



# 48cm Super Bagger Lawn Mower

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## Operator's Manual

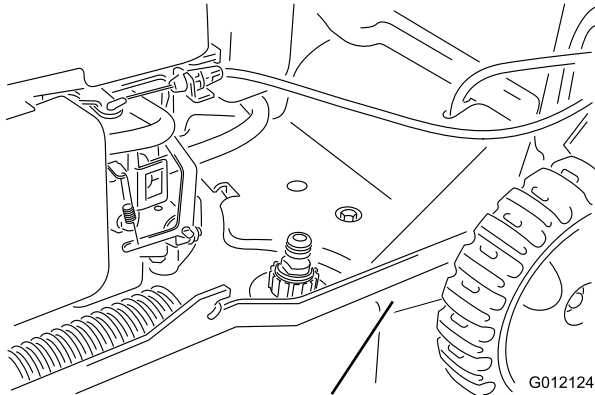
## Introduction

This rotary-blade, walk-behind lawn mower is intended to be used by residential homeowners. It is designed primarily for cutting grass on well-maintained lawns on residential properties. It is not designed for cutting brush or for agricultural uses.

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

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

Whenever you need service, genuine Toro parts, or additional information, contact an Authorized Service Dealer or Toro Customer Service and have the model and serial numbers of your product ready. [Figure 1](#) identifies the location of the model and serial numbers on the product.



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**Figure 1**

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 2 words to highlight information.

**Important** calls attention to special mechanical information and **Note** emphasizes general information worthy of special attention.

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

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

Do not tamper with the engine controls or alter the governor speed; doing so may create an unsafe condition resulting in personal injury.

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## Safety

Improperly using or maintaining this lawn mower can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions.

Toro designed and tested this lawn mower to offer reasonably safe service; however, failure to comply with the following instructions may result in personal injury.

To ensure maximum safety and best performance, and to gain knowledge of the product, it is essential that you and any other operator of the lawn mower read and understand the contents of this manual before the engine is ever started. Pay particular attention to the safety alert symbol (**Figure 2**) which means Caution, Warning, or Danger—"personal safety instruction." Read and understand the instruction because it has to do with safety. Failure to comply with the instruction may result in personal injury.

## General Lawn Mower Safety

The following instructions have been adapted from EN 836.

This cutting machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in 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 mower. Local regulations can restrict the age of the operator.

- Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
- Understand explanations for all pictograms used on the mower or in the instructions.

## Gasoline

### ⚠ WARNING

**Gasoline is highly flammable. Take the following precautions.**

- **Store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.**
- **Refuel outdoors only and do not smoke while refueling.**
- **Add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add gasoline while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.**
- **If gasoline 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 gasoline vapors have dissipated.**
- **Replace all fuel tank and container caps securely.**

## Preparation

- While mowing, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the machine when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Thoroughly inspect the area where the machine is to be used, and remove all stones, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects.
- Before using, always visually inspect to see that guards and safety devices, such as deflectors and/or grass catchers, are in place and working correctly.
- 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.

## Starting

Start the engine carefully, according to instructions and with feet well away from the blade(s) and not in front of the discharge chute.

## Operation

- Never mow while people, especially children, or pets are nearby.
- Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- Stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards.
- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.

- Never pick up or carry the machine while the engine is running.
- Use extreme caution when reversing or pulling the mower towards you.
- Walk; never run.
- Slopes:
  - Do not mow on excessively steep slopes.
  - Exercise extreme caution when on slopes.
  - Mow across the face of slopes, never up and down, and exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
  - Always be sure of your footing on slopes.
- Reduce speed on slopes and in sharp turns to prevent overturning or loss of control.
- Stop the blade if the machine has to be tilted for transportation when crossing surfaces other than grass and when transporting the machine.
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Stop the engine
  - whenever you leave the machine.
  - before refueling.
  - before removing the grass catcher.
  - before making height adjustment unless adjustment can be made from the operator's position.
- Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire
  - before clearing blockages or unclogging chute.
  - before checking, cleaning, or servicing the machine.
  - after striking a foreign object; inspect the machine for damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the machine.
  - if the machine starts to vibrate abnormally (check immediately).
- Lightning can cause severe injury or death. If you see lightning or hear thunder in the area, do not operate the machine; seek shelter.
- Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.
- To reduce the risk of fire, keep the engine, silencer, battery compartment, and gasoline storage area free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check grass catcher components and the discharge guard frequently and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary.
- Replace worn or damaged parts for safety.
- Replace faulty silencers.
- If the fuel tank has to be drained, do this outdoors.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Operating an engine at excessive speed can increase the hazard of personal injury.
- Be careful during adjustment of the mower to prevent entrapment of the fingers between moving blades and fixed parts of the mower.
- **To ensure the best performance and safety, purchase only genuine Toro replacement parts and accessories. Do not use *will fit* parts and accessories; they may cause a safety hazard.**

## Sound Pressure

This unit has a sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 86 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA. The sound pressure level was determined according to the procedures outlined in EN 836.

## Sound Power

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 96 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA. The sound power level was determined according to the procedures outlined in ISO 11094.

## Hand-Arm Vibration

Measured vibration level for the left hand = 4.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>

Measured vibration level for the right hand = 5.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>

Uncertainty Value (K) = 2.2 m/s<sup>2</sup>

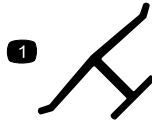
The measured values were determined according to the procedures outlined in EN 836.

## Maintenance and Storage

- Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the machine is in safe working condition.
- Do not use pressure cleaning equipment on the machine.
- Never store the machine with gasoline in the tank and inside a building where fumes can reach an open flame or spark.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

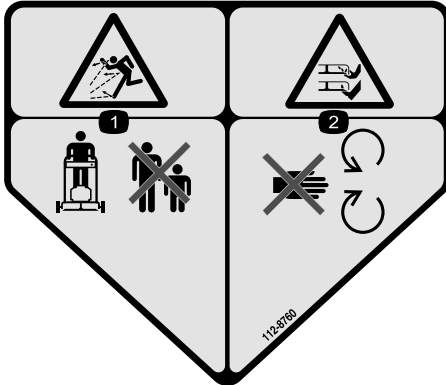
# Safety and Instructional Decals

**Important:** Safety and instruction decals are located near areas of potential danger. Replace damaged decals.



**Manufacturer's Mark**

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



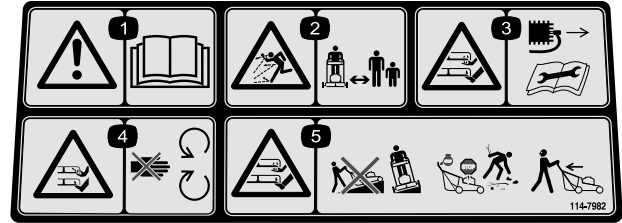
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1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine.
2. Cutting/dismemberment of hand or foot—stay away from moving parts.



**112-8867**

1. Lock
2. Unlock



**114-7982**

1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine.
3. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.
4. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.
5. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—do not operate up and down slopes; operate side to side on slopes; stop the engine before leaving the operating position; and look behind you when backing up.



**119-2283**

1. Height-of-cut settings

# Setup

## 1

### Unfolding the Handle

#### No Parts Required

#### Procedure

#### ⚠ WARNING

Folding or unfolding the handle improperly can damage the cables, causing an unsafe operating condition.

- Do not damage the cables when folding or unfolding the handle.
- If a cable is damaged, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

1. Loosen the handle knobs (Figure 3).

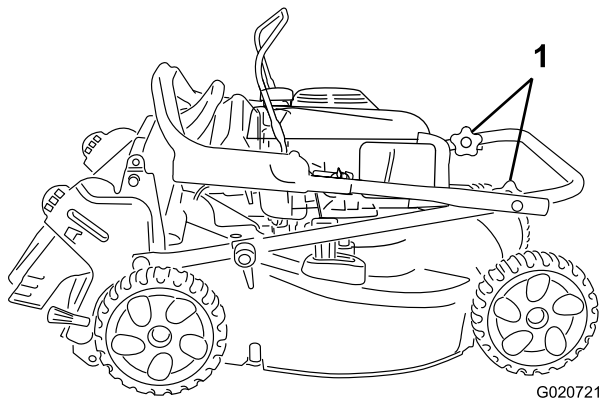


Figure 3

1. Handle knobs

2. Carefully move the upper handle forward until the handle halves are in line and nest together as shown in Figure 4.

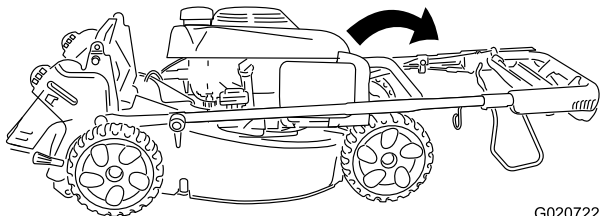


Figure 4

3. Tighten the handle knobs firmly by hand.

4. Rotate the handle rearward to the operating position, and lock the handle at your desired height. Refer to [Adjusting the Handle Height \(page 9\)](#).

## 2

### Installing the Recoil-starter Rope in the Rope Guide

#### No Parts Required

#### Procedure

**Important:** You must install the recoil-starter rope in the rope guide.

Hold the blade-control bar to the upper handle and pull the recoil-starter rope through the rope guide on the handle (Figure 5).

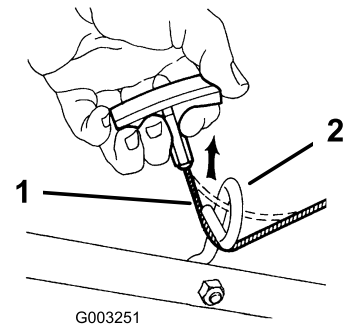


Figure 5

1. Recoil-starter rope
2. Rope guide

# 3

## Filling the Engine with Oil

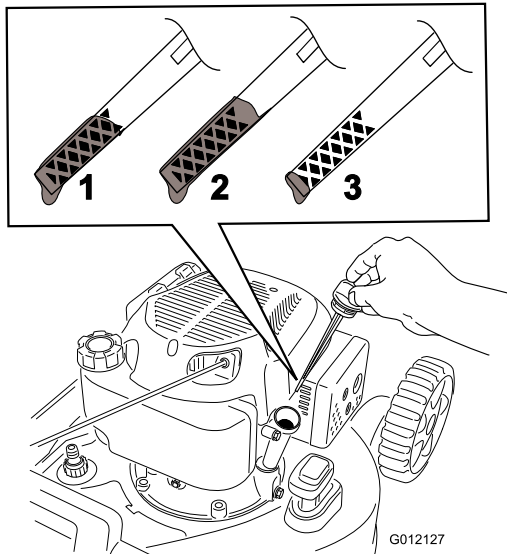
### No Parts Required

### Procedure

**Important:** The machine does not come with oil in the engine. Before starting the engine, fill the engine with oil.

1. Move the machine to a level surface.
2. Remove the dipstick ([Figure 6](#)) and pour about 3/4 of the crankcase capacity of oil into the oil-fill tube.

**Note:** Max. fill: 0.59 l (20 oz), type: SAE 30 or SAE 10W-30 detergent oil with an API service classification of SF, SG, SH, SJ, SL, or higher.



**Figure 6**

1. The oil level is at its maximum.
  2. The oil level is too high—remove oil from the crankcase.
  3. The oil level is too low—add oil to the crankcase.
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3. Wipe off the dipstick end with a clean cloth.
  4. Insert the dipstick into the oil-fill tube, **but do not screw it in.**
  5. Remove the dipstick and read the oil level on the dipstick ([Figure 6](#)).
    - If the oil level is too low, add a small amount of oil slowly to the oil-fill tube, and then repeat

steps through [5](#) until the oil level on the dipstick is correct.

- If the oil level is too high, drain the excess oil until the oil level on the dipstick is correct. To drain the excess oil, refer to [Changing the Engine Oil \(page 13\)](#).

**Important:** If the oil level in the crankcase is too low or too high and you run the engine, you may damage the engine.

6. Install the dipstick securely.

**Important:** *Change the engine oil after the first 5 operating hours; change it yearly thereafter. Refer to [Changing the Engine Oil \(page 13\)](#).*

# Product Overview

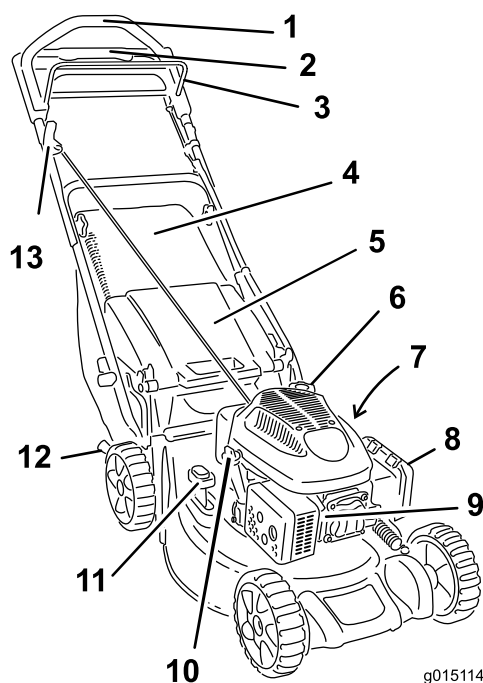


Figure 7

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. Upper handle                               | 8. Air filter                              |
| 2. Traction-assist handle                     | 9. Spark plug                              |
| 3. Blade-control bar                          | 10. Oil-fill tube/dipstick                 |
| 4. Grass bag                                  | 11. Bag-on-demand lever (model 20836 only) |
| 5. Rear-deflector door                        | 12. Cutting-height lever (2)               |
| 6. Fuel-tank cap                              | 13. Recoil-start handle                    |
| 7. Washout port (not shown; model 20836 only) |                                            |

## Specifications

| Model | Weight           | Length            | Width            | Height            |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 20835 | 38 kg<br>(84 lb) | 152 cm<br>(60 in) | 53 cm<br>(21 in) | 109 cm<br>(43 in) |
| 20836 | 39 kg<br>(86 lb) | 152 cm<br>(60 in) | 53 cm<br>(21 in) | 109 cm<br>(43 in) |

# Operation

## Filling the Fuel Tank

### ⚠ DANGER

Gasoline is extremely flammable and explosive. A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you and others.

- To prevent a static charge from igniting the gasoline, place the container and/or machine directly on the ground before filling, not in a vehicle or on an object.
- Fill the tank outdoors when the engine is cold. Wipe up spills.
- Do not handle gasoline when smoking or around an open flame or sparks.
- Store gasoline in an approved fuel container, out of the reach of children.
- For best results, use only clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher ((R+M)/2 rating method).
- Oxygenated fuel with up to 10% ethanol or 15% MTBE by volume is acceptable.
- **Do not** use ethanol blends of gasoline, such as E15 or E85, with more than 10% ethanol by volume. Performance problems and/or engine damage may result, which may not be covered under warranty.
- **Do not** use gasoline containing methanol.
- **Do not** store fuel either in the fuel tank or in fuel containers over the winter unless fuel stabilizer has been added to the fuel.
- **Do not** add oil to gasoline.

Fill the fuel tank with fresh unleaded regular gasoline from a major name-brand service station (Figure 8).

**Important:** To reduce starting problems, add fuel stabilizer to the fuel all season, mixing it with gasoline less than 30 days old.

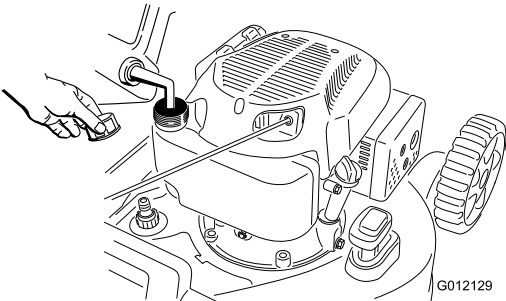


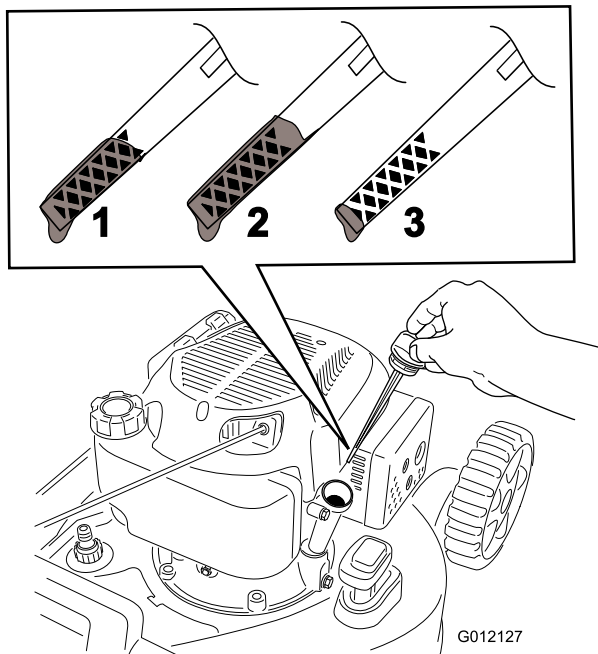
Figure 8

# Checking the Engine Oil Level

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily—Check the engine oil level.

**Note:** Max. fill: 0.59 l (20 oz), type: SAE 30 or SAE 10W-30 detergent oil with an API service classification of SF, SG, SH, SJ, SL, or higher.

1. Move the machine to a level surface.
2. Remove the dipstick (Figure 9).



**Figure 9**

1. The oil level is at its maximum.
2. The oil level is too high—remove oil from the crankcase.
3. The oil level is too low—add oil to the crankcase.

3. Wipe off the dipstick end with a clean cloth.
4. Insert the dipstick into the oil-fill tube, **but do not screw it in**.
5. Remove the dipstick and read the oil level on the dipstick (Figure 9).
  - If the oil level is too low, add a small amount of oil slowly to the oil-fill tube, and then repeat steps 3 through 5 until the oil level on the dipstick is correct.
  - If the oil level is too high, drain the excess oil until the oil level on the dipstick is correct. To drain the excess oil, refer to [Changing the Engine Oil](#) (page 13).

**Important:** If the oil level in the crankcase is too low or too high and you run the engine, you may damage the engine.

6. Install the dipstick securely.

## Adjusting the Cutting Height

### ⚠ WARNING

Adjusting the cutting height may bring you into contact with the moving blade, causing serious injury.

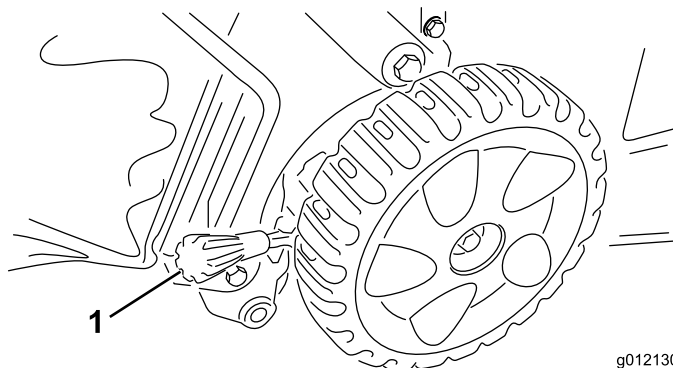
- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
- Do not put your fingers under the housing when adjusting the cutting height.

### ⚠ CAUTION

If the engine has been running, the muffler will be hot and can severely burn you. Keep away from the hot muffler.

Adjust the cutting height as desired.

**Note:** To raise the machine, move both cutting-height levers forward; to lower the machine, move them rearward (Figure 10).



**Figure 10**

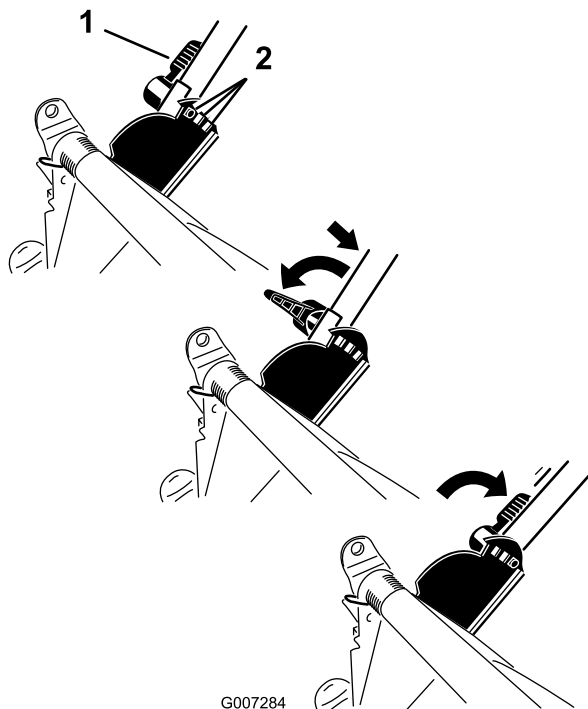
1. Cutting-height lever

**Note:** The approximate cutting height settings are A= 25 mm (1 inch); B= 38 mm (1-1/2 inch); C=51 mm (2 inches); D=64 mm (2-1/2 inches); E=83 mm (3-1/4 inches); F=95 mm (3-3/4 inches); and G=108 mm (4-1/4 inches).

## Adjusting the Handle Height

You may raise or lower the upper handle to a position comfortable for you.

Rotate the handle lock, move the handle to 1 of 3 positions, and lock the handle into position (Figure 11).



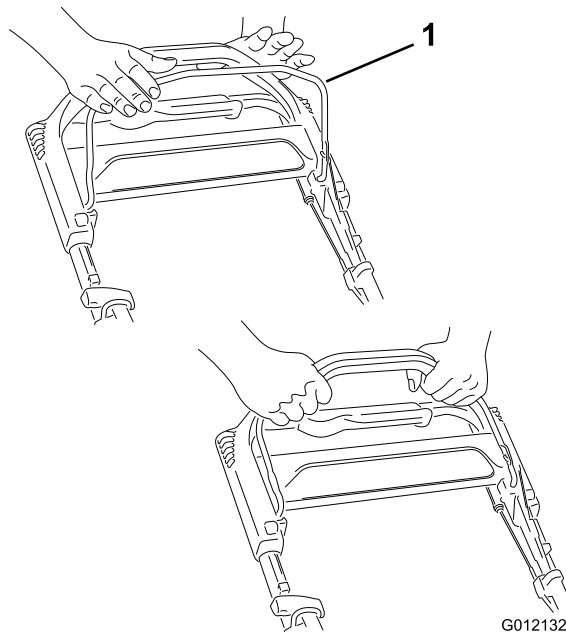
**Figure 11**

1. Handle lock

2. Handle positions

## Starting the Engine

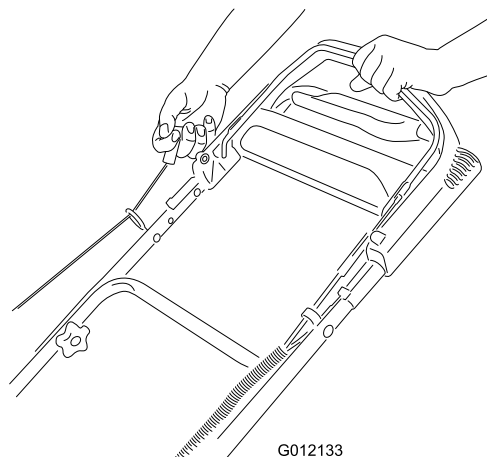
1. Hold the blade-control bar (Figure 12) against the handle.



**Figure 12**

1. Blade-control bar

2. Pull the recoil-start handle (Figure 13).



**Figure 13**

**Note:** If the machine does not start after several attempts, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

## Using the Self-propel Drive

To operate the self-propel drive, simply walk with your hands on the upper handle and your elbows at your sides, and the machine will automatically keep pace with you (Figure 14).

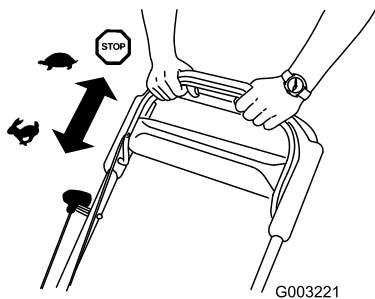


Figure 14

## Stopping the Engine

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily—Ensure that the engine stops within 3 seconds after releasing the blade control bar.

To stop the engine, release the blade-control bar (Figure 15).

**Important:** When you release the blade-control bar, both the engine and blade should stop within 3 seconds. If they do not stop properly, stop using your machine immediately and contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

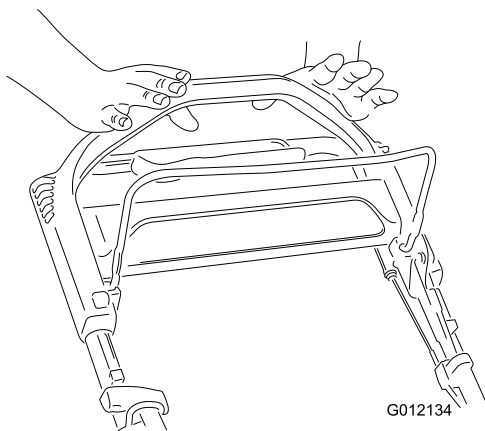


Figure 15

## Recycling the Clippings

### Model 20836 only

Your machine comes from the factory ready to recycle the grass and leaf clippings back into the lawn.

**Note:** The grass bag may remain on the machine while you are recycling the clippings.

To recycle the clippings, move the bag-on-demand lever to the recycling mode (Figure 16).

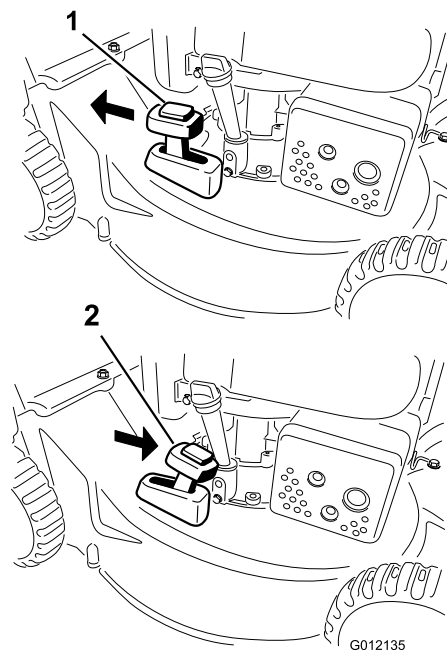


Figure 16

1. Recycling mode

2. Bagging mode

## Bagging the Clippings

Use the grass bag when you want to collect grass and leaf clippings from the lawn.

### ⚠ WARNING

A worn grass bag could allow small stones and other similar debris to be thrown toward the operator or a bystander and result in serious personal injury or death.

Check the grass bag frequently. If it is damaged, install a new Toro replacement bag.

### ⚠ WARNING

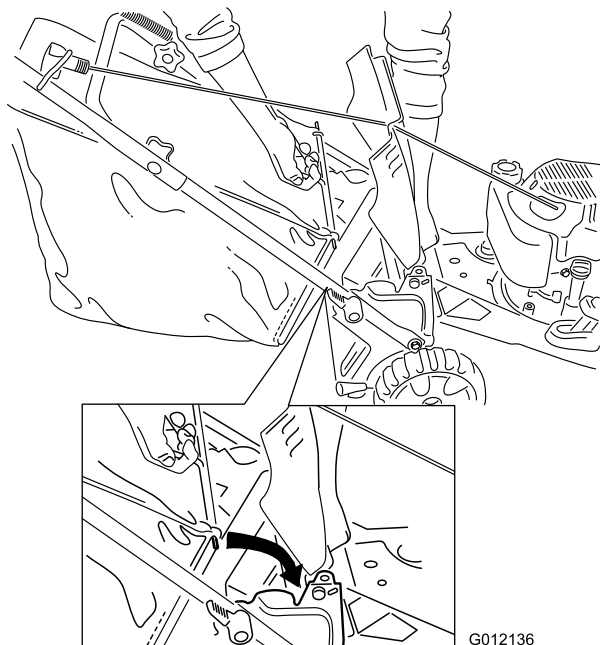
The blade is sharp; contacting the blade can result in serious personal injury.

Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Install the grass bag; refer to [Removing the Grass Bag \(page 11\)](#) and move the bag-on-demand lever to the **bagging** mode (model 20836 only) as shown in [Figure 16](#).

## Installing the Grass Bag

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Raise and hold up the rear door, install the bag in the notches, and lower the rear door ([Figure 17](#)).



**Figure 17**

## Removing the Grass Bag

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Lift up the grass bag up and away from the handle.

**Note:** Tilt the grass bag slightly backward to prevent the collected grass clippings from falling out.

## Rear-discharging the Clippings

Use the rear discharge for cutting very tall grass.

**Note:** If the grass bag is on the machine, remove it before rear-discharging the clippings; refer to [Removing the Grass Bag \(page 11\)](#). The bag-on-demand lever should be in the **bagging** mode (model 20836 only) as shown in [Figure 16](#).

## ⚠ WARNING

**The blade is sharp; contacting the blade can result in serious personal injury.**

**Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.**

## Operating Tips

### General Mowing Tips

- Clear the area of sticks, stones, wire, branches, and other debris that the blade could hit.
- Avoid striking solid objects with the blade. Never deliberately mow over any object.
- If the machine strikes an object or starts to vibrate, immediately stop the engine, disconnect the wire from the spark plug, and examine the machine for damage.
- For best performance, install a new blade before the cutting season begins.
- Replace the blade when necessary with a Toro replacement blade.

### Cutting Grass

- Cut only about a third of the grass blade at a time. Do not cut below the 51 mm (2 inch) setting unless the grass is sparse or it is late fall when grass growth begins to slow down. Refer to [Adjusting the Cutting Height \(page 8\)](#).
- When cutting grass over 15 cm (6 inches) tall, mow at the highest cutting height setting and walk slower; then mow again at a lower setting for the best lawn appearance. If the grass is too long, the machine may become clogged and cause the engine to stall.
- Mow only dry grass or leaves. Wet grass and leaves tend to clump on the yard and can cause the machine to become clogged or the engine to stall.

## ⚠ WARNING

**Wet grass or leaves can cause serious injury if you slip and contact the blade. Mow only in dry conditions.**

- Alternate the mowing direction. This helps disperse the clippings over the lawn for even fertilization.
- If the finished lawn appearance is unsatisfactory, try one or more of the following:
  - Replace the blade or have it sharpened.
  - Walk at a slower pace while mowing.
  - Raise the cutting height on the machine.
  - Cut the grass more frequently.
  - Overlap cutting swaths instead of cutting a full swath with each pass.
  - Set the cutting height on the front wheels one notch lower than the rear wheels. For example, set the front

wheels at 51 mm (2 inches) and the rear wheels at 64 mm (2-1/2 inches).

## Cutting Leaves

- After cutting the lawn, ensure that half of the lawn shows through the cut leaf cover. You may need to make more than one pass over the leaves.

- If there are more than 13 cm (5 inches) of leaves on the lawn, set the front cutting height 1 or 2 notches higher than the rear cutting height.
- Slow down your mowing speed if the machine does not cut the leaves finely enough.

# Maintenance

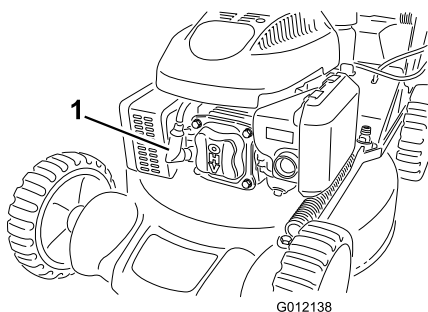
**Note:** Determine the left and right sides of the machine from the normal operating position.

## Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

| Maintenance Service Interval | Maintenance Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| After the first 5 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 engine oil level.</li><li>Ensure that the engine stops within 3 seconds after releasing the blade control bar.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| After each use               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean under the machine housing.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Every 100 hours              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Service the spark plug.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Before storage               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Empty the fuel tank before repairs as directed and before annual storage.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Yearly                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean the air filter (more frequently in dusty operating conditions).</li><li>Change the engine oil.</li><li>Replace the blade or have it sharpened (more frequently if the edge dulls quickly).</li><li>Refer to your Engine Operator's Manual for any additional yearly maintenance procedures.</li></ul> |

## Preparing for Maintenance

- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
- Disconnect the spark-plug wire from the spark plug (Figure 18) before performing any maintenance procedure.



**Figure 18**

- Spark-plug wire

run dry through normal usage. If you must tip the machine prior to running out of fuel, use a hand fuel pump to remove the fuel. Always tip the machine onto its side with the dipstick down.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Tipping the machine may cause the fuel to leak. Gasoline is flammable and explosive, and can cause personal injury.

Run the engine dry or remove the gasoline with a hand pump; never siphon.

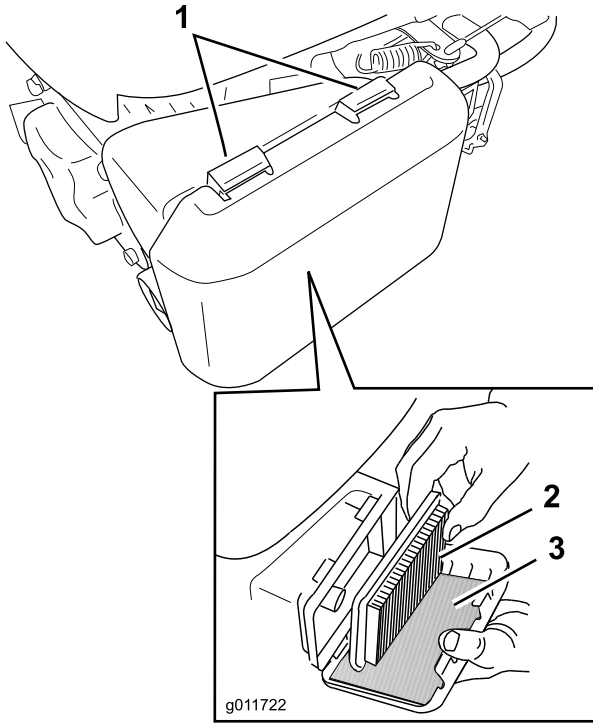
- After performing the maintenance procedure(s), connect the spark-plug wire to the spark plug.

**Important:** Before tipping the machine to change the oil or replace the blade, allow the fuel tank to

# Servicing the Air Cleaner

**Service Interval:** Yearly

1. Press down on the latch tabs on top of the air-cleaner cover ([Figure 19](#)).



**Figure 19**

1. Latch tabs
  2. Paper air filter
  3. Foam pre-filter
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2. Open the cover.
  3. Remove the paper air filter and the foam pre-filter ([Figure 19](#)).
  4. Inspect the foam pre-filter, and replace it if it is damaged or excessively dirty.
  5. Inspect the paper air filter.
    - A. If the paper air filter is damaged or is wet with oil or fuel, replace it.
    - B. If the paper air filter is dirty, tap it on a hard surface several times or blow compressed air less than 30 psi (207 kPa) through the side of the filter that faces the engine.
- Note:** Do not brush the dirt off the filter; brushing forces dirt into the fibers.
6. Remove dirt from the air cleaner body and cover using a moist rag. **Do not wipe dirt into the air duct.**
  7. Insert the foam pre-filter and the paper air filter into the air cleaner.
  8. Install the cover.

# Changing the Engine Oil

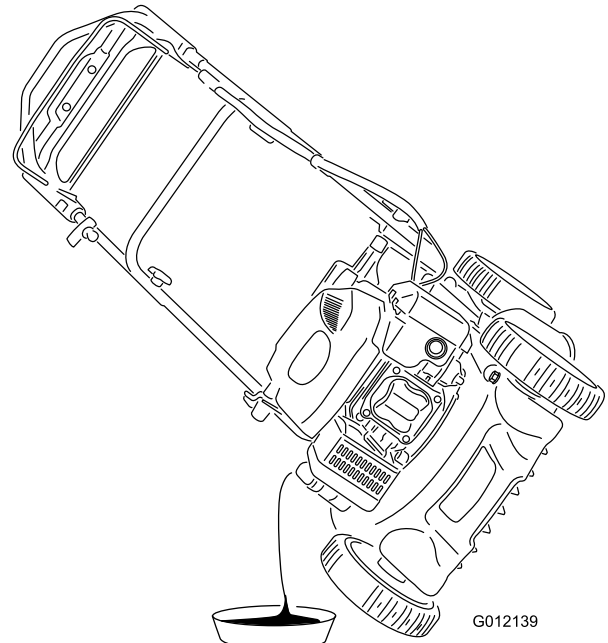
**Service Interval:** After the first 5 hours

Yearly

1. Move the machine to a level surface.
2. Run the engine a few minutes before changing the oil to warm it.

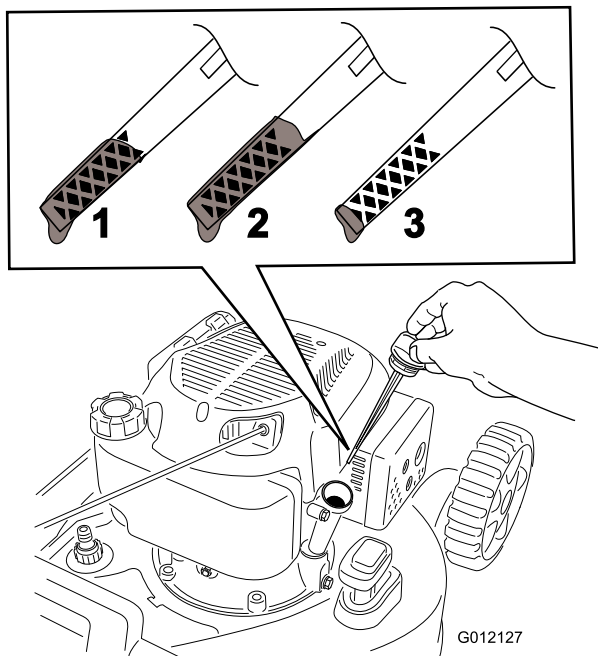
**Note:** Warm oil flows better and carries more contaminants.

3. Disconnect the spark-plug wire from the spark plug; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance](#) (page 12).
4. Tip the machine onto its side, with the dipstick down, to drain the used oil out through the oil-fill tube into an oil drain pan ([Figure 20](#)).



**Figure 20**

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5. After draining the used oil, return the machine to the operating position.
  6. Pour about 3/4 of the crankcase capacity of oil into the oil-fill tube.
- Note:** Max. fill: 0.59 l (20 oz), type: SAE 30 or SAE 10W-30 detergent oil with an API service classification of SF, SG, SH, SJ, SL, or higher.
7. Wipe off the dipstick end with a clean cloth.
  8. Insert the dipstick into the oil-fill tube, **but do not screw it in.**
  9. Remove the dipstick and read the oil level on the dipstick ([Figure 21](#)).



**Figure 21**

1. The oil level is at its maximum.
2. The oil level is too high—remove oil from the crankcase.
3. The oil level is too low—add oil to the crankcase.

- If the oil level is too low, add a small amount of oil slowly to the oil-fill tube, and then repeat steps through 9 until the oil level on the dipstick is correct.
- If the oil level is too high, drain the excess oil until the oil level on the dipstick is correct. To drain the excess oil, refer to [Changing the Engine Oil](#) (page 13).

**Important:** If the oil level in the crankcase is too low or too high and you run the engine, you may damage the engine.

10. Install the dipstick securely.
11. Recycle the used oil properly.

## Servicing the Spark Plug

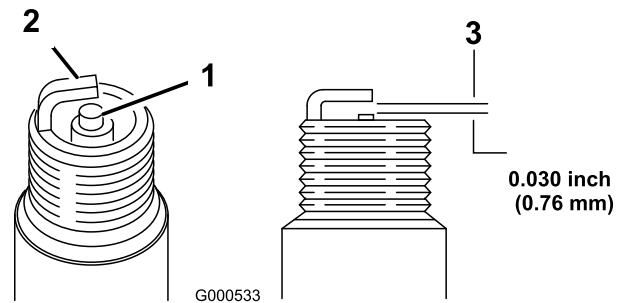
**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

Use an **Champion RN9YC** spark plug or equivalent.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug ([Figure 18](#)).
3. Clean around the spark plug.
4. Remove the spark plug from the cylinder head.

**Important:** Replace a cracked, fouled, or dirty spark plug. Do not clean the electrodes because grit entering the cylinder can damage the engine.

5. Set the gap on the plug to 0.76 mm (0.030 in) as shown in [Figure 22](#).



**Figure 22**

1. Center electrode insulator
2. Side electrode
3. Air gap (not to scale)

6. Install the spark plug and the gasket seal.
7. Torque the plug to 15 ft-lb (20 N-m).
8. Connect the wire to the spark plug.

## Replacing the Blade

**Service Interval:** Yearly

**Important:** You will need a torque wrench to install the blade properly. If you do not have a torque wrench or are uncomfortable performing this procedure, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

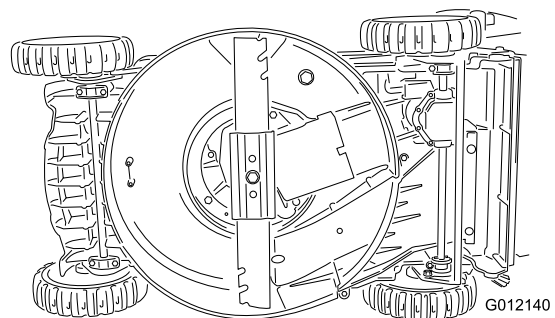
Examine the blade whenever you run out of gasoline. If the blade is damaged or cracked, replace it immediately. If the blade edge is dull or nicked, have it sharpened or replace it.

### ⚠ WARNING

The blade is sharp; contacting the blade can result in serious personal injury.

**Wear gloves when servicing the blade.**

1. Disconnect the spark-plug wire from the spark plug; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance](#) (page 12).
2. Tip the machine onto its side ([Figure 23](#)), with the dipstick down.



**Figure 23**

3. Use a block of wood to hold the blade steady.
4. Remove the blade by turning the blade bolt counterclockwise.

**Note:** Save all the mounting hardware.

5. Install the new blade using the mounting hardware that you removed in step 4.
6. Use a torque wrench to tighten the blade bolt to 82 N-m (60 ft-lb).

**Important:** A bolt torqued to 82 N-m (60 ft-lb) is very tight. While holding the blade with a block of wood, put your weight behind the ratchet or wrench and tighten the bolt securely. This bolt is very difficult to overtighten.

## Cleaning under the Machine Housing

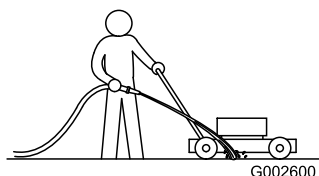
**Service Interval:** After each use

### Cleaning under the Housing without a Washout Port (Model 20835 only)

#### ⚠ WARNING

The machine may dislodge material from under the machine housing.

- Wear eye protection.
  - Stay in the operating position (behind the handle) when the engine is running.
  - Do not allow bystanders in the area.
1. With the engine running on a flat paved surface, spray a stream of water in front of the right rear wheel (Figure 24).



**Figure 24**

**Note:** The water will splash into the path of the blade, cleaning out the clippings.

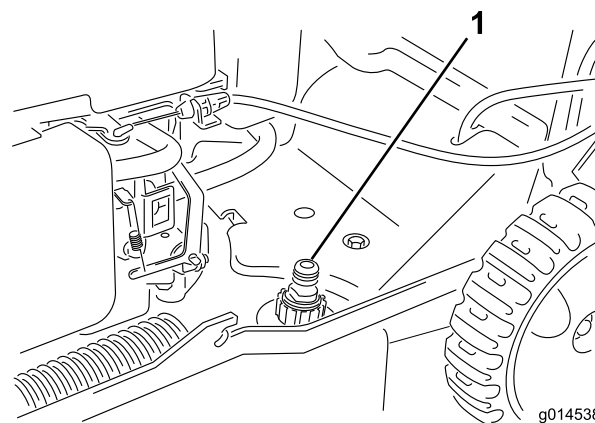
2. When no more clippings come out, stop the water and move the machine to a dry area.
3. Run the engine for a few minutes to dry the machine housing.

### Cleaning under the Housing with a Washout Port (Model 20836 only)

#### ⚠ WARNING

The machine may dislodge material from under the machine housing.

- Wear eye protection.
  - Stay in the operating position (behind the handle) when the engine is running.
  - Do not allow bystanders in the area.
1. Lower the machine to its lowest cutting height setting; refer to [Adjusting the Cutting Height \(page 8\)](#).
  2. Move the machine onto a flat paved surface.
  3. Attach a garden hose that is connected to a water supply to the washout port on the machine housing (Figure 25).



**Figure 25**

4. Turn the water on.
5. Start the engine and run it until no more clippings come out from under the machine housing.
6. Stop the engine.
7. Shut off the water and disconnect the garden hose from the machine.
8. Start the engine and run it for a few minutes to dry the housing.

# Storage

Store the machine in a cool, clean, dry place.

## Preparing the Machine for Storage

### **⚠ WARNING**

Gasoline vapors can explode.

- Do not store gasoline more than 30 days.
  - Do not store the machine in an enclosure near an open flame.
  - Allow the engine to cool before storing it.
1. On the last refueling of the year, add fuel stabilizer to the fuel as directed by the engine manufacturer.
  2. Run the machine until the engine stops from running out of fuel.
  3. Start it again.
  4. Allow the engine to run until it stops. When you can no longer start the engine, it is sufficiently dry.
  5. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug.
  6. Remove the spark plug, add 30 ml of oil through the spark plug hole, and pull the starter rope slowly several times to distribute oil throughout the cylinder to prevent cylinder corrosion during the off-season.
  7. Loosely install the spark plug.
  8. Tighten all nuts, bolts, and screws.

5. Check the engine oil level; refer to [Checking the Engine Oil Level \(page 8\)](#).
6. Fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline; refer to [Filling the Fuel Tank \(page 7\)](#).
7. Connect the wire to the spark plug.

## Folding the Handle

1. Rotate the handle forward (Figure 26).

**Important:** Route the cables to the outside of the handle knobs as you fold the upper handle.

2. To unfold the handle, refer to [1 Unfolding the Handle \(page 5\)](#).

## Removing the Machine from Storage

1. Check and tighten all fasteners.
2. Remove the spark plug and spin the engine rapidly to blow excess oil from the cylinder.
3. Install the spark plug and tighten it with a torque wrench to 20 N-m (15 ft-lb).
4. Perform any needed maintenance procedures; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 12\)](#).

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## International Distributor List

| <b>Distributor:</b>                 | <b>Country:</b>      | <b>Phone Number:</b> | <b>Distributor:</b>          | <b>Country:</b> | <b>Phone Number:</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Atlantis Su ve Sulama Sistemleri Lt | Turkey               | 90 216 344 86 74     | Maquiver S.A.                | Colombia        | 57 1 256 4079        |
| Balama Prima Engineering Equip.     | Hong Kong            | 852 2155 2163        | Maruyama Mfg. Co. Inc.       | Japan           | 81 3 3252 2285       |
| B-Ray Corporation                   | Korea                | 82 32 551 2076       | Agrolanc Kft                 | Hungary         | 36 27 539 640        |
| Casco Sales Company                 | Puerto Rico          | 787 788 8383         | Mountfield a.s.              | Czech Republic  | 420 255 704          |
| Ceres S.A.                          | Costa Rica           | 506 239 1138         | Munditol S.A.                | Argentina       | 54 11 4 821          |
| CSSC Turf Equipment (pvt) Ltd.      | Sri Lanka            | 94 11 2746100        | Oslinger Turf Equipment SA   | Ecuador         | 9999 239 6970        |
| Cyril Johnston & Co.                | Northern Ireland     | 44 2890 813 121      | Oy Hako Ground and Garden Ab | Finland         | 358 987 00733        |
| Equiver                             | Mexico               | 52 55 539 95444      | Parkland Products Ltd.       | New Zealand     | 64 3 34 93760        |
| Femco S.A.                          | Guatemala            | 502 442 3277         | Prato Verde S.p.A.           | Italy           | 39 049 9128          |
| G.Y.K. Company Ltd.                 | Japan                | 81 726 325 861       | Prochaska & Cie              | Austria         | 43 1 278 5100        |
| Geomechaniki of Athens              | Greece               | 30 10 935 0054       | RT Cohen 2004 Ltd.           | Israel          | 972 986 17979        |
| Guandong Golden Star                | China                | 86 20 876 51338      | Riversa                      | Spain           | 34 9 52 83 7500      |
| Hako Ground and Garden              | Sweden               | 46 35 10 0000        | Sc Svend Carlsen A/S         | Denmark         | 45 66 109 200        |
| Hako Ground and Garden              | Norway               | 47 22 90 7760        | Solvert S.A.S.               | France          | 33 1 30 81 77 00     |
| Hayter Limited (U.K.)               | United Kingdom       | 44 1279 723 444      | Spyros Stavrinides Limited   | Cyprus          | 357 22 434131        |
| Hydroturf Int. Co Dubai             | United Arab Emirates | 97 14 347 9479       | Surge Systems India Limited  | India           | 91 1 292299901       |
| Hydroturf Egypt LLC                 | Egypt                | 202 519 4308         | T-Markt Logistics Ltd.       | Hungary         | 36 26 525 500        |
| Irriamc                             | Portugal             | 351 21 238 8260      | Toro Australia               | Australia       | 61 3 9580 7355       |
| Irrigation Products Int'l Pvt Ltd.  | India                | 86 22 83960789       | Toro Europe NV               | Belgium         | 32 14 562 960        |
| Jean Heybroek b.v.                  | Netherlands          | 31 30 639 4611       |                              |                 |                      |

### European Privacy Notice

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### Australian Consumer Law

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# The Toro Warranty and The Toro GTS Starting Guarantee

## Conditions and Products Covered

The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly promise to repair for the original purchaser<sup>1</sup> the Toro Product listed below if defective in materials or workmanship or if the Toro GTS (Guaranteed to Start) engine will not start on the first or second pull, provided the routine maintenance required in the *Operator's Manual* have been performed.

The following time periods apply from the date of purchase:

| Products                                               | Warranty Period                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Walk Power Mowers                                      |                                                                        |
| • Cast Deck                                            | 5 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>90 Days Commercial Use         |
| • Engine                                               | 5 years GTS Guarantee,<br>Residential Use <sup>3</sup>                 |
| • Battery                                              | 2 years                                                                |
| • Steel Deck                                           | 2 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>90 Days Commercial Use         |
| • Engine                                               | 2 years GTS Guarantee,<br>Residential Use <sup>3</sup>                 |
| TimeMaster Mowers                                      | 3 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>90 Days Commercial Use         |
| • Engine                                               | 3 years GTS Guarantee,<br>Residential Use <sup>3</sup>                 |
| • Battery                                              | 2 years                                                                |
| Electric Hand Held Products                            | 2 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>No Warranty for Commercial Use |
| Snowthrowers                                           |                                                                        |
| • Single Stage                                         | 2 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>45 Days Commercial Use         |
| • Engine                                               | 2 years GTS Guarantee,<br>Residential Use <sup>3</sup>                 |
| • Two Stage                                            | 3 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>45 Days Commercial Use         |
| • Chute, chute deflector and<br>impeller housing cover | Lifetime (original owner only) <sup>5</sup>                            |
| Electric Snowthrowers                                  | 2 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>No Warranty for Commercial Use |
| All Ride-On Units Below                                |                                                                        |
| • Engine                                               | See engine manufacturer's warranty <sup>4</sup>                        |
| • Battery                                              | 2 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup>                                   |
| • Attachments                                          | 2 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup>                                   |
| DH Lawn & Garden Tractors                              | 2 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>90 Days Commercial Use         |
| XLS Lawn & Garden Tractors                             | 3 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>90 Days Commercial Use         |
| TimeCutter                                             | 3 years Residential Use <sup>2</sup><br>90 Days Commercial Use         |
| TITAN Mowers                                           | 3 years or 240 hours <sup>5</sup>                                      |
| • Frame                                                | Lifetime (original owner only) <sup>6</sup>                            |
| Z Master Mowers — 2000 Series                          | 4 years or 500 hours <sup>5</sup>                                      |
| • Frame                                                | Lifetime (original owner only) <sup>6</sup>                            |

<sup>1</sup>Original Purchaser means the person who originally purchased the Toro Product.

<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>The Toro GTS Starting Guarantee does not apply when the product is used commercially.

<sup>4</sup>Some engines used on Toro Products are warranted by the engine manufacturer.

<sup>5</sup>Whichever occurs first.

<sup>6</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 covers 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 your seller to arrange service of the product. If for any reason it is impossible for you to contact your seller, you may contact any Toro Authorized Distributor to arrange service. See attached Distributor List.
2. Bring the product and your proof of purchase (sales receipt) to the servicing outlet. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the servicing outlet's analysis or with the assistance provided, contact us at:

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Toro Warranty Company  
8111 Lyndale Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55420-1196  
001-952-948-4707

## Items and Conditions Not Covered

This express warranty does not cover the following:

- Cost of regular maintenance service or wear parts, such as blades, rotor blades (paddles), scraper blades, belts, fuel, lubricants, oil changes, spark plugs, pneumatic tires, cable/linkage or brake adjustments
- 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 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
- All repairs covered by these warranties must be performed by an authorized Toro servicing outlet using approved replacement parts.

## General Conditions

The purchaser is covered by the national laws of each country. The rights to which the purchaser is entitled with the support of these laws are not restricted by this warranty.