




MODEL NO. 51535 - 1000001 & UP
MODEL NO. 51545 - 1000001 & UP

OPERATOR'S MANUAL

450 TX AIR RAKE™
550 TBX RAKE-O-VAC®

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING

To assure maximum safety, best performance, and to gain knowledge of the appliance, it is essential that you or any other operator of the appliance read and understand the contents of this manual before operating the appliance. Pay particular attention to the safety alert symbol  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 INSTRUCTION MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY, RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

BEFORE OPERATING

1. Read and understand the contents of this manual before using the appliance. Be thoroughly familiar with the proper use of the appliance.
2. Keep everyone, especially children and pets, away from area of operation. Never allow children to operate the appliance. It is not a toy. Never allow adults to operate unit without first reading the Operator's Manual.
3. Always wear safety goggles or other suitable eye protection.
4. Never operate the appliance in wet or damp conditions. **DO NOT USE IN THE RAIN.**
5. Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can catch in moving parts. Pin up long hair so that it cannot be drawn into unit's air inlet. Always wear substantial footwear and long pants.
6. Always wear an approved dust mask when using unit in dusty conditions.
7. Use the right appliance. Do not use the appliance for any job except that for which it was intended.
8. Use only Toro attachments with appliance.
9. To reduce the risk of electric shock, use only an approved UL extension cord recommended for outdoor use with a maximum length of 100 feet (minimum 16 gauge). Replace a damaged extension cord immediately.
10. Properly connect extension cord to power supply cord to prevent disconnection of the cords (Fig. 6).
11. Avoid unintentional starting. Do not carry plugged in appliance with finger on switch.
12. Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.
13. Don't abuse cord. Do not pull or carry appliance by cord. Do not use cord as a handle. Do not unplug appliance by pulling cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
14. Keep cord away from extreme heat, oil, and sharp edges. Replace damaged cords.
15. Never blow debris in the direction of bystanders or animals.
16. Never vacuum up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
17. Do not use appliance with any blocked openings; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.
18. Do not use appliance to vacuum up any liquids, particularly flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or use in areas where they may be present.
19. Never vacuum up any hazardous materials such as asbestos.
20. Always be sure of your footing. Keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
21. Stop the motor and unplug the supply cord whenever you leave the appliance, before cleaning the housing, before making any repairs or inspections, and before converting from the blower to vacuum mode.

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22. When not in use, store your appliance in a dry place out of the reach of children.

23. Keep all fasteners tight to be sure the appliance is in safe working condition.

24. Never operate without proper guards or other protective safety devices in place.

25. Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts. Keep clear at all times.

26. If the appliance should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the motor and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.

27. Do not operate your appliance after it has been dropped or damaged. Return it to your nearest Authorized Toro Service Dealer for inspection or repair.

28. This appliance is provided with double insulation. Use only identical replacement parts. See page 5 for Servicing of Double-Insulated Appliance.

29. When servicing use only identical Toro replacement parts. Replace or repair damaged cords.

30. This appliance is intended for residential household use only.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

ATTACH OUTLET TUBES

1. Thread outlet tubes together with a twisting motion (Fig. 1).

2. Thread assembled tubes into blower outlet (Fig. 1).

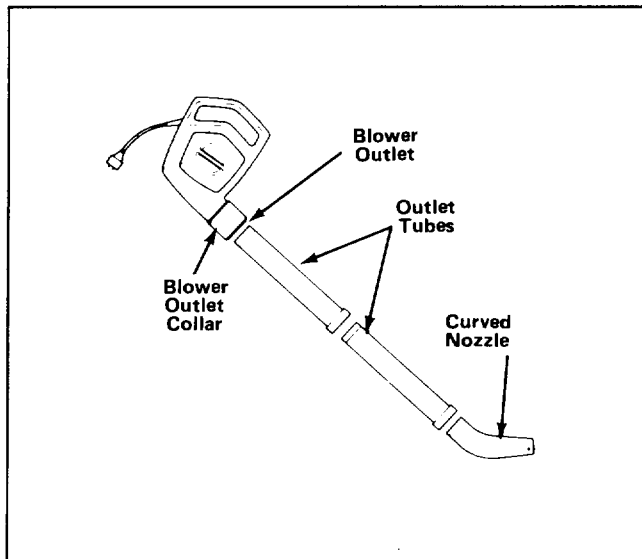


Figure 1

MOUNT VACUUM

(Optional on Model 51535 only)



CAUTION

Do not remove inlet cover when motor is operating and unit is plugged in. Motor impeller rotates for a few seconds after blower is turned off.

1. Turn off unit and unplug from electrical outlet. Remove blower tubes. Do not remove blower outlet collar.

2. Grasp inlet cover and rotate it counterclockwise until locking tabs release. Remove cover (Fig. 2).

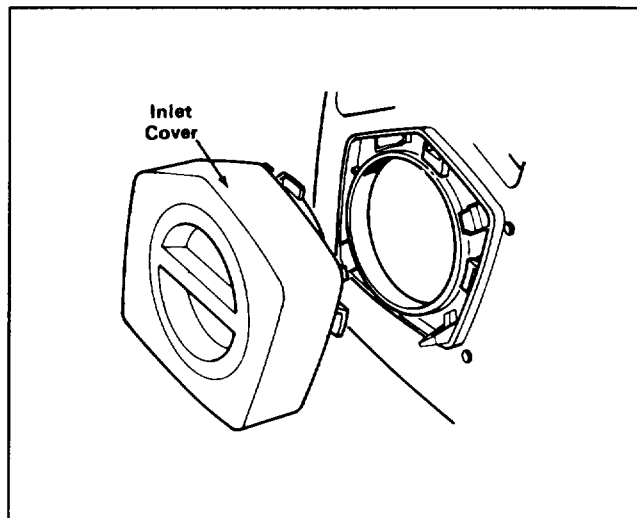


Figure 2

3. Slide upper and lower tubes together as shown in Figure 3.

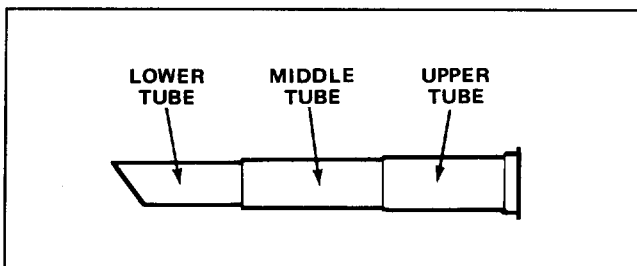


Figure 3

4. Insert upper tube into blower inlet and rotate clockwise until tabs lock (Fig. 4). Angled end of lower tube should be positioned downward.

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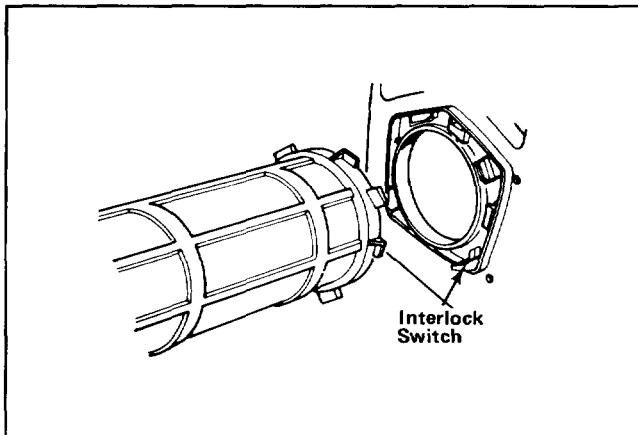


Figure 4

Note: Make sure upper tube mounting tabs are securely locked into position, activating interlock switches. Upper tube or inlet cover must be locked in position for blower to operate.

5. Fit opening of bag over outlet collar on blower. Pull strap tightly to overlap velcro tabs and secure behind outlet collar (Fig. 5).

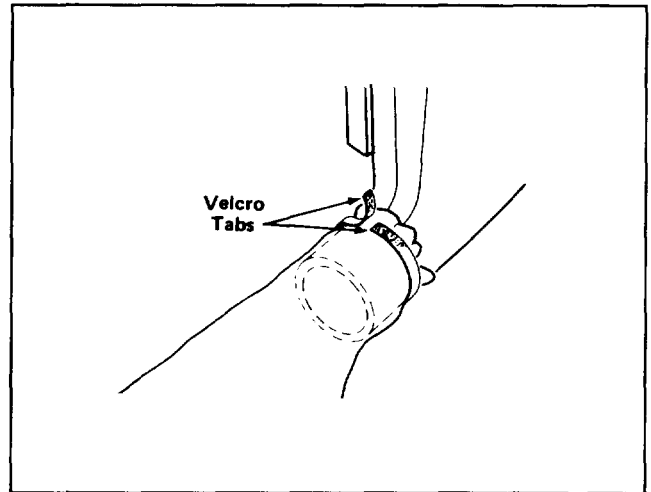


Figure 5

BEFORE OPERATING

SECURING POWER SUPPLY CORD



CAUTION

Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.

Note: The proper extension cord is a requirement for safe and efficient use of your appliance.



CAUTION

Use only a UL listed extension cord, recommended for outdoor use and with a maximum length of 100 feet (minimum 16 gauge).

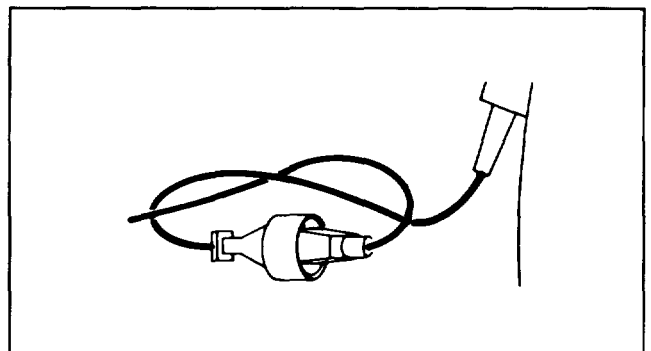


Figure 6

1. Secure the power supply cord and a suitable extension cord as shown in Figure 6.

Note: Do not unplug extension cord by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.

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CAUTION

Always wear safety goggles or other suitable eye protection, long pants, and shoes while operating appliance. Be sure work area is clear of bystanders and pets.

Use extra care when cleaning debris from stairs.

BLOWER

Your blower will easily blow debris from patios,

walkways, garages, lawns, bushes, etc. and many hard to reach places that debris can accumulate.

Most debris can be blown by using only the two blower tubes. Heavier debris in hard to reach places can be blown easier using the curved nozzle.

Your blower features a variable inlet cover (Fig. 7) which allows you to adjust the volume of airflow by rotating the inlet adjustment knob. Low and intermediate flow will allow you to easily direct debris from open doorways, screens, etc. Experience with the unit will indicate the amount of airflow necessary for each application.

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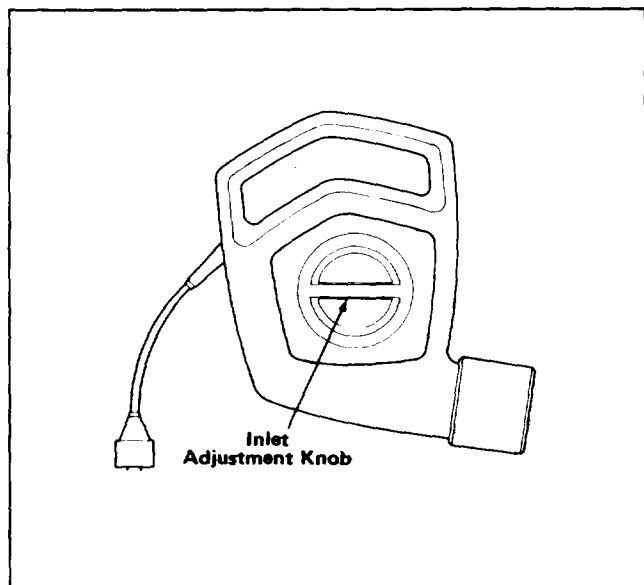


Figure 7



CAUTION

Use only Toro attachments with appliance.

VACUUM

(Optional on Model 51535 only)

Never run vacuum without vacuum bag attached as flying debris could cause injury. Always make sure bag zipper is closed when unit is in use.



WARNING

To reduce the risk of hazardous electrical shock, never use vacuum in rain or wet areas.

1. With vac tubes and bag attached, pick up unit with right hand holding handle and left hand on textured part of housing. Bag should be on right side. Place bag strap over shoulder, and adjust length to fit (Fig. 8).
2. Slide on/off switch to the "on" position.
3. Swing unit slowly back and forth over debris to be vacuumed. Do not force tube into pile of debris. Debris should not be stored in vacuum bag. Bag should be emptied after each use for more efficient operation. After about 3 uses, bag should be thoroughly cleaned. Turn bag inside out and shake out dust and excess debris.

Note: To prevent debris and dust from falling out of bag inlet when bag is being emptied, squeeze inlet and secure with velcro tabs.



Figure 8



WARNING

Do not use appliance with any blocked openings; keep it free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.

IMPORTANT: This unit is designed to pick up dry material, leaves, small twigs, and bits of paper. Do not attempt to pick up stones, gravel, or broken glass as severe damage to fan blades may result.

Also, do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes. Do not pick up any liquids, particularly flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or use in areas where they may be present.

CONVERSION TO BLOWER

To convert this unit from a vacuum to a blower, unplug unit and remove vacuum bag and tubes. Replace inlet cover and blower tubes.

Note: Make sure inlet cover mounting tabs are securely locked into position, activating interlock switches.

MAINTENANCE

CLOGGING

If the unit should become clogged with debris, the obstruction can usually be cleared by turning the unit off and then promptly compressing the bag while it is still inflated, thereby forcing air back out through the inlet tubes. This reverse airflow is usually sufficient to dislodge most obstructions.

If the restriction cannot be cleared by compressing the bag, then proceed as follows:



CAUTION

1. Turn off and unplug unit.
2. Remove tubes.
3. Using a small stick or rod, reach carefully into opening and clear out debris.

BAG CLEANING

A dirty bag will obstruct the air flow, thereby reducing the performance of your vacuum. It is recommended that the bag be turned inside out and shaken out vigorously. After shaking, the bag should be returned to its original side out and re-installed. This procedure should be performed on a regular basis. In addition, the bag should be washed once a year.



WARNING

The bag is made of material that will catch the majority of debris, such as small stones that may be thrown into it. However, under normal usage, this material is subject to deterioration and wear. Therefore, check bags frequently. If a bag is worn, replace it with a genuine TORO part.

IMPELLER WEAR

If a loss of performance is detected while operating blower, unplug unit, remove inlet cover, and check impeller blades for wear. If blades are severely worn (Fig. 9), have impeller replaced by an Authorized TORO Service Dealer.

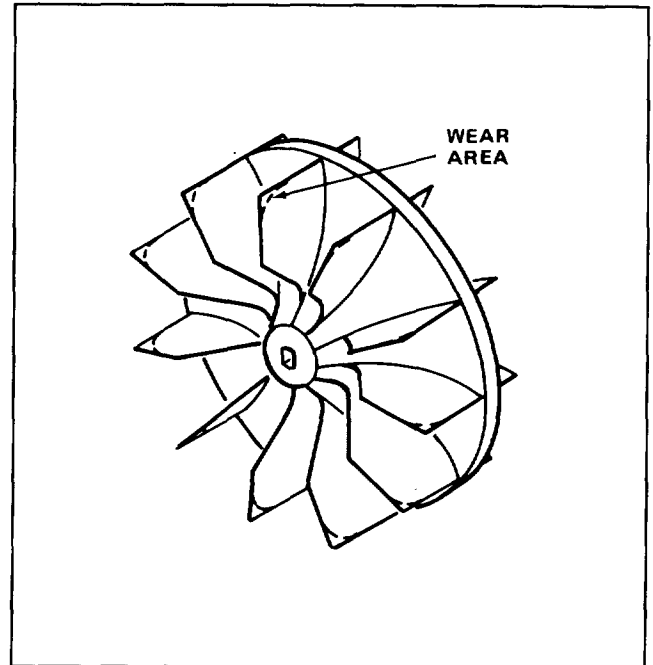


Figure 9

SERVICING DOUBLE-INSULATED APPLIANCE

In this double-insulated appliance, two systems of insulation are provided instead of grounding. No grounding means is provided, nor should means of grounding be added to the appliance. Servicing a double-insulated appliance requires extreme care and knowledge of the system, and should be done only by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer who uses only identical, genuine Toro replacement parts.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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

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.

ACCESSORIES



RAKE-O-VAC BAGGING KIT
MODEL 51531 OR 51533

The Toro Promise

A Full Two Year Residential Use Warranty

The Toro Company warrants this TORO Product for two years against defects in material or workmanship. To receive a replacement or repair, at Toro's option, just return the complete unit, postage prepaid, to the seller or any TORO Electric Service Dealer or the TORO Service Center, 5300 Shoreline Blvd., Mound, MN 55364, along with proof of purchase. This warranty covers product defects only. It does not cover incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific rights, and you may have other rights which vary from state to state.

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