

# INSTALLATION MANUAL

## 42-inch Mulch Kit — 19A30006OEM

Model 19A30006OEM mulch kit is designed for use with select 42-inch two-blade cutting decks. Refer to your lawn tractor's Operator's Manual to assure compatibility.

### Carton Contents

Before beginning installation, remove all parts from the carton to make sure everything is present. Carton contents are listed below and shown in Fig. 1-1. Part numbers are shown in parentheses.

- Two Mulching Blades (742-0616A)
- One 42" Deck Mulch Plug Assembly (631-04463)
- One Pin (711-04069) and Flange Nut (712-04063)

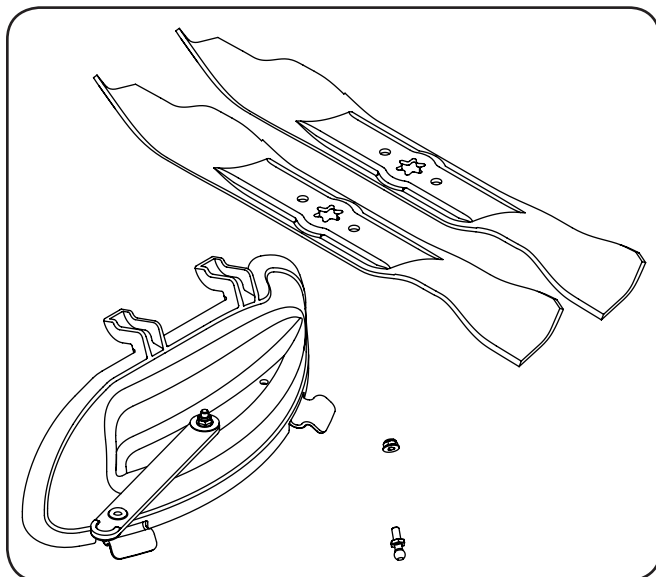


Figure 1-1

### Blade Installation



**WARNING:** Before beginning installation, place the tractor on a firm and level surface, set the parking brake, place the PTO in the disengaged (OFF) position, stop the tractor's engine and remove the ignition key to prevent unintended starting.



**WARNING:** Cutting blades are sharp. Always protect hands by wearing heavy leather work gloves to grasp blades.

1. Remove the cutting deck from beneath the tractor as instructed in your tractor's Operator's Manual.

2. Gently flip the deck over to expose its underside.
3. Place a block of wood between the deck housing baffle and the cutting blade to act as a stabilizer, then use a wrench to remove the hex flange nut that secures each blade to its spindle assembly. See Fig. 1-2.

**IMPORTANT:** The hex flange nuts have a right-handed (normal) thread pattern. Do NOT attempt to force the nuts in the opposite direction. Doing so may damage the nut.

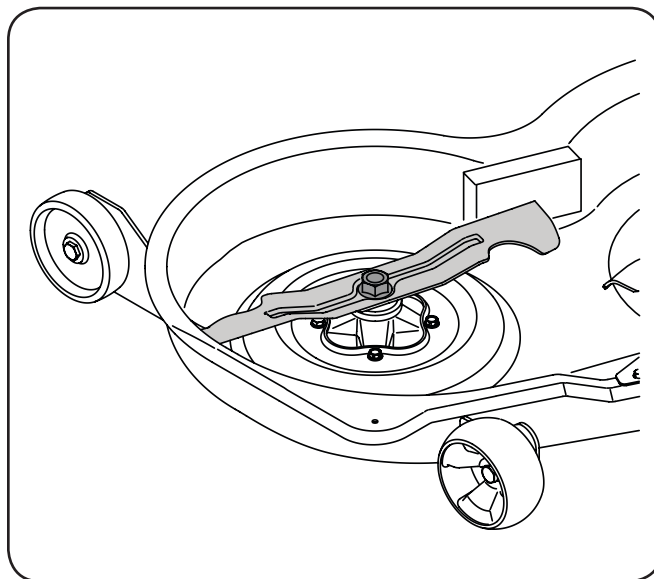


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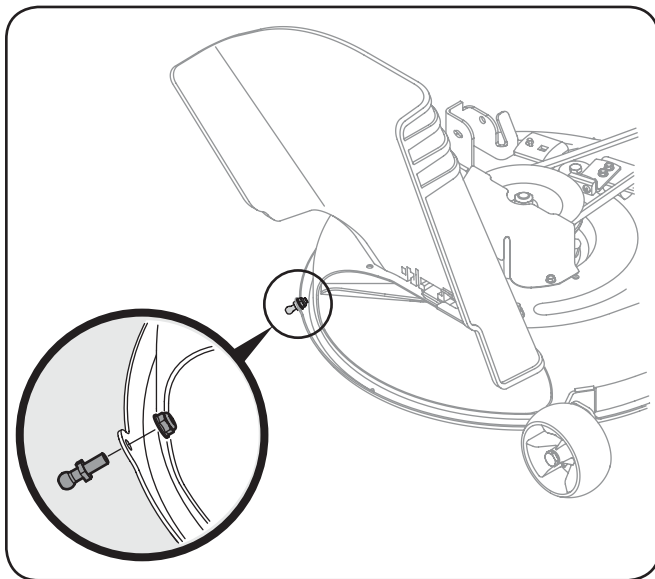
4. Replace the blades with the blades included in the kit. Be sure to install each blade with the side marked "Bottom" (or with a part number stamped in it) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position.

**IMPORTANT:** Use a torque wrench to tighten each blade spindle's hex flange nut to between 70 ft-lb and 90 ft-lb.

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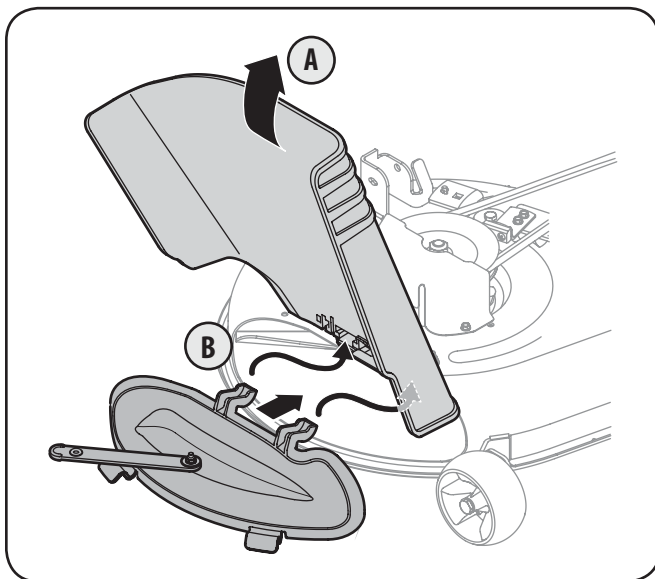
## Installing the Mulch Plug

1. Secure the pin to the deck with the flange nut. See Fig. 1-3.



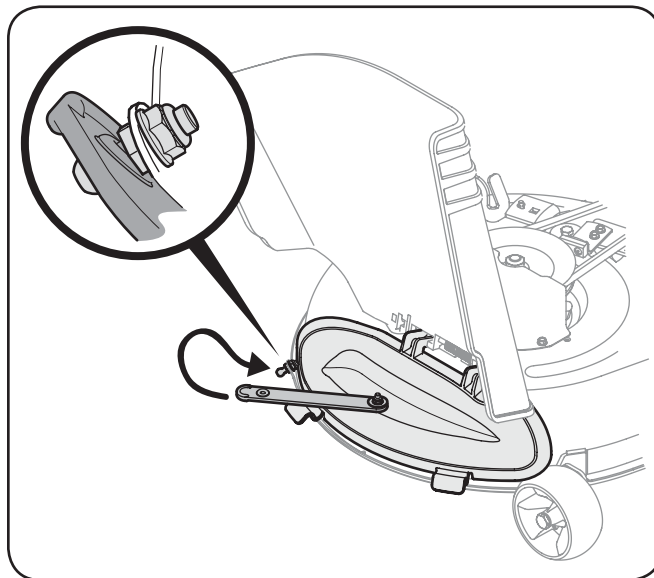
**Figure 1-3**

2. Lift the discharge chute up (A). See Fig. 1-4.
3. Insert the mulch plug into the deck discharge opening by fitting the tabs on the upper edge of the mulch plug inside the slots found on the discharge chute (B) and pivoting the mulch plug downward into place.



**Figure 1-4**

4. Secure the mulch plug assembly in place by attaching its strap to the pin. See Fig. 1-5.



**Figure 1-5**

5. With the mulch plug in place, the discharge chute will remain propped-up so that the operator can more easily maneuver the tractor's deck near and around trees and other obstacles.

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