



**Count on it.**

# Operator's Manual

**Base 62in and 72in Mower**  
**Groundsmaster® 3320/3280-D Traction Unit**  
Model No. 30403—Serial No. 280000001 and Up  
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# Introduction

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

This rotary-blade lawn cutting deck is mounted to a ride-on machine and is intended to be used by professional, hired operators in commercial applications. It is primarily designed for cutting grass on well-maintained lawns in parks, sports fields, and on commercial grounds. It is not designed for cutting brush, mowing grass and other growth alongside highways, or for agricultural uses.

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. The model and serial numbers are stamped into a plate that is mounted on the mower housing. Write the numbers in the space provided.

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|-------------------------|
| <b>Model No.</b> _____  |
| <b>Serial No.</b> _____ |

This manual identifies potential hazards and has safety messages identified by the safety alert symbol (Figure 1), which signals a hazard that may cause serious injury or death if you do not follow the recommended precautions.



Figure 1

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

This machine meets or exceeds CEN standard EN 836:1997, ISO standard 5395:1990, and ANSI B71.4-2004 specifications in effect at the time of production.

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 CEN standard EN 836:1997, ISO standard 5395:1990, and ANSI B71.4-2004.

### Training

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

### Preparation

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

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

### Operation

- Never run an engine in an enclosed area.
- Only operate in good light, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Be sure all drives are in neutral and parking brake is engaged before starting engine. Only start engine from the operator's position. Use seat belts if provided.
- Slow down and use extra care on hillsides. Be sure to travel in the recommended direction on hillsides. Turf conditions can affect the machine's stability. Use caution while operating near drop-offs.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and when changing directions on slopes.
- Never raise deck with the blades running.
- Never operate with guards not securely in place. Be sure all interlocks are attached, adjusted properly, and functioning property.
- Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.
- Stop on level ground, lower the cutting units, disengage drives, engage parking brake (if provided), shut off engine before leaving the operator's position for any reason.
- Stop equipment and inspect the blades after striking objects or if an abnormal vibration occurs. Make necessary repairs before resuming operations.
- Keep hands and feet away from the cutting units.
- Look behind and down before backing up to be sure of a clear path.
- Never carry passengers and keep pets and bystanders away.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and crossing roads and sidewalks. Stop blades if not mowing.
- Do not operate the mower under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- 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.
- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.
- The operator shall turn on flashing warning lights, if provided, whenever traveling on a public road, except where such use is prohibited by law.

## Maintenance and Storage

- Disengage drives, lower the cutting units, move traction pedal to Neutral, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning or repairing.
- Clean grass and debris from cutting units, drives, muffler. Let engine cool before storing and do not store near flames, and engine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spillage.
- Let engine cool before storing and do not store near flame.
- Shut off fuel while storing or transporting. Do not store fuel near flames or drain indoors.
- Park machine on level ground. Never allow untrained personnel to service machine.
- Use jack stands to support components when required.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.
- Disconnect battery before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive last. Reconnect positive first and negative last.
- Use care when checking blades. Wrap the blades or wear gloves, and use caution when servicing them. Only replace blades. Never straighten or weld them.
- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts. If possible, do not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Charge batteries in an open well ventilated area, away from spark and flames. Unplug charger before connecting or disconnecting from battery. Wear protective clothing and use insulated tools.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hardware tightened. Replace all worn or damaged decals.

## Toro Mower Safety

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, ISO, or ANSI standard.

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

Use of this product for purposes other than its intended use could prove dangerous to user and bystanders.

- Know how to stop the engine quickly.
- Do not operate the machine while wearing tennis shoes or sneakers.
- Wearing safety shoes and long pants is advisable and required by some local ordinances and insurance regulations.
- Handle fuel carefully. Wipe up any spills.
- Check the safety interlock switches daily for proper operation. If a switch should fail, replace the switch before operating the machine.
- Using the machine demands attention. To prevent loss of control:
  - Do not drive close to sand traps, ditches, creeks, embankments, or other hazards.
  - Avoid sudden stops and starts.
  - When near or crossing roads, always yield the right-of-way.
  - Lower the cutting unit when going down slopes.
- The grass deflector must always be installed and in the lowest position on the side discharge cutting unit. Never operate the mower without the deflector or entire grass collector.
- If the cutting unit discharge area ever plugs, shut the engine off before removing the obstruction.
- Cut grass slopes carefully. Do not start, stop, or turn suddenly.
- Do not touch the engine or muffler while the engine is running or soon after it has stopped because these areas could be hot enough to cause burns.

## Maintenance and Storage

- Check the blade mounting bolts frequently to be sure that they are tightened to specification.
- Make sure that all hydraulic line connectors are tight and all hydraulic hoses and lines are in good condition before applying pressure to the system.
- Keep your body and hands away from pin hole leaks or nozzles that eject hydraulic fluid under high

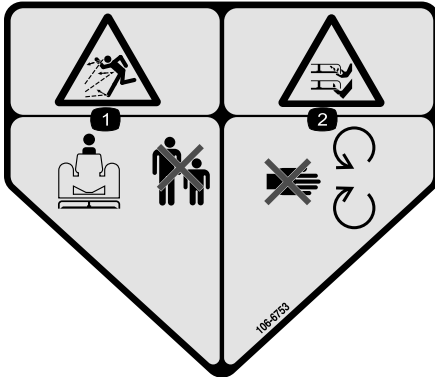
pressure. Use paper or cardboard, not your hands, to search for leaks. Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate the skin and cause serious injury.

- Before disconnecting or performing any work on the hydraulic system, all pressure in the system must be relieved by stopping the engine and lowering the cutting units to the ground.
- If the engine must be running to perform a maintenance adjustment, keep hands, feet, clothing, and any parts of the body away from the cutting units, attachments, and any moving parts. Keep everyone away.
- Do not overspeed the engine by changing governor settings. To ensure safety and accuracy, have an Authorized Toro Distributor check the maximum engine speed with a tachometer.
- The engine must be shut off before checking the oil or adding oil to the crankcase.
- Make sure that the mower fuel tank is empty if the machine is to be stored in excess of 30 days. Do not store the mower near any open flame or where gasoline fumes may be ignited by a spark.
- Perform only those maintenance instructions described in this manual. If major repairs are ever needed or if assistance is desired, contact an Authorized Toro Distributor.
- To make sure of optimum performance and continued safety certification of the machine, use only genuine Toro replacement parts and accessories. Replacement parts and accessories made by other manufacturers could be dangerous, and such use could void the product warranty.

# Safety and Instructional Decals

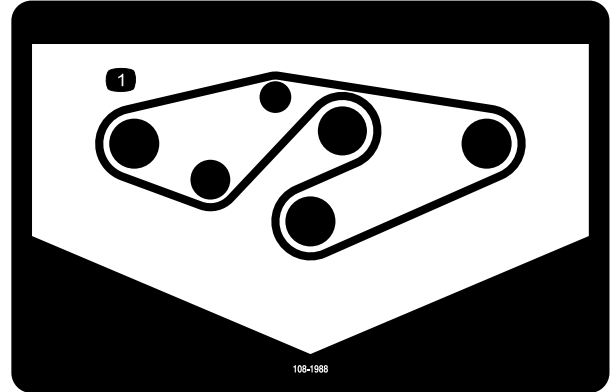


Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or lost.



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1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine.
2. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.



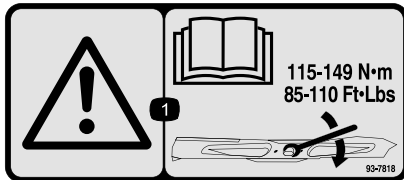
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1. Belt routing



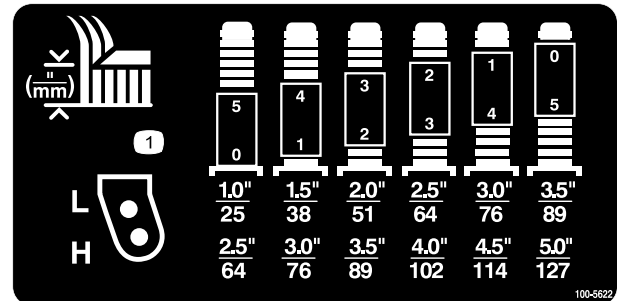
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Add SAE 80W-90 (API GL-5) oil every 50 hours.



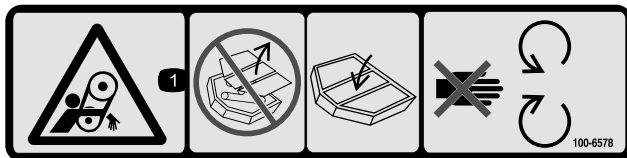
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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* for instructions on torquing the blade bolt/nut to 115-149 N·m (85-110 ft-lb).



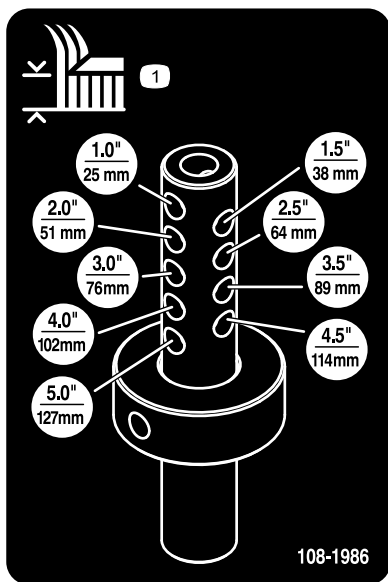
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1. Height of cut adjustment



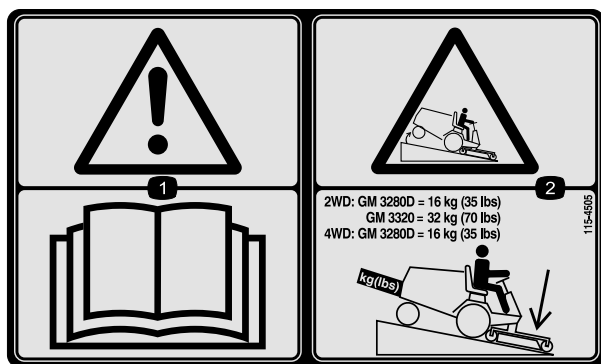
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1. Entanglement hazard, belt—do not operate the machine with the shields or guards removed; always keep the shields and guards in place; stay away from moving parts.



**108-1986**

1. Height of cut



**115-4505**

1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Tipping hazard—lower the cutting unit when driving down slopes. For 2 wheel drive units, add a 16 kg (35 lb) rear weight to GM 3280D units and a 32 kg (70 lb) rear weight to GM 3320 units. For 4 wheel drive 3280 D units, add a 16 kg (35 lb) rear weight.

# Setup

## Loose Parts

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

| Procedure | Description                                                                                                                              | Qty.                                 | Use                                                 |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Completion kit (sold separately)                                                                                                         | 1                                    | Install a completion kit.                           |
| <b>2</b>  | Castor wheel assembly                                                                                                                    | 2                                    | Install the castor wheel assemblies.                |
| <b>3</b>  | Lift arm, right<br>Lift arm, left<br>Pivot pin assembly<br>Cotter pin                                                                    | 1<br>1<br>2<br>2                     | Install the lift arms.                              |
| <b>4</b>  | Thrust washer<br>Clevis pin<br>Hairpin cotter<br>Height-of-cut collar<br>Clevis pin<br>Hairpin cotter<br>Bolt (1/2 x 3/4 inch)<br>Washer | 4<br>4<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2 | Install the cutting units                           |
| <b>5</b>  | No parts required                                                                                                                        | –                                    | Connect the PTO shaft to the cutting unit gear box. |
| <b>6</b>  | No parts required                                                                                                                        | –                                    | Grease the machine.                                 |

## Media and Additional Parts

| Description               | Qty. | Use |
|---------------------------|------|-----|
| Parts Catalog             | 1    |     |
| Operator's Manual         | 1    |     |
| Certificate of compliance | 1    |     |

### **⚠ DANGER**

If the engine is started and the PTO shaft is allowed to rotate, serious injury could result.

Do not start the engine and engage the PTO lever when the PTO shaft is not connected to the gear box on the cutting unit.

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

# 1

## Installing a Completion Kit

### Parts needed for this procedure:

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Completion kit (sold separately) |
|---|----------------------------------|

### Procedure

Install one of the following 62 inch or 72 inch completion kits to the base deck using the instruction provided in the kit:

- Model 30305, 62 inch Rear Discharge
- Model 30306, 62 inch Guardian

- Model 30303, 72 inch Rear Discharge
- Model 30304, 72 inch Guardian

## 2

### Installing the Castor Wheel Assemblies

#### Parts needed for this procedure:

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 2 | Castor wheel assembly |
|---|-----------------------|

#### Procedure

The thrust washers, spacers, and tensioning caps have been installed on the castor wheel spindles for shipping.

1. Remove the tensioning caps from the spindle shafts and slide off the spacers and thrust washers (Figure 2).

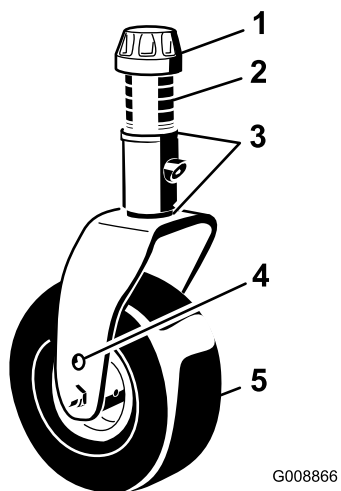


Figure 2

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Tensioning cap | 4. Axle mounting holes |
| 2. Spacers        | 5. Castor wheel        |
| 3. Thrust washers |                        |

2. Slide the spacers onto the castor spindle to get the desired height-of-cut; refer to Figure 7 & Figure 8 to determine the combinations of spacers for the setting. Slide a thrust washer onto the spindle, push the castor through the castor arm. Install another thrust washer and the remaining spacers onto the spindle and install the tensioning cap to secure the assembly (Figure 2).

**Important:** The thrust washers, not the spacers, must contact the top and bottom of the castor arm.

## 3

### Installing the Lift Arms

#### Parts needed for this procedure:

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Lift arm, right    |
| 1 | Lift arm, left     |
| 2 | Pivot pin assembly |
| 2 | Cotter pin         |

#### Procedure

1. On one side of the traction unit, loosen (do not remove) the wheel nuts securing the wheel and tire assembly to the front wheel studs.
2. Jack up the machine until the front wheel is off of the floor. Use jack stands or block the machine to prevent it from accidentally falling.
3. Remove the wheel nuts and slide the wheel and tire assembly off of the studs.
4. Mount a lift arm to the pivot bracket with a pivot pin and a cotter pin (Figure 3). Mount the lift arm with the bend positioned outward.

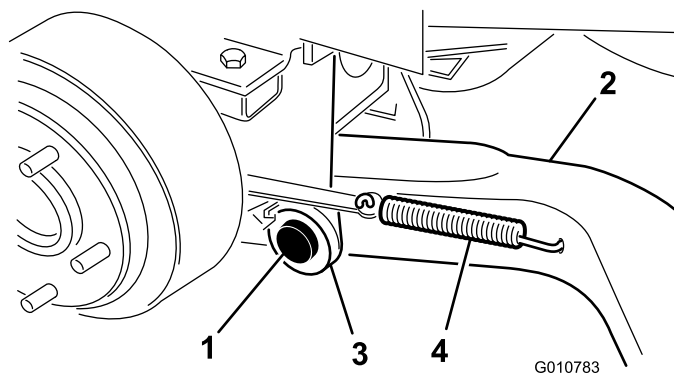


Figure 3

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|--------------|------------------------|
| 1. Pivot pin | 3. Pivot bracket       |
| 2. Lift arm  | 4. Brake return spring |

5. Hook the brake return spring into the hole in the lift arm (Figure 3).
6. Install the wheel and tire assembly. Torque the wheel nuts to 75–80 ft-lb (102–108 N-m).
7. Repeat the procedure on the opposite side of the machine.

# 4

## Installing the Cutting Units on the Lift Arms

### Parts needed for this procedure:

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 4 | Thrust washer         |
| 4 | Clevis pin            |
| 2 | Hairpin cotter        |
| 2 | Height-of-cut collar  |
| 2 | Clevis pin            |
| 2 | Hairpin cotter        |
| 2 | Bolt (1/2 x 3/4 inch) |
| 2 | Washer                |

### Procedure

1. Move the cutting unit into position in front of the traction unit.
2. Move the lift lever to the Float position. Push a lift arm down until the holes in the lift arm line up with the holes in the castor arm bracket and the height of cut rod can be inserted into the lift arm pads (Figure 4).
3. Secure the lift arm to the castor arm with 2 thrust washers, a clevis pin and a hair pin cotter. Position the thrust washers between the lift arm and the castor arm bracket (Figure 4). Insert end of cotter pin into the slot in the castor arm tab to retain cotter pin.
4. Repeat the procedure on the opposite lift arm.
5. Start the traction unit and raise the cutting unit.
6. Push down on the rear of the cutting unit and insert the height of cut rods through the lift arm pads.
7. Install the height of cut collars onto the height of cut rods and secure with the clevis pins and hair pin cotters (Figure 4). Position the head of the clevis pin toward the front of the deck, if possible.
8. Install a bolt (1/2 x 3/4 inch) and a washer to top of each height of cut rod (Figure 4).

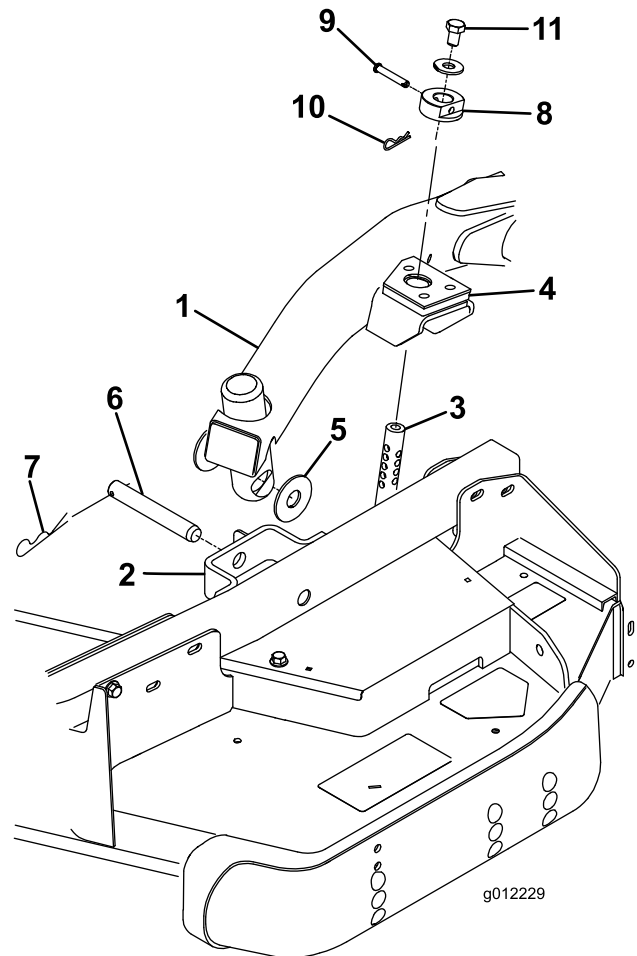


Figure 4

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lift arm           | 7. Hairpin cotter       |
| 2. Castor arm bracket | 8. Height-of-cut collar |
| 3. Height-of-cut rod  | 9. Clevis pin           |
| 4. Lift arm pads      | 10. Hairpin cotter      |
| 5. Thrust washers     | 11. Bolt                |
| 6. Clevis pin         |                         |

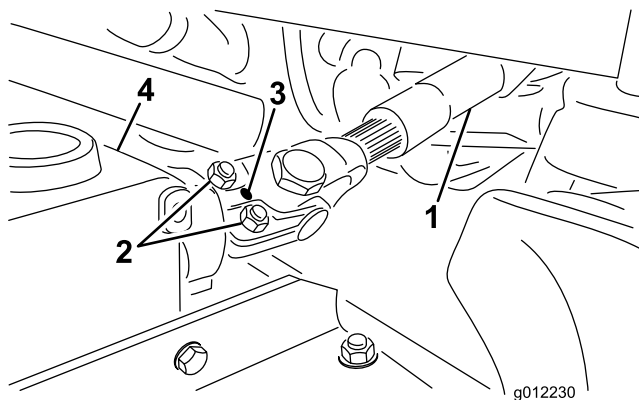
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## Connecting the PTO Shaft to the Cutting Unit Gear Box

### No Parts Required

### Procedure

1. Slide the male PTO shaft into the female PTO shaft (Figure 5). Align the mounting holes in the gear case input shaft with the holes in the PTO shaft and slide them together.



**Figure 5**

- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. PTO shaft          | 3. Gear case |
| 2. Bolts and locknuts | 4. Roll pin  |

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2. Secure them with a roll pin (Figure 5).
  3. Tighten the bolts and nuts (Figure 5).

## 6

### Greasing the Machine

#### No Parts Required

#### Procedure

Before operating the machine, it must be greased to ensure proper lubricating characteristics; refer to Greasing the Bearings and Bushings. Failure to properly grease the machine will result in premature failure of critical parts.

# Product Overview

## Specifications

**Note:** Specifications and design are subject to change without notice.

|               |                                                                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Width of Cut  | 62 inches (1.575 m) or 72 inches (1.829 m)                                  |
| Height of Cut | Adjustable from 1 to 5 inches (25 to 127 mm) in 1/2 inch (13 mm) increments |
| Net Weight    | Model 30403—420 lbs. (190 kg)<br>Model 30404—510 lbs. (510 kg)              |

## 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.

## ⚠ CAUTION

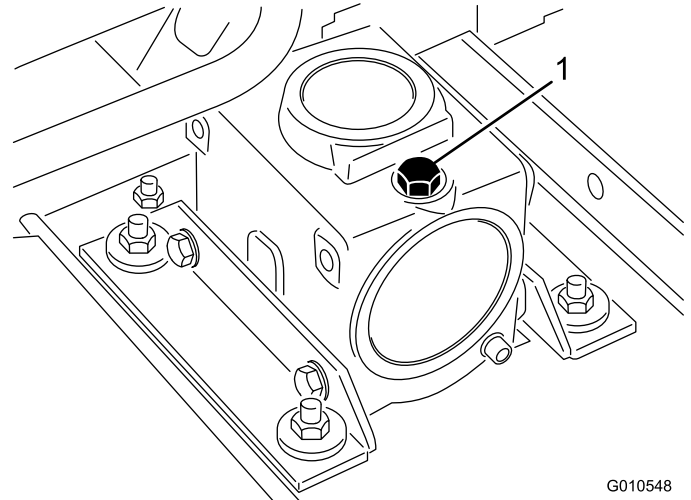
If you leave the key in the ignition switch, someone could accidentally start the engine and seriously injure you or other bystanders.

Remove the key from the ignition before you do any maintenance.

## Checking the Lubricant in the Gear Box

The gear box is designed to operate on SAE 80–90 wt. gear lube. Although the gear box is shipped with lubricant from the factory, check the level before operating the cutting unit.

1. Position the machine and cutting unit on a level surface.
2. Remove the dipstick/fill plug from the top of the gear box (Figure 6) and make sure that the lubricant is between the marks on the dipstick. If the lubricant level is low, add enough lubricant until the level is between the marks.



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**Figure 6**

1. Dipstick/fill plug

## Adjusting the Height-of-Cut

The height-of-cut is adjustable from 1 to 5 inches (25 to 127 mm) in 1/2 inch (13 mm) increments. To adjust the height-of-cut, position the castor wheel axles in the upper or lower holes of the castor forks, add or remove an equal number of spacers from the castor forks and

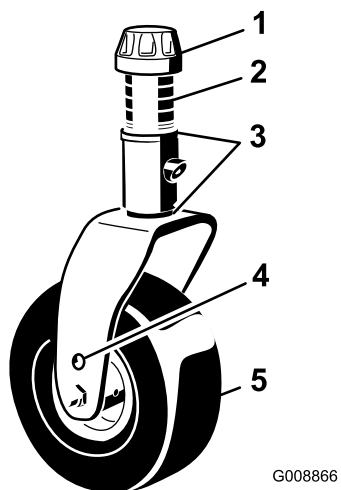
secure the height of cut collar to the desired holes in the height of cut rod.

1. Start the engine and raise the cutting unit off the floor so that the height-of-cut can be changed. Stop the engine and remove the key after the cutting unit is raised.
2. Position the castor wheel axles in the same holes in both castor forks. Refer to Figure 7 & Figure 8 to determine the correct holes for the setting.

**Note:** When operating in 2-1/2 inch (64 mm) height of cut or higher, the axle bolt must be installed in the lower castor fork hole to prevent grass buildup between the wheel and the fork. When operating in height of cuts lower than 2-1/2 inches (64 mm) and grass buildup is detected, reverse the machines direction to pull any clippings away from the wheel/fork area.

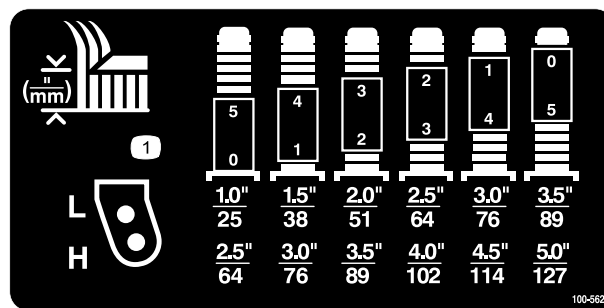
3. Remove the tensioning cap from the spindle shaft (Figure 7) and slide the spindle out of the castor arm. Put the 2 shims (1/8 inch) onto the spindle shaft as they were originally installed. These shims are required to achieve a level across the entire width of the cutting units. Slide the appropriate number of 1/2 inch spacers onto the spindle shaft to get the desired height-of-cut; then slide the washer onto the shaft.

Refer to Figure 7 & Figure 8 to determine the combinations of spacers for the setting.



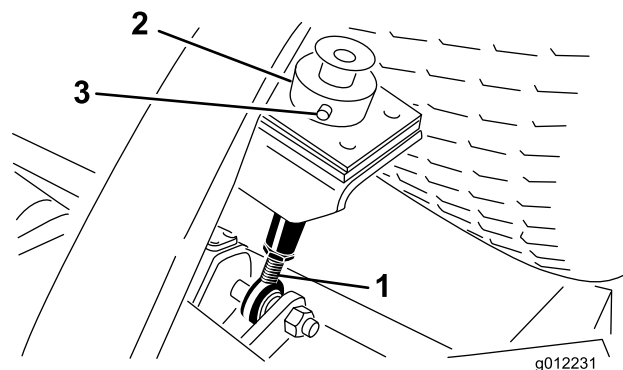
**Figure 7**

1. Tensioning cap
2. Spacers
3. Shims
4. Axle mounting holes
5. Castor Wheel



**Figure 8**

4. Push the castor spindle through the castor arm. Install the shims (as they were originally installed) and the remaining spacers onto the spindle shaft. Install the tensioning cap to secure the assembly.
5. Remove the hair pin and clevis pin securing the height of cut collar to the height of cut rod on the rear of the cutting unit (Figure 9).



**Figure 9**

1. Height-of-cut rod
2. Height-of-cut collar
3. Clevis pin and hairpin cotter

6. Align the height-of-cut collar to the desired height-of-cut holes on the height of cut rod (Figure 10).

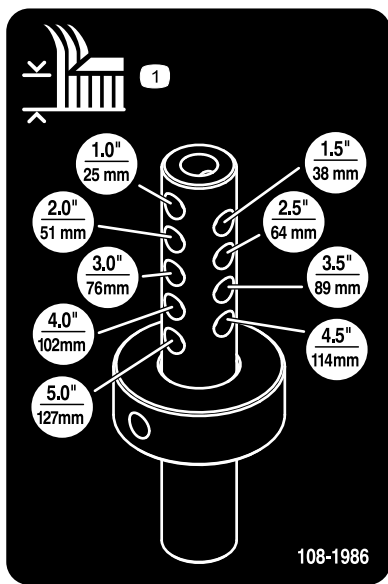


Figure 10

7. Secure the adjustment with the clevis pin and hair pin.

**Note:** Position the head of the clevis pin toward the front of the deck, if possible.

**Note:** When using 1 inch (25 mm), 1-1/2 inch (38 mm), or occasionally 2 inch (51 mm) height-of-cut, move the skids and roller to the highest holes.

## Adjusting the Cutting Unit Pitch

Cutting unit pitch is the difference in height-of-cut from the front of the blade plane to the back of the blade plane. Toro recommends a blade pitch of 1/4 inch (6 mm). That is the back of the blade plane is 1/4 inch (6 mm) higher than the front.

1. Position the machine on a level surface on the shop floor.
2. Set the cutting unit to the desired height-of-cut.
3. Rotate 1 blade so that it points straight forward.
4. Using a short ruler, measure from the floor to the front tip of the blade. Rotate the blade tip to the rear and measure from the floor to the tip of the blade.
5. Subtract the front dimension from the rear dimension to calculate the blade pitch.
6. Loosen the jam nuts on the bottom of the height-of-cut rods (Figure 11).

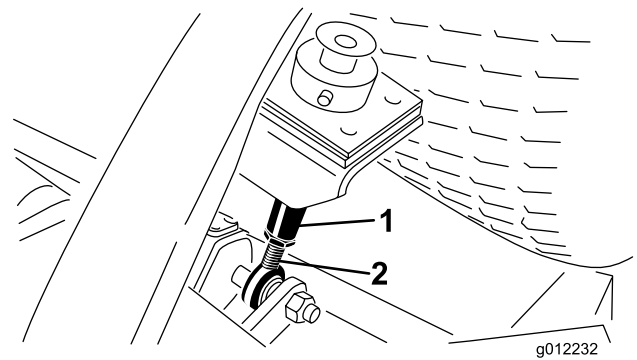


Figure 11

1. Height-of-cut
2. Jam nut

7. Rotate the height-of-cut rods to raise or lower the rear of the cutting unit and attain the correct cutting unit pitch.
8. Tighten the jam nuts.

## Adjusting the Skids

The skids should be mounted in the lower position when operating in height of cuts greater than 2-1/2 inches (64 mm) and in the higher position when operating in height of cuts lower than 2-1/2 inches (64 mm).

Adjust the skids by removing the flange bolt and nuts, positioning them as desired, and installing the fasteners (Figure 12).

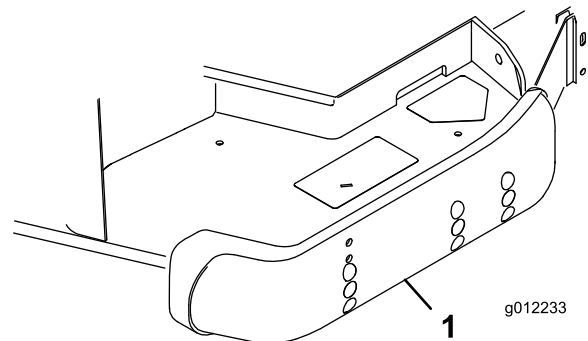


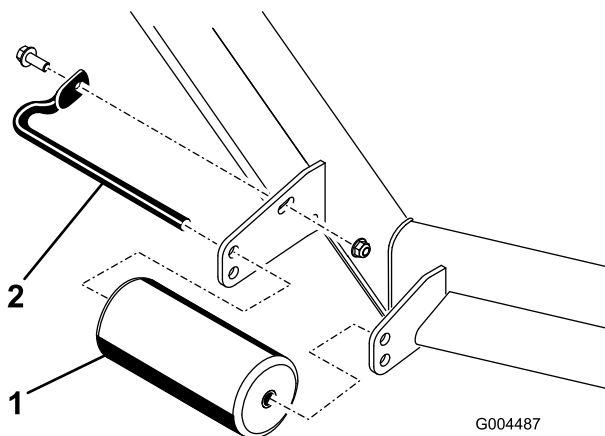
Figure 12

1. Skid

## Adjusting the Rollers

**Note:** If the cutting unit is to be used in the 1 or 1-1/2 inch (25 or 38 mm) height-of-cut setting, the cutting unit rollers must be repositioned in the top bracket holes.

1. Remove the screw and nut securing the roller shaft to the deck bracket (Figure 13).



**Figure 13**

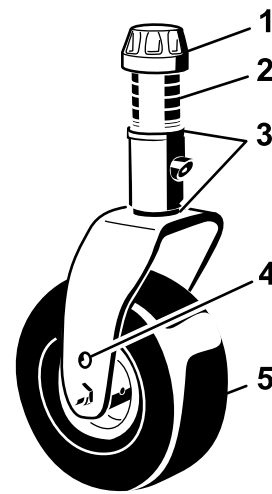
1. Roller
2. Roller shaft

2. Slide the shaft out of the lower bracket holes, align the roller with the top holes, and install the shaft.
3. Install the screw and nut to secure the assemblies.

## Correcting Cutting Unit Mismatch

Due to differences in grass conditions and the counterbalance setting of the traction unit, it is advised that grass be cut and appearance checked before formal cutting is started.

1. Set the cutting unit to the desired height of cut; refer to Adjusting the Height of Cut.
2. Check and adjust front and rear tractor tire pressure to 25–30 psi (172–207 kPa).
3. Check and adjust all castor tire pressures to 50 psi (345 kPa).
4. Check for bent blades; refer to Checking for a Bent Blade.
5. Cut grass in a test area to determine if all cutting units are cutting at the same height.
6. If cutting unit adjustments are still needed, find a flat surface using a 6 foot (2 m) or longer straight edge.
7. To ease measuring blade plane, raise the height of cut to the highest position; refer to Adjusting the Height of Cut.
8. Lower cutting unit onto the flat surface. Remove the covers from the top of the cutting units.
9. Rotate the blade on each spindle until the ends face forward and backward.
10. Measure from the floor to the front tip of the cutting edge.
11. Adjust 1/8 inch shims on castor fork(s) to match height of cut to decal (Figure 14); refer to Adjusting the Cutting Unit Pitch.



**Figure 14**

1. Tensioning cap
2. Spacers
3. Shims
4. Axle mounting holes
5. Castor wheel

## Operating Tips

### Mow When Grass is Dry

Mow either in the late morning to avoid the dew, which causes grass clumping, or in late afternoon to avoid the damage that can be caused by direct sunlight on the sensitive, freshly mowed grass.

### Select the Proper Height-of-Cut Setting to Suit Conditions

Remove approximately 1 inch (25 mm) or no more than 1/3 of the grass blade when cutting. In exceptionally lush and dense grass, you may have to raise the height-of-cut to the next setting.

### Mow at Proper Intervals

Under most normal conditions you will need to mow approximately every 4–5 days. But remember, grass grows at different rates at different times. This means that in order to maintain the same height-of-cut, which is a good practice, you will need to cut more frequently in early spring; as the grass growth rate slows in mid summer, cut only every 8–10 days. If you are unable to mow for an extended period due to weather conditions or other reasons, mow first with the height-of-cut at a high level; then mow again 2–3 days later with a lower height setting.

### Always Mow with Sharp Blades

A sharp blade cuts cleanly and without tearing or shredding the grass blades like a dull blade. Tearing and

shredding causes the grass to turn brown at the edges which impairs growth and increases susceptibility to diseases.

## **After Operating**

To ensure optimum performance, clean the underside of the mower housing after each use. If residue is allowed to build up in the mower housing, cutting performance will decrease.

## **Cutting Unit Pitch**

We recommend a blade pitch of 1/4 inch (6 mm). A pitch larger than 1/4 inch (6 mm) will result in less power required, larger clippings, and a poorer quality of cut. A pitch less than 1/4 inch (6 mm) will result in more power required, smaller clippings and a better quality of cut.

# Maintenance

## Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

| Maintenance Service Interval | Maintenance Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| After the first 2 hours      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tighten the castor wheel nuts</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| After the first 10 hours     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tighten the castor wheel nuts</li><li>• Torque the blade bolts</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Before each use or daily     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the blades</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Every 50 hours               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lubricate the grease fittings<sup>1</sup></li><li>• Check the gear box oil level</li><li>• Tighten the castor wheel nuts</li><li>• Torque the blade bolts</li><li>• Check the blade drive belt adjustment</li><li>• Clean under the cutting unit belt covers</li></ul> |
| Every 400 hours              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change the gear box oil</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

<sup>1</sup> Immediately after **every** washing, regardless of the interval listed

### ⚠ 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 switch before you do any maintenance.

**Important:** The fasteners on the covers of this machine are designed to remain on the cover after removal. Loosen all of the fasteners on each cover a few turns so that the cover is loose but still attached, then go back and loosen them until the cover comes free. This will prevent you from accidentally stripping the bolts free of the retainers.

## Lubrication

The machine has grease fittings that must be lubricated regularly with No. 2 General Purpose Lithium Base Grease. If the machine is operated under normal conditions, lubricate all bearings and bushings after every 50 hours of operation or immediately after every washing.

1. Lubricate the following areas:

- Castor fork shaft bushings (2) (Figure 15)

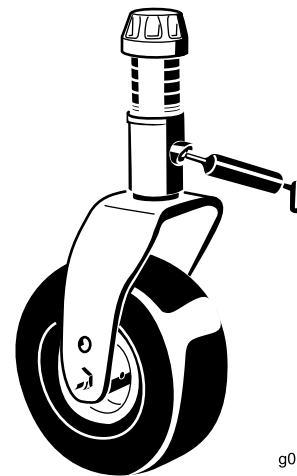
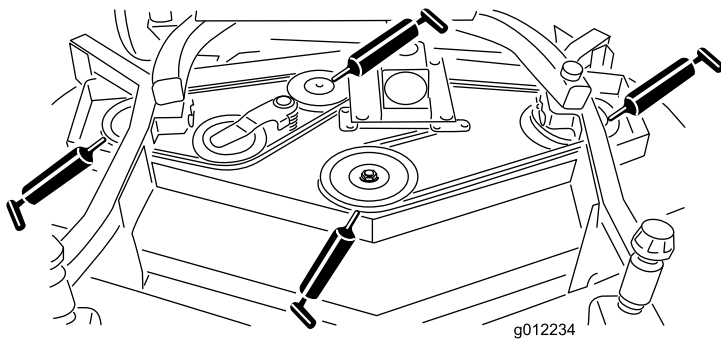


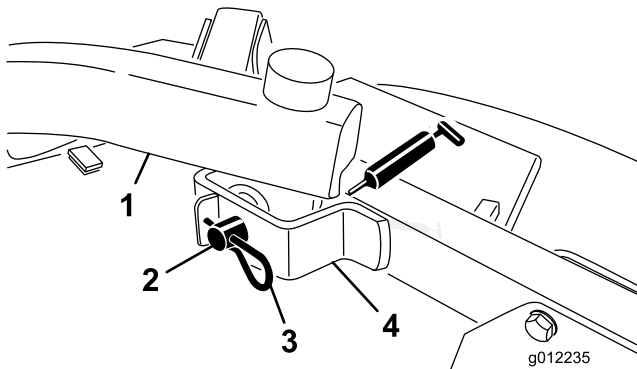
Figure 15

- Spindle shaft bearings (3) (located under the pulley) (Figure 16)



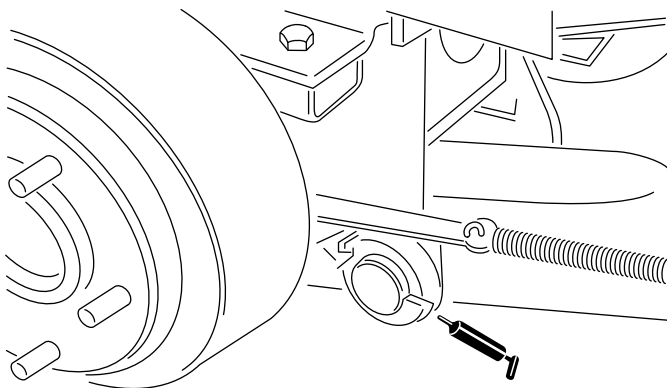
**Figure 16**

- Idler arm shaft bearings (Figure 16)
- Lift arm pivots, front (2) (Figure 17)

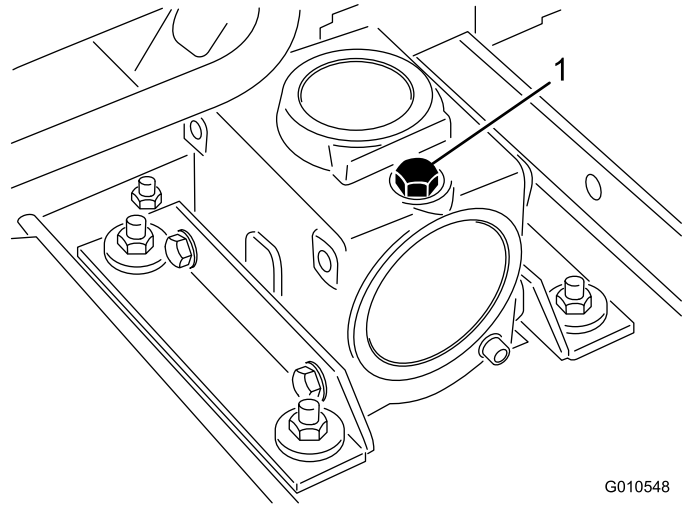


**Figure 17**

- Lift arm pivots, rear (2) (Figure 18)



**Figure 18**

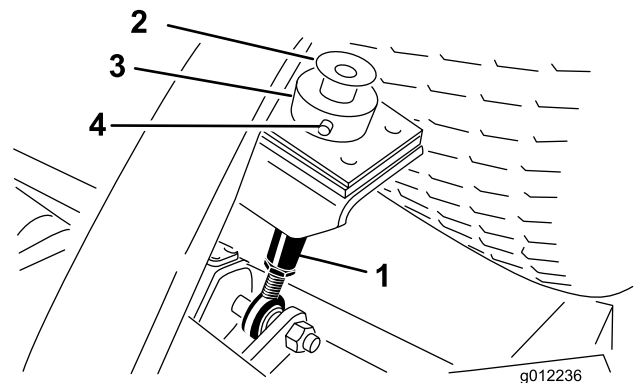


**Figure 19**

1. Dipstick/fill plug

## Separating the Cutting Unit from the Traction Unit

1. Position the machine on level surface, lower the cutting unit to the floor, move the lift lever to the Float position, shut the engine off, and engage the parking brake.
2. Remove the bolt and washer mounted to the top of each height of cut rod (Figure 20).

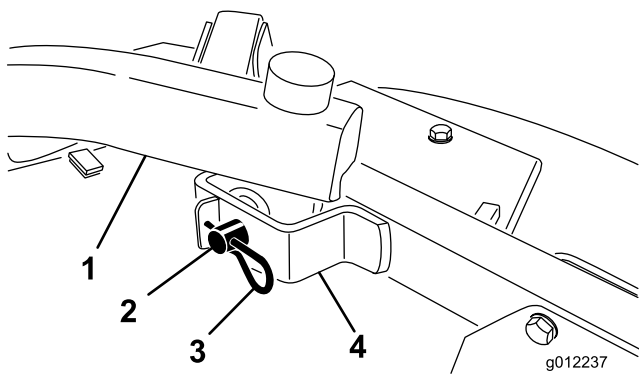


**Figure 20**

1. Height-of-cut rod
2. Bolt and washer
3. Height-of-cut collar
4. Hairpin cotter and clevis pin

2. Position the machine and cutting unit on a level surface and lower the cutting unit. Remove the dipstick/fill plug from the top of the gear box (Figure 19) and make sure that the lubricant is between the marks on the dipstick. If the lubricant level is low, add SAE 80-90 wt. gear lube until the level is between the marks.

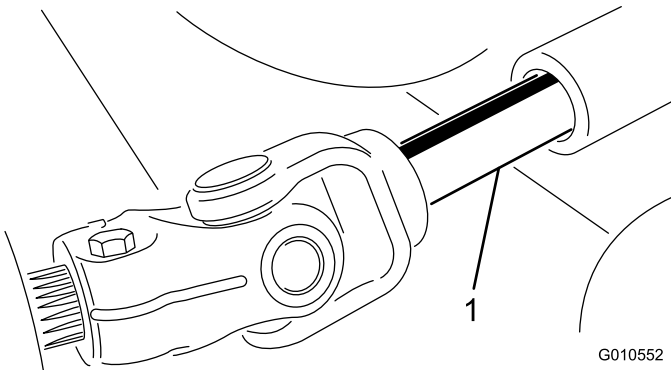
3. Remove the hairpin and clevis pin securing the height of cut collar to the height of cut rod on the rear of the cutting unit (Figure 20). Remove the height of cut collar.
4. Remove the hair pin coppers and clevis pins securing the lift arms to the castor arm brackets (Figure 21).



**Figure 21**

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lift arm   | 3. Hairpin cotter     |
| 2. Clevis pin | 4. Castor arm bracket |

5. Roll the cutting unit away from the traction unit, separating the male and female sections of the PTO shaft (Figure 22).



**Figure 22**

1. PTO shaft

## **⚠ DANGER**

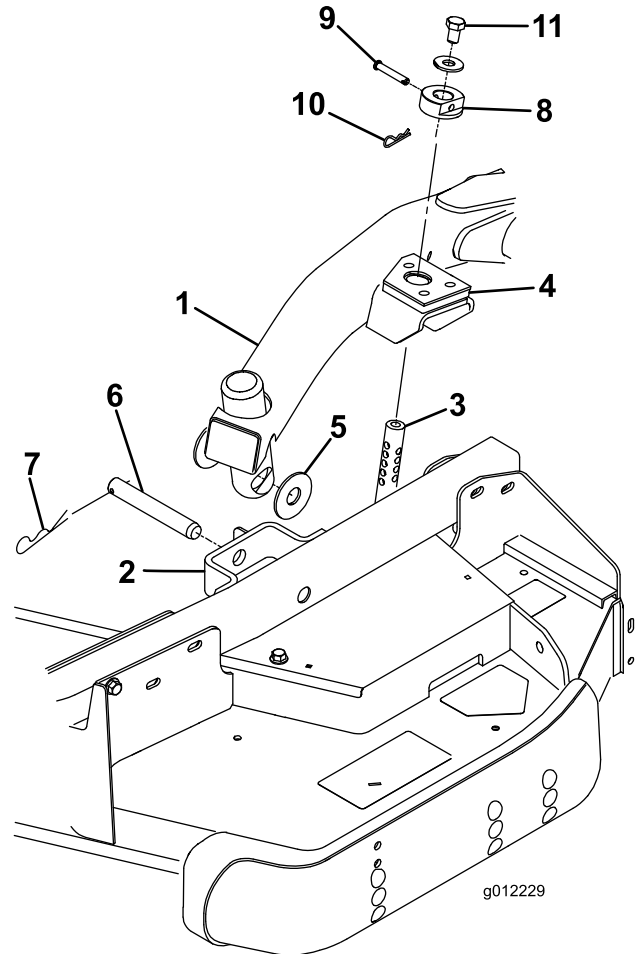
If the engine is started and the PTO shaft is allowed to rotate, serious injury could result.

Do not start the engine and engage the PTO lever when the PTO shaft is not connected to the gear box on the cutting unit.

## **Mounting the Cutting Unit to the Traction Unit**

1. Position the machine on a level surface and shut the engine off.
2. Move the cutting unit into position in front of the traction unit.
3. Slide the male PTO shaft into the female PTO shaft (Figure 22).
4. Move the lift lever to the Float position. Push a lift arm down until the holes in the lift arm line up with

the holes in the castor arm bracket and the height of cut rod can be inserted into the lift arm pads (Figure 23).



**Figure 23**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lift arm           | 7. Hairpin cotter       |
| 2. Castor arm bracket | 8. Height-of-cut collar |
| 3. Height-of-cut rod  | 9. Clevis pin           |
| 4. Lift arm pads      | 10. Hairpin cotter      |
| 5. Thrust washers     | 11. Bolt                |
| 6. Clevis pin         |                         |

5. Secure the lift arm to the castor arm with (2) thrust washers, a clevis pin and a hair pin cotter. Position the thrust washers between the lift arm and the castor arm bracket (Figure 23). Insert end of cotter pin into the slot in the castor arm tab to retain cotter pin.
6. Repeat the procedure on the opposite lift arm.
7. Start the traction unit and raise the cutting unit.
8. Push down on the rear of the cutting unit and insert the height of cut rods through the lift arm pads.
9. Install the height of cut collars onto the height of cut rods and secure with the clevis pins and hair

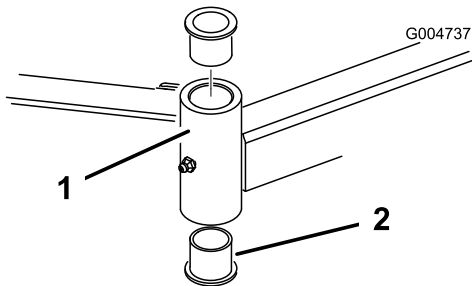
pin cotters (Figure 23). Head of clevis pin to be positioned toward the front of the deck.

10. Install a 1/2 x 3/4 inch bolt and a washer to top of each height of cut rod (Figure 23).

## Servicing the Bushings in the Castor Arms

The castor arms have bushings pressed into the top and bottom of the tube and after many hours of operation, the bushings will wear. To check the bushings, move the castor fork back and forth and from side to side. If the castor spindle is loose inside the bushings, the bushings are worn and must be replaced.

1. Raise the cutting unit so that the wheels are off of the floor. Block the cutting unit so that it cannot accidentally fall.
2. Remove the tensioning cap, spacer(s), and thrust washer from the top of the castor spindle.
3. Pull the castor spindle out of the mounting tube. Allow the thrust washer and spacer(s) to remain on the bottom of the spindle.
4. Insert a pin punch into the top or bottom of the mounting tube and drive the bushing out of the tube (Figure 24). Also drive the other bushing out of the tube. Clean the inside of the tubes to remove dirt.



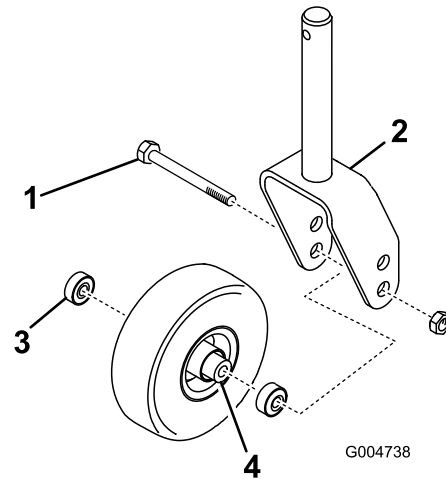
**Figure 24**

1. Castor arm tube
2. Bushings

5. Apply grease to the inside and outside of the new bushings. Using a hammer and flat plate, drive the bushings into the mounting tube.
6. Inspect the castor spindle for wear and replace it if damaged.
7. Push the castor spindle through the bushings and mounting tube. Slide the thrust washer and spacer(s) onto the spindle. Install the tensioning cap on the castor spindle to retain all parts in place.

## Servicing the Castor Wheels and Bearings

1. Remove the locknut from the bolt holding the castor wheel assembly between the castor fork (Figure 25). Grasp the castor wheel and slide the bolt out of the fork or pivot arm.



**Figure 25**

1. Castor wheel
2. Castor fork
3. Bearing (2)
4. Bearing spacer

2. Remove the bearing from the wheel hub and allow the bearing spacer to fall out (Figure 25). Remove the bearing from the opposite side of the wheel hub.
3. Check the bearings, spacer, and inside of the wheel hub for wear. Replace any damaged parts.
4. To assemble the castor wheel, push the bearing into the wheel hub. When installing the bearings, press on the outer race of the bearing.
5. Slide the bearing spacer into the wheel hub. Push the other bearing into the open end of the wheel hub to captivate the bearing spacer inside the wheel hub.
6. Install the castor wheel assembly between the castor fork and secure it in place with the bolt and locknut.

## Checking for a Bent Blade

1. Position the machine on a level surface. Raise the cutting unit, engage the parking brake, put the traction pedal in neutral, put the PTO lever in the Off position, stop the engine, and remove the ignition key. Block the cutting unit to prevent it from accidentally falling.
2. Rotate the blade until the ends face forward and backward. Measure from the inside of the cutting unit to the cutting edge at the front of the blade (Figure 26), and remember this dimension.



Figure 26

3. Rotate the opposite end of the blade forward. Measure between the cutting unit and cutting edge of the blade at the same position as in step 2. The difference between the dimensions obtained in steps 2 and 3 must not exceed 1/8 inch (3 mm). If the dimension exceeds 1/8 inch (3 mm), replace the blade because it is bent; refer to Removing the Cutting Blade.

## Removing and Installing the Blade(s)

The blade must be replaced if a solid object is hit, the blade is out-of-balance, worn, or bent. Always use genuine Toro replacement blades to ensure safety and optimum performance. Never use blades made by other manufacturers because they could be dangerous.

1. Raise the cutting unit to the highest position, engage the parking brake, stop the engine, and remove the ignition key. Block the cutting unit to prevent it from accidentally falling.
2. Grasp the end of the blade using a rag or thickly padded glove. Remove the blade bolt, anti-scalp cup, and blade from the spindle shaft (Figure 27).

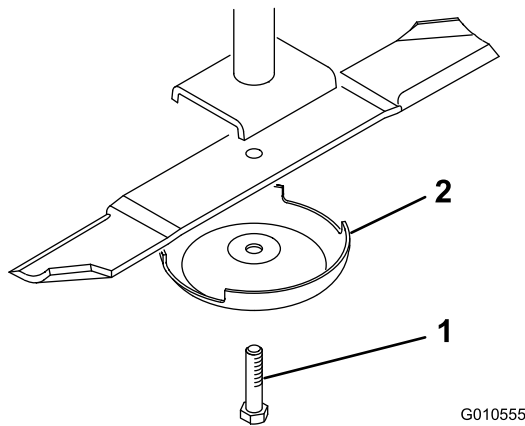


Figure 27

1. Blade bolt
2. Anti-scalp cup

3. Install the blade-sail facing toward the cutting unit-with the anti-scalp cup and blade bolt. Tighten the blade bolt to 85-110 ft-lb (115-149 N-m).

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

## Inspecting and Sharpening the Blade(s)

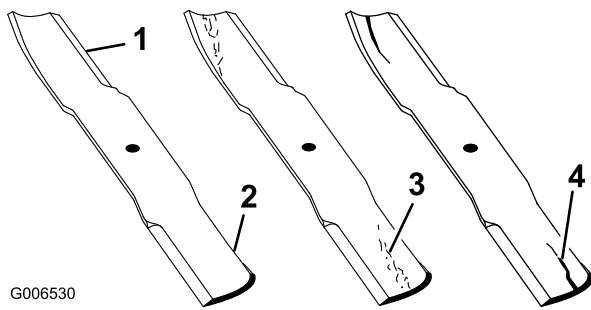
### ⚠ DANGER

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

- Inspect the blade periodically for wear or damage.
- Do not try to straighten a blade that is bent.
- Never weld a broken or cracked blade.
- Replace a worn or damaged blade with a new Toro blade to ensure continued safety certification of the product.

Two areas must be considered when checking and servicing the cutting blade: the sail and the cutting edge. Both cutting edges and the sail, which is the turned up portion opposite the cutting edge, contribute to a good quality-of-cut. The sail is important because it pulls grass up straight, thereby producing an even cut. However, the sail will gradually wear down during operation, and this condition is normal. As the sail wears down, the quality-of-cut will degrade somewhat, although the cutting edges are sharp. The cutting edge of the blade must be sharp so that the grass is cut rather than torn. A dull cutting edge is evident when the tips of the grass appear brown and shredded. Sharpen the cutting edges to correct this condition.

1. Position the machine on a level surface. Raise the cutting unit, engage the parking brake, put the traction pedal in neutral, put the PTO lever in the Off position, stop the engine, and remove the ignition key.
2. Examine the cutting ends of the blade carefully, especially where the flat and curved parts of the blade meet (Figure 28). Since sand and abrasive material can wear away the metal that connects the flat and curved parts of the blade, check the blade before using the machine. If wear is noticed (Figure 28), replace the blade; refer to Removing the Cutting Blade.



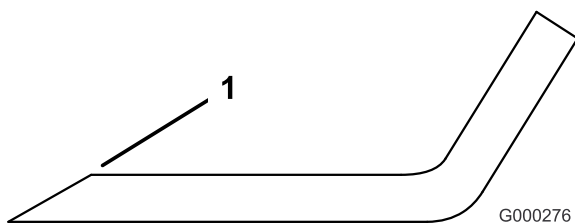
**Figure 28**

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Cutting edge     | 3. Wear/slot forming |
| 2. Curved area/sail | 4. Crack             |

### **⚠ WARNING**

If the blade is allowed to wear, a slot will form between the sail and flat part of the blade (Figure 28). Eventually, a piece of the blade may break off and be thrown from under the housing, possibly resulting in serious injury to yourself or bystanders.

- Inspect the blade periodically for wear or damage.
  - Replace a worn or damaged blade with a new Toro blade to ensure continued safety certification of the product.
3. Examine the cutting edges of all blades. Sharpen the cutting edges if they are dull or nicked. Sharpen only the top side of the cutting edge and maintain the original cutting angle to ensure sharpness (Figure 29). The blade will remain balanced if the same amount of metal is removed from both cutting edges.



**Figure 29**

1. Sharpen at original angle

**Note:** Remove the blades and sharpen them on a grinder; refer to Removing the Cutting Blades. After sharpening the cutting edges, install the blade with the anti-scalp cup and blade bolt. The blade sails must be on top of the blade. Tighten the blade bolt to 85-110 ft-lb (115-149 N-m).

## Checking and Correcting Mismatch of Blades

If there is mismatch between the blades, the grass will appear streaked when it is cut. This problem can be corrected by making sure that the blades are straight and all of the blades are cutting on the same plane.

1. Using a 3 foot (1 meter) long carpenters level, find a level surface on the shop floor.
2. Raise the height-of-cut to the highest position; refer to Adjusting the Height-of-Cut.
3. Lower the cutting unit onto the flat surface. Remove the covers from the top of the cutting unit.
4. Rotate the blades until the ends face forward and backward. Measure from the floor to the front tip of the cutting edge. Remember this dimension. Then rotate the same blade so that the opposite end is forward, and measure again. The difference between the dimensions must not exceed 1/8 inch (3 mm). If the dimension exceeds 1/8 inch (3 mm), replace the blade because it is bent. Make sure to measure all of the blades.
5. Compare the measurements of the outer blades with the center blade. The center blade must not be more than 3/8 inch (10 mm) lower than the outer blades. If the center blade is more than 3/8 inch (10 mm) lower than the outer blades, proceed to step 6 and add shims between the spindle housing and the bottom of the cutting unit.
6. Remove the bolts, flat washers, lock washers, and nuts from the outer spindle in the area where the shims must be added. To raise or lower the blade, add a shim, Part No. 3256-24, between the spindle housing and the bottom of the cutting unit. Continue to check the alignment of the blades and add shims until the tips of the blades are within the required dimension.

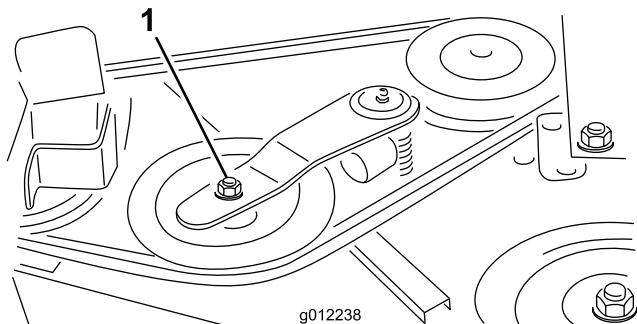
**Important:** Do not use more than three shims at any one hole location. Use decreasing numbers of shims in adjacent holes if more than one shim is added to any one hole location.

7. Install the belt covers.

## Replacing the Drive Belt

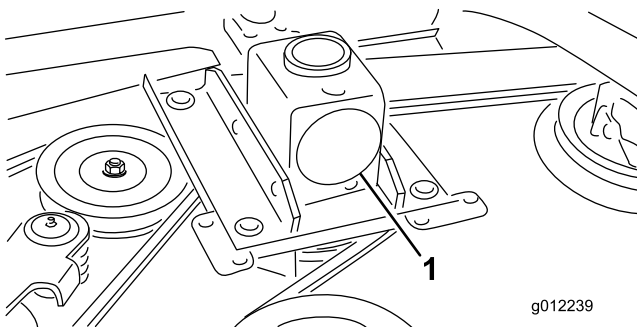
The blade drive belt, tensioned by the spring loaded idler pulley, is very durable. However, after many hours of use, the belt will show signs of wear. Signs of a worn belt are: squealing when belt is rotating, blades slipping when cutting grass, frayed edges, burn marks and cracks. Replace the belt if any of these conditions are evident.

1. Lower the cutting unit to the shop floor. Remove the belt covers from the top of the cutting unit and set the covers aside.
2. Using a torque wrench or similar tool, move the idler pulley (Figure 30) away from the drive belt to release the belt tension and allow the belt to be slipped off the gearbox pulley (Figure 31).



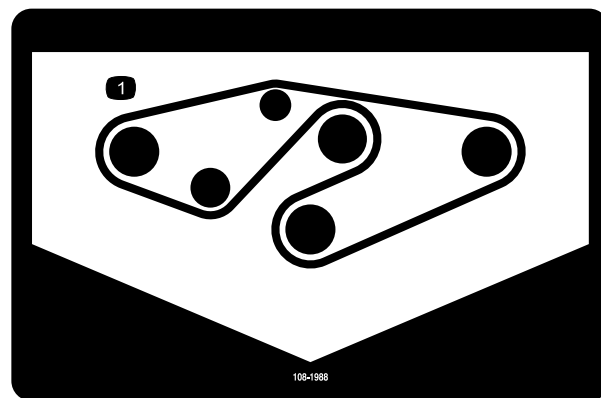
**Figure 30**

1. Idler pulley



**Figure 31**

1. Gearbox



**Figure 32**

1. Belt routing

5. Install the belt covers.

3. Remove the old belt from around the spindle pulleys and idler pulley.
4. Route the new belt around the spindle pulleys and idler pulley assembly as shown in Figure 32.



## The Toro Total Coverage Guarantee

### A Limited Warranty

#### Conditions and Products Covered

The Toro® Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly warrant your Toro Commercial product ("Product") to be free from defects in materials or workmanship for two years or 1500 operational hours\*, whichever occurs first. This warranty is applicable to all products with the exception of Aerators (refer to separate warranty statements for these products). Where a warrantable condition exists, we will repair the Product at no cost to you including diagnostics, labor, parts, and transportation. This warranty begins on the date the Product is delivered to the original retail purchaser.

\* Product equipped with an hour meter.

#### Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service

You are responsible for notifying the Commercial Products Distributor or Authorized Commercial Products Dealer from whom you purchased the Product as soon as you believe a warrantable condition exists. If you need help locating a Commercial Products Distributor or Authorized Dealer, or if you have questions regarding your warranty rights or responsibilities, you may contact us at:

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Toro Warranty Company  
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Bloomington, MN 55420-1196  
E-mail: commercial.warranty@toro.com

#### Owner Responsibilities

As the Product owner, you are responsible for required maintenance and adjustments stated in your Operator's Manual. Failure to perform required maintenance and adjustments can be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim.

#### Items and Conditions Not Covered

Not all product failures or malfunctions that occur during the warranty period are defects in materials or workmanship. This warranty does not cover the following:

- Product failures which result from the use of non-Toro replacement parts, or from installation and use of add-on, or modified non-Toro branded accessories and products. A separate warranty may be provided by the manufacturer of these items.
- Product failures which result from failure to perform recommended maintenance and/or adjustments. Failure to properly maintain your Toro product per the Recommended Maintenance listed in the *Operator's Manual* can result in claims for warranty being denied.
- Product failures which result from operating the Product in an abusive, negligent or reckless manner.
- Parts subject to consumption through use unless found to be defective. Examples of parts which are consumed, or used up, during normal Product operation include, but are not limited to, brakes pads and linings, clutch linings, blades, reels, bed knives, tines, spark plugs, castor wheels, tires, filters, belts, and certain sprayer components such as diaphragms, nozzles, and check valves, etc.
- Failures caused by outside influence. Items considered to be outside influence include, but are not limited to, weather, storage practices, contamination, use of unapproved coolants, lubricants, additives, fertilizers, water, or chemicals, etc.

- Normal noise, vibration, wear and tear, and deterioration.
- Normal "wear and tear" includes, but is not limited to, damage to seats due to wear or abrasion, worn painted surfaces, scratched decals or windows, etc.

#### Parts

Parts scheduled for replacement as required maintenance are warranted for the period of time up to the scheduled replacement time for that part. Parts replaced under this warranty are covered for the duration of the original product warranty and become the property of Toro. Toro will make the final decision whether to repair any existing part or assembly or replace it. Toro may use remanufactured parts for warranty repairs.

#### Note Regarding Deep Cycle Battery Warranty:

Deep cycle batteries have a specified total number of kilowatt-hours they can deliver during their lifetime. Operating, recharging, and maintenance techniques can extend or reduce total battery life. As the batteries in this product are consumed, the amount of useful work between charging intervals will slowly decrease until the battery is completely worn out. Replacement of worn out batteries, due to normal consumption, is the responsibility of the product owner. Battery replacement may be required during the normal product warranty period at owner's expense.

#### Maintenance is at Owner's Expense

Engine tune-up, lubrication cleaning and polishing, replacement of Items and Conditions Not Covered filters, coolant, and completing Recommended Maintenance are some of the normal services Toro products require that are at the owner's expense.

#### General Conditions

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

**Neither The Toro Company nor Toro Warranty Company is liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages in connection with the use of the Toro Products covered by this warranty, including any cost or expense of providing substitute equipment or service during reasonable periods of malfunction or non-use pending completion of repairs under this warranty. Except for the Emissions warranty referenced below, if applicable, there is no other express warranty.**

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

#### Note regarding engine warranty:

The Emissions Control System on your Product may be covered by a separate warranty meeting requirements established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The hour limitations set forth above do not apply to the Emissions Control System Warranty. Refer to the Engine Emission Control Warranty Statement printed in your *Operator's Manual* or contained in the engine manufacturer's documentation for details.

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

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