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**OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

# 421 SNOWTHROWER

The 421 SNOWTHROWER meets or exceeds the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's safety standards for snowthrowers; thus, Toro proudly displays the OPEI safety seal.




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# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



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The following instructions are comparable to the Instructions For Safe Snowthrowing adopted by ANSI – American National Standards Institute. The snowthrower is designed and tested to offer reasonably safe service; however, failure to operate it in accordance with the following Safety Instructions MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

## BEFORE OPERATING

1. Read and understand the contents of this manual before starting and operating the machine. Become familiar with all controls and know how to stop the engine quickly.

2. Keep everyone, especially children and pets, away from the area of operation. Never allow children to operate the snowthrower.

3. Inspect area thoroughly where snowthrower will be used. Remove door mats, sleds, boards, sticks, wire and any other foreign objects which might be picked up and thrown by the snowthrower.

4. Keep all shields and safety devices in place. If a shield, safety device or decal is defective or damaged, repair or replace it before operation is commenced. Also, tighten any loose nuts, bolts and screws.

5. Wear adequate winter clothing and footwear that will improve footing on slippery surfaces. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that could possibly get caught in moving parts.

6. Adjust both skids so auger housing clears gravel or crushed rock surfaces.

7. Before starting the engine, assure auger drive control and wheel drive control are in disengaged position.

8. Fill fuel tank with gasoline before starting the engine. Avoid spilling any gasoline. Since gasoline is highly flammable, handle it carefully. DO NOT SMOKE.

   A. Use an approved gasoline container.

   B. Fill fuel tank outdoors and only when engine is not running. Engine must be cool to prevent a potential fire hazard.

   C. Open doors if engine will be run in the garage because exhaust fumes are dangerous and could possibly be deadly. Do not run engine indoors.

   D. Wipe up any gasoline that spilled, and install gasoline container cap and snowthrower fuel tank cap securely before starting the engine.

## WHILE OPERATING

9. Keep people and pets a safe distance away from the snowthrower and area of operation.

10. Allow engine to warm up for about 2 minutes and machine to adjust to outdoor temperature before clearing snow.

11. Do not run engine indoors, except when starting engine. When starting engine indoors, open outside doors because exhaust gasses are dangerous.

12. Operate the snowthrower only when there is good visibility or light. Always maintain secure footing and keep a firm grip on the handles, especially when operating in reverse.

13. Be attentive when using the snowthrower, and stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards. Be careful when clearing snow from a gravel drive because stones could be picked up and thrown if the skids are not adjusted so auger housing clears all rocks.

14. STAY BEHIND THE HANDLES AND AWAY FROM DISCHARGE OPENING WHILE OPERATING THE SNOWTHROWER. Keep face, hands, feet and any other part of your body or clothing away from concealed, moving or rotating parts.

15. Do not make any adjustments while the engine is running, with the exception of carburetor adjustments.

16. Never operate snowthrower near bystanders, glass enclosures, automobiles and trucks, window wells or a drop-off without proper adjustment of the snow discharge angle.

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# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

17. Clear snow from slopes by going up and down; never across the face, and use caution when changing directions. Never clear snow from steep slopes.

18. Do not overload the snowthrower by clearing snow at too fast a rate.

19. If a solid object is hit or snowthrower vibrates abnormally, shut engine off and wait for all movement to stop. Pull high tension wire off spark plug and check snowthrower immediately for possible damage, an obstruction or loose parts. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble. Repair any damage before restarting engine and operating snowthrower again.

20. Do not touch engine while it is running or soon after it is stopped because the engine will be hot enough to cause a burn. Do not add oil or check oil level in crankcase when engine is running.

21. Before leaving the operator's position – behind handles – assure traction and auger drive controls are in DISENGAGE position and rotate ignition key to OFF. Remove key from switch if snowthrower will be left unattended.

22. Before adjusting, cleaning, repairing and inspecting the snowthrower, and before unclogging the discharge chute, shut engine off and wait for all moving parts to stop. Also, pull high tension wire off spark plug and keep wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting. Use a stick to remove obstructions.

23. Release auger drive control to assure it is disengaged before transporting or storing the snowthrower. Never operate snowthrower at high transport speeds on slippery surfaces. Use care when backing.

24. Let engine run for a few minutes after clearing snow and before storing so moving parts do not freeze.

## MAINTAINING SNOWTHROWER

25. Perform only those maintenance instructions described in this manual. Shut engine off before performing any maintenance service or adjustment. Additionally, pull high tension wire off spark plug and keep wire away from plug to prevent possibility of accidental starting. If major repairs are ever needed, contact the local Authorized TORO Service Dealer for assistance.

26. Keep snowthrower in safe operating condition by keeping nuts, bolts and screws tight. Check engine mounting bolts frequently to assure they are tight.

27. Do not overspeed the engine by changing governor settings. Recommended maximum engine speed is 3400 rpm. To assure safety and accuracy, check maximum engine speed (3400 rpm) with a tachometer.

28. Allow engine to cool before storing snowthrower in an enclosure such as a garage or storage shed. Never store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank inside a building where open flame or sparks are present.

29. When storing the snowthrower for an extended time – off season storage or 30 days – drain gasoline from fuel tank to prevent a potential hazard. Store gasoline in a safety-approved, red, metal container. Remove key from ignition switch and keep it in a memorable place.

30. At the time of manufacture, the snowthrower conformed with or exceeded safety standards in effect for snowthrowers. Therefore, to assure optimum performance and safety, purchase genuine TORO replacement parts and accessories to keep the TORO all TORO. NEVER USE "WILL-FIT" REPLACEMENT PARTS AND ACCESSORIES. The TORO logo assures genuineness.

31. For safety reasons, use only those accessories and attachments recommended by The Toro Company to assure continued safety certification of the product. Using unapproved accessories and attachments could contribute to a potential hazard.

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PARTS & ACCESSORIES

# SAFETY DECALS

Safety and instruction decals are located on the snowthrower chassis and engine. Replace any decal that is damaged.

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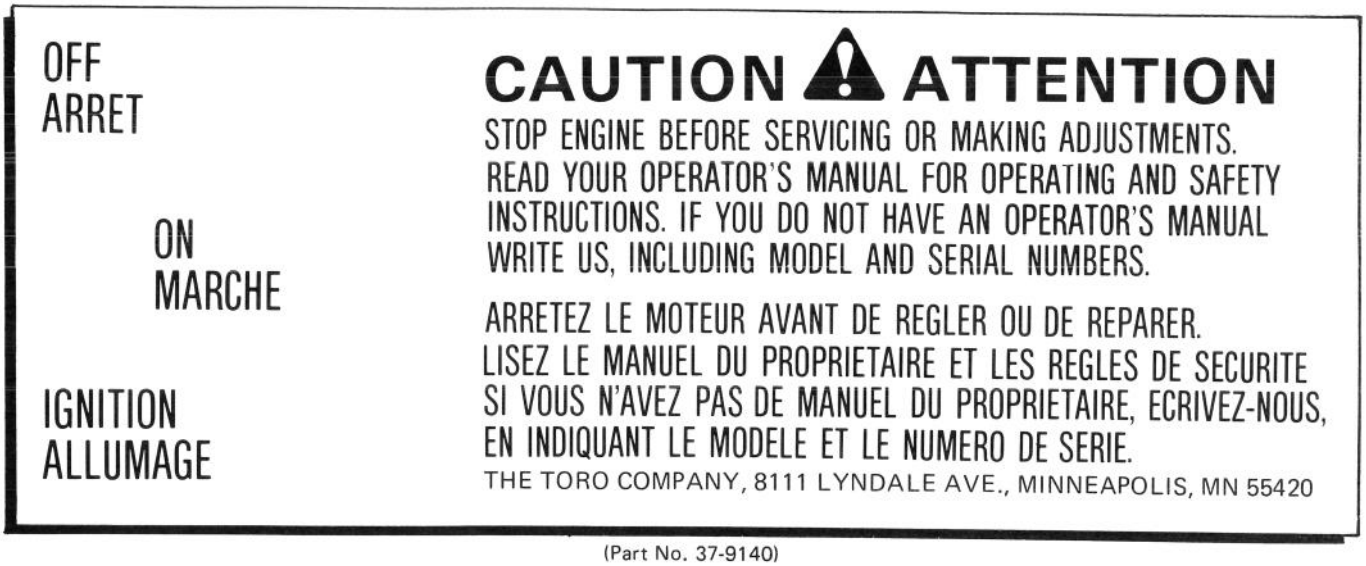


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ON CHUTE CONTROL BRACKET




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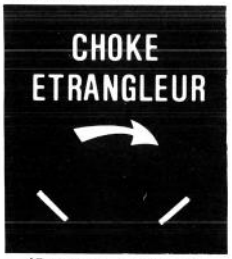


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ON AUGER HOUSING




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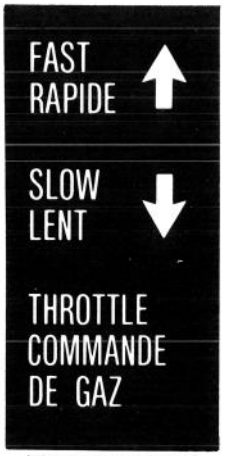


(Part No. 37-8890)

ON R.H. HANDLE BAR




(Part No. 39-1130)

ON L.H. HANDLE BAR




(Part No. 39-1140)

ON ENGINE




(Part No. 29-6390)

# FOREWORD

The 421 Snowthrower is an outstanding product for snow removal with advanced concepts in engineering, design and safety, and if maintained properly, the snowthrower will be reliable.

Since the snowthrower is a high-quality product, Toro is concerned about the future use of the product and the safety of the user. Therefore, read this entire manual to familiarize yourself with the safety instructions and product. The five major sections of the manual are:

1. Safety Instructions
2. Setting Up Instructions
3. Preparation Before Starting
4. Operating Instructions
5. Maintenance

Note that safety, mechanical and some general information in the manual is emphasized. The words CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER, IMPORTANT and NOTE are used to classify the information. CAUTION, WARNING and DANGER identify safety related information; IMPORTANT identifies special mechanical information; and NOTE identifies general information worthy of special attention.

If help — concerning set-up, operation, maintenance or safety — is ever needed, contact the local Authorized TORO Service Dealer or Distributor. Refer to the "Yellow Pages" for assistance. In addition to skilled service technicians, the dealer and distributor have other TORO Products, as well as factory-approved accessories and replacement parts. Keep your Toro all TORO. Buy genuine TORO replacement parts and accessories.

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# SPECIFICATIONS

**4 hp (2.98 kw) Tecumseh Engine:** Model HS40 type 55513F, four cycle, air cooled engine with an output of 4 hp (2.98 kw) @3600 rpm and 6.5 ft-lb (8.8 N·m) of torque @ 2600 rpm. Displacement is 10.49 cubic inches (172 cc). Maximum no load governor setting is 3150–3450 rpm.

**Fuel Tank:** Tank is made of high-density polyethylene and it has a winterized cap with side vent. Approximate tank capacity is two quarts. (1.89 l)

**Auger:** Two section drum type auger is made of heavy gauge steel: welded construction. Each auger section has two flights. Approximate diameter of auger is 12 inches (304.8 mm). Auger speed is 128 rpm when engine is running at 3400 rpm.

**Auger Housing:** Housing is 21 inches (0.533 m) wide, 17-1/2 inches (0.445 m) high and has an adjustable scraper blade. By adjusting skids at sides of auger housing side plates, height of auger housing can range from 0 to 2 inches (0-51 mm) from the ground.

**Auger/Impeller Drive:** Drive is belt-type with idler pulley, with power transmitted to the impeller and worm gear which drives the auger; worm gear reduction is 9.00:1.

**Impeller:** The three blade, 10 inch (25.4 cm) diameter impeller is made of heavy gauge steel: welded type construction. Impeller speed is 1150 rpm when engine is running at 3400 rpm. When auger drive control is disengaged, brake mechanism stops impeller in less than 5 seconds.

**Discharge Chute:** Chute is made of heavy gauge steel and has throat diameter of approximately 5 inches (127 mm). Chute angle of rotation from side to side is 180° and deflector tilt angle is 45°.

**Tires:** Semi-pneumatic tire is 12 x 3.25 (30.5 x 82.5 mm) and has staggered lug tread. Track width from outside of tires is approximately 20 inches (0.508 m).

**Traction Drive Transmission:** Friction disc-type drive with forward speeds of 0.8, 1.1 and 1.6 mph (1.29, 1.77 and 2.57 km/hr) and reverse speed of 1.1 mph (1.77 km/hr) at engine speed of 3400 rpm.

**Controls:** Mounted on control panel are ignition switch and speed selector lever. Chute control rod is mounted at left handle. Engine has manual choke, throttle, and recoil starter. Auger/Impeller control lever is located at right handle grip and wheel drive control lever at left handle grip.

**Handles:** Two 1-1/8 inch (29 mm) diameter steel tubing handles with chrome plating. Grip at end of both handles. Width between handles is approximately 21 inches (0.533 m) and height to top of handle grip is approximately 36 inches (0.914 m).

**Dimensions:**

Overall width is approximately 21 inches (0.533 m).

Overall length is approximately 56 inches (1.42 m).

Overall height is approximately 38 inches (0.965 m).

**Weight:** Approximately dry weight of the "421" is 145 pounds (65.7 kg).

**Accessories:**

110 VAC Electric Starter (part no. 23-3790)

Tire Chains (part no. 37-7010)

Drift Breaker Kit (part no. 37-7020)

# LOOSE PARTS

| Part | Qty. | Use |
|---|---|---|
| Cotter Pin | 1 | Install on Speed Selector Rod |
| Flat Washer | 1 | |
| Flange Screws | 4 | Install Handle |
| Clevis Pin | 1 | Install Auger & Traction Drive Control Rod |
| Cotter Pin | 1 | |
| Flange Nut | 2 | |
| Capscrew & Locknut | 1 | Install Chute Control Rod |
| Locknut, Pyramidal Washer & Spacer | 1 | |
| Special Hex Flange Screw | 1 | Connect Wires |
| Keys | 2 | Use in ignition switch |
| Registration Card | 2 | Used to validate product warranty |

# SETTING UP INSTRUCTIONS

**Note:** Left and right sides of snowthrower are determined by standing in the normal operating position.

## INSTALL HANDLE

1. Remove handle assembly, chute control rod assembly and loose parts from carton. Remove carton from around snowthrower.

2. Remove tie straps securing control rods to handle.

3. Position left handle on side of unit, align handle mount holes with holes in side plate and secure with two flange screws finger tight (Fig. 1).

**Note:** The wheel retainer pin can be removed and the wheel moved out on the axle to achieve more clearance (Fig. 1).

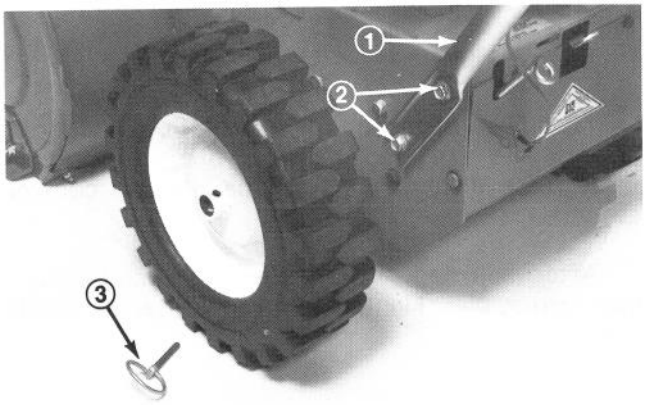


Figure 1
1. *Handle*
2. *Flange screws*
3. *Wheel retainer*

4. Position right handle on side of unit, align handle mount holes with holes in side plate and secure with two flange screws (Fig. 2). Tighten handle screws on both sides of unit.

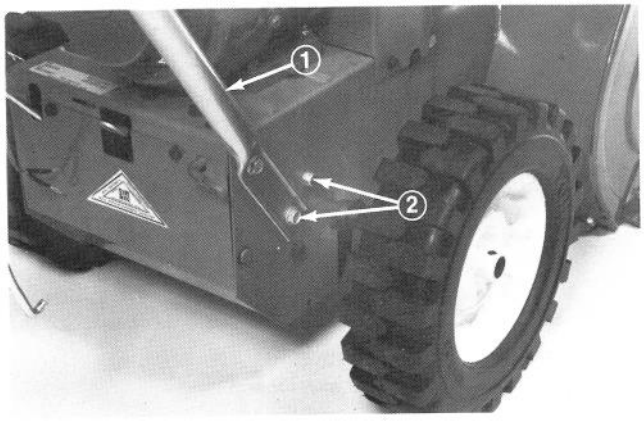


Figure 2
1. *Handle*
2. *Flange screws*

## INSTALL TRACTION ROD

1. Thread a flange nut (flange side down) onto traction rod (Fig. 3).

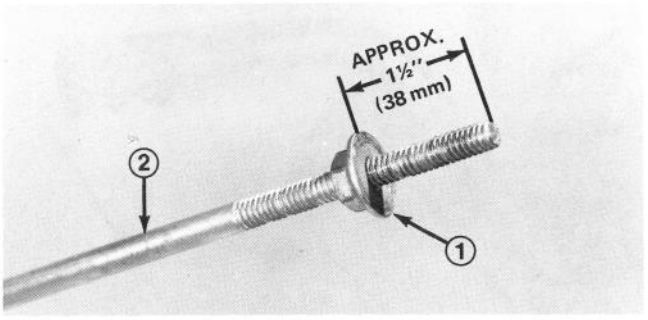


Figure 3
1. *Flange nut*
2. *Traction rod*

2. Insert traction rod through loop in lower traction rod (Fig. 4).

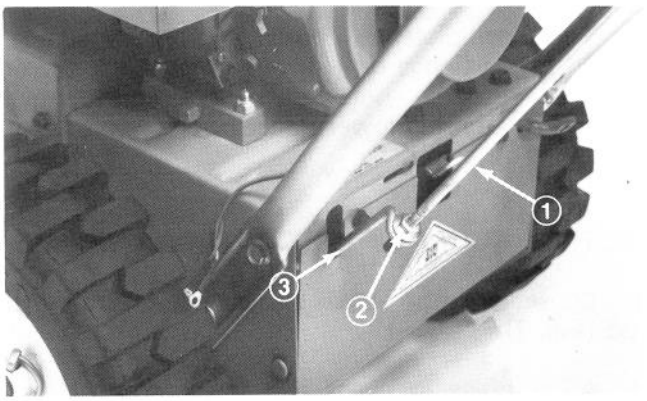


Figure 4
1. *Traction rod*
2. *Loop*
3. *Lower traction rod*

3. Thread a flange nut (flange side up) onto bottom of traction control rod to loop in lower traction rod (Fig. 5).

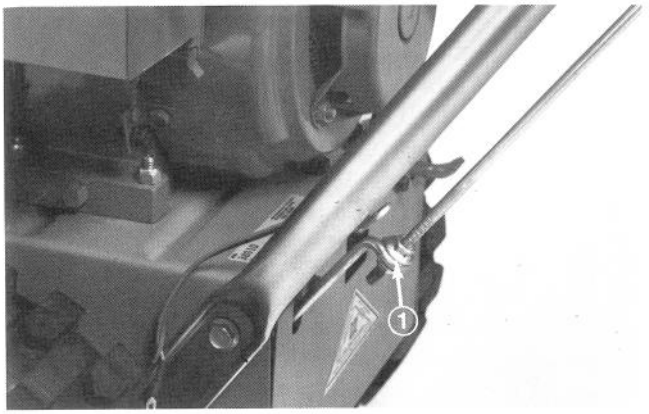


Figure 5
1. *Flange nut*

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4. Check the distance between the center of the handle and top of the control lever (Fig. 6). Distance should be 7-1/2 inches (19.1 cm).

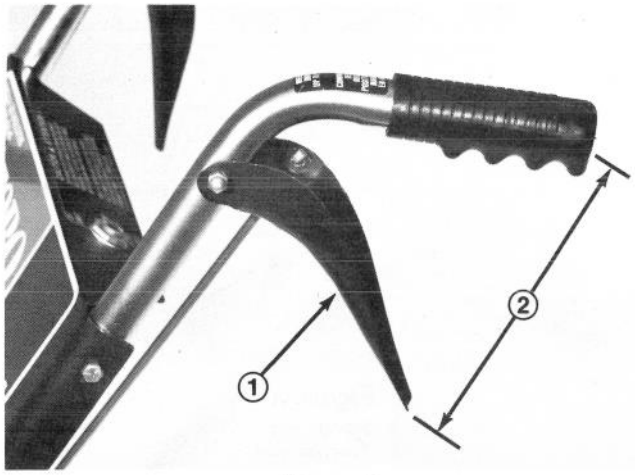


Figure 6

*1. Traction control lever*
*2. Approximately 7-1/2 inches (19.1 cm)*

5. To adjust distance, loosen bottom flange nut, thread upper flange nut up or down to increase or decrease distance between handle and control lever, and retighten lower flange nut.

## INSTALL AUGER DRIVE CONTROL LINKAGE

1. Loose jam nut above clevis on upper control rod (Fig. 7).

2. Align holes in clevis and lower control rod, secure with clevis pin (Fig. 7).

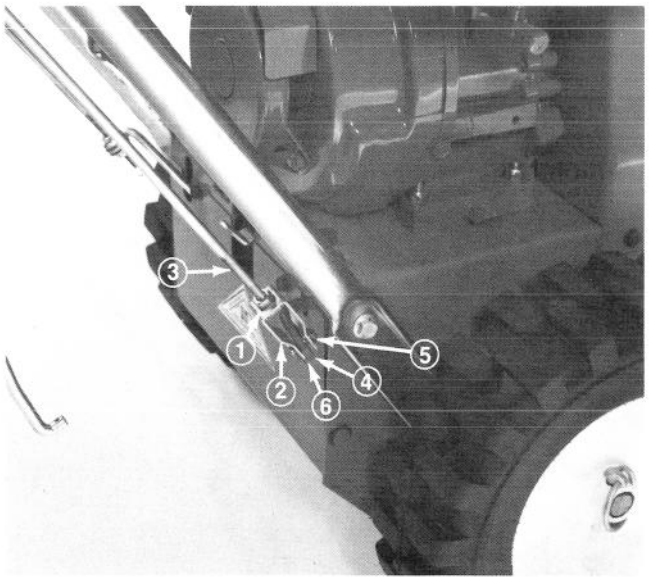


Figure 7

*1. Jam nut*
*2. Clevis*
*3. Upper control rod*
*4. Lower control rod*
*5. Clevis pin*
*6. Cotter pin*

3. Check the distance between the center of the handle and tip of the auger control lever (Fig. 8). Distance should be 6-1/2 inches (16.5 cm).

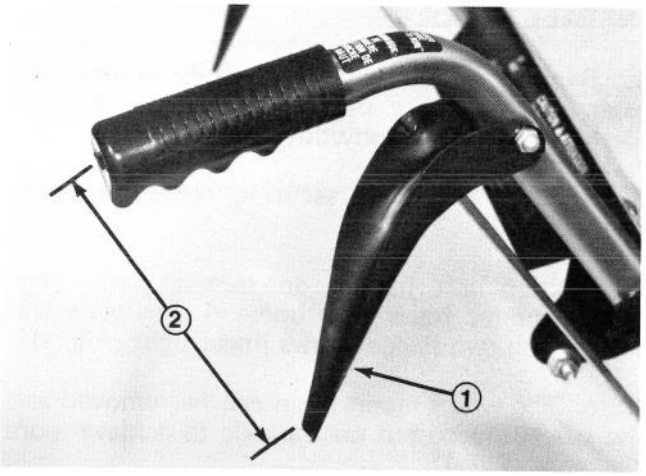


Figure 8

*1. Auger control lever*
*2. Approximately 6-1/2 inches (16.5 cm)*

4. To adjust distance, remove clevis pin, loosen jam nut and thread clevis up or down to increase or decrease distance between handle and control lever.

5. After adjusted, install clevis pin and secure with cotter pin. Tighten jam nut to secure clevis (Fig. 7).

## INSTALL SPEED SELECTOR ROD

1. Pull speed selector arm to the fully "out" position (Fig. 9) and move control handle on escutcheon plate to the R (REVERSE) position to ease assembly.

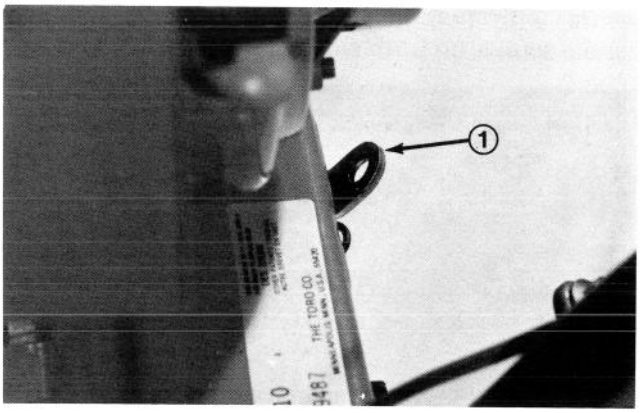


Figure 9

*1. Speed selector arm*

2. Install speed selector rod into selector arm, add one flat washer on the selector rod and secure with cotter pin (Fig. 10).

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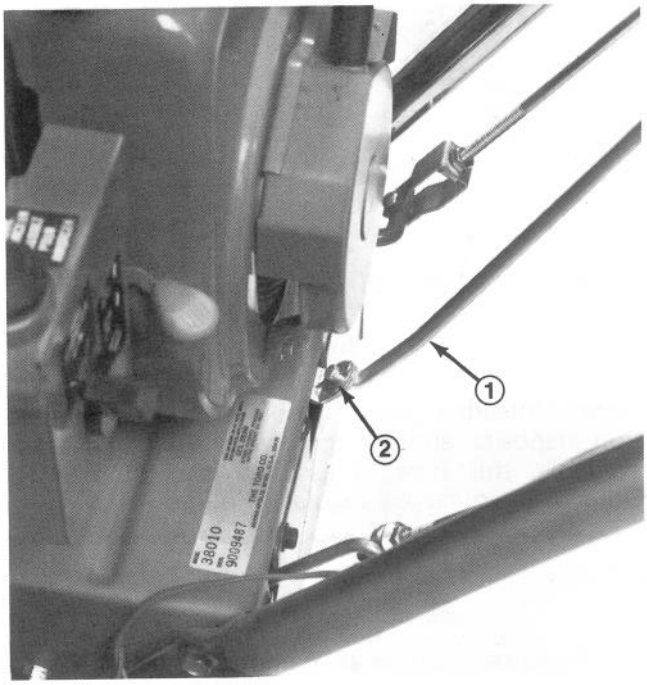



Figure 10

*1. Speed selector rod*
*2. Flat washer and cotter pin*

**Note:** If speed selector lever will not move into third gear, an adjustment is necessary: refer to Adjusting Speed Selector page 17.

## CONNECT IGNITION WIRES

1. Remove phillips head screw and wire from engine bracket, install wire with smaller I.D. hole and reassemble to engine bracket (Fig. 11).

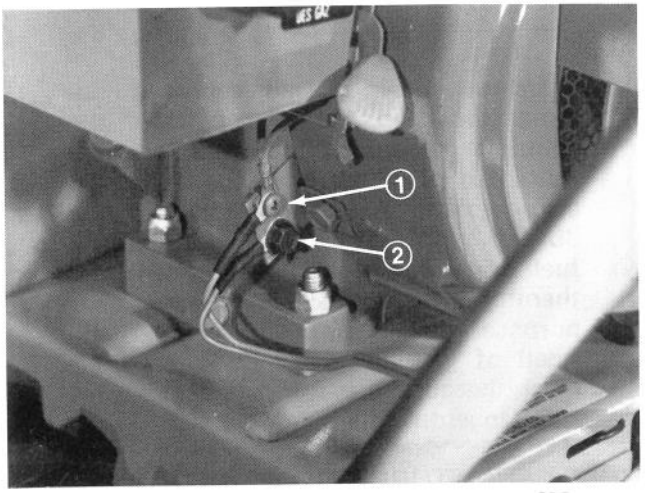



Figure 11

*1. Small I.D. wire and phillips head screw*
*2. Flange head capscrew and large I.D. wire*

2. Insert flange head capscrew through large I.D. hole in remaining wire and install in lower hole in engine bracket (Fig. 11).

## INSTALL CHUTE CONTROL

1. Assemble chute control bracket and rod to left side of handle with capscrew and locknut. Leave locknut loose until assembly is completely mounted (Fig. 12).

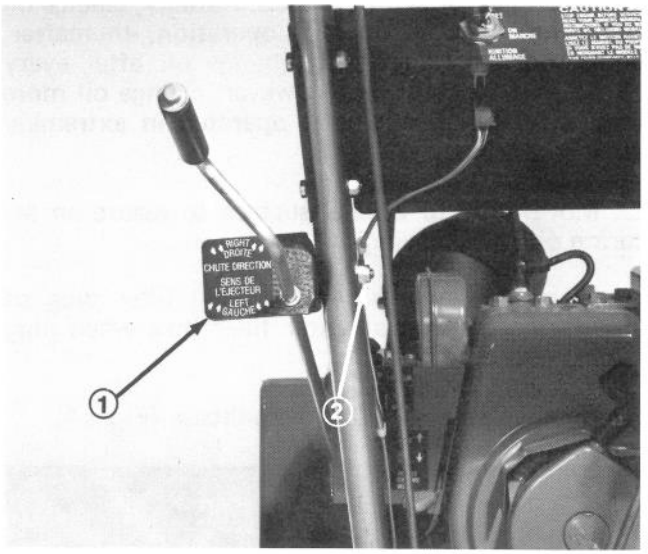



Figure 12

*1. Chute control bracket and rod*
*2. Capscrew and locknut*

2. Apply No. 2 general purpose grease to worm gear and mount worm gear and bracket to mounting flange (Fig. 13). Install flat spacer between bracket and flange and pyramidal washer and locknut under flange (Fig. 13).

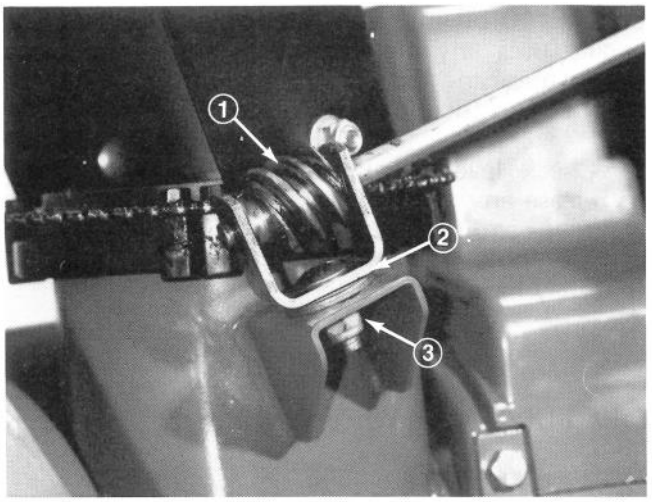



Figure 13

*1. Worm gear and bracket*
*2. Spacer*
*3. Pyramidal washer and locknut*

3. Push worm firmly against teeth in chute retaining ring and tighten locknut (Fig. 13). Then, tighten locknut to secure chute control bracket against left handle (Fig. 12).

# PREPARATION BEFORE STARTING

## FILL CRANKCASE WITH OIL

The engine is shipped from the factory without oil in the crankcase. Therefore, before trying to start engine, oil must be added to the crankcase.

**IMPORTANT: Check level of oil every 5 operating hours or each time unit is used. Initially, change oil after the first 2 hours of operation; thereafter, under normal conditions, change oil after every 25 hours of operation. However, change oil more frequently when engine is operated in extremely dirty conditions.**

1. Move unit to a level surface to assure an accurate oil level reading.

2. Clean the area around the oil filler plug so foreign matter cannot enter filler hole when plug is removed (Fig. 14).

3. Remove filler plug from crankcase (Fig. 14).

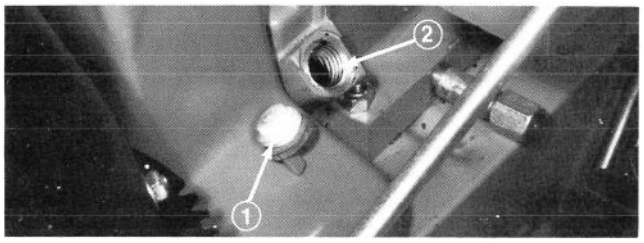



Figure 14
*1. Filler plug*
*2. Oil filler hole*

4. Slowly, pour 21 ounces (0.621 l) of SAE 5W 30 or SAE 10 oil into the filler hole (Fig. 14). The engine uses any high-quality detergent oil having the American Petroleum Institute – API – "service classification" SC, SD, or SE.

5. Check level of oil. Rock snowthrower gently to release any air that is trapped in the crankcase. Next, if required, add oil to point of overflowing in filler hole. Install filler plug, and wipe up oil that may have spilled.

## FILL FUEL TANK WITH GASOLINE

**IMPORTANT: Do not mix oil w/gasoline because engine damage and poor performance may result. Do not use premium gas, white gas or gasoline additives. Unleaded gasoline is recommended.**

1. Clean area around the fuel tank cap. Remove cap from fuel tank and fill tank to within 1/2 inch (13 mm) from the top with unleaded regular gasoline. Reinstall fuel tank cap (Fig. 15).

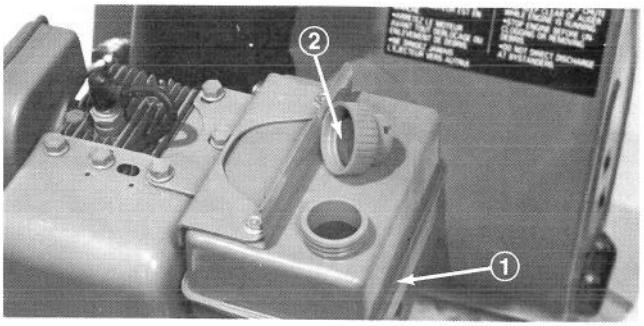
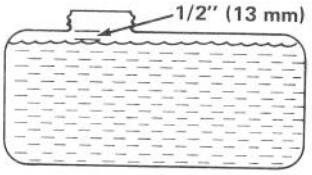



Figure 15
*1. Fuel tank 2. Fuel tank cap*

**Note:** Unleaded regular gasoline reduces combustion deposits and extends valve life, and when available, this type of gasoline is recommended. Otherwise, use leaded-regular gasoline.

**CAUTION**

**Because gasoline is flammable, caution must be used when storing or handling it. Do not fill fuel tank while engine is running, hot or when unit is in an enclosed area. Keep away from open flame and electrical spark, and DO NOT SMOKE while filling the fuel tank to prevent the possibility of an explosion. Always fill fuel tank outside and wipe up any spilled gasoline before starting engine. Use a funnel or spout to prevent spilling gasoline, and fill fuel tank to about 1/2" (13 mm) from the top of the tank, not the filler neck.**

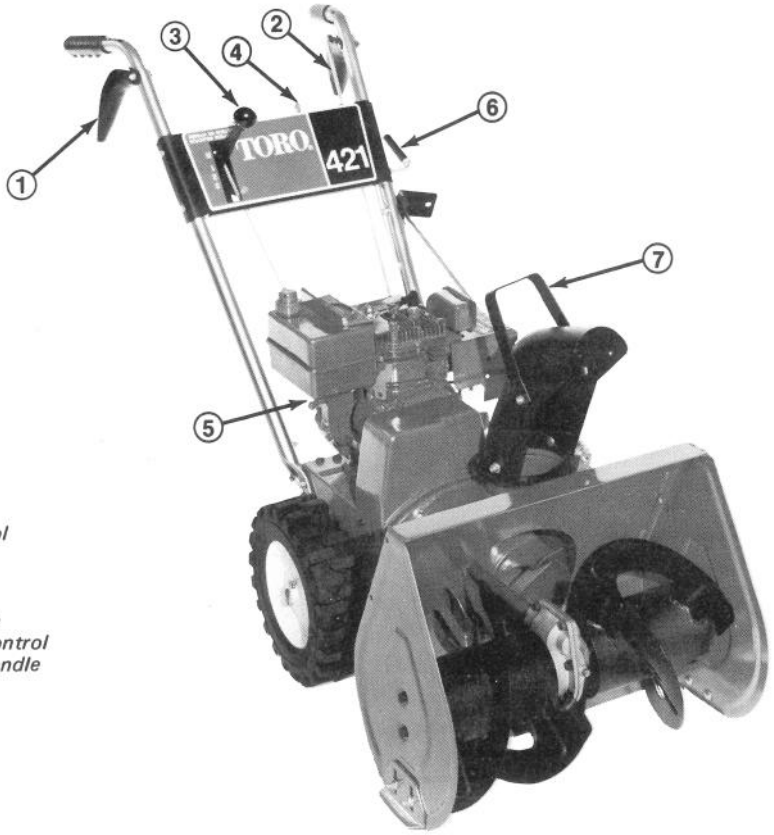



**Store gasoline in a clean, approved container and keep the cap in place on the container. Keep gasoline in a cool, well-ventilated place; never in the house. To assure volatility, do not buy more than a 30 day supply of gasoline. Gasoline is a fuel for internal combustion engines; therefore, do not use it for any other purpose. Since many children like the smell of gasoline, keep it out of their reach because the fumes are explosive and dangerous to inhale.**

## CHECK SNOWTHROWER OPERATION

Check snowthrower operation before using it to blow snow. Familiarize yourself with the controls and starting and stopping procedures: refer to Controls, page 11 and 12 and Starting and Stopping instructions, page 12. If any malfunction is noted, review Set-Up Instructions and check snowthrower again.

# KNOW YOUR CONTROLS




1. *Auger drive control*
2. *Traction control*
3. *Speed selector*
4. *Ignition switch*
5. *Fuel shut-off valve*
6. *Discharge chute control*
7. *Chute deflector handle*

# CONTROLS

**Auger Drive Control** (Fig. 16) – Control has two positions: ENGAGE and DISENGAGE. To engage auger and impeller, compress lever against right handle grip. To disengage, release lever.

**Traction Control** (Fig. 16) – To achieve traction, lever must be compressed against left handle grip. To stop traction, release lever.

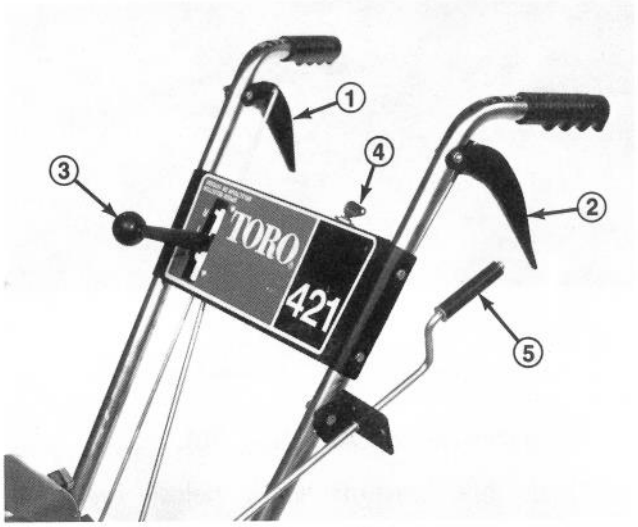



Figure 16

1. *Auger drive control*
2. *Traction control*
3. *Speed selector*
4. *Ignition switch*
5. *Discharge chute control*

**Speed Selector** (Fig. 16) – The control has four positions: reverse, 1, 2 and 3. To change speeds, move gear shift to position desired. Lever will lock in notch at each speed selection. Use positions 1, 2, and 3 depending on snow conditions.

**Ignition Switch** (Fig. 16) – Switch has two positions: ON and OFF. Rotate key to ON before starting engine with the recoil starter. To stop engine, rotate key to OFF.

**Throttle** (Fig. 17) – Moving the throttle upward increases engine speed. Use only enough engine speed to throw snow to the place desired.

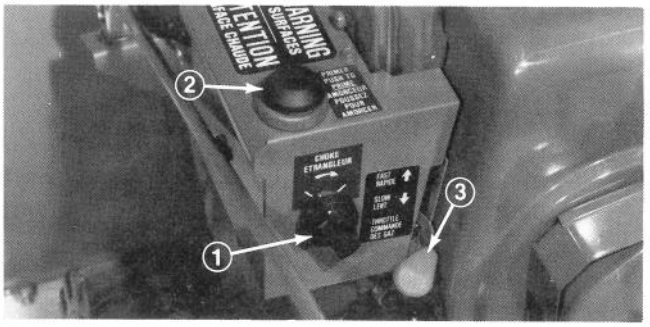


Figure 17

1. *Choke*
2. *Primer*
3. *Throttle*

# CONTROLS

**Choke** (Fig. 17) – Choke for engine is on back side of heater box. Rotate choke clockwise to FULL choke position to start a cold engine. As engine warms up, move choke gradually to OFF.

**Primer** (Fig. 17) – Press primer to pump small amount of gasoline into engine for improved cold weather starting.

**Fuel Shut-Off Valve** (Fig. 18) – Valve is located under fuel tank. Close valve to stop fuel flow from fuel tank and open valve to allow fuel to flow to the carburetor. Close valve when snowthrower is not used.

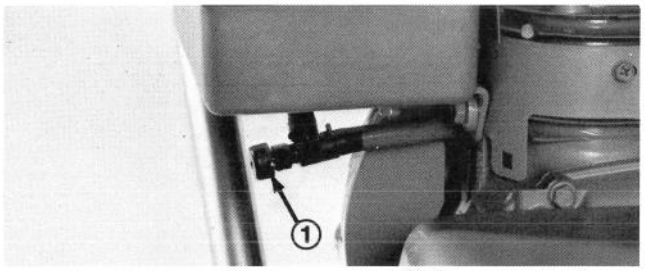



Figure 18

*1. Fuel shut-off valve*

**Discharge Chute Control** (Fig. 16) – Rotate discharge chute control clockwise to move discharge chute to the left and counterclockwise to move chute to the right.

**Recoil Starter** (Fig. 19) – Recoil starter is on back side of engine. Pull recoil starter to start engine.

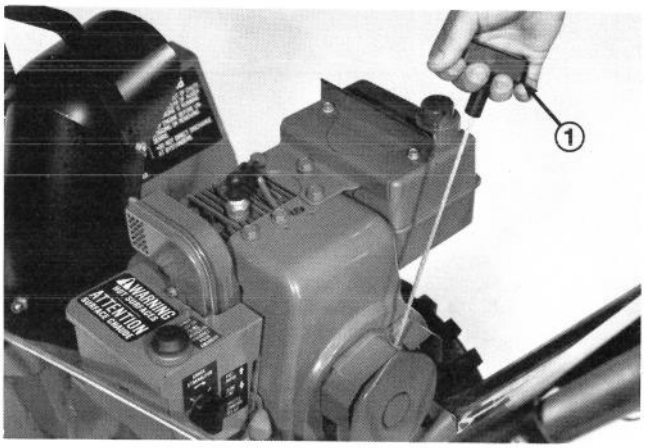



Figure 19

*1. Recoil starter*

**Deflector Handle** (Page 11) – Deflector handle is on top of discharge chute and it is used to control height of the snow stream.

# STARTING AND STOPPING INSTRUCTIONS

TO START ENGINE:

**Note:** If engine is operated when temperature is +40° F (4° C) or higher, remove carburetor heater box (Fig. 20). However, the heater box must be re-installed when temperature falls below +40° F (4° C). To remove heater box:

A. Remove phillips screws and hex head screw securing heater box in place. Pull choke knob off choke rod (Fig. 20).

B. Lift heater box up and away from the engine; then pull hose off end of primer.

C. Unscrew primer from heater box. Next, push hose onto end of primer. Since primer is now loose, it should be secured to some part of the engine, but not where it is hot enough to burn the hose or primer.

**IMPORTANT: Check auger and impeller to assure that both parts are not frozen solid, but free to rotate. Also, make sure discharge chute is not obstructed.**

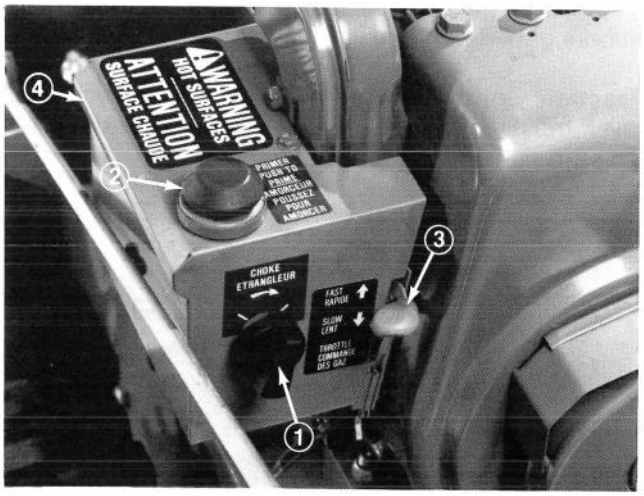



Figure 20

*1. Choke knob*
*2. Primer*
*3. Throttle*
*4. Heater box*

1. Move throttle to FAST (Fig. 20).

2. Open fuel shut-off valve below fuel tank (Fig. 18).

3. Rotate choke clockwise to full choke position (Fig. 20).

# STARTING AND STOPPING INSTRUCTIONS

4. Rotate ignition key to ON (Fig. 16).

5. Depress primer (Fig. 20) five times.

6. Grasp recoil starter handle (Fig. 19) and pull it out slowly until positive engagement results; then pull vigorously to start the engine. Keep firm grip on starter handle and return the rope slowly.

**Note:** If engine does not start or if temperature is -10° F (-23° C) or below, additional priming will usually be required.

7. After engine starts, immediately rotate choke (Fig. 20) to 3/4 position. As engine warms up, rotate choke to 1/2 position; then to OFF position. If engine falters, return choke to 1/2 position. When engine warms sufficiently, rotate choke to OFF position.

### TO STOP ENGINE:

1. Release traction and auger drive control (Fig. 16).

2. Move throttle to slow and rotate ignition key to OFF (Fig. 16).

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### SNOWTHROWING TIPS

1. When snowthrower is not being used, close fuel shut-off valve, and remove key from the switch.

2. Remove snow as soon as possible after it falls. This will produce best snow removal results.

3. If snow will be removed from crushed rock or gravel areas, adjust skids so bottom of auger housing clears the rocks: refer to Adjusting Skids, page 15.

4. For concrete or asphalt surfaces, adjust skids so there is 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) between bottom of auger and concrete or asphalt surface.

5. The snowthrower is designed to clean most of the snow down to the contact surface, but there are times when front of snowthrower may tend to ride up. If this happens, reduce forward speed by shifting into a lower gear. If front still tends to ride up, lift up on both handles to hold down front of snowthrower.

6. Discharge snow downwind whenever possible, and overlap each swath to assure complete snow removal. If wheels slip, shift into a lower gear which reduces forward speed.

7. Normally, chains are not required; however, tire chains are recommended when the wheels spin excessively.

8. In some snow and cold weather conditions, some controls and moving parts may freeze solid. Therefore, when any control becomes hard to operate, stop the engine; then check all parts for freeze up. DO NOT USE EXCESSIVE FORCE AND TRY TO OPERATE THE CONTROLS WHEN FROZEN. Free all controls and moving parts before operating.

# MAINTENANCE

**CAUTION**

**To prevent accidental starting of the engine while performing maintenance, rotate ignition key to off and remove it from the switch. Next, pull high tension wire off spark plug (Fig. 21) and make sure wire does not accidentally touch the plug.**

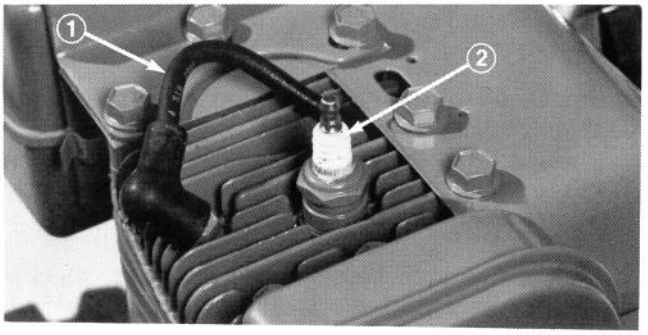



Figure 21

1. *High tension wire*
2. *Spark plug*

# MAINTENANCE

## LUBRICATING SNOWTHROWER

Lubricate the moving parts of the snowthrower after every 15 hours of operation.

First, drain gasoline from fuel tank. Second, tip snowthrower onto auger housing and block it so it cannot fall. Now remove four thread forming screws holding rear shield in place, and slide shield away from traction unit. Next, lightly lubricate points shown with SAE 10W-40 oil or grease (Fig. 22). Wipe up any excess oil or grease. Lastly, install rear shield with four thread forming screws.

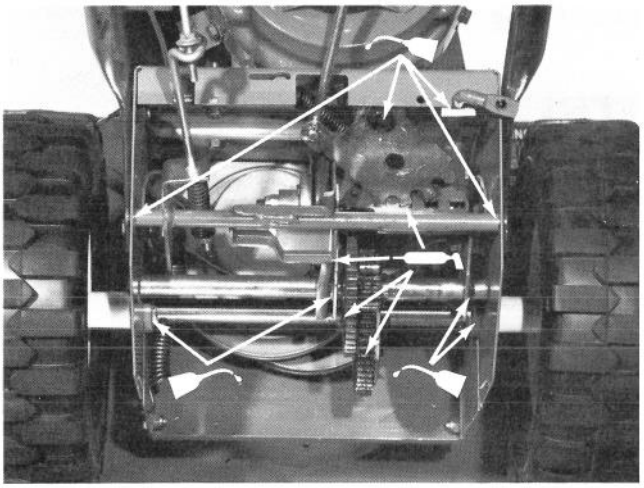


Figure 22

**IMPORTANT: Do not get oil or grease on rubber wheel or friction drive plate because the wheel will slip and rubber may deteriorate.**

## CHANGING CRANKCASE OIL

Initially, change oil after the first 2 hours of engine operation; thereafter, change oil after every 25 hours of engine operation. If possible, run engine just before changing oil because warm oil flows better and carries more contaminants than cold oil.

**Note:** Drain oil when fuel tank is empty to prevent spilling gasoline.

1. Pull high tension wire off spark plug and make sure wire does not contact plug accidentally.

2. Put a two inch block under the right wheel so snowthrower is tipped slightly to the side. This will assure that all oil drains from crankcase.

3. Clean area around oil drain cap. Next, slide oil drain pan below drain extension; then remove oil drain cap (Fig. 23).

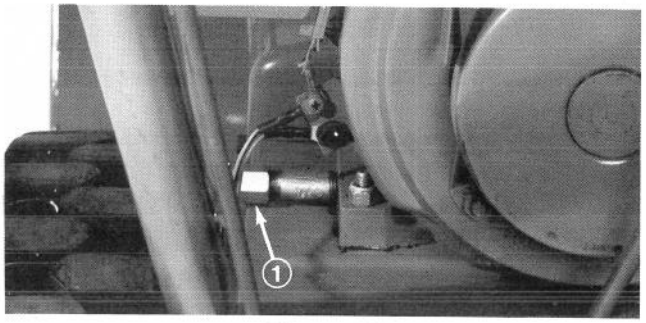



Figure 23
*1. Oil drain cap*

4. After all oil is drained, install oil drain cap. Also, REMOVE BLOCK FROM UNDER RIGHT WHEEL.

5. Position snowthrower on a level surface. Next, fill crankcase with oil: use Fill Crankcase With Oil, page 10. Wipe up any oil that may have spilled.

## CHANGING AUGER GEAR BOX OIL

Change auger gear box oil once a year. If possible, run the auger just before changing oil because warm oil flows better and carries more contaminants than cold oil.

1. Drain gasoline from fuel tank. Wipe up any spilled gas.

2. Position snowthrower on a level surface.

3. Clean area around pipe plug (Fig. 24) so dirt is removed.

4. Put a drain pan below front of auger gear box and remove pipe plug (Fig. 24).

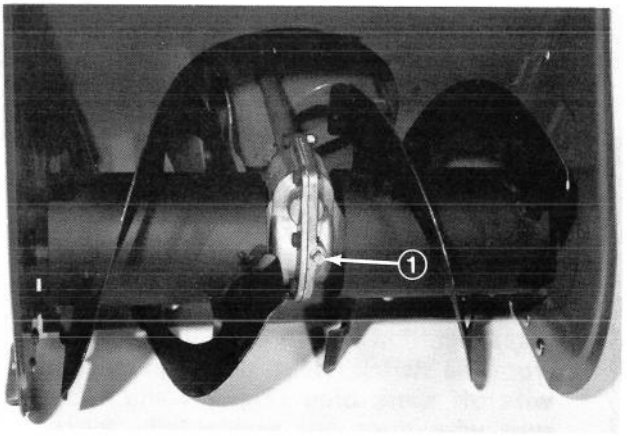



Figure 24
*1. Pipe plug*

5. Tip snowthrower forward and hold it up until all oil drains from the gear box.

6. Carefully let snowthrower down to its normal position. Make sure it is on a level surface. Next, fill auger gear box with 3 ounces (89 ml) of SAE 90 EP transmission oil, or fill to point of overflow.

7. Install pipe plug in gear box (Fig. 24).

## ADJUSTING SKIDS AND SCRAPER BLADE

When snowthrower will be used on concrete or asphalt surfaces, adjust skids using steps 1 and 2. However, use only step 3 when snowthrower will be used on gravel or crushed rock surfaces.

1. Move snowthrower to a level surface. Next, loosen four flange nuts (Fig. 25) securing both skids to auger side plates. Skids must slide up and down.

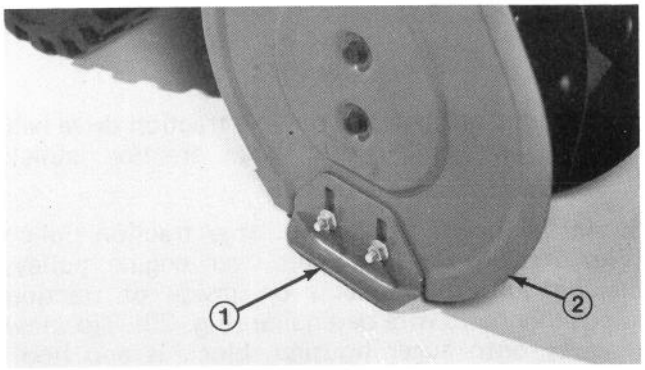



Figure 25
*1. Skid*
*2. Auger housing*

2. Adjust both skids so there is 1/8 of an inch (3 mm) between bottom of auger and level surface. When skids are adjusted correctly, tighten flange nuts. Next, check scraper blade that is mounted at bottom of auger housing (Fig. 26). To adjust scraper, loosen five mounting screws, level scraper, and retighten screws. Scraper must be parallel with level surface.

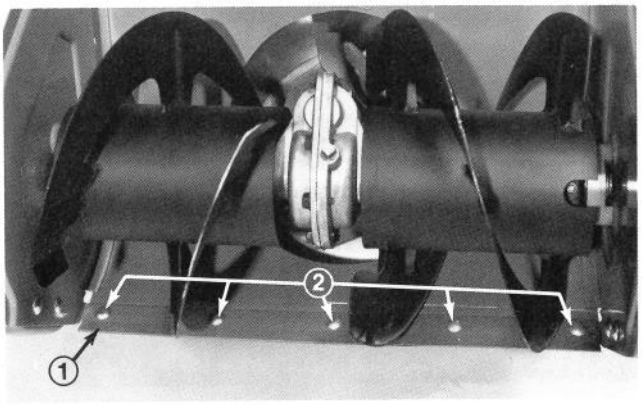



Figure 26
*1. Scraper*
*2. Mounting screws*

**Note:** Do not use step 3 if unit is to be used on smooth or hard surfaces.

3. Loosen four flange nuts (Fig. 25) securing both skids to auger side plates. Next, slide skids down as far as possible so auger is as far from level surface as skid adjustment allows; then tighten flange nuts.

**Note:** If bottom scraper is excessively worn, replace it.

## ADJUSTING AUGER CONTROL IF UNIT WILL NOT THROW SNOW

1. Measure the distance between the center of handle and the tip of the auger control lever.

2. Remove cotter pin and clevis pin securing clevis to lower control rod (Fig. 27).

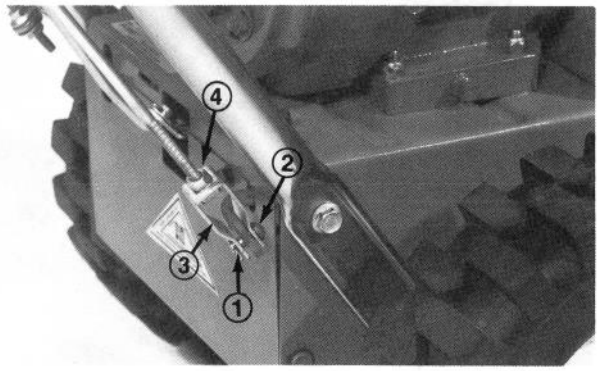



Figure 27
*1. Cotter Pin*
*2. Clevis pin*
*3. Clevis*
*4. Jam nut*

3. Loosen jam nut and rotate clevis clockwise to increase dimension measured by 1/4 inch.

4. Reinstall clevis pin, cotter pin and tighten jam nut.

5. Check unit performance and repeat Steps 1 thru 4 as required.

**Note:** Do not increase dimension more than necessary for satisfactory performance.

## REPLACING AUGER/IMPELLER DRIVE BELT

When auger/impeller drive belt (Fig. 19) becomes worn, stretched, oil-soaked, or otherwise defective, belt replacement is required.

1. Pull high tension wire (Fig. 21) off spark plug and make sure it does not contact the plug accidentally.

2. Remove two thread forming screws holding belt cover in place, and set belt cover aside (Fig. 28).

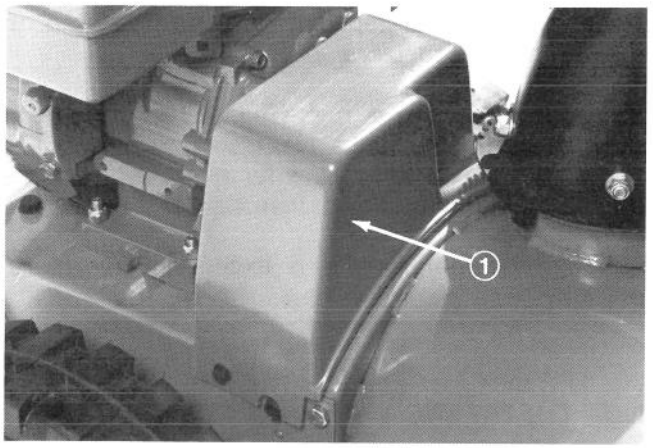



Figure 28
*1. Belt cover*

3. Remove auger drive belt from engine pulley and large auger/impeller pulley (Fig. 29).

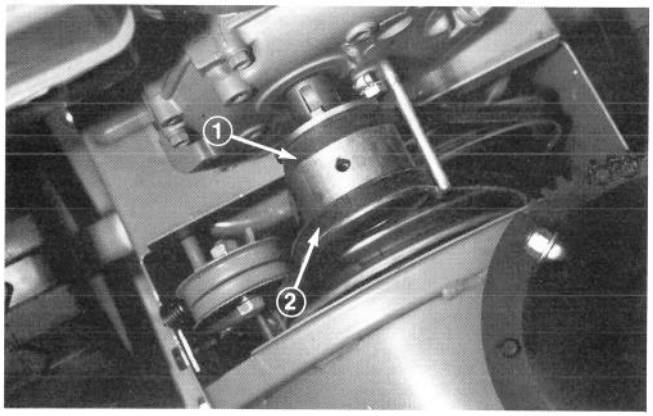



Figure 29
*1. Traction drive belt*
*2. Auger/impeller drive belt*

4. Install new belt around large auger/impeller pulley (Fig. 29). Next, loop belt over engine pulley, making sure that belt is on inside of idler pulley and wire belt guide (Fig. 29).

5. Install belt cover with two thread forming screws.

## REPLACING TRACTION DRIVE BELT

When traction drive belt becomes worn, stretched, oil-soaked, or otherwise defective, belt replacement is required.

1. Pull high tension wire (Fig. 21) off spark plug and make sure it does not contact the plug accidentally. Drain gasoline from fuel tank.

2. Remove two thread forming screws holding belt cover in place, and set belt cover aside. (Fig. 28).

3. Remove auger/impeller drive belt: refer to Replacing Auger/Impeller Drive Belt, page 15.

4. Tip snowthrower onto auger housing and block it so it cannot fall. Remove rear shield and disconnect spring from side plate (Fig. 30).

**CAUTION**

**Spring is under heavy tension. Use caution when removing.**

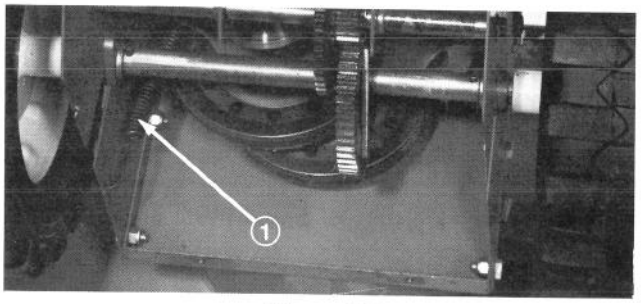



Figure 30
*1. Spring*

5. Set unit upright and remove traction drive belt from engine pulley and large traction pulley (Fig. 29).

6. Install new belt around large traction pulley (Fig. 29). Next, loop belt over engine pulley, making sure that belt is on inside of traction idler pulley and wire belt guide (Fig. 29). Tip snowthrower onto auger housing, block it and hook spring onto side plate (Fig. 30). Replace rear shield and set unit upright.

7. Replace auger/impeller drive belt: refer to Replacing Auger /Impeller Drive Belt, item 4-5.

## ADJUSTING TRACTION DISC

If snowthrower does not drive in reverse or forward speeds, an adjustment is required.

1. Loosen locknuts securing upper traction control rod to lower traction control rod (Fig. 31).

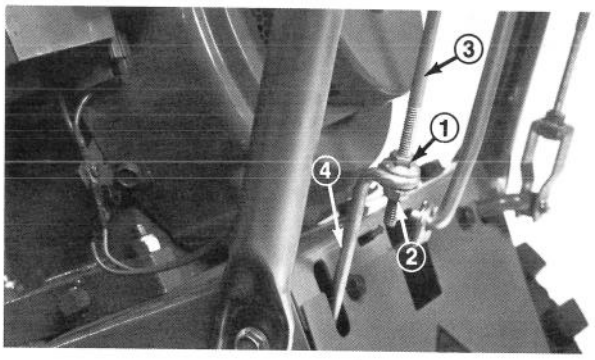



Figure 31
*1. Upper locknut*
*2. Lower locknut*
*3. Upper traction control rod*
*4. Lower traction control rod*

2. Adjust upper locknut (Fig. 31) until there is approximately 8 inches (20.3 cm) between the center of the handle and the tip of the traction control lever (Fig. 32).

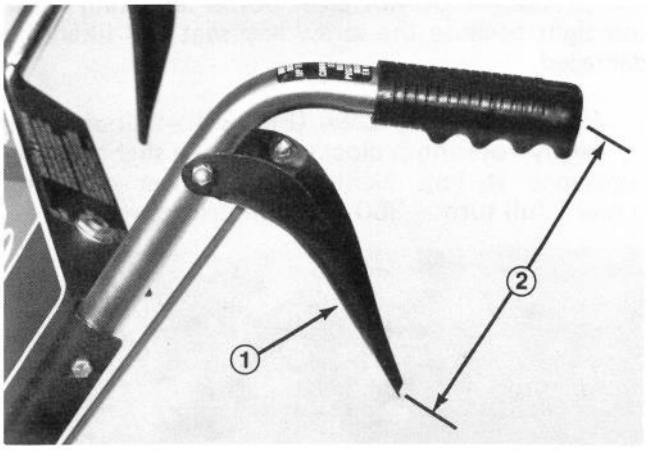



Figure 32

*1. Traction control lever*
*2. Approximately 8 inches (20.3 cm)*

3. Test run unit to check adjustment. Repeat adjustment, if necessary, in 1/2 inch (13 mm) increments).

## ADJUSTING SPEED SELECTOR

If there is slow or no ground speed in No. 1 speed selection, or speed selector cannot be moved into No. 3 speed selection, an adjustment of the speed selector linkage is required.

1. Remove four capscrews securing bottom cover to frame. Remove bottom cover (Fig. 33).

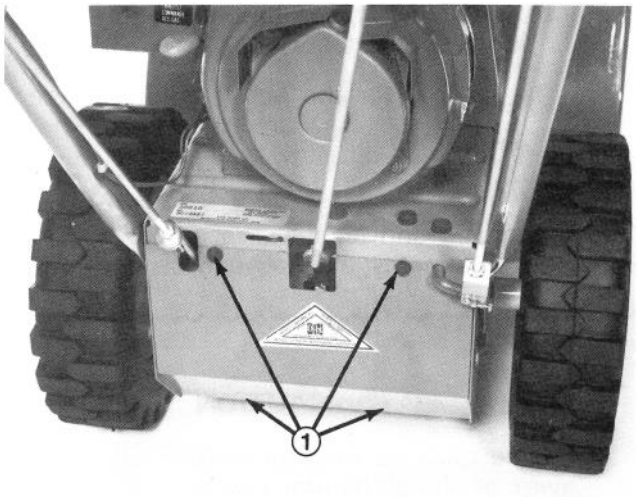



Figure 33

*1. Four capscrews*

2. Loosen flange nuts securing selector plate to escutcheon plate. This allows selector plate to move freely for adjustment (Fig. 34).

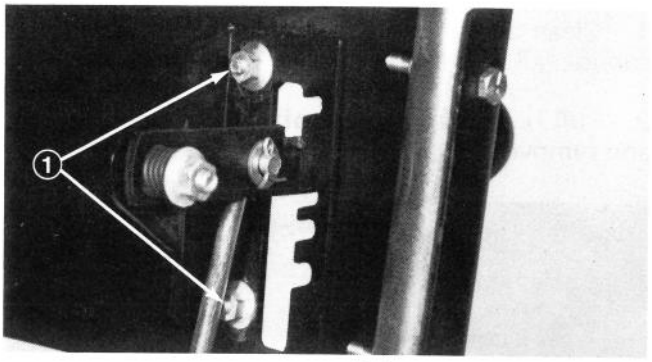



Figure 34

*1. Speed selector plate flange nuts*

3. Shift speed selector to third gear and push down on speed selector plate to move drive assembly to the right. Drive assembly should contact roll pin; if not, push to the right to make a contact (Fig. 35).

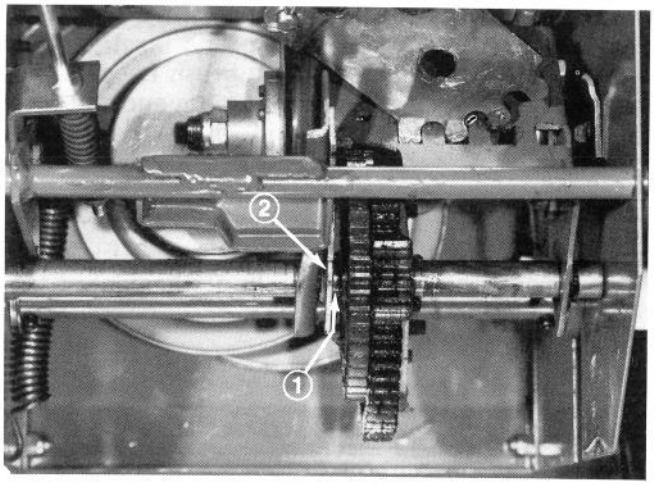



Figure 35

*1. Roll pin*
*2. Drive assembly*

4. With drive assembly in the farthest right position contacting roll pin, tighten flange nuts securing speed selector plate.

5. Shift speed selector to R (REVERSE) and back to third to check adjustment. If space between roll pin and drive assembly is more than 1/16 of an inch (1.6 mm), repeat steps 2, 3, and 4.

6. Reassemble bottom cover.

## REPLACING SPARK PLUG

Correct spark plug to use is a Champion RJ-17LM or Autolite AR7N, and correct air gap is 0.030 of an inch (0.762 mm). Since air gap between center and side electrodes of the spark plug increases gradually during normal engine operation, install a new plug after every 25 hours of engine operation.

1. Clean area around spark plug so foreign matter cannot fall into cylinder when plug is removed.

2. Pull high tension wire off spark plug (Fig. 36), and remove plug from cylinder head.

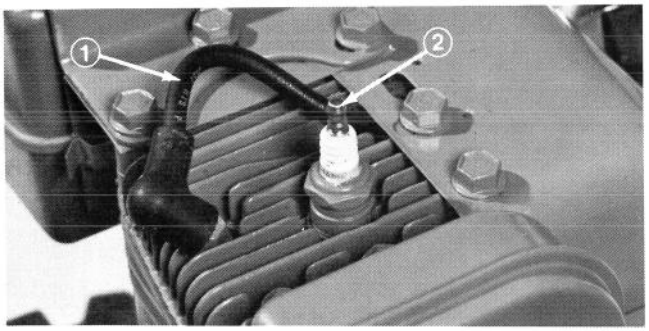



Figure 36

*1. High tension wire*
*2. Spark plug*

**IMPORTANT: A cracked, fouled, or dirty spark plug must be replaced. Do not sand blast, scrape, or clean electrodes using a wire brush because grit may eventually release from the plug and fall into the cylinder. The result will likely be engine damage.**

3. Set air gap between electrodes of new spark plug at 0.030 of an inch (0.752 mm) (Fig. 37). Next, install spark plug in cylinder head. Tighten plug to 15 ft-lb (20.4 N·m). If torque wrench is not used, tighten plug firmly.

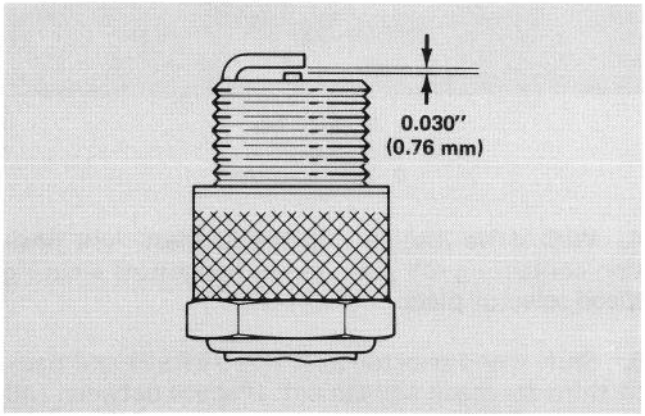



Figure 37

4. Push the high tension wire onto spark plug (Fig. 36).

## ADJUSTING CARBURETOR

The carburetor has been adjusted at the factory, but an occasional adjustment may be required. However, do not make unnecessary carburetor adjustments because factory settings are usually satisfactory.

1. Remove carburetor heater box: use Starting and Stopping Instructions, paragraph one, steps A-C page 12.

**IMPORTANT: Do not close power adjusting screw too tight because the screw and seat will likely be damaged.**

2. Power adjusting screw (Fig. 38) – Close screw by gently rotating it clockwise until a slight seating resistance is felt. Next, rotate power adjusting screw 1 full turn – 360° – counterclockwise.

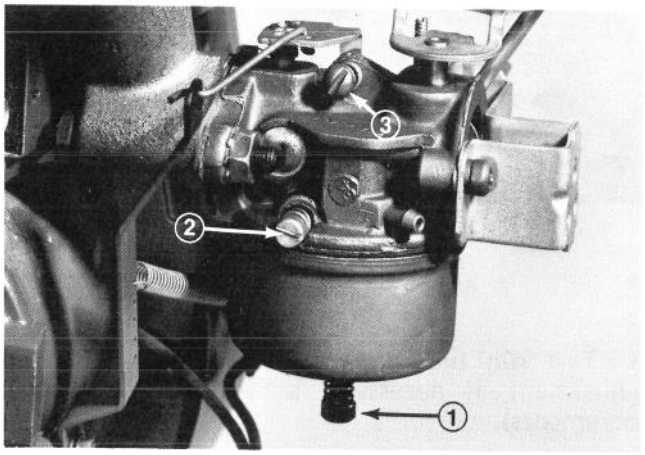



Figure 38

*1. Power adjusting screw*
*2. Idle mixture screw*
*3. Idle speed screw*

**IMPORTANT: Do not close idle mixture screw too tight because the screw and seat will likely be damaged.**

3. Idle mixture screw (Fig. 38) – Close screw by gently rotating it clockwise until a slight seating resistance is felt. Next, rotate idle mixture screw 1-1/2 full turns counterclockwise.

**Note:** The settings for the power adjusting screw and the idle mixture screw are approximate; however, these settings will allow engine to be started so carburetor can be fine tuned – steps 4-7.

4. Start engine and let it warm up for approximately 3 to 5 minutes; then move throttle to FAST.

**CAUTION**

**Engine must be running so final adjustment of the carburetor can be performed. To guard against possible personal injury, stay clear of auger drive and wheel drive controls, and remember to keep hands, feet, face, and other parts of the body away from muffler, auger, discharge chute, and any moving part(s).**

# MAINTENANCE

5. Rotate power adjusting screw (Fig. 38) clockwise – in – 1/8 turn at a time until engine misses because of a lean gasoline mixture. Then rotate screw counterclockwise – out – 1/8 turn at a time until engine runs unevenly because of a rich gasoline mixture. Next, rotate power adjusting screw clockwise, back to the midpoint between the rich and lean setting so engine runs smoothly.

**Note:** Wait several seconds between each 1/8 turn setting so engine can adjust to the new fuel mixture.

6. Move throttle to idle speed. Next, rotate idle speed screw (Fig. 38) until engine idles fast – 1750 rpm.

7. Rotate idle mixture screw (Fig. 38) clockwise – in – 1/8 turn at a time until engine begins to miss because of a lean mixture. Then rotate screw counterclockwise – out – 1/8 turn at a time until engine runs unevenly because of rich mixture. Next, rotate idle mixture screw clockwise, back to the mid-point between rich and lean setting.

**Note:** Wait several seconds between each 1/8 turn setting so engine can adjust to the new fuel mixture.

8. Again, rotate idle speed screw (Fig. 38) until engine idles at 1750 rpm.

9. Check carburetor adjustment by quickly moving throttle from low speed to high speed. Engine should accelerate without hesitation or sputtering. If engine does not accelerate properly, adjust carburetor to a slightly richer mixture. Also, if engine falters under load, open power adjusting screw 1/8 turn counterclockwise.

10. After carburetor is adjusted, shut engine off. Install carburetor heater box.

### PREPARING SNOWTHROWER FOR STORAGE

1. Drain gasoline from fuel tank. Wipe up any gasoline that may have spilled.

2. Start the engine and let it run until it stops because there is no gasoline in the fuel system. When engine sputters, push choke down so fuel in carburetor is expended.

3. Remove spark plug from cylinder head. Next, pour two teaspoons of SAE 30 engine oil into spark plug hole in cylinder head. Install spark plug in cylinder head, but do not install high tension wire on the plug. Then pull recoil starter slowly to distribute oil on inside of cylinder.

4. Lubricate the snowthrower: use Lubricating Snowthrower, page 14. Change crankcase oil: use Changing Crankcase Oil, page 14.

5. Clean the snowthrower. Touch up chipped surfaces with paint. Sand affected areas before painting, and use a rust preventative to prevent metal parts from rusting.

6. Tighten all screws and nuts. If any part is damaged, repair or replace it.

7. Store snowthrower in a clean, dry place, and cover it to give protection.

8. If snowthrower is equipped with the optional, drift breaker storage bar, the snowthrower may be stored in upright position. Make sure to drain gas before tipping snowthrower upright on auger housing.

# IDENTIFICATION AND ORDERING

### MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS

The snowthrower has two identification numbers: a model number and a serial number. The two numbers are stamped on a decal (Fig. 39) which is located on rear housing between handles. In any correspondence concerning the snowthrower, supply model and serial numbers to assure that correct information and replacement parts are obtained.

To order replacement parts from an Authorized TORO Service Dealer, supply the following information:

1. Model and serial numbers of the snowthrower.

2. Part number, description, and quantity of part(s) desired.

**Note:** Do not order by reference number if a parts catalog is being used; use the PART NUMBER.

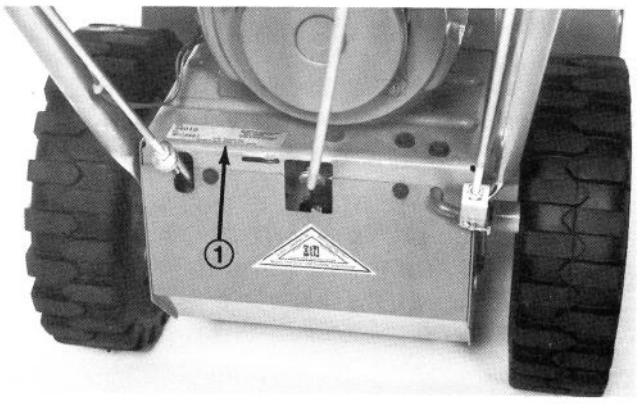



Figure 39

*1. Model and serial number*

# The Toro Promise

*A One Year Limited Warranty*

*The Toro Company promises to repair any TORO Product if defective in materials or workmanship. The following time periods from the date of purchase apply:*

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| Residential Product . . . . . | 1 Year |
| Residential Products Used Commercially . . . | 45 Days |

*The costs of parts and labor are included, but the customer pays the transportation costs. Just return any residential product to an Authorized TORO Service Dealer or TORO Distributor.*

Should you feel your TORO is defective and wish to rely on The Toro Promise, the following procedure is recommended:

1. Contact any Authorized TORO Service Dealer, TORO Master Service Dealer, or TORO Distributor (the Yellow Pages of your telephone directory is a good reference source).
2. He will either instruct you to return the product to him or recommend another Authorized TORO Service outlet which might be more convenient.
3. Bring the product along with your original sales slip, or other evidence of purchase date, to the service dealer.
4. The servicing dealer will inspect the unit, advise you whether the product is defective and, if so, make all repairs necessary to correct the defect without extra charge to you.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the dealer's analysis of the defect or the service performed, you may contact us.

Write:

TORO Customer Service Department
8111 Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55420

The above remedy of product defects through repair by an Authorized TORO Service Dealer is the purchaser's sole remedy for any defect.

THERE IS NO OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTY. ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR USE ARE LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY.

Some states do not allow limitation on how long implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

This Warranty applies only to parts or components which are defective and does not cover repairs necessary due to normal wear, misuse, accidents, or lack of proper maintenance. Regular, routine maintenance of the unit to keep it in proper operating condition is the responsibility of the owner.

All warranty repairs reimbursable under The Toro Promise must be performed by an Authorized TORO Service Dealer using Toro approved replacement parts.

Repairs or attempted repairs by anyone other than an Authorized TORO Service Account are not reimbursable under The Toro Promise. In addition, these unauthorized repair attempts may result in additional malfunctions, the correction of which is not covered by warranty.

The Toro Company is not liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages in connection with the use of the product including any cost or expense of providing substitute equipment or service during periods of malfunction or non-use.

Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion 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.

Compliance with Radio Interference Regulations Certified.
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