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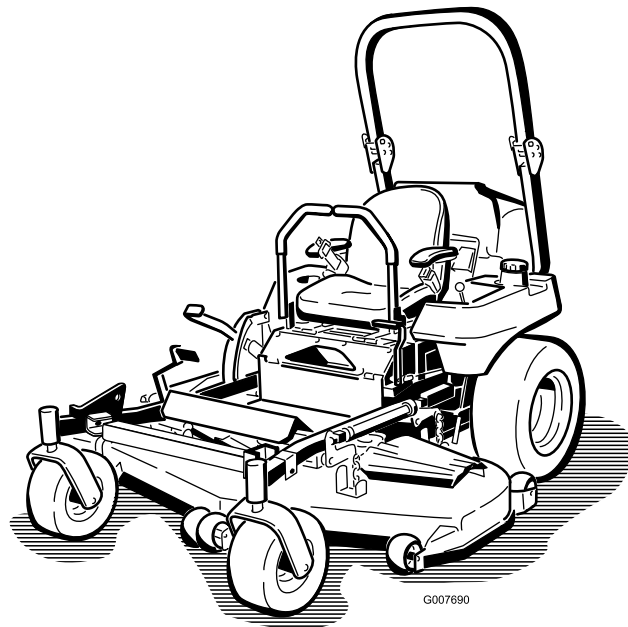
Operator's Manual

Z Master® Professional 7000 Series Riding Mower

**With 132cm or 152cm TURBO FORCE® Side
Discharge Mower**

Model No. 74264TE—Serial No. 316000001 and Up

Model No. 74265TE—Serial No. 316000001 and Up



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

Introduction

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

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

You may contact Toro directly at www.Toro.com 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.

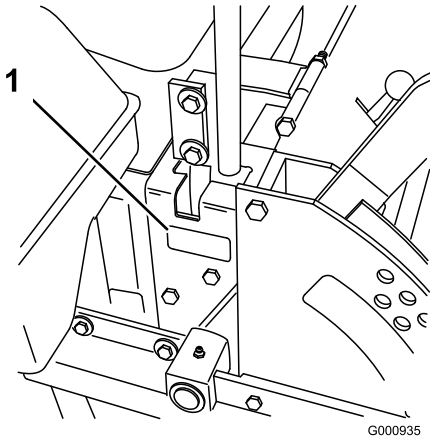


Figure 1

- 1. Model and serial number location

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.

Improper use or maintenance by the operator or owner can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions and always pay attention to the safety-alert symbol, which means Caution, Warning, or Danger—personal safety instruction. Failure to comply with the instruction may result in personal injury or death.

Safe Operating Practices

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

Training

- Read the instructions carefully. Be familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
- Never allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the lawn mower. Local regulations can restrict the age of the operator.
- Never mow while people, especially children, or pets are nearby.
- Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
- Do not carry passengers.
- All drivers should seek and obtain professional and practical instruction. Such instruction should emphasize:
 - the need for care and concentration when working with ride-on machines;
 - control of a ride-on machine sliding on a slope will not be regained by the application of the control levers. The main reasons for loss of control are:
 - ◇ insufficient wheel grip, especially on wet grass;
 - ◇ being driven too fast;
 - ◇ inadequate braking;
 - ◇ the type of machine is unsuitable for its task;
 - ◇ lack of awareness of the effect of ground conditions, especially slopes;
 - ◇ incorrect hitching and load distribution.

Preparation

- While mowing, always wear substantial, slip-resistant footwear and long trousers. Tie back long hair. Do not wear jewelry.
- Thoroughly inspect the area where you will use the equipment and remove all objects which the machine may throw.
- **Warning**—Fuel is highly flammable.

- Store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.
- Refuel the machine outdoors only and do not smoke while refuelling.
- Add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add fuel while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.
- If you spill fuel, do not attempt to start the engine but move the machine away from the area of spillage and avoid creating any source of ignition until the fuel vapors have dissipated.
- Replace all fuel tanks and container caps securely.
- Replace faulty silencers.
- Before using, always visually inspect to see that the blades, blade bolts, and cutter assembly are not worn or damaged. Replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.
- On multi-bladed machines, take care as rotating one blade can cause other blades to rotate.

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.
- Be alert, slow down, and use caution when making turns. Look behind and to the side before changing directions.
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- Before attempting to start the engine, disengage all blade-attachment clutches and shift the transmission into neutral.
- Do not use on slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Remember that there is no such thing as a safe slope. Travel on grass slopes requires particular care. To guard against overturning:
 - do not stop or start suddenly when on a slope;
 - use slow speeds on slopes and during tight turns;
 - stay alert for humps and hollows and other hidden hazards;
- Use care when pulling loads or using heavy equipment.
 - Use only approved drawbar hitch points.
 - Limit loads to those you can safely control.
 - Do not turn sharply. Use care when reversing the machine.
- Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.
- Stop the blades rotating before crossing surfaces other than grass.
- When using any attachments, never direct the discharge of material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near the machine while in operation.

- Never operate the machine with damaged guards or without safety protective devices in place.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Operating the engine at excessive speed can increase the hazard of personal injury.
- Before leaving the operator's position:
 - disengage the power takeoff and lower the attachments;
 - change into neutral and set the parking brake;
 - stop the engine and remove the key.
- Disengage drive to attachments, stop the engine, and disconnect the spark-plug wire(s) or remove the ignition key
 - before clearing blockages or unclogging the chute;
 - before checking, cleaning, or working on the lawn mower;
 - after striking a foreign object. Inspect the lawn mower for damage and make repairs before starting and operating the equipment; if the machine starts to vibrate abnormally (check immediately).
- Disengage drive to attachments when transporting or not in use.
- Stop the engine and disengage drive to attachment
 - before fuelling;
 - before removing the grass catcher;
 - before adjusting the height unless you can adjust it from the operator's position.
- Reduce the throttle setting during engine run-out and, if the engine is provided with a shutoff valve, turn the fuel off at the conclusion of mowing.

Maintenance and Storage

- Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure that the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the equipment with fuel in the tank inside a building, where fumes can reach an open flame or spark.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in any enclosure.
- To reduce the fire hazard, keep the engine, silencer, battery compartment, and fuel storage area free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check the grass catcher frequently for wear or deterioration.
- Replace worn or damaged parts for safety.
- If you must drain the fuel tank, do it outdoors.
- When machine is to be parked, stored or left unattended, lower the cutting means unless you are using a positive mechanical lock.

Toro Riding Mower Safety

The following list contains safety information specific to Toro products or other safety information that you must know that is not included in the CEN standard.

- Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, which is an odorless, deadly poison that can kill you. Do not run the engine indoors or in an enclosed area.
- Keep your hands, feet, hair and loose clothing away from attachment discharge area, the underside of the mower, and any moving parts while engine is running.
- Do not touch the equipment or attachment parts which may be hot from operation. Allow them to cool before attempting to maintain, adjust, or service them.
- Battery acid is poisonous and can cause burns. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Protect your face, eyes, and clothing when working with a battery.
- Battery gases can explode. Keep cigarettes, sparks, and flames away from battery.
- Use only genuine Toro replacement parts to maintain the original standards.
- Use only Toro-approved attachments. You may void the warranty if you use unapproved attachments.

Slope Operation

- Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, steep banks, or water. Wheels dropping over edges can cause rollovers, which may result in serious injury, death, or drowning.
- Do not mow slopes when grass is wet. Slippery conditions reduce traction and could cause sliding and a loss of control.
- Do not make sudden turns or rapid speed changes.
- Use a walk behind mower and/or a hand trimmer near drop-offs, ditches, steep banks, or water.
- Reduce speed and use extreme caution on slopes.
- Remove or mark obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc. from the mowing area. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Watch for ditches, holes, rocks, dips, and rises that change the operating angle, as rough terrain could overturn the machine.
- Avoid sudden starts when mowing uphill, because the mower may tip backward.
- Be aware that loss of traction may occur going downhill. Weight transfer to the front wheels may cause drive wheels to slip and cause loss of braking and steering.
- Always avoid sudden starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly off the slope.

- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.
- Use extreme care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine and cause a loss of control.

Sound Power Level

This unit has a guaranteed sound power level of 105 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

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

Sound Pressure Level

This unit has a sound pressure level at the operator's ear of 92 dBA, which includes an Uncertainty Value (K) of 1 dBA.

The sound pressure level was determined according to the procedures outlined in EN ISO 5395:2013.

Vibration Level

Hand-Arm

Measured vibration level for right hand = 2.7 m/s^2

Measured vibration level for left hand = 3.3 m/s^2

Uncertainty Value (K) = 1.7 m/s^2

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

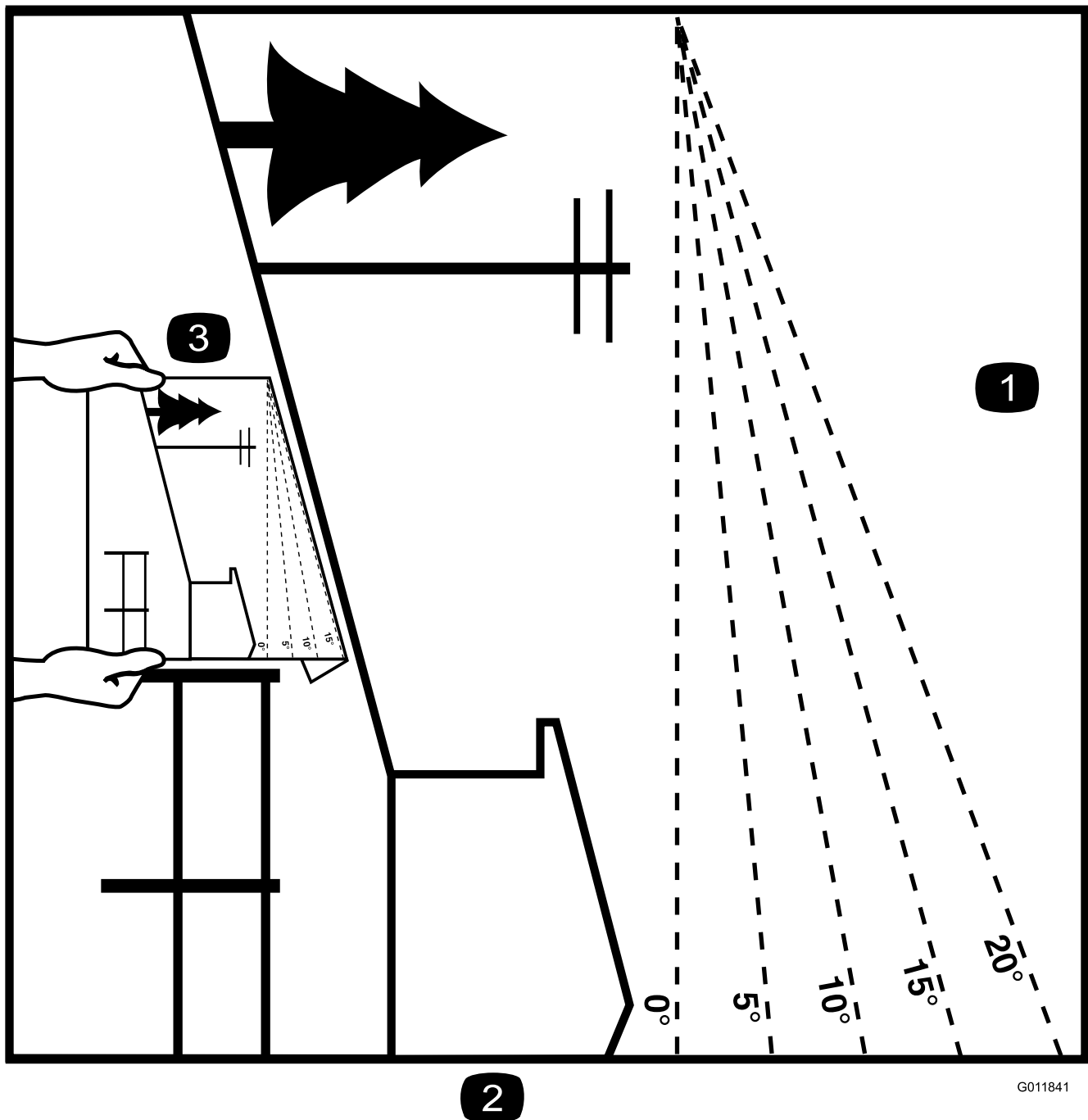
Whole Body

Measured vibration level = 0.75 m/s^2

Uncertainty Value (K) = 0.38 m/s^2

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

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.



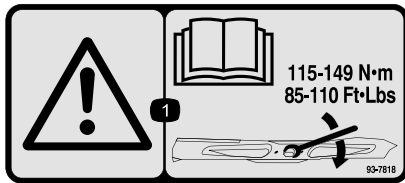
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1. Grease



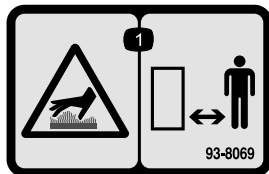
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1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine.
2. Thrown object hazard, mower—keep the deflector in place.
3. Cutting/dismemberment of hand or foot—stay away from moving parts.



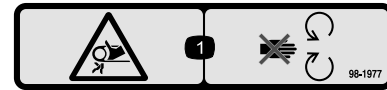
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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* for instructions on torquing the blade bolt/nut to 115 to 149 N·m (85 to 110 ft-lb).



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1. Hot surface/burn hazard—stay a safe distance from the hot surface.



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1. Entanglement hazard, belt—stay away from moving parts.

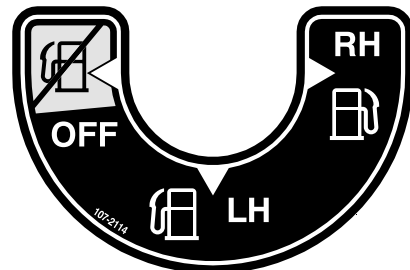


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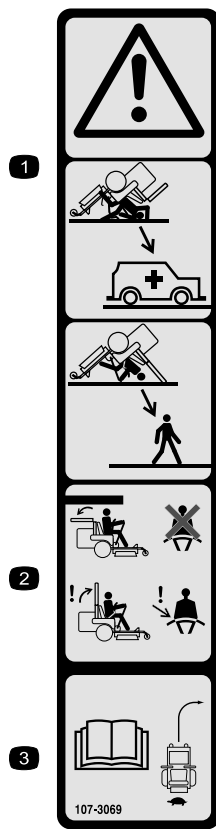
1. Warning—wear hearing protection.



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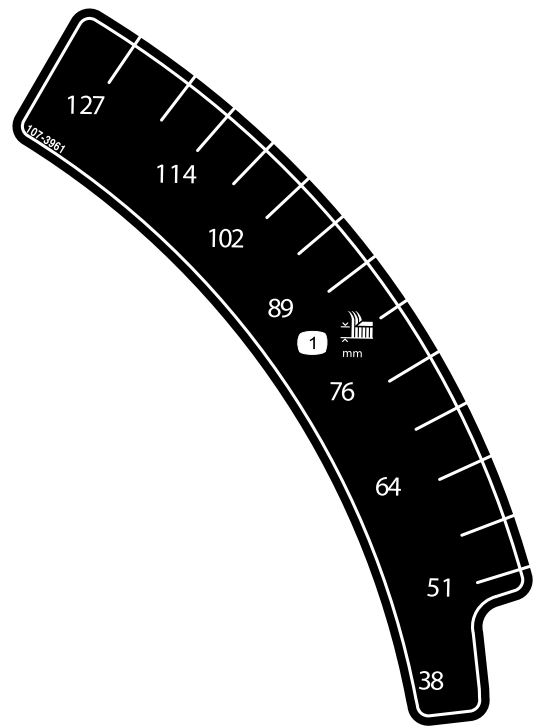


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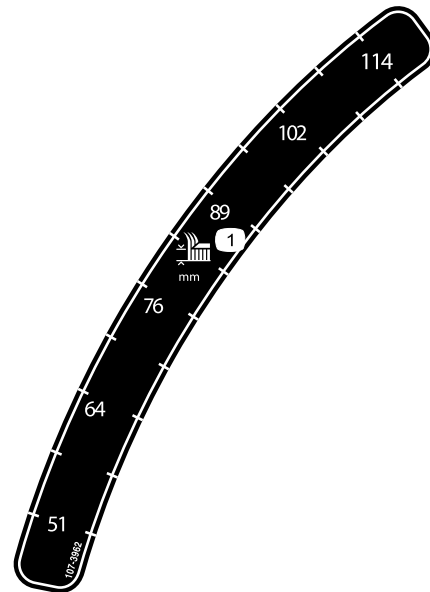
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1. Warning—there is no rollover protection when the roll bar is down.
2. To avoid injury or death from a rollover accident, keep the roll bar in the raised and locked position and wear the seat belt. Lower the roll bar only when absolutely necessary; do not wear the seat belt when the roll bar is down.
3. Read the *Operator's Manual*; drive slowly and carefully.



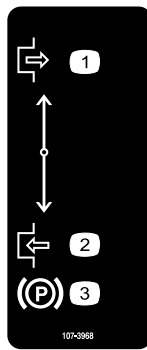
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1. Height of cut in millimeters



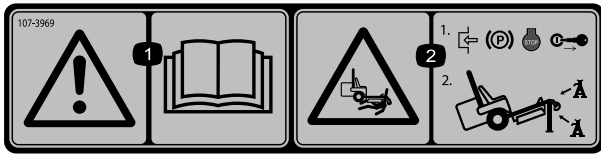
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1. Height of cut in millimeters



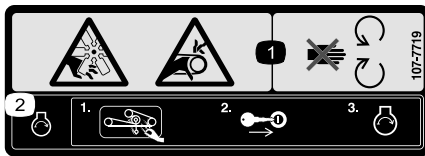
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1. Disengage
2. Engage
3. Parking brake



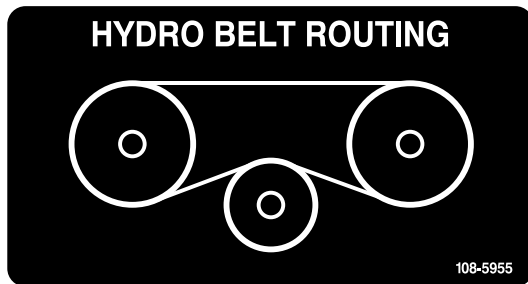
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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Crushing hazard, mower—engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key before working under the mower.

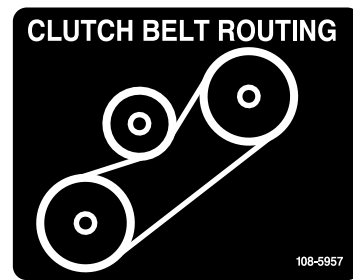


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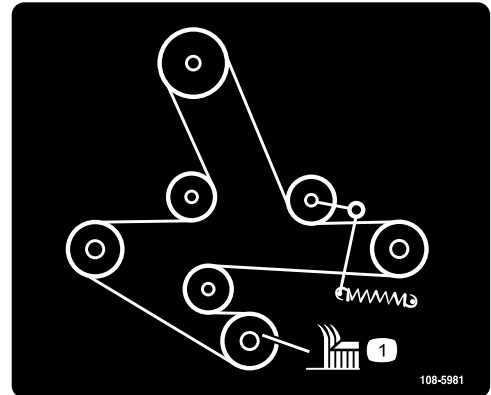
1. Cutting/dismemberment hazard, fan and entanglement hazard, belt—stay away from moving parts.
2. Before starting the engine, clean grass and debris from the mower belt and pulleys, insert the ignition key, and start the engine.



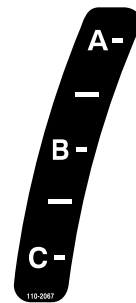
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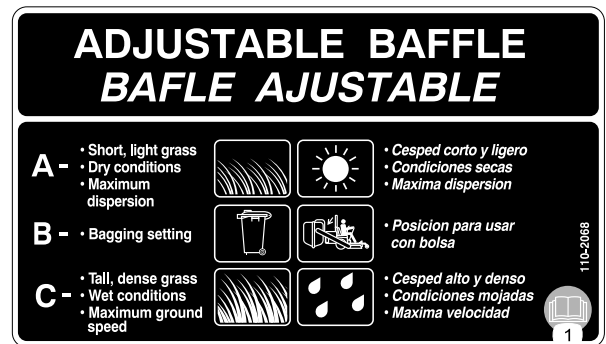
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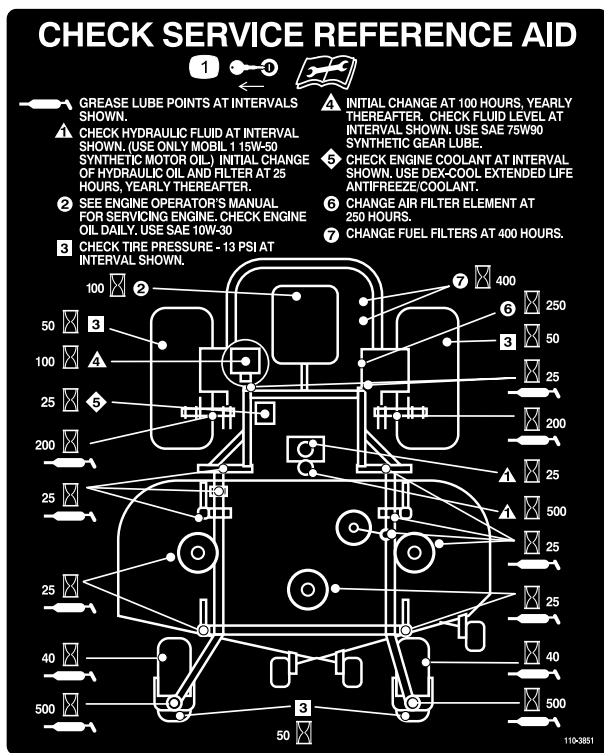


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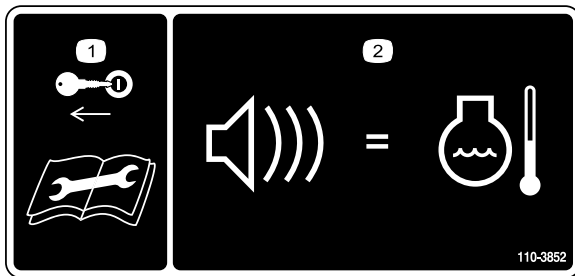
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.



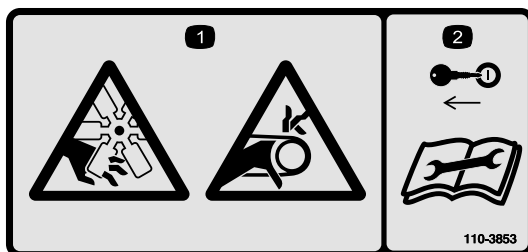
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1. Remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.



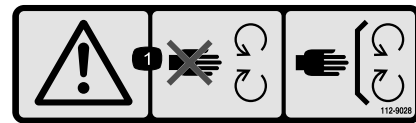
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1. Remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.
2. Continuous tone signals the user that engine is overheating.



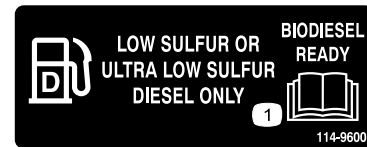
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1. Cutting/dismemberment hazard, fan and entanglement hazard, belt.
2. Remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.



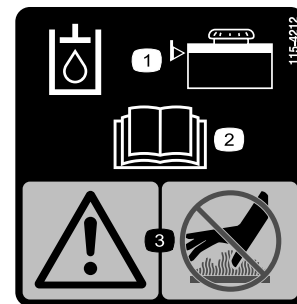
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1. Warning—stay away from moving parts; keep all guards in place.



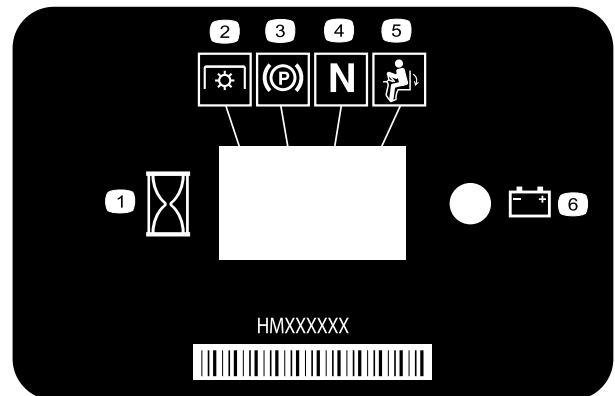
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.



115-4212

1. Hydraulic oil level
2. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
3. Warning—do not touch the hot surface.

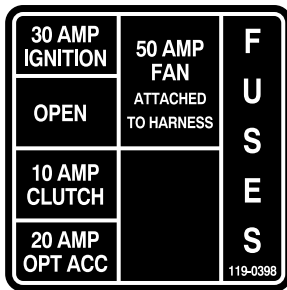


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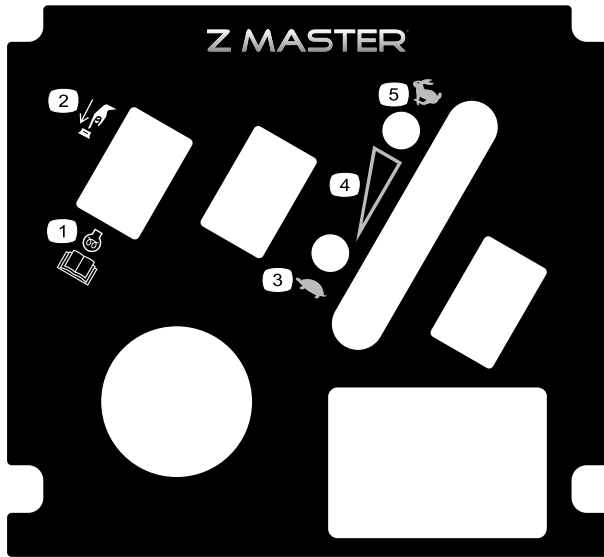
1. Hour meter
2. Power take-off (PTO)
3. Parking brake
4. Neutral
5. Operator presence switch
6. Battery



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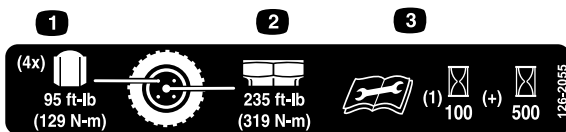


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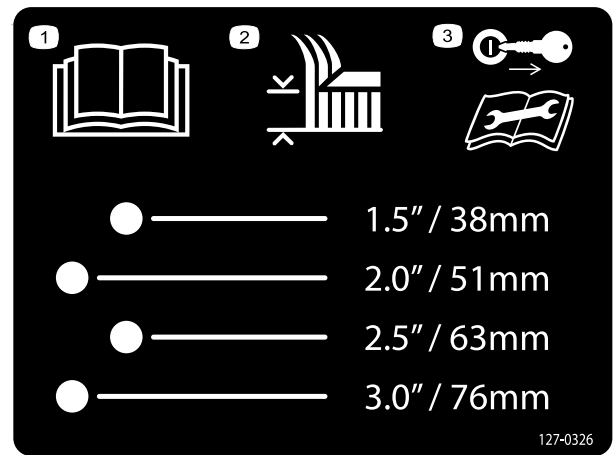
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1. Push to start
2. Read the *Operator's Manual* for more information on preheating the engine.
3. Slow
4. Variable speed control
5. Fast



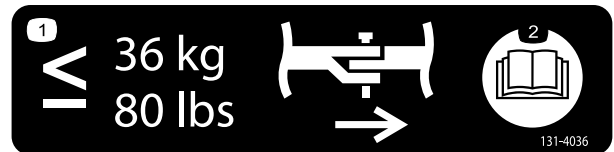
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1. Wheel lug nut torque 129 N·m (95 ft-lb) (4x)
2. Wheel hub nut torque 319 N·m (235 ft-lb)
3. Read and understand the Operator's manual before performing any maintenance, check torque after first 100 hours then every 500 hours thereafter.



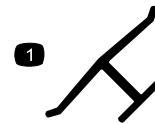
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Height of cut
3. Remove the key from the ignition and read the *Operator's Manual* before performing maintenance or servicing the machine.



131-4036

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



Manufacturer's Mark

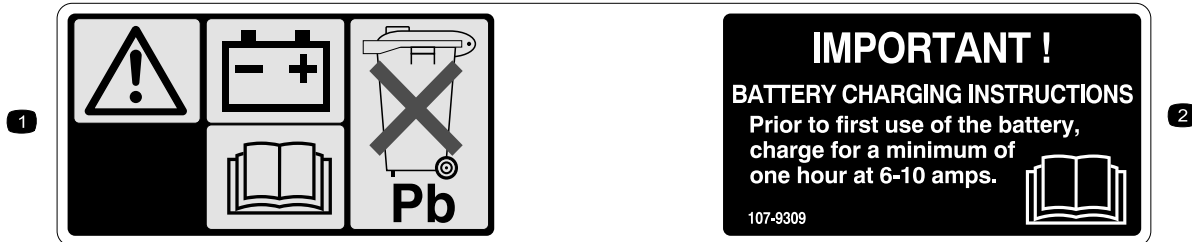
1. Indicates the blade is identified as a part from the original machine manufacturer.



Battery Symbols

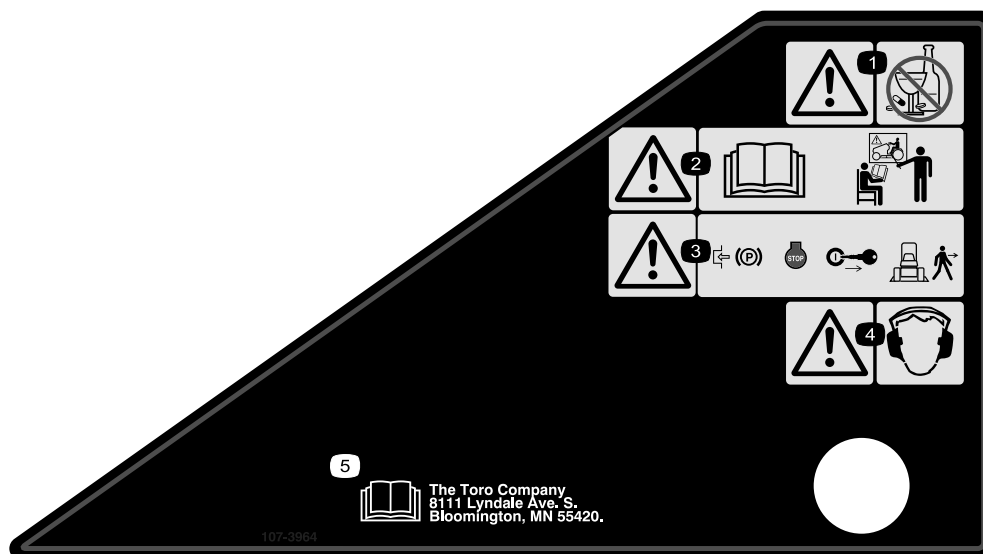
Some or all of these symbols are on your battery

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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. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* for information on charging the battery; contains lead; do not discard.
2. Read the *Operator's Manual*.



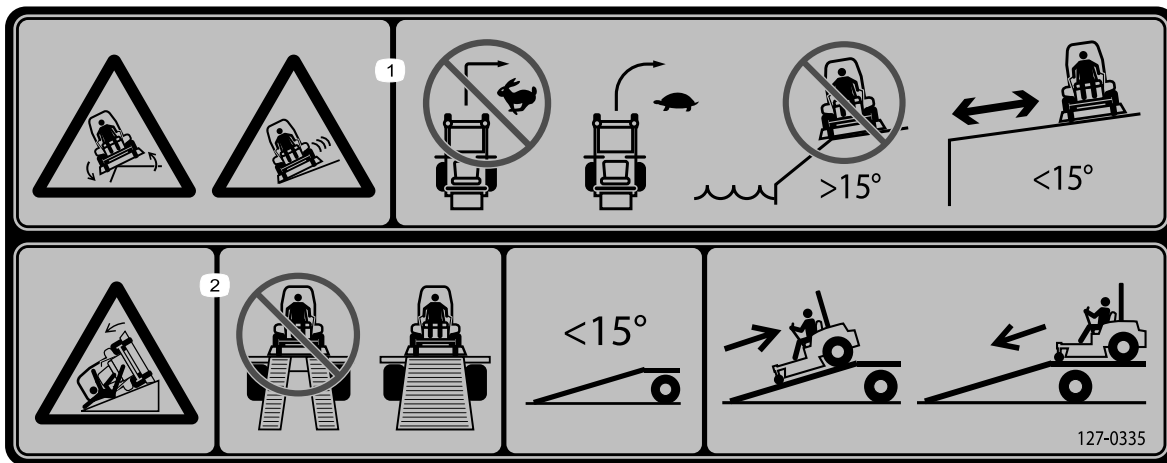
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1. Warning—do not use drugs or alcohol.
2. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* and receive training.
3. Warning—engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key before leaving the machine.
4. Warning—wear hearing protection.
5. Read the *Operator's Manual*.



110-0820

1. Fast
2. Slow
3. Neutral
4. Reverse
5. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
6. Poison and caustic liquid/chemical burn hazard—keep children a safe distance from the battery.
7. Explosion hazard—no fire, open flames, or smoking; avoid sparks.
8. To unlock the traction drive, turn the bypass valve 1 complete revolution counterclockwise using a 5/8 inch or 16 mm wrench.



127-0335

1. Tipping hazard on slopes—do not use this machine on slopes greater than 15 degrees; do not make sudden, tight turns; make slow, wide turns.
2. Ramp hazard—when loading onto a trailer, do not use dual ramps; only use a singular ramp wide enough for the machine; back up the ramp (in reverse) and drive forward off the ramp.

Product Overview

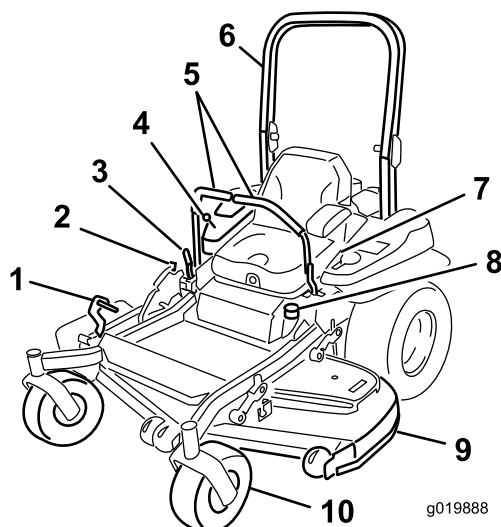


Figure 4

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| 1. Height-of-cut deck lift pedal | 6. Roll bar |
| 2. Transport lock | 7. Seat belt |
| 3. Parking-brake lever | 8. Fuel cap |
| 4. Controls | 9. Mower deck |
| 5. Motion-control lever | 10. Caster wheel |

Controls

Become familiar with all of the controls before you start the engine and operate the machine (Figure 4 and Figure 5).

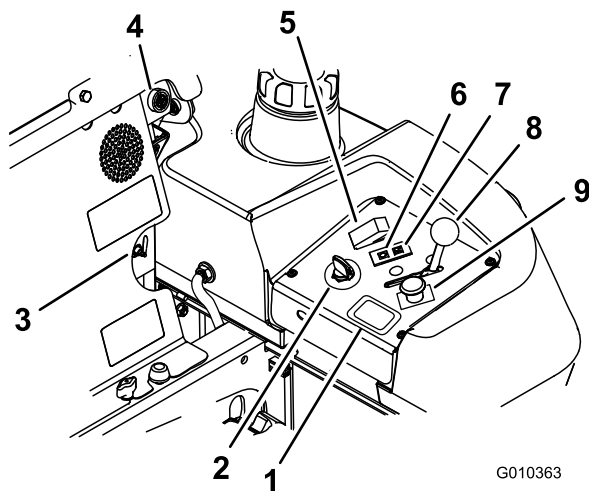


Figure 5

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| 1. Hour meter | 6. Glow-plug light |
| 2. Ignition switch | 7. Engine temperature light |
| 3. Fuel-selector valve | 8. Throttle control |
| 4. Audible alarm | 9. PTO switch |
| 5. Glow-plug switch | |

Hour Meter

The hour meter records the number of hours the engine has operated. It operates when the engine is running. Use these times for scheduling regular maintenance (Figure 5).

Safety-Interlock Indicators

There are symbols on the hour meter and they indicate with a black triangle that the interlock component is in the correct position (Figure 6).

Battery-Indicator Light

When the ignition key is initially turned to the RUN position for a few seconds, the battery voltage is displayed in the area where the hours are normally displayed.

The battery light turns on when the ignition is turned on and when the charge is below the correct operating level (Figure 6).

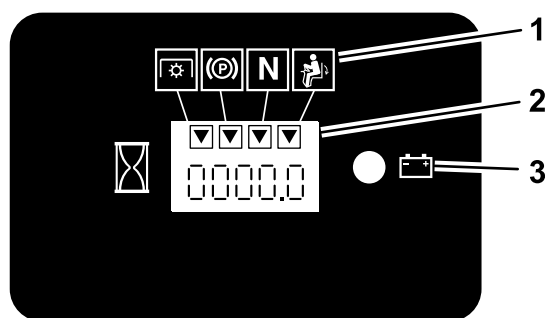


Figure 6

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| 1. Safety-interlock symbols | 3. Battery light |
| 2. Hour meter | |

Throttle Control

The throttle control is variable between **Fast** and **Slow**.

Neutral-Lock Position

The NEUTRAL-LOCK position is used with the safety-interlock system and to determine NEUTRAL position.

Ignition Switch

This switch is used to start the mower engine and has 3 positions: START, RUN, and OFF.

Glow-Plug Light

The glow-plug indicator light turns on when the glow-plug button is engaged (Figure 5).

Glow-Plug Switch

This switch activates the glow plugs and is indicated by the glow-plug light. Hold down the glow-plug switch for 10 seconds prior to starting the machine.

Temperature Light

The temperature light comes on when the engine is over heating ([Figure 5](#)).

Audible Alarm

This machine has an audible alarm that alerts the user to shut off the engine; otherwise, engine damage can occur from over heating. Refer to [Operating with the Overheat Sensor](#) ([page 29](#)).

Fuel-Selector Valve

The fuel-selector valve is located behind the seat.

Close the fuel-selector valve when transporting or storing mower.

Move the selector valve to the left or right position for operation.

Attachments/Accessories

A selection of Toro approved attachments and accessories is available for use with the machine to enhance and expand its capabilities. Contact your Authorized Service Dealer or Distributor or go to www.Toro.com for a list of all approved attachments and accessories.

To best protect your investment and maintain optimal performance of your Toro equipment, count on Toro genuine parts. When it comes to reliability, Toro delivers replacement parts designed to the exact engineering specification of our equipment. For peace of mind, insist on Toro genuine parts.

Operation

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

Adding Fuel

The engine runs on clean, fresh diesel fuel with a minimum octane rating of 40. Purchase fuel in quantities that you can use within 30 days to ensure fuel freshness.

Use summer grade diesel fuel (No. 2-D) at temperatures above -7°C (20°F) and winter grade diesel fuel (No. 1-D or No. 1-D/2-D blend) below -7°C (20°F). Use of winter grade diesel fuel at lower temperatures provides lower flash point and pour point characteristics, therefore easing startability and lessening chances of chemical separation of the fuel due to lower temperatures (wax appearance, which may plug filters).

Use of summer grade diesel fuel above -7°C (20°F) contributes toward longer life of the pump components.

Important: Do not use kerosene or gasoline instead of diesel fuel. Failure to observe this caution damages the engine.

⚠ WARNING

Fuel 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 the nozzle and fuel tank or conditioner opening.**
- **Keep fuel away from eyes and skin.**

▲ DANGER

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

- Fill the fuel tank outdoors on level ground, in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any fuel that spills.
- Never fill the fuel tank inside an enclosed trailer.
- Do not fill the fuel tank completely full. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. The empty space in the tank allows fuel to expand. Overfilling may result in fuel leakage or damage to the engine or emission system (if equipped).
- Never smoke when handling fuel, and stay away from an open flame or where fuel fumes may be ignited by a spark.
- Store fuel in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children. Do not buy more than a 30-day supply of fuel.
- Always place fuel containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Do not fill fuel 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 fuel-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 fuel-dispenser nozzle.
- If a fuel-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.

Biodiesel Ready

This machine can also use a biodiesel blended fuel of up to B20 (20% biodiesel, 80% petrodiesel). The petrodiesel portion should be low or ultra low sulfur.

Observe the following precautions:

- The biodiesel portion of the fuel meet specification ASTM D6751 or EN14214.
- The blended fuel composition should meet ASTM D975 or EN590.
- Painted surfaces may be damaged by biodiesel blends.
- Use B5 (biodiesel content of 5%) or lesser blend in cold weather.

- Monitor seals, hoses, gaskets in contact with fuel as they may degrade over time.
- Fuel filter plugging maybe expected for a time after converting to biodiesel blends.
- Contact your distributor if you wish for more information on biodiesel.

Filling the Fuel Tank

Note: Do not fill the fuel tank completely full. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. The empty space in the tank allows the fuel to expand.

1. Shut off the engine and set the parking brake.
2. Clean around each fuel-tank cap and remove the cap. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. This space in the tank allows the fuel to expand. Do not fill the fuel tank completely full.
3. Install the fuel-tank cap securely. Wipe up any fuel that may have spilled.
4. If possible, fill the fuel tank after each use. This minimizes possible buildup of condensation inside the fuel tank.

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 \(page 39\)](#).

Switching the Fuel Tanks

Important: Do not run the machine out of fuel. This may cause engine damage and require you to check the fuel system.

The fuel-selector valve is located behind the left side of the seat.

The machine has 2 fuel tanks. One tank is on the left side and another tank is on the right side. Each tank connects to the fuel-selector valve. From there a common fuel line leads to the engine ([Figure 7](#)).

To use the left fuel tank, rotate the fuel-selector valve to the left. To use the right fuel tank, rotate the fuel-selector valve to the right ([Figure 7](#)).

Close the fuel-selector valve before transporting or storing the machine.

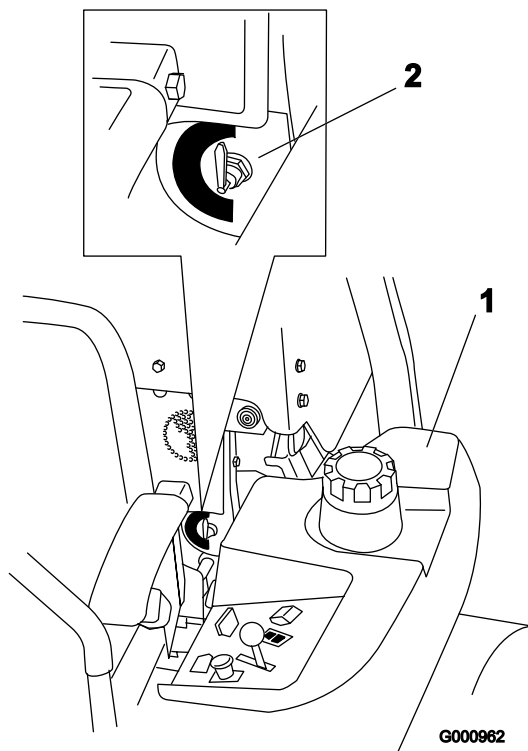


Figure 7

1. Left fuel tank
2. Fuel-selector valve

Using the Rollover Protection System (ROPS)

⚠ WARNING

To avoid injury or death from rollover, keep the roll bar in the raised locked position and use the seat belt.

Ensure that the rear part of the seat is secured with the seat latch.

⚠ WARNING

There is no rollover protection when the roll bar is in the down position.

- Lower the roll bar only when absolutely necessary.
- Do not wear the seat belt when the roll bar is in the down position.
- Drive slowly and carefully.
- Raise the roll bar as soon as clearance permits.
- Check carefully for overhead clearances (i.e., branches, doorways, electrical wires) before driving under any objects and do not contact them.

1. Remove the hairpin cotters and remove the 2 pins (Figure 9).
2. Lower the roll bar to the down position. There are 2 down positions. See Figure 8.

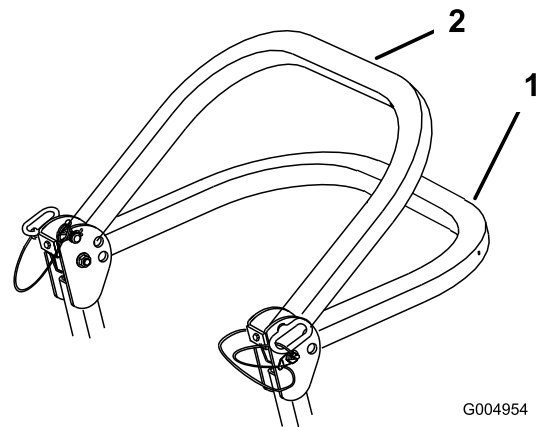


Figure 8

1. Full down position
2. Down position with bagger installed

3. Install the 2 pins and secure them with the hairpin cotters (Figure 9).

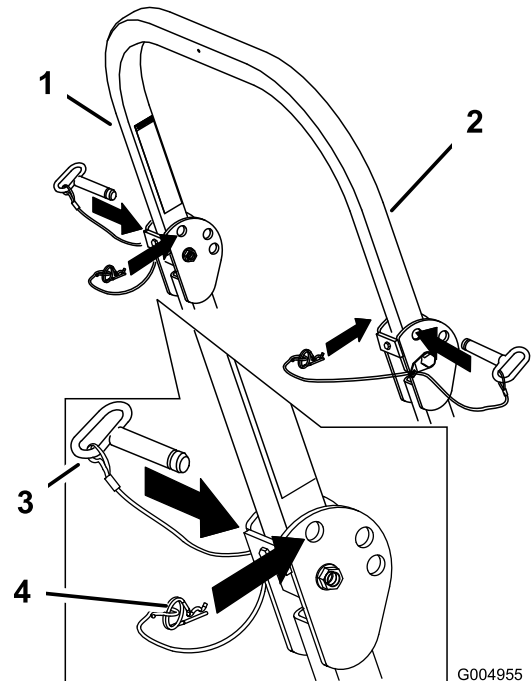


Figure 9

1. Roll bar
2. Raised position
3. Pin
4. Hairpin cotter

4. To raise the roll bar, remove the hairpin cotter and remove the 2 pins (Figure 9).
5. Raise the roll bar to the upright position and install the 2 pins and secure them with the hairpin cotters (Figure 9).

Think Safety First

Please read all safety instructions and symbols in the safety section. Knowing this information could help you or bystanders avoid injury.

⚠ DANGER

Operating the machine on wet grass or steep slopes can cause sliding and loss of control.

- Do not operate on slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Reduce speed and use extreme caution on slopes.
- Do not operate the machine near water.

⚠ DANGER

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

Do not operate the machine near drop-offs.

⚠ DANGER

Operating the machine while the roll bar is down may lead to serious injury or death in the event of a rollover.

Always keep the roll bar in the fully raised and locked position and use the seat belt.

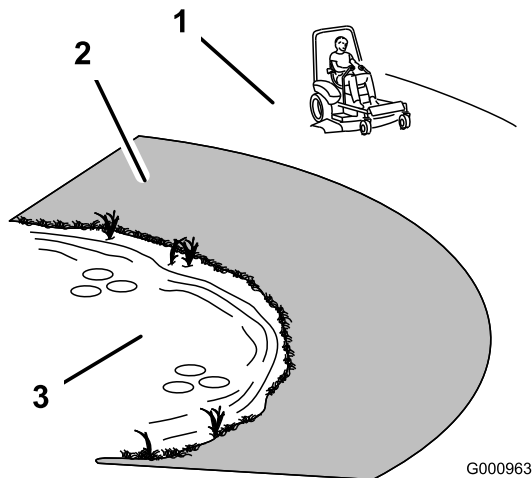


Figure 10

1. Safe Zone—use the Z Master here on slopes less than 15 degrees or flat areas.
2. Danger Zone—use a walk-behind mower and/or a hand trimmer on slopes greater than 15 degrees, 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.

Wear protective equipment for your eyes, ears, hands, feet, and head when using this machine.

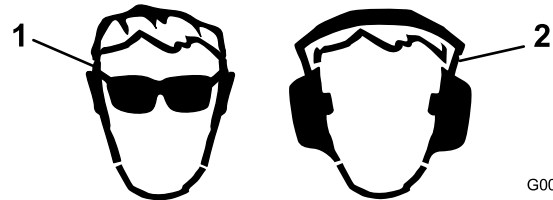


Figure 11

1. Wear eye protection.
2. Wear hearing protection.

Operating the Parking Brake

Always set the parking brake when you stop the machine or leave it unattended.

Setting the Parking Brake

1. Move the motion-control levers (Figure 18) out to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.
2. Pull up and back on the parking-brake lever to set the parking brake (Figure 12). The parking-brake lever should stay firmly in the ENGAGED position.

⚠ WARNING

The parking brake may not hold the machine parked on a slope and could cause personal injury or property damage.

Do not park the machine on slopes unless the wheels are chocked or blocked

Releasing the Parking Brake

Push forward and down on the parking-brake lever to release the parking brake (Figure 12). The parking brake is disengaged and the lever rests against the brake stop.

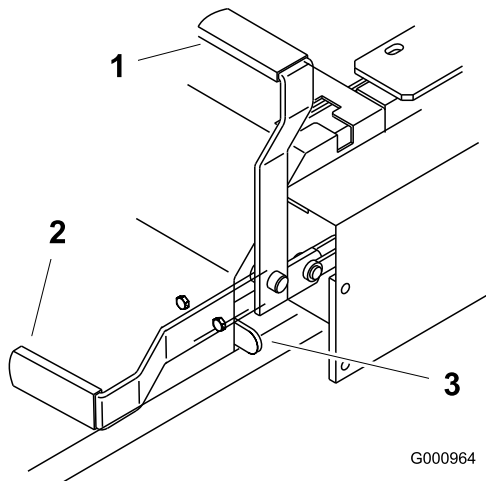


Figure 12

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| 1. ON position | 3. Brake Stop |
| 2. OFF position | |

Starting and Stopping the Engine

Starting the Engine in Normal Weather

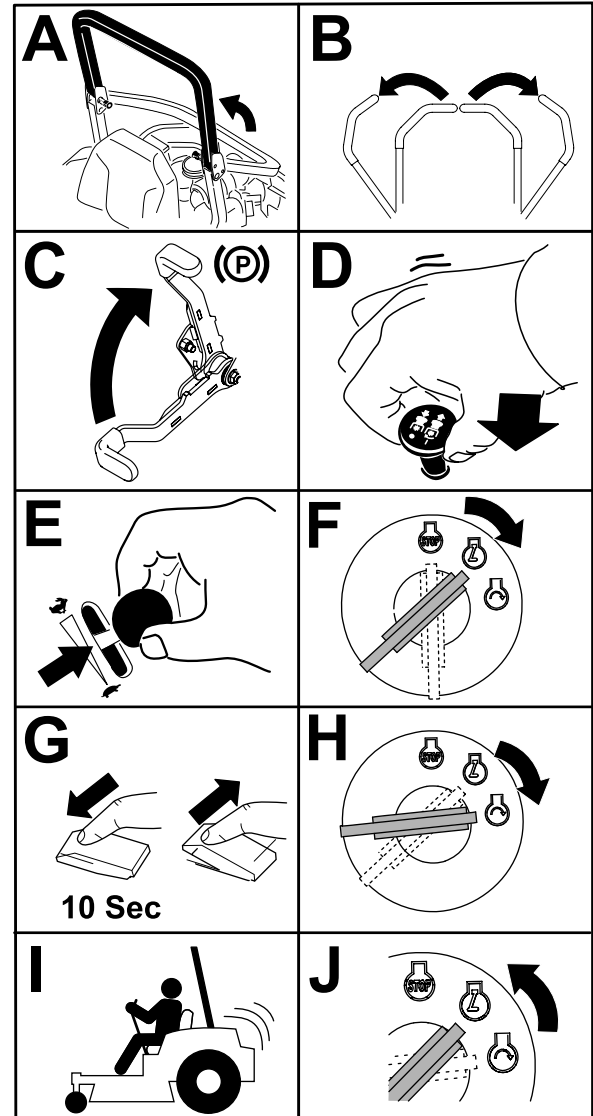


Figure 13

Important: Use starting cycles of no more than 30 seconds per minute to avoid overheating the starter motor.

Note: Additional starting cycles may be required when starting the engine for the first time after the fuel system has been completely without fuel.

Starting the Engine in Cold Weather (Below -5°C or 23°F)

Note: Use the correct engine oil for the starting temperature; refer to [Servicing the Engine Oil](#) (page 38).

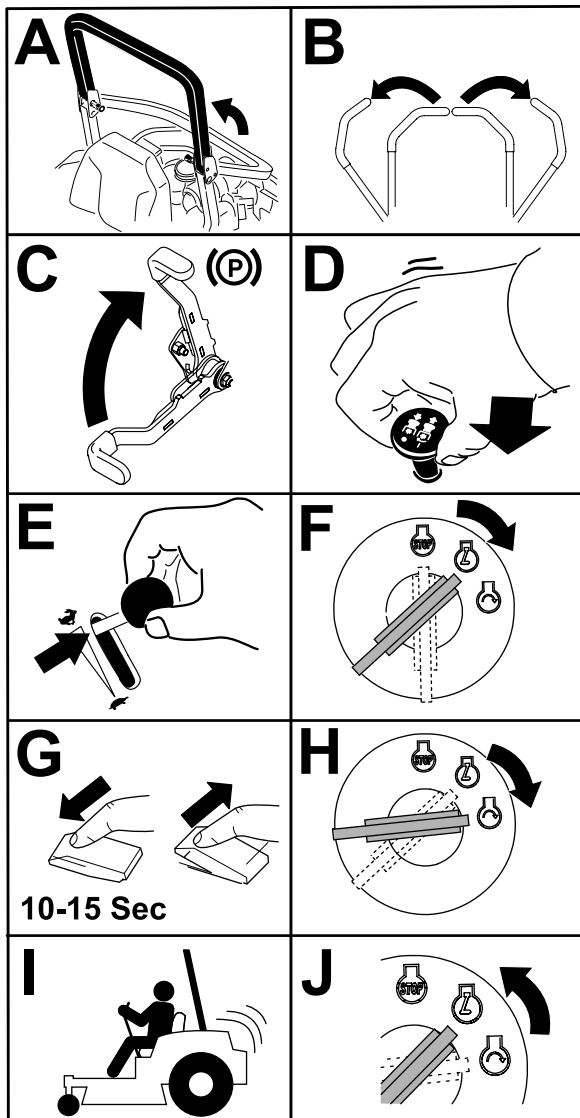


Figure 14

Important: Use starting cycles of no more than 30 seconds per minute to avoid overheating the starter motor.

Note: Do not use fuel left over from the summer. Use only fresh winter grade diesel fuel.

Stopping the Engine

⚠ CAUTION

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

Always remove the ignition key and set the parking brake when leaving the machine unattended, even if just for a few minutes.

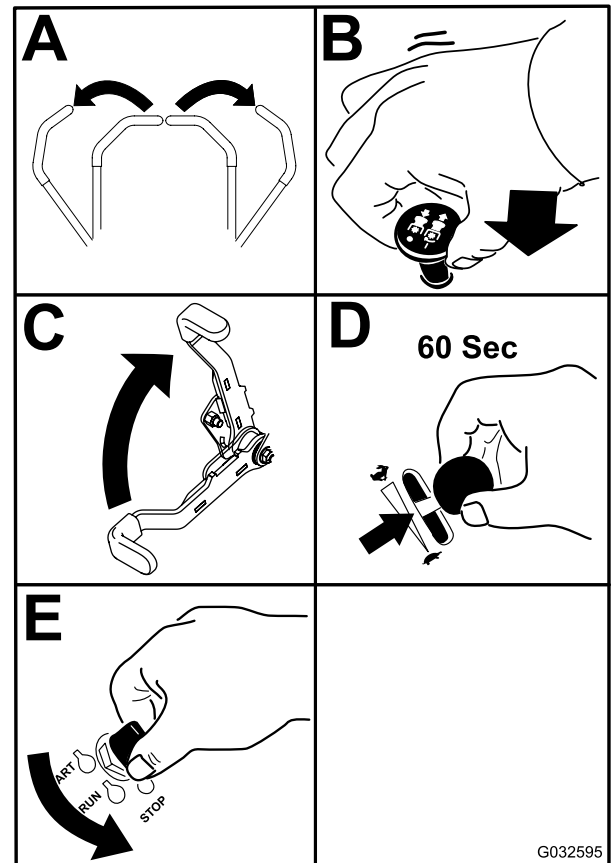


Figure 15

Important: Make sure that you close the fuel-shutoff valve before transporting or storing the machine, as fuel leakage may occur. Set the parking brake before transporting the machine. Make sure that you remove the key as the fuel pump may run and cause the battery to lose charge.

Operating the Power Takeoff (PTO)

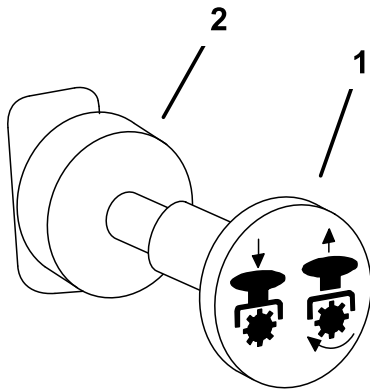
The power takeoff (PTO) switch starts and stops the mower blades and any powered attachments.

Engaging the PTO

1. If the engine is cold, allow the engine to warm up 5 to 10 minutes before engaging the PTO.
2. While seated in the seat, release the pressure on the traction control levers and place it in the NEUTRAL position.
3. Place the throttle in the FAST position.

Note: Engaging the PTO with the throttle at the half or less position causes excessive wear to the drive belts.

4. Pull out on the power takeoff (PTO) switch to engage it (Figure 16).



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Figure 16

1. PTO in the ON position
2. PTO in the OFF position

Disengaging the PTO

To disengage the PTO, push the PTO switch to the OFF position (Figure 16).

Using the Safety-Interlock System

⚠ CAUTION

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.

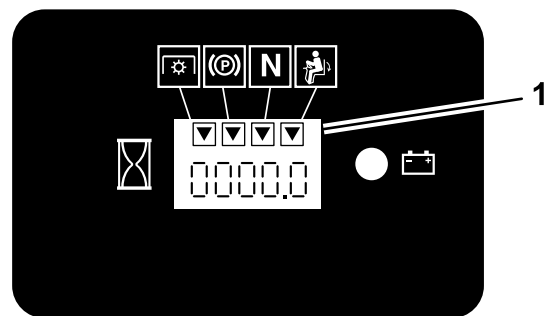
Understanding the Safety-Interlock System

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

- The parking brake is engaged.
- The power takeoff (PTO) is disengaged.
- The motion-control levers are in the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.

The safety—interlock system also is designed to shut off the engine when the traction controls are moved from the LOCKED position with the parking brake engaged or if you rise from the seat when the PTO is engaged.

The hour meter has symbols to notify the user when the interlock component is in the correct position. When the component is in the correct position, a triangle illuminates in the corresponding square.



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Figure 17

1. Triangles light up when the interlock components are in the correct position

Testing the Safety-Interlock System

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

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. Sit on the seat, engage the parking brake, and move the PTO to on. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.
2. Sit on the seat, engage the parking brake, and move the PTO to off. Move either motion-control lever (out of the NEUTRAL-LOCK position). Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank. Repeat for the other control lever.
3. Sit on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the PTO switch to off, and move the motion-control levers to NEUTRAL-LOCK position. Start the engine. While the engine is running, release the parking brake, engage the PTO, and rise slightly from the seat; the engine should stop.

4. Sit on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the PTO switch to off, and move the motion-control levers to NEUTRAL-LOCK position. Start the engine. While the engine is running, center either motion control and move (forward or reverse); the engine should stop. Repeat for the other motion control.
5. Sit on the seat, disengage the parking brake, move the PTO switch to off, and move the motion-control levers to NEUTRAL-LOCK position. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.

Driving Forward or Backward

The throttle control regulates the engine speed as measured in rpm (revolutions per minute). Place the throttle control in the FAST position for best performance. Always operate in the FULL THROTTLE position when mowing.

⚠ CAUTION

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.

Driving Forward

1. Release the parking brake; refer to [Adjusting the Parking Brake](#) (page 50).
2. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
3. To go forward, slowly push the motion-control levers forward ([Figure 18](#)).

Note: The engine shuts off if the traction control levers are moved with the parking brake engaged.

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both motion-control levers ([Figure 18](#)).

To turn, move the motion-control lever toward neutral in the direction you want to turn ([Figure 18](#)).

The farther you move the traction control levers in either direction, the faster the machine moves in that direction.

To stop, pull the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL position.

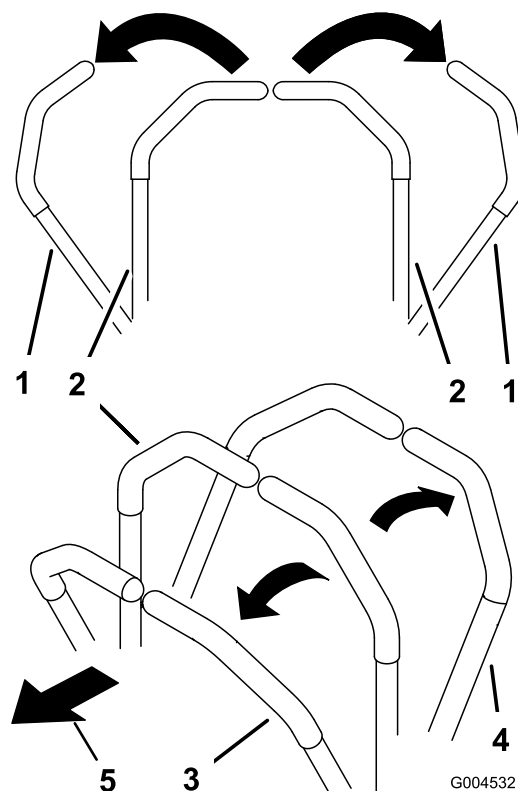


Figure 18

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| 1. The motion-control lever in the NEUTRAL-LOCK position. | 4. Backward |
| 2. Center unlock position | 5. Front of the machine |
| 3. Forward | |

Driving Backward

1. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. To go backward, slowly pull the motion-control levers rearward ([Figure 18](#)).

To go straight, apply equal pressure to both motion-control levers ([Figure 18](#)).

To turn, release pressure on the motion-control lever toward the direction you want to turn ([Figure 18](#)).

To stop, push the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL position.

Stopping the Machine

To stop the machine, move the traction control levers to the NEUTRAL position and then to the LOCKED position, disengage the power takeoff (PTO), and turn the ignition key to the OFF position.

Set the parking brake when you leave the machine; refer to [Adjusting the Parking Brake \(page 50\)](#). Remove the key from the ignition switch.

⚠ CAUTION

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

Always remove the ignition key and set the parking brake when leaving the machine unattended, even if just for a few minutes.

Adjusting the Height of Cut

Adjust the height of cut from 38 to 127 mm (1-1/2 to 5 inches) in 6 mm (1/4 inch) increments by moving the pin into different hole locations.

1. Raise the height-of-cut lever to the 'TRANSPORT' position (also the 127 mm (5 inch) cutting-height position) ([Figure 19](#)).
2. To adjust, remove the pin from the height-of-cut bracket ([Figure 19](#)).
3. Select a hole in the height-of-cut bracket corresponding to the height of cut desired and, insert the pin ([Figure 19](#)).
4. Move the lever to the selected height.

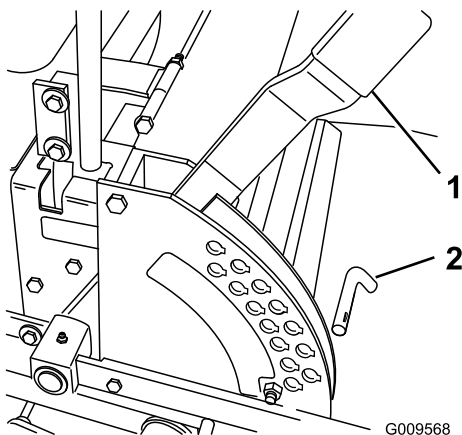


Figure 19

1. Height-of-cut lever
2. Pin

Adjusting the Anti-Scalp Rollers

Whenever you change the height of cut, it is recommended to adjust the height of the anti-scalp rollers.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. After adjusting the height of cut, adjust the rollers by removing the flange nut, bushing, spacer, and bolt ([Figure 20](#), [Figure 21](#), and [Figure 22](#)).

Note: The 2 middle rollers do not have a spacer ([Figure 21](#)).

4. Select a hole so that the anti-scalp roller is positioned to the nearest corresponding height of cut desired.
5. Install the flange nut, bushing, spacer, and bolt. Torque the bolt to 54 to 61 N·m (40 to 45 ft·lb) ([Figure 20](#), [Figure 21](#), and [Figure 22](#)).
6. Repeat this adjustment on the other anti-scalp rollers.

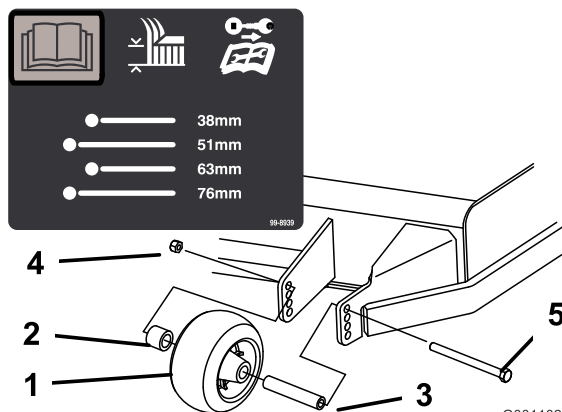


Figure 20

1. Anti-scalp roller
2. Spacer
3. Bushing
4. Flange nut
5. Bolt

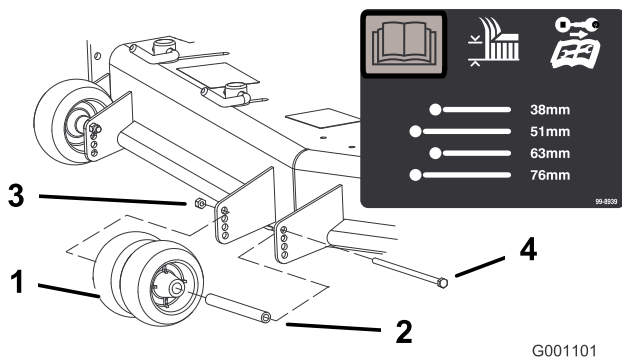


Figure 21

1. Anti-scalp roller
2. Bushing
3. Flange nut
4. Bolt

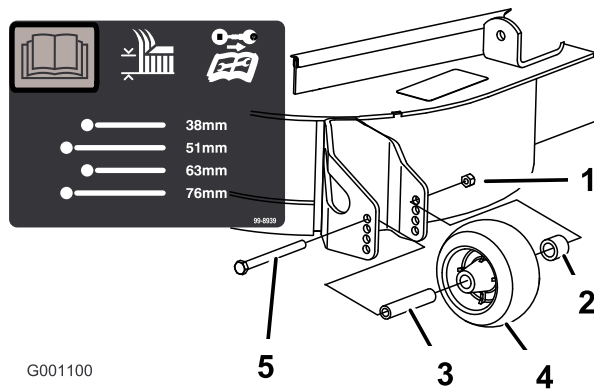


Figure 22

1. Flange nut
2. Spacer
3. Bushing
4. Anti-scalp roller
5. Bolt

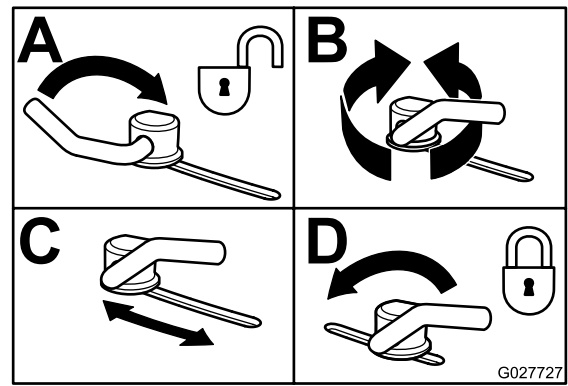


Figure 23

Positioning the Flow Baffle

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

Note: If the engine power draws down and the mower ground speed is the same, open up the baffle.

Position A

This is the full rear position. Use this position for the following:

- Short, light grass mowing conditions.
- Dry conditions.
- Smaller grass clippings.
- Propelling grass clippings farther away from the mower.

Adjusting the Flow Baffle

You can adjust the mower discharge flow for different types of mowing conditions. Position the cam locks and baffle to give the best quality of cut.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. To adjust the cam locks, swing the lever up to loosen the cam lock (Figure 23).
4. Adjust the baffle and cam locks in the slots to the desired discharge flow.
5. Swing the lever back over to tighten the baffle and cam locks (Figure 23).
6. If the cam locks do not lock the baffle into place or it is too tight, loosen the lever and then rotate the cam lock. Adjust the cam lock until you achieve the desired locking pressure.

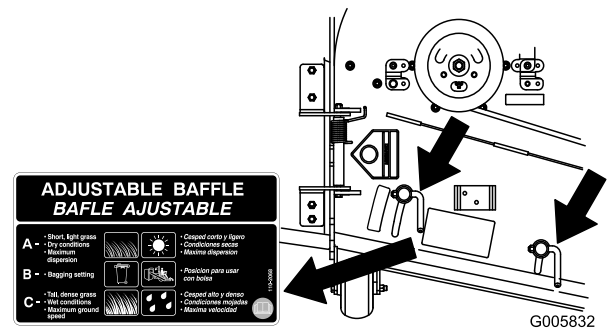


Figure 24

Position B

Use this position when bagging. Always align it with the blower opening.

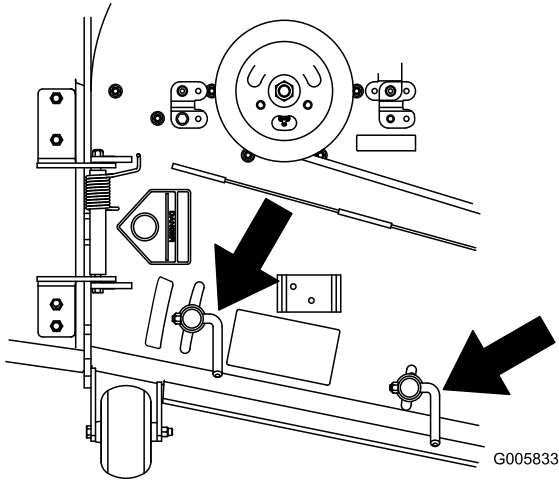


Figure 25

Using the Lift-Assist Lever

The lift assist lever is used along with the height-of-cut lever for raising the mower deck. This allows for easier raising of the mower deck.

1. Place your foot onto lift-assist lever.
2. Press on the lift-assist lever while pulling up on the height-of-cut lever (Figure 27).

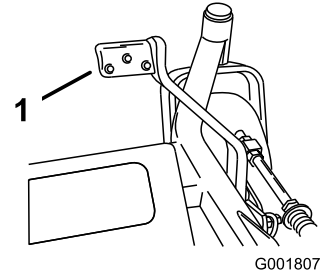


Figure 27

1. Lift-assist lever

Position C

This is the full open position. Use this position for the following:

- Tall, dense grass mowing conditions.
- Wet conditions.
- Lowering the engine power consumption.
- Increased ground speed in heavy conditions.

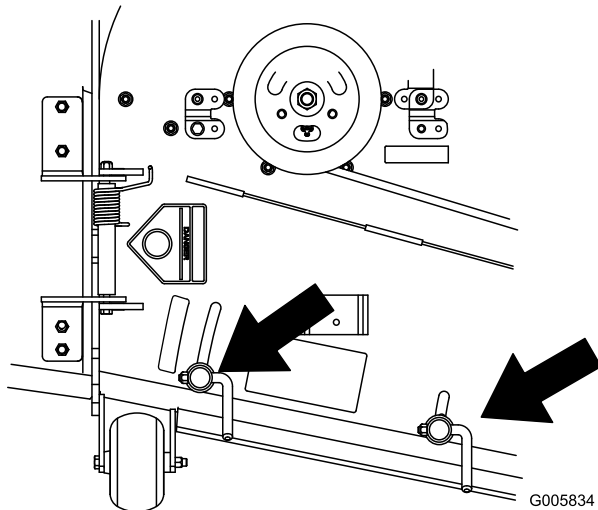


Figure 26

Positioning the Seat

The seat can move forward and backward. Position the seat where you have the best control of the machine and are most comfortable.

To adjust the seat, move the lever sideways to unlock the seat (Figure 28).

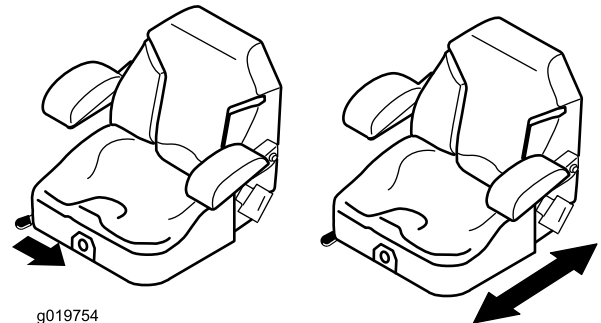


Figure 28

Changing the Seat Suspension

The seat is adjustable to provide a smooth and comfortable ride. Move the seat to the position where you are most comfortable.

To adjust the seat, turn the seat-suspension knob either direction to provide the best comfort (Figure 29).

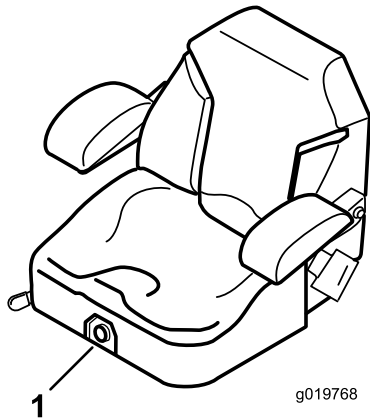


Figure 29

1. Seat-suspension knob

Unlatching the Seat

1. Move the seat to the most rearward position. This prevents interference when you raise the seat.
2. Push the seat latch rearward to unlatch the seat.
3. Raise the seat up. This allows access to the machine under the seat (Figure 30).

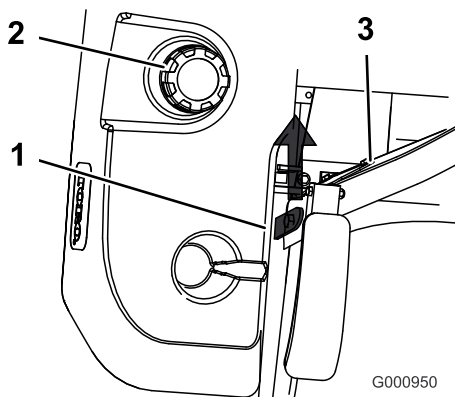


Figure 30

1. Seat latch
2. Fuel cap
3. Seat

Pushing the Machine by Hand

Important: Always push the machine by hand. Never tow the machine because hydraulic damage may occur.

Pushing the Machine

1. Disengage the power takeoff (PTO) and turn the ignition key to the OFF position. Move the levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, apply the parking brake, and remove the key.
2. Rotate the bypass valves counterclockwise 1 turn. This allows hydraulic fluid to bypass the pump, enabling the wheels to turn (Figure 31).

Important: Do not rotate the bypass valves more than 1 turn. This prevents the valves from coming out and causing fluid to run out.

3. Disengage the parking brake before pushing the machine.

Changing to Machine Operation

Rotate the bypass valves clockwise 1 turn to operate machine (Figure 31).

Note: Do not over tighten the bypass valves.

The machine does not drive unless the bypass valves are turned in.

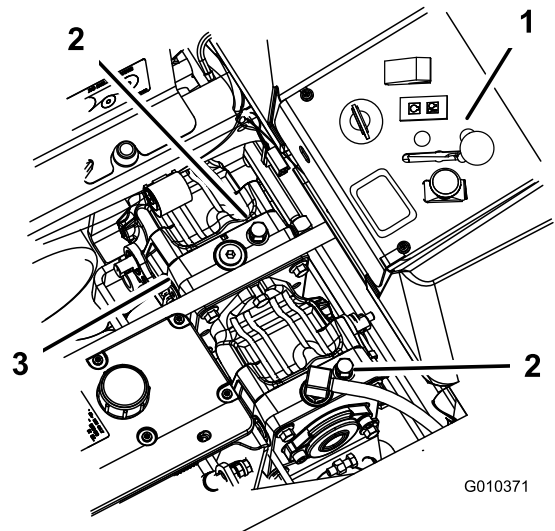


Figure 31

1. Side console controls
2. Bypass valve
3. Hydraulic pumps

Using the Side Discharge

The mower has a hinged grass deflector that disperses clippings to the side and down toward the turf.

⚠ DANGER

Without the grass deflector, discharge cover, or complete grass catcher assembly mounted in place, you and others are exposed to blade contact and thrown debris. Contact with rotating mower blade(s) and thrown debris may cause injury or death.

- Never remove the grass deflector from the mower because the grass deflector routes material down toward the turf. If the grass deflector is ever damaged, replace it immediately.
- Never put your hands or feet under the mower.
- Never try to clear the discharge area or mower blades unless you move the power takeoff (PTO) to the OFF position, rotate the ignition key to off and remove the key.
- Make sure that the grass deflector is in the down position.

Operating with the Overheat Sensor

This machine has a sensor that turns OFF the mower deck when the engine overheats. When the engine overheats, the audible alarm and light alarm turns ON along with the mower deck turning OFF.

If the mower deck turns OFF automatically because of overheating, drive the machine to a safe area and to a truck or trailer.

If the machine overheats, ensure that the area around the engine and radiator is clear of any debris. Turn the engine off and allow it to cool down before you engage the mower deck. If the engine continues to overheat, take your machine to an Authorized Service Dealer.

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.

To transport the machine:

- Lock the brake and block the wheels.
- Securely fasten the machine to the trailer or truck with straps, chains, cable, or ropes.
- Secure a trailer to the towing vehicle with safety chains.

⚠ 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.

Loading the Machine

Use extreme caution when loading or the unloading machine onto a trailer or a truck. Use a full-width ramp that is wider than the machine for this procedure. Back the machine up the ramps and drive it forward down the ramps (Figure 32).

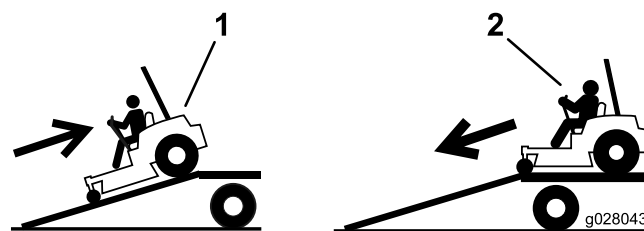


Figure 32

1. Back the machine up the ramp.
2. Drive the machine forward down the ramp.

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

Ensure that the ramp is long enough so that the angle with the ground does not exceed 15 degrees (Figure 33). On flat ground, this requires a ramp to be at least 4 times 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 machine moves from the ramp to the trailer or truck. Steeper angles may also cause the machine to tip or lose control. If you are loading the machine 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 minimizes 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.
- Ensure that the ROPS is in the up position and use the seat belt when loading or unloading the machine. Ensure that the ROPS clears the top of an enclosed trailer.
- 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 that the length of ramp is at least 4 times as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground. This ensures 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.

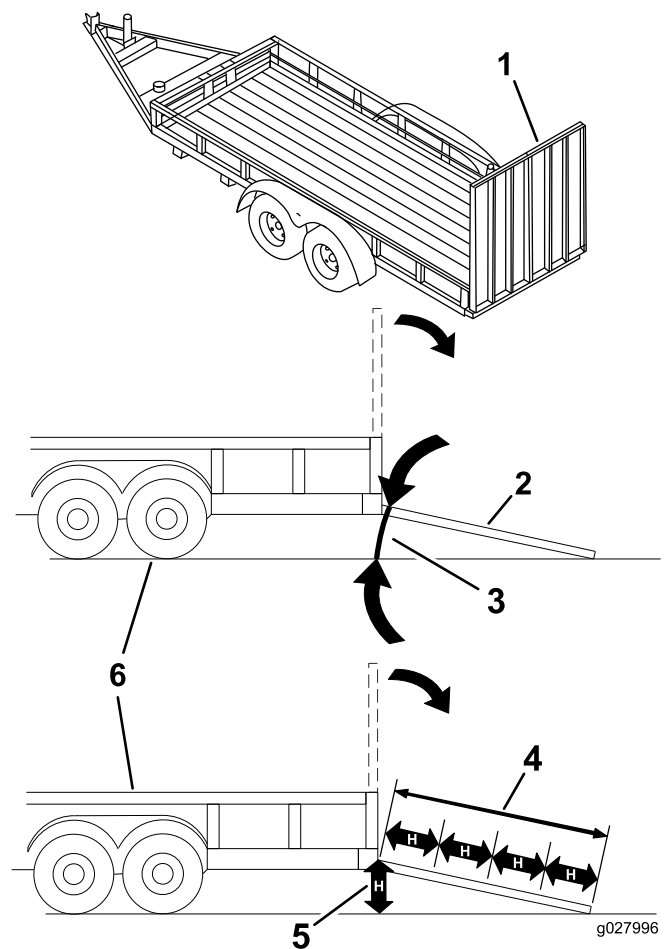


Figure 33

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

Using the Z Stand™

The Z Stand™ raises the front end of the machine to allow you to clean the mower and remove the blades.

⚠ WARNING

The machine could fall onto someone and cause serious injury or death.

- Use extreme caution when operating the machine on the Z Stand™.
- Use only for cleaning the mower and removing the blades.
- Do not keep the machine on the Z Stand™ for extended periods of time.
- Always turn the engine off, set the parking brake, and remove the key before performing any maintenance to the mower.

Driving up onto the Z Stand™

Important: Use the Z Stand™ on a level surface.

1. Raise the mower to the TRANSPORT position.
2. Remove the bracket pin (Figure 34).

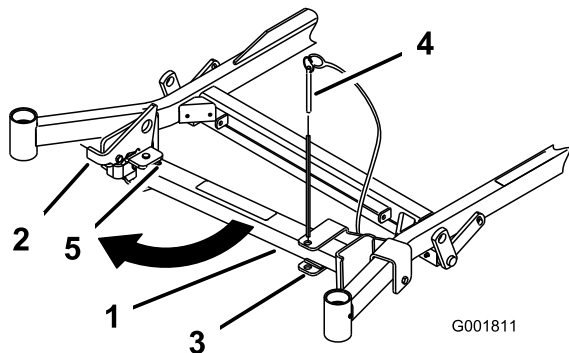


Figure 34

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| 1. Z Stand™ | 4. Bracket pin |
| 2. Latch | 5. Bottom of slot |
| 3. Bracket | |

3. Raise the latch. Swing the stand foot out front and slide stand toward machine, into the bottom of slot (Figure 34 and Figure 35).
4. Lengthen the Z Stand™ by removing the clevis pin and hairpin cotter from the outer tube and sliding the foot out.
5. Align the holes and install the clevis pin and hairpin cotter pin.

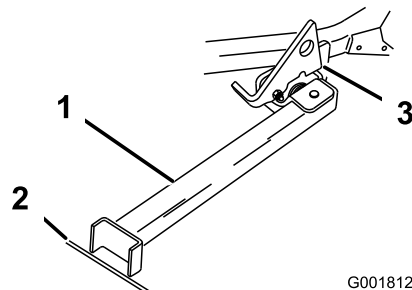


Figure 35

1. Z Stand™ (Positioned in slot)
 2. Crack in side walk or turf
 3. Latch resting on pivot tab slot
 6. Set the foot of stand on the ground and rest the latch on the pivot tab (Figure 35).
 7. Start the engine and put it at half throttle.
- Note:** For best results, place the foot of stand into seams in sidewalks or into the turf (Figure 35).
8. Drive onto the stand. Stop when the latch drops over the tab into the LOCKED position (Figure 35). Once onto the stand, engage the parking brake and shut off the engine.
 9. Chock or block the drive wheels.

⚠ WARNING

The parking brake may not hold the machine that is parked on the Z Stand™ and could cause personal injury or property damage.

Do not park on the Z Stand™ unless wheels are chocked or blocked.

10. Perform the maintenance on the machine.

Driving off the Z Stand™

1. Remove the chocks or blocks.
2. Raise the latch to the UNLOCKED position (Figure 36).

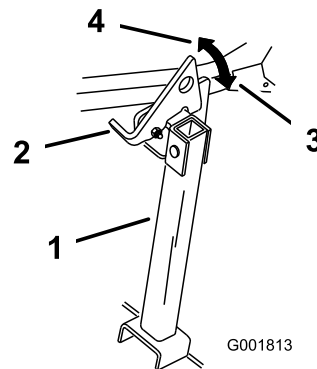


Figure 36

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| 1. Z Stand™ | 3. LOCKED position |
| 2. Latch | 4. UNLOCKED position |

3. Start the engine and place it at half throttle. Disengage the parking brake.
4. Slowly drive backward off the stand.
5. Shorten the Z Stand™ by removing the clevis pin and hairpin cotter pin from the outer tube and sliding the foot in.
6. Align the holes and install the clevis pin and hairpin cotter pin.
7. Return the stand to its REST position (Figure 34).

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 in uncut grass. Always try to have 1 side of the mower free from uncut grass, which allows air to be drawn into the mower.

Cutting a Lawn for the First Time

Cut the grass slightly longer than normal to ensure that the cutting height of the mower does not scalp any uneven ground. However, the cutting height you have used in the past is generally the best to use. When cutting grass longer than 15 cm (6 inches) tall, you may want to cut the lawn twice to ensure an acceptable quality of cut.

Cutting a Third of the Grass Blade

It is best to cut only about a third 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. However, grass grows at different rates at different times. To maintain the same cutting height, which is a good practice, 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.

Adjusting the Cutting Speed

To improve cut quality, use a slower ground speed in certain conditions.

Avoiding Cutting Too Low

If the cutting width of the mower is wider than the mower that 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.

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, the cutting quality eventually becomes unsatisfactory.

Maintaining the Blade

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 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.

Maintenance

Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 8 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the engine cooling system level. • Check the hydraulic-fluid level.
After the first 25 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the hydraulic filter.
After the first 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the engine oil. • Change the engine-oil filter.
After the first 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the wheel lug nuts. • Change gearbox oil.
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the safety system. • Check the engine-oil level. • Check the engine cooling system level. • Clean the engine oil cooler. • Check the mower blades. • Clean the mower deck.
Every 25 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grease the mower deck and spindles. • Grease the mower belt idler arm. • Grease the pump belt idler arm. • Grease the PTO drive belt idler arm. • Grease the brake lever. • Check the hydraulic-fluid level.
Every 40 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drain the water separator.
Every 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the tire pressure. or monthly, whichever occurs first. • Check the PTO drive belt. • Check the pump drive belt. • Check the alternator belt.
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the engine oil. • Check the gear box oil level. • Check the engine cooling system hoses. • Inspect the belts for cracks and wear. • Check the hydraulic hoses.
Every 150 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lubricate the machine with light oil.
Every 200 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the engine-oil filter. • Grease the brake pivot.
Every 250 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check and/or replace the air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions). • Change the hydraulic filter and hydraulic oil when using Mobil® 1 oil.
Every 500 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the wheel lug nuts. • Adjust the caster-pivot bearing. • Adjust the electric clutch. • Change the hydraulic filter and hydraulic oil when using Toro® HYPR-OIL™ 500 hydraulic oil.
Yearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grease the front caster pivots (more often in dirty or dusty conditions). • Lubricate the caster-wheel hubs. • Change the gearbox oil. • Change the engine coolant.

Important: Refer to your engine owner's manual for additional maintenance procedures.

⚠ 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(s) before you perform any maintenance. Set the wire aside so that it does not accidentally contact the spark plug.

Premaintenance Procedures

Releasing the Mower-Deck Curtain

Loosen the bottom bolt of the curtain to release the mower-deck curtain and get access to the top of the mower deck (Figure 37). After performing maintenance, install the curtain and tighten the bolt.

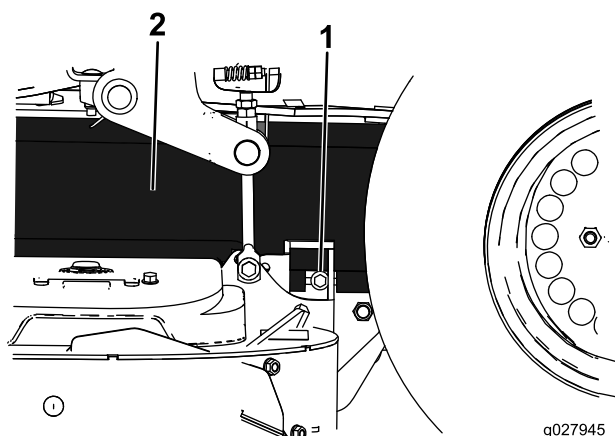


Figure 37

1. Bolt

2. Curtain

Removing the Sheet-Metal Guard

Loosen the 2 front bolts and remove the sheet-metal guard to access the mower belts and spindles (Figure 38). After performing maintenance, install the sheet-metal guard and tighten the bolts.

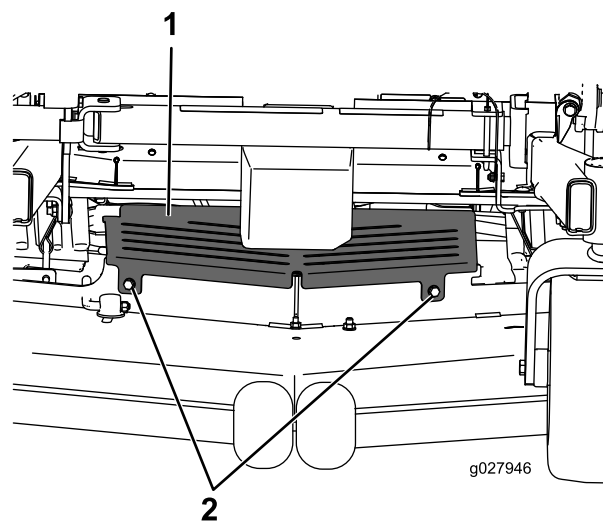


Figure 38

1. Sheet-metal guard

2. Bolt

Lubrication

Lubricate the machine when shown on the Check Service Reference Aid decal (Figure 39). Grease more frequently when operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

Grease Type: No. 2 lithium or molybdenum-base grease

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Clean the grease fittings with a rag. Make sure that you scrape any paint off the front of the fitting(s).
4. Connect a grease gun to the fitting. Pump grease into the fittings until grease begins to ooze out the bearings.
5. Wipe up any excess grease.

Greasing the Front Caster Pivots

Service Interval: Yearly

Lubricate the front caster pivots once a year.

1. Remove the dust cap and adjust the caster pivots. Keep the dust cap off until greasing is done. Refer to [Adjusting the Caster-Pivot Bearing \(page 46\)](#).
Remove the hex plug. Thread a grease fitting into the hole.
2. Pump grease into the fitting until it oozes out around the top bearing.
3. Remove the grease fitting in the hole. Install the hex plug and cap.

Remove the hex plug. Thread a grease fitting into the hole.

Adding Grease

Lubricate the grease fittings as shown on the Check Service Reference Aid decal (Figure 39).

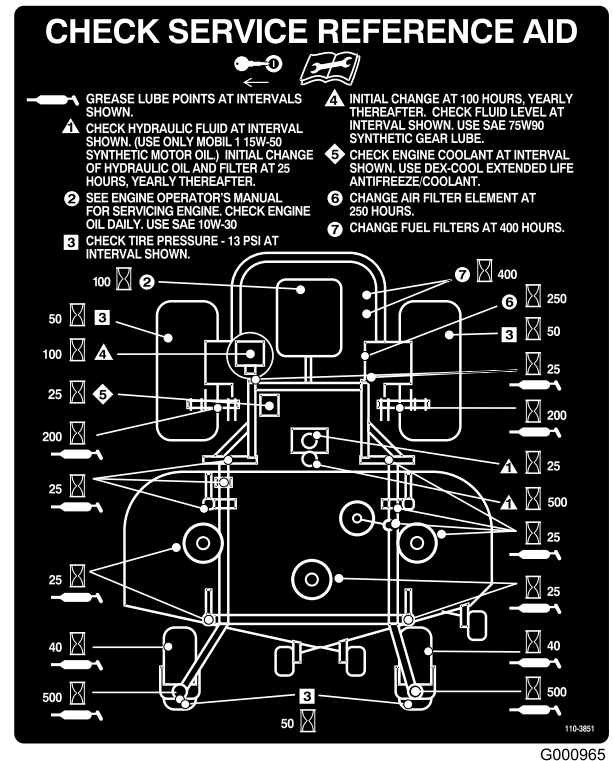


Figure 39

Adding Light Oil or Spray Lubrication

Service Interval: Every 150 hours

Lubricate the machine in the following areas with spray type lubricant or light oil.

- Seat switch actuator.
- Brake handle pivot.
- Brake rod bushings.
- Motion control bronze bushings.

Greasing the Mower Deck and Belt Idlers

Service Interval: Every 25 hours—Grease the mower deck and spindles.

Every 25 hours—Grease the mower belt idler arm.

Every 25 hours—Grease the pump belt idler arm.

Every 25 hours—Grease the PTO drive belt idler arm.

Grease with No. 2 lithium or molybdenum grease.

Important: Make sure that the cutting-unit spindles are full of grease weekly.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Loosen the bottom bolt holding the mower-deck curtain to the mower deck. Refer to (page).
4. Remove the sheet-metal guard. Refer to (page)
5. Remove the belt covers.
6. Grease the 3 spindle bearings until grease comes out the lower seals (Figure 40).
7. Grease the idler arm on the mower deck (Figure 40).
8. Grease the fittings on the push arms (Figure 40).

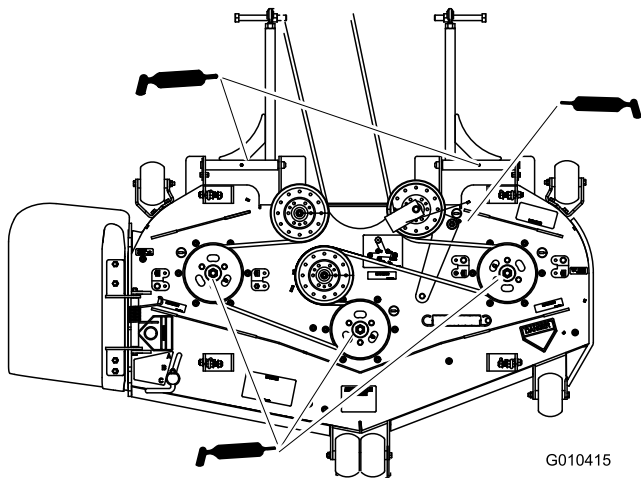


Figure 40

9. Grease the PTO drive belt idler arm (Figure 41).
10. Grease the pump belt idler arm (Figure 41).

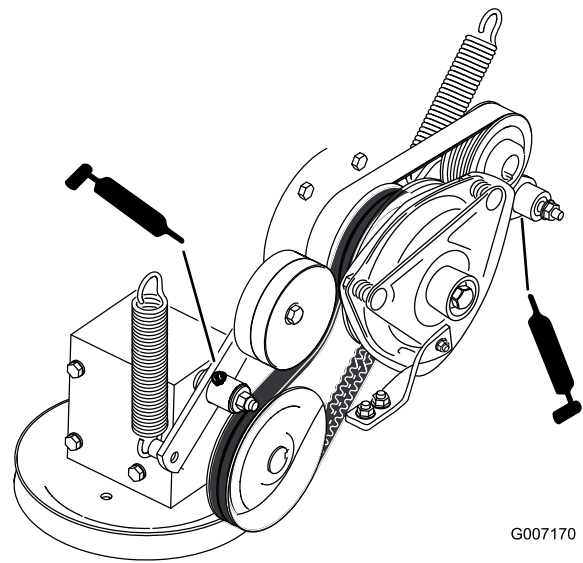


Figure 41

11. Install the belt covers.
12. Install the sheet-metal guard. Refer to (page).
13. Tighten the bolt for the mower-deck curtain. Refer to (page).

Lubricating the Caster-Wheel Hubs

Service Interval: Yearly

1. Shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key. Engage the parking brake.
2. Remove the caster wheel from the caster forks.
3. Remove the seal guards from the wheel hub (Figure 42).

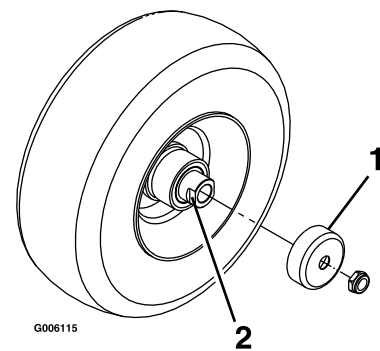


Figure 42

1. Seal guard
2. Spacer nut with wrench flats
4. Remove 1 of the spacer nuts from the axle assembly in the caster wheel. Note that thread locking adhesive has been applied to lock the spacer nuts to the axle. Remove the axle (with the other spacer nut still assembled to it) from the wheel assembly.

5. Pry out the seals, and inspect the bearings for wear or damage and replace if necessary.
6. Pack the bearings with a general-purpose grease.
7. Insert 1 bearing and 1 new seal into the wheel.

Note: You must replace the seals.

8. If the axle assembly has had both spacer nuts removed (or broken loose), apply a thread-locking adhesive to 1 spacer nut and thread it onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward. Do not thread the spacer nut all of the way onto the end of the axle. Leave approximately 3 mm (1/8 inch) from the outer surface of the spacer nut to the end of the axle inside the nut.
9. Insert the assembled nut and axle into the wheel on the side of the wheel with the new seal and bearing.
10. With the open end of the wheel facing up, fill the area inside the wheel around the axle full of grease.
11. Insert the second bearing and new seal into the wheel.
12. Apply a thread-locking adhesive to the second spacer nut and thread it onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.
13. Torque the nut to 8 to 9 N·m (75 to 80 in-lb), loosen, then torque to 2 to 3 N·m (20 to 25 in-lb). Make sure that the axle does not extend beyond either nut.
14. Install the seal guards over the wheel hub and insert the wheel into the caster fork. Install the caster bolt and tighten the nut fully.

Important: To prevent seal and bearing damage, check the bearing adjustment often. Spin the caster tire. The tire should not spin freely (more than 1 or 2 revolutions) or have any side play. If the wheel spins freely, adjust the torque on the spacer nut until there is a slight amount of drag. Apply thread-locking adhesive.

Engine Maintenance

Servicing the Air Cleaner

Note: Check the filters more frequently if operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

Removing the Air Filter

Service Interval: Every 250 hours

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Release the latches on the air cleaner and pull the air-cleaner cover off the air-cleaner body (Figure 43).
4. Clean the inside of the air-cleaner cover with compressed air.
5. Gently slide the filter out of the air-cleaner body (Figure 43). Avoid knocking the filter into the side of the body.
6. Inspect the filter for damage by looking into the filter while shining a bright light on the outside of the filter. Holes in the filter appear as bright spots. If the filter is damaged, discard it.

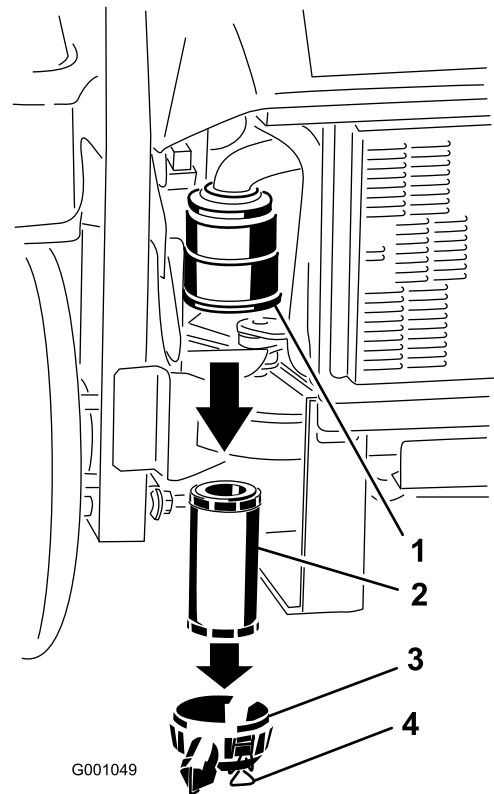


Figure 43

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| 1. Air-filter body | 3. Air-cleaner cover |
| 2. Air filter | 4. Latches |

Installing the Air Filter

1. If you are installing a new filter, check the filter for shipping damage. Do not use a damaged filter.
2. Carefully slide the filter into the filter body (Figure 44). Ensure that it is fully seated by pushing on the outer rim of the filter while installing it.

Important: Do not press on the soft inside area of the filter.

3. Install the air-cleaner cover and secure the latches (Figure 44).

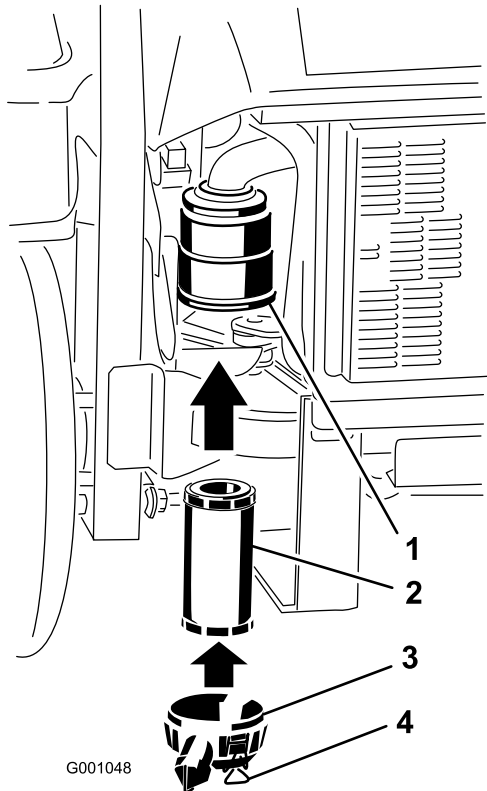


Figure 44

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| 1. Air-filter body | 3. Air-cleaner cover |
| 2. Air filter | 4. Latches |

Servicing the Engine Oil

Oil Type: High-quality detergent oil classified API Service CD or higher for diesel engines. Do not use special additives with recommended oils.

Crankcase Capacity: 3.7 L (3.9 US qt)

Viscosity: See the table below

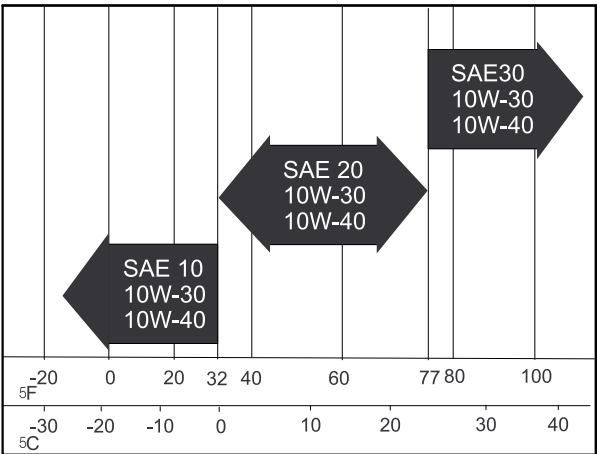


Figure 45

Preparing to Service the Engine Oil

Important: The fasteners for the front engine panel are designed to remain on the machine after cover removal. Loosen all of the fasteners a few turns so that the panel is loose but still attached, then go back and loosen them until the panel comes free. This prevents you from accidentally stripping the bolts free of the retainers.

Tilt the seat forward, loosen the bolts, and remove the front engine panel (Figure 46).

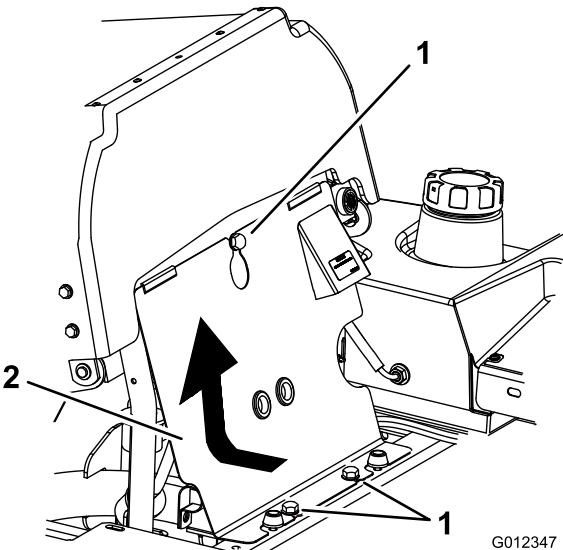


Figure 46

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| 1. Bolt | 2. Front engine panel |
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Note: After servicing the engine oil, install the engine panel and tilt the seat into its upright position.

Checking the Engine-Oil Level

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

Note: Check the oil when the engine is cold.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Check the engine-oil level (Figure 47).

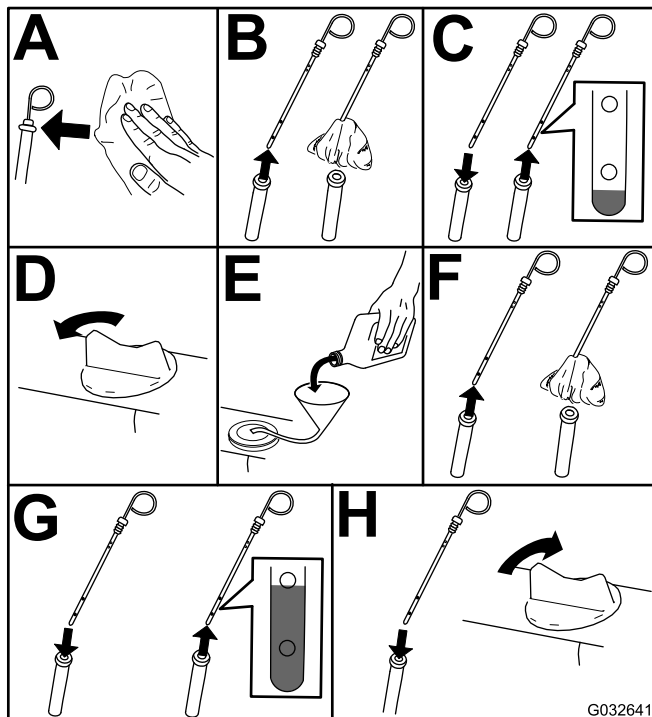
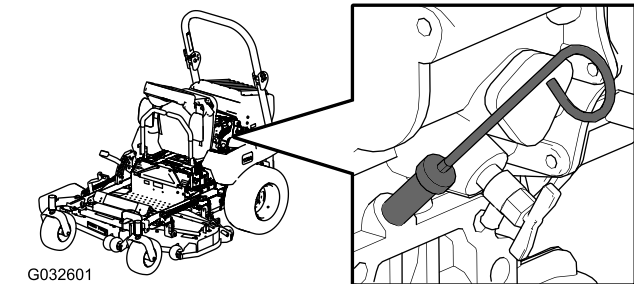


Figure 47

Important: Add the oil very slowly and do not block the opening of the filler hole (Figure 48). If you add oil too fast or block the hole, the oil could back up and foul the air intakes, causing engine damage.

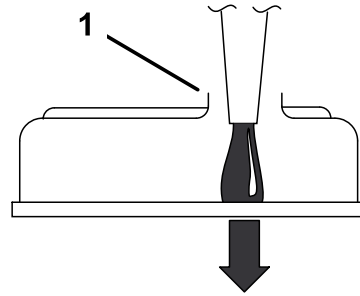


Figure 48

1. Note the clearance left in the filler opening.

4. Start the engine, run it at idle for 5 minutes, shut off the engine, wait for 3 minutes, and then check the engine-oil level. If needed, add oil up to the FULL mark on the dipstick.

Important: Be sure to keep the engine-oil level between the upper and lower limits on the oil gauge. Engine failure may occur as a result of over filling or under-filling the engine oil.

Draining the Engine Oil

Service Interval: After the first 50 hours

Every 100 hours

1. Start the engine and let it run for 5 minutes.
Note: This warms the oil so it drains better.
2. Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.

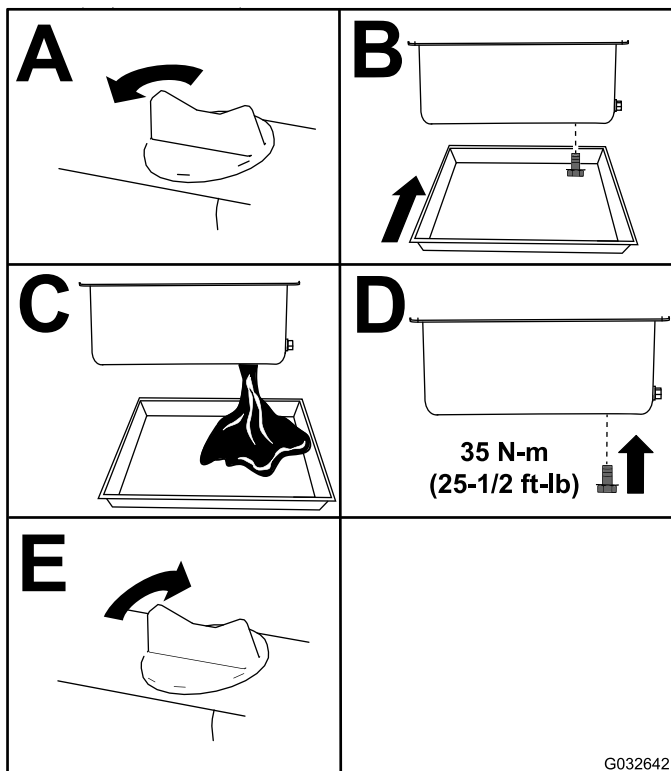
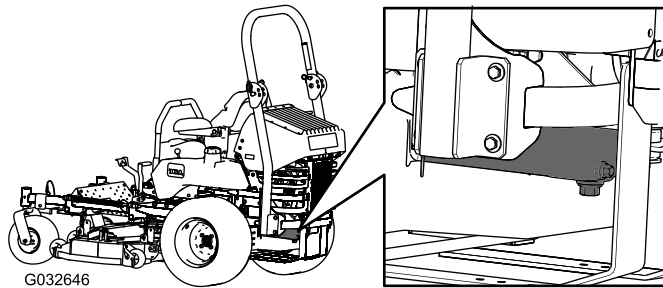


Figure 49

Changing the Engine-Oil Filter

Service Interval: After the first 50 hours

Every 200 hours

1. Drain the oil from the engine; refer to [Draining the Engine Oil](#) (page 40).
2. Change the engine-oil filter ([Figure 50](#)).

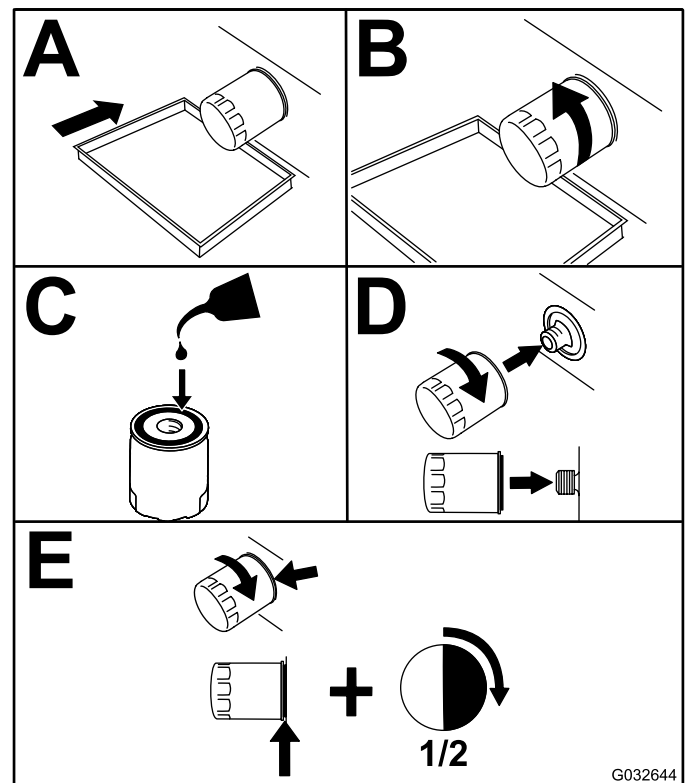
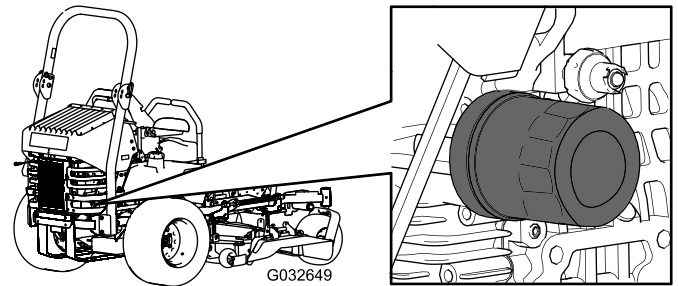


Figure 50

3. Add oil; refer to [Checking the Engine-Oil Level](#) (page 39).

Note: Dispose of the used oil at a recycling center.

Fuel System Maintenance

Servicing the Fuel Filter

Draining the Water Separator

Service Interval: Every 40 hours

1. Position the machine on a level surface.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Locate the water separator at the back left of the machine.
5. Place a drain pan below the water separator.
6. Open the drain valve on the water separator approximately 1 turn to allow water and other contaminants to drain (Figure 51).
7. Close the drain valve when only diesel fuel comes out (Figure 51).

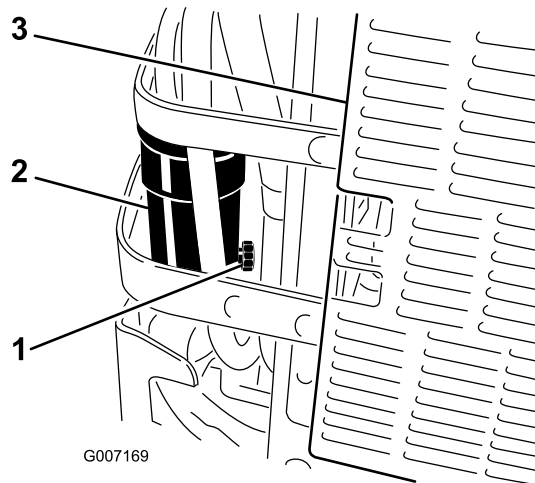


Figure 51

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| 1. Drain valve | 3. Back of the machine |
| 2. Water separator | |

Changing the Fuel Filter

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

1. Allow the machine to cool down.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Close the fuel shut-off valve (Figure 52).
5. Loosen the 2 hose clamps and disconnect the fuel lines from the fuel filter (Figure 52).
6. Install a new filter. Connect the fuel lines to the fuel filter and install the hose clamps (Figure 52).
7. Open the fuel-shutoff valve.
8. Start the engine and check for leaks.

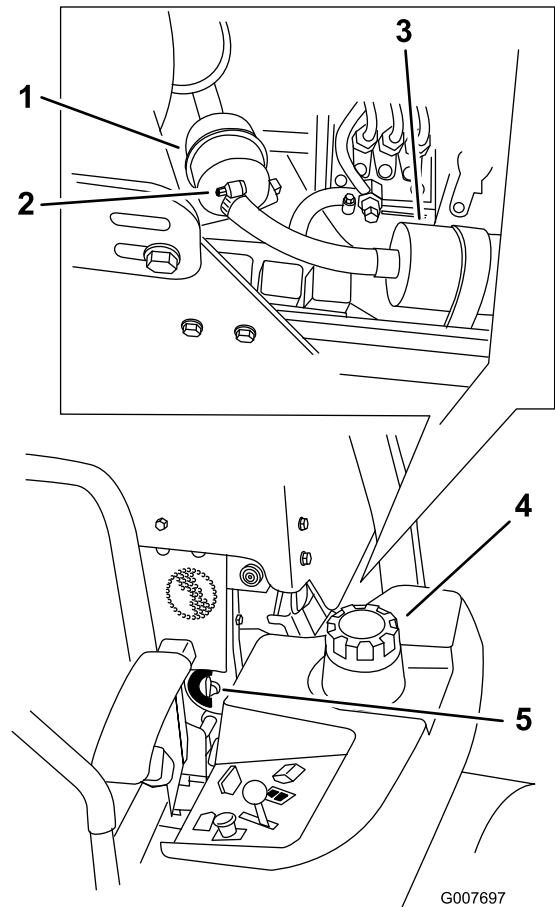


Figure 52

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| 1. Fuel filter | 4. Left side of the machine |
| 2. Hose clamp | 5. Fuel-shutoff valve |
| 3. Fuel pump | |

Servicing the Fuel Tank

Do not attempt to drain the fuel tank because fuel line components require special tools to install them. Ensure that an Authorized Service Dealer drains the fuel tank and services any components of the fuel system.

Electrical System Maintenance

Servicing the Battery

WARNING

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Proposition 65 Warning

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.

⚠ DANGER

Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid, which is a deadly poison and causes severe burns.

Do not drink electrolyte and avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear safety glasses to shield your eyes and rubber gloves to protect your hands.

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.

⚠ 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.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Unlatch the seat and tilt the seat up.
4. Remove the battery as shown in [Figure 53](#).

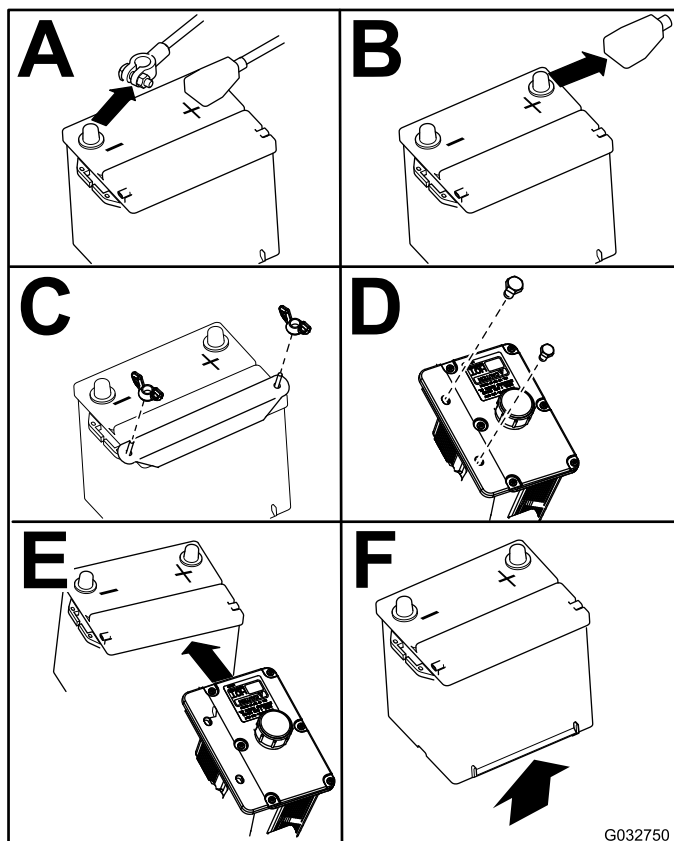


Figure 53

Installing the Battery

Note: Position the battery in the tray with the terminal posts opposite from the hydraulic tank.

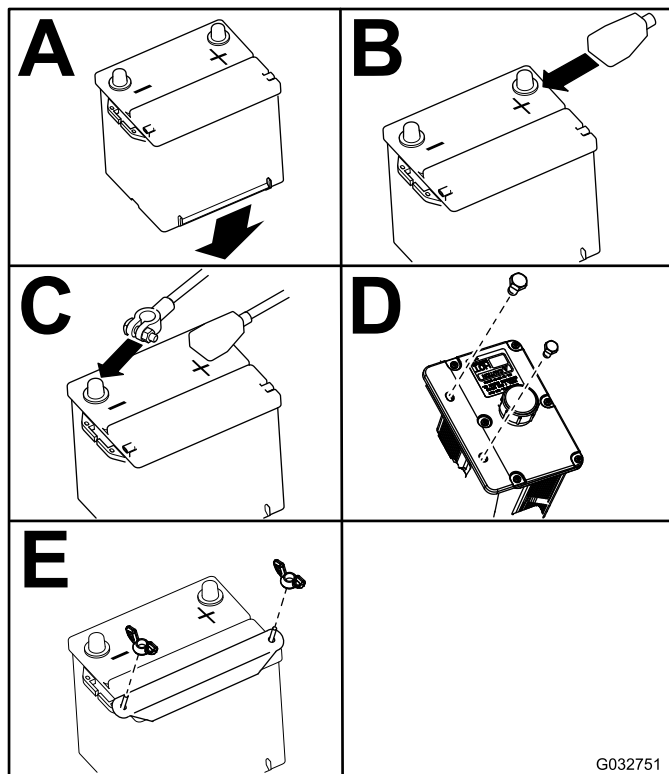


Figure 54

Charging the Battery

⚠ WARNING

Charging the battery produces gasses that can explode.

Never smoke near the battery and keep sparks and flames away from battery.

Important: Always keep the battery fully charged (1.265 specific gravity). This is especially important to prevent battery damage when the temperature is below 0°C (32°F).

1. Make sure that the filler caps are installed in the battery. Charge the battery for 10 to 15 minutes at 25 to 30 A or 30 minutes at 10 A.
2. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the charger from the electrical outlet, then disconnect the charger leads from the battery posts (Figure 55).
3. Install the battery in the machine and connect the battery cables, refer to [Installing the Battery \(page 43\)](#).

Note: Do not run the machine with the battery disconnected, electrical damage may occur.

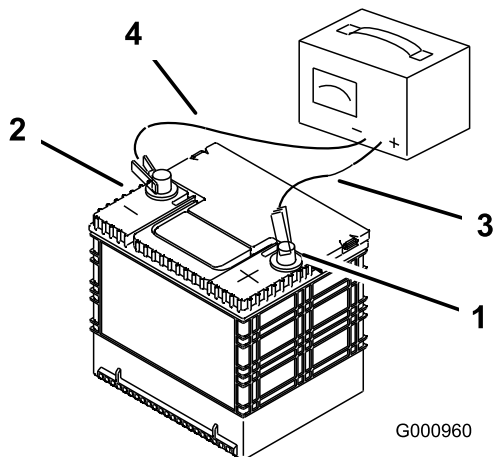


Figure 55

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

Servicing the Fuses

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

1. Unlatch the engine hood and raise the engine hood to gain access to fuse holder (Figure 56).
2. To replace the fuses, pull out on the fuse to remove it.
3. Install a new fuse (Figure 56).

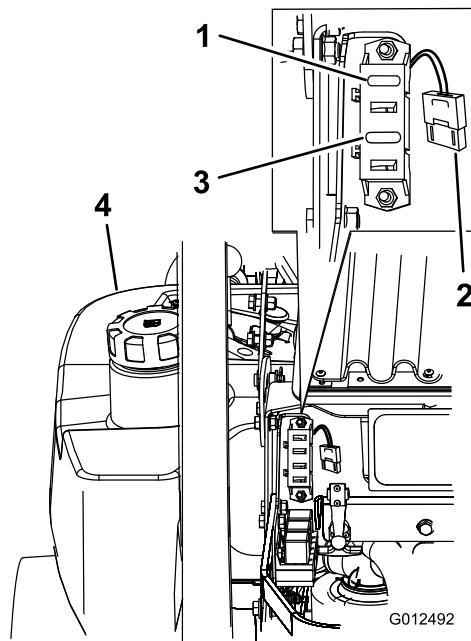


Figure 56

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| 1. Ignition—30 A (F1) | 3. Clutch—10 A (F3) |
| 2. Radiator fan—50 A (large, heavy duty fuse) | 4. Left side fuel tank |

Drive System Maintenance

Adjusting the Tracking

The machine has a knob for adjusting the tracking located under the seat.

Important: Adjust the handle neutral and hydraulic pump neutral before adjusting the tracking. Refer to [Adjusting the Control Handle Neutral Position \(page 53\)](#) and [Setting the Hydraulic Pump Neutral Position \(page 56\)](#).

1. Push both of the control levers forward in the same distance.
2. Check if the machine pulls to 1 side. If it does, stop the machine and set the parking brake.
3. Unlatch the seat and tilt the seat forward to access the tracking knob.

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

4. To make the machine go right, turn the knob toward the right side of the machine. Refer to [Figure 57](#).
5. To make the machine go left, turn the knob toward the left side of the machine. Refer to [Figure 57](#).
6. Repeat the adjustment until the tracking is correct.

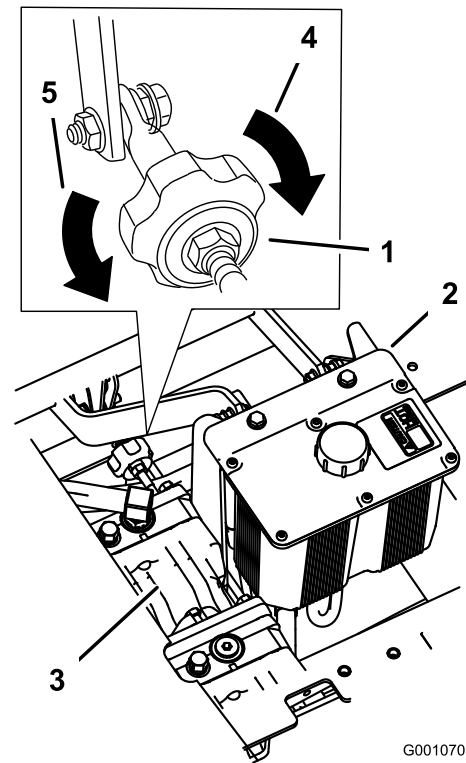


Figure 57

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| 1. Tracking knob | 4. Turn this way to track right. |
| 2. Hydraulic tank | 5. Turn this way to track left. |
| 3. Hydraulic pumps | |

Checking the Tire Pressure

Service Interval: Every 50 hours or monthly, whichever occurs first.

Check the pressure at the valve stem ([Figure 58](#)).

Maintain the air pressure in the rear tires at 90 kPa (13 psi). Uneven tire pressure can cause uneven cut. Check the tires when they are cold to get the most accurate pressure reading.

Note: The front tires are semi-pneumatic tires and do not require air-pressure maintenance.

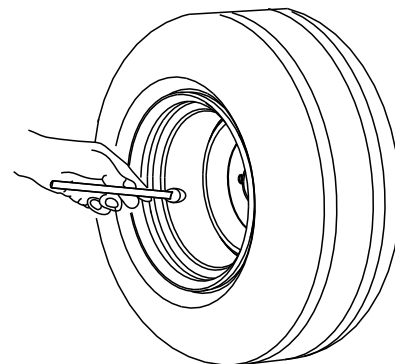


Figure 58

Checking the Wheel Lug Nuts

Service Interval: After the first 100 hours

Every 500 hours

Check and torque the wheel lug nuts to 286 to 352 N·m (211 to 260 ft-lb).

Note: Do not use anti-seize compound on the wheel hub.

Adjusting the Caster-Pivot Bearing

Service Interval: Every 500 hours

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the dust cap from the caster and tighten the locknut (Figure 59).
4. Tighten the locknut until the spring washers are flat, then back off a 1/4 turn to properly set the pre-load on the bearings (Figure 59).

Important: Make sure that the spring washers are installed correctly as shown in Figure 59.

5. Install the dust cap (Figure 59).

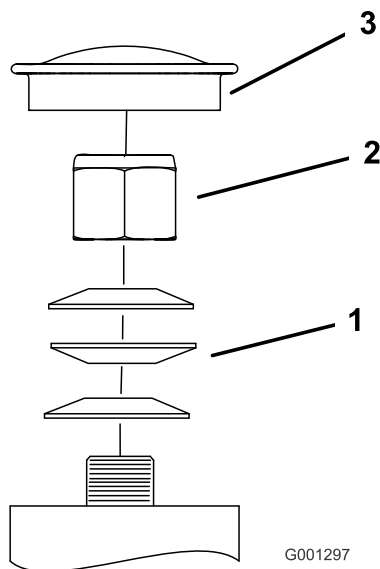


Figure 59

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| 1. Spring washers | 3. Dust cap |
| 2. Locknut | |

Servicing the Gearbox

Checking the Gearbox-Oil Level

Service Interval: Every 100 hours

Use SAE 75W-90 synthetic gear lube.

1. Park the machine on a level surface.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Remove the side or rear plug on the gearbox. (Figure 60).
5. The oil should be up to the opening of the gearbox.
6. Add oil if needed to bring it to the correct level.

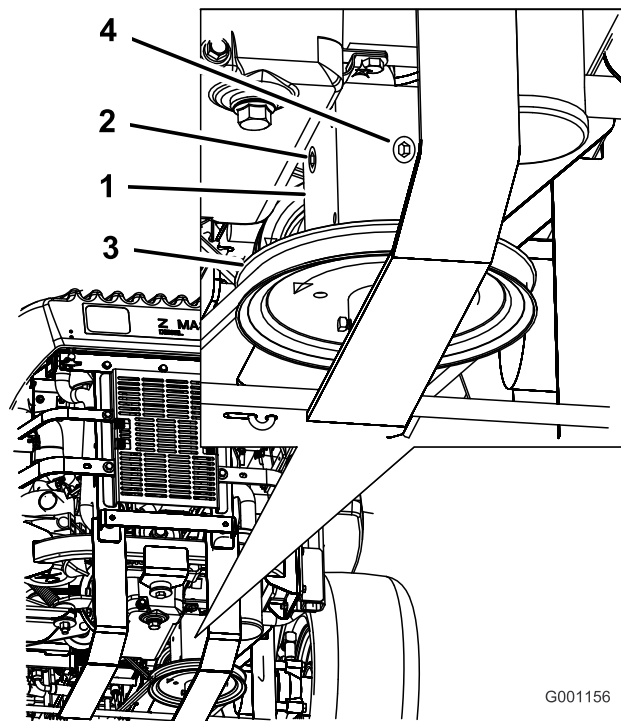


Figure 60

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| 1. Gearbox | 3. Rear plug |
| 2. Side plug | 4. Pulley |

Changing the Gearbox Oil

Service Interval: After the first 100 hours

Yearly

Contact an Authorized Service Dealer to change the gearbox oil.

Adjusting the Electric Clutch

Service Interval: Every 500 hours

The clutch is adjustable to ensure proper engagement and proper braking.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Tilt the seat forward, loosen the bolts, and remove the front engine panel.
4. Pull up on the spring loaded idler pulley for the PTO-drive belt and remove the belt from the clutch pulley ([Figure 61](#)).

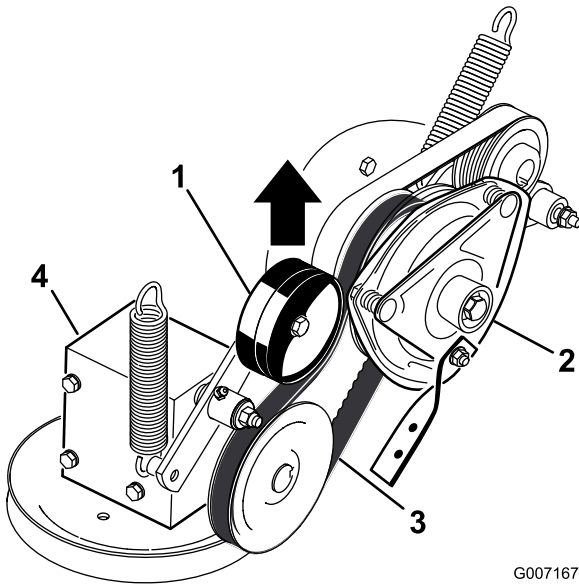


Figure 61

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| 1. Spring-loaded idler pulley | 3. PTO-drive belt |
| 2. Clutch | 4. Gearbox |

5. Unplug the electric connection for the clutch ([Figure 62](#)).

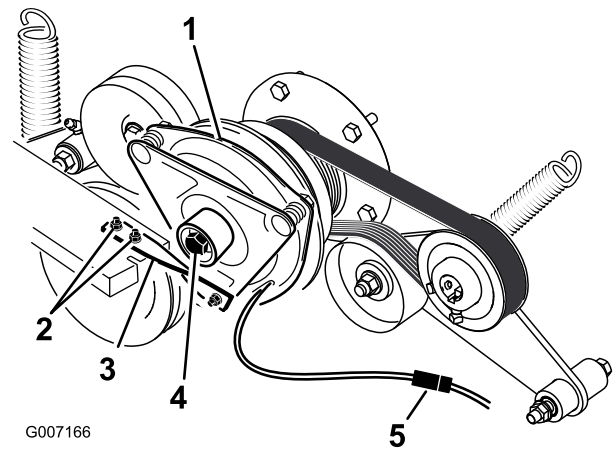


Figure 62

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| 1. Clutch | 4. Clutch center bolt |
| 2. Bolts (2) and nuts for the clutch strap | 5. Electrical connection |
| 3. Rubber clutch strap | |

6. Remove the bolts holding the rubber clutch strap to the mower frame ([Figure 62](#)).
7. Remove the center bolt holding the clutch to the engine shaft and remove the clutch and key ([Figure 62](#)).
8. Insert a 0.381 to 0.533 mm (0.015 to 0.021 inch) feeler gauge through an inspection slot in the side of the assembly. Make sure that the feeler gauge is between the armature and the rotor friction surfaces ([Figure 63](#)).

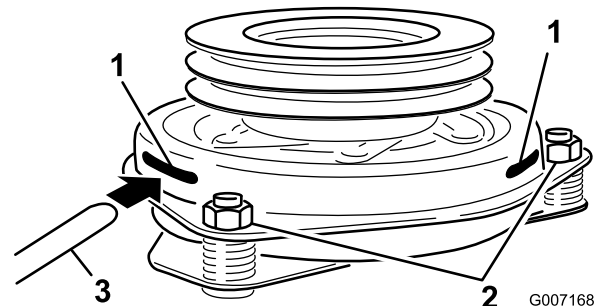


Figure 63

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| 1. Slot | 3. Feeler gauge |
| 2. Adjusting nut | |

9. Tighten the locknuts until there is slight binding on the feeler gauge but it can be moved easily within the air gap ([Figure 63](#)).
10. Repeat this for the remaining slots.
11. Check each slot again and make slight adjustments until the feeler gauge between the rotor and armature has very slight contact between them.
12. Install the clutch to the engine shaft with the key.
13. Apply thread-locking adhesive to the center bolt.
14. While holding the crank shaft at the back of the machine, install the center bolt and torque it to 68 N·m (50 ft-lb) ([Figure 62](#)).

15. Install the rubber clutch strap to the mower frame with the 2 bolts and nuts previously removed (Figure 62).
16. Pull up on the spring loaded idler for the PTO drive belt and install it onto the clutch pulley (Figure 61).
17. Plug in the electric connection for the clutch (Figure 62).
18. Install the front engine panel.
19. Lower the seat.

Cooling System Maintenance

Servicing the Cooling System

⚠ DANGER

Discharge of hot pressurized coolant or touching a hot radiator and surrounding parts can cause severe burns.

- Do not remove the radiator cap when the engine is hot. Always allow the engine to cool at least 15 minutes or until the radiator cap is cool enough to touch without burning your hand before removing the radiator cap.
- Do not touch the radiator and surrounding parts that are hot.

⚠ WARNING

A rotating shaft and fan can cause personal injury.

- Do not operate the machine without the covers in place.
- Keep your fingers, hands, and clothing clear of the rotating fan and drive shaft.
- Shut off the engine and remove the ignition key before performing maintenance.

⚠ CAUTION

Swallowing engine coolant can cause poisoning.

- Do not swallow engine coolant.
- Keep out of reach from children and pets.

Checking the Engine Coolant Level

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

After the first 8 hours

Every 100 hours

Fluid Type: 50/50 mix of extended life antifreeze and water

Cooling System Capacity: 4.6 L (156 oz)

Note: Do not open the radiator cap. Doing this may induce air into the cooling system.

1. Position the machine on a level surface, shut off the engine, and set the parking brake.
2. Unlatch the seat and tilt the seat up.
3. With the engine cool, check the overflow bottle level. The fluid needs to be up to the bump on the outside of the overflow bottle (Figure 64).

4. If the coolant level is low, add a 50/50 mix of extended life antifreeze and water to the overflow bottle (Figure 64).
5. Add the 50/50 coolant mix to the overflow bottle and fill it to the indicator line on the bottle (Figure 64).

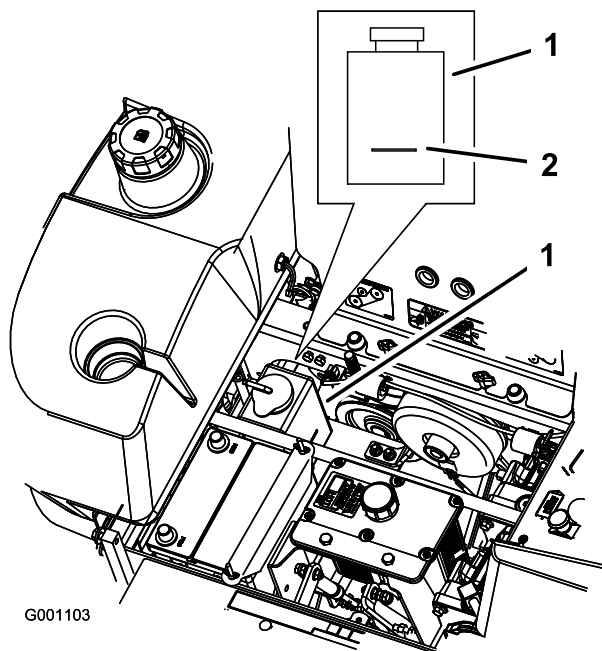


Figure 64

1. Antifreeze overflow bottle
2. Indicator line on side of overflow bottle

Cleaning the Engine Oil Cooler and Radiator Screen

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

Before each use, check and clean the radiator screen and oil cooler. Remove any buildup of grass, dirt or other debris from the oil cooler and radiator screen with compressed air (Figure 65).

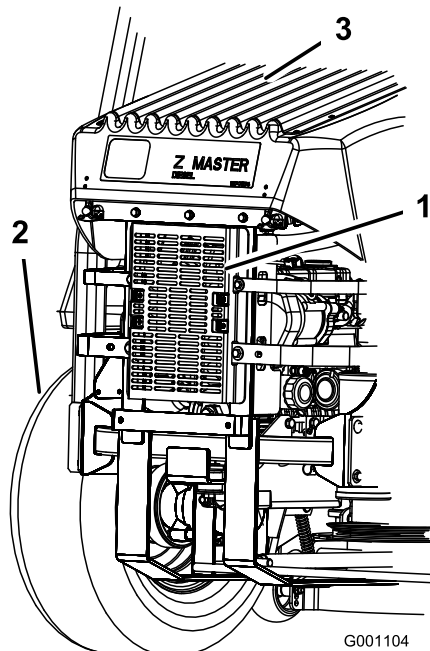


Figure 65

1. Hydraulic-fluid cooler
2. Left, rear tire
3. Radiator screen

Changing the Engine Coolant

Service Interval: Yearly

Have an Authorized Service Dealer change the engine coolant every year.

Brake Maintenance

Adjusting the Parking Brake

Service Interval: Every 25 hours

Every 200 hours

1. Engage the parking brake.
2. Measure the length of the spring. Measurement should be 64 mm (2-1/2 inches) between the washers (Figure 66).
3. If adjustment is necessary, release the parking brake, loosen the jam nut below the spring, and adjust the nut directly below the spring (Figure 66).

Turn the nut until you obtain the correct measurement. Turn the nut clockwise to shorten the spring length and turn it counter-clockwise to lengthen the spring.

4. Tighten the nuts together.
5. Engage the parking brake. Check the measurement of the spring again.
6. If adjustment is necessary, repeat the procedures above.
7. Repeat on the opposite side of machine.

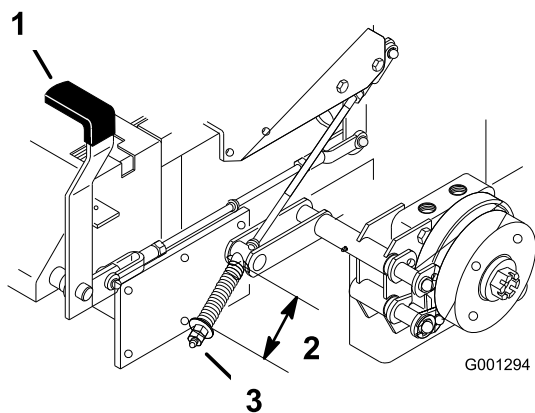


Figure 66

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| 1. Brake lever in the ENGAGED position | 3. Adjusting nut and jam nut |
| 2. Spring 64 mm (2-1/2 inches) | |

Belt Maintenance

Inspecting the Belts

Service Interval: Every 100 hours

Check 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.

Important: The fasteners on the mower deck covers of this machine are designed to remain on the cover after removal. Loosen all of the fasteners on each cover a few turns so that the cover is loose but still attached, then go back and loosen them until the cover comes free. This prevents you from accidentally stripping the bolts free of the retainers.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Loosen the bottom bolt holding the mower-deck curtain to the mower deck. Refer to (page).
4. Remove the sheet metal guard; refer to (page)
5. Remove the belt covers and the bolts attached to them (Figure 67).

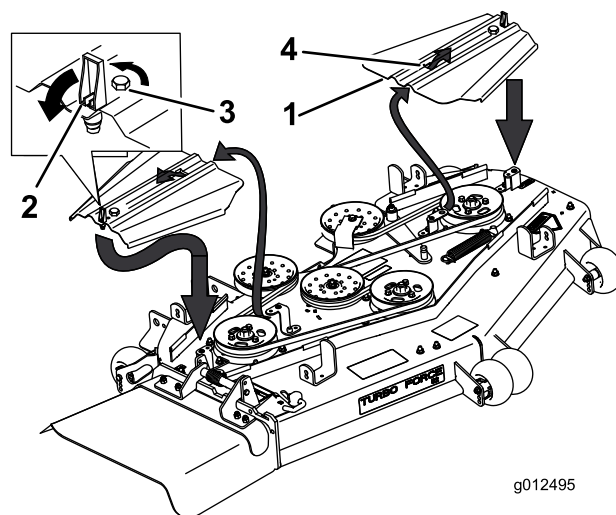


Figure 67

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| 1. Belt cover | 3. Bolt |
| 2. Latch | 4. Insert tab into the tab |

6. Remove the spring and belt guide from the idler arm.
7. Remove the existing belt if needed.

8. Install the new belt around the mower pulleys and the gearbox pulley under the engine (Figure 68).

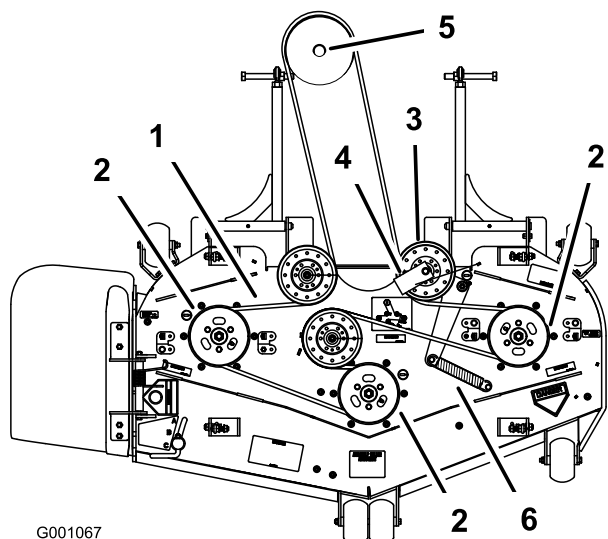


Figure 68

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| 1. Mower belt | 4. Belt guide |
| 2. Mower spindle pulley | 5. Gearbox pulley |
| 3. Mower idler pulley | 6. Spring |

9. Install the belt guide on the spring loaded idler at a 45 degree angle as shown in Figure 68.
10. Torque the bolt to 37 to 45 N·m (27 to 33 ft-lb).
11. Install the idler spring to the 2 posts (Figure 68).
12. Install the belt covers by sliding the cover into the tab, tighten the bolts, and close the latches (Figure 67).
13. Install the sheet metal guard. Refer to (page).
14. Tighten the bolt for the mower-deck curtain. Refer to (page).

Replacing the PTO Drive Belt

Service Interval: Every 50 hours—Check the PTO drive belt.

Important: The fasteners for the front engine panel are designed to remain on the machine after cover removal. Loosen all of the fasteners a few turns so that the panel is loose but still attached, then go back and loosen them until the panel comes free. This prevents you from accidentally stripping the bolts free of the retainers.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Tilt the seat forward, loosen the bolts and remove the front engine panel (Figure 69).

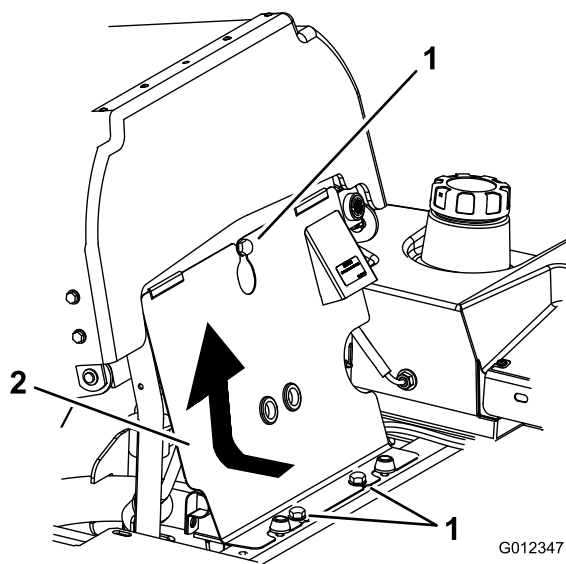


Figure 69

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| 1. Bolts | 2. Front engine panel |
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4. Remove the spring from the idler arm (Figure 70).
5. Remove the clutch-stop bracket.
6. Remove the old PTO drive belt.
7. Install the PTO drive belt around the clutch pulley and the gearbox pulley (Figure 70).
8. Install the rubber clutch stop.
9. Install the spring to the idler arm (Figure 70).
10. Install the front engine panel.

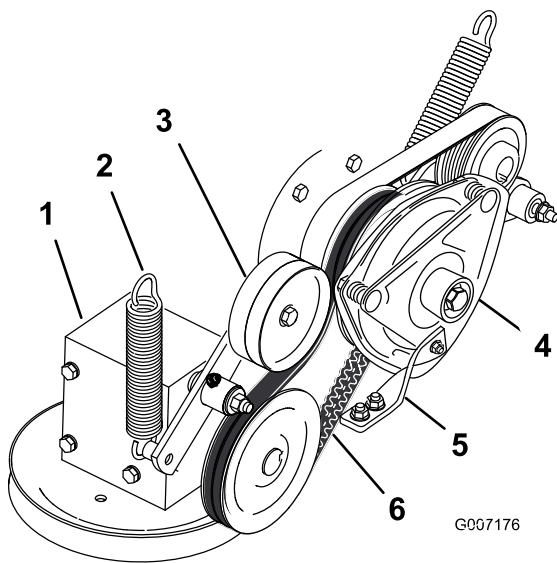


Figure 70

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| 1. Gearbox | 4. Clutch |
| 2. Spring | 5. Rubber clutch stop |
| 3. Spring-loaded idler pulley | 6. PTO drive belt |

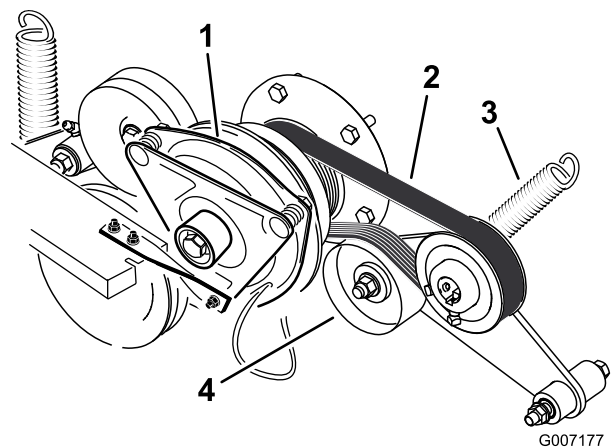


Figure 71

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| 1. Clutch | 3. Spring |
| 2. Pump drive belt | 4. Spring-loaded idler pulley |

Replacing the Pump Drive Belt

Service Interval: Every 50 hours—Check the pump drive belt.

Note: Remove the PTO drive belt first if the pump drive belt needs to be replaced.

1. Tilt the seat forward, loosen the bolts and remove the front engine panel.
2. Remove the PTO drive belt.
3. Remove the spring from the idler arm ([Figure 71](#)).
4. Install the new belt around the engine and hydro pump pulley ([Figure 71](#)).
5. Install the PTO drive belt.
6. Install the spring to the idler arm ([Figure 71](#)).
7. Install the front engine panel.

Replacing and Tensioning the Alternator Belt

Replacing the Alternator Belt

Service Interval: Every 50 hours—Check the alternator belt.

If the alternator belt needs to be replaced, take your machine to an Authorized Service Dealer.

Tensioning the Alternator Belt

1. Place a handle between the alternator and cylinder block.
2. Adjust the alternator to the outside until there is 7 to 9 mm (1/4 to 11/32 inch) deflection in the belt between the engine and the alternator pulleys with 10 kgf (22.1 lb of force) (Figure 72).
3. Tighten the alternator bolts.
4. Check the deflection in the belt again and adjust the belt if needed.
5. If the deflection is correct, tighten the bottom and upper bolt (Figure 72).

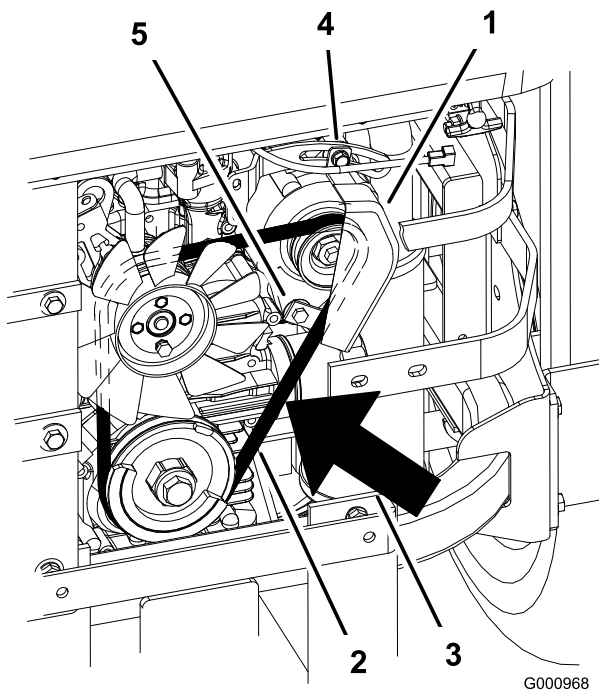


Figure 72

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| 1. Alternator | 4. Top bolt |
| 2. Alternator belt | 5. Bottom bolt |
| 3. Deflection, 7 to 9 mm (1/4 to 11/32 inch) with 10 kgf (22.1 lb of force) | |

Controls System Maintenance

Adjusting the Control Handle Neutral Position

If the motion-control levers do not align, or move easily into the console notch, adjustment is required. Adjust each lever, spring, and rod separately.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Unlatch the seat and tilt the seat forward.
4. Begin with either the left or right motion-control lever.
5. Move the lever to the NEUTRAL position but not locked (Figure 73).
6. Pull the lever back until the clevis pin (on arm below pivot shaft) contacts the end of the slot (just beginning to put pressure on the spring) (Figure 73).
7. Check where the control lever is relative to notch in console (Figure 73). It should be centered allowing lever to pivot outward to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.

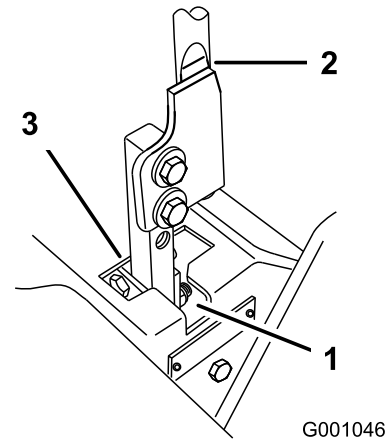


Figure 73

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| 1. NEUTRAL-LOCK position | 3. Neutral position |
| 2. Control lever | |

8. If adjustment is needed, loosen the nut and jam nut against the yoke (Figure 74).
9. Apply slight rearward pressure on the motion-control lever, turn the head of the adjustment bolt in the appropriate direction until the control lever is centered in the NEUTRAL-LOCK position (Figure 74).

Note: Keep rearward pressure on the lever to keep the pin at the end of the slot and allow the adjustment bolt to move the lever to the appropriate position.

10. Tighten the nut and jam nut ([Figure 74](#)).
11. Repeat for the opposite side of the machine.

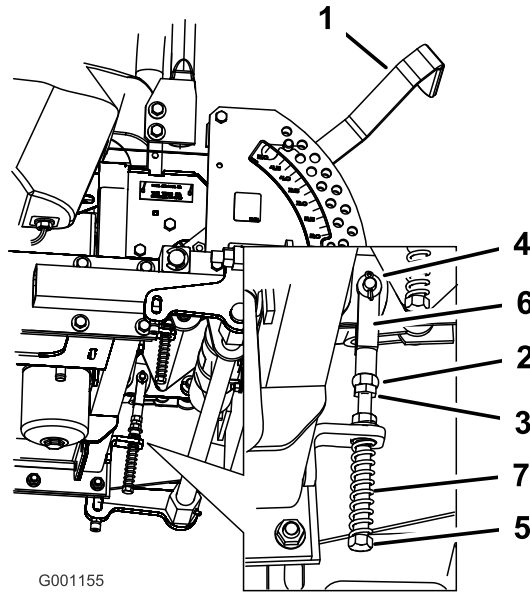


Figure 74

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| 1. Height-of-cut lever | 5. Adjustment bolt |
| 2. Nut against yoke | 6. Yoke |
| 3. Jam nut | 7. Spring |
| 4. Clevis pin in slot | |

Hydraulic System Maintenance

Servicing the Hydraulic System

Hydraulic Oil Type: Toro® HYPR-OIL™ 500 hydraulic oil or Mobil® 1 15W-50

Hydraulic System Oil Capacity: 132 ounces (3.9l)

Important: Use oil specified. Other fluids could cause system damage.

Checking the Hydraulic-Fluid Level

Service Interval: After the first 8 hours

Every 25 hours

Important: Use oil specified or equivalent. Other fluids could cause system damage.

Note: The baffle inside the tank has 2 levels depending if the oil is warm or cold.

1. Position the machine on a level surface and set the parking brake.
2. Clean the area around filler neck of hydraulic tank ([Figure 75](#)).
3. Remove the cap from the filler neck. Look inside to check if there is fluid in the reservoir ([Figure 75](#)).
4. If there is no fluid, add fluid to the reservoir until it reaches the cold level of the baffle.
5. Run the machine at low idle for 15 minutes to allow any air to purge out of the system and warm the fluid. Refer to [Starting and Stopping the Engine](#) (page 21).
6. Recheck the fluid level while the fluid is warm. The fluid should be between cold and hot.
7. If required, add fluid to the hydraulic tank.

Note: The fluid level should be to the top of the hot level of the baffle, when the fluid is hot ([Figure 75](#)).

8. Install the cap on the filler neck.

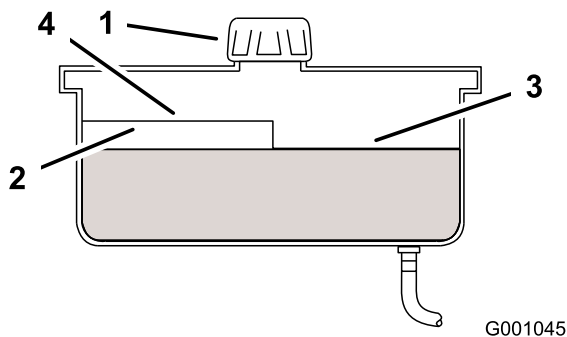


Figure 75

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| 1. Cap | 3. Cold fluid level-full |
| 2. Baffle | 4. Hot fluid level-full |

⚠ WARNING

Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate your skin and cause injury.

- If hydraulic fluid is injected into the skin it must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this type of injury. Gangrene may result if this is not done.
- Keep your body and hands away from pin hole leaks or nozzles that eject high-pressure hydraulic fluid.
- Use cardboard or paper to find hydraulic leaks.
- Safely relieve all pressure in the hydraulic system before performing any work on the hydraulic system.
- Make sure that all hydraulic-fluid hoses and lines are in good condition and all hydraulic connections and fittings are tight before applying pressure to hydraulic system.

Replacing the Hydraulic Filter and Hydraulic Oil

Service Interval: After the first 25 hours

Every 250 hours—Change the hydraulic filter and hydraulic oil when using Mobil® 1 oil.

Every 500 hours—Change the hydraulic filter and hydraulic oil when using Toro® HYPR-OIL™ 500 hydraulic oil.

Use summer filter above 0°C (32°F).

Use winter filter below 0°C (32°F).

Note: At the yearly interval, change the hydraulic oil when the oil filter is changed.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.

Important: Do not substitute automotive oil filter or severe hydraulic system damage may result.

3. Place drain pan under filter, remove the old filter, and wipe the filter adapter gasket surface clean (Figure 76).

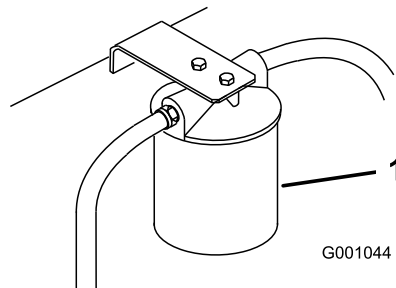


Figure 76

1. Hydraulic filter

4. Apply a thin coat hydraulic fluid to the rubber gasket on the replacement filter (Figure 77).
5. If changing the oil, allow the hydraulic oil to drain from the tank when the oil filter is removed.
6. Install the replacement hydraulic filter onto the filter adapter. Do not tighten.
7. Fill the hydraulic tank with hydraulic fluid until the fluid overflows the filter and then turn the oil filter clockwise until the rubber gasket contacts the filter adapter, then tighten the filter an additional 1/2 turn (Figure 77).
8. Clean up any spilled fluid.
9. Add fluid to the cold level of the baffle in the hydraulic tank.
10. Start the engine and let it run for about 2 minutes to purge air from the system, shut off the engine, and check for leaks. If 1 or both wheels does not drive, refer to [Bleeding the Hydraulic System](#) (page 56).
11. Recheck the fluid level while the fluid is warm. The fluid should be between cold and hot.
12. If required, add fluid to the hydraulic tank. Do not overfill.

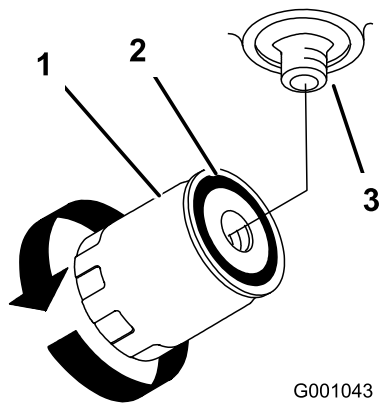


Figure 77

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| 1. Hydraulic filter | 3. Adapter |
| 2. Gasket | |

⚠ DANGER

Mechanical or hydraulic jacks may fail to support machine and cause a serious injury.

- Use jack stand when supporting machine.
- Do not use hydraulic jacks.

⚠ WARNING

The engine must be running so that you can perform a motion control adjustment. Contact with moving parts or hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

Keep your hands, feet, face, clothing and other body parts away from rotating parts, muffler and other hot surfaces.

Bleeding the Hydraulic System

The traction system is self bleeding, however, it may be necessary to bleed the system if fluid is changed or after work is performed on the system.

1. Raise rear of the machine so wheels are off the ground and support it with jack stands.
2. Start the engine and run at low idle speed. Engage the lever and traction on 1 side and spin the wheel by hand.
3. When the wheel begins to spin on its own, keep it engaged until wheel drives smoothly. (minimum of 2 minutes)
4. Check hydraulic-fluid level and add as required to maintain proper level.
5. Repeat this procedure on the opposite wheel.

1. Raise the frame and block up the machine so drive wheels can rotate freely.
2. Disconnect the electrical connector from the seat safety switch. Temporarily install a jumper wire across terminals in the wire-harness connector.
3. Unlatch the seat and slide seat forward.
4. Disconnect the seat rod and tilt the seat fully forward.

Setting the Right Hydraulic Pump Neutral Position

1. Start the engine, open the throttle 1/2 way and release the parking brake; refer to [Starting and Stopping the Engine \(page 21\)](#).

Note: You must put the motion-control lever in the NEUTRAL position while making any adjustments.

2. Adjust the pump rod length by rotating the knob, in the appropriate direction, until the wheel is still or slightly creeping in reverse ([Figure 78](#)).
3. Move the motion-control lever forward and reverse, then back to neutral. The wheel must stop turning or slightly creep in reverse.
4. Open the throttle to the FAST position. Make sure that the wheel remains stopped or slightly creeps in reverse, adjust if necessary.

Checking the Hydraulic Hoses

Service Interval: Every 100 hours

Check the hydraulic hoses for leaks, loose fittings, kinked lines, loose mounting supports, wear, weather, and chemical deterioration. Make necessary repairs before operating.

Note: Keep areas around the hydraulic system clean from grass and debris buildup.

Setting the Hydraulic Pump Neutral Position

Note: Adjust the handle neutral first. That needs to be correct before you make the following adjustments.

You must make this adjustment with drive wheels turning.

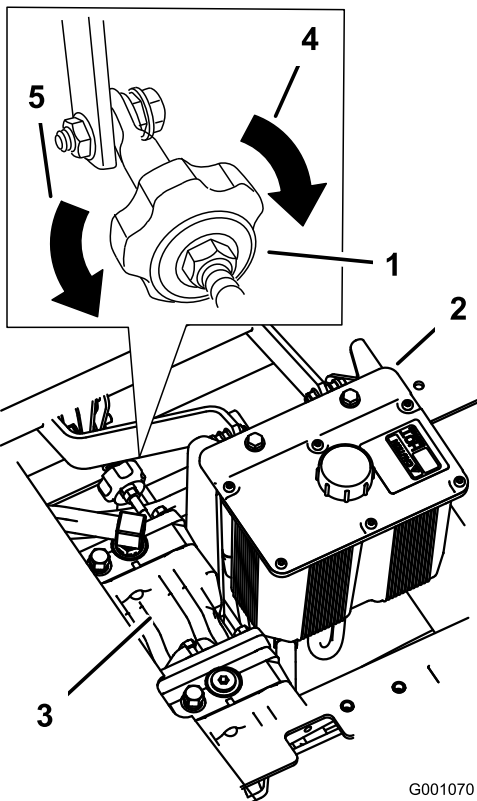


Figure 78

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| 1. Tracking knob | 4. Turn this way to track right. |
| 2. Hydraulic tank | 5. Turn this way to track left. |
| 3. Hydraulic pumps | |

Setting the Left Hydraulic Pump Neutral Position

1. Loosen the locknuts at the ball joints on the pump control rod ([Figure 79](#)).
2. Start the engine, open the throttle 1/2 way, and release the parking brake. Refer to [Starting and Stopping the Engine](#) ([page 21](#)).

Note: You must put the motion-control lever in the NEUTRAL position while making any adjustments.

Note: The front nut on the pump rod has left-hand threads.

3. Adjust the pump rod length by rotating double nuts on rod, in the appropriate direction, until wheel is still or slightly creeps in reverse ([Figure 79](#)).
4. Move the motion-control lever forward and reverse, then back to neutral. The wheel must stop turning or slightly creep in reverse.
5. Open the throttle to the FAST position. Make sure that the wheel remains stopped or slightly creeps in reverse, adjust if necessary.
6. Tighten the locknuts at the ball joints ([Figure 79](#)).

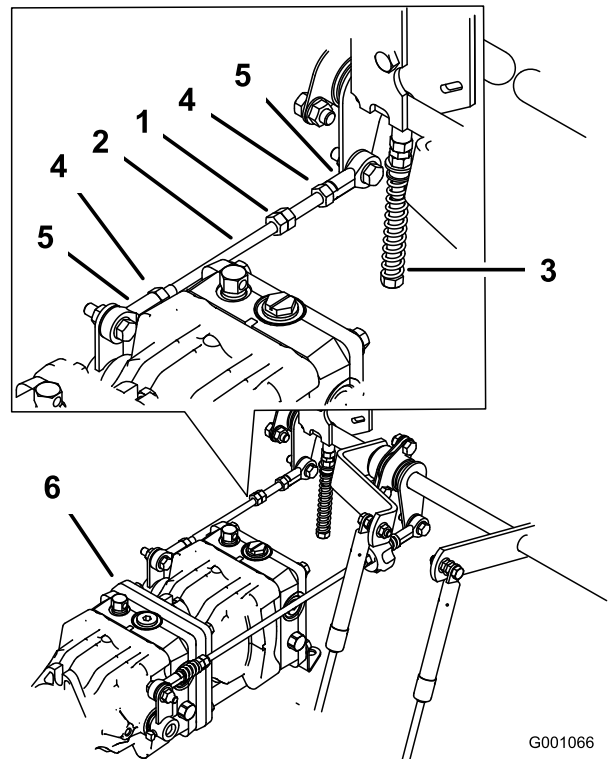


Figure 79

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| 1. Double nuts | 4. Locknut |
| 2. Pump rod | 5. Ball joint |
| 3. Adjustment bolt | 6. Pumps |

⚠ WARNING

The electrical system does not perform the proper safety shut off process with a jumper wire installed.

- Remove the jumper wire from the wire harness connector and plug the connector into the seat switch when you complete an adjustment.
 - **Never operate the machine with a jumper installed and the seat switch bypassed.**
7. After both of the pump neutrals are set, shut off the machine.
 8. Remove the jumper wire from the wire harness connector and plug the connector into the seat switch.
 9. Install the seat rod and lower the seat into position.
 10. Remove the jack stands.

Mower Deck Maintenance

Leveling the Mower

Setting up the Machine

1. Position mower on a flat surface.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Check tire pressure of all 4 tires. If needed, adjust to 90 kPa (13 psi).
5. Lower the mower to the 76 mm (3 inch) height-of-cut position.
6. Inspect the 4 chains. The chains need to have tension.
 - If 1 rear chain is loose, lower (loosen) the front support arm on the same side. Refer to (page).
 - If 1 front chain is loose, raise (tighten) the front support arm for that chain. Refer to (page).

Leveling the Mower Side-to-Side

1. Position the **right** blade side-to-side (Figure 80).

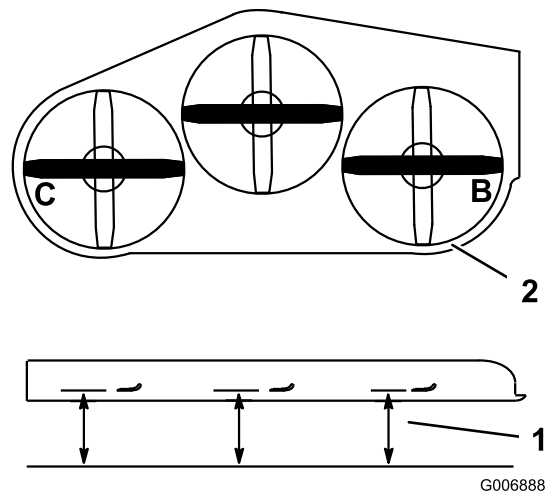


Figure 80

1. Measure here from the blade to a hard surface.
2. Measure at B and C.

2. Measure the right blade at the **B** location, from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blade tip (Figure 80).
3. Record this measurement. This measurement needs to be 80 to 83 mm (3-1/8 to 3-1/4 inches).
4. Position the left blade side-to-side (Figure 80).
5. Measure the left blade at the **C** location (Figure 80), from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blade tip.

6. Record this measurement. This measurement needs to be 80 to 83 mm (3-1/8 to 3-1/4 inches).
7. If the measurements at positions **B** or **C** are not correct, loosen the bolt attaching the rear chain to the rear support arm (Figure 81).

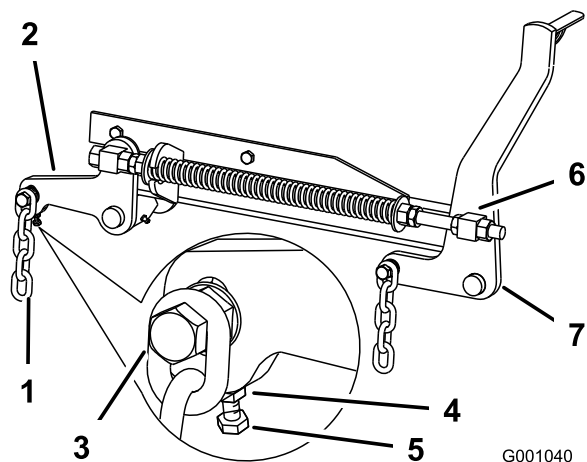


Figure 81

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| 1. Rear chain | 5. Adjustment bolt |
| 2. Rear support arm | 6. Front swivel |
| 3. Bolt | 7. Front support arm |
| 4. Jam nut | |

8. Loosen the jam nut under the rear support arm and adjust the adjustment bolt to get a measurement of 80 to 83 mm (3-1/8 to 3-1/4 inches)(Figure 81).

Note: It is recommended that both sides of the mower are adjusted the same distance.

9. Tighten the jam nut under the rear support arm and tighten the bolt securing the chain to the rear support arm.
10. Adjust the opposite side if needed.

Adjusting the Front-to-Rear Mower Pitch

1. Position the right blade front-to-rear (Figure 82).
2. Measure the right blade at the **A** location, from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blade tip (Figure 82).

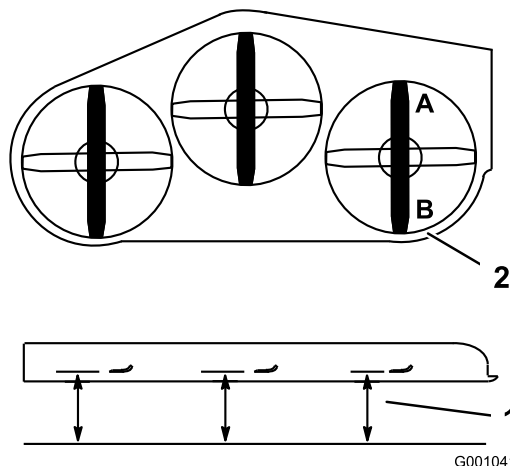


Figure 82

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| 1. Measure here from the blade to a hard surface. | 2. Measure at A and B. |
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3. Record this measurement.
4. Measure the right blade at the **B** location, from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blade tip (Figure 82).
5. Record this measurement.
6. The mower blade should be a 6 to 10 mm (1/4 to 3/8 inch) lower at position **A** than at position **B** (Figure 82). If it is not correct, proceed to the following steps.

Note: Both of the front swivels need to be adjusted the same amount to maintain equal chain tension.

7. Loosen the front swivel jam nuts, at the front of the right and left swivels, approximately a 13 mm (1/2 inch) (Figure 81).
8. Adjust the lift nuts on both the left and the right side of the machine to achieve 6 to 10 mm (1/4 to 3/8 inch) lower in front at **A** than in the rear at **B** (Figure 81).
9. Tighten both swivel jam nuts against the front swivel to lock the height.
10. Check to make sure that there is equal tension on the chains and adjust again if needed.

Adjusting the Compression Spring

1. Raise the mower lift lever to the 'TRANSPORT' position.
2. Check the distance between the 2 large washers, it needs to be 28.2 cm (11-1/8 inches) for 52-inch mower decks and 26.7 cm (10-1/2 inches) for 60-inch mower decks (Figure 83).
3. To adjust this distance, loosen the spring jam nut and turn the nut in front of each spring (Figure 83). Turn the nut clockwise to shorten the spring; counter-clockwise to lengthen the spring.
4. Lock the nut into position by tightening the spring jam nut (Figure 83).

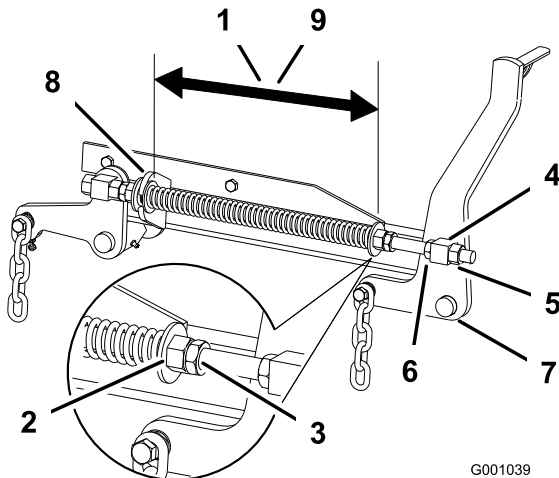


Figure 83

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| 1. 28.2 cm (11-1/8 inches) between the large washers for 52-inch mower decks | 6. Lift nut |
| 2. Front nut | 7. Front support arm |
| 3. Spring jam nut | 8. Large washer |
| 4. Front swivel | 9. 26.7 cm (10-1/2 inches) between the large washers for 60-inch mower decks |
| 5. Swivel jam nut | |

⚠ DANGER

A worn or damaged blade can break, and a piece of the blade could be thrown at you or bystanders, 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 (PTO), set the parking brake, turn the ignition key to the OFF position, and remove the key.

Inspecting the Blades

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

1. Inspect the cutting edges (Figure 84). If the edges are not sharp or have nicks, remove and sharpen the blades. Refer to (page).
2. Inspect the blades, especially the curved area (Figure 84). If you notice any damage, wear, or a slot forming in this area (Figure 84), immediately install a new blade.

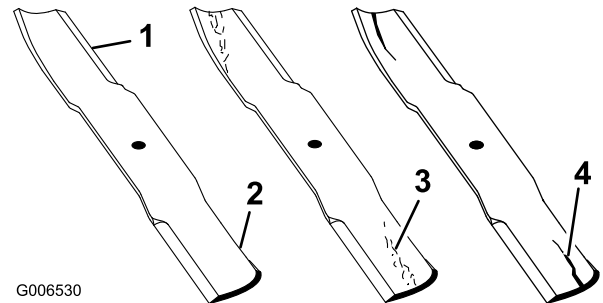


Figure 84

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

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.

Checking for Bent Blades

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Rotate the blades until the ends face forward and backward (Figure 85). Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge, position A, of the blades (Figure 85). Note this dimension.

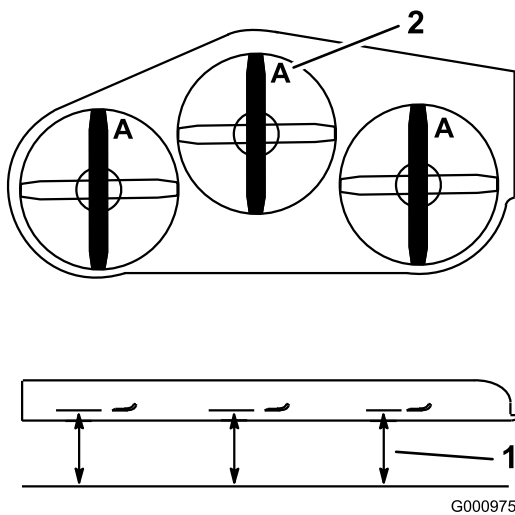


Figure 85

1. Measure here from blade to hard surface
2. Position A

4. Rotate the opposite ends of the blades forward.
5. Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge of the blades at the same position as in step 3.

The difference between the dimensions obtained in steps 3 and 4 must not exceed 3 mm (1/8 inch). If this dimension exceeds 3 mm (1/8 inch), the blade is bent and must be replaced; refer to [Removing the Blades](#) (page 61) and [Installing the Blades](#) (page 62).

⚠ WARNING

A blade that is bent or damaged could break apart and could seriously injure or kill you or bystanders.

- Always replace bent or damaged blade with a new blade.
- Never file or create sharp notches in the edges or surfaces of blade.

Removing the Blades

You must replace the blade if a solid object is hit, if the blade is out of balance or 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.

⚠ WARNING

Contact with a sharp blade can cause serious injury.

Wear gloves or wrap sharp edges of the blade with a rag.

1. Hold the blade end using a rag or thick padded glove.

2. Remove the blade bolt, curved washer, and blade from the spindle shaft ([Figure 88](#)).

Sharpening the Blades

⚠ WARNING

When sharpening blades, pieces of the blade could be thrown and cause serious injury.

Wear proper eye protection when sharpening blades.

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade ([Figure 86](#)). Maintain the original angle. The blade retains its balance if the same amount of material is removed from both cutting edges.

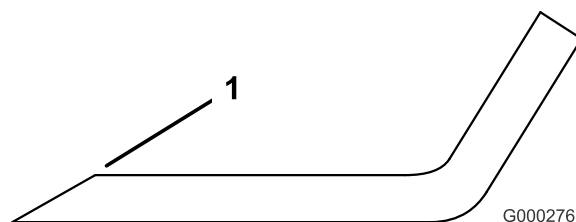


Figure 86

1. Sharpen at original angle
2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer ([Figure 87](#)). If the blade stays in a horizontal position, the blade is balanced and you can use it. If the blade is not balanced, file some metal off the end of the sail area only ([Figure 88](#)). Repeat this procedure until the blade is balanced.

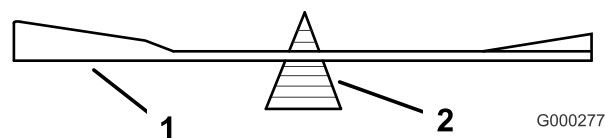


Figure 87

1. Blade
2. Balancer

Installing the Blades

1. Install the blade onto the spindle shaft (Figure 88).
- Important:** The curved part of the blade must point upward toward the inside of the mower to ensure proper cutting.
2. Install the curved washer and blade bolt. The curved washer cone must be installed toward the bolt head (Figure 88).
 3. Torque the blade bolt to 115 to 150 N·m (85 to 110 ft-lb).

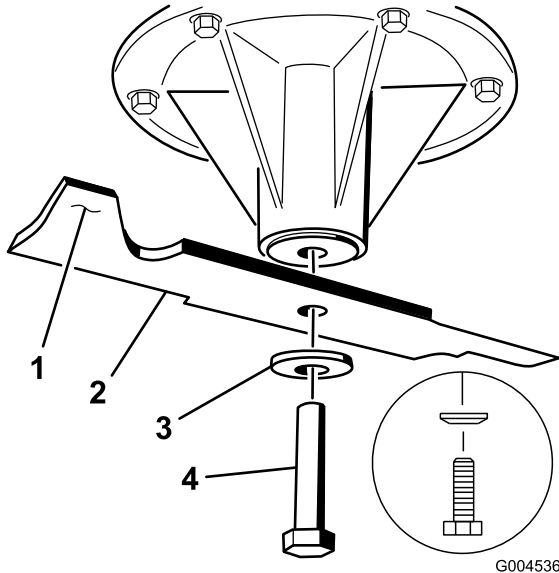


Figure 88

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

Note: Make sure that the L-end of the spring is installed behind the deck edge before installing the bolt as shown in Figure 89.

3. Install the bolt and nut. Place the J-hook end of the spring around the grass deflector (Figure 89).

Important: The grass deflector must be able to lower down into position. Lift the deflector up to test that it lowers into the full down position.

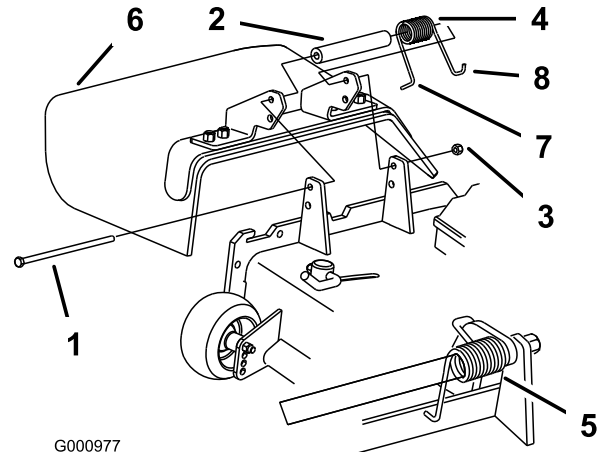


Figure 89

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| 1. Bolt | 5. Spring installed |
| 2. Spacer | 6. Grass deflector |
| 3. Locknut | 7. L-end of spring, place behind deck edge before installing bolt |
| 4. Spring | 8. J-hook end of spring |

Replacing the Grass Deflector

⚠ WARNING

An uncovered discharge opening could allow the lawn mower to throw objects at you or a bystander, resulting in serious injury. Also, contact with the blade could occur.

- Never operate the machine unless you install a cover plate, a mulch plate, or a grass chute and catcher.
- Make sure that the grass deflector is in the down position.

1. Remove the locknut, bolt, spring, and spacer holding the deflector to the pivot brackets (Figure 89). Remove the damaged or worn grass deflector.
2. Place the spacer and spring onto grass deflector. Place the L-end of spring behind deck edge.

Cleaning

Cleaning under the Mower

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

Remove the grass buildup under the mower daily.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the mower to the TRANSPORT position.

Disposing of Waste

Engine oil, batteries, hydraulic oil, and engine coolant are pollutants to the environment. Dispose of these according to your state and local regulations.

Storage

Cleaning and Storage

1. Disengage the power takeoff (PTO), set the parking brake, and turn the ignition key to the OFF position. Remove the key.
2. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the entire machine, especially the engine and hydraulic system. 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. Check the brake; refer to [Adjusting the Parking Brake \(page 50\)](#).
Service the air cleaner; refer to [Engine Maintenance \(page 37\)](#).
4. Grease the machine; refer to [Lubrication \(page 35\)](#).
5. Change the crankcase oil; refer to [Servicing the Engine Oil \(page 38\)](#).

Check the tire pressure; refer to [Drive System Maintenance \(page 45\)](#).

6. Change the hydraulic filter; refer to [Hydraulic System Maintenance \(page 54\)](#).
7. Charge the battery; refer to [Electrical System Maintenance \(page 42\)](#).
8. Scrape any heavy buildup of grass and dirt from the underside of the mower, then wash the mower with a garden hose.

Note: Run the machine with the PTO engaged and the engine at high idle for 2 to 5 minutes after washing.

9. Check the condition of the blades; refer to [Servicing the Cutting Blades \(page 60\)](#).

Prepare the machine for storage when you are not using it for more than 30 days. Prepare the machine for storage as follows:

- A. Add a petroleum based stabilizer/conditioner to fuel in the tank. Follow 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 fuel and used at all times.

- B. Run the engine to distribute conditioned fuel through the fuel system (5 minutes).
- C. Shut off the engine, allow it to cool, and drain the fuel tank; refer to [Fuel System Maintenance \(page 41\)](#).

- D. Start the engine and run it until it stops.
- E. Dispose of fuel properly. Recycle as per local codes.

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

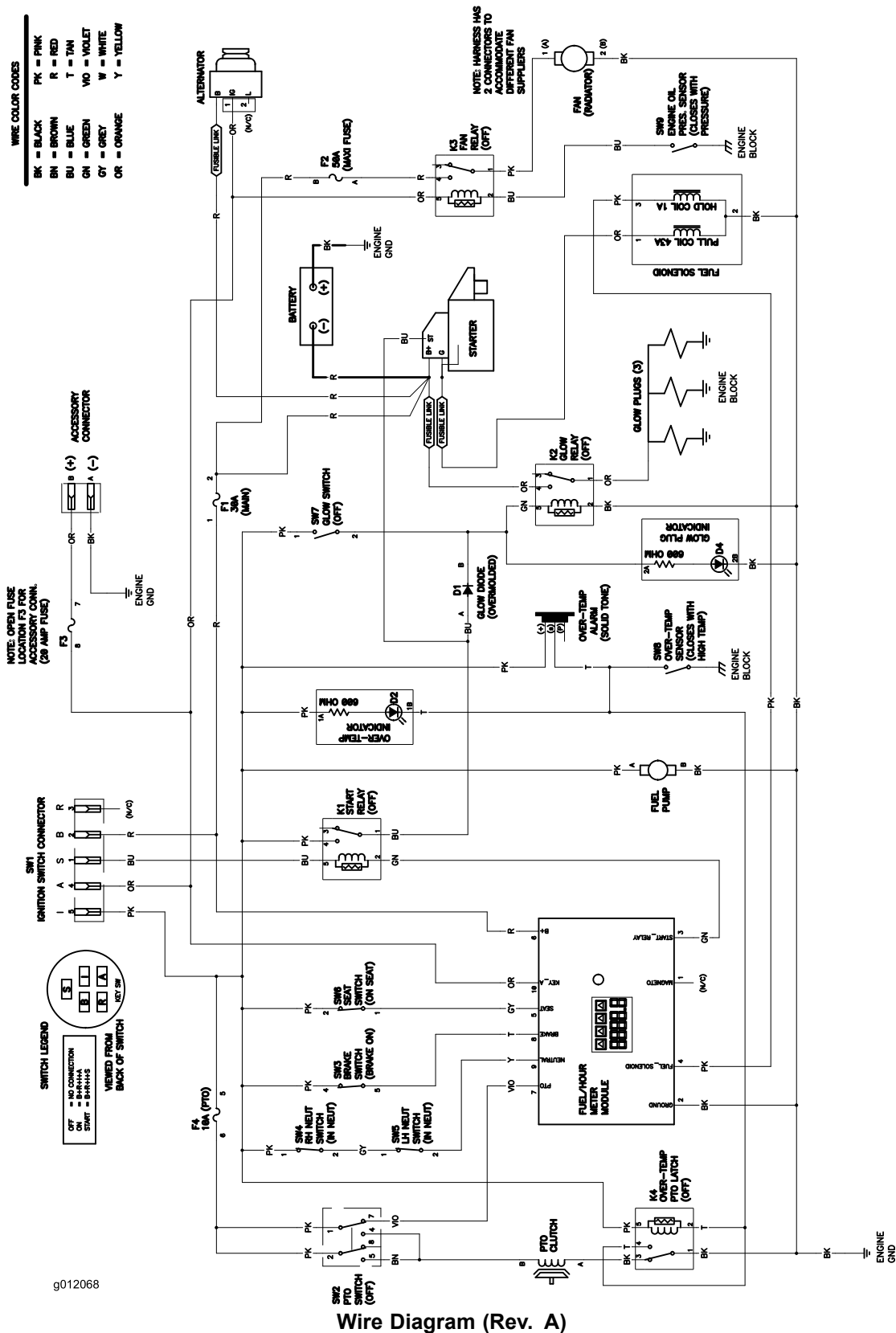
- 10. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is damaged.
- 11. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces. Paint is available from your Authorized Service Dealer.
- 12. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area. Remove the key from the ignition switch and keep it out of reach of children or other unauthorized users. Cover the machine to protect it and keep it clean.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The starter does not crank.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The blade control (PTO) is engaged. 2. The parking brake is not on. 3. The operator is not seated. 4. The battery is dead. 5. The electrical connections are corroded or loose. 6. The fuse is blown. 7. The relay or switch is broken. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move the blade control (PTO) to the disengaged position. 2. Set the parking brake. 3. Sit on the seat. 4. Charge the battery. 5. Check the electrical connections for good contact. 6. Replace the fuse. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The engine does not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fuel tank is empty. 2. The air cleaner is dirty. 3. Dirt is in the fuel filter. 4. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill the fuel tank with fuel. 2. Clean or replace the air-cleaner element. 3. Replace the fuel filter. 4. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The engine loses power.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The engine load is excessive. 2. The air cleaner is dirty. 3. The oil level in the crankcase is low. 4. The cooling fins and air passages above the engine are plugged. 5. The vent hole in the fuel cap is plugged. 6. Dirt is in the fuel filter. 7. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the ground speed. 2. Clean the air-cleaner element. 3. Add oil to the crankcase. 4. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages. 5. Clean or replace the fuel cap. 6. Replace the fuel filter. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The engine overheats.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The engine load is excessive. 2. The oil level in the crankcase is low. 3. The cooling fins and air passages above the engine are plugged. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the ground speed. 2. Add oil to the crankcase. 3. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and air passages.
The machine does not drive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The by pass valve is not closed tight. 2. The drive or pump belt is worn, loose or broken. 3. The drive or pump belt is off a pulley. 4. The idler spring is broken or missing. 5. The hydraulic-fluid level is low or too hot. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tighten the by pass valve. 2. Change the belt. 3. Change the belt. 4. Replace the spring. 5. Add hydraulic fluid to the reservoir or let it cool down.
There is abnormal vibration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced. 2. The blade mounting bolt is loose. 3. The engine mounting bolts are loose. 4. The engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley is loose. 5. The engine pulley is damaged. 6. The blade spindle is bent. 7. The motor mount is loose or worn. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install new cutting blade(s). 2. Tighten the blade mounting bolt. 3. Tighten the engine mounting bolts. 4. Tighten the appropriate pulley. 5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer. 7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The cutting height is uneven.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cutting blade(s) is/are not sharp. 2. The cutting blade(s) is/are bent. 3. The mower deck is not level. 4. The underside of mower is dirty. 5. The tire pressure is not correct. 6. The blade spindle is bent. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharpen the blade(s). 2. Install new cutting blade(s). 3. Level the mower deck from side-to-side and front-to-rear. 4. Clean the underside of the mower. 5. Adjust the tire pressure. 6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
The cutting blades do not rotate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The drive belt is worn, loose or broken. 2. The drive belt is off pulley. 3. The mower deck belt is worn, loose or broken. 4. The mower deck belt came off a pulley. 5. The idler spring is broken or missing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check the belt tension. 2. Install the drive belt and check adjusting shafts and belt guides for correct position. 3. Install a new mower deck belt. 4. Install mower deck belt and check the idler pulley, idler arm and spring for the correct position and function. 5. Replace the spring.

Schematics



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B-Ray Corporation	Korea	82 32 551 2076	Mountfield a.s.	Czech Republic	420 255 704 220
Brisa Goods LLC	Mexico	1 210 495 2417	Mountfield a.s.	Slovakia	420 255 704 220
Casco Sales Company	Puerto Rico	787 788 8383	Munditol S.A.	Argentina	54 11 4 821 9999
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Cyril Johnston & Co.	Northern Ireland	44 2890 813 121	Oy Hako Ground and Garden Ab	Finland	358 987 00733
Cyril Johnston & Co.	Republic of Ireland	44 2890 813 121	Parkland Products Ltd.	New Zealand	64 3 34 93760
Fat Dragon	China	886 10 80841322	Perfetto	Poland	48 61 8 208 416
Femco S.A.	Guatemala	502 442 3277	Pratoverde SRL.	Italy	39 049 9128 128
FIVEMANS New-Tech Co., Ltd	China	86-10-6381 6136	Prochaska & Cie	Austria	43 1 278 5100
ForGarder OU	Estonia	372 384 6060	RT Cohen 2004 Ltd.	Israel	972 986 17979
G.Y.K. Company Ltd.	Japan	81 726 325 861	Riversa	Spain	34 9 52 83 7500
Geomechaniki of Athens	Greece	30 10 935 0054	Lely Turfcare	Denmark	45 66 109 200
Golf international Turizm	Turkey	90 216 336 5993	Lely (U.K.) Limited	United Kingdom	44 1480 226 800
Hako Ground and Garden	Sweden	46 35 10 0000	Solvart S.A.S.	France	33 1 30 81 77 00
Hako Ground and Garden	Norway	47 22 90 7760	Spypros Stavrinides Limited	Cyprus	357 22 434131
Hayter Limited (U.K.)	United Kingdom	44 1279 723 444	Surge Systems India Limited	India	91 1 292299901
Hydroturf Int. Co Dubai	United Arab Emirates	97 14 347 9479	T-Markt Logistics Ltd.	Hungary	36 26 525 500
Hydroturf Egypt LLC	Egypt	202 519 4308	Toro Australia	Australia	61 3 9580 7355
Irrimac	Portugal	351 21 238 8260	Toro Europe NV	Belgium	32 14 562 960
Irrigation Products Int'l Pvt Ltd.	India	0091 44 2449 4387	Valtech	Morocco	212 5 3766 3636
Jean Heybroek b.v.	Netherlands	31 30 639 4611	Victus Emak	Poland	48 61 823 8369

European Privacy Notice

The Information Toro Collects

Toro Warranty Company (Toro) respects your privacy. In order to process your warranty claim and contact you in the event of a product recall, we ask you to share certain personal information with us, either directly or through your local Toro company or dealer.

The Toro warranty system is hosted on servers located within the United States where privacy law may not provide the same protection as applies in your country.

BY SHARING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH US, YOU ARE CONSENTING TO THE PROCESSING OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PRIVACY NOTICE.

The Way Toro Uses Information

Toro may use your personal information to process warranty claims, to contact you in the event of a product recall and for any other purpose which we tell you about. Toro may share your information with Toro's affiliates, dealers or other business partners in connection with any of these activities. We will not sell your personal information to any other company. We reserve the right to disclose personal information in order to comply with applicable laws and with requests by the appropriate authorities, to operate our systems properly or for our own protection or that of other users.

Retention of your Personal Information

We will keep your personal information as long as we need it for the purposes for which it was originally collected or for other legitimate purposes (such as regulatory compliance), or as required by applicable law.

Toro's Commitment to Security of Your Personal Information

We take reasonable precautions in order to protect the security of your personal information. We also take steps to maintain the accuracy and current status of personal information.

Access and Correction of your Personal Information

If you would like to review or correct your personal information, please contact us by email at legal@toro.com.

Australian Consumer Law

Australian customers will find details relating to the Australian Consumer Law either inside the box or at your local Toro Dealer.



The Toro Warranty

A Limited Warranty (see warranty periods below)

Landscape
Contractor
Equipment
(LCE)

Conditions and Products Covered

The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly promise to the original purchaser to repair the Toro Products listed below if defective in materials or workmanship.

The following time periods apply from the date of purchase:

Products	Warranty Period
21 in. Mowers	2 years Residential Use ¹ 1 year Commercial Use
• Engines ³	Honda – 2 years Kawasaki – 3 years
30 in. Mowers	2 years Residential Use ¹ 1 year Commercial Use
• Engines ³	Kawasaki – 3 years
Mid-Size Walk-Behind Mowers	2 years
• Engines ³	Kawasaki – 3 years
Grand Stand® Mowers	5 years or 1,200 hours ²
• Engines ³	3 years
Z Master® 2000 Series Mowers	4 years or 500 hours ²
• Engines ³	3 years
Z Master® 3000 Series Mowers	5 years or 1,200 hours ²
• Engines ³	3 years
Z Master® 5000 Series Mowers	5 years or 1,200 hours ²
• Engines ³	Kohler Command – 2 years Kohler EFI – 3 years
Z Master® 6000 Series Mowers	5 years or 1,200 hours ²
• Engines ³	Kawasaki – 3 years
Z Master® 7000 Series Mowers	5 years or 1,200 hours ²
• Engines ³	2 years
Z Master® 8000 Series Mowers	2 years or 1,200 hours ²
• Engines ³	2 years
All Mowers	
• Battery	90 days Parts and Labor 1 year Parts only
• Belts and Tires	90 days
• Attachments	1 year

¹Residential 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 warranty would apply.

²Whichever occurs first.

³Some engines used on Toro Products are warranted by the engine manufacturer.

Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service

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

1. Contact any Authorized Toro Service Dealer to arrange service at their dealership. To locate a dealer convenient to you, access our web site at www.Toro.com. You may also call the numbers listed in item #3 to use the 24-hour Toro Dealer locator system.
2. Bring the product and your proof of purchase (sales receipt) to the Service Dealer. The dealer will diagnose the problem and determine if it is covered under warranty.
3. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the Service Dealer's analysis or with the assistance provided, contact us at:

Toro Warranty Company
8111 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420-1196
888-865-5676 (U.S. Customers)
888-865-5691 (Canada customers)

Owner Responsibilities

You must maintain your Toro Product by following the maintenance procedures described in the *Operator's Manual*. Such routine maintenance, whether performed by a dealer or by you, is at your expense.

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 or 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

General Conditions

All repairs covered by these warranties must be performed by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer using Toro approved replacement parts.

Neither The Toro Company nor Toro Warranty Company is liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages in connection with the use of the Toro Products covered by this warranty, including any cost or expense of providing substitute equipment or service during reasonable periods of malfunction or non-use pending completion of repairs under this warranty.

All implied warranties of merchantability (that the product is fit for ordinary use) and fitness for use (that the product is fit for a particular purpose) are limited to the duration of the express warranty.

Some states do not allow exclusions of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Countries Other than the United States or Canada

Customers who have purchased Toro products outside the United States or Canada should contact their Toro Distributor (Dealer) to obtain guarantee policies for your country, province, or state. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with your Distributor's service or have difficulty obtaining guarantee information, contact the Toro importer. If all other remedies fail, you may contact us at Toro Warranty Company.

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