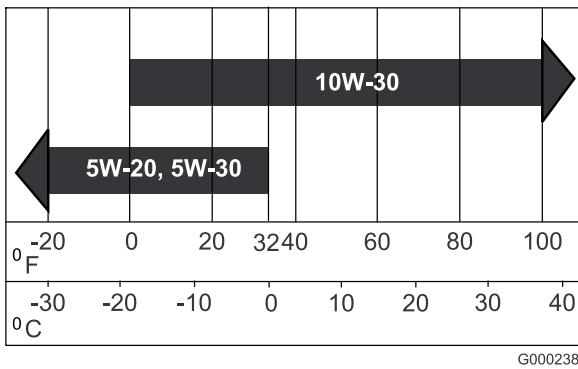


Figure 39

**Important:** Use other than service class SG, SH, SJ, or higher oil or extending oil change intervals longer than recommended can cause engine damage.

**Note:** Synthetic oils meeting the listed classifications may be used with oil changes performed at the recommended intervals. However to allow piston rings to properly seat, a new or rebuilt engine should be operated for at least 50 hours using standard petroleum based oil before switching to synthetic oil.

## Checking the Engine Oil Level

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

**Note:** Check the oil when the engine is cold.

### ⚠ WARNING

Contact with hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

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

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

1. Disengage the blade control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position and set the parking brake.
2. Make sure the engine is stopped, level, and is cool so the oil has had time to drain into the sump.
3. To keep dirt, grass clippings, etc., out of the engine, clean the area around the oil fill cap/dipstick before removing it.
4. Remove the dipstick and wipe the oil off.

**Note:** Check the style of oil dipstick for the engine. Dipsticks with threaded caps are used differently when checking the oil level than dipsticks that are seated by pushing them into place.

5. Reinsert the dipstick into the tube to check the oil level:
  - **Threaded dipstick caps:** rest the cap on the tube. Turn it counterclockwise until the oil dipstick drops down to the lowest point of the thread leads. **Do not screw the cap onto the tube.**
  - **Unthreaded dipstick caps:** reinsert the dipstick and **push firmly into place.**
6. Remove the dipstick out and check the oil level. The oil level should be up to, but not over, the "FULL" or "F" mark on the dipstick
7. If the level is low, add oil of the proper type, up to the "FULL" or "F" mark on the dipstick. Always check the level with the dipstick before adding more oil.
8. Remove dipstick and check oil level. The level should be between the "Full or F" and "Add or L" marks. If

low, add oil of the proper type up to the full mark. Reinstall oil fill cap/dipstick and screw tight.

## Changing the Engine Oil

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

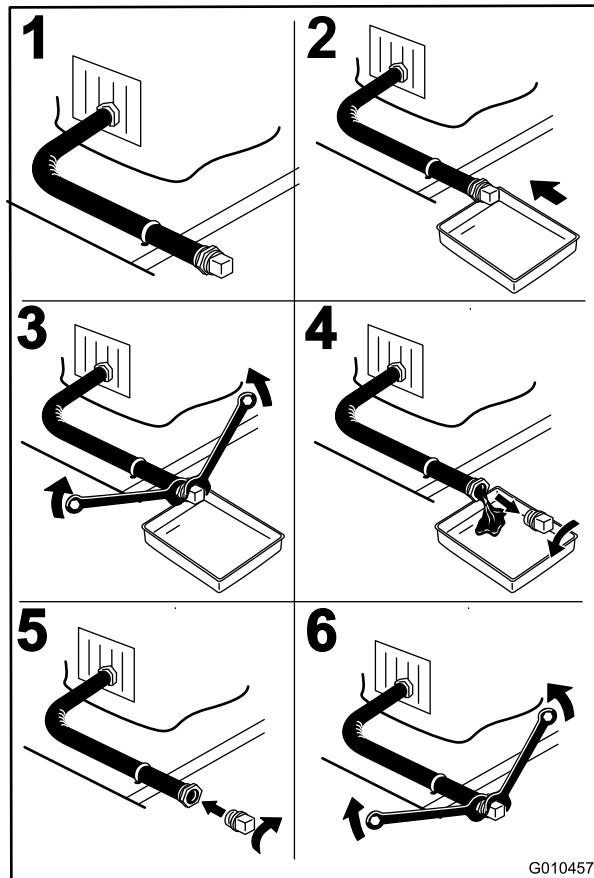
Every 100 hours (more often under dusty, dirty conditions)

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

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 blade control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the neutral lock position 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 (Figure 40).



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Figure 40

5. Slowly pour approximately 80% of the specified oil into the filler tube and slowly add the additional oil to bring it to the **Full** mark.
6. Install the oil fill cap/dipstick.
7. Check the oil level; refer to Checking the Oil Level.
8. Slowly add additional oil to bring it to the full mark.
9. Install the oil fill cap/dipstick .

## Changing the Engine Oil Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 200 hours

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

1. Drain the oil from the engine; refer to Changing the Engine Oil.
2. Change the engine oil filter (Figure 41).

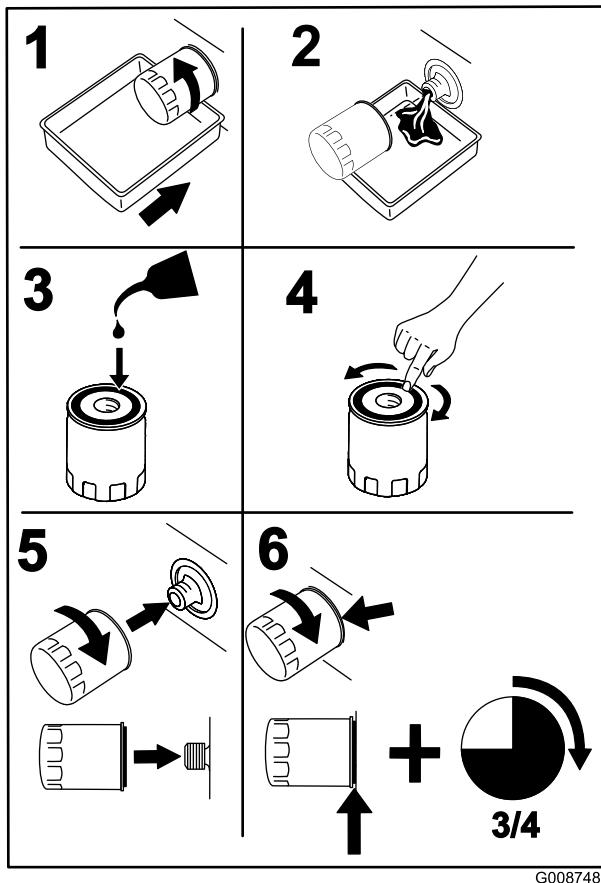


Figure 41

**Note:** Ensure the oil filter gasket touches the engine and then an extra  $3/4$  turn is completed.

3. Fill the crankcase with the proper type of new oil; refer to Changing the Oil.

## Servicing the Spark Plug

**Service Interval:** Every 200 hours—Check spark plug(s) condition and gap.

Every 500 hours—Replace the spark plug(s).

The spark plug is RFI compliant. Equivalent alternate brand plugs can also be used. Spark plug replacement is recommended at 500 hours.

**Type:** Champion XC12YC (or equivalent)

**Air Gap:** 0.030 inch (0.76 mm)

## Removing the Spark Plug

1. Disengage the blade control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the neutral lock 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.

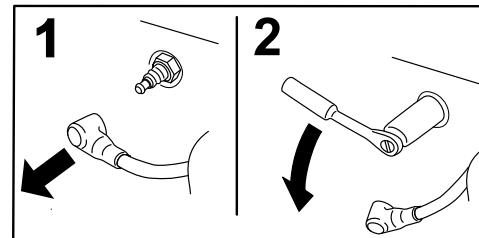
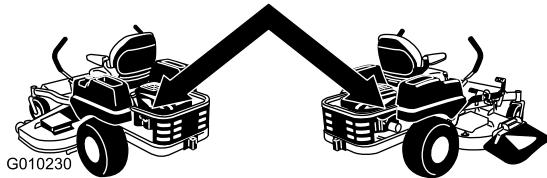


Figure 42

## Checking the Spark Plug

**Important:** Never clean the spark plug(s). Always replace the spark plug(s) when it has: a black coating, worn electrodes, an oily film, or cracks.

If you see light brown or gray on the insulator, the engine is operating properly. A black coating on the insulator usually means the air cleaner is dirty.

Set the gap to 0.030 inches (0.76 mm).

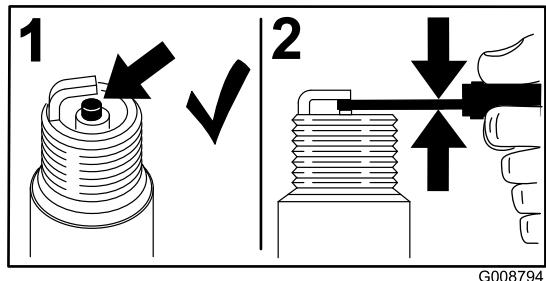


Figure 43

## Fuel System Maintenance

### Replacing the Fuel Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 500 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first) (more often under dusty, dirty conditions).

1. Disengage the blade control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the neutral lock 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. Allow the machine to cool down.
4. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
5. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamps together and slide them away from the filter (Figure 45).

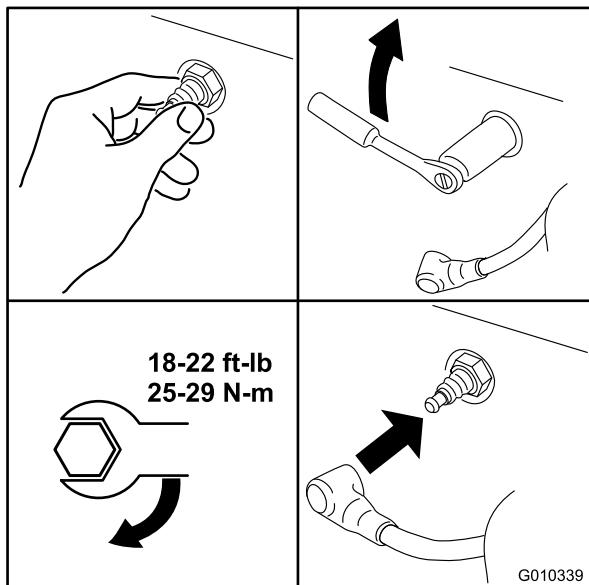


Figure 44

### Cleaning the Blower Housing

To ensure proper cooling, make sure the grass screen, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of the engine are kept clean at all times.

Annually or every 100 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions), remove the blower housing and any other cooling shrouds. Clean the cooling fins and external surfaces as necessary. Make sure the cooling shrouds are reinstalled. Torque the blower housing screws to 5.5 ft-lb (7.5 N·m).

**Important:** Operating the engine with a blocked grass screen, dirty or plugged cooling fins, and/or cooling shrouds removed, will cause engine damage due to overheating.

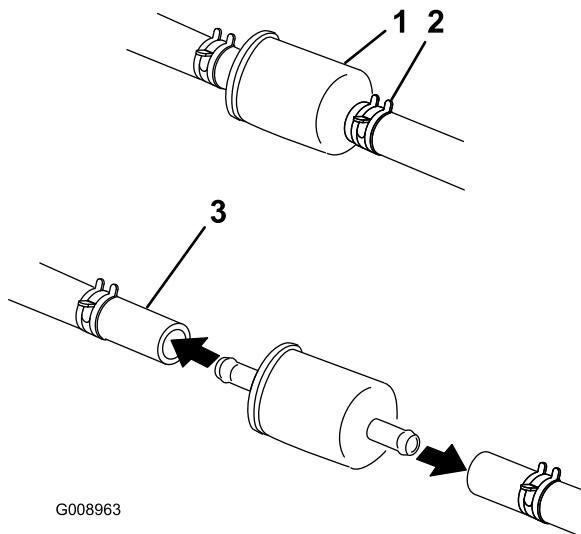


Figure 45

1. Fuel filter
  2. Hose clamp
  3. Fuel line
  6. Remove the filter from the fuel lines.
  7. Install a new filter and move the hose clamps close to the filter (Figure 45).
  8. Open the fuel shutoff valve.
- Note:** It is important to reinstall the fuel line hoses and secure with plastic ties the same as they were originally installed at the factory to keep the fuel line away from components that could cause fuel line damage.

# Electrical System Maintenance

## Servicing the Battery

Service Interval: Monthly

### ⚠ DANGER

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

### ⚠ WARNING

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.

### ⚠ WARNING

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.
1. Disengage the blade control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the neutral lock 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 wing nut securing the battery clamp (Figure 46).



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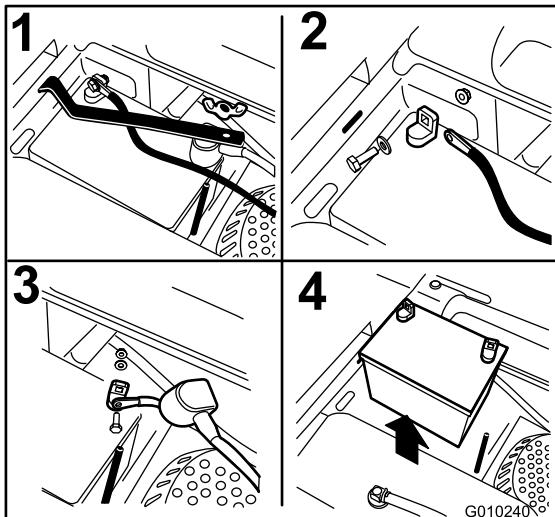


Figure 46

1. Remove the wing nut and clamp
  2. Remove the negative battery cable before the positive
  3. Remove the positive battery cable
  4. Remove battery
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4. First disconnect the negative battery cable (black) from the negative (-)(black) battery terminal (Figure 46).
  5. Slide the red terminal boot off the positive (red) battery terminal and remove the positive (+)(red) battery cable (Figure 46).
  6. Remove the clamp (Figure 46).
  7. Remove the battery.

## Installing the Battery

1. Position battery in the tray with the terminal posts opposite from the hydraulic tank (Figure 46).
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, 2 washers, and 2 locknuts (Figure 46).
5. Slide the red terminal boot onto the positive (red) battery post.
6. Install the clamp and secure it with the wing nut (Figure 46).

## Charging the Battery

### ⚠ WARNING

Charging the battery produces gasses that can explode.

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

**Important:** Always keep the battery fully charged. 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 10 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 47).
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.

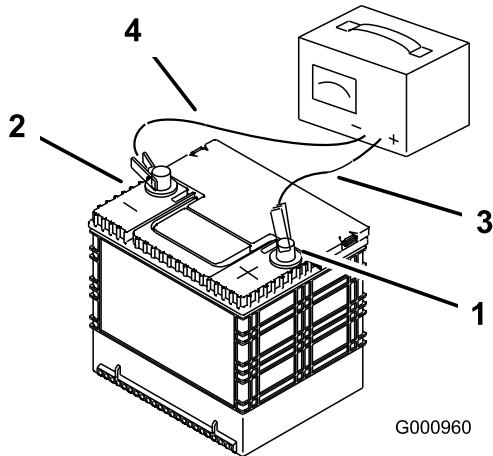


Figure 47

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| 1. Positive Battery Post | 3. Red (+) Charger Lead   |
| 2. Negative Battery Post | 4. Black (-) Charger Lead |

2. To replace the fuses, pull out on the fuse to remove it.
3. Install a new fuse (Figure 48).

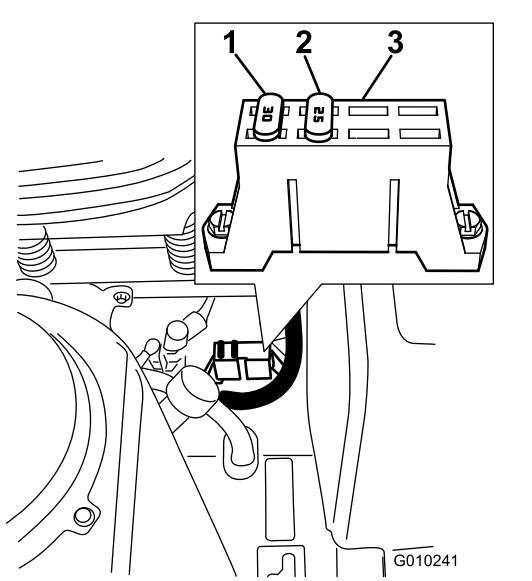


Figure 48

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| 1. 30 amp | 3. Fuse block |
| 2. 25 amp |               |

## Servicing the Fuses

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

### Fuses:

- Main, 30 amp, blade-type
  - Engine, 20 amp, blade-type
1. The fuses are located on right hand console next to the seat (Figure 48).

# Drive System Maintenance

## Checking the Tire Pressure

**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours—Check tire pressure.

Maintain the air pressure in the front and rear tires as specified. Uneven tire pressure can cause uneven cut. Check the pressure at the valve stem (Figure 49). Check the tires when they are cold to get the most accurate pressure reading.

Rear Tires: 13 psi (90 kPa)

Front Tires (caster wheels): 35 psi (241 kPa)

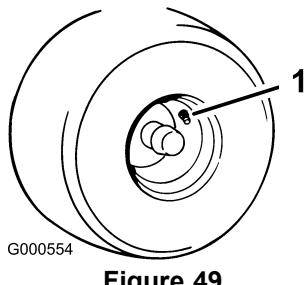


Figure 49

1. Valve stem

# Hydraulic System Maintenance

**Oil Type:** 20w-50 engine oil.

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

## Checking the Hydraulic Oil Level

**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours

Check expansion reservoir and if necessary add 20W-50 engine oil to the FULL COLD line

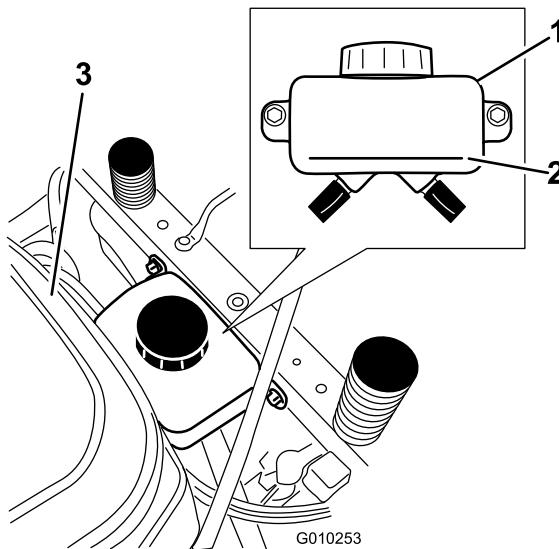


Figure 50

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| 1. Expansion reservoir | 3. Engine |
| 2. Full Cold line      |           |

## Changing the Hydraulic System Filter and Oil

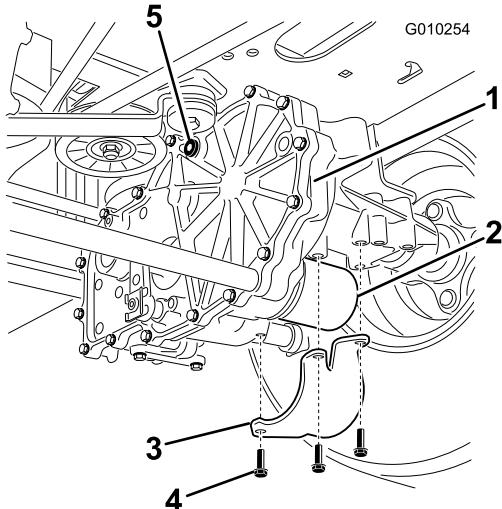
The filter and oil are changed at the same time. **Do Not** reuse oil. Once the new filter is installed and oil is added any air in the system must be purged.

The bleeding process is repeated until the oil remains at the FULL COLD line in the reservoir after purging. **Failure to properly perform this procedure can**

result in irreparable damage to the transaxle drive system.

## Removing Hydraulic System Filters

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and allow engine to cool. Remove the key and engage the parking brake.
2. Locate the filter and guards on each transaxle drive system (Figure 51). Remove three screws securing the filter guard and guard.



**Figure 51**  
Right side shown

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| 1. Transaxle drive | 4. Screws    |
| 2. Oil filter      | 5. Vent plug |
| 3. Filter guard    |              |

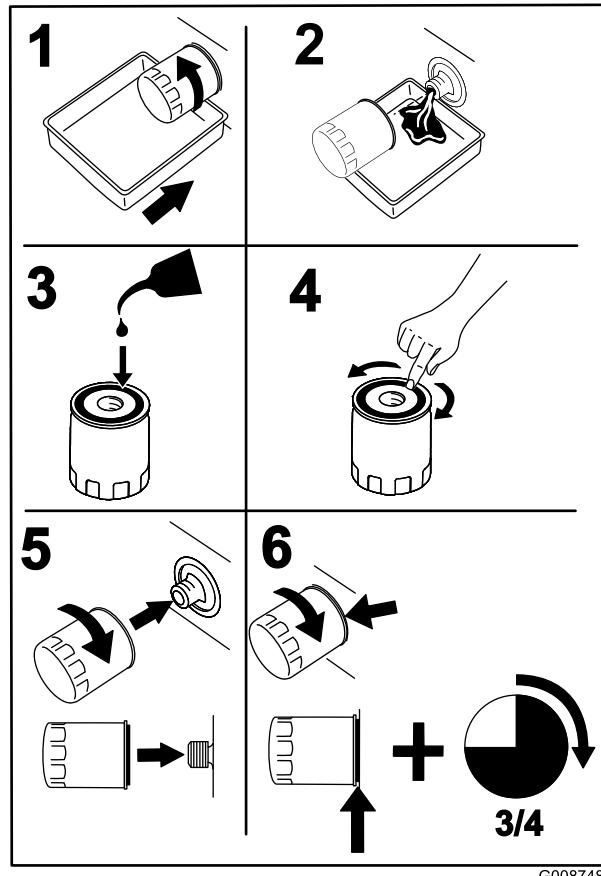
3. Carefully clean area around filters. It is important that no dirt or contamination enter hydraulic system.
4. Locate and remove the vent plug on each transmission
5. Place a container below the filter to catch the oil that drains when the filter is removed. Unscrew the filter to remove and allow oil to drain from drive system.

Repeat this procedure for both filters.

## Installing the Hydraulic System Filters

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

Every 400 hours



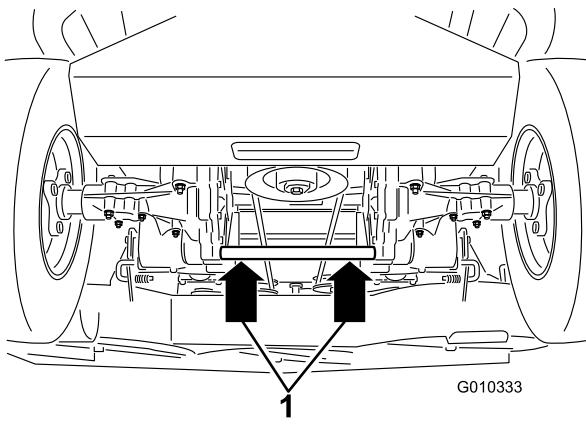
**Figure 52**

1. Apply a thin coat of oil on the surface of the rubber seal of each filter.
2. Turn the filter clockwise until rubber seal contacts the filter adapter then tighten the filter an additional 3/4 to 1 full turn. Repeat for the other filter
3. Install the filter guards over each filter as previously removed. Use the three screws to secure the filter guards.
4. Slowly pour the specified oil through expansion reservoir until oil comes out of vent plug holes. Stop and install the vent plugs. Torque plugs to 180 in-lb (20.3 N-m).
5. Continue to add oil until it reaches the FULL COLD line on the expansion reservoir. Proceed to the Bleeding the Hydraulic System section.

**Important:** Failure to perform the *Bleeding the Hydraulic System* procedure after changing hydraulic filters and oil can result in irreparable damage to the transaxle drive system.

## Bleeding the Hydraulic System

1. Raise the rear of machine up and support with jack stands (or equivalent support) just high enough to allow drive wheels to turn freely.



**Figure 53**

1. **Jacking points**
2. Start engine and move throttle control ahead to 1/2 throttle position. Disengage parking brake.
  - A. Move the bypass levers into the pushing the machine position; refer to the Pushing the Machine by Hand section in Operation. With the bypass valves open and the engine running, slowly move the motion control levers in both forward and reverse (5 or 6 times).
  - B. Move the bypass levers into the operating the machine position. With the bypass valve closed and the engine running, slowly move the directional control in both forward and reverse directions (5 to 6 times).
  - C. Stop the engine and check the oil level in the expansion reservoir. Add the specified oil as until it reaches the FULL COLD line on the expansion reservoir.
3. Repeat step 2 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 considered purged.

4. Check the oil level in the expansion reservoir one last time. Add the specified oil as until it reaches the FULL COLD line on the expansion reservoir if necessary.

# Mower Deck Maintenance

## 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.

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

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

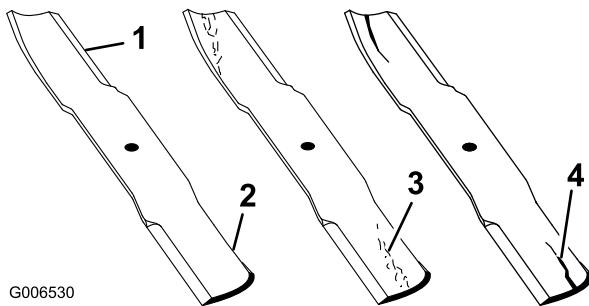
## Before Inspecting or Servicing the Blades

Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade control switch (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.



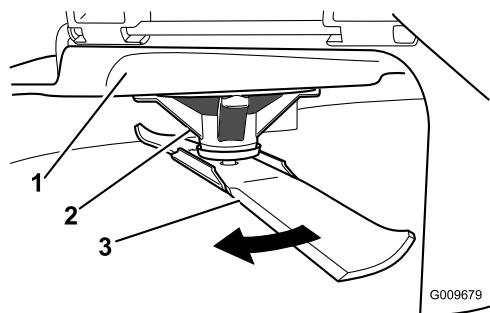
**Figure 54**

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

## Checking for Bent Blades

**Note:** The machine must be on a level surface for the following procedure.

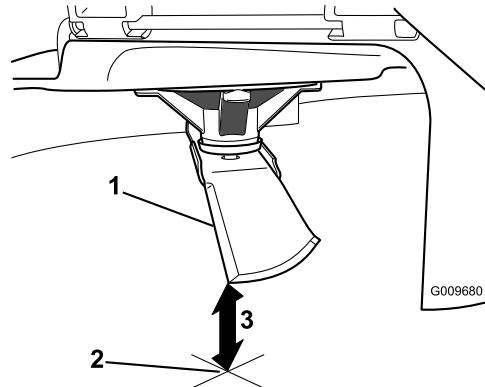
1. Raise the mower deck to the highest height-of-cut position; also considered the 'transport' position.
2. While wearing thickly padded gloves or other adequate hand protection slowly rotate blade to be measured into a position that allows effective measurement of the distance between the cutting edge and the level surface the machine is on.



**Figure 55**

- 1. Deck
- 2. Spindle housing
- 3. Blade

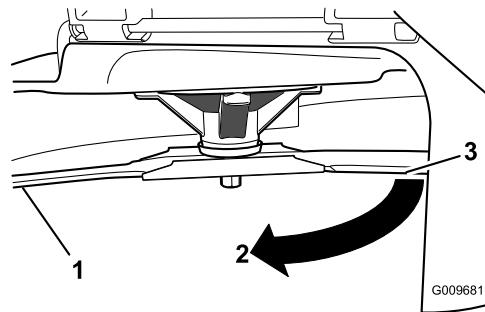
3. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here.



**Figure 56**

- 1. Blade, in position for measuring
- 2. Level surface
- 3. Measured distance between blade and surface (A)

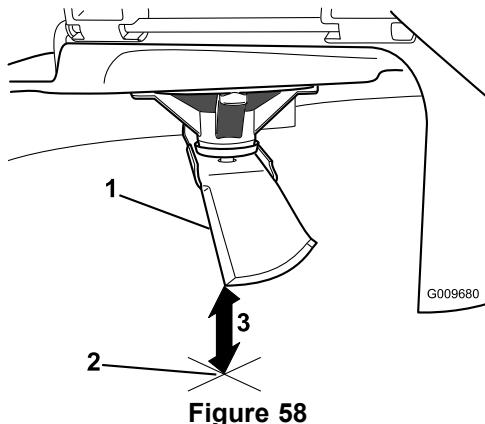
4. Rotate the same blade 180 degrees so that the opposing cutting edge is now in the same position.



**Figure 57**

- 1. Blade, side previously measured
- 2. Measurement position used previously
- 3. Opposing side of blade being moved into measurement position

5. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here. The variance should be no more than 1/8 inch (3mm).



**Figure 58**

1. Opposing blade edge, in position for measuring
2. Level surface
3. Second measured distance between blade and surface (B)

## ⚠ WARNING

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

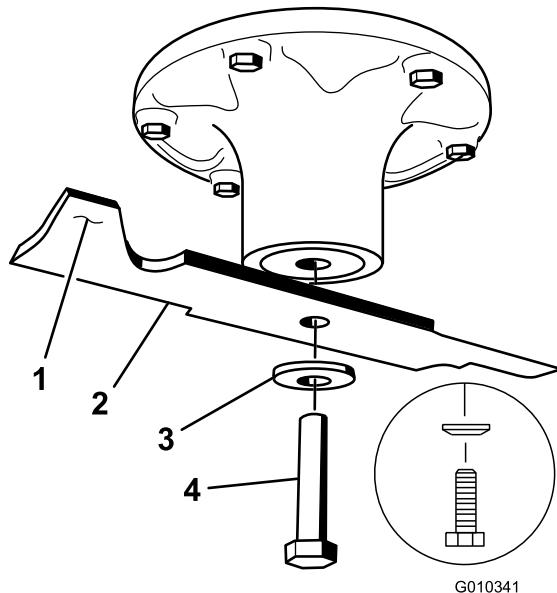
- Always replace bent or damaged blade with a new blade.
  - Never file or create sharp notches in the edges or surfaces of blade.
- A. If the difference between A and B is greater than 1/8 inch (3mm) replace the blade with a new blade. Refer to Removing the Blades and Installing the Blades.
- Note:** If a bent blade is replaced with a new one and the dimension obtained continues to exceed 1/8 inch (3mm), the blade spindle could be bent. Contact an Authorized Toro Dealer for service.
- B. If the variance is within constraints, move to the next blade..

Repeat this procedure on each blade.

## 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 non-conformance with safety standards.

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



**Figure 59**

1. Sail Area of Blade
2. Blade
3. Curved washer
4. Blade Bolt

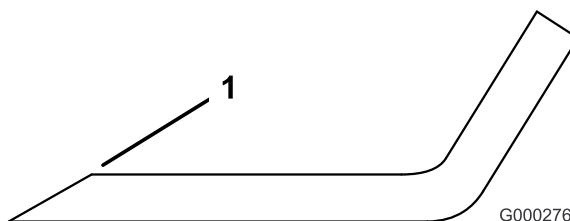
## Sharpening the Blades

## ⚠ WARNING

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

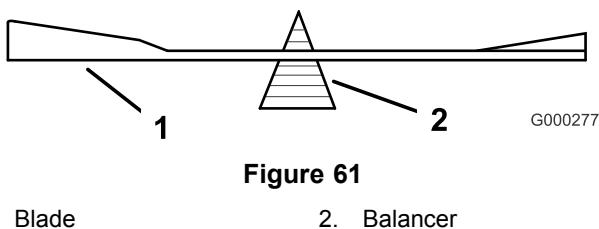
Wear proper eye protection when sharpening blade.

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade (Figure 60). Maintain the original angle. The blade retains its balance if the same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.



**Figure 60**

1. Sharpen at original angle
2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer (Figure 61). 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 61**

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 100-110 ft-lb (135-150 N-m).

## Mower Deck Leveling

Check to ensure the mower deck is level any time you install the mower or when you see an uneven cut on your lawn.

The mower deck must be checked for bent blades prior to leveling; any bent blades must be removed and replaced. Refer to the Checking for Bent Blades procedure before continuing.

The mower deck must be leveled side-to-side first then the front to rear slope can be adjusted.

## Requirements:

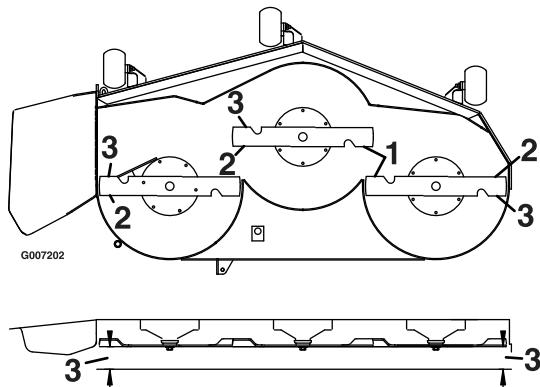
- The machine must be on a level surface.
  - All four tire must be properly inflated. Refer to Checking the Tire Pressure in the Drive System Maintenance section.

## Checking Side-to-Side Level

The mower blades must be level from side to side. Check the side-to-side level any time you install the mower or when you see an uneven cut on your lawn.

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
  2. Move the motion control levers outward to the neutral lock position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
  3. Carefully rotate the blades side to side.
  4. Measure between the outside cutting edges and the flat surface (Figure 62). If both measurements

are not within 3/16 inch (5 mm), an adjustment is required; continue to the Leveling procedure.



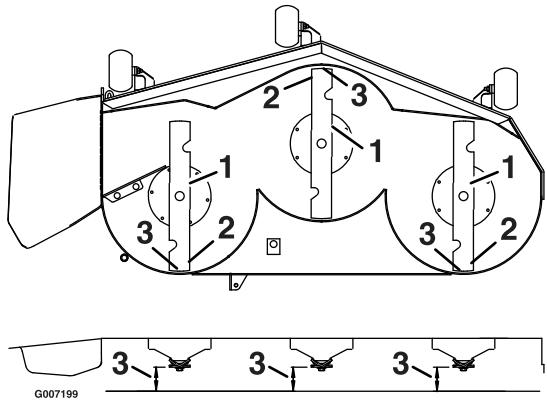
**Figure 62**

1. Blades side to side
  2. Outside cutting edges
  3. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here

## Checking the Front-to-Rear Blade Slope

Check the front-to-rear blade level any time you install the mower. If the front of the mower is more than 5/16 inch (7.9 mm) lower than the rear of the mower, adjust the blade level using the following instructions:

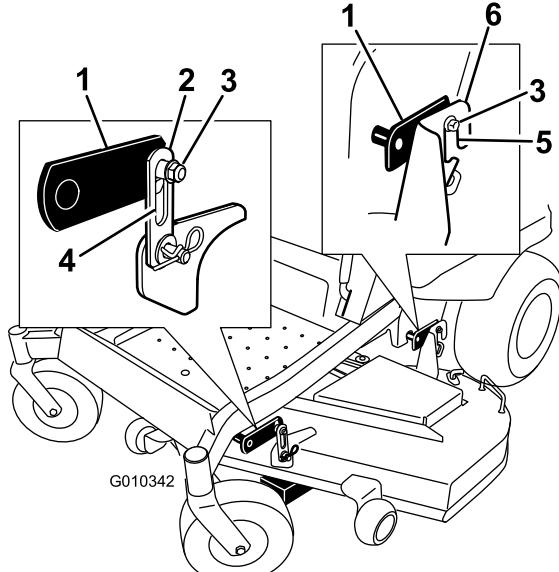
1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
  2. Move the motion control levers outward to the neutral position, engage the parking brake, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
  3. Carefully rotate the blades so they are facing front to rear (Figure 63).
  4. Measure from the tip of the front blade to the flat surface and the tip of the rear blade to the flat surface (Figure 63). If the front blade tip is not 1/16-5/16 inch (1.6-7.9 mm) lower than the rear blade tip, continue to the Leveling the Mower Deck procedure.



**Figure 63**

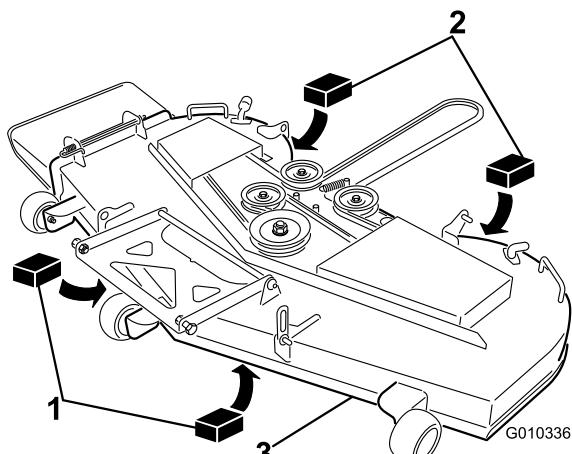
- 1. Blades front to rear
- 2. Outside cutting edges
- 3. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here

deck lift foot lever is pushed back against the stop, then tighten the four leveling adjust locking nuts (Figure 65).



## Leveling the Mower Deck

1. Set anti-scalp rollers to top holes or remove completely for this procedure.
2. Set the height-of-cut lever to the 3 inch (76 mm) position.
3. Place two 2-5/8 inch (6.66 cm) blocks under each side of the front edge of the deck, but not under the anti-scalp roller brackets. Place two 2-7/8 inch (7.30 cm) thick blocks under the rear edge of the cutting deck skirt; one on each side of the cutting deck.



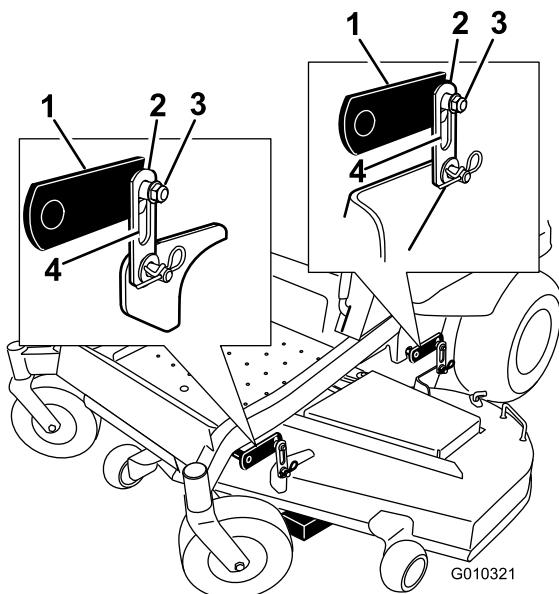
**Figure 64**

- 1. Wood block, 2-5/8 inch (6.66 cm) thick
- 2. Wood block, 2-7/8 inch (7.30 cm) thick
- 3. Front edge

4. Loosen the leveling adjust locking nuts (item 3) on all four corners so that the deck is sitting securely on all four blocks. Make sure that the deck hangers are all the way down (at the top of the slot) and the

**Figure 65**  
54 inch Mower Decks

- 1. Deck lift arm
- 2. Deck hanger
- 3. Leveling adjust locking nut
- 4. Slot in deck hanger
- 5. Slot in rear deck hanger bracket
- 6. Rear deck hanger bracket



**Figure 66**  
60 inch Mower Decks

- 1. Deck lift arm
- 2. Deck hanger
- 3. Leveling adjust locking nut
- 4. Slot in deck hanger

5. Recheck that blocks fit just snugly under the deck skirt. Make sure all attachment bolts are tight
6. Verify the deck is level by checking the side-to-side level and front-to-rear blade slope; repeat deck leveling procedure if necessary.

## Inspecting the Belts

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours

Check the belts for squealing when the belt is rotating, blades slipping when cutting grass, frayed belt edges, burn marks and cracks are signs of a worn mower belt. Replace the mower belt if any of these conditions are evident.

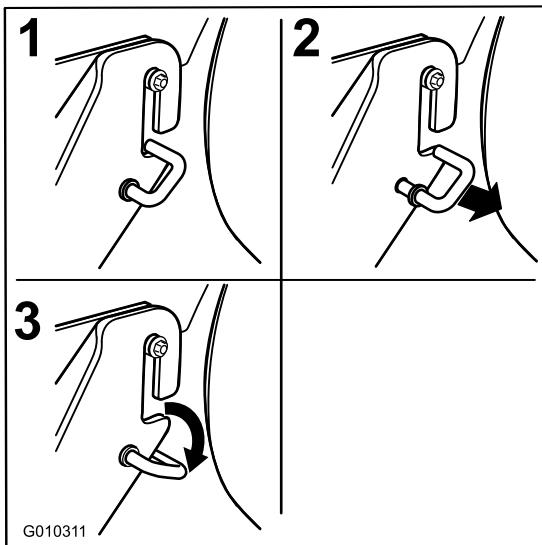


Figure 67

## Replacing the Mower Belt

Squealing when the belt is rotating, blades slipping when cutting grass, frayed belt edges, burn marks and cracks are signs of a worn mower belt. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer to replace the mower belt if any of these conditions are evident.

## Removing the Mower

Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch. Move the motion control levers outward to the neutral position, engage parking brake, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.

Lower the mower to the 3 inch (76 mm) height-of-cut position. Remove the mower belt from the engine pulley; refer to the Replacing the Mower Belt procedure. Lower the mower to the lowest height-of-cut. Select one of the following procedures depending on the mower deck size installed to complete the removal.

1. Move the spring loaded J-hooks out of the slot in the rear hanger brackets on both sides of the deck (Figure 67).

2. Remove the hardware from the front deck hangers on both sides of the deck (Figure 68).
3. Carefully lift the deck off the rear hanger bolts and lower the front of the mower deck to the ground (Figure 68).

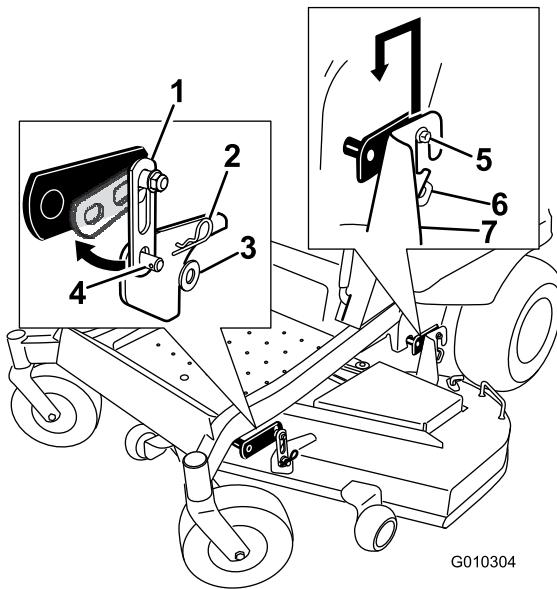


Figure 68

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Deck hanger         | 5. Rear hanger bolts        |
| 2. Hairpin cotter      | 6. J-hook                   |
| 3. Washer              | 7. Rear deck hanger bracket |
| 4. Welded post on deck |                             |

4. Raise the height-of-cut to the transport position
5. Slide the mower out from underneath the machine.

**Note:** Retain all parts for future installation.

# Installing the Mower

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the neutral lock position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Slide the mower under the machine.
4. Lower the height-of-cut lever to the lowest position. Place the height-of-cut pin in the lock position for lowest height-of-cut.
5. Lift the rear of the mower deck and guide the hanger brackets over the rear hanger bolts (Figure 68).
6. Attach the front support on the mower deck to the front deck hangers and secure them with a washer and hairpin cotter (Figure 68).
7. Install the mower belt onto the engine pulley; refer to Replacing the Mower Belt.

# Replacing the Grass Deflector

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily—Inspect the grass deflector for damage

## ⚠ WARNING

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

Never operate the lawn mower unless you install a mulch plate, discharge deflector, or grass collection system.

Inspect the grass deflector for damage before each use. Replace any damaged parts before use.

1. Disengage the spring from the notch in the deflector bracket and slide the rod out of the welded deck brackets, spring, and discharge deflector (Figure 69). Remove the damaged or worn discharge deflector.

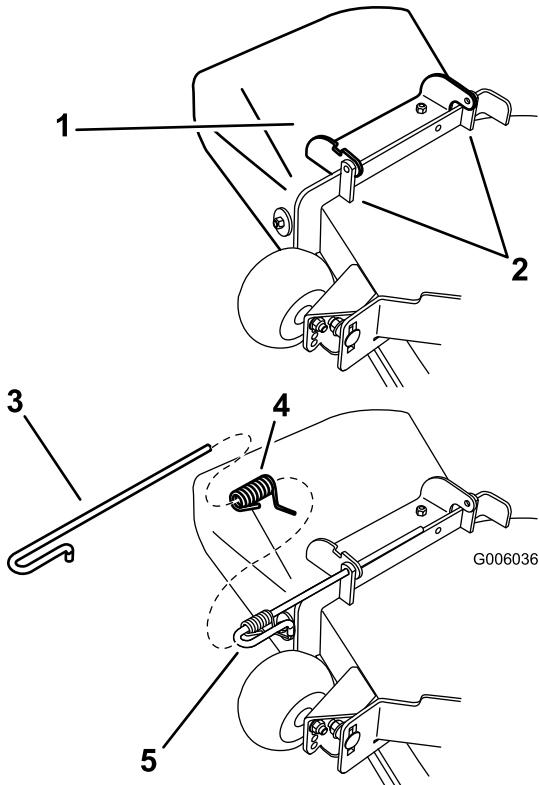


Figure 69

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Deflector assembly | 4. Spring                        |
| 2. Deck brackets      | 5. Spring installed over the rod |
| 3. Rod                |                                  |

2. Position the new discharge deflector assembly with the bracket ends between the welded brackets on the deck as shown in Figure 69.
3. Install the spring onto the straight end of the rod. Position the spring on the rod as shown in so the shorter spring end is coming from under the rod before the bend and going over the rod as it returns from the bend.
4. Lift the long end of the spring and place it into the notch on the deflector assembly bracket (Figure 70).

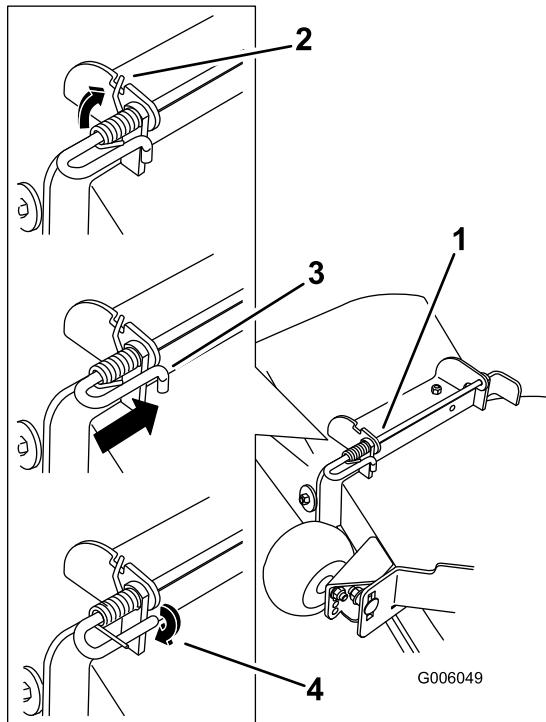


Figure 70

- 1. Rod and spring assembly partially installed
  - 2. Long end of the spring installed into the notch in the deflector bracket
  - 3. Rod, short end, moved behind mower bracket
  - 4. Short end, retained by mower bracket.
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- 5. Secure the rod and spring assembly by twisting it so the short end of the rod can be placed behind the front bracket welded to the deck (Figure 70).

**Important:** The grass deflector must be spring loaded in the down position. Lift the deflector up to test that it snaps to the full down position.

## Cleaning

### Washing the Underside of the Mower

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily—Clean the mower housing.

Wash the underside of the mower after each use to prevent grass buildup for improved mulch action and clipping dispersal.

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the neutral lock position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Attach the hose coupling to the end of the mower washout fitting, and turn the water on high (Figure 71).

**Note:** Spread petroleum jelly on the washout fitting O-ring to make the coupling slide on easier and protect the O-ring.

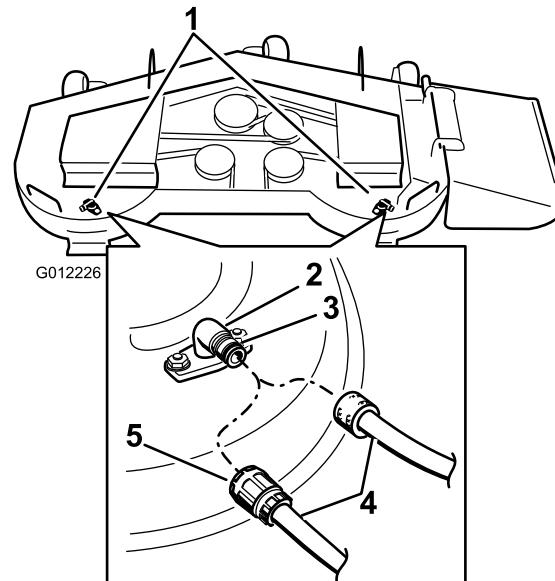


Figure 71

- 1. Washout fitting locations
  - 2. Washout fitting
  - 3. O-ring
  - 4. Hose
  - 5. Coupling
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4. Lower the mower to the lowest height-of-cut.
5. Sit on the seat and start the engine. Engage the blade control switch and let the mower run for one to three minutes.

6. Disengage the blade control switch, stop the engine, and remove the ignition key. Wait for all moving parts to stop.
  7. Turn the water off and remove the coupling from the washout fitting.
- Note:** If the mower is not clean after one washing, soak it and let it stand for 30 minutes. Then repeat the process.
8. Run the mower again for one to three minutes to remove excess water.

### **⚠ WARNING**

A broken or missing washout fitting could expose you and others to thrown objects or blade contact. Contact with blade or thrown debris can cause injury or death.

- Replace broken or missing washout fitting immediately, before using mower again.
- Never put your hands or feet under the mower or through openings in the mower.

## **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**

## **Cleaning and Storage**

1. Disengage the blade control switch (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. Check the brake; refer to Servicing the Brake in the Maintenance Section.
4. Service the air cleaner; refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner in the Maintenance Section.
5. Grease the machine; refer to Greasing and Lubrication in the Maintenance Section.
6. Change the crankcase oil; refer to Servicing the Engine Oil in the Maintenance Section.
7. Check the tire pressure; refer to Checking the Tire Pressure in the Maintenance Section.
8. Change the hydraulic filter; refer to Servicing the Hydraulic System in the Maintenance Section.
9. Charge the battery; refer to Servicing the Battery in the Maintenance Section.
10. 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 blade control switch (PTO) engaged and the engine at high idle for 2 to 5 minutes after washing.

11. Check the condition of the blades; refer to Servicing the Cutting Blades in the Maintenance Section.
12. 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 the Maintenance Section.
- 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.**

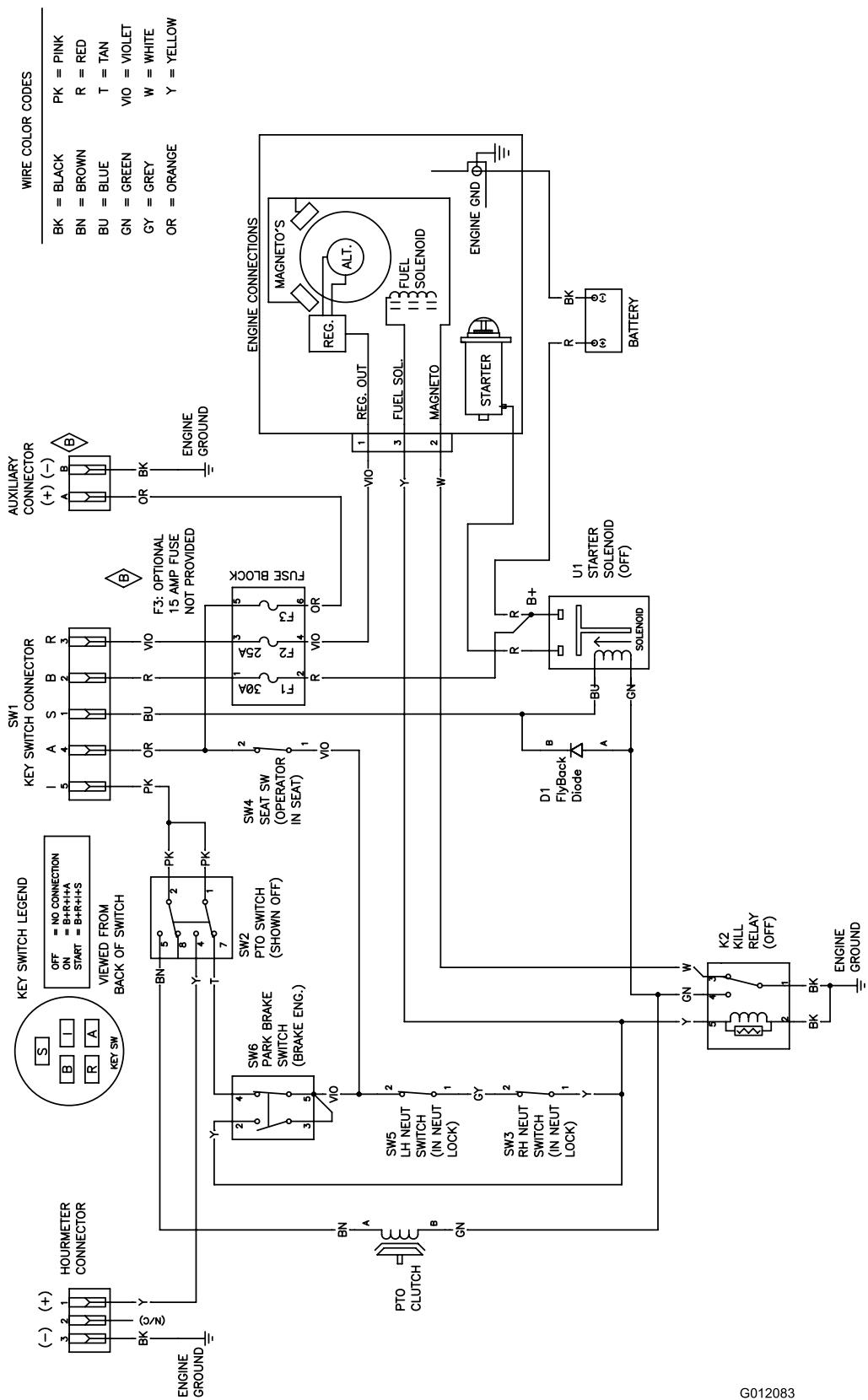
- 13. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is damaged.
- 14. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces. Paint is available from your Authorized Service Dealer.
- 15. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area. Remove the key from the ignition switch 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 switch (PTO) is engaged.</li> <li>2. Parking brake is not on.</li> <li>3. Drive levers are not in neutral lock position.</li> <li>4. Operator is not seated.</li> <li>5. Battery is dead.</li> <li>6. Electrical connections are corroded or loose.</li> <li>7. Fuse is blown.</li> <li>8. Relay or switch is defective.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move blade control switch (PTO) to disengaged.</li> <li>2. Set the parking brake.</li> <li>3. Ensure the drive levers are in the neutral lock position.</li> <li>4. Sit on the seat.</li> <li>5. Charge the battery.</li> <li>6. Check the electrical connections for good contact.</li> <li>7. Replace fuse.</li> <li>8. 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. Fuel shutoff valve is closed.</li> <li>3. Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. The throttle and choke are not in the correct position.</li> <li>5. Dirt in fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> <li>7. Air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>8. Seat switch is not functioning properly.</li> <li>9. Electrical connections are corroded, loose or faulty.</li> <li>10. Relay or switch is defective.</li> <li>11. Faulty spark plug.</li> <li>12. Spark plug wire is not connected.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill the fuel tank.</li> <li>2. Open the fuel shutoff valve.</li> <li>3. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>4. Be sure the throttle control is midway between the "SLOW" and "FAST" positions, and the choke is in the "ON" position for a cold engine or the "OFF" position for a warm engine.</li> <li>5. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>8. Check the seat switch indicator. Replace seat if needed.</li> <li>9. Check the electrical connections for good contact. Clean connector terminals thoroughly with electrical contact cleaner, apply dielectric grease and reconnect.</li> <li>10. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>11. Clean, adjust or replace spark plug.</li> <li>12. Check the spark plug wire connection.</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>
Mower pulls left or right (with levers fully forward)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tracking needs adjustment</li> <li>2. Tire pressure in drive tires not correct.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adjust the tracking.</li> <li>2. Adjust tire pressure in the drive tires.</li> </ol>

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Machine does not drive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By pass valves is not closed tight.</li> <li>2. Pump belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>3. Pump belt is off a pulley.</li> <li>4. Broken or missing idler spring.</li> <li>5. Hydraulic oil level is low or too hot.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tighten the by pass valves.</li> <li>2. Change the belt.</li> <li>3. Change the belt.</li> <li>4. Replace the spring.</li> <li>5. Add hydraulic oil to reservoirs 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>
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 deck 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 mower deck 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. Mower deck belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>2. Mower deck belt is off pulley.</li> <li>3. Pump drive belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>4. Broken or missing idler spring.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install new deck belt.</li> <li>2. Install mower deck pulley and check the idler pulley, idler arm and spring for correct position and function.</li> <li>3. Check the belt tension or install new belt.</li> <li>4. Replace the spring.</li> </ol>

# Schematics



## Wire Diagram (Rev. A)

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**Conditions and Products Covered**

The Toro® Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly promise to repair any Toro Product, if defective in materials or workmanship for the period listed below.

This Warranty applies to all TITAN Mowers and their accessories. This warranty covers the cost of parts and labor, but you must pay transportation costs.

The following time periods apply from the date of purchase:

Products	Warranty Period
TITAN Mowers	3 years or 240 hours*
- Frame	Lifetime (original owner only)**
- Engine	3 years or 240 hours*
Attachments (for above units)	3 years or 240 hours*
Batteries	1 year

Warranty may be denied if the hour meter is disconnected, altered, or shows signs of being tampered with.

**Owner Responsibilities**

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

**Items and Conditions Not Covered**

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

- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, oil changes, spark plugs, air filters, blade sharpening/worn blade on mowers, cable/linkage adjustments, or brake and clutch adjustments
- Components failing due to normal wear are not covered by this warranty
- Any product or part which has been altered or misused and requires replacement or repair due to accidents or lack of proper maintenance
- Repairs necessary due to improper battery care, failure to use fresh fuel (less than one month old), or failure to properly prepare the unit prior to any period of non-use over one month
- Pickup and delivery charges
- Operational misuse, neglect, or accidents
- Repairs or attempted repairs by anyone other than an Authorized Toro Service Dealer

**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:

Customer Care Department, Consumer Division

Toro Warranty Company

8111 Lyndale Avenue South

Bloomington, MN 55420-1196

Toll free at 866-216-6029 (U.S. customers)

Toll free at 866-216-6030 (Canadian customers)

**General Conditions**

All repairs covered by these warranties must be performed by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer using Toro approved replacement parts. Repair by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer is your sole remedy under this warranty.

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

**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 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.

**Countries Other than the United States or Canada**

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

\*Whichever occurs first.

\*\*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 failures due to misuse or abuse and failure or repair required due to rust or corrosion are not covered.