



**Count on it.**

# Operator's Manual

## **TimeCutter® ZS 4200 and ZS 5000 Riding Mower**

**Model No. 74386—Serial No. 311000001 and Up**

**Model No. 74387—Serial No. 311000001 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.

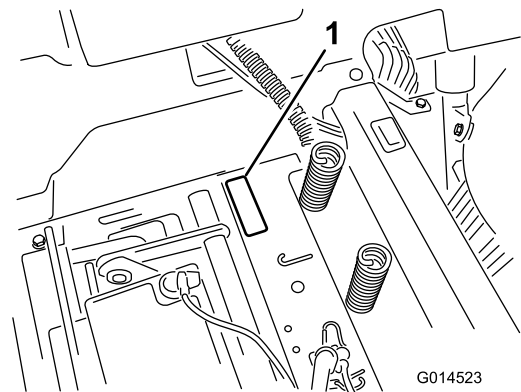
This product complies with all relevant European directives, for details please see the separate product specific Declaration of Conformity (DOC) sheet.

# Introduction

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

You may contact Toro directly at [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) for product and accessory information, help finding a dealer, or to register your product.

Whenever you need service, genuine Toro parts, or additional information, contact an Authorized Service Dealer or Toro Customer Service and have the model and serial numbers of your product ready. Figure 1 identifies the location of the model and serial numbers on the product. Write the numbers in the space provided.



**Figure 1**  
Under the seat

1. Model and serial number plate

Write the product model and serial numbers in the space below:

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

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



**Figure 2**

1. Safety alert symbol.

This manual uses two 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.

## Toro Riding 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 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 74386

### Sound Pressure

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 89 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

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

### Sound Power

This unit has a sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 100 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

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

## Vibration

Measured vibration level for right hand =  $1.3 \text{ m/s}^2$

Measured vibration level for left hand =  $1.3 \text{ m/s}^2$

Uncertainty Value (K) =  $0.7 \text{ m/s}^2$

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

## Whole Body Vibration

Measured vibration level =  $0.33 \text{ m/s}^2$

Uncertainty Value (K) =  $0.16 \text{ m/s}^2$

Measured values were determined according to the procedures outlined in EN 836 (Riding & Stand-Ons).

## Model 74387

### Sound Pressure

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 94 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

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

### Sound Power

This unit has a sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 105 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

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

## Vibration

Measured vibration level for right hand =  $1.9 \text{ m/s}^2$

Measured vibration level for left hand =  $2.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

Uncertainty Value (K) =  $1.4 \text{ m/s}^2$

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

## Whole Body Vibration

Measured vibration level =  $0.37 \text{ m/s}^2$

Uncertainty Value (K) =  $0.19 \text{ m/s}^2$

Measured values were determined according to the procedures outlined in EN 836 (Riding & Stand-Ons).

# Slope Indicator



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**Figure 3**

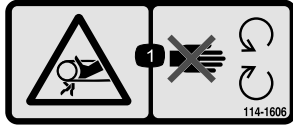
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1. The maximum slope you can safely operate the machine on is **15 degrees**. Use the slope chart to determine the degree of slope of hills before operating. **Do not operate this machine on a slope greater than 15 degrees.** Fold along the appropriate 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.



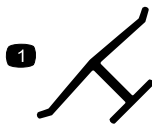
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1. Entanglement hazard, belt—keep all guards in place.



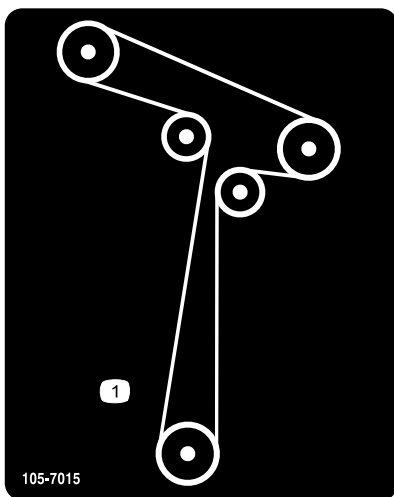
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1. Warning—don't operate the mower with the deflector up or removed; keep the deflector in place.
2. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.



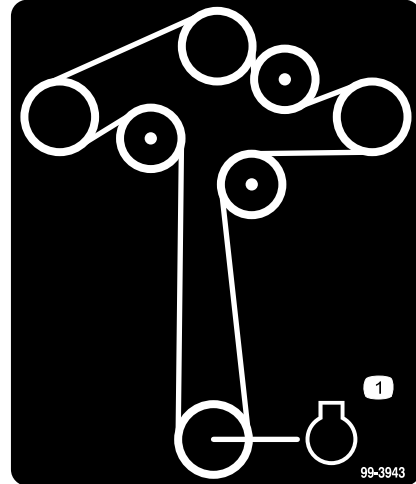
**Manufacturer's Mark**

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



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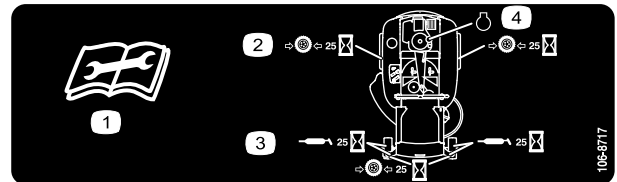
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For Models with 50 Inch Decks

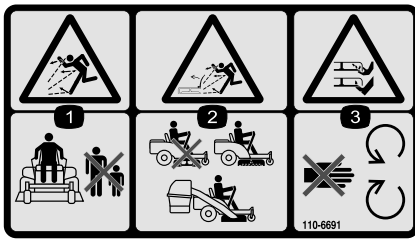
1. Engine



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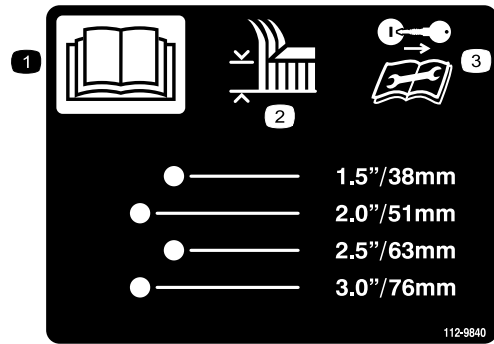
1. Read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.
2. Check tire pressure every 25 operating hours.
3. Grease every 25 operating hours.
4. Engine





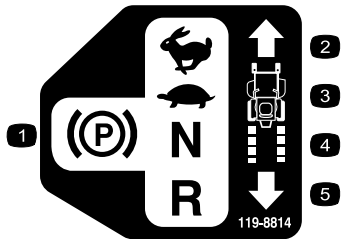
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1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine.
2. Thrown object hazard, mower—do not operate without the deflector, discharge cover, or grass collection system in place.
3. Cutting/dismemberment of hand or foot—stay away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



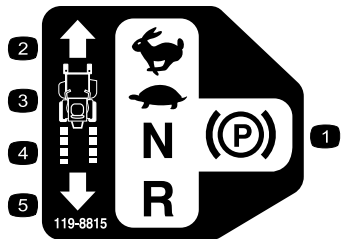
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Height of cut
3. Remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.



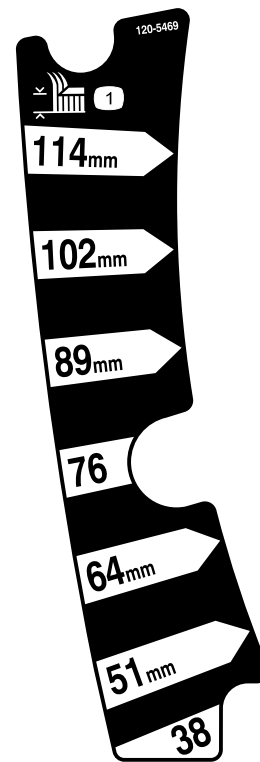
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1. Parking position
2. Fast
3. Slow
4. Neutral
5. Reverse



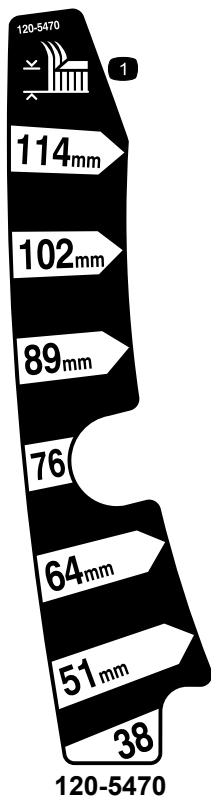
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1. Parking position
2. Fast
3. Slow
4. Neutral
5. Reverse



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1. Height-of-cut



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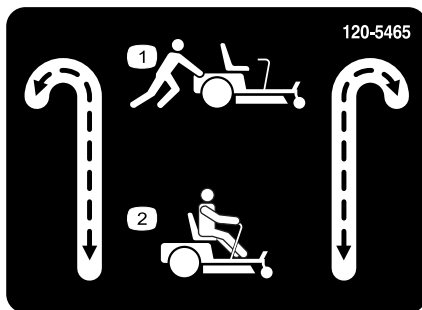
1. Height-of-cut



### Battery Symbols

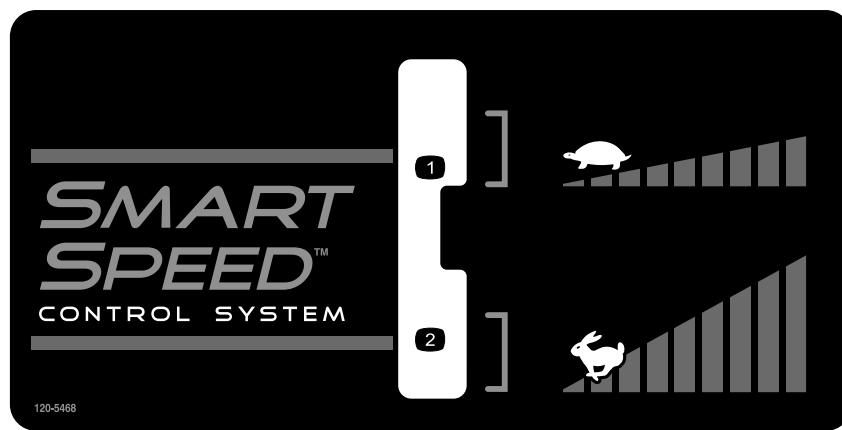
Some or all of these symbols are on your battery

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



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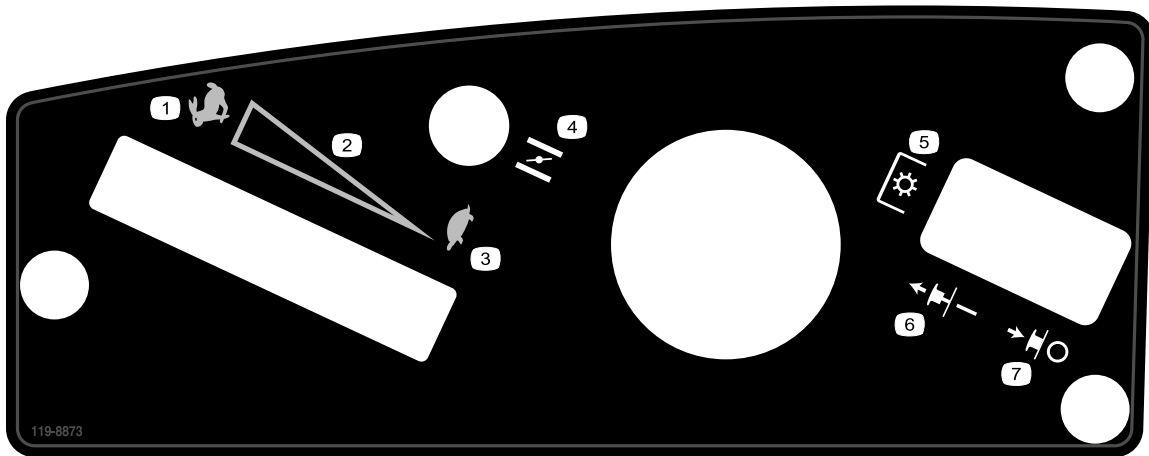
1. Bypass lever position for pushing the machine
2. Bypass lever position for operating the machine



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1. Slow speed

2. Fast speed



**119-8873**

Certain models only

1. Fast

2. Continuous variable setting

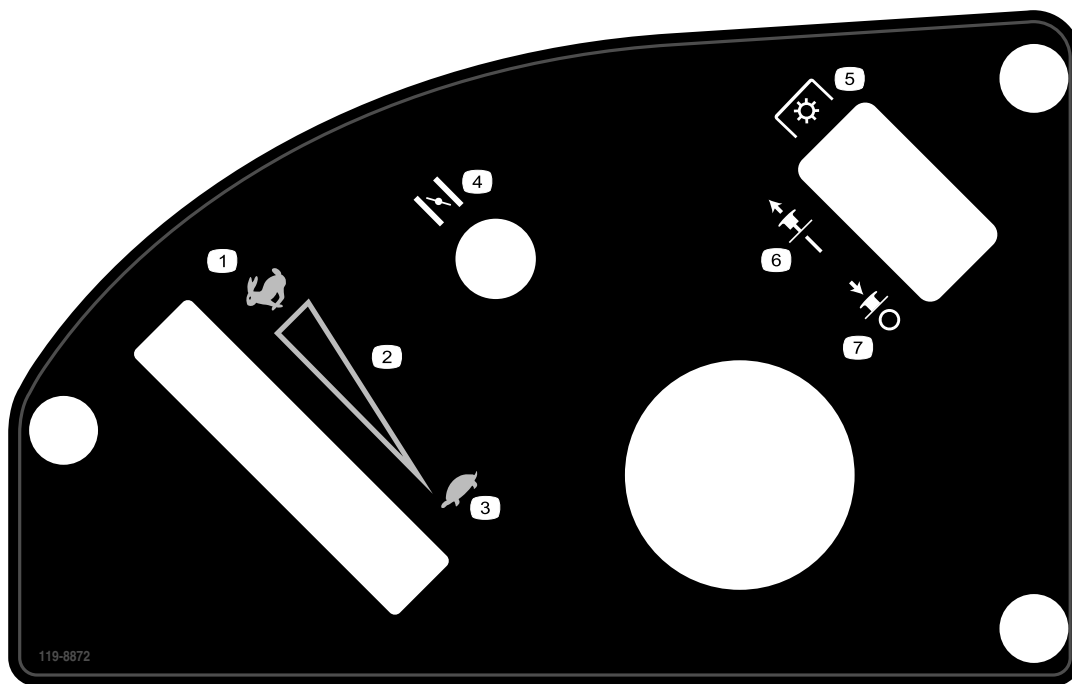
3. Slow

4. Choke

5. Power take-off (PTO), Blade control switch on some models

6. Blade control switch—Off

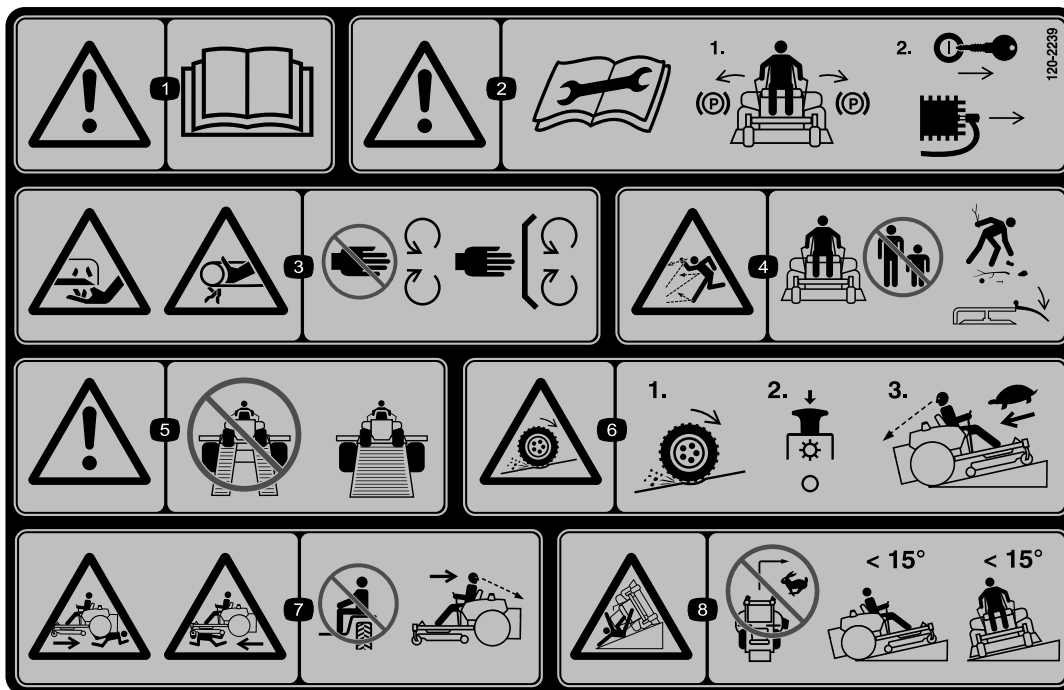
7. Blade control switch—On



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Certain models only

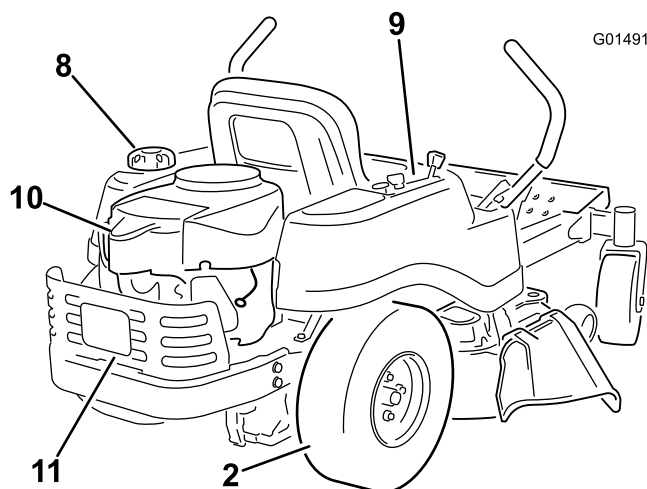
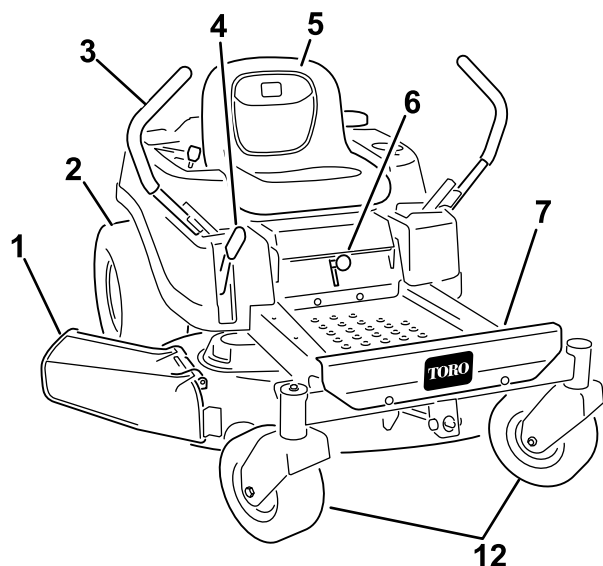
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| 1. Fast                        | 5. Power take-off (PTO), Blade control switch on some models |
| 2. Continuous variable setting | 6. Blade control switch—On                                   |
| 3. Slow                        | 7. Blade control switch—Off                                  |
| 4. Choke                       |  |
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# 120-2239

1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Warning—read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance; move the motion control levers to the park (brake) position, remove the ignition key and disconnect the spark plug wire.
3. Cutting/dismemberment hazard, mower blade; entanglement hazard, belt—stay away from moving parts, keep all guards and shields in place.
4. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine, pick up debris before operating, keep deflector in place.
5. Warning—do not use split ramps, use a full ramps when transporting machine.
6. Loss of traction/control hazard, slopes—loss of traction/control on a slope, disengage the blade control switch (PTO), proceed off the slope slowly.
7. Crushing/dismemberment hazard of bystanders, reversing; crushing/dismemberment hazard of bystanders—do not carry passengers, look behind and down when reversing.
8. Tipping hazard—do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees, avoid sudden and sharp turns while on slopes.

# Product Overview

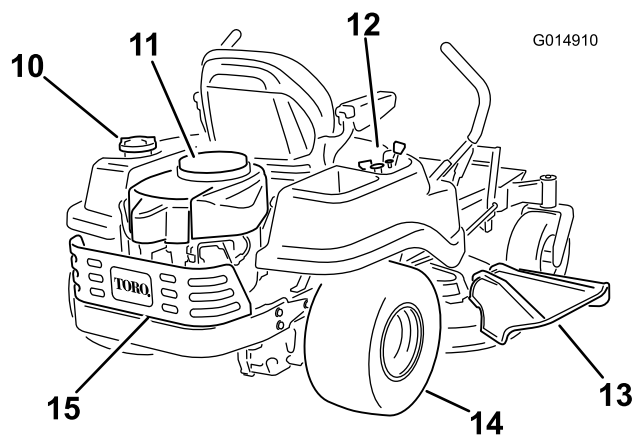
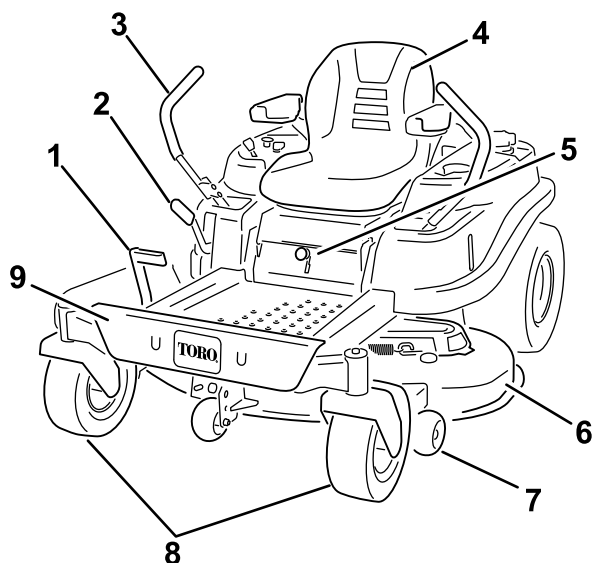


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**Figure 4**

Models with 42 inch decks

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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Deflector             | 4. Height of cut lever | 7. Footrest      | 10. Engine             |
| 2. Rear drive wheel      | 5. Operator seat       | 8. Fuel tank cap | 11. Engine guard       |
| 3. Motion control levers | 6. Smart Speed™ lever  | 9. Control panel | 12. Front caster wheel |



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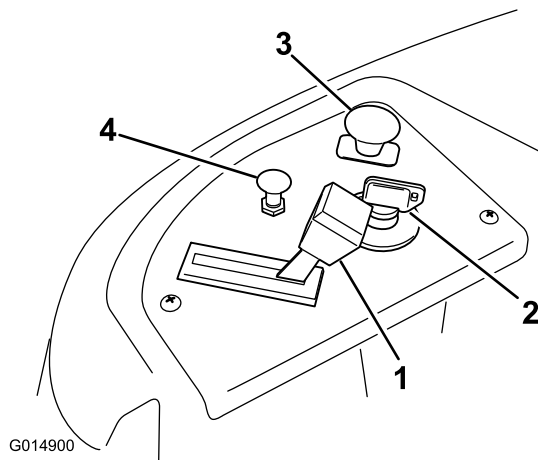
**Figure 5**

Models with 50 inch decks

- |                                      |                       |                   |                      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Foot assist lever                 | 5. Smart Speed™ lever | 9. Footrest       | 13. Deflector        |
| 2. Height of cut lever               | 6. Mower deck         | 10. Gas tank cap  | 14. Rear drive wheel |
| 3. Motion control levers             | 7. Anti-scalp roller  | 11. Engine        | 15. Engine guard     |
| 4. Operator seat (armrests optional) | 8. Front caster wheel | 12. Control panel |                      |

# Controls

Become familiar with all of the controls in Figure 4, Figure 5, and Figure 6 before you start the engine and operate the machine.



**Figure 6**  
Control Panel

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. Throttle        | 3. Blade control switch<br>(power take-off) |
| 2. Ignition switch | 4. Choke                                    |

## Ignition Switch

The ignition switch has three positions, Off, Run and Start. 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 someone from accidentally starting the engine (Figure 6).

## Throttle Control

The throttle controls the engine speed and it has a continuous variable setting from Slow to Fast (Figure 6).

## Choke Control

Pull up on the Choke control until it stops to choke the engine (Figure 6). Push down on the Choke control for normal engine operation

## Blade Control Switch (Power Take-Off)

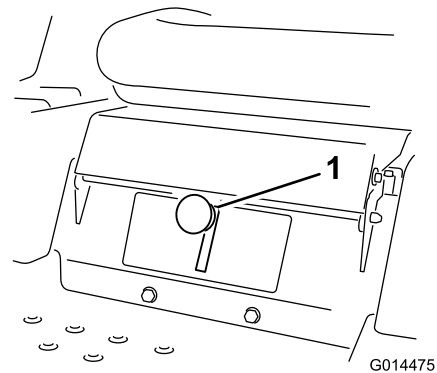
The blade control switch, represented by a power take-off (PTO) symbol, engages and disengages power to the mower blades (Figure 6).

## Motion Control Levers and Park Position

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 park position and exit the machine (Figure 17). Always position the motion control levers into the park position when you stop the machine or leave it unattended.

## Smart Speed™ Control System Lever

The Smart Speed™ Control System lever, located below the operating position, gives the operator a choice to drive the machine at two speed ranges, high and low (Figure 7).

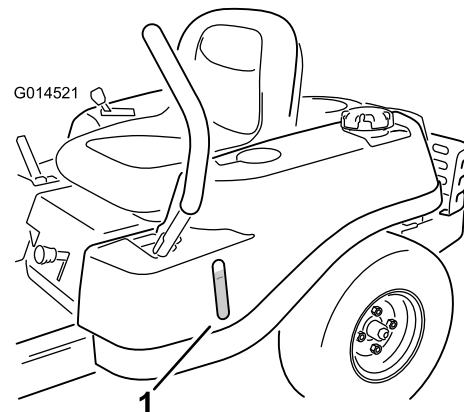


**Figure 7**

1. Smart speed lever

## Fuel Window

The fuel window located on the left hand side of the machine can be used to verify the presence of gasoline in the tank (Figure 8).



**Figure 8**

1. Fuel presence window

## Height-of-Cut Lever

The height of cut lever allows the operator to lower and raise the deck from the seated position. When the lever is moved up, toward the operator the deck is raised from the ground and when moved down, away from the operator it is lowered toward the ground. Only adjust the height of cut while machine is not moving (Figure 21).

# Operation

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

## Think Safety First

### Operating Safety

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.

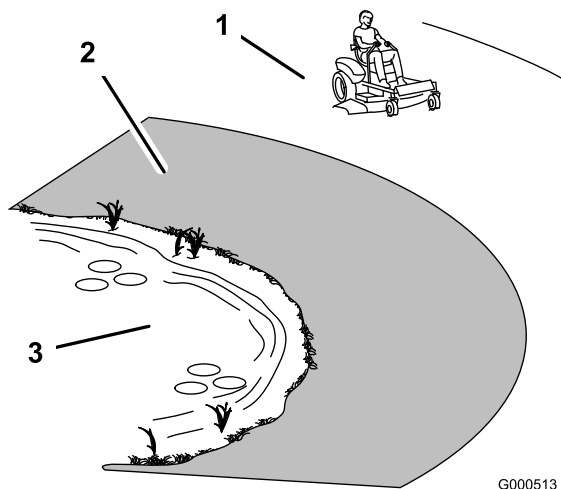
Wheels dropping over edges can cause rollovers, which may result in serious injury, death or drowning.

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 9**

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

## Fuel Safety

### ⚠ 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 fuel reaches the base 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.

## Understanding 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.

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

- The blades are disengaged.
- The motion control levers are in the park position.

The safety interlock system also is designed to stop the engine whenever the control levers are out of the park position and you rise from the seat.

## Before Starting

### Recommended Fuel

Use UNLEADED Regular Gasoline suitable for automotive use (87 pump octane minimum). Lead regular gasoline may be used if unleaded regular is not available.

**Important:** Never use methanol, gasoline containing methanol, or gasohol containing more than 10 percent ethanol because the fuel system could be damaged. Do not mix oil with gasoline.

### Using Stabilizer/Conditioner

Use a fuel stabilizer/conditioner in the machine to provide the following benefits:

- Keeps gasoline fresh during storage of 30 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.

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.

## Filling the Fuel Tank

Make sure the engine is shut off and the motion controls are in the park position. Tank maximum capacity is 2.9 gallons.

**Important:** Do Not overfill fuel tank. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. The empty space in the tank allows the fuel to expand. Overfilling may result in fuel leakage or damage to the engine or emission system.

1. Clean around the fuel tank cap and remove the cap.

**Note:** You can use the fuel window to verify the presence of gasoline before filling the tank (Figure 10).

2. **Slowly** add regular, unleaded gasoline until the fuel reaches the base of the filler neck (Figure 10).

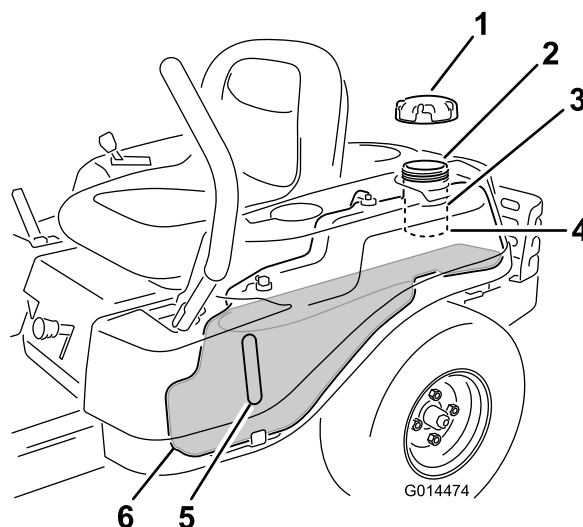


Figure 10

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| 1. Fuel tank cap | 4. Base of filler neck, <b>DO NOT FILL PAST HERE</b> |
| 2. Fill opening  | 5. Fuel window                                       |
| 3. Filler neck   |  |

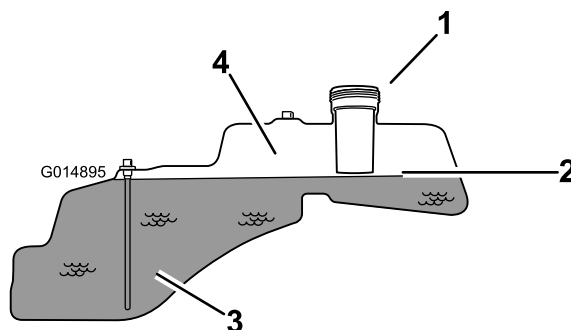


Figure 11

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| 1. Fill opening                                      | 3. Fuel                            |
| 2. Base of filler neck, <b>DO NOT FILL PAST HERE</b> | 4. Empty space for fuel expansion. |

**Important:** Do Not overfill fuel tank. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. The empty space in the tank allows the fuel to expand. Overfilling may result in fuel leakage or damage to the engine or emission system.

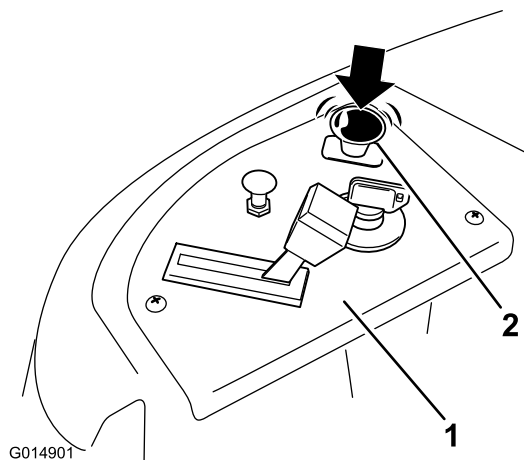
3. Install the fuel tank cap securely and tighten until it “clicks”. Wipe up any gasoline that may have spilled.

## Checking the Engine Oil Level

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

## Starting the Engine

1. Sit down on the seat and move the motion controls outward to the park position.
2. Disengage the blades by moving the blade control switch to Off (Figure 12)

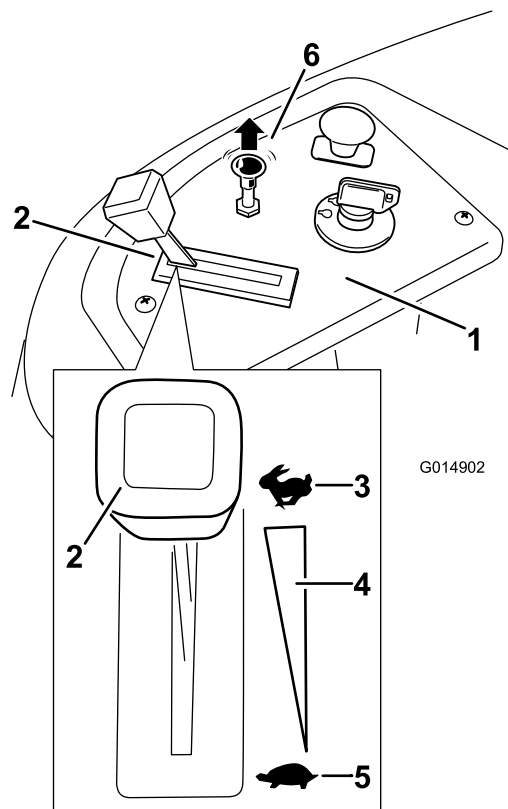


**Figure 12**

1. Control panel
2. Blade control switch—Off position

3. Pull up on the Choke control before starting a cold engine (Figure 13).

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

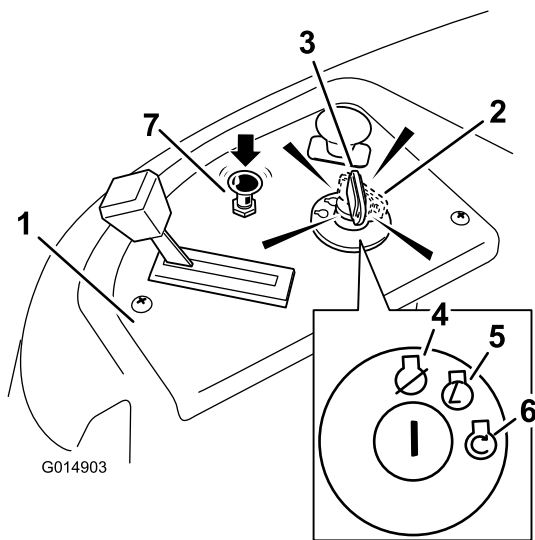


**Figure 13**

1. Control panel
2. Throttle
3. Fast
4. Continuous variable setting
5. Slow
6. Choke control

4. Turn the ignition key to Start to energize the starter. When the engine starts, release the key (Figure 14).

**Important:** Do not engage the starter for more than 10 seconds at a time. If the engine fails to start, allow a 60 second cool-down period between attempts. Failure to follow these instructions can damage the starter motor.



**Figure 14**

1. Control panel
2. Ignition key—run position
3. Ignition key—start position
4. Off
5. Run
6. Start
7. Choke control

5. After the engine starts, push down on the Choke control (Figure 14). If the engine stalls or hesitates, pull up on the Choke control and let the engine run for a few seconds. Then push down on the Choke control. Repeat this as required.

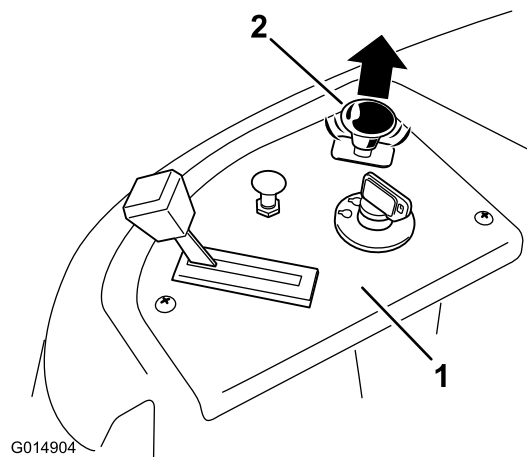
## Operating the Blades

The blade control switch, represented by a power take-off (PTO) symbol, engages and disengages power to the mower blades. This switch controls power to any attachments that draw power from the engine, including the mower deck and cutting blades.

## Engaging the Blades

**Important:** Do not engage the blades when parked in tall grass. Belt or clutch damage can occur.

1. Release pressure on the motion control levers and place the machine in neutral.
  2. Move the throttle to the Fast position.
- Note:** Always engage the blades with the throttle in the Fast position.
3. Pull up on the blade control switch to move it to the On position and engage the blades (Figure 15).

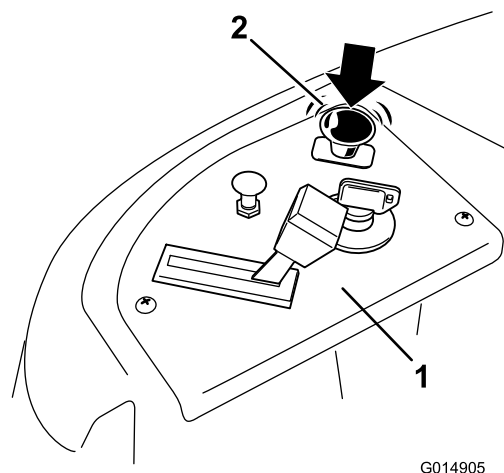


**Figure 15**

1. Control panel
2. Blade control switch—On position

## Disengaging the Blades

Push down on the blade control switch to move it to the Off position and disengage the blades (Figure 16).



**Figure 16**

1. Control panel
2. Blade control switch—Off

## 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, with the control levers in park position, and move the blade control switch to On. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.
2. While sitting on the seat, move the blade control switch to Off. Move either motion control lever

to the center, unlocked position. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank. Repeat with the other motion control lever.

3. While sitting on the seat, move the blade control switch to Off, and lock the motion control levers in the park position. Start the engine. While the engine is running, engage the blade control switch, and rise slightly from the seat; the engine should stop.
4. While sitting on the seat, move the blade control switch to Off, and lock the motion control levers in the park position. Start the engine. While the engine is running, move the motion control levers to the center, unlocked position, engage the blade control switch, and rise slightly from the seat; the engine should stop.

## Stopping the Engine

1. Disengage the blades by moving the blade control switch to Off (Figure 16).
2. Move the throttle lever to Fast (Figure 13).
3. Turn the ignition key to Off (Figure 14) and remove the key.

## Driving

Driving the machine benefits from an understanding of what zero turn radius mower means. The drive wheels turn independently, powered by hydraulic motors on each axle; hence one side can turn in reverse while the other turns forward causing the machine to spin rather than turn. This vastly improves the machine maneuverability but may require some adjustment if the operator is unfamiliar.

### ⚠ WARNING

**The machine can spin very rapidly. The operator may lose control of the machine and cause personal injury or damage to the machine.**

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

The throttle control regulates the engine speed as measured in rpm (revolutions per minute). Placing the throttle control in the Fast position can be best for performance. For most applications, operating in the full throttle position is desirable.

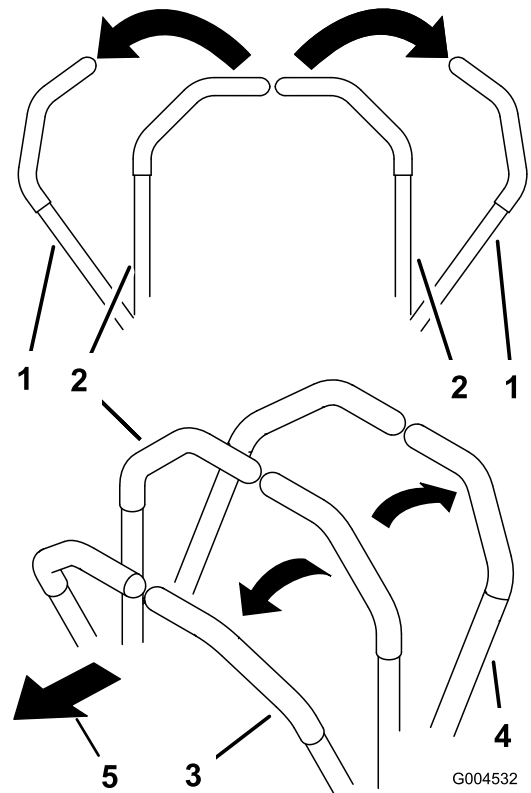


Figure 17

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| 1. Park (brake) position  | 3. Forward  |
| 2. Center unlock position | 4. Backward |

## Using the Smart Speed™ Control System

The Smart Speed™ Control System lever, located below the operating position (Figure 18), gives the operator a choice to drive the machine at two ground speed ranges, high and low.

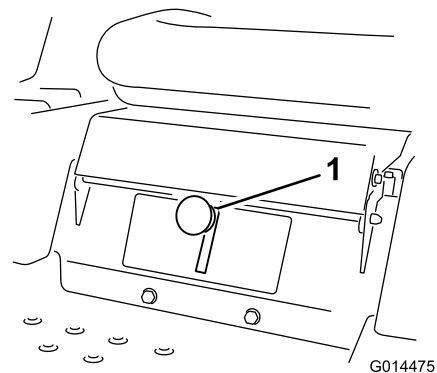


Figure 18

1. Smart speed lever

To change speeds:

1. Move the motion control levers to neutral and outward to the park position; disengage the blade control switch.

### **⚠ WARNING**

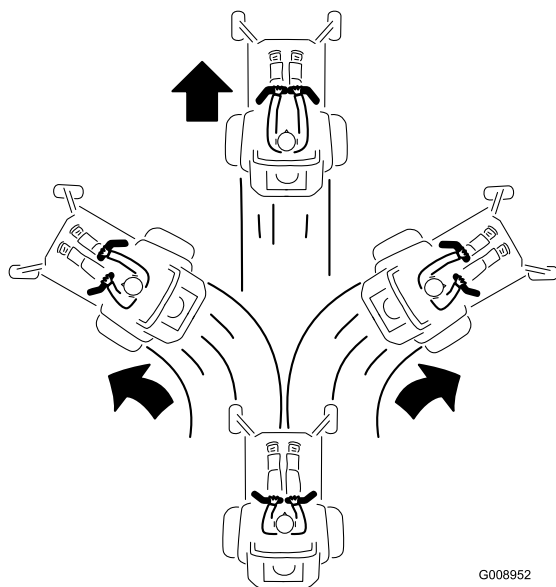
Removing your hands from the motion control levers while the machine is in motion can result in a loss of control causing harm to you or bystanders.

Always stop the machine and move the motion control levers to the park position before adjusting the Smart Speed™ Control System.

2. Adjust the lever to the desired position.

## **Forward**

1. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. To go forward, slowly push the motion control levers forward (Figure 17).



**Figure 19**

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both motion control levers (Figure 17).

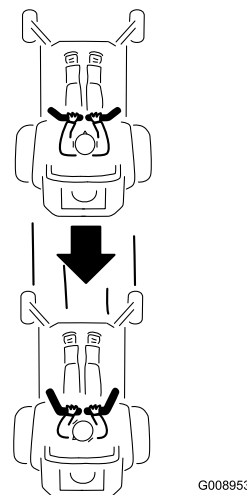
To turn, release pressure on the motion control lever toward the direction you want to turn (Figure 17).

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

To stop, pull the motion control levers to neutral.

## **Backward**

1. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. To go backward, look behind you and down as you slowly pull the motion control levers rearward (Figure 20).



**Figure 20**

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both motion control levers (Figure 20).

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

To stop, push the motion control levers to neutral.

## **Stopping the Machine**

To stop the machine, move the motion control levers to neutral and outward to the park position, disengage the blade control switch, ensure the throttle is in the fast position, and turn the ignition key to off. Remember to remove the key from the ignition switch.

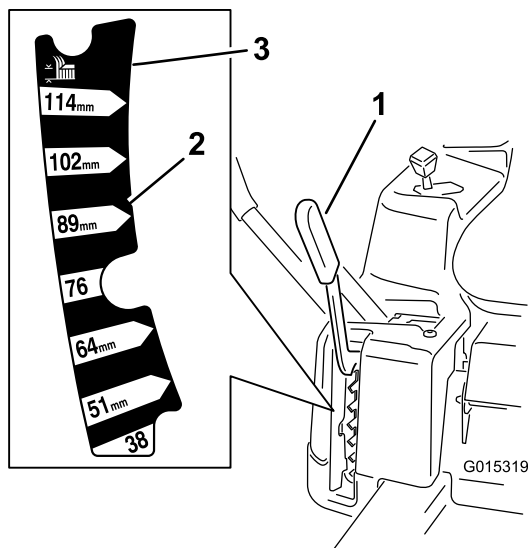
### **⚠ WARNING**

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

Always remove the ignition key and move the motion control levers outward to the park position when leaving the machine unattended, even if just for a few minutes.

## **Adjusting the Height of Cut**

Height-of-cut is controlled by the lever located to the right of the operating position (Figure 21).



**Figure 21**

1. Height-of-cut lever
2. Height-of-cut positions
3. 115 mm (4.5 inch), Transport position

1. Pull up and inward on the lever to move it to the desired cutting position.
2. Once at the desired cutting position, slowly lower the lever until it engages the position.

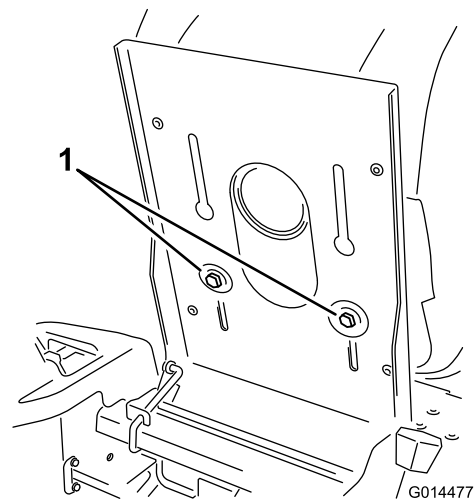
The transport position is the highest height-of-cut position or cutting height 115 inch [4.5 mm] (Figure 21).

## 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.

### Models with 42 inch Decks

1. Raise the seat and loosen the adjustment bolts just enough that seat can move (Figure 22).

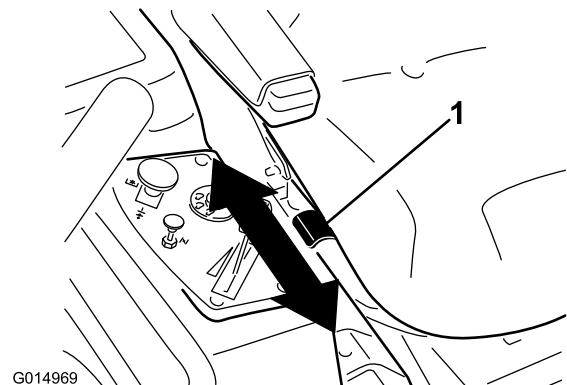


**Figure 22**

1. Adjustment bolt
2. Move the seat to the desired position and tighten the bolts.

### Models with 50 inch Decks

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 23).



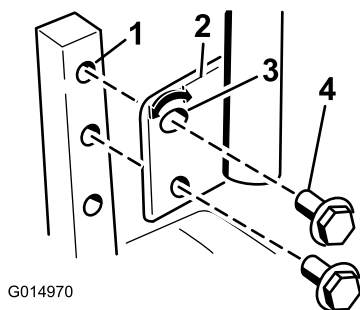
**Figure 23**

## 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 24).
2. Move the control lever to the next set of holes. Secure the lever with the 2 bolts (Figure 24).



**Figure 24**

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

- 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.

- Loosen the upper bolt holding the control lever to the control arm shaft.
- Loosen the lower bolt just enough to pivot the control lever fore or aft (Figure 24). Tighten both bolts to secure the control in the new position.
- Repeat the adjustment for the opposite control lever.

## Pushing the Machine by Hand

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

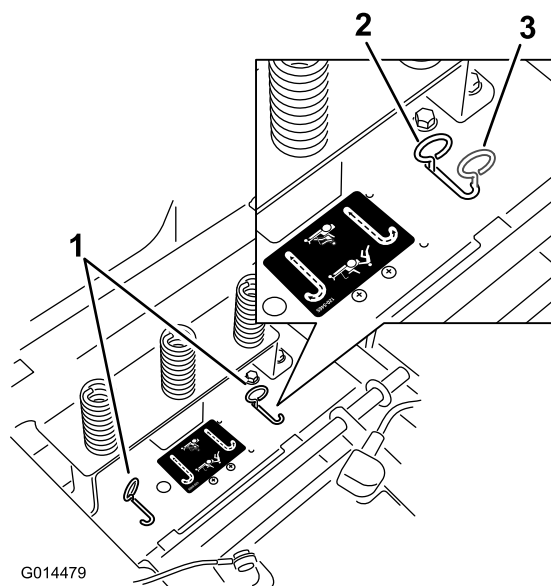
This machine has an electric brake mechanism and to push the machine the ignition key needs to be in the Run position. The battery needs to be charged and functioning for the electric brake to be disengage.

### To Push the Machine

- Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
- Move the motion control levers outward to park position, stop the engine, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
- Raise the seat to locate the bypass levers behind the battery, on the frame.
- Move the bypass levers forwards and then out to lock them in place as shown in Figure 25 to disengage the wheel motors. Repeat this for each lever.

- Lower the seat and move the motion control levers inward to the neutral position and turn the ignition key to the run position. Do not start the machine.

The machine is now able to be pushed by hand.



**Figure 25**

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

- When finished, ensure the key has been returned to the Stop position to avoid draining the battery charge.

If the machine fails to move the electric brake may still be engaged. If necessary the electric brake can be released manually. Refer to the Releasing the Electric Brake (page 38) procedure in Drive Maintenance.

## To Operate the Machine

Move the bypass levers inward and push them back in the horizontal slot (Figure 25) to engage the wheel motors.

## Grass Deflector

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



## **⚠ DANGER**

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

- Never remove the grass deflector from the mower because the grass deflector routes material down toward the turf. If the grass deflector is ever damaged, replace it immediately.
- Never put your hands or feet under the mower.
- Never try to clear discharge area or mower blades unless you move the blade control switch to Off and rotate the ignition key to Off. Also remove the key and pull the wire off the spark plug(s).

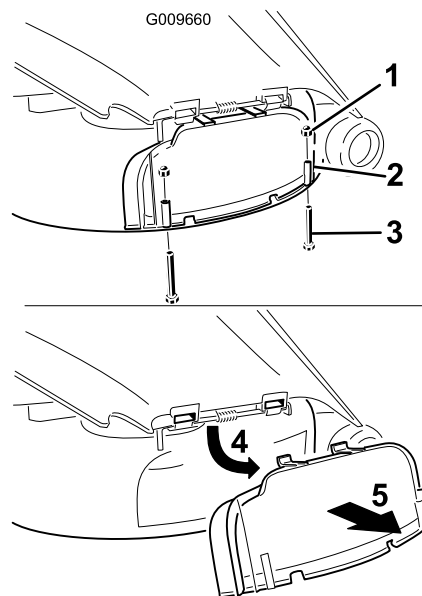
## **Converting to Side Discharge (For Models with 42 Inch Decks)**

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.

### **Removing the Discharge Cover for Side Discharge**

**Note:** If the bagger attachment is added the machine, standard blades must be installed for proper bagging function. See above for the proper part number.

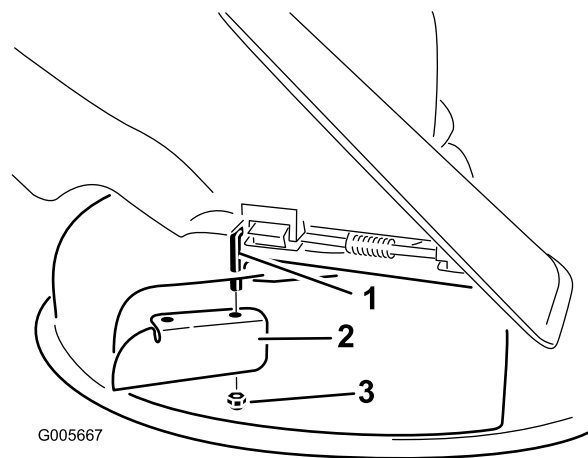
1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the 2 bolts and nuts that secure the discharge cover to the mower (Figure 26).



**Figure 26**

1. Cap nut (1/4 inch)
2. Discharge cover
3. Bolt (1/4 x 2-1/2 inches)
4. Rotate the cover up
5. Remove the cover

4. Remove the discharge cover.
5. Lift up the grass deflector and locate the lock nut on the deflector pivot rod. Remove the existing thin nut (3/8 inch).
6. Install the cutoff baffle to the exposed pivot rod (Figure 27). Use the existing thin nut (3/8 inch) to secure the baffle to the mower.



**Figure 27**

7. Torque the fastener to 14-18 ft-lb (7-9 N-m).
8. Lower the grass deflector over the discharge opening

**Important:** Ensure the mower has a hinged grass deflector that disperses clippings to the side and down toward the turf, while in side discharge mode.

## Installing the Discharge Cover for Mulching

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. Lift the grass deflector and slide the tabs on top of the discharge cover under the grass deflector retaining rod. Rotate the discharge cover down over the opening, and onto the lower lip of the mower (Figure 28).

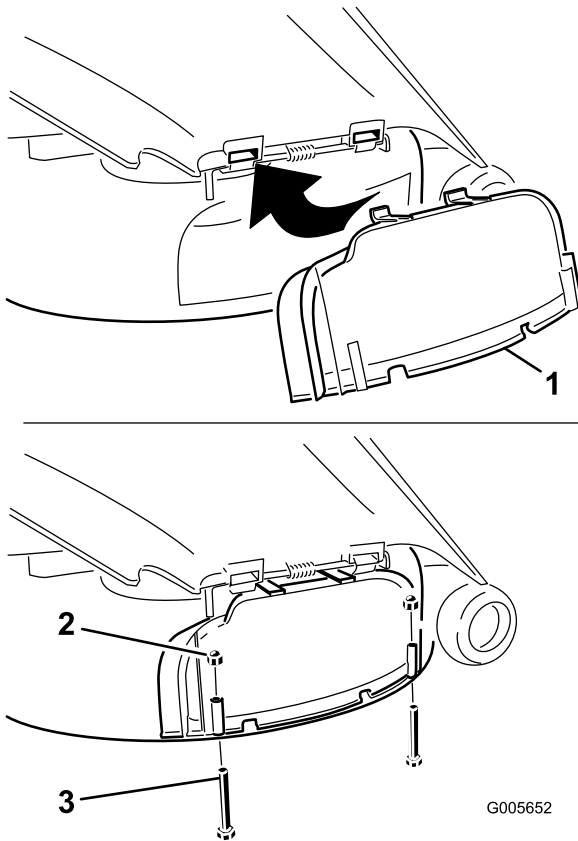


Figure 28

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| 1. Discharge cover    | 3. Bolt (1/4 x 2-1/2 inches) |
| 2. Cap nut (1/4 inch) |                              |

4. Secure the discharge cover to the lower lip of the mower with two bolts (1/4 x 2-1/2 inches) and two cap nuts (1/4 inch) as shown in Figure 28.

**Note:** Do not overtighten the nuts; this could distort the cover and cause blade contact.

## Converting to Side Discharge (For Models with 50 Inch Decks)

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.

### Removing the Right Baffle for Side Discharge

**Note:** If the bagger attachment is added the machine, standard blades must be installed for proper bagging function. Contact your local authorized Toro dealer for the proper part number.

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 right mower blade. Refer to the Mower Maintenance section.
4. Remove the 2 knobs and curved washers that secure the right baffle to the mower as shown in Figure 29.

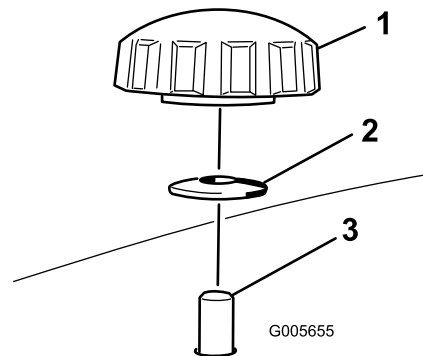
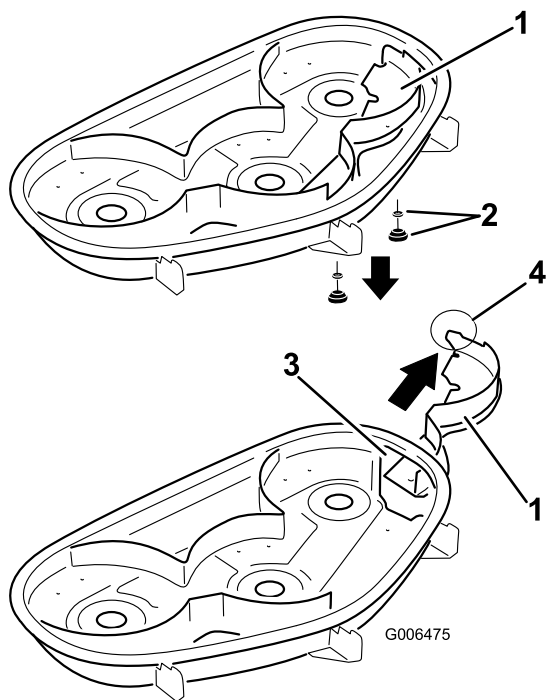


Figure 29

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| 1. Knob          | 3. Baffle stud coming through the mower |
| 2. Curved washer |   |

5. Remove the right baffle and lower the grass deflector over the discharge opening as shown in Figure 30 and Figure 29.



**Figure 30**

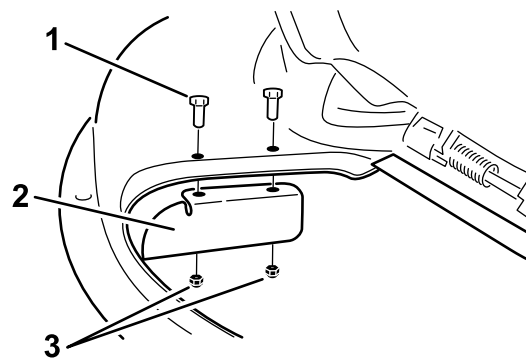
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| 1. Right baffle           | 3. Discharge opening                      |
| 2. Curved washer and knob | 4. Tab (must remain outside of the mower) |

6. Install the fasteners into the holes in the top of the mower to prevent flying debris.

### **⚠ 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.**
7. Install the right mower blade. Refer to the Mower Maintenance section.
  8. Lift up the grass deflector. Install two bolts (5/16 x 3/4 inch) to the two holes along the deck cutout.
  9. Install the cutoff baffle to the clip assembly posts. Figure 31. Use the two lock nuts (5/16 inch) to secure the baffle to the mower.



**Figure 31**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Bolt (5/16 x 3/4 inch) | 3. Lock nut (5/16 inch) |
| 2. Cutoff baffle          |                         |

10. Torque the fasteners to 14-18 ft-lb (7-9 N-m).
11. Lower the grass deflector over the discharge opening.

**Important:** Ensure the mower has a hinged grass deflector that disperses clippings to the side and down toward the turf, while in side discharge mode.

## **Installing the Right Baffle for Mulching**

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 right mower blade. Refer to the Mower Maintenance section.
4. Slide the right baffle through the discharge opening and secure it using 2 knobs and curved washers (cupped side facing the mower) as shown in Figure 29 and Figure 30.

**Important:** Ensure that the tab on the far right side of the right baffle is outside of the mower and is flush with the mower wall.

5. Install the right mower blade. Refer to the Mower Maintenance section.

## **Operating Tips**

### **Fast Throttle Setting**

For best mowing and maximum air circulation, operate the engine at the Fast 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.

## **Using the Smart Speed™ Control System**

The Smart Speed™ Control System lever, located below the operating position, gives the operator a choice to drive the machine at two speed ranges, high and low. An operator can benefit from the lower speed setting when maneuvering the machine in tight spaces or operating around delicate landscapes. The low setting can also be used to operate the machine at a high throttle setting and blade speed while still being able to reduce ground speed to increase quality of cut.

## **Cutting a Lawn for the First Time**

Cut grass slightly longer than normal to ensure that 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.

## **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

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

## ***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>
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the safety interlock system.</li><li>• Check the engine oil level.</li><li>• Clean the air intake screen.</li><li>• Check the cutting 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>• Check tire pressure.</li><li>• Check the belts for wear/cracks.</li></ul>
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Service the paper element. (more often in dusty, dirty conditions)</li><li>• Change the engine oil. (more often in dusty, dirty conditions)</li><li>• Check the spark plug(s).</li><li>• Replace the in-line fuel filter</li><li>• Inspect the emissions filter.</li></ul>
Every 200 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace the paper element. (more often in dusty, dirty conditions)</li><li>• Change the oil filter. (more often in dusty, dirty conditions)</li></ul>
Before storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charge the battery and disconnect battery cables.</li><li>• Perform all maintenance procedures listed above before storage.</li><li>• Paint any chipped surfaces.</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 and disconnect the wire from the spark plug before you do any maintenance. Set the wire aside so that it does not accidentally contact the spark plug.

# Premaintenance Procedures

## Raising the Seat

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

The following components can be accessed by raising the seat:

- Serial plate
- Service decal
- Seat adjustment bolts
- Fuel filter
- Battery and battery cables

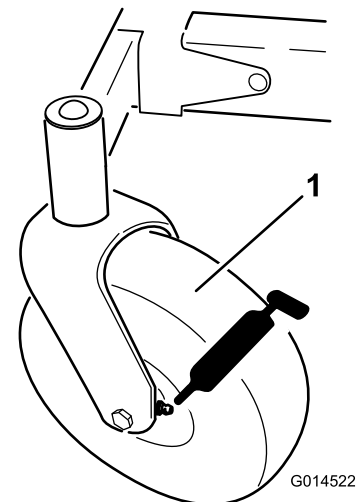
# Lubrication

## Greasing the Bearings

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

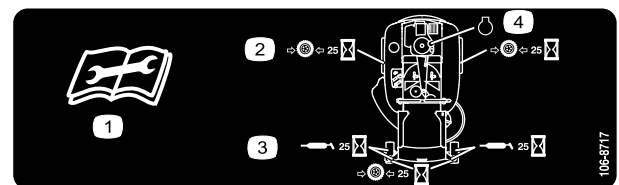
**Grease Type:** No. 2 General Purpose Lithium Base Grease

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the park 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 32 and Figure 33) with a rag. Make sure to scrape any paint off of the front of the fitting(s).



**Figure 32**

1. Front caster tire



**Figure 33**

Located on the seat pan underside

1. Read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.
2. Check tire pressure every 25 operating hours.
3. Grease every 25 operating hours.
4. Engine

4. Connect a grease gun to each fitting (Figure 32 and Figure 33). Pump grease into the fittings until grease begins to ooze out of the bearings.
5. Wipe up any excess grease.

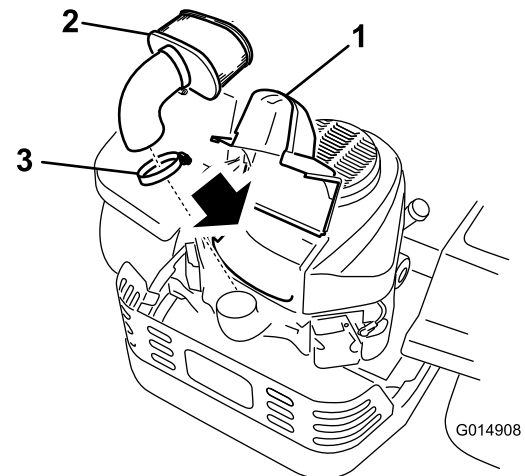
# Engine Maintenance

## Servicing the Air Cleaner

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

### Removing the Element

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control (PTO).
2. Move the motion control levers to the brake position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean around the air cleaner cover to prevent dirt from getting into the engine and causing damage. Lift the cover and remove the hose clamp securing the air cleaner assembly to the engine (Figure 34).
4. Loosen the hose clamp and remove the paper element (Figure 34).



**Figure 34**

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| 1. Cover         | 3. Hose clamp |
| 2. Paper element |               |

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### Cleaning the Element

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours—Service the paper element. (more often in dusty, dirty conditions)

Every 200 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)—Replace the paper element. (more often in dusty, dirty conditions)

1. Lightly tap the element on a flat surface to remove dust and dirt.
2. Inspect the element for tears, an oily film, and damage to the seal.

**Important:** Never clean the paper element with pressurized air or liquids, such as solvent, gas, or kerosene. Replace the paper element if it is damaged or cannot be cleaned thoroughly.

## Servicing the Engine Oil

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

**Crankcase Capacity:**

Model	Oil filter not removed	Oil filter removed
74386	1.6 qt (1.5 l)	1.8 qt (1.7 l)
74387	1.9 qt (1.8 l)	2.2 qt (2.1 l)

**Viscosity:** See the table below.

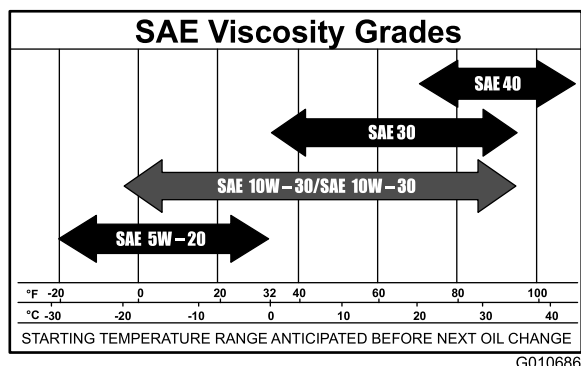


Figure 35

**Note:** Using multi grade oils (5W-20, 10W-30, and 10W-40) will increase oil consumption. Check oil level more frequently when using them.

## 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. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade control switch, stop the engine, engage parking brake, and remove the key.
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. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position (Figure 36).

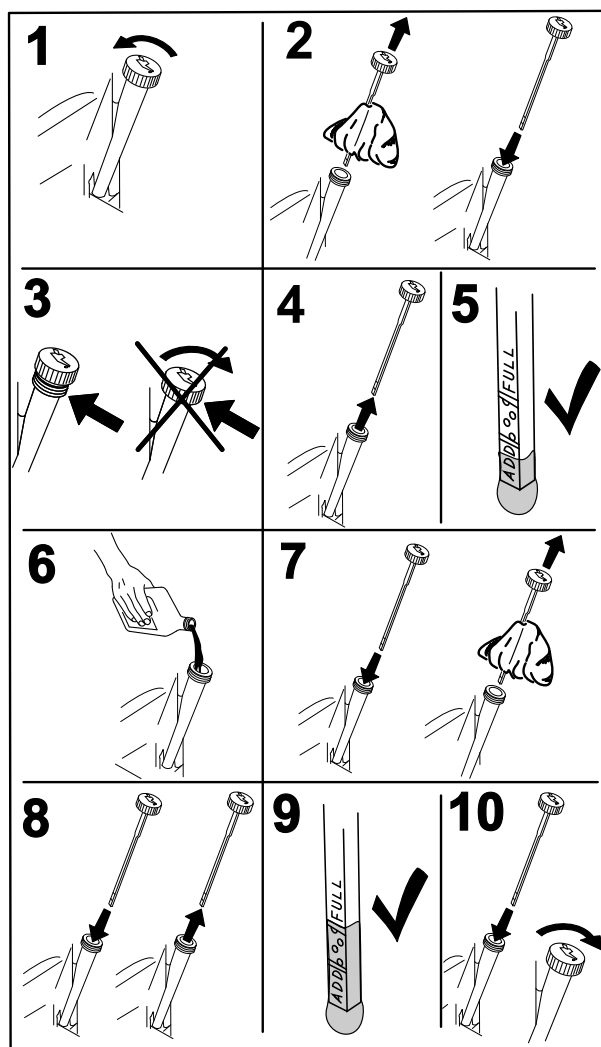


Figure 36

## Changing the Engine Oil

**Service Interval:** After the first 8 hours—Change the engine oil.

Every 100 hours—Change the engine oil. (more often in 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 PTO, move the motion control levers to the neutral locked 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 37).

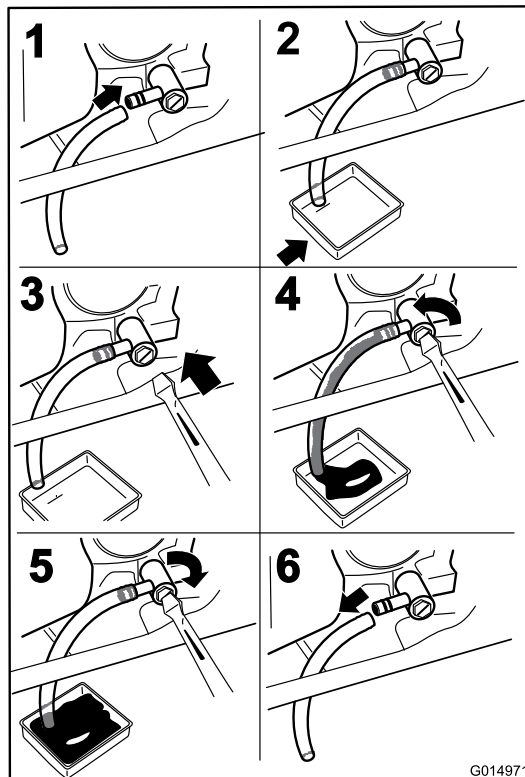


Figure 37

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 (Figure 38).

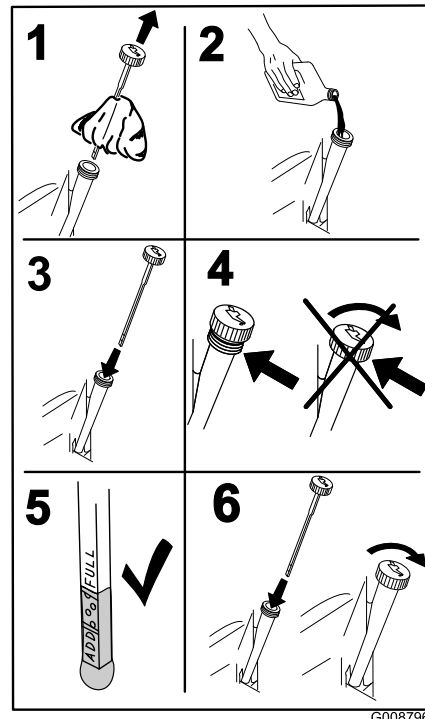


Figure 38

## Changing the Engine Oil Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 200 hours—Change the oil filter. (more often in dusty, dirty conditions)

**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 39).

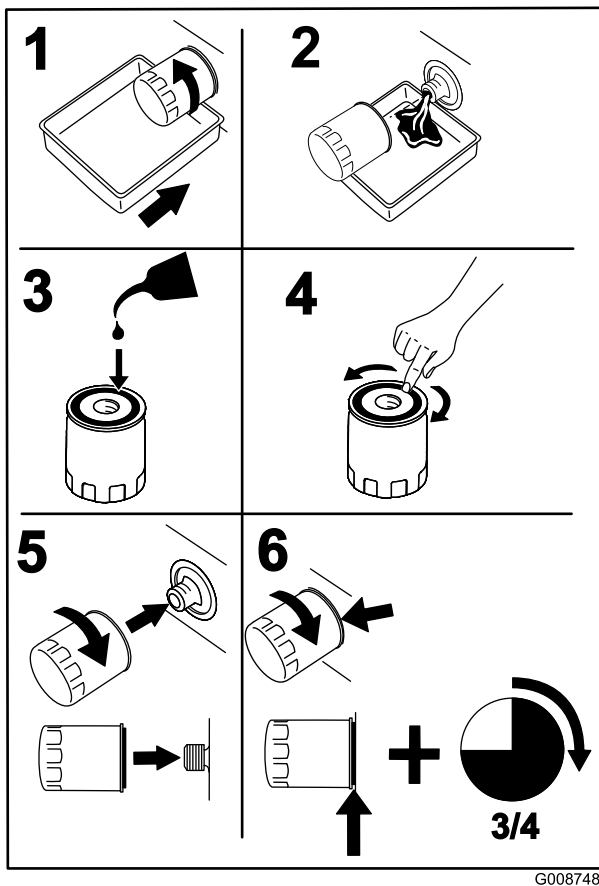


Figure 39

**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 100 hours—Check the spark plug(s).

Make sure the air gap between the center and side electrodes is correct before installing the spark plug. Use a spark plug wrench for removing and installing the spark plug(s) and a gapping tool/feeler gauge to check and adjust the air gap. Install a new spark plug(s) if necessary.

**Type:** NGK BPR4ES (or equivalent)

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

## Removing the Spark Plug

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

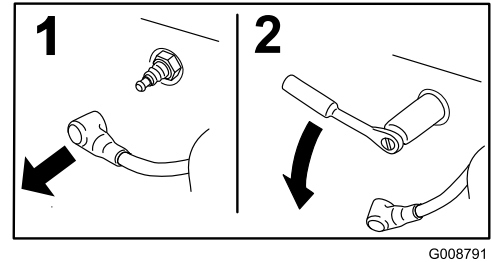


Figure 40

**Note:** Due to the deep recess around the spark plug, blowing out the cavity with compressed air is usually the most effective method for cleaning. The spark plug is most accessible when the blower housing is removed for cleaning.

## 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).

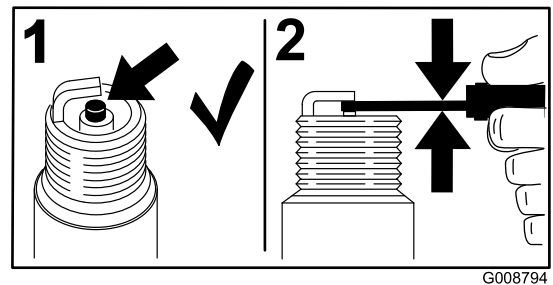


Figure 41

## Installing the Spark Plug

Tighten the spark plug(s) to 16 ft-lb (22 N-m).

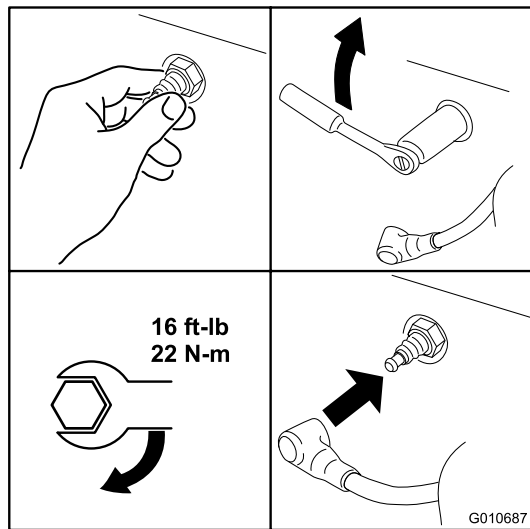


Figure 42

## Fuel System Maintenance

### ⚠ 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.

- Perform any fuel related maintenance when the engine is cold. Do this outdoors in an open area. Wipe up any gasoline that spills.
- Never smoke when draining gasoline, and stay away from an open flame or where a spark may ignite the gasoline fumes.

## Cleaning the Cooling System

Clean the air intake screen from grass and debris before each use.

1. Disengage the blade control switch and move the control levers to the neutral locked position and apply the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the air intake screen, air cleaner cover, and fan housing.
4. Clean debris and grass from the parts.
5. Install the air intake screen, air cleaner cover, and fan housing.

## Replacing the In-line Fuel Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours—Replace the in-line fuel filter

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

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the seat and locate the fuel filters as shown in Figure 43.

# Electrical System Maintenance

## WARNING

### CALIFORNIA

#### Proposition 65 Warning

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

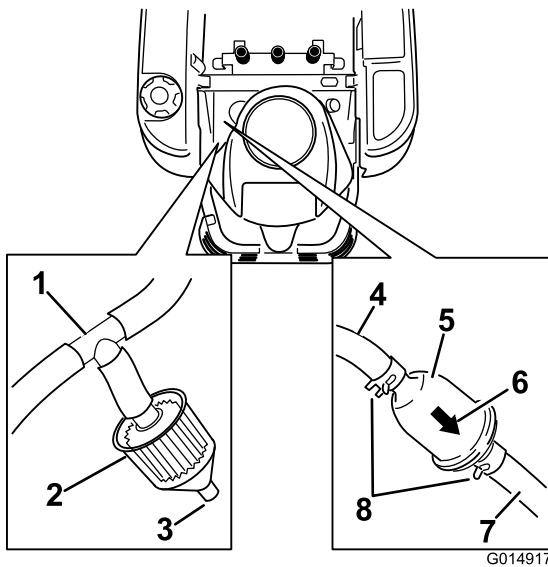


Figure 43

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| 1. Tee Fitting, vent line | 5. In-line Fuel filter  |
| 2. Emissions filter       | 6. Flow direction arrow |
| 3. Open port              | 7. Fuel line to engine  |
| 4. Fuel line from tank    | 8. Hose clamp           |

4. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamps together and slide them away from the filter (Figure 43).
5. Remove the filter from the fuel lines.
6. Install a new filter with the flow direction arrow coming from the fuel tank and pointing to the engine. Move the hose clamps close to the filter (Figure 43) to secure it in place.

## Servicing the Emissions Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)

**Note:** CARB compliant models are equipped with a maintenance free emissions canister and do not have an emissions filter to be serviced. This procedure will not apply to these models.

Some machines are equipped with an emissions filter (Figure 43) connected to a tee fitting on the vent line coming from the gas tank. The filter has an open port by design. The filter should be inspected regularly. Replace the filter if the filter is dirty or clogged.

## Charging the Battery

### 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.

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the seat to access the battery.
4. Disconnect the negative (black) ground cable from the battery post (Figure 44). Retain all fasteners.

## ⚠ 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 connect the positive (red) battery cable before connecting the negative (black) cable.
5. Slide the rubber cover up the positive (red) cable. Disconnect the positive (red) cable from the battery post (Figure 44). Retain all fasteners.
  6. Remove the battery hold-down (Figure 44) and lift the battery from the battery tray.

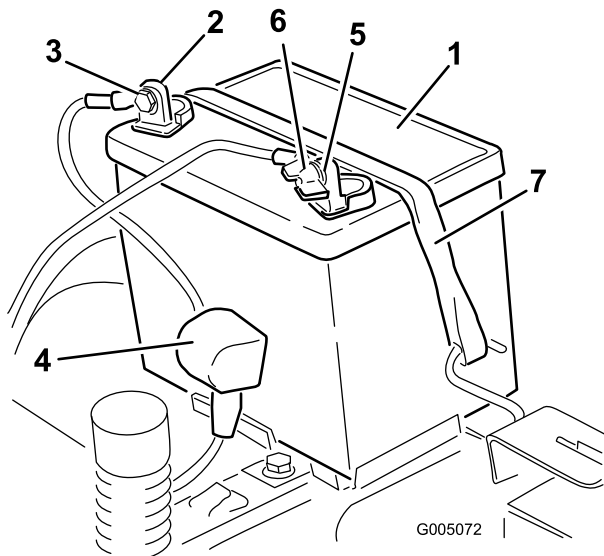


Figure 44

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| 1. Battery               | 5. Negative battery post      |
| 2. Positive battery post | 6. Wing nut, washer, and bolt |
| 3. Bolt, washer, and nut | 7. Battery hold-down          |
| 4. Terminal boot         |                               |

## Charging the Battery

**Service Interval:** Before storage—Charge the battery and disconnect battery cables.

1. Remove the battery from the chassis; refer to Removing the Battery.
2. Charge the battery for a minimum of 1 hour at 6 to 10 amps. Do not overcharge the battery.
3. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the charger from the electrical outlet, then disconnect the charger leads from the battery posts (Figure 45).

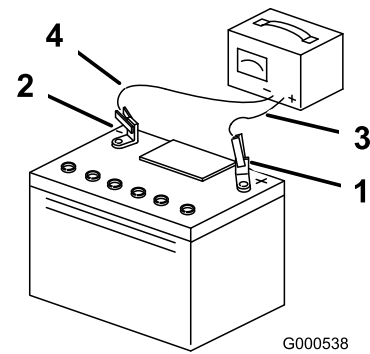


Figure 45

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| 1. Positive battery post | 3. Red (+) charger lead   |
| 2. Negative battery post | 4. Black (-) charger lead |

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

## Installing the Battery

1. Position the battery in the tray (Figure 44).
2. Install the positive (red) battery cable to the positive (+) battery terminal using the fasteners removed previously.
3. Install the negative battery cable to the negative (-) battery terminal using the fasteners removed previously.
4. Slide the red terminal boot onto the positive (red) battery post.
5. Secure the battery with the hold-down (Figure 44).
6. Lower the seat.

## 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.

Fuse:

- Main F1-30 amp, blade-type
  - Charge Circuit F2-25 amp, blade-type
1. Remove the screws securing the control panel to the machine. Retain all fasteners
  2. Lift the control pane up to access the main wiring harness and fuse block (Figure 46).
  3. To replace a fuse, pull out on the fuse to remove it (Figure 46).

# Drive System Maintenance

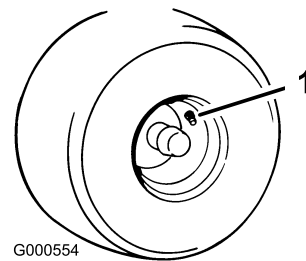
## Checking the Tire Pressure

**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 47). Check the tires when they are cold to get the most accurate pressure reading.

Refer to the maximum pressure suggested by the tire manufacturer on the sidewall of the caster wheel tires.

Inflate the rear drive wheel tires to 12 psi.



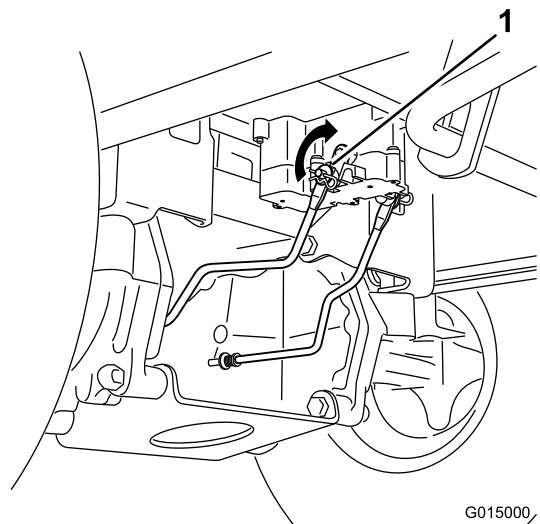
**Figure 47**

1. Valve stem

## Releasing the Electric Brake

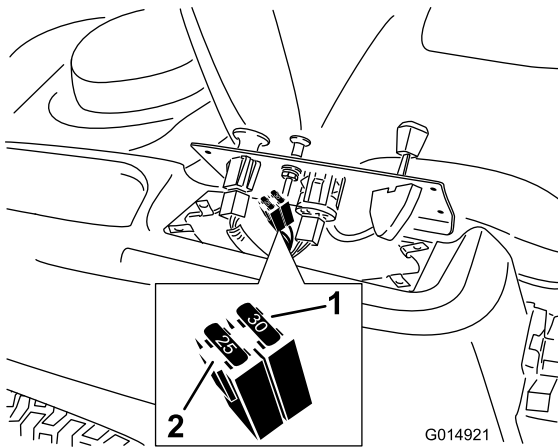
The electric brake can be release by manually rotating the link arms forward. Once the electric brake is energized the brake will reset.

To release the brake:



**Figure 48**

1. Brake link arm on the electric brake control module



**Figure 46**

1. Main-30 amp
  2. Charge circuit-25 amp
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4. Return the control panel to its original position. Use the screws removed previously to secure the panel to the machine.

1. Locate the shaft on the electric brake where the brake link arms are connected.
2. Rotate the shaft forward to release the brake.

# Mower 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.

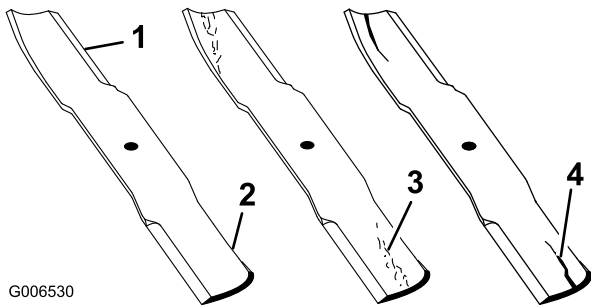
## Before Inspecting or Servicing the Blades

Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade control switch, and move the motion control levers outward to the park position. Stop the engine and remove the key.

## Inspecting the Blades

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily—Check the cutting blades.

1. Inspect the cutting edges (Figure 49). 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 49). If you notice any damage, wear, or a slot forming in this area (item 3 in Figure 49), immediately install a new blade.



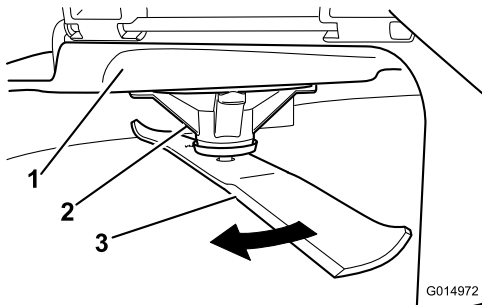
**Figure 49**

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

## Checking for Bent Blades

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

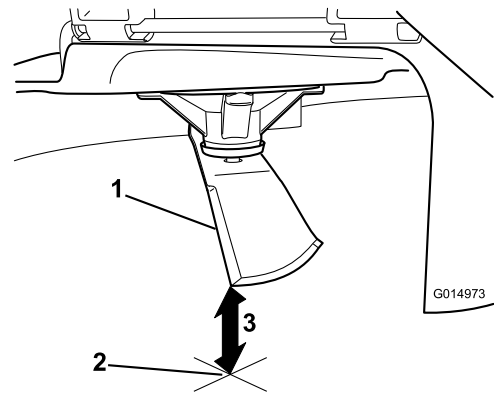
1. Raise the mower deck to the highest height-of-cut position; also considered the 'transport' position.
2. While wearing thickly padded gloves or other adequate hand protection slowly rotate blade to be measure into a position that allows effective measurement of the distance between the cutting edge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



**Figure 50**

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

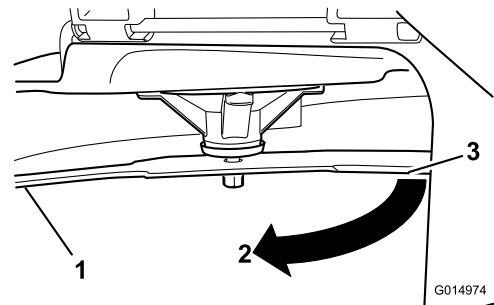
3. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here.



**Figure 51**

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.

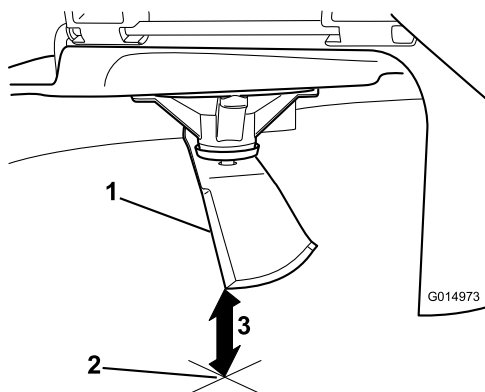


**Figure 52**

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 53**

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.

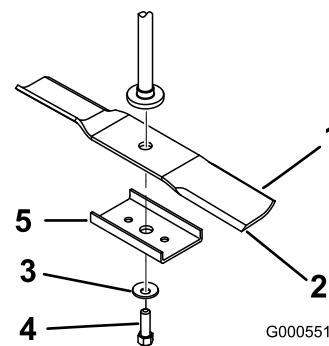
- B. If the variance is within constraints, move to the next blade..

Repeat this procedure on each blade.

## Removing the Blades

The blades must be replaced if a solid object is hit, if the blade is out of balance, or the blade 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, blade stiffener, and blade from the spindle shaft (Figure 54).

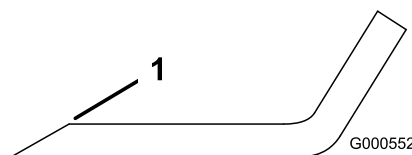


**Figure 54**

1. Sail area of blade
2. Blade
3. Curved washer
4. Blade bolt
5. Blade stiffener (Models with 42 inch decks only)

## Sharpening the Blades

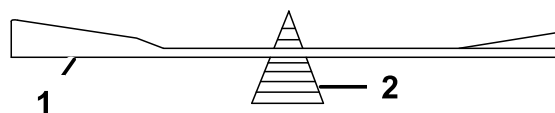
1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade (Figure 55). Maintain the original angle. The blade retains its balance if the same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.



**Figure 55**

1. Sharpen at original angle

2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer (Figure 56). 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 55). Repeat this procedure until the blade is balanced.



**Figure 56**

1. Blade
2. Balancer

## Installing the Blades

1. Install the blade onto the spindle shaft (Figure 54).

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

2. Install the blade stiffener, the curved washer (cupped side toward the blade) and the blade bolt (Figure 54).
3. Torque the blade bolt to 35-65 ft-lb (47-88 N-m).

## Leveling the Mower Deck

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.

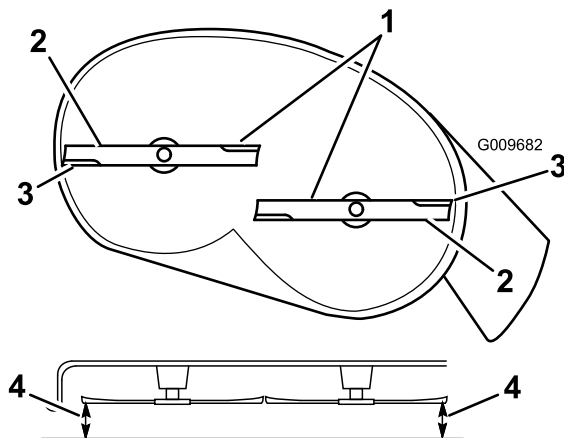
The mower deck must be leveled side-to-side first then the front to rear slope can be adjusted.

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.

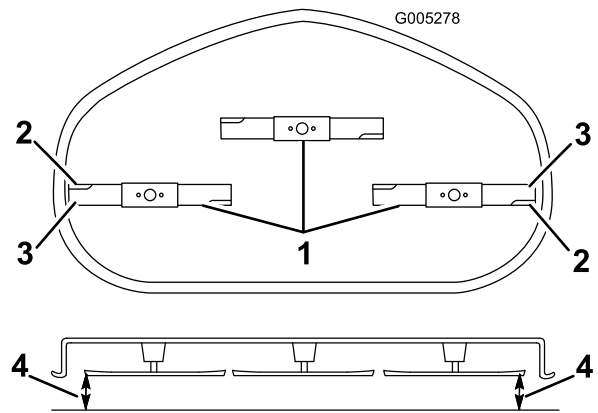
### Side-to-Side Leveling

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Set the height-of-cut lever to middle position.
4. Carefully rotate the blades so that they are all side to side (Figure 57 and Figure 58).



**Figure 57**  
Mower Decks with 2 Blades

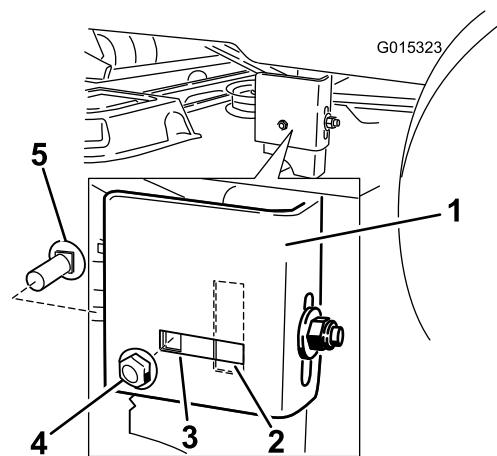
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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Blades side to side | 3. Outside cutting edges                                      |
| 2. Sail area of blade  | 4. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here |



**Figure 58**  
Mower Decks with 3 Blades

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Blades side to side | 3. Outside cutting edges                                      |
| 2. Sail area of blade  | 4. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here |

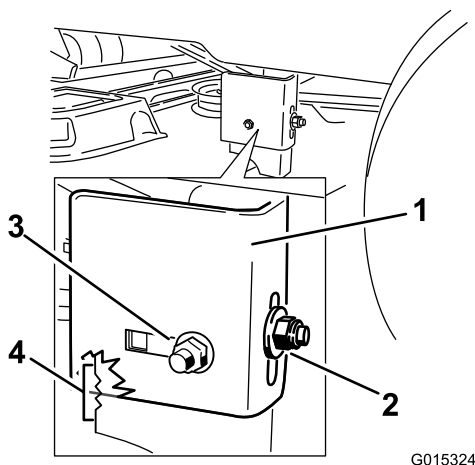
5. Measure between the outside cutting edges and the flat surface (Figure 57 and Figure 58). If both measurements are not within 3/16 inch (5 mm), an adjustment is required; continue with this procedure.
  6. Support the weight of mower deck by placing wood blocks under the edges of the deck.
- Note:** Avoid placing the supports under any anti-scalp rollers if present on the deck.
7. Move to the left side of the machine. Remove the side carriage bolt and locking nut from the fixed position and install it into the rear, slotted position (Figure 59).



**Figure 59**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hanger bracket              | 4. Side locking nut.  |
| 2. Slotted adjustment position | 5. Side carriage bolt |
| 3. Fixed position              |                       |

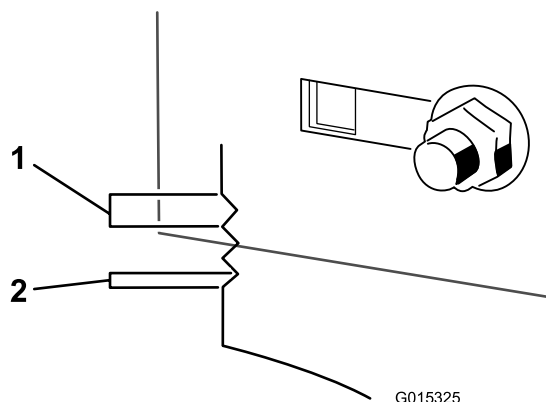
8. Loosen the rear locking nut on the hanger bracket (Figure 60).



**Figure 60**

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|---------------------|--|
| 1. Hanger bracket   | 3. Side locking nut, slotted position. |
| 2. Rear locking nut | 4. Adjustment notches                  |

9. Loosen the side locking nut on the hanger bracket just enough to allow the hanger to be adjusted (Figure 60). Use the notches on the welded bracket to measure the amount of adjustment. Each notch surface is equivalent to 0.25 inch, while a single side is 0.125 inch (Figure 61). Adjust the height of the mower deck to the desired height.



**Figure 61**

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. 0.25 inch | 2. 0.125 inch |
|--------------|---------------|

10. Stop the deck at the adjusted position and tighten the side locking nut on the hanger bracket to hold the new position (Figure 60). Tighten the rear locking nut on the hanger bracket.
11. Continue leveling the deck by checking the front-to-rear blade slope; refer to Adjusting the Front-to-Rear Blade Slope.

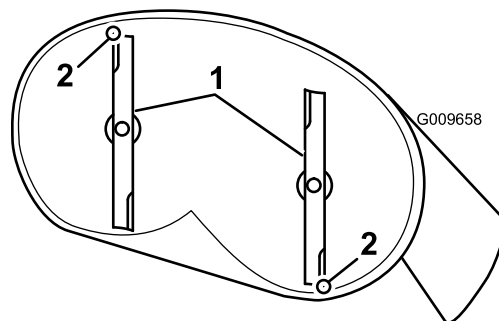
## Adjusting the Front-to-Rear Blade Slope

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 park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Set the height-of-cut lever to middle position.

**Note:** Check and adjust the side-to-side blade level if you have not checked the setting; refer to Side-to-Side Leveling.

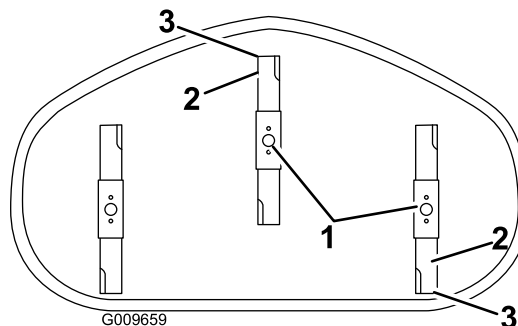
4. Carefully rotate the blades so they are facing front to rear (Figure 62 and Figure 63).



**Figure 62**

Mower Decks with 2 Blades

1. Blades front to rear
2. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface here

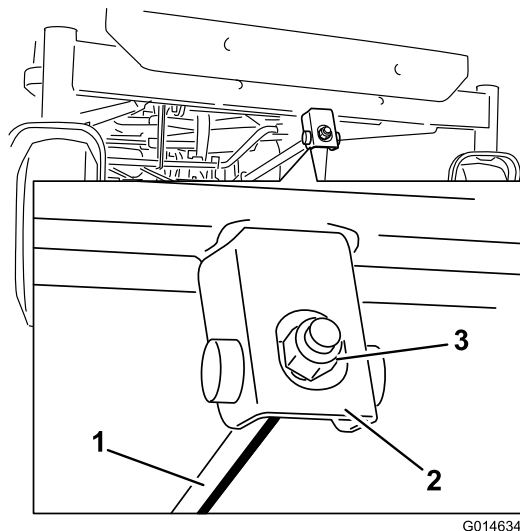


**Figure 63**

Mower Decks with 3 Blades

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

5. Measure from the tip of the front blade to the flat surface and the tip of the rear blade to the flat surface (Figure 62 and 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, adjust the front locknut.
6. To adjust the front-to-rear blade slope, rotate the adjustment nut in the front of the mower (Figure 64).



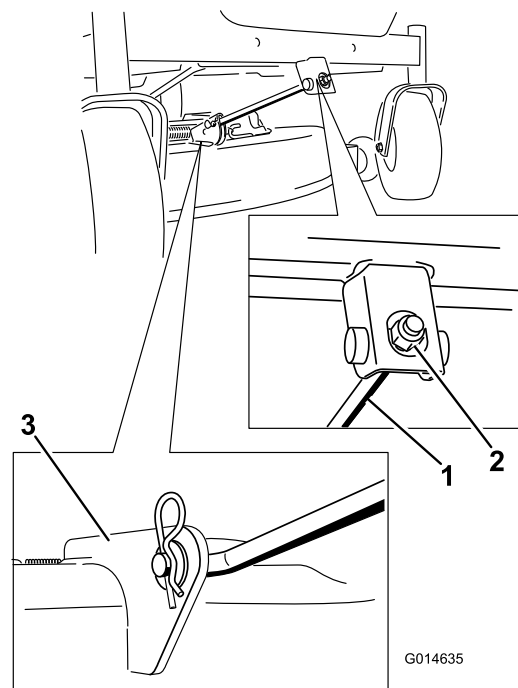
**Figure 64**

1. Adjusting rod
2. Adjusting block
3. Lock nut

7. To raise the front of the mower, tighten the adjustment nut. To lower the front of the mower, loosen the adjustment nut.
8. After adjustment, check the front-to-rear slope again. Continue adjusting the nut until the front blade tip is 1/16-5/16 inch (1.6-7.9 mm) lower than the rear blade tip (Figure 62 and Figure 63).
9. When the front-to-rear blade slope is correct check the side-to-side level of the mower again; refer to Leveling the Mower from Side-to-Side.

## Removing the Mower

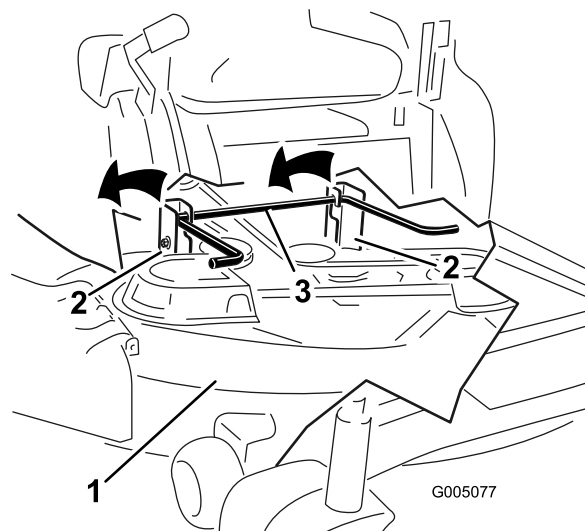
1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Lower the height-of-cut lever to the lowest position.
4. Remove the hairpin cotter from the front support rod and remove the rod from the deck bracket (Figure 65). Carefully lower the front of the mower deck to the ground.



**Figure 65**

1. Front support rod
2. Locking nut
3. Deck bracket

5. Lift the mower deck and hanger brackets clear of the rear lift rod and lower the mower carefully to the ground (Figure 66).



**Figure 66**

1. Mower deck
2. Hanger bracket
3. Rear lift rod

6. Slide the mower deck rearward to remove the mower belt from the engine pulley.
7. Slide the mower deck out from underneath the machine.

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

# Mower Belt Maintenance

## Inspecting the Belts

**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours—Check the belts for wear/cracks.

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

## Replacing the Mower Belt

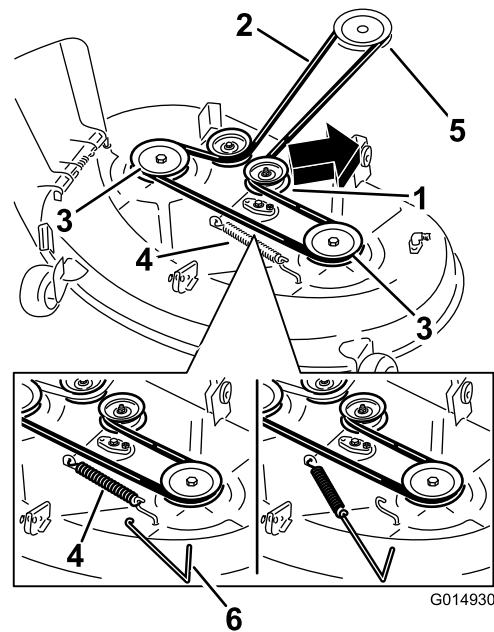
Squealing when the belt is rotating, blades slipping when cutting grass, frayed belt edges, burn marks, and cracks are signs of a worn mower belt. Replace the mower belt if any of these conditions are evident.

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade control switch.
2. Move the motion control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Set the height-of-cut at the lowest cutting position [1-1/2 inch (38 mm)].
4. Using a spring removal tool, (Toro part no. 92-5771), remove the idler spring from the deck hook to remove tension on the idler pulley and roll the belt off of the pulleys (Figure 67 and Figure 68).

### **⚠ WARNING**

The spring is under tension when installed and can cause personal injury.

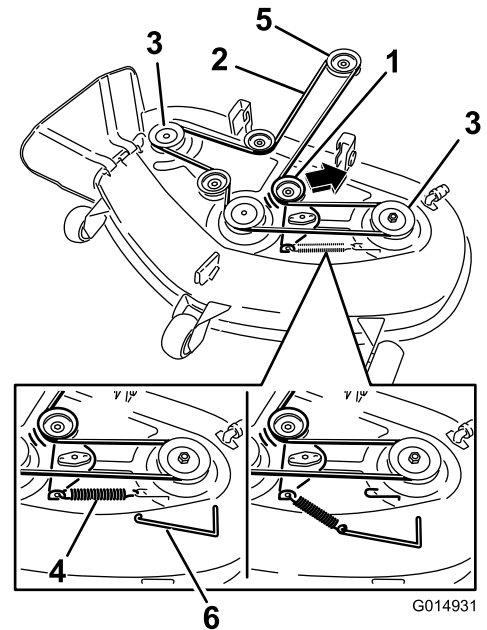
Be careful when removing the belt.



**Figure 67**

Mower Decks with 2 Blades

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Idler pulley   | 4. Spring              |
| 2. Mower belt     | 5. Engine pulley       |
| 3. Outside pulley | 6. Spring removal tool |



**Figure 68**

Mower Decks with 3 Blades

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Idler pulley   | 4. Spring              |
| 2. Mower belt     | 5. Engine pulley       |
| 3. Outside pulley | 6. Spring removal tool |

5. Route the new belt around the engine pulley and mower pulleys (Figure 68).
6. Using a spring removal tool, (Toro part no. 92-5771), install the idler spring over the deck hook and placing tension on the idler pulley and mower belt ((Figure 67 and Figure 68)).

## 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 park 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.
5. Lift the rear of the mower deck and guide the hanger brackets over the rear lift rod (Figure 66).
6. Attach the front support rod to the mower deck with the clevis pin and hairpin cotter (Figure 65).
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

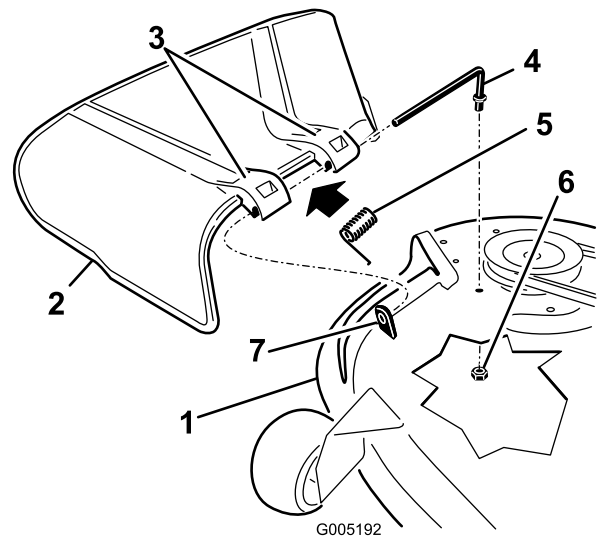
### ⚠ WARNING

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 machine without grass deflector, discharge cover or grass collection system in place.

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

1. Locate items shown in Figure 69.



**Figure 69**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mower deck              | 5. Spring          |
| 2. Grass deflector         | 6. Nut (3/8 inch)  |
| 3. Grass deflector bracket | 7. Short stand-off |
| 4. Rod                     |                    |

2. Remove the nut (3/8 inch) from the rod under the mower (Figure 69).
3. Slide the rod out of the short stand-off, spring, and grass deflector (Figure 69). Remove the damaged or worn grass deflector.
4. Replace the grass deflector (Figure 69).
5. Slide rod, straight end, through the rear grass deflector bracket.
6. Place the spring on the rod, with end wires down, and between the grass deflector brackets. Slide rod through second grass deflector bracket (Figure 69).
7. Insert rod at front of grass deflector into short stand-off on deck. Secure rear end of rod into the mower with a nut (3/8 inch) (Figure 69).

**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 park 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 70).

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

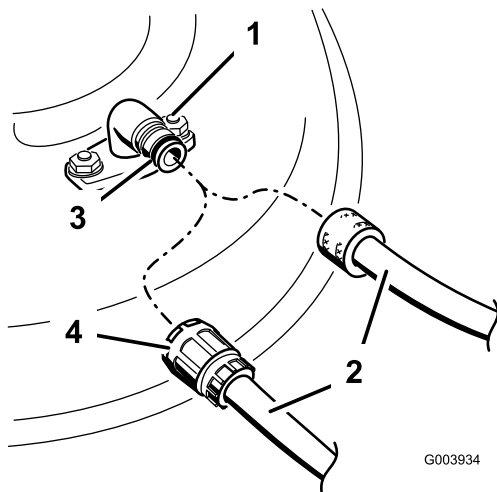


Figure 70

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Washout fitting | 3. O-ring   |
| 2. Hose            | 4. Coupling |

**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.

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.

# Storage

## Cleaning and Storage

1. Disengage the blade control switch, move the motion controls outward to the park position, stop the engine, and remove the key.
2. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the entire machine, especially the engine. 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, under the seat, around the engine, hydraulic pumps, and motors.

3. Service the air cleaner; refer to Servicing the Air Cleaner in the Engine Maintenance section.
4. Grease and oil the machine; refer to the Lubrication section.
5. Change the crankcase oil and filter; refer to Servicing the Engine Oil in the Engine Maintenance section.
6. Check the tire pressure; refer to Checking the Tire Pressure in the Drive System Maintenance section.
7. Charge the battery; refer to Servicing the Battery in the Electrical System Maintenance section.
8. Check the condition of the blades; refer to Servicing the Cutting Blades in the Mower Maintenance section.
9. Prepare the machine for storage when non-use occurs over 30 days. Prepare the machine for storage as follows.
10. Add a petroleum based stabilizer/conditioner to the fuel in the tank. Follow the 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 gasoline and used at all times.

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

Stop the engine, allow it to cool, and drain the fuel tank.

Restart the engine and run it until it stops.

Choke the engine. Start and run the engine until it will not start.

Dispose of fuel properly. Recycle pursuant to local codes.

**Important:** Do not store stabilizer/conditioned gasoline over 30 days.

11. Remove the spark plug(s) and check its condition; refer to Servicing the Spark Plug in the Engine Maintenance section. With the spark plug(s) removed from the engine, pour two tablespoons of engine oil into the spark plug hole. Use the starter to crank the engine and distribute the oil inside the cylinder. Install the spark plug(s). Do not install the wire on the spark plug(s).
12. Clean any dirt and chaff from the top of the mower.
13. Scrape any heavy buildup of grass and dirt from the underside of the mower, then wash the mower with a garden hose.
14. Check the condition of the drive and mower belts.
15. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is worn or damaged.
16. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces. Paint is available from your Authorized Service Dealer.
17. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area. Remove the key from the ignition switch and keep it in a memorable place. Cover the machine to protect it and keep it clean.

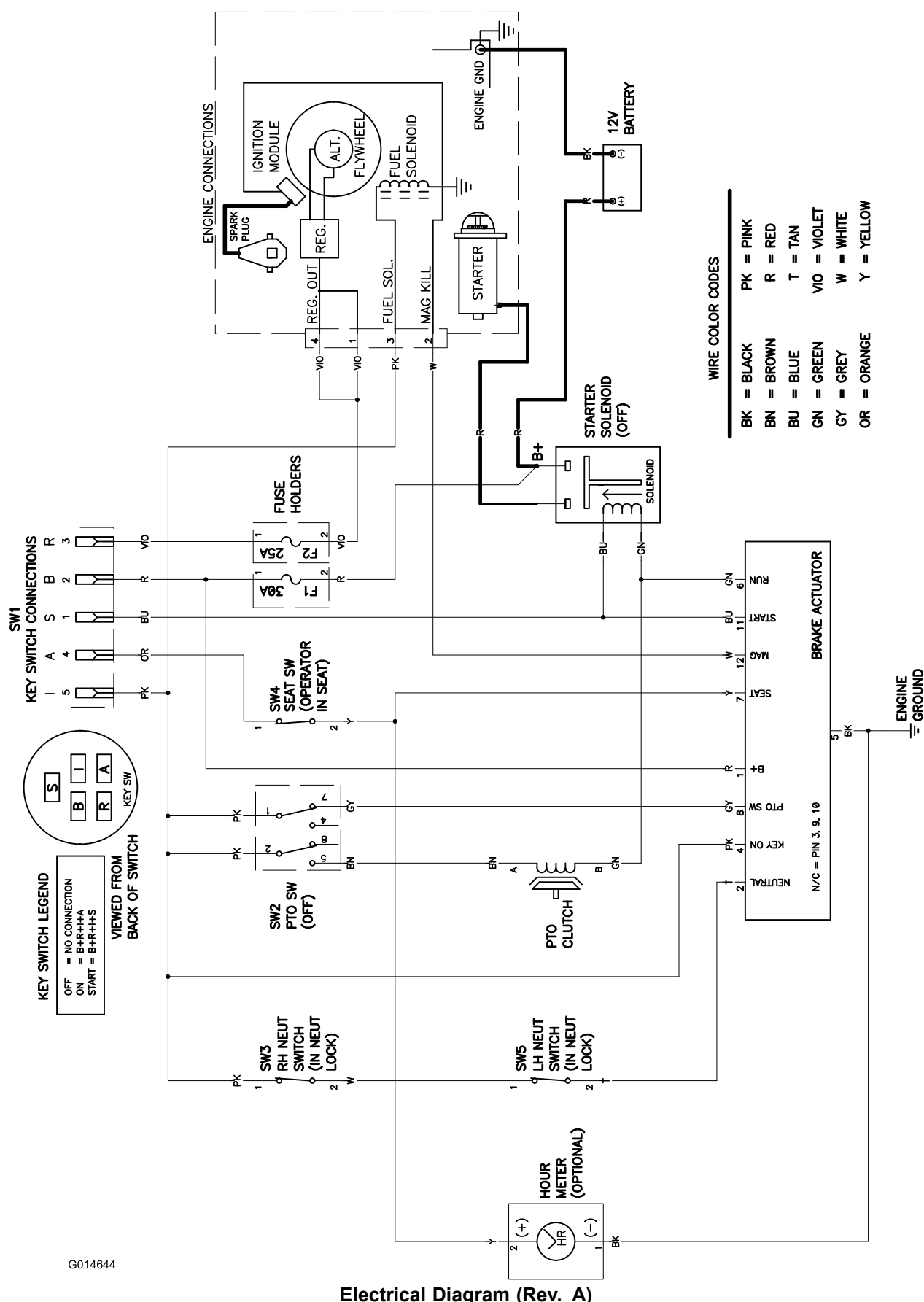


# Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The engine overheats.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>3. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged.</li> <li>4. The air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>5. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in fuel system.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce ground speed.</li> <li>2. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>3. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> <li>4. Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer</li> </ol>
The starter does not crank	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The blade control switch is engaged.</li> <li>2. The motion control levers are not in the park position.</li> <li>3. The battery is dead.</li> <li>4. The electrical connections are corroded or loose.</li> <li>5. A fuse is blown.</li> <li>6. A relay or switch is damaged.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move the blade control switch to Disengaged.</li> <li>2. Move the motion control levers outward to the park position.</li> <li>3. Charge the battery.</li> <li>4. Check the electrical connections for good contact.</li> <li>5. Replace the fuse.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The engine will not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuel tank is empty.</li> <li>2. The choke is not on.</li> <li>3. The air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>4. The spark plug wire(s) is loose or disconnected.</li> <li>5. The spark plug(s) is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect.</li> <li>6. There is dirt in fuel filter.</li> <li>7. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in fuel system.</li> <li>8. There is incorrect fuel in the fuel tank.</li> <li>9. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill the fuel tank.</li> <li>2. Move the choke lever to On.</li> <li>3. Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>4. Install the wire(s) on the spark plug.</li> <li>5. Install a new, correctly gapped spark plug(s).</li> <li>6. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>8. Drain the tank and replace the fuel with the proper type.</li> <li>9. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> </ol>
The engine loses power.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. The air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>3. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine blower housing are plugged.</li> <li>5. The spark plug(s) is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect.</li> <li>6. The fuel tank vent is blocked.</li> <li>7. There is dirt in the fuel filter.</li> <li>8. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> <li>9. There is incorrect fuel in the fuel tank.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce 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. Install a new, correctly gapped spark plug(s).</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>9. Drain the tank and replace the fuel with the proper type.</li> </ol>
The machine does not drive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The bypass valves are open</li> <li>2. The traction belts are worn, loose, or broken.</li> <li>3. The traction belts are off of the pulleys.</li> <li>4. The transmission has failed.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Close the tow valves.</li> <li>2. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>3. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>4. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
There is abnormal vibration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine mounting bolts are loose.</li> <li>2. The engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley is loose.</li> <li>3. The engine pulley is damaged.</li> <li>4. The cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced.</li> <li>5. A blade mounting bolt is loose.</li> <li>6. A blade spindle is bent.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tighten the engine mounting bolts.</li> <li>2. Tighten the appropriate pulley.</li> <li>3. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>4. Install a new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>5. Tighten the blade mounting bolt.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
Uneven cutting height.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The blade(s) is not sharp.</li> <li>2. A cutting blade(s) is/are bent.</li> <li>3. The mower is not level.</li> <li>4. An anti-scalp wheel is not set correctly.</li> <li>5. The underside of the mower is dirty.</li> <li>6. The tire pressure is incorrect.</li> <li>7. A blade spindle is bent.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sharpen the blade(s).</li> <li>2. Install a new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>3. Level the mower from side-to-side and front-to-rear.</li> <li>4. Adjust the anti-scalp wheel height.</li> <li>5. Clean the underside of the mower.</li> <li>6. Adjust the tire pressure.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The blades do not rotate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The drive belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>2. The drive belt is off of the pulley.</li> <li>3. The Power Take-Off (PTO) switch or PTO clutch is faulty.</li> <li>4. The mower belt is worn, loose, or broken.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install a new drive belt.</li> <li>2. Install the drive belt and check the adjusting shafts and belt guides for the correct position.</li> <li>3. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>4. Install a new mower belt.</li> </ol>

# Schematics



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Electrical Diagram (Rev. A)



## The Toro Total Coverage Warranty

Limited Warranty (see warranty periods below)

### Conditions and Products Covered

The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly promise to the original purchaser to repair the Toro Products listed below if defective in materials or workmanship.

The following time periods apply from the date of purchase by the original owner:

Products	Warranty Period
All Mowers	
• Engine	See engine manufacturer's warranty <sup>1</sup>
• Battery	1–90 days Parts and Labor
	91–365 days Parts only
• Belts and Tires	90 days
TimeCutter Z Mowers and Attachments	30 Days Commercial Use
	3 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup>
TITAN Mowers and Attachments	3 years or 240 hours <sup>3</sup>
• Frame	Lifetime (original owner only) <sup>4</sup>
TITAN MX Mowers and Attachments	3 years or 400 hours <sup>3</sup>
• Frame	Lifetime (original owner only) <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Some engines used on Toro Products are warranted by the engine manufacturer.

<sup>2</sup>Residential use means use of the product on the same lot as your home. Use at more than one location is considered commercial use and the commercial use warranty would apply.

<sup>3</sup>Whichever occurs first.

<sup>4</sup>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, at Toro's option, under warranty at no cost for parts and labor. Frame failure due to misuse or abuse and failure or repair required due to rust or corrosion are not covered.

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

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.

### 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.

### Countries Other than the United States or Canada

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

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, RLC 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)

### 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

### General Conditions

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

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

**All implied warranties of merchantability (that the product is fit for ordinary use) and fitness for use (that the product is fit for a particular purpose) are limited to the duration of the express warranty**

**Some states do not allow exclusions of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you.**

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