


**TORO**<sup>®</sup>

MODEL NO. 20322 – 2000001 &amp; UP

**OPERATOR'S  
MANUAL****21" RECYCLER<sup>®</sup>  
Mower****SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

**This mower "meets or exceeds CPSC blade safety requirements for walk behind rotary mowers" and the B71.1-1990 specifications of the American National Standards Institute. However, improper use or maintenance by the operator or owner can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions and always pay attention to the safety alert symbol  which means CAUTION, WARNING or DANGER. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in personal injury.**

**WARNING:** Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide which is an odorless, deadly poison. Carbon monoxide is also known to the State of California to cause birth defects. Do not run engine indoors or in an enclosed area.

**BEFORE OPERATING**

1. Read this manual carefully before operating the mower. Become familiar with the controls and proper use of the mower. Never allow children to operate the mower or adults to operate it without proper instructions.
2. Keep everyone, especially children and pets, away from area of operation. Thoroughly inspect area where mower will be used and remove sticks, stones, wire, and debris.
3. Wear long pants and substantial shoes. Do not operate mower while wearing open sandals or when barefoot.
4. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields during operation to protect eyes from foreign objects that may be thrown from the machine.
5. Check fuel level before starting engine. Do not fill fuel tank indoors or when the engine is running. Wait until engine cools for several minutes after running. Wipe up spilled gasoline before starting engine.
6. Keep all guards, shields, and safety devices in place. Repair or replace damaged or missing parts, including decals. Check all safety devices before each use.
7. Traction drive, blade, and engine are designed to stop when blade/self-propelled control bar is released. Ensure engine kill control bar and brake function properly before each use of mower.
8. Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch before starting the engine.

**WHILE OPERATING**

9. Do not run engine indoors.

10. Always maintain secure footing. Keep a firm grip on the handle and walk; never run. Never operate mower in wet grass. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.

11. Mow across the face of slopes; never up and down. Use extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.

12. Keep face, hands, and feet away from the mower housing and cutter blade when the engine is running. Stay behind the handle until the engine stops.

13. **Since the blade rotates for a few seconds after the blade/self-propelled control bar is released, stay behind the handle until all moving parts stop.**

14. After striking a foreign object or if mower vibrates abnormally, stop engine and remove wire from spark plug. Check mower for damage and make all repairs before using mower again.

15. Stop engine before adjusting the height-of-cut.

16. Stop engine when crossing a gravel driveway, road, or sidewalk.

17. Stop engine before leaving the operator's position – behind the handle. Disconnect wire from spark plug if mower will be unattended.

18. Do not touch engine while it is running or shortly after it is stopped because engine will be hot enough to cause a burn.

**MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE**

19. Perform only those maintenance instructions described in this manual. If major repairs are ever needed or if assistance is desired, contact your local Authorized TORO Service Dealer.

20. Before mower is cleaned, inspected, serviced, or adjusted, stop engine and disconnect wire from spark plug. Keep wire away from plug to prevent accidental starting.

21. To ensure the mower is in safe operating condition, frequently check and keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight. Ensure blade bolt is tightened to 50 ft-lb (68 N-m).

# **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

22. To reduce fire hazard, keep engine free of excessive grease, grass, leaves, and accumulations of dirt.

23. Allow engine to cool before storing mower in any enclosure. Do not store mower with gasoline in fuel tank near any open flame or where gasoline fumes may be ignited by a spark.

24. Do not overspeed the engine by changing

governor settings.

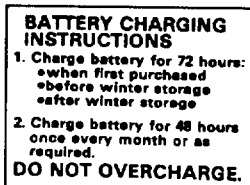
25. At the time of manufacture, the mower conformed to the safety standards in effect for rotary mowers. To assure best performance and continued safety certification of the mower, use genuine TORO replacement parts and accessories. Replacement parts and accessories made by other manufacturers may result in non-conformance with the safety standards, and that could be dangerous.

## **SAFETY DECALS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

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



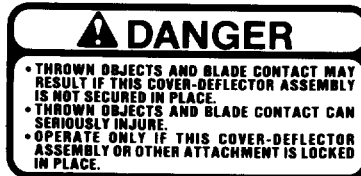
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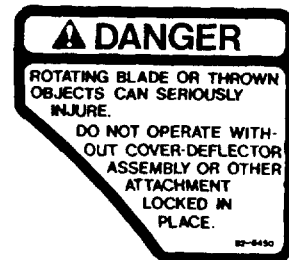
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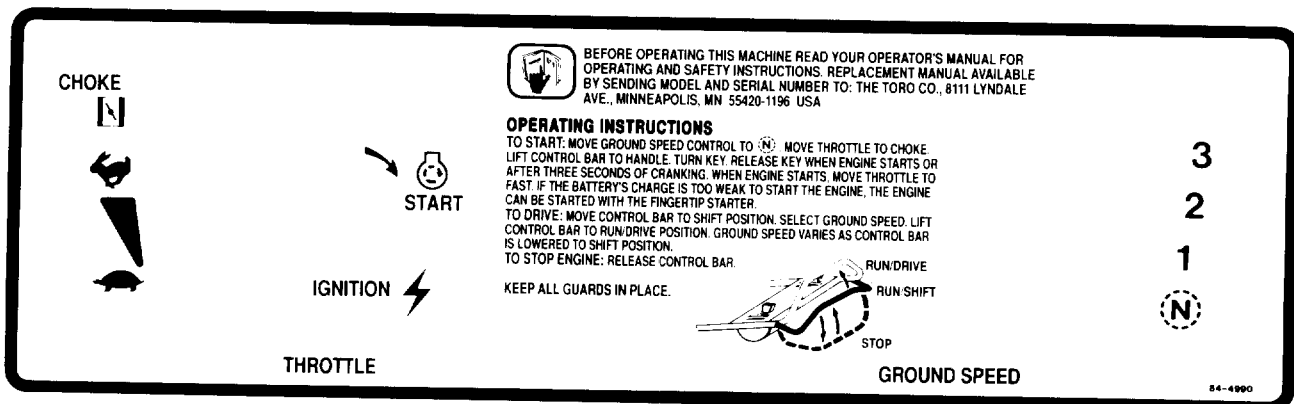
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ON TOP OF  
COVER-DEFLECTOR  
ASSEMBLY ON  
MOWER DECK



UNDER COVER-DEFLECTOR  
ASSEMBLY ON MOWER DECK  
(Part No. 82-8450)



ON CONTROL PANEL  
(Part No. 84-4990)

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## SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

**Note:** Determine left and right hand sides of the unit by standing in the operator's position.

### INSTALL HANDLE (Fig. 1 & 2)

1. The left handle knob is shipped from the factory on the outside of the handle (Fig. 1). Remove the left knob and bolt. Reinstall knob and bolt on inside of handle (Fig. 2).

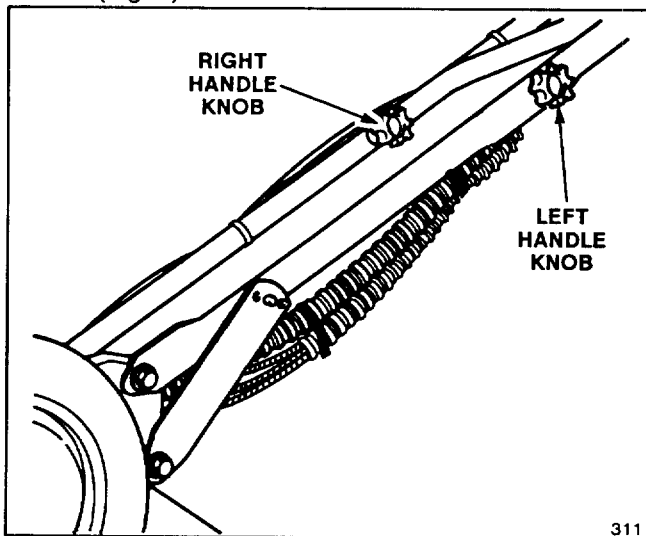


Figure 1

**Note:** Both handle knobs must be positioned on the inside of the handles.

2. Align handle and tighten handle knobs. Move handle latches slightly outward so they will not be in the way when pivoting the handle backward into the operating position (Fig. 2).
3. Pivot handle backward. Move handle latches inward while snapping handle stud into center hole of handle latch. If a handle latch does not fit tightly against the handle tube, remove latch from handle stud, bend the latch inward, and reattach to handle stud. Repeat as necessary to ensure a tight fit between latch and handle.
4. Ensure control cables (Fig. 2) are to the rear and inside of handles. If handle height is not satisfactory, adjust by placing handle stud (Fig. 2) into a different hole. Tighten handle knobs.

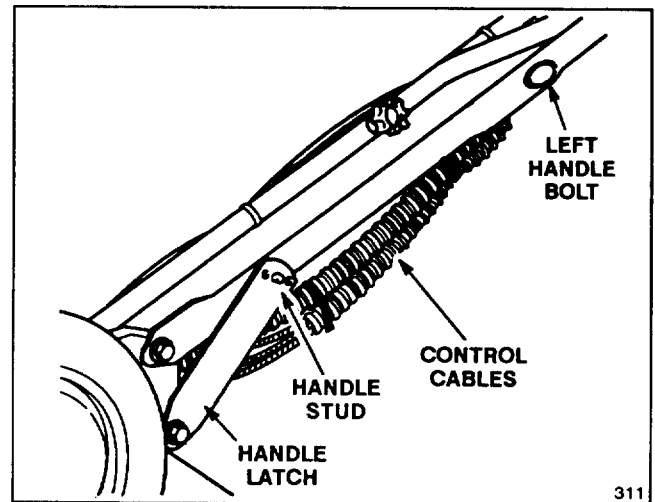


Figure 2

### INSTALL STARTER ROPE (Fig. 3)

1. Pull starter rope through rope guide on handle. To make rope easier to loop, squeeze control bar on handle to release blade brake.

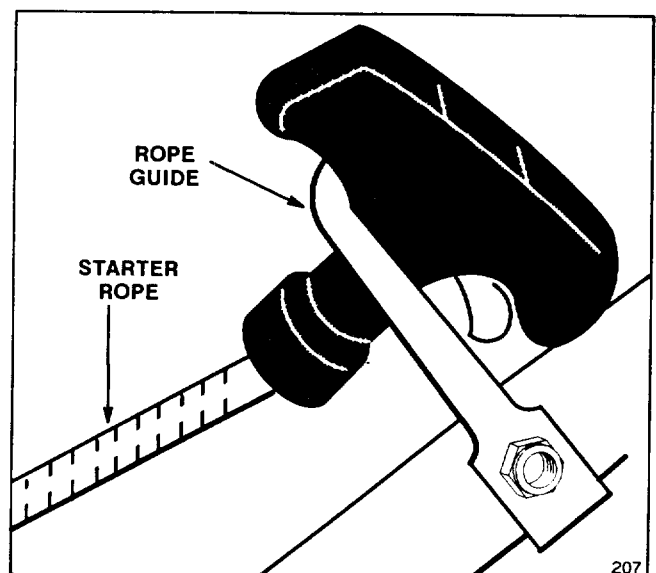


Figure 3

# SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

## INSTALL BATTERY

1. Charge battery: refer to Charging Battery, page 8.
2. Slide battery, decal side up, between mounting tabs on back of control panel and connect wires (Fig. 4). Insert key into switch when ready to start engine.

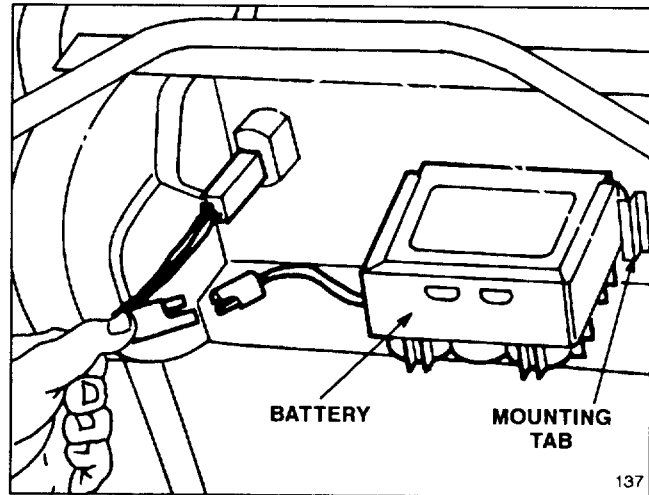


Figure 4

## BEFORE OPERATING

### FILL CRANKCASE WITH OIL

Initially, crankcase must be filled with 20 ounces (0.6 liters) of SAE 30 oil. 10W-30 oil may be substituted if SAE 30 is not available. Use any high quality detergent oil having the American Petroleum Institute (API) "service classification" – SC, SD, SE, SF or SG.

Before each use, ensure oil level is between FULL and ADD marks on dipstick (Fig. 5). Add oil if level is low.

1. Position mower on level surface and clean around oil dipstick (Fig. 5).
2. Remove dipstick by rotating cap counterclockwise 1/4 turn.
3. Wipe dipstick and insert it into filler neck. Rotate cap clockwise 1/4 turn. Then remove dipstick and check level of oil on side of dipstick with FULL and ADD marks (Fig. 5). If level is low, add only enough oil to raise level to FULL mark on dipstick. **DO NOT FILL ABOVE FULL MARK BECAUSE ENGINE COULD BE DAMAGED WHEN STARTED. POUR OIL SLOWLY.**

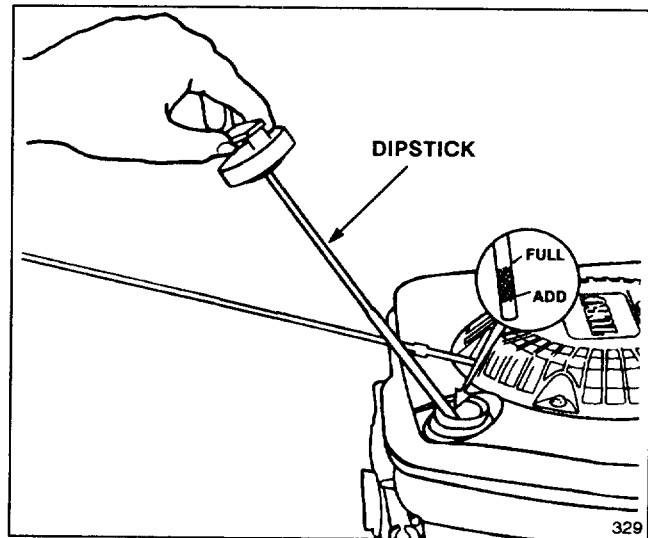


Figure 5

4. Insert dipstick into filler neck and rotate cap clockwise 1/4 turn to lock.

**Note:** Check oil level each time mower is used or after every 5 operating hours. Initially, change oil after the first 2 hours of operation; thereafter, change oil after every 25 hours of operation. More frequent oil changes are required in dusty or dirty conditions.



### WARNING

**DANGER:** Gasoline is extremely flammable and explosive under certain conditions. Do not smoke when handling fuel and keep fuel far away from open flames and sparks. Never buy more than a 30 day supply of gasoline. Store it in an approved container. Keep gasoline out of reach of children.

Refuel outdoors and only when engine is cold. Do not fill tank full. Fill tank to within 1/4" to 1/2" (6 to 13 mm) from top of tank, not into filler neck. This space is for expansion of fuel. Use funnel or spout to prevent spilling. Wipe up any spilled gas.

# BEFORE OPERATING

## FILL FUEL TANK WITH GASOLINE

**Note:** The Toro Company strongly recommends the use of fresh, clean, **UNLEADED** regular grade gasoline in Toro gasoline powered products. Unleaded gasoline burns cleaner, extends engine life, and promotes good starting by reducing the build-up of combustion chamber deposits. Leaded gasoline can be used if unleaded is not available.

Toro also recommends that Toro Stabilizer/Conditioner be used regularly in all Toro gasoline powered products during operation and storage seasons. Toro Stabilizer/Conditioner cleans the engine during operation and prevents gum-like varnish deposits from forming in the engine during periods of storage.

1. Clean around fuel tank cap and remove cap from tank. Using unleaded gasoline, fill fuel tank to within 1/4" to 1/2" (6 to 13 mm) from top of tank, not into filler neck. Do not fill tank full.

2. Install fuel tank cap and wipe up any spilled gasoline.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT MIX OIL WITH THE GASOLINE. NEVER USE METHANOL, GASOLINE CONTAINING METHANOL, GASOLINE CONTAINING MORE THAN 10% ETHANOL OR WHITE GAS BECAUSE ENGINE FUEL SYSTEM DAMAGE COULD RESULT.**

**DO NOT USE FUEL ADDITIVES OTHER THAN THOSE MANUFACTURED FOR FUEL STABILIZATION DURING STORAGE SUCH AS TORO'S STABILIZER/CONDITIONER OR A SIMILAR PRODUCT. TORO'S STABILIZER/CONDITIONER IS A PETROLEUM DISTILLATE BASED CONDITIONER/STABILIZER. TORO DOES NOT RECOMMEND STABILIZERS WITH AN ALCOHOL BASE SUCH AS ETHANOL, METHANOL OR ISOPROPYL. ADDITIVES SHOULD NOT BE USED TO TRY TO ENHANCE THE POWER OR PERFORMANCE OF MACHINE.**

## RECYCLER® MOWER TIPS

### RECYCLER® MOWER FEATURES

Your Toro Recycler® mower has a new and completely different cutting concept; it leaves your lawn with a bagged look without bagging clippings.

The mower is equipped with special parts which increase your mower's ability to cut and recut grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris into tiny particles which are injected down into the grass. These parts are:

- A special blade and blade stiffener
- Four special "kicker plates" positioned on the underside of the mower deck in strategic positions (Fig. 6)

The blade and four kicker plates are permanent parts of your mower. Remove the blade only for sharpening or replacement. Never remove the kickers, unless they need to be replaced.

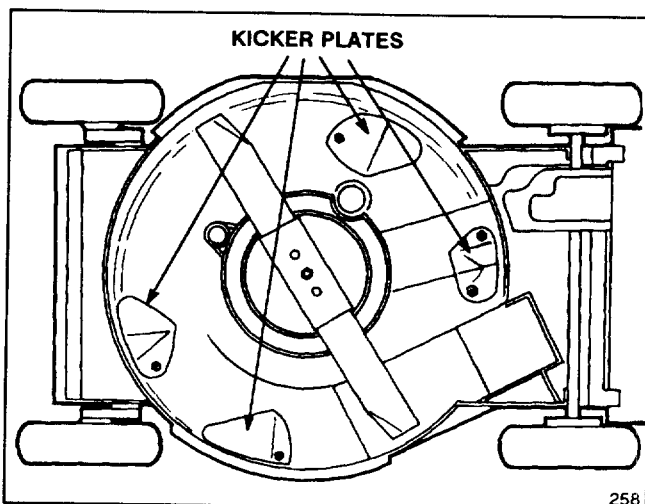


Figure 6



### WARNING

**Mow grass in dry conditions only. For safety reasons, never operate mower in wet grass. There is the possibility that you may slip on wet grass and that your foot might slide into the blade path.**

### TIPS FOR CUTTING GRASS CLIPPINGS

Even with the Recycler® mower, you may encounter conditions where it is not possible to hide all of the grass clippings or leaves all of the time down in the lawn. Follow these instructions for the best cutting results and lawn appearance:

- Maintain a **sharp blade** throughout the cutting season. Periodically file down nicks on blade.
- Clean any residue from the underside of mower housing and kickers after each use. See Cleaning Mower Housing, page 11.
- When cutting grass over 6" tall, you may want to cut the lawn twice to hide clippings down in the grass.
- In the heat of the summer, it is best to cut grass at the C, D or E height-of-cut settings. Cut only about 1/3 of the grass blade. Cutting below the C setting is not recommended unless grass is sparse or it is late fall when grass growth begins to slow down. When cutting long grass, you may need to use a higher height-of-cut setting and a slower walking speed; then recut the grass at a more normal setting. If grass is too long and leaves clumps on top of lawn, mower may plug and cause engine to stall.
- Alternate mowing direction. This helps disperse clippings over lawn for even fertilization.

# RECYCLER® MOWER TIPS

If the lawn appearance is not satisfactory after mowing, try one or more of the following:

- Sharpen the blade.
- Walk at a slower pace while mowing.
- Raise the height-of-cut setting on your mower.
- Cut your grass more frequently.
- Overlap cutting swaths instead of cutting a full swath with each pass.
- Mow across the marginal areas a second time.

## TIPS FOR CUTTING LEAVES

In the fall, use the Recycler® mower to cut leaves up into finely cut particles which will be injected down into the grass. When spring arrives, the leaf particles will have decomposed and restored valuable nutrients to the soil.

- When cutting is complete, always be sure that 50% of the lawn shows through the finely cut leaf cover. This may require one or more passes over the leaves.
- Ensure leaves are dry.
- For light leaf coverage, mow with all wheels at the same height-of-cut setting.
- If there are more than 5" of leaves on lawn, set the front wheels one or two notches higher than the rear wheels. This makes it easier to feed leaves under mower deck.
- Walk at a slower mowing speed if leaves are not cut up finely enough to be hidden down in the grass.
- If you cut up a lot of oak leaves, you might want to add lime to your grass in the spring. Lime reduces the acidity of oak leaves.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### STARTING, STOPPING, AND SELF-PROPELLING

1. **CONTROLS** – Key switch, ground speed control, throttle, blade/self-propelled control bar, and fingertip starter are on upper handle (Figs. 7 & 8).

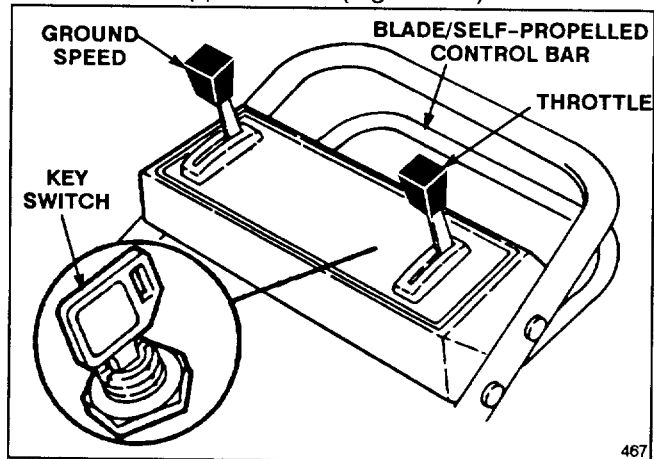


Figure 7

2. Push spark plug wire onto spark plug (Fig. 13).

3. **KEY-ELECTRIC STARTING** – Move ground speed control to "N" and throttle to CHOKE. Lift control bar to handle (Fig. 8) and hold. Turn key to START and release when engine begins running. When engine starts, remove throttle from CHOKE and regulate as desired. If the battery's charge is too weak to start the engine, the engine can be started with the fingertip starter (Fig. 8).

4. **MANUAL STARTING** – Move ground speed control to "N" and throttle to CHOKE. Lift control bar to handle (Fig. 8) and hold. Pull fingertip starter out until positive engagement results; then pull vigorously to start the engine. When engine starts, remove throttle from CHOKE and regulate as desired.

5. **GROUND SPEED/SELF-PROPEL OPERATION** (Fig. 8 & 9) – Move control bar to the RUN/SHIFT position. Move ground speed control to desired setting. Number "1" is slow, "2" is medium, and "3" is a fast walking pace. Move ground speed control to "N" when using the mower for trimming and whenever leaving mower.

To engage the self-propel drive, squeeze the control bar against the handle to the RUN/DRIVE position (Fig. 9). Ground speed varies depending on space between control bar and handle.

**Note:** The drive wheels are equipped with freewheeling clutches which enable the mower to be pulled rearward easier when the wheel drive is disengaged. To disengage the clutches, mower must be pushed forward at least 1" after wheel drive operation has stopped.

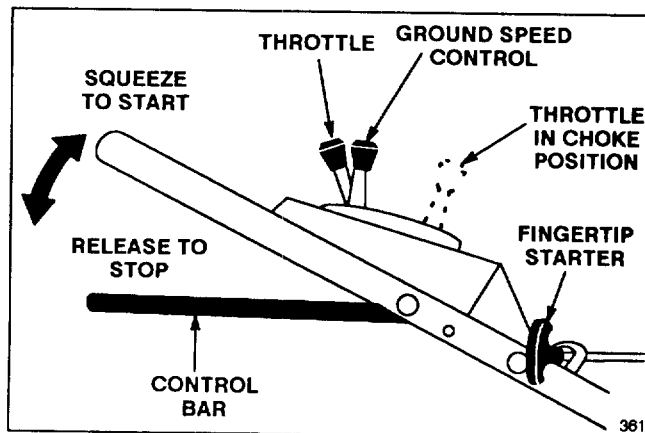


Figure 8

6. **STOPPING** – To stop engine, release control bar. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug if mower will be unattended or not used.

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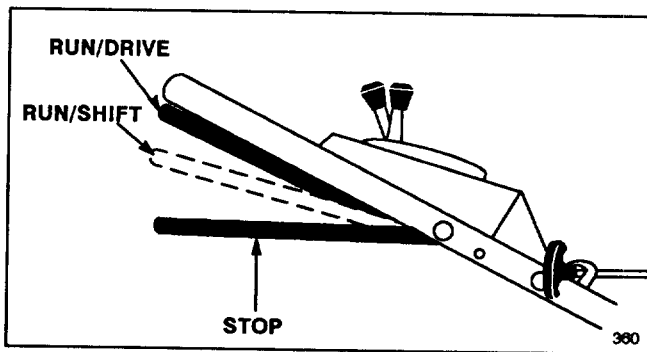


Figure 9

## ADJUSTING HEIGHT-OF-CUT (Fig. 10)

Five letters cast into the housing represent each graduated height-of-cut setting.

1. Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. For easier adjustment, lift housing up so wheel is off ground. Do not put fingers under housing when

lifting. Squeeze adjusting lever toward wheel and move to desired setting. Ensure pin on adjusting lever engages slot in housing. Adjust all wheels to the same setting.

**Note:** Front wheels can be adjusted to 1/2 inch. Move adjusting lever past "A" and release pin into slot in housing.

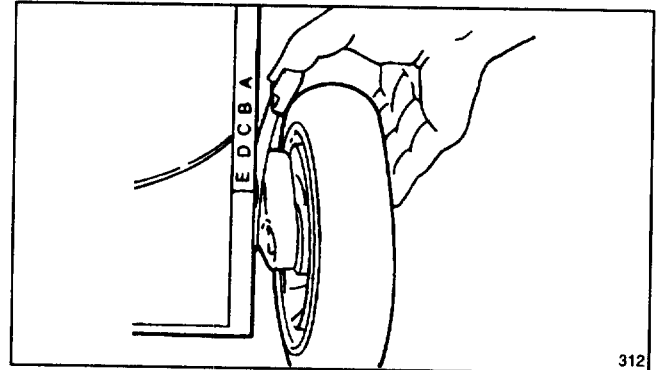


Figure 10

## MAINTENANCE



### CAUTION

Pull wire off spark plug before performing adjustments or maintenance.

## SERVICING AIR CLEANER

Normally, replace air cleaner after every 25 operating hours. More frequent replacement is required when mower is operated in dusty or dirty conditions.

1. Stop engine. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug (Fig. 13).
2. Remove screw securing air cleaner cover to engine (Fig. 11). Tilt cover down and clean thoroughly.

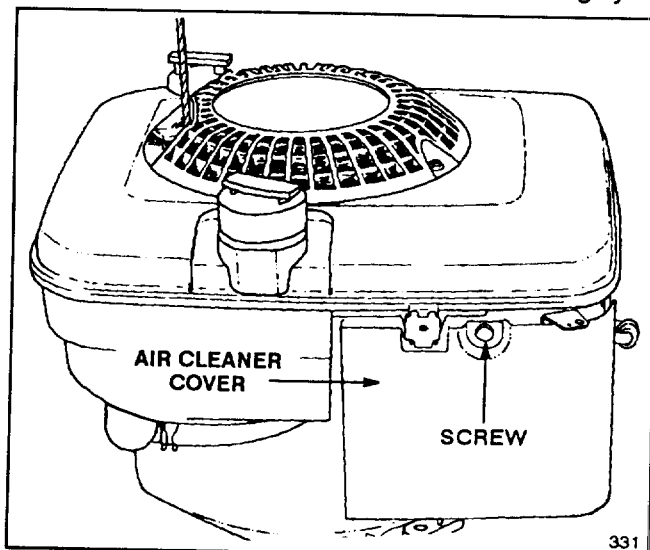


Figure 11

3. Remove paper air cleaner filter (Fig. 12) and discard.

4. Insert new paper air cleaner filter cartridge so lip touches back plate as shown in Figure 12.

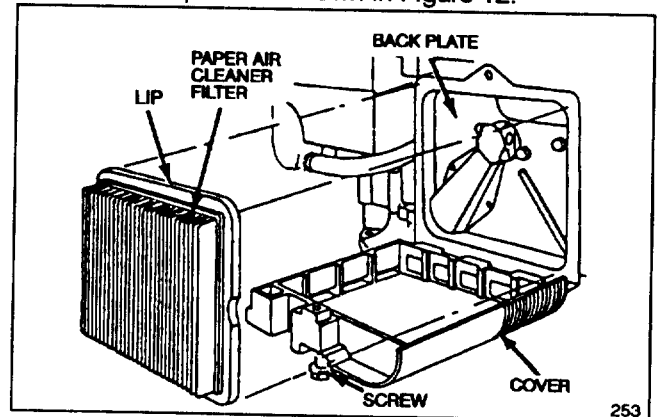


Figure 12

**IMPORTANT:** Do not try to vacuum or blow dirt out of a dirty paper filter. Always replace a dirty filter with a new one.

5. Close air cleaner cover and secure with screw.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not operate engine without air cleaner element because extreme engine wear and damage will likely result.

## REPLACING SPARK PLUG

Use a Champion RJ19LM spark plug or equivalent. Correct air gap is 0.030" (0.76 mm). Remove plug after every 25 operating hours and check its condition.

1. Stop engine. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug (Fig. 13).
2. Clean around spark plug and remove plug from cylinder head.

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**IMPORTANT:** Replace a cracked, fouled, or dirty spark plug. Do not sand blast, scrape, or clean electrodes because engine damage could result from grit entering cylinder.

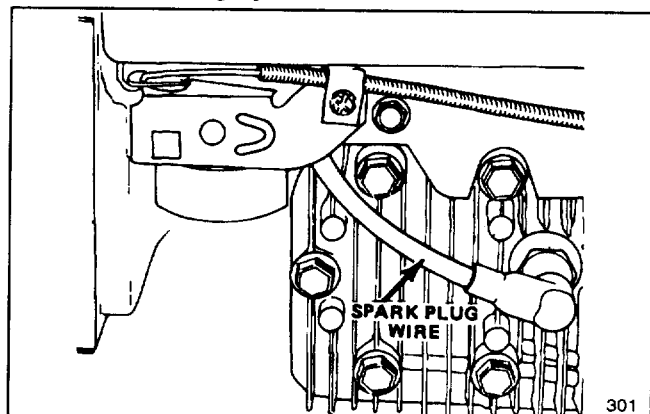


Figure 13

3. Set air gap at 0.030" (0.76 mm) (Fig. 14). Install correctly gapped spark plug and gasket seal. Tighten plug firmly to 15 ft-lb (20 N-m).

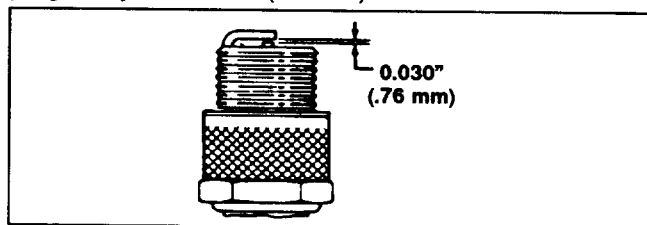
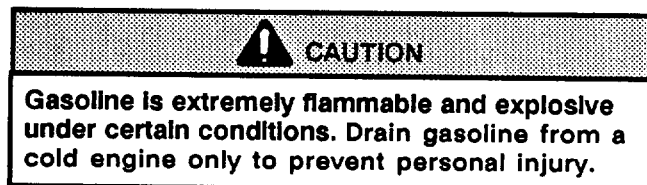


Figure 14

## DRAINING GASOLINE

1. Stop engine and wait for engine to cool. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug (Fig. 13).



2. Remove cap from fuel tank and use pump-type siphon to drain fuel into clean gas can.

**Note:** This is the only procedure recommended for draining fuel.

## CHANGING CRANKCASE OIL

Change oil after the first 2 operating hours and every 25 hours thereafter. Since warm oil drains better and carries more contaminants than cold, run engine for a minute or so before draining oil.

1. Stop engine. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug (Fig. 13).

2. Drain gasoline from fuel tank: refer to Draining Gasoline, page 8.

3. Tip mower on its right side. Remove drain plug from underside of mower using a 5/16" allen wrench (Fig. 15). Place a drain pan under mower.

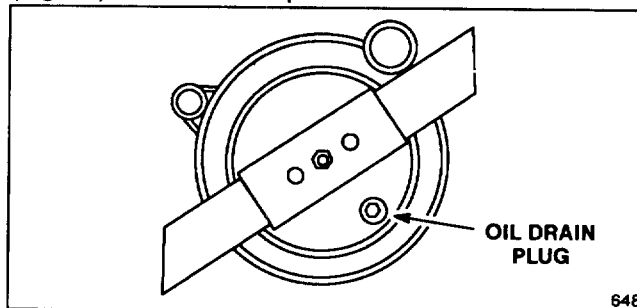


Figure 15

4. Lower mower to allow oil to drain into pan.

5. After draining, clean drain plug and reinstall it. Wipe up any spilled oil. Fill engine with fresh oil: refer to Fill Crankcase With Oil, page 4.

## CHARGING BATTERY

Although a new battery is not fully charged, a partial charge of 4 hours provides enough energy for several starts. However, a new battery must be charged for 72 continuous hours to ensure full charge. Also charge battery for 72 hours when mower is stored and in the spring. During normal operation, engine alternator keeps battery charged.

1. Stop engine and disconnect wiring harness from battery terminal (Fig. 16).

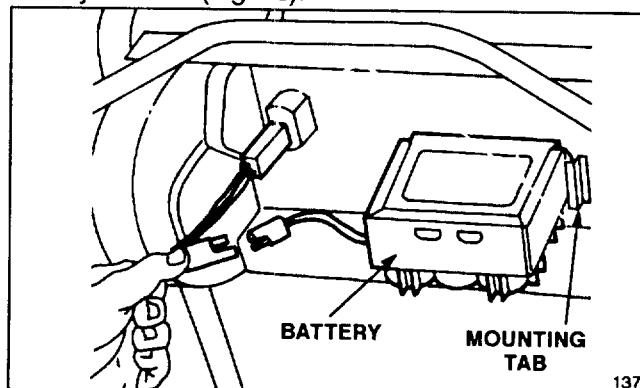


Figure 16

2. If desired, battery can be removed by sliding it out of mounting tabs (Fig. 16). However, removal is not required if mower can be positioned near an electrical outlet.

3. Connect TORO electro charger to battery and plug into 120VAC power outlet. After charging battery for specified time, unplug charger and disconnect from battery.

4. Reconnect wiring harness to battery terminal.

**IMPORTANT:** Only the TORO electro charger is recommended because other chargers could damage the battery. Always use charger indoors and charge battery at room temperature (+70° F) whenever possible. Do not charge battery longer than 72 hours because damage could result.



# MAINTENANCE

## ADJUSTING THROTTLE

Throttle control adjustment may be required if engine does not start. Whenever a new throttle control cable is installed, throttle must be adjusted.

1. Stop engine. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug (Fig. 17).

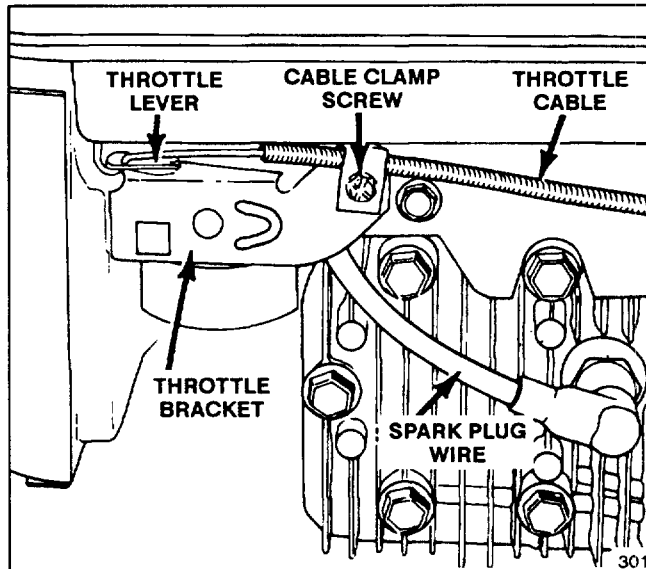


Figure 17

2. Move throttle control to FAST.
3. Loosen cable clamp screw until throttle cable slides (Fig. 17). Align holes in throttle lever and throttle bracket using a 1/8" diameter drill (Fig. 18). Tighten cable clamp screw to lock adjustment in place.

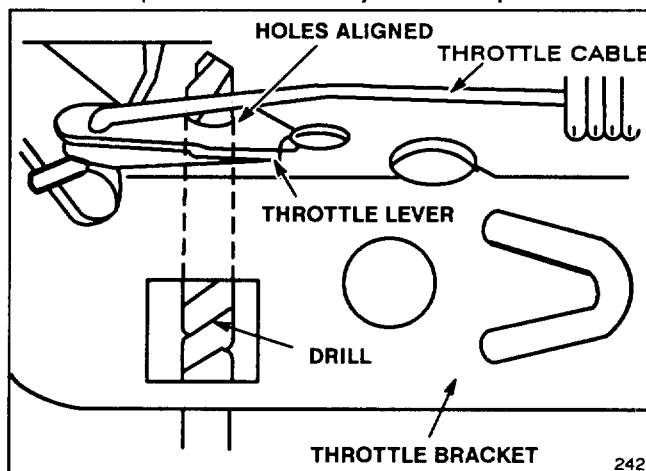


Figure 18

## ADJUSTING WHEEL DRIVE

If mower does not self-propel or has a tendency to creep forward when drive is not engaged, adjust wheel drive control knob on rear of gear box.

1. ADJUSTMENT (Fig. 19) – Rotate control knob clockwise 1/2 turn if mower does not self-propel. If mower creeps forward, rotate knob 1/2 turn counterclockwise to loosen belt.

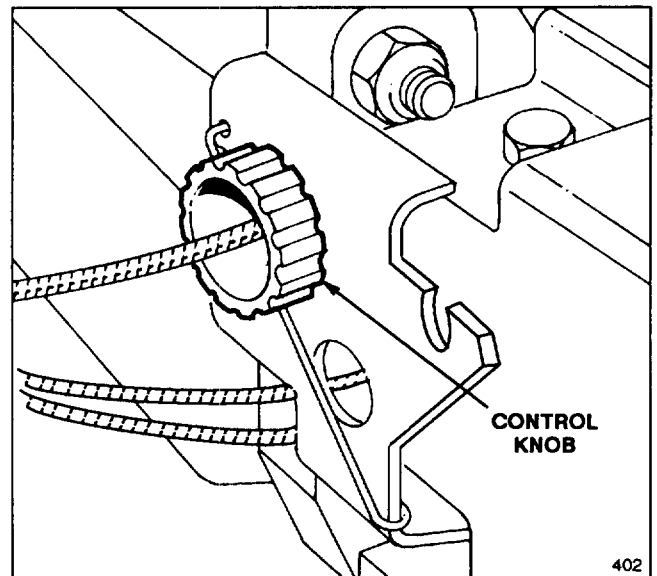


Figure 19

2. CHECK ADJUSTMENT – Adjustment is correct when rear wheels stop turning and control bar is about 1-1/2 inches from handle (Fig. 20).

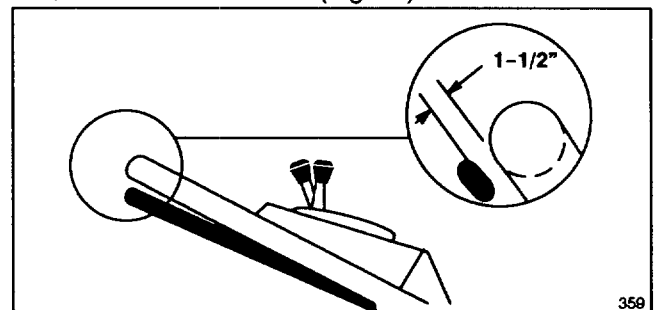


Figure 20

3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until properly adjusted.

## INSPECTING/REMOVING/SHARPENING BLADE

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

1. Stop engine. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug (Fig. 17).
2. Drain gasoline from fuel tank; refer to Draining Gasoline, page 8.
3. Tip mower on its right side (Fig. 21). Avoid rotating the blade because starting problems may result.
4. INSPECTING BLADE – Carefully examine blade for sharpness and wear, especially where flat and curved parts meet (Fig. 22A). Since sand and abrasive material can wear away the metal that connects the flat and curved parts of the blade, check blade before using the mower. If a slot or wear is noticed, (Fig. 22B & C), replace blade. Refer to step 5.

**Note:** For best performance, install new blade before cutting season begins. During the year, file down small nicks to maintain the cutting edge.

# MAINTENANCE

5. **REMOVING BLADE**—Grasp end of blade using a rag or thickly padded glove. Remove blade bolt, lockwasher, blade stiffener, and blade (Fig. 21).

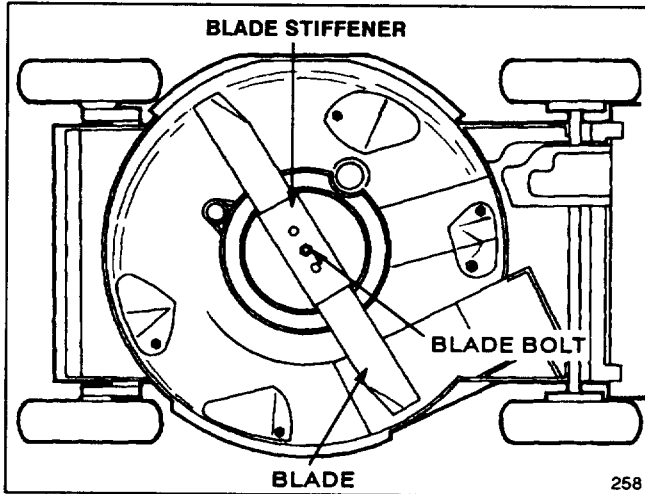


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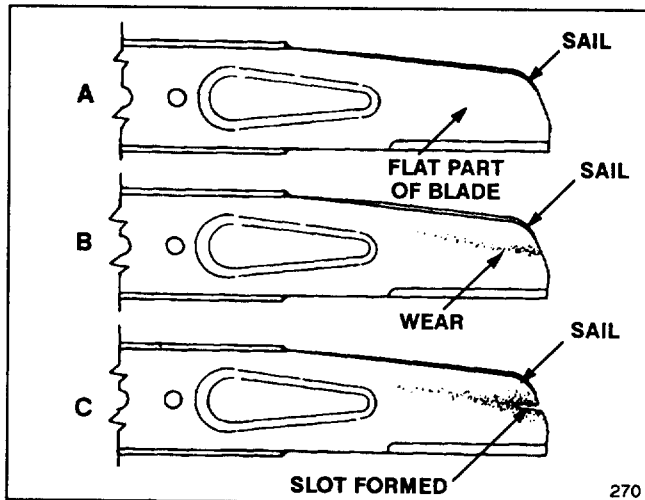


Figure 22



## CAUTION

If blade is allowed to wear, a slot may form near the sail. Eventually a piece of blade may break off resulting in serious injury to yourself or a bystander.

6. **SHARPENING BLADE**—Using a file, sharpen top side of blade and maintain original cutting angle (Fig. 23). The blade will remain balanced if same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.

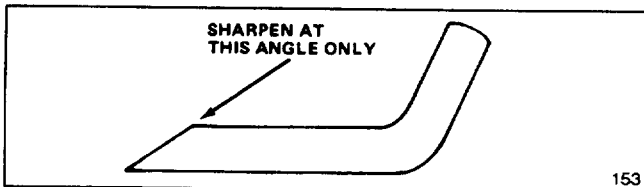


Figure 23

**IMPORTANT:** Check balance of blade by putting it on a blade balancer. An inexpensive balancer can be purchased at a hardware store. A balanced blade stays in a horizontal position and an unbalanced blade settles to the heavy side. If blade is not balanced, file more metal off cutting edge on heavy end of blade.

7. Install sharp, balanced TORO blade, blade stiffener, lockwasher, and blade bolt. Sail part of blade must point toward top of mower housing to ensure correct installation. Tighten the blade bolt to 50 ft-lb (68 N-m).

## LUBRICATION

After every 25 operating hours or when season ends, front and rear wheels must be lubricated.

1. Apply 2 or 3 drops of light oil on inside and outside of all wheel bolts. Spin wheels to distribute oil into bushings. Wipe up excess oil.

2. Move rear wheel height-of-cut levers to "C" setting. Wipe grease fittings with clean rag (Fig. 24). Install grease gun onto fitting and gently apply 2 or 3 pumps of #2 Multi-Purpose Lithium Base Grease. Excess pressure may damage seals.

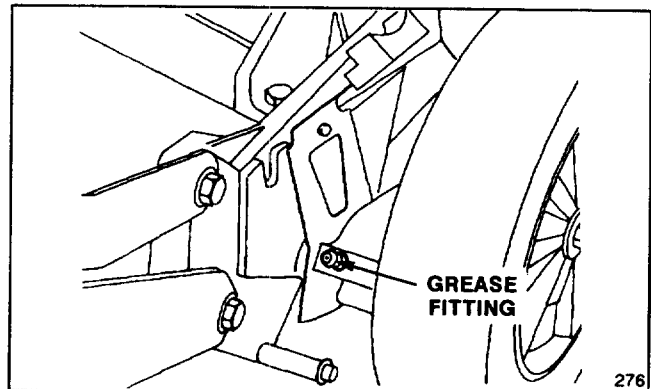


Figure 24

## ADJUSTING BRAKE CABLE

Whenever a new blade brake cable assembly is installed, an adjustment is required.

1. Stop the engine. Remove key from switch and pull wire off spark plug (Fig. 17).

2. **CHECK ADJUSTMENT** (Fig. 25)—Move control bar toward handle until slack in wire is removed. Gap between brake lever and handle must be 1/8"–3/16". See step 3 for adjustment.

3. **ADJUST CABLE CONDUIT** (Fig. 25)—Loosen nut on cable bracket. Insert 1/8"–3/16" object between brake lever and handle. Pull down on cable conduit until all slack is removed from wire. Then tighten nut.

# MAINTENANCE

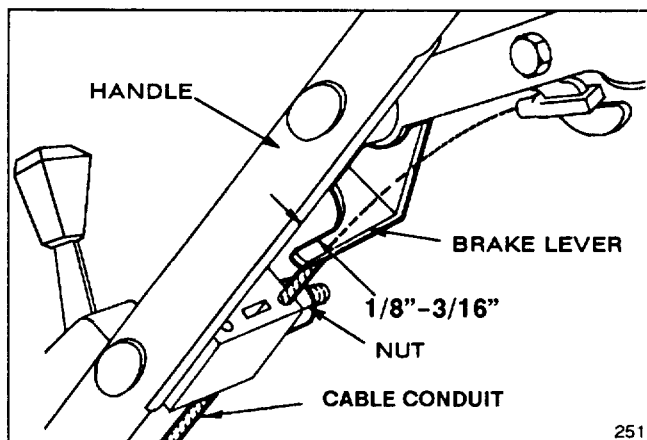


Figure 25

## CLEANING MOWER HOUSING

To ensure best performance, clean underside of mower housing after each use.

1. Drain gasoline from fuel tank: refer to Draining Gasoline, page 8.
2. Tip mower on its right side (Fig. 26). Avoid rotating blade because starting problems may result.

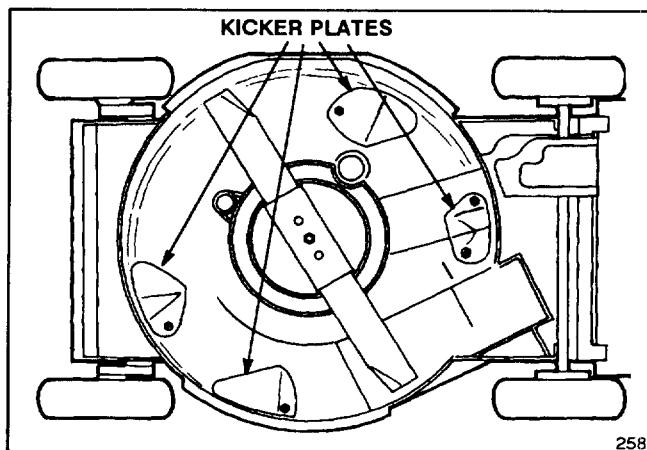


Figure 26

3. Remove dirt and grass clippings that stick to housing with a hardwood scraper. Avoid burrs and sharp edges. Be especially careful to keep kickers on underside of mower housing free of debris.

## PREPARING MOWER FOR STORAGE

1. For long term storage, either drain gasoline from fuel tank or use a fuel additive before storing. To drain gasoline, refer to Draining Gasoline, page 8. After fuel is drained, start engine and let it idle until all fuel is consumed and engine stops. Repeat the starting procedure two more times to ensure all gas is removed from the engine. If gasoline is not drained, gum-like varnish deposits will form and cause poor engine operation, even starting problems.

Fuel can be left in gas tank only if a fuel additive, such as Toro's Stabilizer/Conditioner, is added to gasoline before storing. Toro's Stabilizer/Conditioner is a petroleum distillate based conditioner/stabilizer. Toro does not recommend stabilizers with an alcohol base, such as ethanol, methanol or isopropyl. Use fuel additive in recommended quantities as specified on container.

Under normal conditions, fuel additives remain effective in fuel for 6-8 months.

2. Drain oil: refer to Changing Crankcase Oil, page 8. After oil is drained, do not fill crankcase with oil until the following steps (3-10) are completed.
3. Remove spark plug and pour 2 tablespoons of SAE 10W30 oil into hole in cylinder. Pull starter rope slowly to coat inside of cylinder. Install spark plug and tighten to 15 ft-lb (20 N.m). **DO NOT INSTALL WIRE ON SPARK PLUG.**
4. Clean mower housing: refer to Cleaning Mower Housing, page 11.
5. Check condition of blade: refer to Inspecting/Removing/Sharpening Blade, page 9.
6. Tighten all nuts, bolts, and screws.
7. Clean dirt and chaff from cylinder, cylinder head fins, and blower housing. Also remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from external parts of the engine, shrouding, and top of mower housing.
8. Clean air cleaner: refer to Servicing Air Cleaner, page 7.
9. Lubricate the wheels: refer to Lubrication, page 10.
10. Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces. Toro Re-Kote paint is available from an Authorized TORO Service Dealer.
11. Fill crankcase with oil; refer to Fill Crankcase With Oil, page 4.
12. Charge battery for 72 hours: refer to Charging Battery, page 8.
13. Store mower in a clean, dry place. Cover mower to keep it clean and protected.

## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

For special conditions, the following accessories may be purchased at your local Authorized Toro Service Dealer.

**1. Rear Bagging Kit, Model 59174**—Install discharge tunnel and rear mounting grass bag to convert Recycler® mower to a rear bagging mower (Fig. 27). Includes discharge tunnel plug.

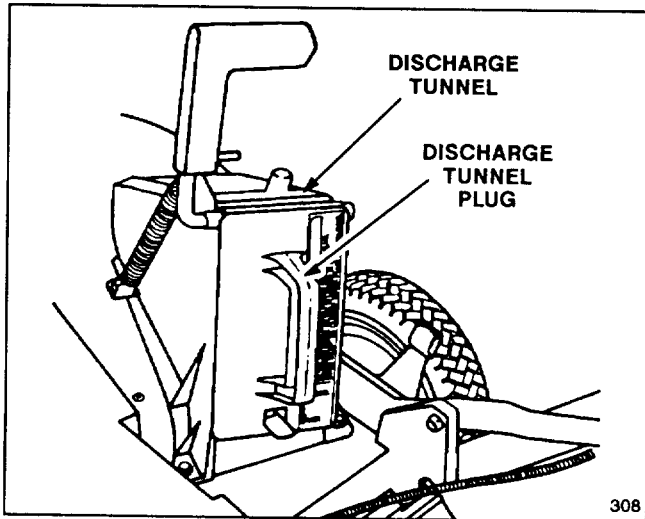


Figure 27

**2. Side Discharge Kit, Model 59168**—(requires Rear Bagging Kit, Model 59174). Installs in seconds. Rear mounted in place of grass bag or discharge tunnel plug. Disperses clippings while trimming on both sides (Fig. 28).

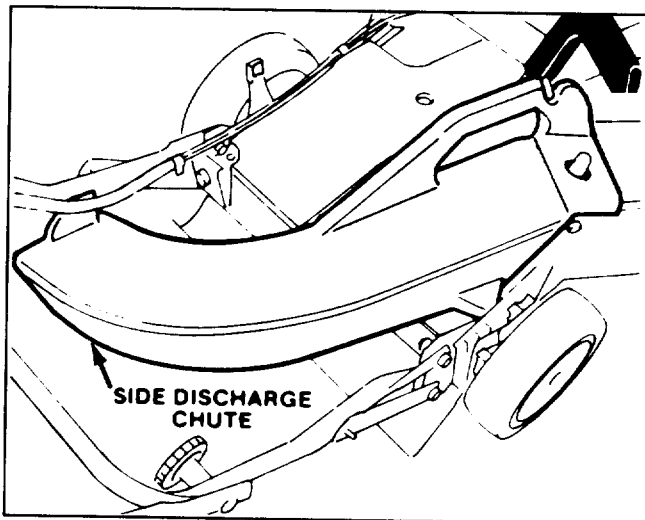


Figure 28

**3. Dethatcher Kit, Model 59131**—Installs in minutes. Front mounted for easy maneuverability. As spring tines scratch and vibrate through the grass, thatch is loosened and cut and recut by the mower (Fig. 29).

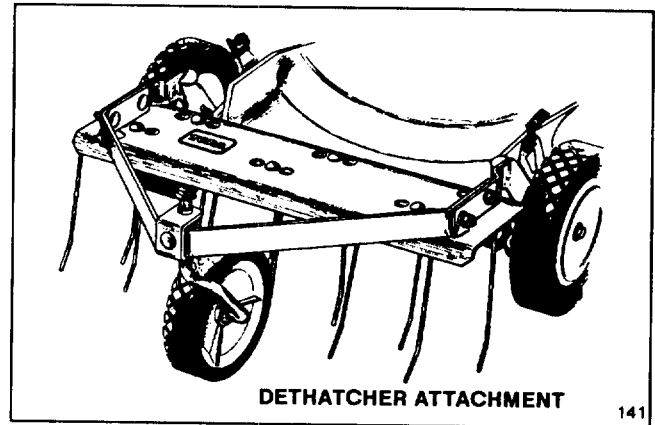


Figure 29

**4. Spark Arrestor (Briggs & Stratton Part No. 398067)**—If a spark arrestor is required because of local, state, or federal regulations, it may be purchased at your local Authorized Toro Service Dealer. If mower is operated on any California forest, brush, or grass covered land without a properly operating spark arrestor, the operator is violating state law, Section 4442 Public Resources Code.

## **TORO SERVICE SUPPORT**

If help - concerning safety, set-up, operation, maintenance, or troubleshooting - 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 factory approved accessories and replacement parts. Keep your Toro all TORO. Buy genuine TORO replacement parts and accessories.

## **PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

A model and a serial number decal is located on the underside of the control panel. Always refer to specific numbers on this decal in correspondence or when replacement parts are needed.

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## THE TORO TOTAL COVERAGE GUARANTEE

### A Full Two-Year Warranty (Limited Warranty for Commercial Use)

#### What Is Covered By This Express Warranty?

The Toro Company promises to repair any TORO Product used for residential purposes if defective in materials or workmanship for a period of two years from the date of purchase. The cost of parts and labor are included, but the customer pays the transportation costs.

Transportation within a 15 mile radius of the servicing dealer is covered under this warranty for two-stage snowthrowers, walk behind debris equipment and all TORO Wheel Horse riding products. Walk power mowers, single stage snowthrowers, and other products not specifically covered, are excluded from the transportation coverage provided by this warranty.

#### What Products Are Covered By This Warranty?

This warranty applies to all gasoline powered Consumer Products (including TORO Wheel Horse riding products). Wide area walk behind mowers, ProLine 118, and 21" Commercial mowers without blade stop controls are covered by separate warranty statements.

#### How About Commercial Use?

TORO Consumer Products used for commercial, institutional or rental use are covered by a limited warranty for the following time periods from the date of purchase:

Products	Warranty Period				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>300 through 700 Series Tractors (except 612-Z) and 1600 HMR               <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Chassis . . . .</td><td>1 year limited warranty</td></tr> <tr> <td>Engine . . . . .</td><td>2 year limited warranty</td></tr> </table> </li> <li>21" Commercial Duty Walk Mower with blade stop controls . .</li> <li>200 Series Tractors, Rear Engine Riders, 612-Z, 1200 HMR 3.0 and 3.5 HP Edgers Straight Shaft Trimmers, and Backpack Blowers . .</li> <li>All Others . . . . .</li> </ul>	Chassis . . . .	1 year limited warranty	Engine . . . . .	2 year limited warranty	 1 year limited warranty 2 year limited warranty  90 day limited warranty  45 day limited warranty
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#### How Do You Get Warranty Service?

Should you feel your TORO product contains a defect in material or workmanship, contact the dealer who sold you the product or any Authorized TORO Service Dealer or TORO Master Service Dealer. The Yellow Pages of your telephone directory is a good reference source. The dealer will either arrange service at his/her dealership or recommend another Authorized Service Dealer who may be more convenient. You may need proof of purchase (copy of registration card, sales receipt, etc.) for warranty validation.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the Service Dealer's analysis of the defect in materials or workmanship or if you need a referral to a TORO Service Dealer, please feel free to contact us at the following address:

Toro Customer Service Department  
8111 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55420  
612-888-8801

#### What Must You Do To Keep The Warranty In Effect?

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.

#### What Does This Warranty Not Cover? and

#### How Does Your State Law Relate To This Warranty?

There is no other express warranty except the TORO Starting Guarantee on GTS Engines. This express warranty does not cover:

- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, tune-up parts, blade sharpening, brake and clutch adjustments.
- Any product or part which has been altered or misused or required replacement or repair due to normal wear, accidents, or lack of proper maintenance.
- Repairs necessary due to improper fuel, contaminants in the fuel system, or failure to properly prepare the fuel system prior to any period of non-use over three months.
- Pickup and delivery charges for distances beyond a 15 mile radius from an Authorized TORO Service Dealer (covered products only).

All repairs covered by this warranty must be performed by an Authorized TORO Service Dealer using Toro approved replacement parts.

Repair by an Authorized TORO Service Dealer is your sole remedy under this warranty.

**The Toro Company is not liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages in connection with the use of the TORO Products covered by this warranty, including any cost or expense of providing substitute equipment or service during reasonable periods of malfunction or non-use pending completion of repairs under this warranty. Some states do not allow exclusions 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.**