



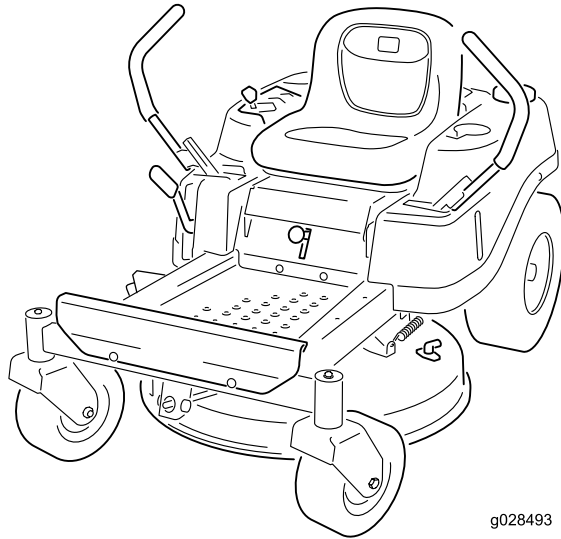
Count on it.

Operator's Manual

TimeCutter® ZS 3200S or 4200S Riding Mower

Model No. 74650—Serial No. 315000001 and Up

Model No. 74655—Serial No. 315000001 and Up



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

Gross Horsepower

The gross or net horsepower of this engine was laboratory rated by the engine manufacturer in accordance with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J1940. As configured to meet safety, emission, and operating requirements, the actual engine torque on this class of mower will be significantly lower.

Go to www.Toro.com to view specifications on your mower model.

Important: This engine is not equipped with a spark arrester muffler. It is a violation of California Public Resource Code Section 4442 to use or operate the engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land. Other states or federal areas may have similar laws.

Introduction

This machine is a ride-on, rotary-blade intended to be used by homeowners in residential applications. It is primarily designed for cutting grass on well-maintained lawns. It is not designed for cutting brush, mowing grass and other growth alongside highways, or for agricultural uses.

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 for product safety and operation training materials, accessory information, help finding a dealer, or to register your product.

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

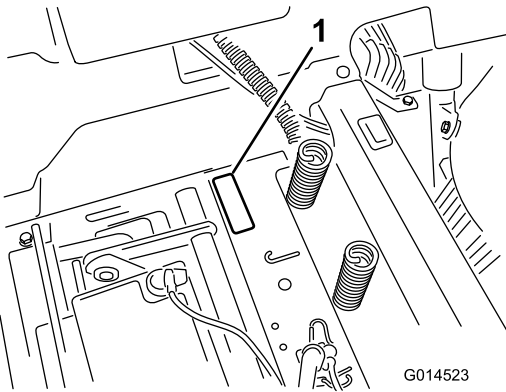


Figure 1
Under the seat

- 1. Model and serial number plate

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

Model No. _____

Serial No. _____

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.

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Safety

This machine has been designed in accordance with EN ISO 5395:2013.

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

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

To ensure maximum safety, best performance, and to gain knowledge of the product, it is essential that you and any other operator of the 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.

Safe Operating Practices

Training

- Read the *Operator's Manual* and other training material.

Note: If the operator(s) or mechanic(s) cannot read the manual language, it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them.

- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained. The owner is responsible for training the users.
- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment.

Note: Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.

- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to himself or herself, other people, or damage to property.

Preparation

- Evaluate the terrain to determine what accessories and attachments are needed to properly and safely perform the job. Only use accessories and attachments approved by the manufacturer.
- Wear appropriate clothing; including a hard hat, substantial, slip-resistant footwear, long pants, gloves, and hearing protection.

Important: Long hair, loose clothing or jewelry may get tangled in moving parts.

- Inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and ensure that all objects are removed from the machine before use.
- Use extra care when handling fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive.
 - Use only an approved container.
 - Do not remove the fuel cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow the engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke near the machine when the engine is running.
 - Do not refuel or drain the machine indoors.
- Check that the operator's presence controls, safety switches, and shields are attached and functioning properly. Do not operate the machine unless they are functioning properly.

Operation

- Lightning can cause severe injury or death. If lightning is seen, or thunder is heard in the area, do not operate the machine; seek shelter.
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide and other exhaust gasses can collect.
- Only operate in well-lit areas, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Ensure that all drives are in neutral and that the parking brake is engaged before starting engine. Only start the engine from the operator's position.
- Slow down and use extra care on hillsides. Be sure to travel side to side on hillsides. Turf conditions can affect the stability of the machine. Use caution while operating near drop-offs.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and when changing directions on slopes.
- Do not raise the mower deck with the blades running.
- Do not operate the machine without the PTO shield or other guards securely in place. Be sure all interlocks are attached, adjusted properly, and functioning properly.
- Do not operate with the discharge deflector raised, removed or altered, unless using a grass catcher.
- Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.

- Stop on level ground, disengage drives, engage the parking brake (if provided), shut off the engine before leaving the operator's position for any reason, including emptying the catchers or unclogging the chute.
- Stop equipment and inspect the blades after striking objects or if an abnormal vibration occurs. Make the necessary repairs before resuming operations.
- Keep your hands and feet away from the cutting unit.
- Look behind and down before backing up to ensure a clear path.
- Keep pets and bystanders away from an operating machine.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and crossing roads and sidewalks. Stop the blades if you are not mowing.
- Be aware of the mower-discharge direction and do not point it at anyone.
- Do not operate the mower under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into or from a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

Safe Handling of Fuels

- To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive.
- Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition.
- Use only an approved fuel container.
- Do not remove the fuel cap or add fuel with the engine running.
- Allow the engine to cool before fueling.
- Do not fuel the machine indoors.
- Do not store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light such as on a water heater or on other appliances.
- Do not fill containers inside a vehicle, on a truck, or on a trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Remove equipment from the truck or trailer and fuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then add fuel with such equipment as a portable container, rather than from a fuel dispenser nozzle.
- Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock open device.
- If fuel is spilled on clothing, change your clothing immediately.
- Do not overfill fuel tank. Replace fuel cap and tighten securely.

Maintenance and Storage

- Disengage drives, set the parking brake, stop the engine, and remove the key or disconnect spark-plug wire. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning, or repairing.
- Clean grass and debris from the cutting unit, drives, mufflers, and engine to help prevent fires.
- Clean up oil or fuel spillage.
- Let the engine cool before storing.
- Do not store fuel near flames or drain indoors.
- Do not allow untrained personnel to service machine.
- Use jack stands to support components when required.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.
- Disconnect the battery or remove the spark-plug wire before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive terminal last. Reconnect the positive first and negative last.
- Use care when checking the blades. Wrap the blade(s) or wear thickly-padded gloves, and use caution when servicing them. Only replace blades; do not straighten or weld them.
- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts. If possible, do not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hardware tightened. Replace all worn or damaged decals.

Hauling

- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or a truck.
- Use full-width ramps for loading machine into a trailer or a truck.
- Tie the machine down securely using straps, chains, cable, or ropes. Both front and rear straps should be directed down and outward from the machine.

Toro Mower Safety

The following list contains safety information specific to Toro products and other safety information you must know.

This product is capable of amputating hands and feet, and throwing objects. Always follow all safety instructions to avoid serious injury or death.

This product is designed for cutting and recycling grass, or, when equipped with a grass bagger, for catching cut grass. Any use for purposes other than these could prove dangerous to the user and bystanders.

General Operation

- Be sure that the area is clear of bystanders before mowing. Stop the machine if anyone enters the area.
- Do not touch equipment or attachment parts which may be hot from operation. Allow all of the parts to cool before attempting to maintain, adjust, or service the machine.
- Use only Toro-approved attachments. Warranty may be voided if used with any unapproved attachments.
- Check carefully for overhead clearances (i.e. branches, doorways, electrical wires, etc.) before operating under any objects, and do not contact them.
- Slow down the machine before making turns and use extra caution.
- Use caution when riding the platform over curbs, rocks, roots, or other obstructions.
- Look behind and down before backing up to ensure a clear path. Use extra care when operating the machine in reverse.
- Do not jerk the controls; use a steady motion.
- When loading or unloading the machine, use one full-width ramp that is wide enough to extend beyond the width of the machine.
- Do not carry passengers.
- Do not carry equipment on the machine.

Slope Operation

All slopes and ramps require extra caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow it.

- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc. from the mowing area.
- Watch for holes, ruts or bumps.

Note: Tall grass can hide obstacles.

- Use caution near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments.

Note: The machine could suddenly turn over if a wheel goes over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.

- Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments.

Note: These can change the stability of the machine.

- Keep all movement on slopes slow and gradual.
- Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Mow slopes side to side.
- Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.

Towing Safety

- Do not attach towed equipment except at the hitch point.
- Follow the attachment manufacturer's recommendation for weight limits for towed equipment and towing on slopes. Towed weight must not exceed the weight of the machine, operator, and ballast. Use counterweights or wheel weights as described in the attachment, or in the pulling machine *Operator's Manual*.
- Never allow children or others in or on towed equipment.
- On slopes, the weight of the towed equipment may cause loss of traction, increased risk of rollover, and loss of control. Reduce the towed weight and slow down.
- Stopping distance increases with the weight of the towed load. Travel slowly and allow extra distance to stop.
- Make wide turns to keep the attachment clear of the machine.

Service

- Do not store the machine or a fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as near a water heater or furnace.
- Keep the nuts and bolts tight, especially the blade-attachment bolts.
- Never remove or tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly. Never do anything to interfere with the intended function of a safety device or to reduce the protection provided by a safety device.
- Removing standard original equipment parts and accessories may alter the warranty, traction, and safety of the machine. Failure to use original Toro parts could cause serious injury or death. Making unauthorized changes to the engine, fuel or venting system, may violate regulations.

- Replace all parts including, but not limited to, tires, belts, blades, and fuel system components with original Toro parts.
- Check the brake operation frequently. Adjust and service the brake as required.

Model 74650

Sound Pressure

This unit has a sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 87 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

Sound power level was determined according to the procedures outlined in EN ISO 5395:2013.

Sound Power

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 100 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

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

Hand/Arm Vibration

Measured vibration level for left hand = 2.1 m/s²

Measured vibration level for right hand = 1.9m/s²

Uncertainty Value (K) = 1.0 m/s²

Measured values were determined according to the procedures outlined in EN ISO 5395:2013.

Whole Body Vibration

Measured vibration level = 0.62 m/s²

Uncertainty Value (K) = 0.31 m/s²

Measured values were determined according to the procedures outlined in EN ISO 5395:2013 (Riding and Stand-ons).

Model 74655

Sound Pressure

This unit has a sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 89 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

Sound power level was determined according to the procedures outlined in EN ISO 5395:2013.

Sound Power

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 100 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

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

Hand/Arm Vibration

Measured vibration level for left hand = 3.4 m/s²

Measured vibration level for right hand = 2.4 m/s²

Uncertainty Value (K) = 1.7 m/s²

Measured values were determined according to the procedures outlined in EN ISO 5395:2013.

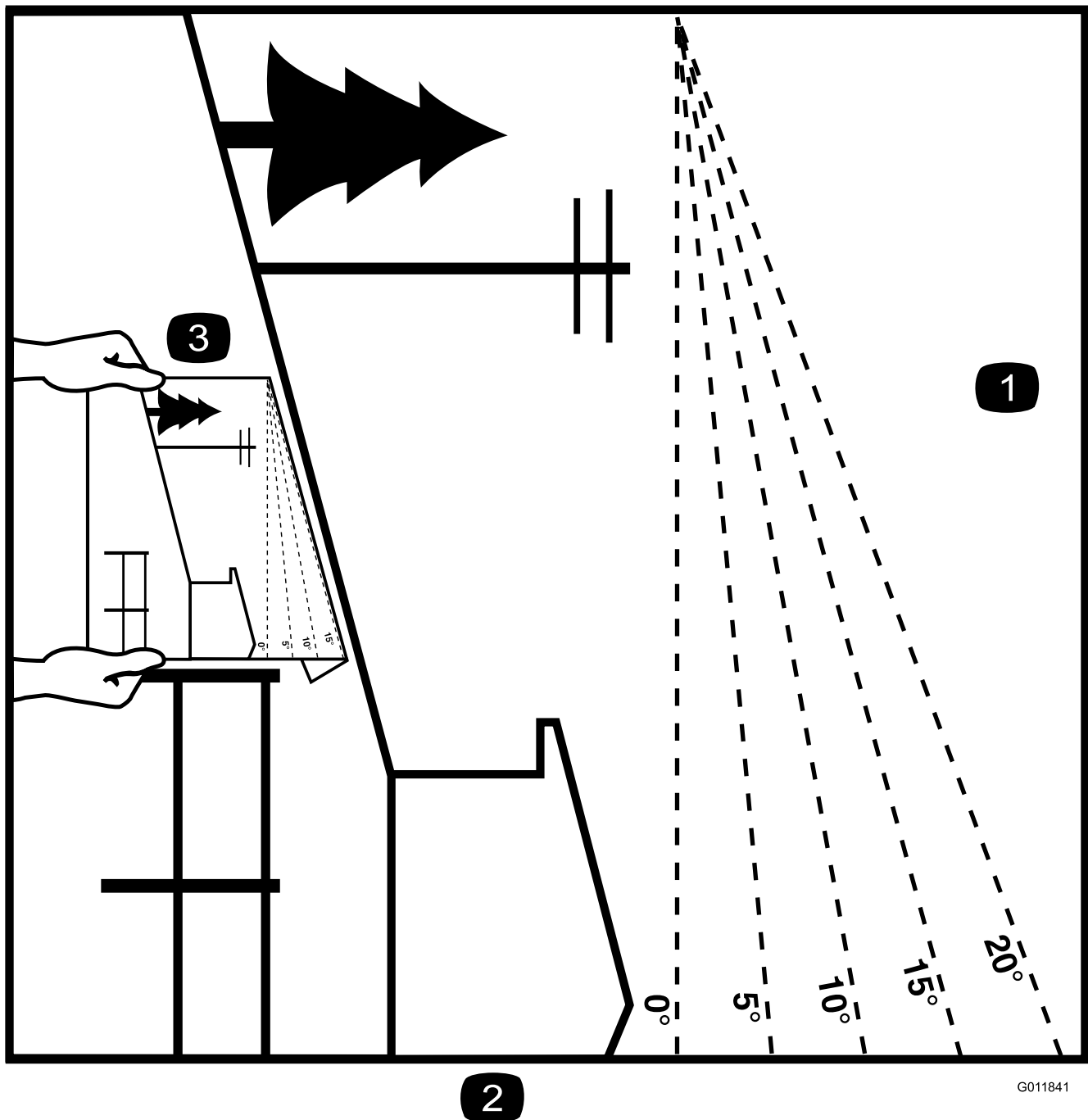
Whole Body Vibration

Measured vibration level = 0.73 m/s²

Uncertainty Value (K) = 0.37 m/s²

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Slope Indicator



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Figure 3

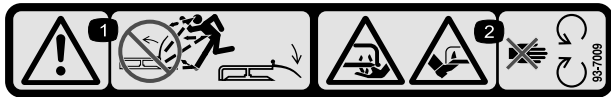
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1. The maximum slope you can safely operate the machine on is **15 degrees**. Use the slope chart to determine the degree of slope of hills before operating. **Do not operate this machine on a slope greater than 15 degrees.** Fold along the appropriate line to match the recommended slope.
2. Align this edge with a vertical surface, a tree, building, fence pole, etc.
3. Example of how to compare slope with folded edge.

Safety and Instructional Decals

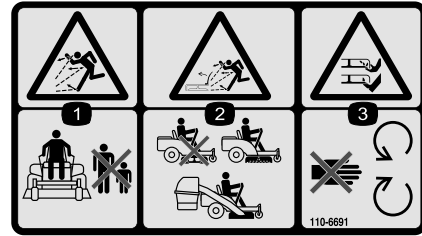


Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or lost.



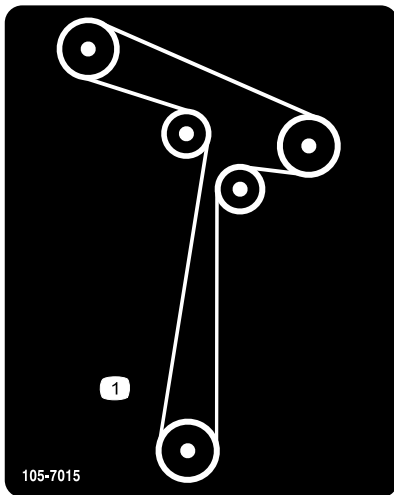
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1. Warning—don't operate the mower with the deflector up or removed; keep the deflector in place.
2. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts.



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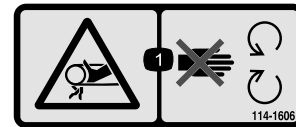
1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine.
2. Thrown object hazard, mower—do not operate without the deflector, discharge cover, or grass collection system in place.
3. Cutting/dismemberment of hand or foot—stay away from moving parts.



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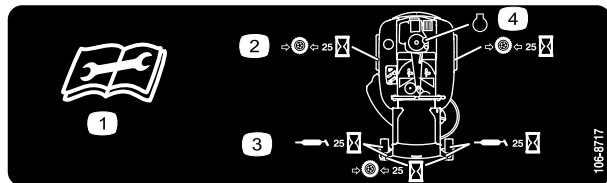
For Models with 42 Inch Decks

1. Belt routing



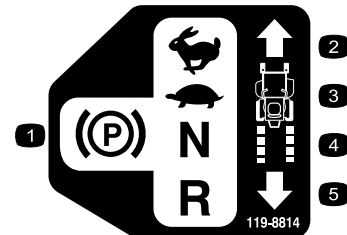
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1. Entanglement hazard, belt—keep all guards in place.



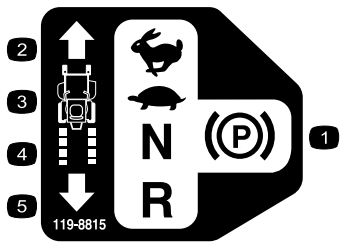
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1. Read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.
2. Check tire pressure every 25 operating hours.
3. Grease every 25 operating hours.
4. Engine



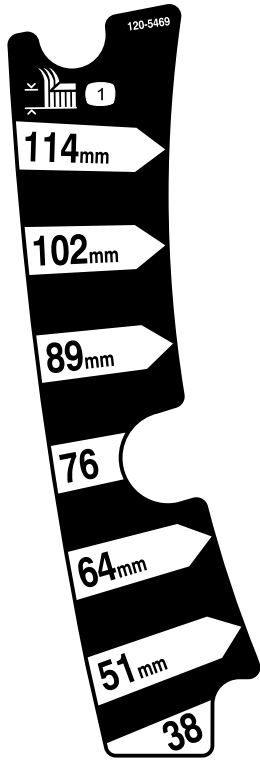
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1. Parking position
2. Fast
3. Slow
4. Neutral
5. Reverse



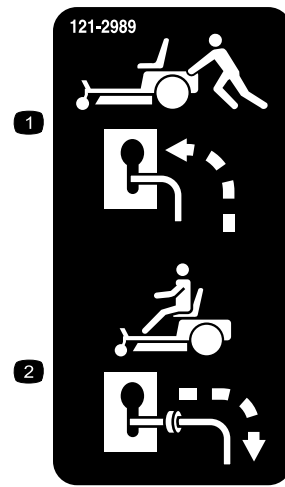
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1. Parking position
2. Fast
3. Slow
4. Neutral
5. Reverse



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1. Height-of-cut



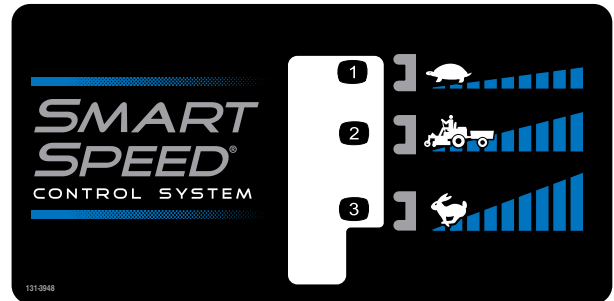
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1. Bypass lever position for pushing the machine
2. Bypass lever position for operating the machine



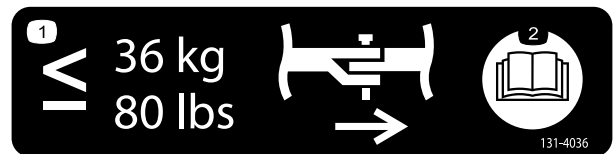
Manufacturer's Mark

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



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1. Slow
2. Towing
3. Fast



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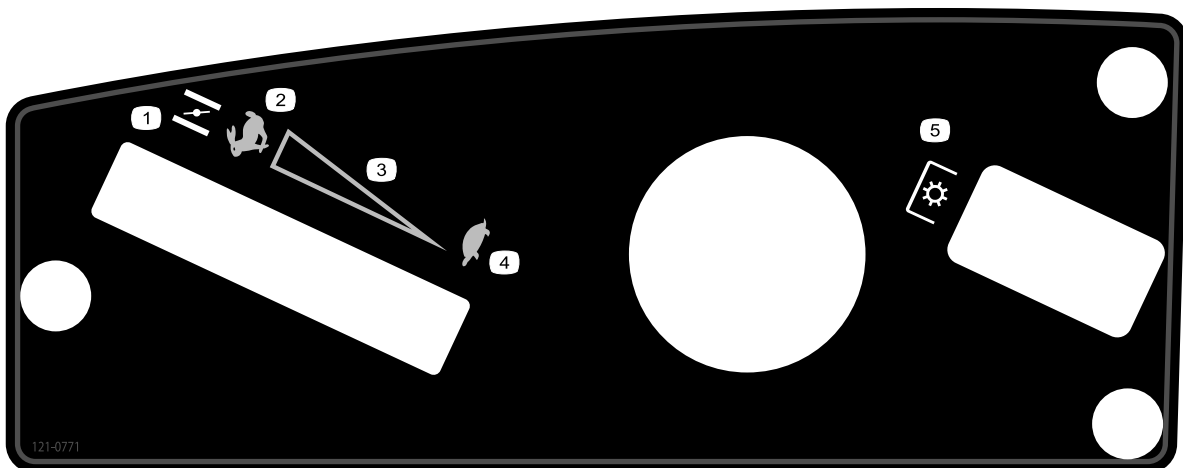
1. Maximum drawbar pull 36 kg (80 lb)
2. Read the *Operator's Manual*.



Battery Symbols

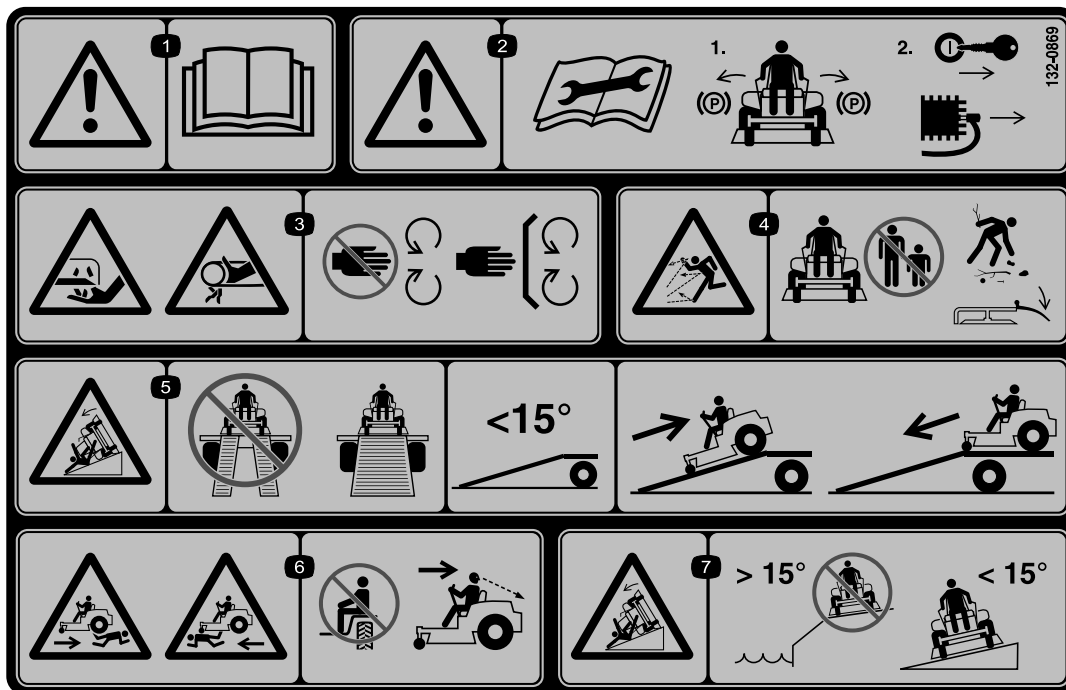
Some or all of these symbols are on your battery

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



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| 1. Choke | 4. Slow |
| 2. Fast | 5. Power take-off (PTO), Blade control switch |
| 3. Continuous variable setting | |



132-0869

1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Warning—before servicing, engage the parking brake, remove the key and the spark plug connection.
3. Cutting hazard of hand, mower blade; pinching hazard of hand, belt—keep hands and feet away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.
4. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders away from the machine; remove debris from the area before mowing; keep the deflector shield down.
5. Ramp tipping hazard—when loading onto a trailer, do not use dual ramps; only use a single ramp wide enough for the machine and that has an incline less than 15 degrees; back up the ramp (in reverse) and drive forward off the ramp.
6. Bodily harm hazard—no riders; look behind you when mowing in reverse.
7. Tipping hazard on slopes—do not use on slopes near open water; do not use on slopes greater than 15 degrees.

Product Overview

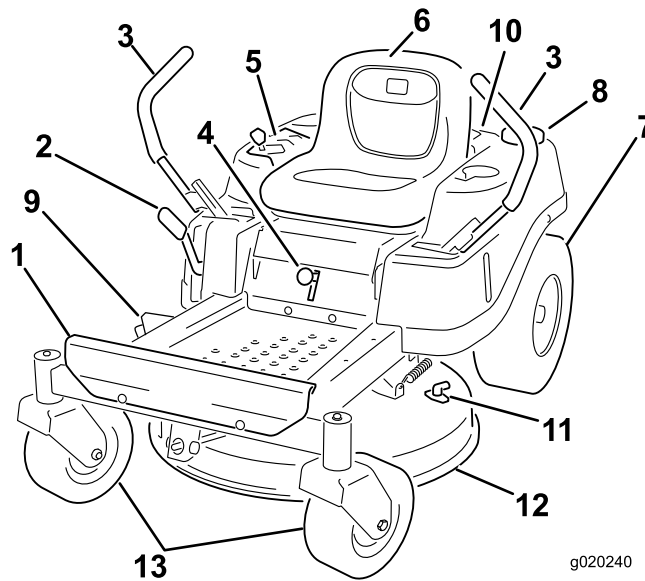


Figure 4

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|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Footrest | 5. Control panel | 9. Deflector | 13. Front caster wheels |
| 2. Height-of-cut lever | 6. Operator seat | 10. Engine | |
| 3. Motion-control lever | 7. Rear drive wheel | 11. Washout fitting | |
| 4. Smart-speed lever | 8. Fuel-tank cap | 12. Mower deck | |

Controls

Become familiar with all controls in [Figure 4](#) and [Figure 5](#) before you start the engine and operate the machine.

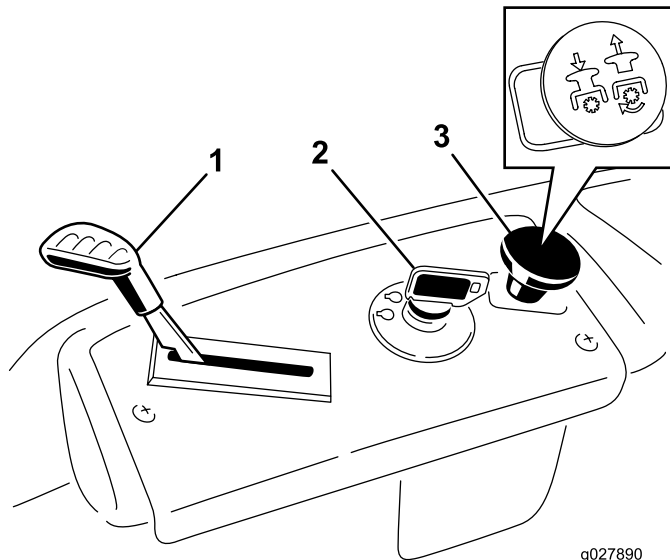


Figure 5
Control Panel

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| 1. Throttle/Choke | 3. Blade-control switch
(power take-off) |
| 2. Ignition switch | |

Ignition Switch

The ignition switch has 3 positions—Off, Run and Start. The key will turn to Start and move back to Run upon release. Turning the key to the Off position will stop the engine; however, always remove the key when leaving the machine to prevent someone from accidentally starting the engine ([Figure 5](#)).

Throttle/Choke Control

The throttle and choke are combined into one control lever. The throttle controls the engine speed and it has a continuous variable setting from Slow to Fast. Engage the choke by moving the lever past the Fast setting until it stops ([Figure 5](#)).

It may be necessary to hold the lever against the stop, in the choke position, while trying to start the engine.

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

Blade-Control Switch (Power Take-off)

The blade-control switch, represented by a power take-off (PTO) symbol, engages and disengages power to the mower blades ([Figure 5](#)).

Motion-Control Levers and Park Position

The motion-control levers are speed-sensitive controls of independent-wheel motors. Moving a lever forward or backward turns the wheel on the same side forward or in reverse; wheel speed is proportional to the amount the lever is moved. Move the control levers outward from the center to the Park position and exit the machine ([Figure 14](#)). Always position the motion-control levers into the park position when you stop the machine or leave it unattended.

Smart Speed™ Control System Lever

The Smart Speed™ Control-System lever, located below the operating position, gives the operator a choice to drive the machine at 3 speed ranges—trim, tow, and mow ([Figure 6](#)).

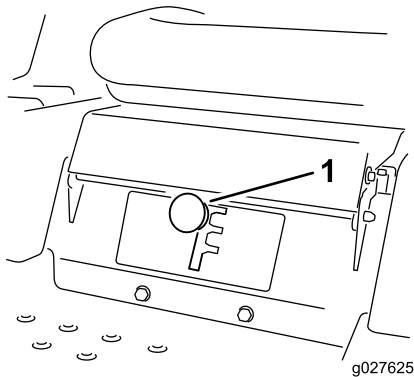


Figure 6

1. Smart-speed lever

Fuel-Presence Window

The fuel window located on the left-hand side of the machine, can be used to verify the presence of gasoline in the tank ([Figure 7](#)).

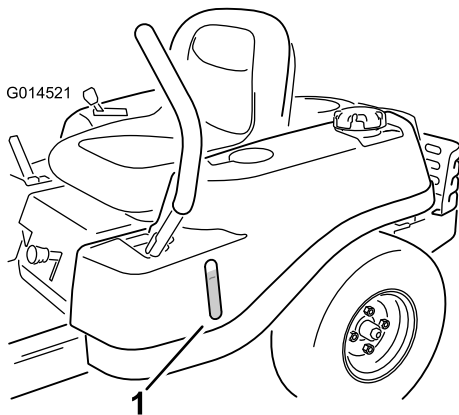


Figure 7

1. Fuel-presence window

Height-of-Cut Lever

The height-of-cut lever allows you to lower and raise the deck from the seated position. When you raise the lever (toward you), the deck is raised from the ground, and when you lower it (away from you), it lowers to the ground. Adjust the height-of-cut only while the machine is not moving. Refer to [Adjusting the Height-of-Cut \(page 21\)](#).

Operation

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

Adding Fuel

- For best results, use only clean, fresh (less than 30 days old), unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher ((R+M)/2 rating method).
- **Ethanol:** Gasoline with up to 10% ethanol (gasohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) by volume is acceptable. Ethanol and MTBE are not the same. Gasoline with 15% ethanol (E15) by volume is not approved for use. **Never use gasoline that contains more than 10% ethanol by volume**, such as E15 (contains 15% ethanol), E20 (contains 20% ethanol), or E85 (contains up to 85% ethanol). Using unapproved gasoline may cause performance problems and/or engine damage which may not be covered under warranty.
- **Do not** use gasoline containing methanol.
- **Do not** store fuel either in the fuel tank or fuel containers over the winter unless a fuel stabilizer is used.
- **Do not** add oil to gasoline.

⚠ DANGER

In certain conditions, gasoline is extremely flammable and highly explosive. A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you and others and can damage property.

- Fill the fuel tank outdoors, in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any gasoline that spills.
- Never fill the fuel tank inside an enclosed trailer.
- Do not fill the fuel tank completely full. Add gasoline to the fuel tank until the level is 6 to 13 mm (1/4 to 1/2 inch) below the bottom of the filler neck. This empty space in the tank allows gasoline to expand.
- Never smoke when handling gasoline, and stay away from an open flame or where gasoline fumes may be ignited by a spark.
- Store gasoline in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children. Never buy more than a 30-day supply of gasoline.
- Do not operate without entire exhaust system in place and in proper working condition.

⚠ DANGER

In certain conditions during fueling, static electricity can be released causing a spark which can ignite the gasoline vapors. A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you and others and can damage property.

- Always place gasoline containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Do not fill gasoline containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed because interior carpets or plastic truck bed liners may insulate the container and slow the loss of any static charge.
- When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel the equipment with its wheels on the ground.
- If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a truck or trailer from a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
- If a gasoline dispenser nozzle must be used, keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete.

⚠ WARNING

Gasoline is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors can cause serious injury and illness.

- Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
- Keep face away from nozzle and gas tank or conditioner bottle opening.
- Avoid contact with skin; wash off spillage with soap and water.

Using Stabilizer/Conditioner

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

- Keeps gasoline fresh during storage of 90 days or less. For longer storage it is recommended that the fuel tank be drained.
- Cleans the engine while it runs
- Eliminates gum-like varnish buildup in the fuel system, which causes hard starting

Important: Do not use fuel additives containing methanol or ethanol.

Add the correct amount of gas stabilizer/conditioner to the gas.

Note: A fuel stabilizer/conditioner is most effective when mixed with fresh gasoline. To minimize the chance

of varnish deposits in the fuel system, use fuel stabilizer at all times.

Filling the Fuel Tank

Note: Ensure that the engine is shut off and the motion controls are in the parked position.

Note: You can use the fuel window to verify the presence of gasoline before filling the tank (Figure 8).

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

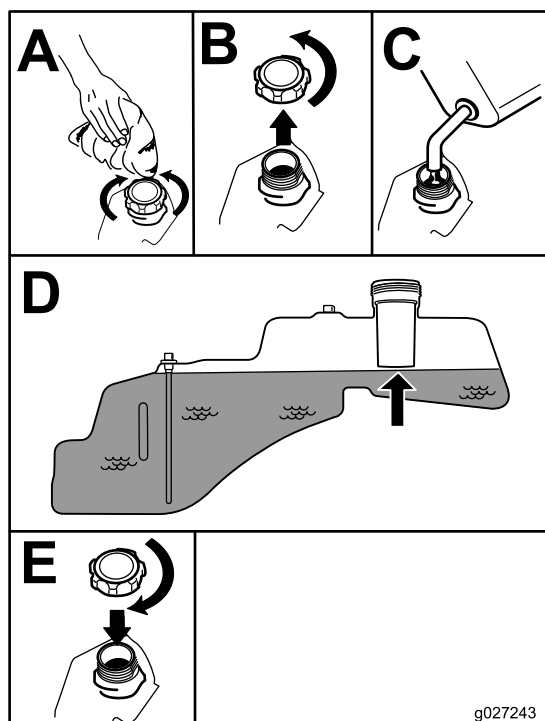


Figure 8

Checking the Engine-Oil Level

Before you start the engine and use the machine, check the oil level in the engine crankcase; refer to [Checking the Engine-Oil Level](#) (page 30).

Breaking in a New Machine

New engines take time to develop full power. Mower decks and drive systems have higher friction when new, placing additional load on the engine. Allow 40 to 50 hours of break-in time for new machines to develop full power and best performance.

Think Safety First

Operating Safety

Please carefully read all of the safety instructions and decals in the safety section. Knowing this information could help you, your family, pets, or bystanders avoid injury.

⚠ DANGER

Mowing on wet grass or steep slopes can cause sliding and loss of control.

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

A loss of traction is a loss of steering control.

To avoid loss of control and possibility of rollover:

- Do not mow near drop-offs or near water.
- Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Reduce the speed and use extreme caution on slopes.
- When mowing slopes, gradually work from lower to higher areas on the incline.
- Avoid sudden turns or rapid speed changes.
- Turn up, into an incline when changing directions on slopes. Turning down the slope reduces traction.
- Attachments change the handling characteristics of the machine. Use extra caution when using attachments with the machine.

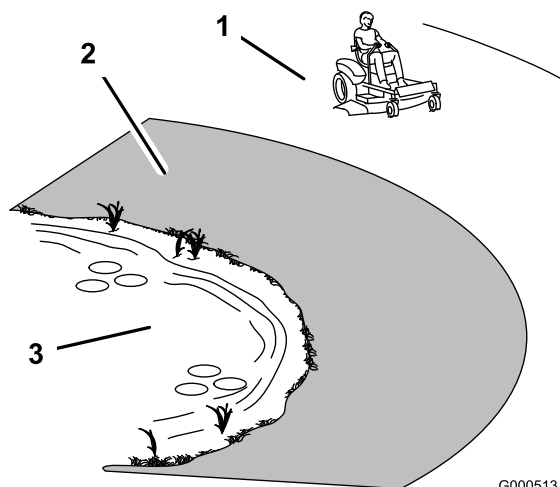


Figure 9

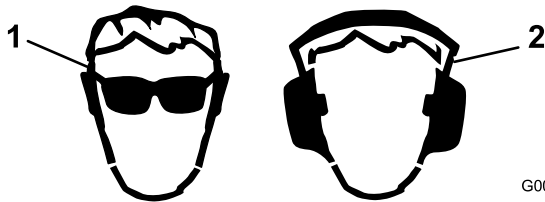
1. Safe zone—use the TimeCutter here
2. Use a walk-behind mower and/or hand trimmer near drop-offs and water.
3. Water

⚠ CAUTION

This machine produces sound levels in excess of 85 dBA at the operators ear and can cause hearing loss through extended periods of exposure.

Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.

The use of protective equipment for eyes, ears, hands, feet, and head is recommended.



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Figure 10

1. Wear safety glasses
2. Wear hearing protection

Understanding the Safety-Interlock System

⚠ WARNING

If safety-interlock switches are disconnected or damaged, the machine could operate unexpectedly causing personal injury.

- Do not tamper with the interlock switches.
- Check the operation of the interlock switches daily, and replace any damaged switches before operating the machine.

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

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

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

Testing the Safety-Interlock System

Test the safety-interlock system before you use the machine each time. If the safety system does not operate as described below, have an Authorized Service Dealer repair the safety system immediately.

1. While sitting on the seat, with the control levers in park position, and move the blade-control switch to On.
2. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.
3. While sitting on the seat, move the blade-control switch to Off.
4. Move either motion-control lever to the center, unlocked position.
5. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.
6. Repeat with the other motion-control lever.
7. While sitting on the seat, move the blade-control switch to Off, and lock the motion-control levers in the park position.
8. Start the engine.
9. While the engine is running, engage the blade-control switch, and rise slightly from the seat.

Note: The engine should stop.

10. While sitting on the seat, move the blade-control switch to Off, and lock the motion-control levers in the park position.
11. Start the engine.
12. While the engine is running, move the motion-control levers to the center, unlocked position, engage the blade-control switch, and rise slightly from the seat.

Note: The engine should stop.

Starting the Engine

Important: Do not engage the starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. Engaging the starter motor for more than 5 seconds can damage the starter motor. If the engine fails to start, wait 10 seconds before operating the engine starter again.

Note: It may be necessary to hold the lever against the stop, in the choke position, while trying to start the engine (Figure 11).

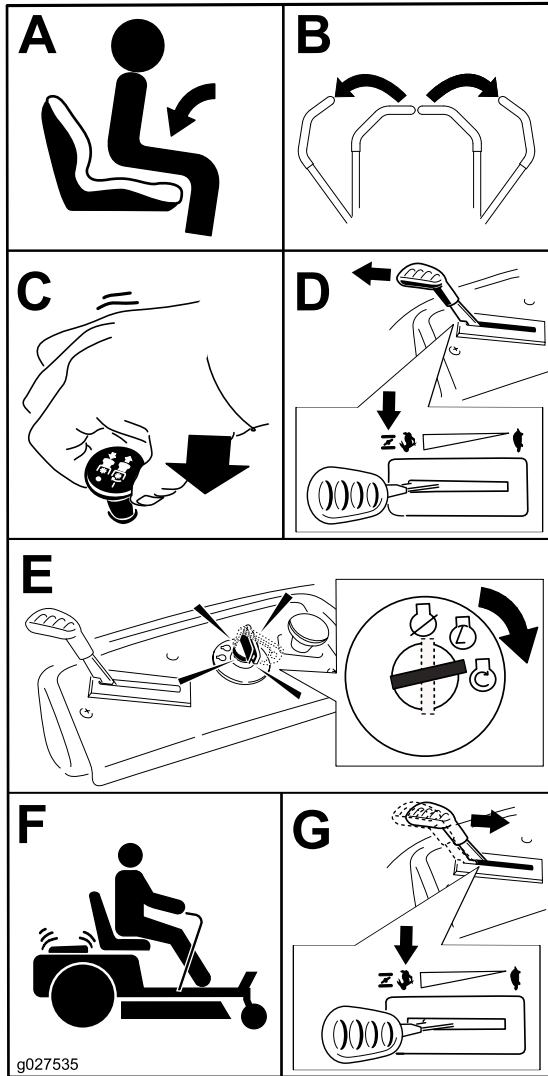


Figure 11

Operating the Blades

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

Engaging the Blades

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

Note: Always engage the blades with the throttle in the Fast position.

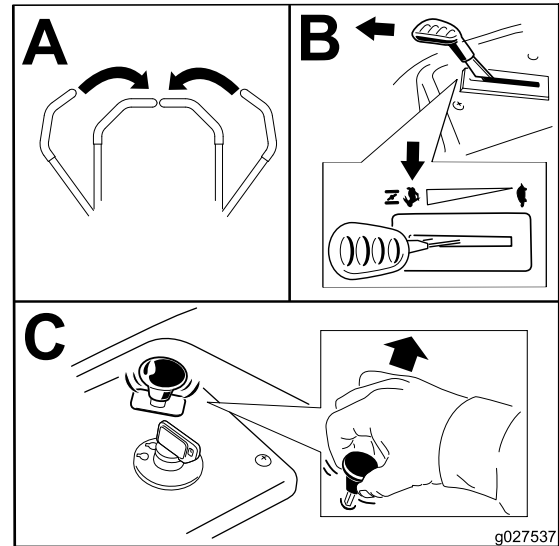


Figure 12

Disengaging the Blades

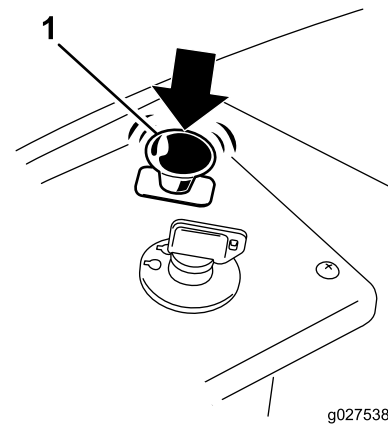


Figure 13

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

Stopping the Engine

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

Driving the Machine

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

 WARNING

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

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

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

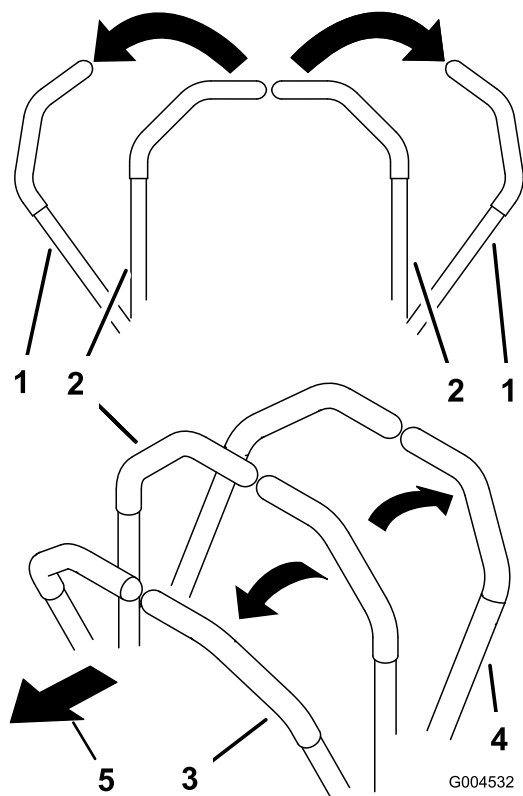


Figure 14

1. Park (brake) position

2. Center, unlock position

3. Forward
4. Backward

5. Front of the machine

Using the Smart Speed™ Control System

The Smart Speed™ Control-System lever, located below the operating position (Figure 15), gives the operator a choice to drive the machine at 3 ground speed ranges—trim, tow, and mow.

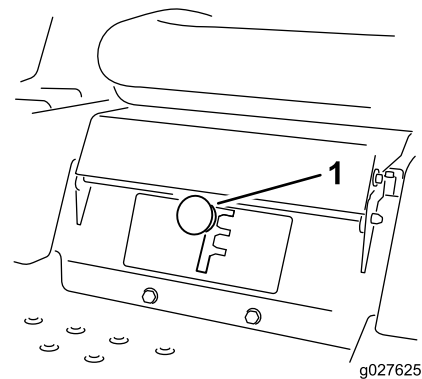


Figure 15

1. Smart speed lever

To change speeds, do the following:

1. Move the motion control levers to neutral and outward to the park position.

2. Disengage the blade control switch

3. Adjust the lever to the desired position.

The following are only recommendations for use. Adjustments will vary by grass type, moisture content, and the height of the grass.

Suggested uses:	Trim	Tow	Mow
Parking	X		
Heavy, wet grass	X		
Training	X		
Bagging		X	
Mulching		X	
Normal mowing			X
Transport			X

Trim

This is the lowest speed. The suggested uses for this speed are as follows:

- Parking
- Heavy, wet grass mowing conditions
- Training

Tow

This is the medium speed. The suggested uses for this speed are as follows:

- Bagging
- Mulching

Mow

This is the fastest speed. The suggested uses for this speed are as follows:

- Normal mowing
- Transporting the machine

Driving Forward

1. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. To go forward, slowly push the motion-control levers forward (Figure 16).

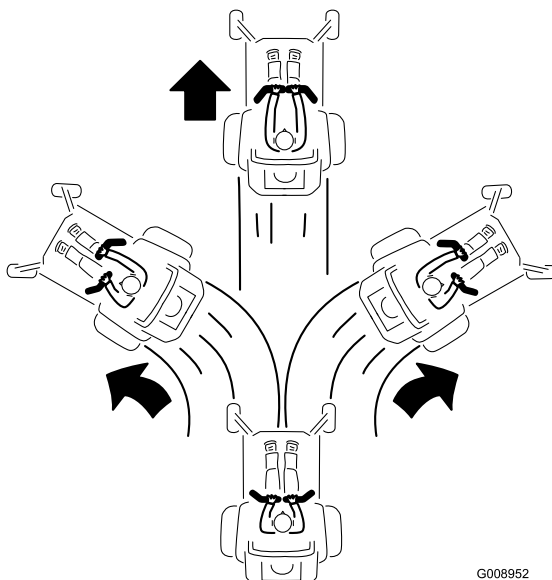


Figure 16

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both motion-control levers (Figure 16).

To turn, release pressure on the motion-control lever toward the direction you want to turn (Figure 16).

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

To stop, pull the motion-control levers to neutral.

Driving Backward

Note: Always use caution when backing up and turning.

1. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. To go backward, look behind you and down, as you slowly pull the motion-control levers rearward (Figure 17).

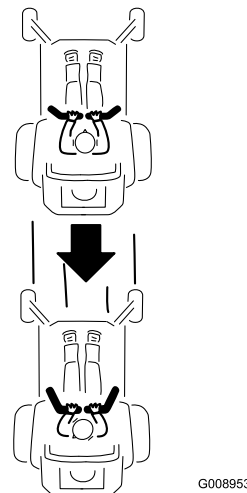


Figure 17

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

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

To stop, push the motion-control levers to neutral.

Stopping the Machine

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

Note: Remember to remove the key from the ignition switch.

⚠ WARNING

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

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

Adjusting the Height-of-Cut

Note: The transport position is the highest height-of-cut position or cutting height 115 mm (4.5 inches) as shown in Figure 18.

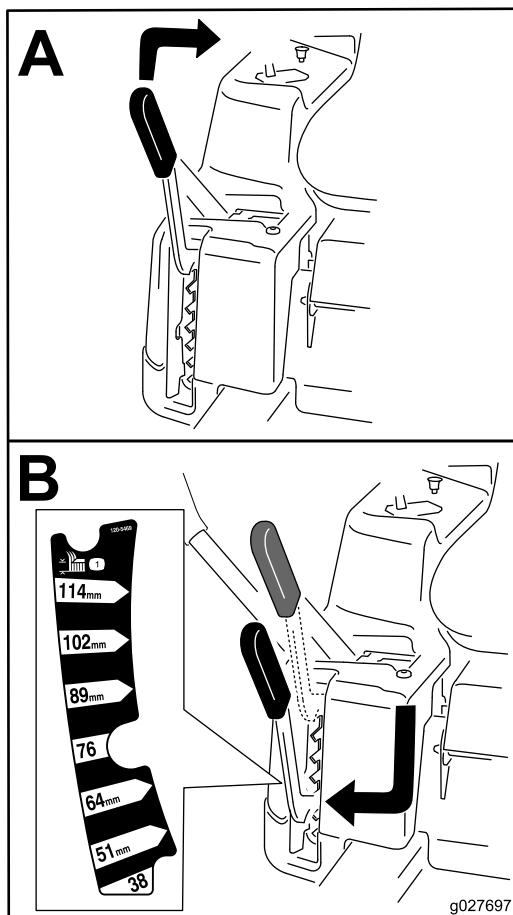


Figure 18

Positioning the Seat

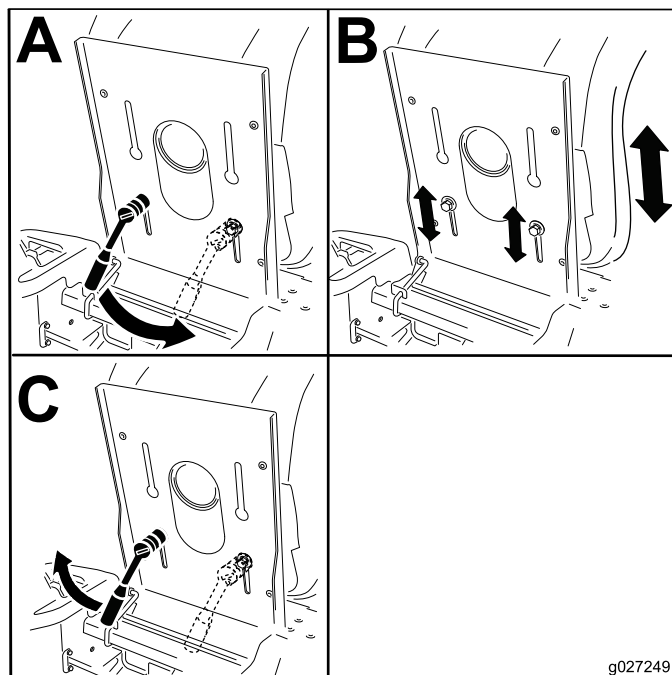


Figure 19

Adjusting the Motion-Control Levers

Adjusting the Height

The motion-control levers can be adjusted higher or lower for maximum operator comfort (Figure 20).

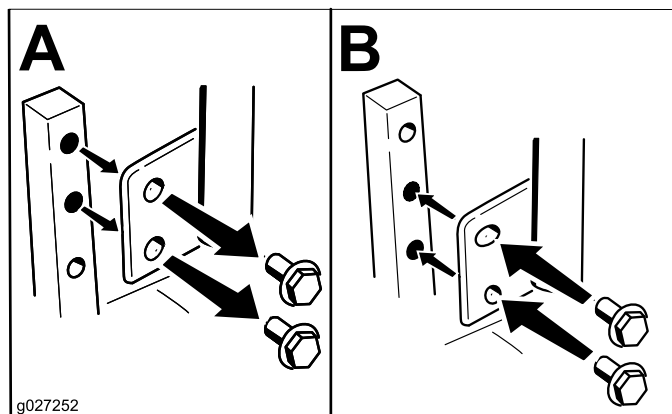


Figure 20

Adjusting the Tilt

The motion-control levers can be tilted fore or aft for maximum operator comfort.

1. Loosen the upper bolt holding the control lever to the control-arm shaft.

2. Loosen the lower bolt just enough to pivot the control lever fore or aft (Figure 20). Tighten both bolts to secure the control in the new position.
3. Repeat the adjustment for the opposite control lever.

Pushing the Machine by Hand

Important: Always push the machine by hand. Do not tow the machine, because damage may occur.

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

Pushing the Machine

1. Park the machine on a level surface, and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Locate the bypass levers on the frame on both sides of the engine.
4. Move the bypass levers forward through the key hole and down to lock them in place (Figure 21).

Note: Ensure this is done for each lever.

5. Move the motion-control levers inward to the neutral position and turn the ignition key to the Run position.

Note: Do not start the machine.

Note: The machine is now able to be pushed by hand.

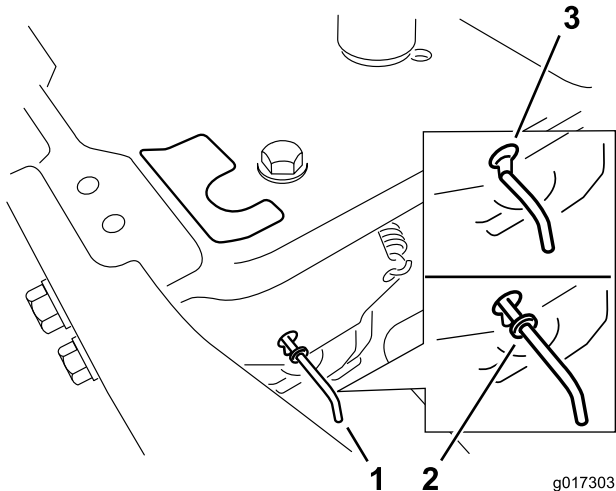


Figure 21

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

Note: If the machine fails to move, the electric brake may still be engaged. If necessary, the electric brake can be released manually; refer to [Releasing the Electric Brake \(page 38\)](#).

Operating the Machine

Move the bypass levers rearward through the key hole and down to lock them in place as shown in Figure 21.

Note: Ensure this is done for each lever.

Converting to Side Discharge (for mowers with 81 cm (32-inch) decks)

This mower deck has the option to be operated in the side-discharge mode. Remove the discharge cover for operating in the side-discharge mode.

Removing the Discharge Cover for Side Discharge

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the wing nut and bolt securing the cover in place (Figure 22).

Note: Retain all of the parts for future use.

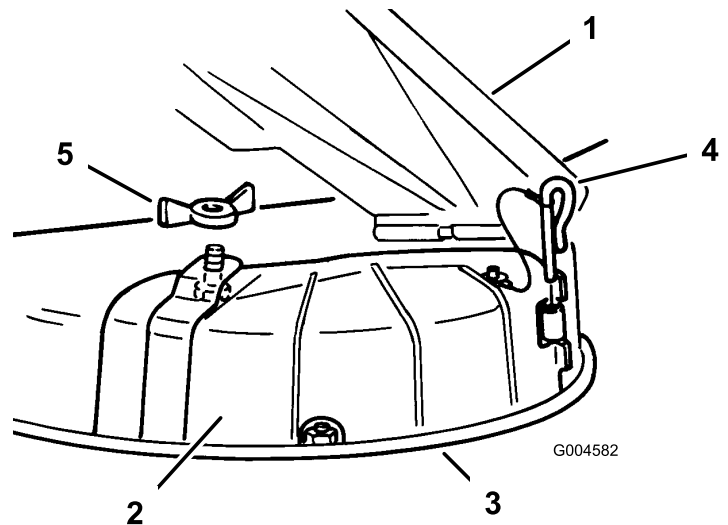


Figure 22

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| 1. Grass deflector | 4. Hinge pin |
| 2. Discharge cover | 5. Wing nut |
| 3. Lower lip | |

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

4. Remove the hinge pin securing the cover to the deck (Figure 22).

5. Lift the cover out and away from the deck.
6. Lower the grass deflector over the discharge opening.

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

Installing the Discharge Cover for Mulching

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Lift the grass deflector and place the discharge cover over the opening onto the lower lip of the mower and slide it into the front hinge (Figure 22).
4. Slide the hinge pin through the hinge (Figure 22).
5. Secure the discharge cover to the mower with the wing nut (Figure 22).
6. Lower the grass deflector over the discharge opening.

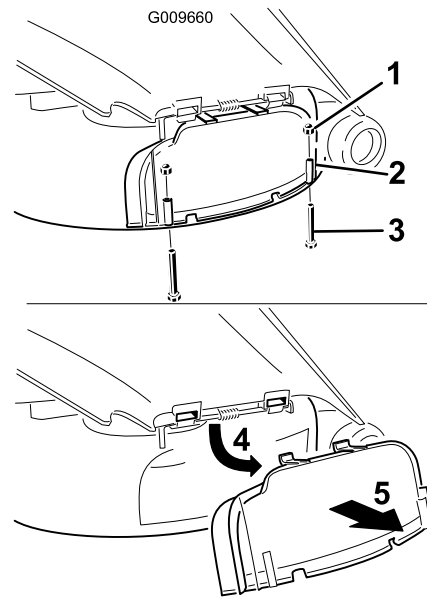


Figure 23

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

Converting to Side Discharge (for models with 107 cm (42-inch) decks)

The mower deck and mower blades shipped with this machine were designed for optimum mulching and side discharge performance.

Removing the Discharge Cover for the Side Discharge

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Ensure the parking brake is engaged, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the 2 bolts and nuts that secure the discharge cover to the mower (Figure 23).

4. Remove the discharge cover.
5. Lift up the grass deflector, and locate the lock nut on the deflector pivot rod.
6. Remove the existing thin nut (3/8 inch).
7. Install the cutoff baffle to the exposed pivot rod (Figure 24).

Note: Use the existing thin nut (3/8 inch) to secure the baffle to the mower.

Note: The cutoff baffle was shipped with the machine as a loose part.

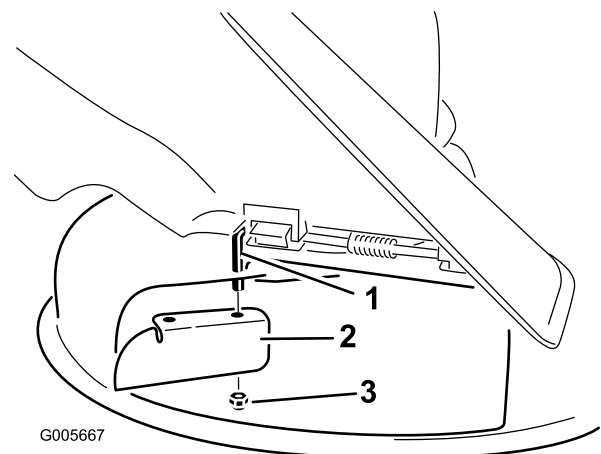


Figure 24

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| 1. Pivot rod | 3. Existing thin nut (3/8 inch) |
| 2. Cutoff baffle (originally shipped with the machine) | |

8. Torque the fastener to 7 to 9 N-m (14 to 18 ft-lb).

- Lower the grass deflector over the discharge opening

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

Installing the Discharge Cover for Mulching

- Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
- Ensure the parking brake is engaged, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all the moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
- Remove the cutoff baffle from the mower deck (Figure 24).
- Lift the grass deflector and slide the tabs on top of the discharge cover under the grass deflector retaining rod.
- Rotate the discharge cover down over the opening, and onto the lower lip of the mower (Figure 25).

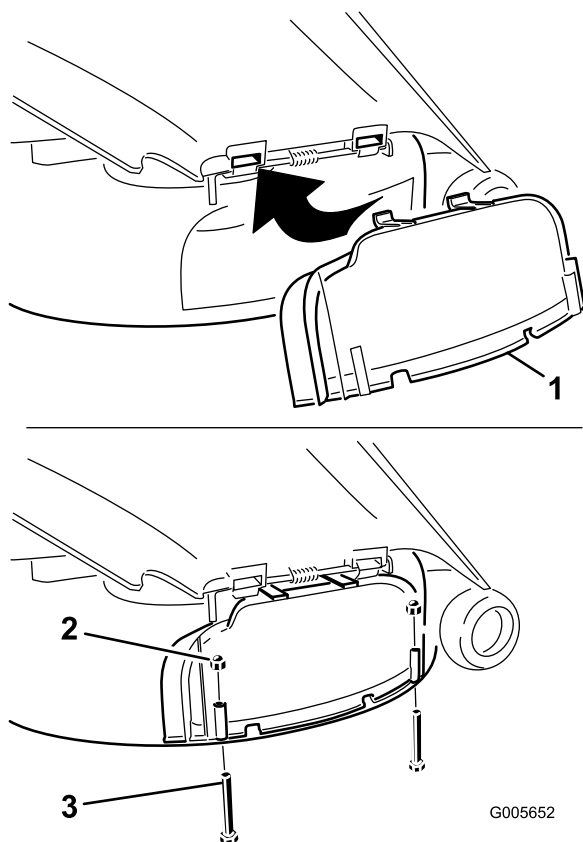


Figure 25

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

- Secure the discharge cover to the lower lip of the mower with 2 bolts (1/4 x 2-1/2 inches) and 2 cap nuts (1/4 inch) as shown in Figure 25.

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

Transporting the Machine

Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the machine. Ensure that the trailer or truck has all necessary brakes, lighting, and marking as required by law. Please carefully read all the safety instructions. Knowing this information could help you, your family, pets, or bystanders avoid injury.

⚠ WARNING

Driving on the street or roadway without turn signals, lights, reflective markings, or a slow moving vehicle emblem is dangerous and can lead to accidents causing personal injury.

Do not drive machine on a public street or roadway.

To transport the machine:

- If using a trailer, connect it to the towing vehicle and connect the safety chains.
- If applicable, connect the trailer brakes.
- Load the machine onto the trailer or truck.
- Stop the engine, remove the key, set the brake, and close the fuel valve.
- Tie down the machine near the front caster wheels and the rear bumper (Figure 26).

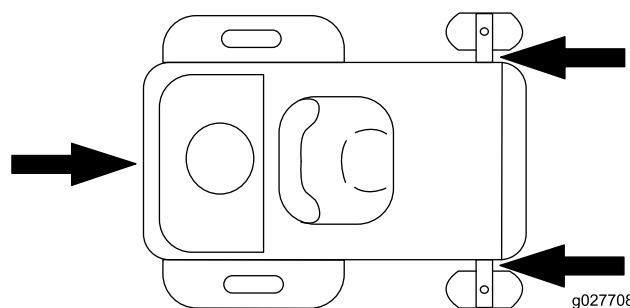


Figure 26

Loading the Machine

Use extreme caution when loading or unloading machines onto a trailer or a truck. Use a full-width ramp that is wider than the machine for this procedure. Back up ramps and drive forward down ramps (Figure 27).

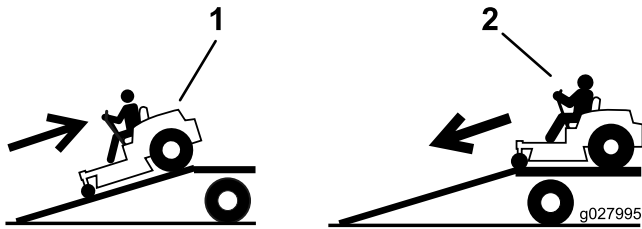


Figure 27

1. Back up ramps
2. Drive forward down ramps

Important: Do not use narrow individual ramps for each side of the machine.

Ensure the ramp is long enough so that the angle with the ground does not exceed 15 degrees (Figure 28). On flat ground, this requires a ramp to be at least four times (4X) as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground. A steeper angle may cause mower components to get caught as the unit moves from the ramp to the trailer or truck. Steeper angles may also cause the machine to tip or lose control. If loading on or near a slope, position the trailer or truck so that it is on the down side of the slope and the ramp extends up the slope. This will minimize the ramp angle.

⚠ WARNING

Loading a machine onto a trailer or truck increases the possibility of tip-over and could cause serious injury or death.

- Use extreme caution when operating a machine on a ramp.
- Use only a full-width ramp; do not use individual ramps for each side of the machine.
- Do not exceed a 15-degree angle between the ramp and the ground or between the ramp and the trailer or truck.
- Ensure the length of ramp is at least four times (4X) as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground. This will ensure that ramp angle does not exceed 15 degrees on flat ground.
- Back up ramps and drive forward down ramps.
- Avoid sudden acceleration or deceleration while driving the machine on a ramp as this could cause a loss of control or a tip-over situation.

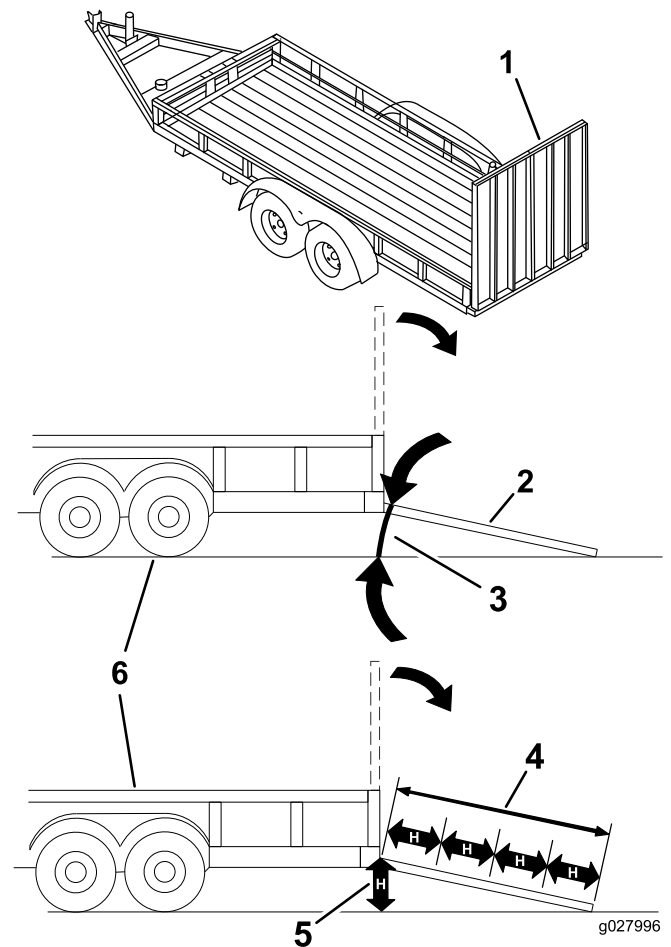


Figure 28

1. Full-width ramp in stowed position
2. Side view of full-width ramp in loading position
3. Not greater than 15 degrees
4. Ramp is at least four times (4X) as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground
5. H= height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground
6. Trailer

Operating Tips

Using the Fast Throttle Setting

For best mowing and maximum air circulation, operate the engine at the Fast throttle position. Air is required to thoroughly cut grass clippings, so do not set the height-of-cut so low as to totally surround the mower by uncut grass. Always try to have one side of the mower free from uncut grass, which allows air to be drawn into the mower.

Using the Smart Speed™ Control System

The Smart Speed™ Control-System lever, located below the operating position, gives the operator a choice to drive the machine at 3 speed ranges—trim, mow, and tow. An operator can benefit from the trim speed setting when maneuvering the machine in tight spaces or operating around delicate landscapes. The trim setting can also be used to operate the machine at a high throttle setting and blade speed, while still being able to reduce the ground speed to increase the quality of cut.

Cutting a Lawn for the First Time

Cut grass slightly longer than normal to ensure that the cutting height of the mower does not scalp any uneven ground. However, the cutting height used in the past is generally the best one to use. When cutting grass longer than six inches tall, you may want to cut the lawn twice to ensure an acceptable quality of cut.

Cutting 1/3 of the Grass Blade

It is best to cut only about 1/3 of the grass blade. Cutting more than that is not recommended unless grass is sparse, or it is late fall when grass grows more slowly.

Alternating the Mowing Direction

Alternate the mowing direction to keep the grass standing straight. This also helps disperse clippings which enhances decomposition and fertilization.

Mowing at Correct Intervals

Normally, mow every 4 days. But, remember, grass grows at different rates at different times. So to maintain the same cutting height, which is a good practice, and mow more often in early spring. As the grass growth rate slows in mid summer, mow less frequently. If you cannot mow for an extended period, first mow at a high cutting height, then mow again 2 days later at a lower height setting.

Avoiding Cutting Too Low

If the cutting width of the mower is wider than the mower you previously used, raise the cutting height to ensure that uneven turf is not cut too short.

Cutting Long Grass

If the grass is ever allowed to grow slightly longer than normal, or if it contains a high degree of moisture, raise the cutting height higher than usual and cut the grass at this setting. Then cut the grass again using the lower, normal setting.

Stopping

If you must stop the forward motion of the machine while mowing, a clump of grass clippings may drop onto your lawn. To avoid this, move onto a previously cut area with the blades engaged or you can disengage the mower deck while moving forward.

Keeping the Underside of the Mower Clean

Clean clippings and dirt from the underside of the mower after each use. If grass and dirt build up inside the mower, cutting quality will eventually become unsatisfactory.

Maintaining the Blade(s)

Maintain a sharp blade throughout the cutting season because a sharp blade cuts cleanly without tearing or shredding the grass blades. Tearing and shredding turns grass brown at the edges, which slows growth and increases the chance of disease. Check the mower blades after each use for sharpness, and for any wear or damage. File down any nicks and sharpen the blades as necessary. If a blade is damaged or worn, replace it immediately with a genuine Toro replacement blade.

Maintenance

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

Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 5 hours	• Change the engine oil and filter.
Before each use or daily	• Check the safety-interlock system. • Clean and check the air-cleaner foam element. • Check the engine oil level. • Check the air intake and cooling areas, and clean as necessary. • Check the cutting blades. • Inspect the grass deflector for damage.
After each use	• Clean the mower-deck housing.
Every 25 hours	• Grease all the lubrication points. • Check tire pressure. • Check the belts for wear/cracks.
Every 50 hours	• Replace the air cleaner-paper element. • Check the spark plug.
Every 100 hours	• Change the engine oil (change it more often under a heavy load or in high temperatures). • Change the engine-oil filter. • Replace the spark plug. • Clean the blower housing (more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions). • Replace the in-line fuel filter.
Before storage	• Charge the battery and disconnect battery cables. • Perform all maintenance procedures listed above before storage. • Paint any chipped surfaces.

⚠ CAUTION

If you leave the key in the ignition switch, someone could accidentally start the engine and seriously injure you or other bystanders.

Remove the key from the ignition and disconnect the wire from the spark plug before you do any maintenance. Set the wire aside so that it does not accidentally contact the spark plug.

Premaintenance Procedures

Raising the Seat

Make sure that the motion-control levers are locked in the park position, and lift the seat forward.

The following components can be accessed by raising the seat:

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

Releasing the Mower-Deck Curtain

Loosen the 2 bottom bolts of the curtain to gain access to the top of the mower deck (Figure 29).

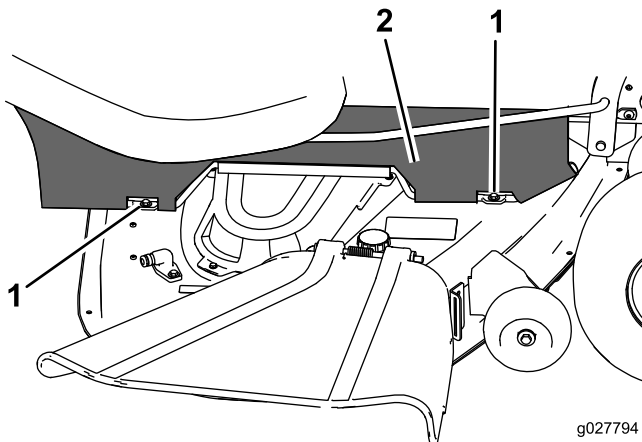


Figure 29

1. Bottom bolt 2. Curtain

Lubrication

Greasing the Bearings

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

Grease Type: No. 2 general purpose, lithium-based Grease

1. Park the machine on a level surface, and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean the grease fittings (Figure 30 and Figure 31) with a rag.

Note: Make sure to scrape any paint off of the front of the fitting(s).

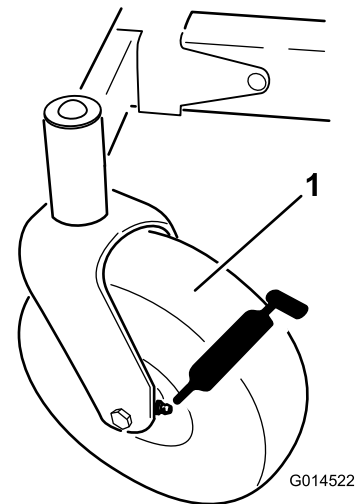


Figure 30

1. Front caster tire

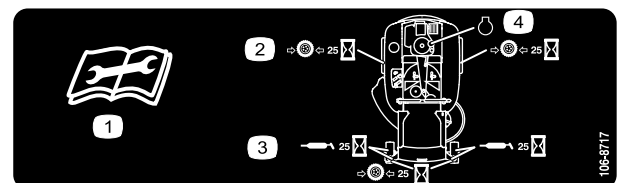


Figure 31

Located on the seat-pan underside

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

4. Connect a grease gun to each fitting (Figure 30 and Figure 31).

5. Pump grease into the fittings until grease begins to ooze out of the bearings.

Engine Maintenance

Servicing the Air Cleaner

Service Interval: Before each use or daily—Clean and check the air-cleaner foam element.

Every 50 hours—Replace the air cleaner-paper element.

Note: Service the air cleaner more frequently if the operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

Removing the Foam and Paper Elements

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO).
2. Stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean around the air cleaner to prevent dirt from getting into the engine and causing damage.
4. Remove the air-cleaner cover by unscrewing the 2 knobs (Figure 32).

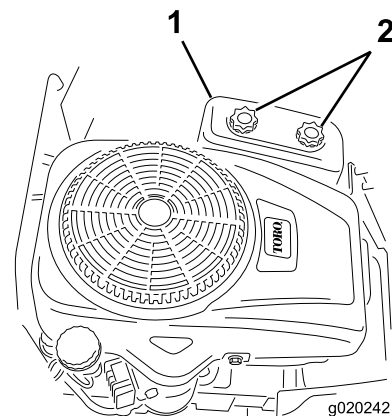


Figure 32

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| 1. Air-cleaner cover | 2. Knobs |
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5. Carefully remove the foam and paper filter elements from the air-cleaner housing (Figure 33).

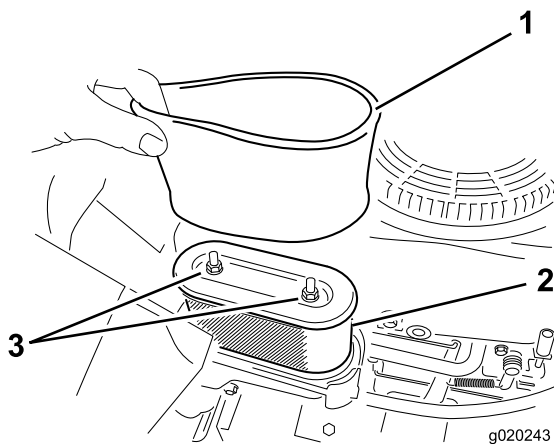


Figure 33

1. Foam element
2. Paper element

6. Separate the foam and paper elements.

Cleaning the Foam and Paper Elements

Foam Element:

1. Wash the foam element in liquid soap and warm water.
2. When the element is clean, rinse it thoroughly.
3. Dry the element by squeezing it in a clean cloth.

Note: Do not oil the element.

Important: Replace the foam element if it is torn or worn.

4. Install the foam element onto a clean paper element.

Paper Element:

1. Tap the paper element on a solid, flat surface, and blow it out from the inside with compressed air to remove dust and dirt.
2. Inspect the element for tears, an oily film, and damage to the rubber seal.

Important: Do not clean the paper element with liquids, such as solvents, gasoline, or kerosene. Replace the paper element if it is damaged or cannot be cleaned thoroughly.

3. Clean the inside of the air-cleaner cover of all dirt, dust, and debris.

Installing the Foam and Paper Elements

Important: To prevent engine damage, always operate the engine with the complete foam and paper air cleaner assembly installed.

1. Install the foam filter onto the paper filter (Figure 33).
2. Install the foam and paper filter onto the air-cleaner housing.

3. Install the air-cleaner cover, and tighten the 2 knobs (Figure 32).

Servicing the Engine Oil

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

Crankcase Capacity: 1.0 L (34 oz) when you do not change the filter; 1.05 L (36 oz) when you change the filter.

Viscosity: See the table below.

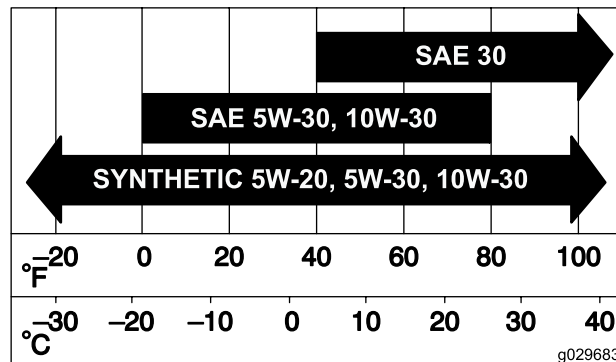


Figure 34

Checking the Engine-Oil Level

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

Note: Check the oil when the engine is cold.

⚠ WARNING

Contact with hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

Keep hands, feet, face, clothing and other body parts away the muffler and other hot surfaces.

Important: Do not overfill the crankcase with oil and run the engine; engine damage may result.

1. Park the machine on a level surface.
2. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO).
3. Stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key before leaving the operating position.
4. Check the engine-oil level (Figure 35).

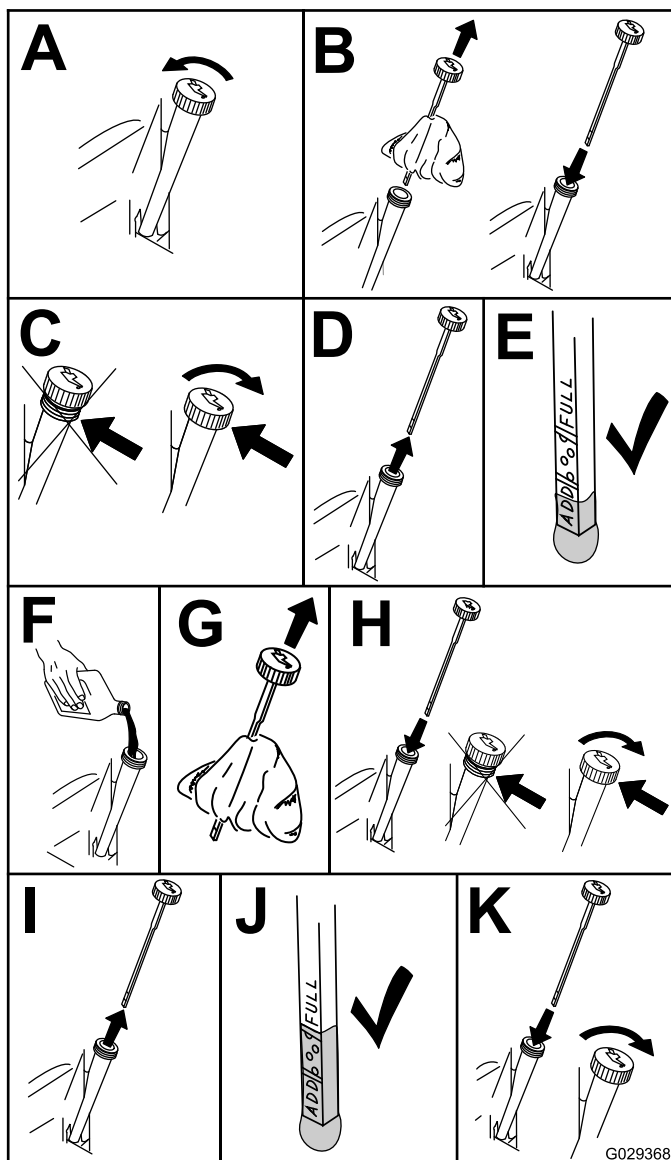


Figure 35

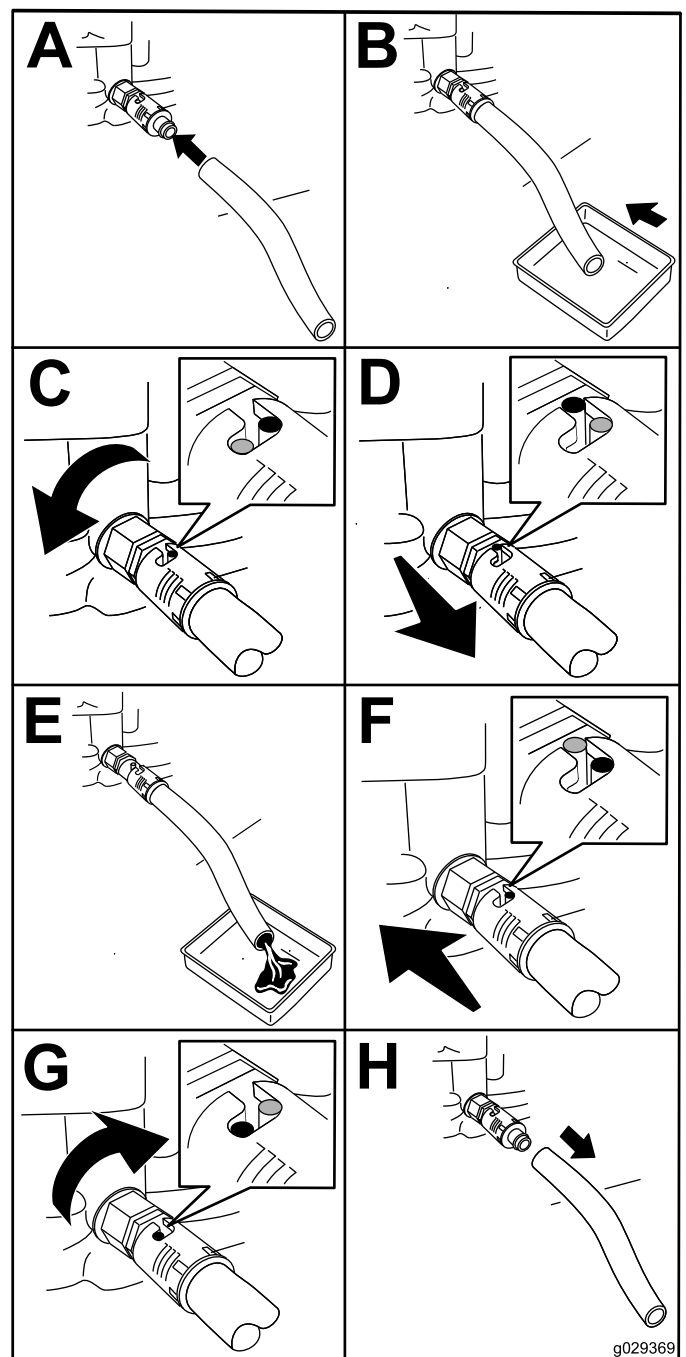


Figure 36

Changing the Engine Oil and Filter

Service Interval: After the first 5 hours

Every 100 hours (change it more often under a heavy load or in high temperatures).

Every 100 hours

Note: Change the engine-oil filter more frequently when the operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

1. Park the machine, so that the right side is slightly lower than the left side, to ensure that the oil drains completely.
2. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO).
3. Stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key before leaving the operating position.
4. Drain the oil from the engine.

5. Remove the engine-oil filter.

Note: Ensure the oil-filter gasket touches the engine, and then an extra 3/4 turn is completed.

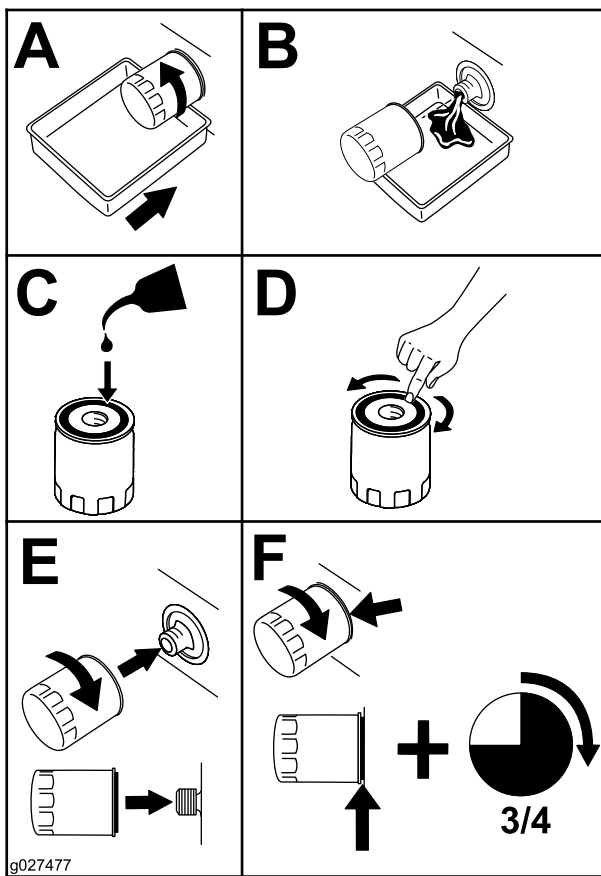


Figure 37

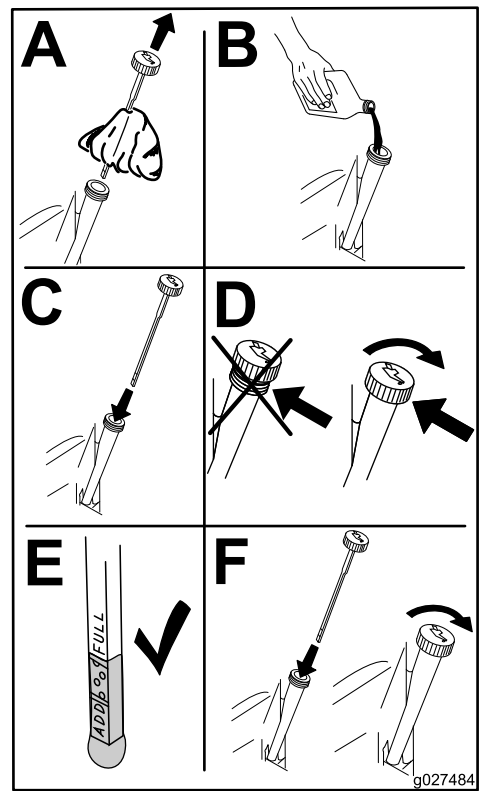


Figure 38

6. Slowly pour approximately 80% of the specified amount of oil into the fill hole (Figure 38).
7. Check the oil level; refer to Figure 38.

Servicing the Spark Plug

Service Interval: Every 50 hours—Check the spark plug.

Every 100 hours—Replace the spark plug.

Ensure that the air gap between the center and side electrodes is correct before installing the spark plug. Use a spark plug wrench for removing and installing the spark plug and a gapping tool or feeler gauge to check and adjust the air gap. Install a new spark plug if necessary.

Type: Champion® RC12YC, Autolite® 3924, or NGK® BCPR6ES

Air Gap: 0.76 mm (0.03 inch)

Removing the Spark Plug

1. Disengage the blade-control switch, move the motion controls outward to the park position, stop the engine, and remove the key.
2. Before removing the spark plug(s), clean the area around the base of the plug to keep dirt and debris out of the engine.
3. Remove the spark plug (Figure 39).

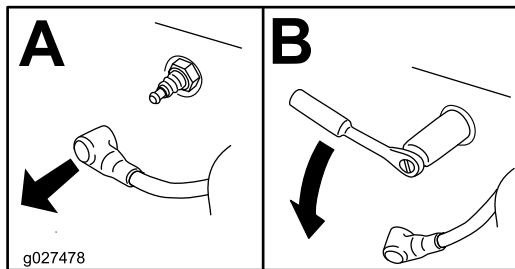


Figure 39

Checking the Spark Plug

Important: Do not clean the spark plug(s). Always replace the spark plug(s) when it has: a black coating, worn electrodes, an oily film, or cracks.

Note: If you see light brown or gray on the insulator, the engine is operating properly. A black coating on the insulator usually means the air cleaner is dirty.

Set the gap to 0.76 mm (0.030 inch).

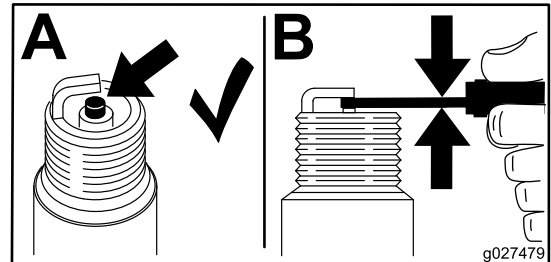


Figure 40

Installing the Spark Plug

Tighten the spark plug to 20 N-m (15 ft-lb).

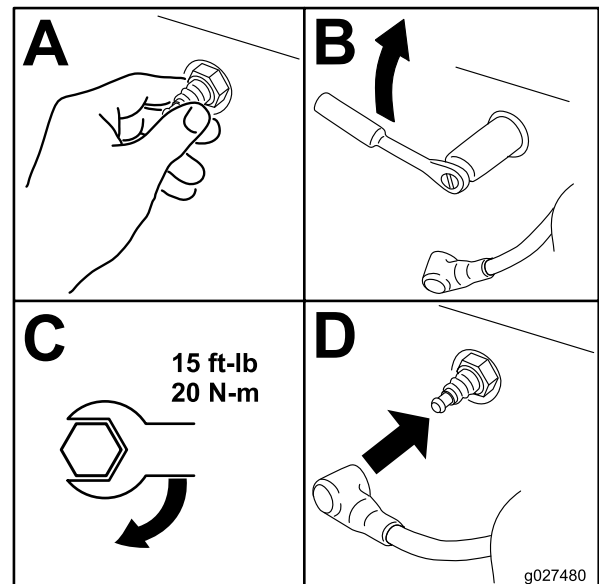


Figure 41

Cleaning the Blower Housing

To ensure proper cooling, make sure the grass screen, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of the engine are kept clean at all times.

Annually or every 100 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions), remove the blower housing and any other cooling shrouds. Clean the cooling fins and external surfaces as necessary. Make sure the cooling shrouds

are installed after finishing the maintenance. Torque the blower-housing screws to 7.5 N-m (5.5 ft-lb).

Important: Operating the engine with a blocked grass screen, dirty or plugged cooling fins, and/or cooling shrouds removed, will cause engine damage due to overheating.

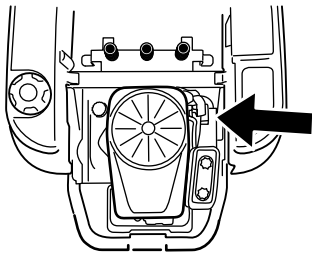
Fuel System Maintenance

Replacing the In-Line Fuel Filter

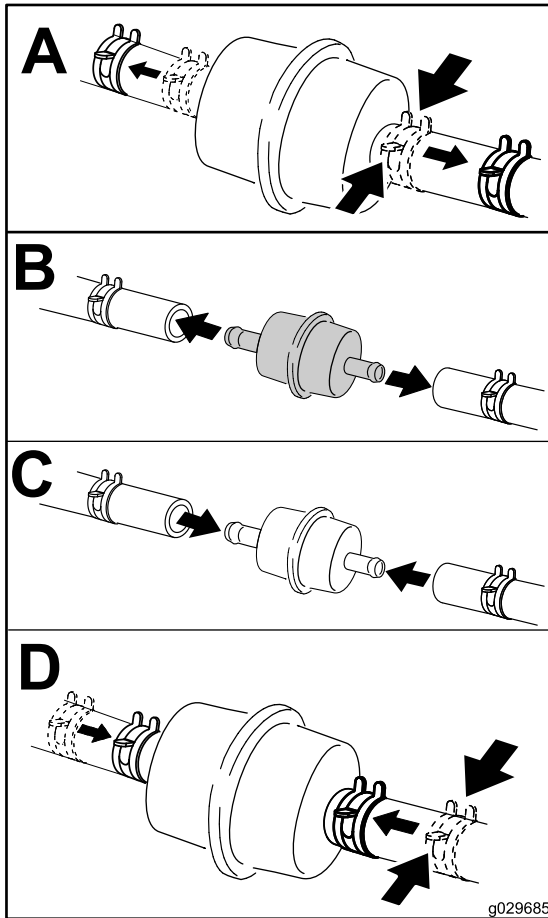
Service Interval: Every 100 hours—Replace the in-line fuel filter.

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

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Replace the in-line filter ([Figure 42](#)).



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Figure 42

Electrical System Maintenance

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

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Charging the Battery

Removing the Battery

⚠ WARNING

Battery terminals or metal tools could short against metal machine components causing sparks. Sparks can cause the battery gasses to explode, resulting in personal injury.

- When removing or installing the battery, do not allow the battery terminals to touch any metal parts of the machine.
- Do not allow metal tools to short between the battery terminals and metal parts of the machine.

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the seat to access the battery.
4. Disconnect the negative (black) ground cable from the battery post (Figure 43).

Note: Retain all fasteners.

⚠ WARNING

Incorrect battery-cable routing could damage the machine and cables causing sparks. Sparks can cause the battery gasses to explode, resulting in personal injury.

- Always disconnect the negative (black) battery cable before disconnecting the positive (red) cable.
 - Always connect the positive (red) battery cable before connecting the negative (black) cable.
5. Slide the rubber cover up the positive (red) cable.
 6. Disconnect the positive (red) cable from the battery post (Figure 43).
- Note:** Retain all fasteners.
7. Remove the battery hold-down (Figure 43), and lift the battery from the battery tray.

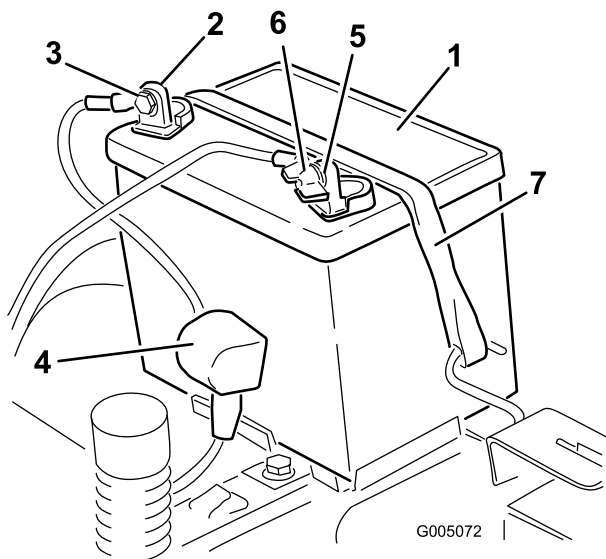


Figure 43

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

Charging the Battery

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

1. Remove the battery from the chassis; refer to [Removing the Battery](#) (page 35).
2. Charge the battery for a minimum of 1 hour at 6 to 10 amps.

Note: Do not overcharge the battery.

3. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the charger from the electrical outlet, then disconnect the charger leads from the battery posts (Figure 44).

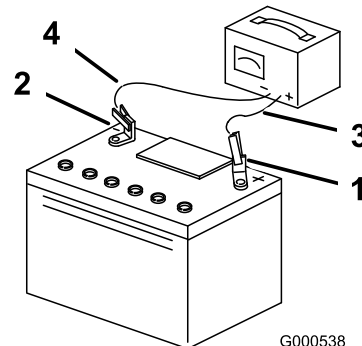


Figure 44

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

Installing the Battery

1. Position the battery in the tray (Figure 43).
2. Using the fasteners previously removed, install the positive (red) battery cable to the positive (+) battery terminal.
3. Using the fasteners previously removed, install the negative battery cable to the negative (-) battery terminal.
4. Slide the red terminal boot onto the positive (red) battery post.
5. Secure the battery with the hold-down (Figure 43).
6. Lower the seat.

Servicing the Fuses

The electrical system is protected by fuses. It requires no maintenance; however, if a fuse blows, check the component/circuit for a malfunction or short.

Fuse type:

- Main—F1-30 amp, blade-type
 - Charge Circuit—F2-25 amp, blade-type
1. Remove the screws securing the control panel to the machine.
- Note:** Retain all fasteners.
2. Lift the control pane up to access the main wiring harness and fuse block (Figure 45).
 3. To replace a fuse, pull out on the fuse to remove it (Figure 45).

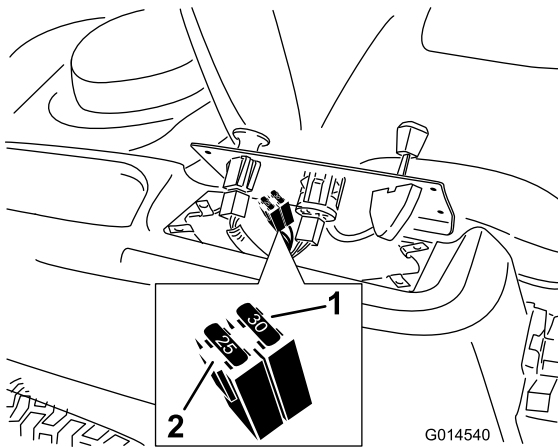


Figure 45

1. Main—30 amp
2. Charge circuit—25 amp

4. Return the control panel to its original position.

Note: Use the screws removed previously to secure the panel to the machine.

Drive System Maintenance

Checking the Tire Pressure

Service Interval: Every 25 hours—Check tire pressure.

Maintain the air pressure in the front and rear tires as specified. Uneven tire pressure can cause uneven cut. Check the pressure at the valve stem (Figure 46). Check the tires when they are cold to get the most accurate pressure reading.

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

Inflate the rear drive-wheel tires to 90 kPa (13 psi).

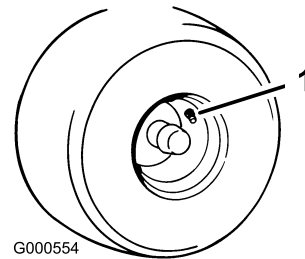


Figure 46

1. Valve stem

Releasing the Electric Brake

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

To release the brake:

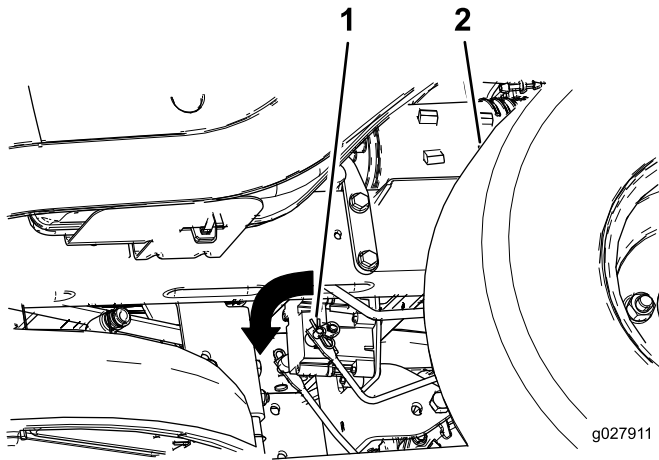


Figure 47

1. Brake link arm on the electric brake control module
2. Left rear tire

1. Turn the ignition key to the Off position or disconnect the battery.
2. Locate the shaft on the electric brake where the brake link arms are connected.
3. Rotate the shaft forward to release the brake.

Mower Maintenance

Servicing the Cutting Blades

Maintain sharp blades throughout the cutting season, because sharp blades cut cleanly without tearing or shredding the grass blades. Tearing and shredding turns grass brown at the edges, which slows growth, and increases the chance of disease.

Check the cutter blades daily for sharpness, and for any wear or damage. File down any nicks and sharpen the blades as necessary. If a blade is damaged or worn, replace it immediately with a genuine Toro replacement blade. For convenient sharpening and replacement, you may want to keep extra blades on hand.

⚠ WARNING

A worn or damaged blade can break, and a piece of the blade could be thrown into the operator's or bystander's area, resulting in serious personal injury or death.

- Inspect the blade periodically for wear or damage.
- Replace a worn or damaged blade.

Before Inspecting or Servicing the Blades

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

Inspecting the Blades

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

1. Inspect the cutting edges (Figure 48).

Note: If the edges are not sharp or have nicks, remove and sharpen the blades; refer to [Sharpening the Blades](#) (page 40).

2. Inspect the blades, especially the curved area (Figure 48).

Note: If you notice any damage, wear, or a slot forming in this area (items 3 and 4 in Figure 48), immediately install a new blade.

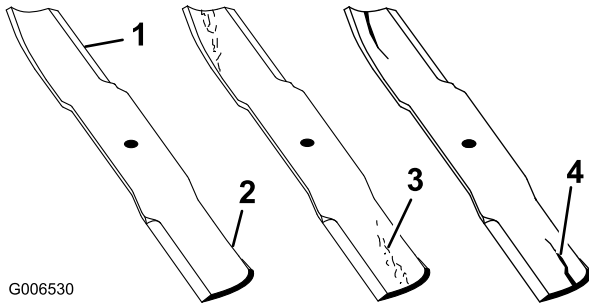


Figure 48

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

Checking for Bent Blades

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

1. Raise the mower deck to the highest height-of-cut position; also considered the 'transport' position.
2. While wearing thickly padded gloves, or other adequate hand protection, slowly rotate the blade to be measure into a position that allows effective measurement of the distance between the cutting edge and the level surface the machine is on (Figure 49).

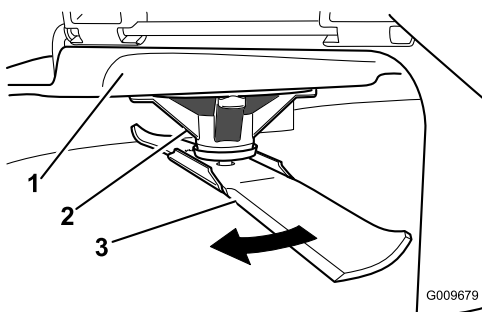


Figure 49

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

3. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface (Figure 50).

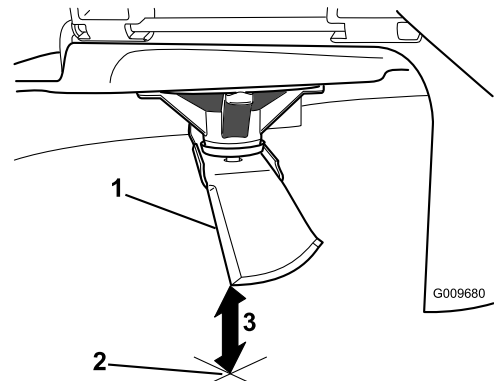


Figure 50

1. Blade (in position for measuring)
2. Level surface
3. Measured distance between the blade and the surface (A)

4. Rotate the same blade 180 degrees, so that the opposing cutting edge is now in the same position (Figure 51).

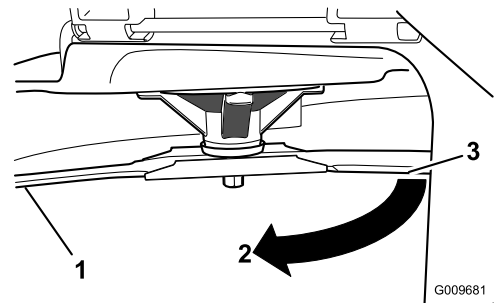


Figure 51

1. Blade (side previously measured)
2. Measurement (position used previously)
3. Opposing side of blade being moved into measurement position

5. Measure from the tip of the blade to the flat surface (Figure 52).

Note: The variance should be no more than 3 mm (1/8 inch).

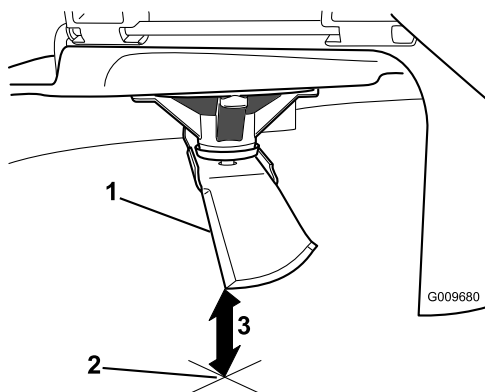


Figure 52

1. Opposite blade edge (in position for measuring)
2. Level surface
3. Second measured distance between blade and surface (B)

- A. If the difference between A and B is greater than 3 mm (1/8 inch), replace the blade with a new blade; refer to [Removing the Blades \(page 40\)](#) and [Installing the Blades \(page 41\)](#).

Note: If a bent blade is replaced with a new one, and the dimension obtained continues to exceed 3mm (1/8 inch), the blade spindle could be bent. Contact an Authorized Toro Dealer for service.

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

Repeat this procedure on each blade.

Removing the Blades

The blades must be replaced if a solid object is hit, if the blade is out of balance, or if the blade is bent. To ensure optimum performance and continued safety conformance of the machine, use genuine Toro replacement blades. Replacement blades made by other manufacturers may result in non-conformance with safety standards.

1. Hold the blade end using a rag or thickly-padded glove.
2. Remove the blade stiffener (32-inch decks only), blade bolt, the curved washer, and the blade from the spindle shaft ([Figure 53](#) and [Figure 54](#)).

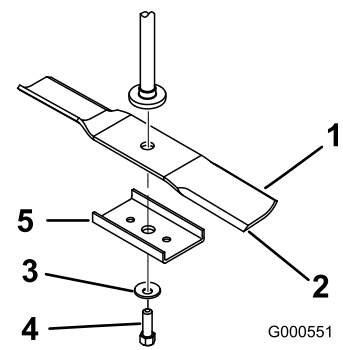


Figure 53
32-inch decks

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| 1. Sail area of the blade | 4. Blade bolt |
| 2. Blade | 5. Blade stiffener |
| 3. Curved washer | |

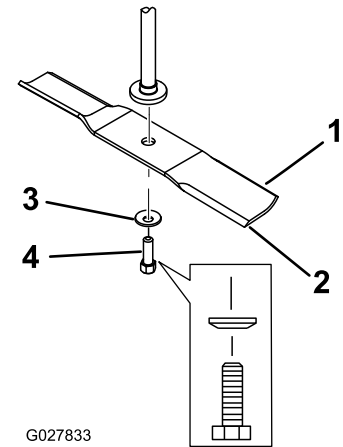


Figure 54
42-inch decks

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| 1. Sail area of the blade | 3. Curved washer |
| 2. Blade | 4. Blade bolt |

Sharpening the Blades

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade ([Figure 55](#)).

Note: Maintain the original angle.

Note: The blade retains its balance if the same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.

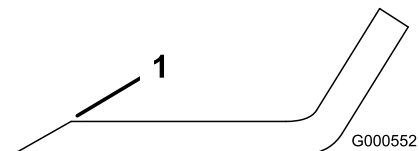


Figure 55

1. Sharpen at original angle

2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer ([Figure 56](#)).

Note: If the blade stays in a horizontal position, the blade is balanced, and can be used.

Note: If the blade is not balanced, file some metal off the end of the sail area only (Figure 55).

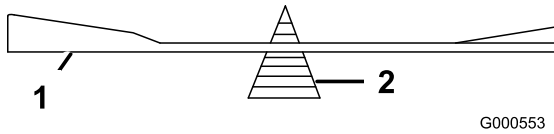


Figure 56

1. Blade
2. Balancer

3. Repeat this procedure until the blade is balanced.

Installing the Blades

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

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

2. Install the blade stiffener (32-inch decks only), the curved washer (cupped side toward the blade), and the blade bolt (Figure 54).
3. Torque the blade bolt to 47 to 88 N-m (35 to 65 ft-lb).

Leveling the Mower Deck

Check to ensure that the mower deck is level any time you install the mower or when you see an uneven cut on your lawn.

The mower deck must be checked for bent blades prior to leveling; any bent blades must be removed and replaced; refer to (page) before continuing.

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

Requirements:

- The machine must be on a level surface.
- All 4 tires must be properly inflated; refer to (page).

Leveling from Side to Side

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

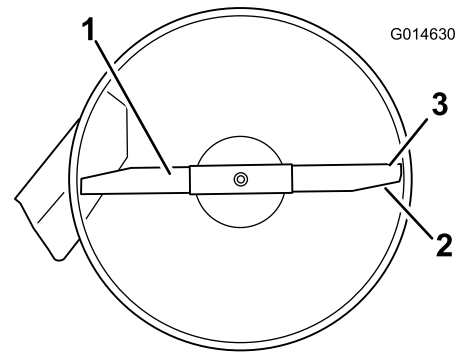


Figure 57

Mower decks with 1 blade

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

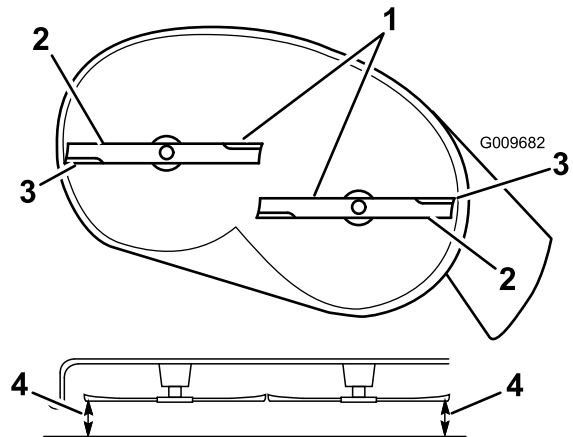


Figure 58

Mower decks with 2 Blades

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

5. Measure between the outside cutting edges and the flat surface (Figure 57 and Figure 58). If both measurements are not within 5 mm (3/16 inch), an adjustment is required; continue with this procedure.
6. Move to the left side of the machine.
7. Loosen the side locking nut.
8. Raise or lower the left side of the mower deck by rotating the rear nut. (Figure 59).

Note: Rotate the rear nut clockwise to raise the mower deck; rotate the rear nut counter-clockwise to lower the mower deck.

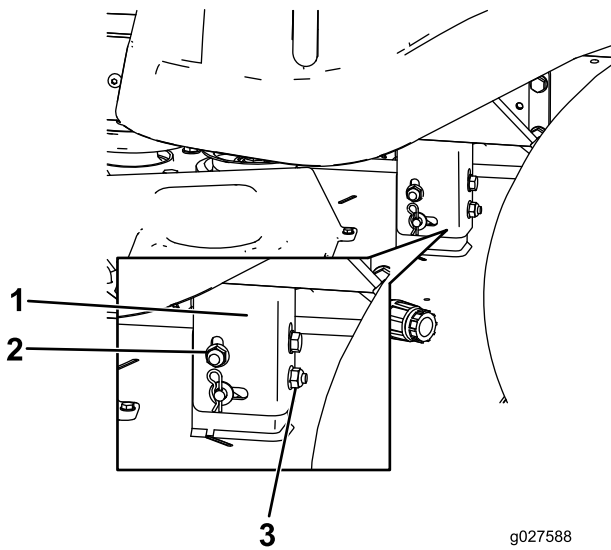


Figure 59

1. Hanger bracket
2. Side locking nut
3. Rear locking nut

9. Check the side-to-side adjustments again.

Note: Repeat this procedure until the measurements are correct.

10. Continue leveling the deck by checking the front-to-rear blade slope; refer to [Adjusting the Front-to-Rear Blade Slope \(page 42\)](#).

Adjusting the Front-to-Rear Blade Slope

Check the front-to-rear blade slope any time you install the mower. If the front of the mower is more than 7.9 mm (5/16 inch) lower than the rear of the mower, adjust the blade level using the following instructions:

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Set the height-of-cut lever to middle position.

Note: Check and adjust the side-to-side blade level if you have not checked the setting; refer to [Leveling from Side to Side \(page 41\)](#).

4. Carefully rotate the blades so they are facing front to rear ([Figure 60](#) and [Figure 61](#)).

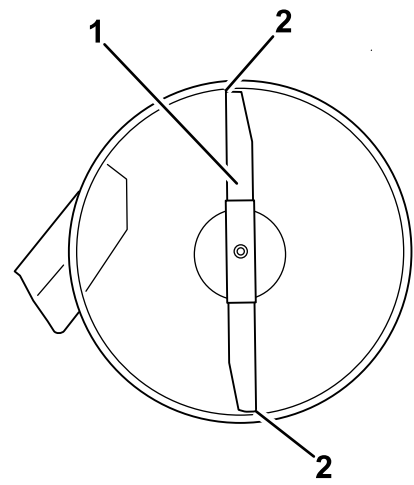


Figure 60

Mower decks with 1 blade

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

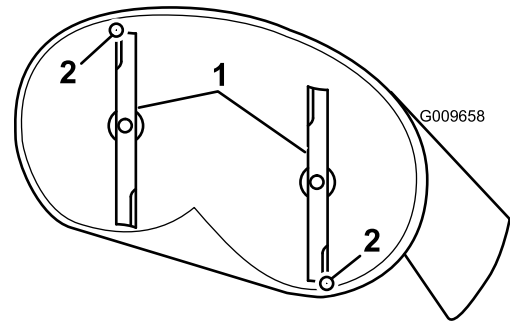


Figure 61

Mower decks with 2 blades

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

5. Measure from the tip of the front blade to the flat surface and the tip of the rear blade to the flat surface ([Figure 60](#)).

Note: If the front blade tip is not 1.6 to 7.9 mm (1/16 to 5/16 inch) lower than the rear blade tip, adjust the front locknut.

6. To adjust the front-to-rear blade slope, rotate the adjustment nut in the front of the mower ([Figure 62](#)).

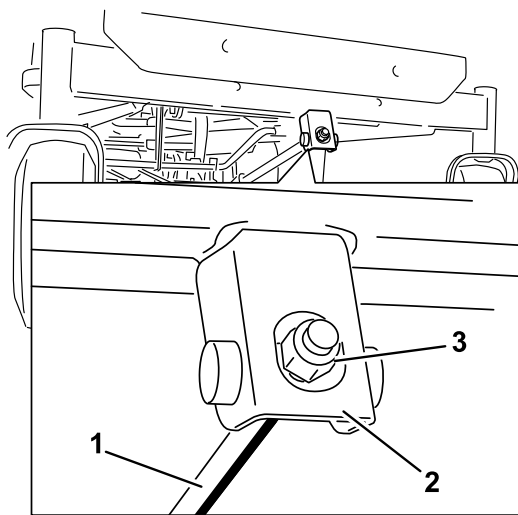


Figure 62

1. Adjusting rod
2. Adjusting block
3. Locknut

7. To raise the front of the mower, tighten the adjustment nut.
8. To lower the front of the mower, loosen the adjustment nut.
9. After adjustment, check the front-to-rear slope again, continue adjusting the nut until the front blade tip is 1.6 to 7.9 mm (1/16 to 5/16 inch) lower than the rear blade tip ([Figure 60](#)).
10. When the front-to-rear blade slope is correct check the side-to-side level of the mower again; refer to [Leveling from Side to Side](#) (page 41).

Removing the Mower

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Lower the height-of-cut lever to the lowest position.
4. Loosen the bottom 2 bolts holding the mower-deck curtain to the mower deck. Refer to [Releasing the Mower-Deck Curtain](#) (page 28).
5. Remove the hairpin cotter from the front support rod, and remove the rod from the deck bracket ([Figure 63](#)). Carefully lower the front of the mower deck to the ground.

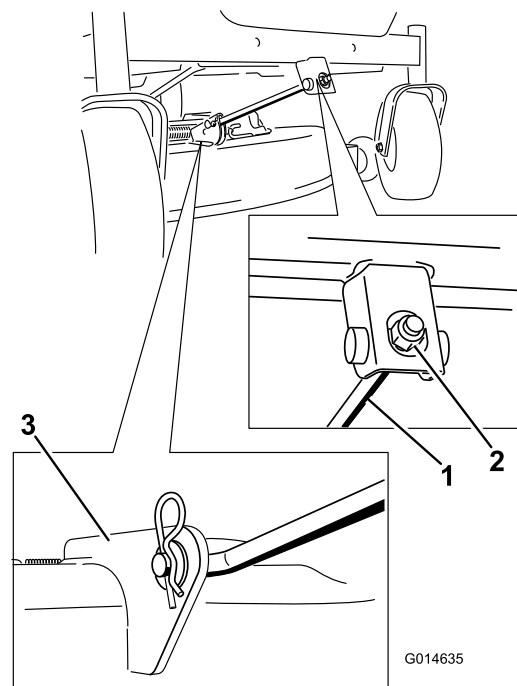


Figure 63

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

6. Lift the mower deck and hanger brackets clear of the rear lift rod, and lower the mower carefully to the ground ([Figure 64](#)).

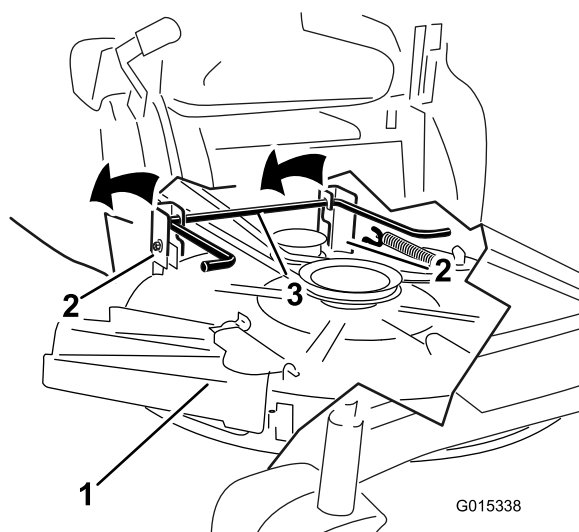


Figure 64

Mower decks with 1 blade

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

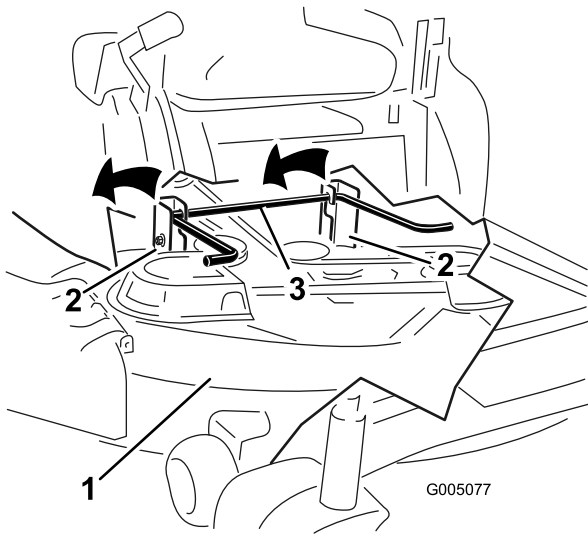


Figure 65

Mower decks with 2 blades

Replacing the Grass Deflector

Service Interval: Before each use or daily—Inspect the grass deflector for damage.

⚠ WARNING

An uncovered discharge opening could allow the lawn mower to throw objects in the operator's or bystander's direction and result in serious injury. Also, contact with the blade could occur. Never operate the machine without the grass deflector, the discharge cover, or the grass-collection system in place.

Never operate the machine without the grass deflector, the discharge cover, or the grass-collection system in place.

1. Locate items shown in [Figure 66](#) and [Figure 67](#).

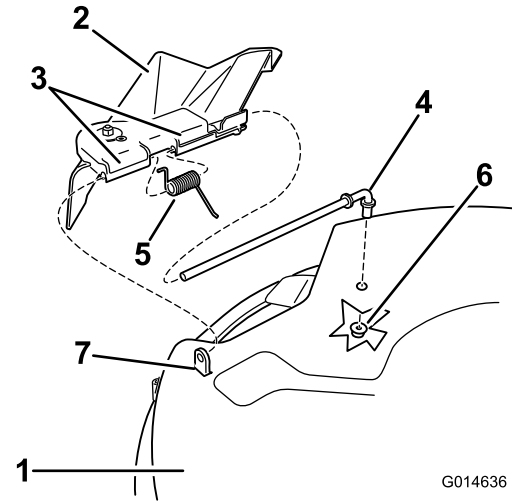


Figure 66

32-inch deck

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

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

Note: Retain all parts for future installation.

Installing the Mower

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Slide the mower under the machine.
4. Lower the height-of-cut lever to the lowest position.
5. Lift the rear of the mower deck and guide the hanger brackets over the rear lift rod ([Figure 64](#)).
6. Attach the front support rod to the mower deck with the clevis pin and hairpin cotter ([Figure 63](#)).
7. Install the mower belt onto the engine pulley; refer to ([page](#)).

Mower Belt Maintenance

Servicing the Mower Belt

Inspecting the Belts

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

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

Replacing the Mower Belt

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

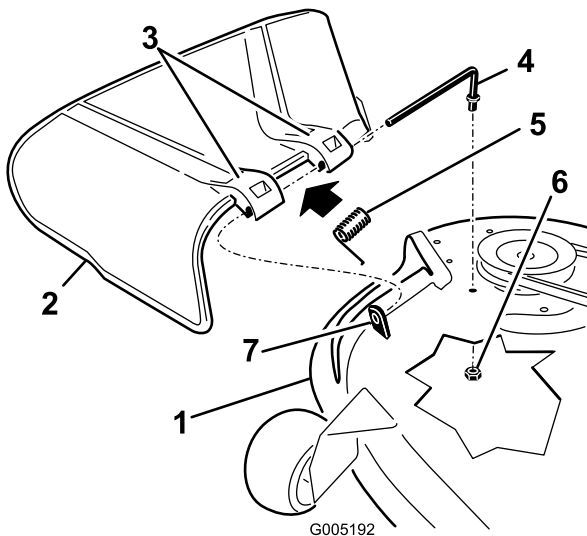


Figure 67
42-inch deck

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

2. Remove the nut (3/8 inch) from the rod under the mower ([Figure 67](#)).
3. Slide the rod out of the short stand-off, spring, and grass deflector ([Figure 67](#)).
4. Remove the damaged or worn grass deflector.
5. Replace the grass deflector ([Figure 67](#)).
6. Slide the rod, straight end, through the rear grass deflector bracket.
7. Place the spring on the rod, with end wires down, and between the grass deflector brackets. Slide rod through second grass deflector bracket ([Figure 67](#)).
8. Insert rod at front of grass deflector into short standoff on deck.
9. Secure rear end of rod into the mower with a nut (3/8 inch) as shown in [Figure 67](#).

Important: The grass deflector must be spring loaded in the down position. Lift the deflector up to test that it snaps to the full down position.

1. Loosen the bottom two bolts holding the mower-deck curtain to the mower deck. Refer to [Releasing the Mower-Deck Curtain](#) (page 28).
2. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
3. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Set the height-of-cut at the lowest cutting position (38 mm (1-1/2 inches)).
5. Using a spring-removal tool (Toro part no. 92-5771), remove the idler spring from the deck hook to remove tension on the idler pulley, and roll the belt off of the pulleys ([Figure 68](#) and [Figure 69](#)).

▲ WARNING

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

Be careful when removing the belt.

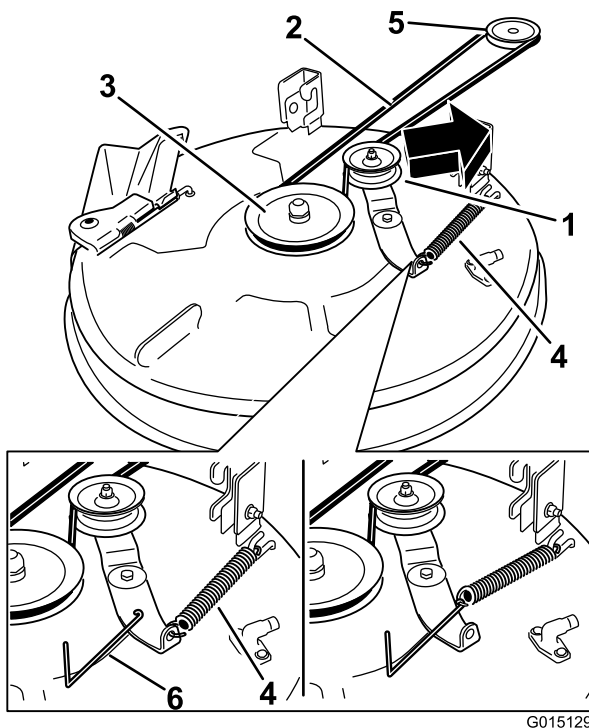


Figure 68

Mower decks with 1 blade

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

6. Route the new belt around the engine pulley and mower pulleys (Figure 68 and Figure 69).
7. Using a spring removal tool (Toro part no. 92-5771), install the idler spring over the deck hook and place tension on the idler pulley and the mower belt (Figure 68 and Figure 69).
8. Tighten the bottom 2 bolts holding the mower-deck curtain to the mower deck. Refer to [Releasing the Mower-Deck Curtain](#) (page 28).

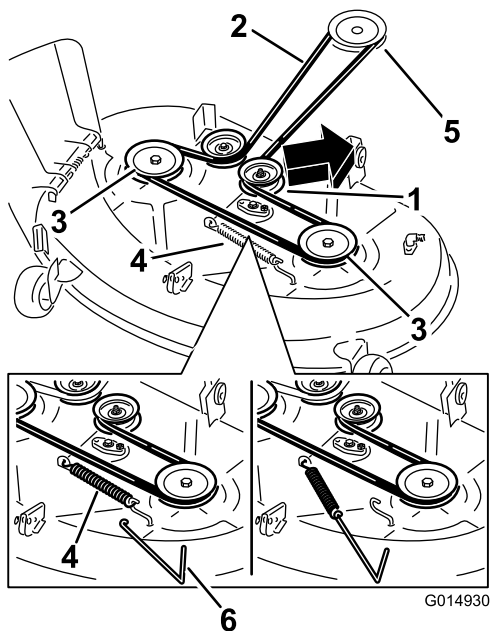


Figure 69

Mower Decks with 2 Blades

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

Cleaning

Washing the Underside of the Mower

Service Interval: After each use—Clean the mower-deck housing.

Wash the underside of the mower after each use to prevent grass buildup for improved mulch action and clipping dispersal.

Important: You can wash the machine with mild detergent and water. Do not pressure wash the machine. Avoid excessive use of water, especially near the control panel, engine, hydraulic pumps, and motors.

1. Park the machine on a level surface and disengage the blade-control switch.
2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Attach the hose coupling to the end of the mower washout fitting, and turn the water on high (Figure 70).

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

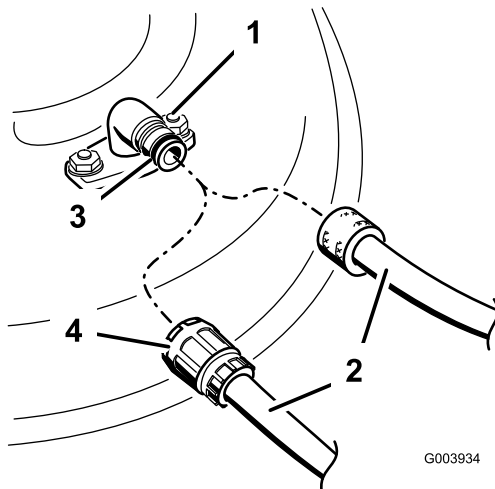


Figure 70

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

8. Turn the water off and remove the coupling from the washout fitting.

Note: If the mower is not clean after one washing, soak it and let it stand for 30 minutes. Then, repeat the process.

9. Run the mower again for 1 to 3 minutes to remove excess water.

⚠ WARNING

A broken or missing washout fitting could expose you and others to thrown objects or blade contact. Contact with blade or thrown debris can cause injury or death.

- Replace broken or missing washout fitting immediately, before using mower again.
- Never put your hands or feet under the mower or through openings in the mower.

4. Lower the mower to the lowest height-of-cut.
5. Sit on the seat and start the engine.
6. Engage the blade-control switch and let the mower run for 1 to 3 minutes.
7. Disengage the blade-control switch, stop the engine, remove the ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop.

Storage

Cleaning and Storing the Machine

1. Disengage the blade-control switch, move the motion controls outward to the park position, stop the engine, and remove the key.
2. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the entire machine, especially the engine. Clean dirt and chaff from the outside of the engine cylinder head fins and blower housing.
Important: You can wash the machine with mild detergent and water. Do not pressure wash the machine. Avoid excessive use of water, especially near the control panel, engine, hydraulic pumps, and motors.
3. Service the air cleaner; refer to [Servicing the Air Cleaner \(page 29\)](#).
4. Grease and oil the machine; refer to [Lubrication \(page 28\)](#).
5. Change the crankcase oil and filter; refer to [\(page \)](#).
6. Check the tire pressure; refer to [Checking the Tire Pressure \(page 37\)](#).
7. Charge the battery; refer to [Charging the Battery \(page 35\)](#).
8. Check the condition of the blades; refer to [Inspecting the Blades \(page 39\)](#).
9. Prepare the machine for storage when non-use occurs over 30 days. Prepare the machine for storage as follows.
10. Add a petroleum based stabilizer/conditioner to the fuel in the tank. Follow the mixing instructions from the stabilizer manufacturer. Do not use an alcohol based stabilizer (ethanol or methanol).

Note: A fuel stabilizer/conditioner is most effective when mixed with fresh gasoline and used at all times.

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

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

Restart the engine and run it until it stops.

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

Dispose of fuel properly. Recycle pursuant to local codes.

Important: Do not store stabilizer/conditioned gasoline over 90 days.

11. Remove the spark plug(s) and check its condition; refer to [\(page \)](#). With the spark plug(s) removed from the

engine, pour 2 tablespoons of engine oil into the spark plug hole. Use the starter to crank the engine and distribute the oil inside the cylinder. Install the spark plug(s). Do not install the wire on the spark plug(s).

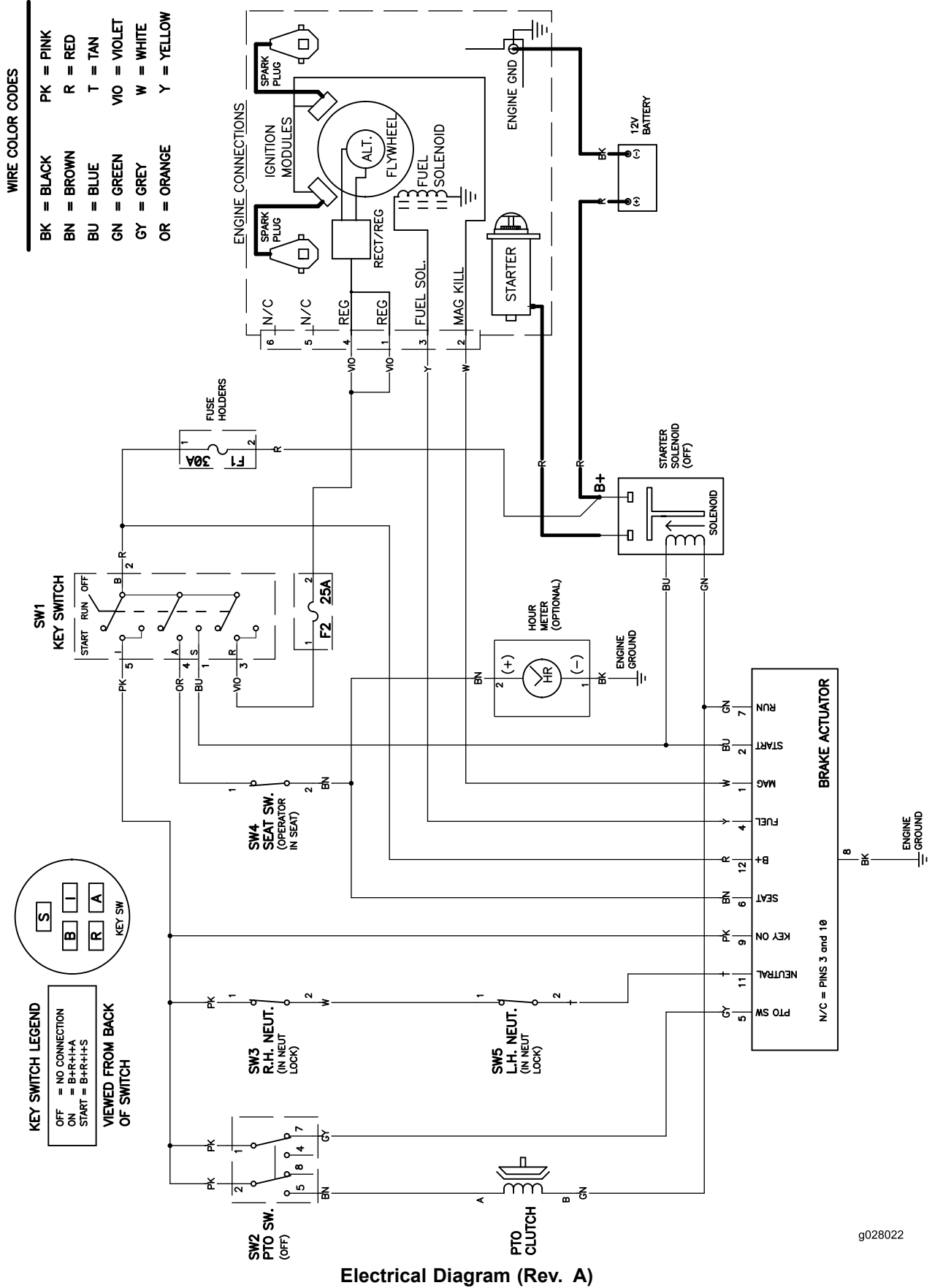
12. Clean any dirt and chaff from the top of the mower.
13. Scrape any heavy buildup of grass and dirt from the underside of the mower, then wash the mower with a garden hose.
14. Check the condition of the drive and mower belts.
15. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is worn or damaged.
16. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces. Paint is available from your Authorized Service Dealer.
17. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area. Remove the key from the ignition switch and keep it in a memorable place. Cover the machine to protect it and keep it clean.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The engine overheats.	1. The engine load is excessive. 2. The oil level in the crankcase is low. 3. The cooling fins and air passages under the engine-blower housing are plugged. 4. The air cleaner is dirty. 5. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.	1. Reduce the ground speed. 2. Add oil to the crankcase. 3. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages. 4. Clean or replace the air-cleaner element. 5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The starter does not crank.	1. The blade-control switch is engaged. 2. The motion-control levers are not in the park position. 3. The battery is dead. 4. The electrical connections are corroded or loose. 5. A fuse is blown. 6. A relay or switch is damaged.	1. Move the blade-control switch to Disengaged. 2. Move the motion-control levers outward to the park position. 3. Charge the battery. 4. Check the electrical connections for good contact. 5. Replace the fuse. 6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The engine does not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running.	1. The fuel tank is empty. 2. The choke is not on. 3. The air cleaner is dirty. 4. The spark plug wire(s) is loose or disconnected. 5. The spark plug(s) is pitted, fouled, or the gap is incorrect. 6. There is dirt in fuel filter. 7. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in fuel system. 8. There is incorrect fuel in the fuel tank. 9. The oil level in the crankcase is low.	1. Fill the fuel tank. 2. Move the choke lever to On. 3. Clean or replace the air-cleaner element. 4. Install the wire(s) on the spark plug. 5. Install a new, correctly gapped spark plug(s). 6. Replace the fuel filter. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 8. Drain the tank and replace the fuel with the proper type. 9. Add oil to the crankcase.
The machine does not drive.	1. The bypass valves are open. 2. The traction belts are worn, loose, or broken. 3. The traction belts are off of the pulleys. 4. The transmission has failed.	1. Close the tow valves. 2. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 3. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 4. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
There is an abnormal vibration.	1. The engine-mounting bolts are loose. 2. The engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley is loose. 3. The engine pulley is damaged. 4. The cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced. 5. A blade-mounting bolt is loose. 6. A blade spindle is bent.	1. Tighten the engine-mounting bolts. 2. Tighten the appropriate pulley. 3. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 4. Install a new cutting blade(s). 5. Tighten the blade-mounting bolt. 6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The cutting height is uneven.	1. The blade(s) is not sharp. 2. A cutting blade(s) is/are bent. 3. The mower is not level. 4. An anti-scalp wheel is not set correctly. 5. The underside of the mower is dirty. 6. The tire pressure is incorrect. 7. A blade spindle is bent.	1. Sharpen the blade(s). 2. Install a new cutting blade(s). 3. Level the mower from side-to-side and front-to-rear. 4. Adjust the anti-scalp wheel height. 5. Clean the underside of the mower. 6. Adjust the tire pressure. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The blades do not rotate.	1. The drive belt is worn, loose or broken. 2. The drive belt is off of the pulley. 3. The Power Take-Off (PTO) switch or PTO clutch is faulty. 4. The mower belt is worn, loose, or broken.	1. Install a new drive belt. 2. Install the drive belt and check the adjusting shafts and belt guides for the correct position. 3. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 4. Install a new mower belt.

Schematics



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International Distributor List

Distributor:	Country:	Phone Number:	Distributor:	Country:	Phone Number:
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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	Mountfield a.s.	Czech Republic	420 255 704 220
Casco Sales Company	Puerto Rico	787 788 8383	Mountfield a.s.	Slovakia	420 255 704 220
Ceres S.A.	Costa Rica	506 239 1138	Munditol S.A.	Argentina	54 11 4 821 9999
CSSC Turf Equipment (pvt) Ltd.	Sri Lanka	94 11 2746100	Norma Garden	Russia	7 495 411 61 20
Cyril Johnston & Co.	Northern Ireland	44 2890 813 121	Oslinger Turf Equipment SA	Ecuador	593 4 239 6970
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Residential Products

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The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly promise to repair for the original purchaser¹ 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 ² 90 Days Commercial Use
• Engine	5 years GTS Guarantee, Residential Use ³
• Battery	2 years
• Steel Deck	2 years Residential Use ² 30 Days Commercial Use
• Engine	2 years GTS Guarantee, Residential Use ³
TimeMaster Mowers	3 years Residential Use ² 90 Days Commercial Use
• Engine	3 years GTS Guarantee, Residential Use ³
• Battery	2 years
Electric Hand Held Products and Walk Power Mowers	2 years Residential Use ² No Warranty for Commercial Use
Snowthrowers	
• Single Stage	2 years Residential Use ² 45 Days Commercial Use
• Engine	2 years GTS Guarantee, Residential Use ³
• Two Stage	3 years Residential Use ² 45 Days Commercial Use
• Chute, chute deflector and impeller housing cover	Lifetime (original owner only) ⁵
Electric Snowthrowers	2 years Residential Use ² No Warranty for Commercial Use
All Ride-On Units Below	
• Engine	See engine manufacturer's warranty ⁴
• Battery	2 years Residential Use ²
• Attachments	2 years Residential Use ²
DH Lawn & Garden Tractors	2 years Residential Use ² 30 Days Commercial Use
XLS Lawn & Garden Tractors	3 years Residential Use ² 30 Days Commercial Use
TimeCutter	3 years Residential Use ² 30 Days Commercial Use
TITAN Mowers	3 years or 240 hours ⁵
• Frame	Lifetime (original owner only) ⁶

¹Original Purchaser means the person who originally purchased the Toro Product.

²Residential 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.

³The Toro GTS Starting Guarantee does not apply when the product is used commercially.

⁴Some engines used on Toro Products are warranted by the engine manufacturer.

⁵Whichever occurs first.

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Warranty may be denied if the hour meter is disconnected, altered, or shows signs of being tampered with.

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Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service

If you think that your Toro Product contains a defect in materials or workmanship, follow this procedure:

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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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Items and Conditions Not Covered

There is no other express warranty except for special emission system coverage and engine warranty coverage on some products. This express warranty does not cover the following:

- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, oil changes, spark plugs, air filters blade sharpening or worn blades, cable/linkage adjustments, or brake and clutch adjustments
- Components failing due to normal wear
- Any product or part which has been altered or misused or neglected and requires replacement or repair due to accidents or lack of proper maintenance
- Pickup and delivery charges
- Repairs or attempted repairs by anyone other than an Authorized Toro Service Dealer
- Repairs necessary due to failure to follow recommended fuel procedure (consult *Operator's Manual* for more details)
 - Removing contaminants from the fuel system is not covered
 - Use of old fuel (more than one month old) or fuel which contains more than 10% ethanol or more than 15% MTBE
 - Failure to drain the fuel system prior to any period of non-use over one month
- Repairs or adjustments to correct starting difficulties due to the following:
 - Failure to follow proper maintenance procedures or recommended fuel procedure
 - Rotary mower blade striking an object
- Special operational conditions where starting may require more than two pulls:
 - First time starts after extended period of non-use over three months or seasonal storage
 - Cool temperature starts such as those found in early spring and late autumn
 - Improper starting procedures - if you are having difficulty starting your unit, please check the *Operator's Manual* to ensure that you are using the correct starting procedures. This can save an unnecessary visit to an Authorized Toro Service Dealer.

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.

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