

SEARS

**OWNER'S
MANUAL**

**MODEL NO.
917.254530**

Caution:
Read and follow
all Safety Rules
and Instructions
Before Operating
This Equipment



CRAFTSMAN[®]

**12.0 HP IC
ELECTRIC START
38" MOWER DECK
5 SPEED TRANSAXLE
LAWN TRACTOR**

- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Service and Adjustment
- Repair Parts

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SAFETY RULES



CAUTION: ALWAYS DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE AND PLACE WIRE WHERE IT CANNOT CONTACT SPARK PLUG TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL STARTING WHEN SETTING-UP, TRANSPORTING, ADJUSTING OR MAKING REPAIRS.



IMPORTANT

SAFETY STANDARDS REQUIRE OPERATOR PRESENCE CONTROLS TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF INJURY. YOUR UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH CONTROLS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT THE FUNCTION OF THE OPERATOR PRESENCE CONTROLS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

TRAINING:

- Know the controls and how to stop quickly. Read this owner's manual and instructions furnished with attachments.
- Do not allow children to operate the machine. Do not allow adults to operate it without proper instruction.
- Do not carry passengers. Do not mow when children and others are around.
- Do not attempt to operate your vehicle or mower when not in the driver's seat.
- Always get on or off your vehicle from the operator's left hand side.
- The vehicle and attachments should be stopped and inspected for damage after striking a foreign object, and the damage should be repaired before restarting and operating the equipment.

PREPARATION:

- Always wear substantial footwear. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that could get caught in moving parts.
- Clear the work area of objects (wire, rocks, etc.) which might be picked up and thrown.
- Disengage all attachment clutches before attempting to start the engine.
- Handle gasoline with care - it is highly flammable.
 - Use approved gasoline containers.
 - Never remove the fuel cap of the fuel tank or add gasoline to a running or hot engine or an engine that has not been allowed to cool for several minutes after running. Never fill tank indoors. Always clean up spilled gasoline.
 - Open doors if the engine is run in the garage - exhaust fumes are dangerous. Do not run the engine indoors.
- Do not operate the mower without the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the deflector shield in place.

OPERATION:

- Keep your eyes and mind on your vehicle, mower, and the area being cut. Do not let other interests distract you.
- Disengage power to attachments and stop the engine before leaving the operator's position.
- Disengage power to mower, stop the engine, and disconnect spark plug wire(s) from spark plug(s) before cleaning, making an adjustment, or repair. Be careful to avoid touching hot muffler or engine components.
- Disengage power to attachments when transporting or not in use.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the vehicle unattended. Disengage the power take-off, lower the attachments, shift into neutral, set the parking brake, stop the engine, and remove the key.
- Do not stop or start suddenly when going uphill or downhill. Mow up and down the face of slopes (not greater than 15°), never across the face.
- Reduce speed on slopes and make turns gradually to prevent tipping or loss of control. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- While going up or down slopes, place gearshift control lever in 1st gear position to negotiate the slope without stopping.

- Never mow in wet or slippery grass, when traction is unsure, or at a speed which could cause a skid.
- Stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards. Keep away from drop-offs.
- Do not drive too close to creeks, ditches, and public highways.
- Exercise special care when mowing around fixed objects in order to prevent the blades from striking them. Never deliberately run vehicle or mower into or over any foreign objects.
- Never shift gears until vehicle comes to a stop.
- Never place hands or feet under the mower, in discharge chute, or near any moving parts while vehicle or mower is running. Always keep clear of discharge chute.
- 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 backing.
 - Use counterweight or wheel weights when suggested in owner's manual.
- Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.
- When using any attachments, never direct discharge of material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near the vehicle while in operation.
- Except for adjustments, do not operate engine if air cleaner or cover directly over carburetor air intake is removed. Removal of such part could create a fire hazard.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine; severe damage or injury may result.
- When using the vehicle with mower, proceed as follows:
 - Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
 - Shut the engine off when unclogging chute.
 - Check the blade mounting bolts for proper tightness at frequent intervals.
- Disengage power to mower before backing up. Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary and then only after careful observation of the entire area behind the mower.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- Keep the vehicle and attachments in good operating condition, and keep safety devices in place and working.
- Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease. Do not clean product while engine is running.
- Do not operate without a muffler, or tamper with exhaust system. Damaged mufflers or spark arresters could create a fire hazard. Inspect periodically and replace if necessary.
- Under normal usage the grass catcher bag material is subject to deterioration and wear. It should be checked frequently for bag replacement. Replacement bags should be checked to ensure compliance with the original manufacturer's recommendations or specifications.



LOOK FOR THIS SYMBOL TO POINT OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. IT MEANS - ATTENTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a Sears Tractor. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance.

Should you experience any problem you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest Sears Service Center/Department. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this unit.

Please read and retain this manual. The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your unit properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES".

MODEL NUMBER	917.254530
SERIAL NUMBER	_____
DATE OF PURCHASE	_____
THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE FOUND ON A PLATE UNDER THE SEAT.	
YOU SHOULD RECORD BOTH SERIAL NUMBER AND DATE OF PURCHASE AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.	

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

A Sears Maintenance Agreement is available on this product. Contact your nearest Sears store for details.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read and observe the safety rules.
- Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your unit.
- Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this owner's manual.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

HORSEPOWER:	12.0
GASOLINE CAPACITY:	5 QUARTS UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL (3.0 PINTS):	SAE 30 (or 10W-30) WINTER: SAE 5W-30
SPARK PLUG (GAP .025 IN.):	CHAMPION RJ-19LM STD361458
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE .005 - .007 IN. EXHAUST .009 - .011 IN.
GROUND SPEED:	FORWARD 1st 1.10 MPH 2nd 2.00 MPH 3rd 3.00 MPH 4th 4.20 MPH 5th 5.00 MPH REVERSE: 1.50 MPH
TIRE PRESSURE:	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 10 PSI
CHARGING SYSTEM:	3 AMPS BATTERY 5 AMPS HEADLIGHTS
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	30-35 FT. LBS.

WARNING: This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the state of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest Sears Authorized Service Center (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON ELECTRIC START RIDING EQUIPMENT

For two years from date of purchase, when this riding equipment is maintained, lubricated, and tuned up according to the operating and maintenance instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair free of charge any defect in material or workmanship.

This Warranty does not cover:

- Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects (such as nails, thorns, stumps, or glass).
- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plug, air cleaners and belts.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse or negligence, including bent crankshafts and the failure to maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.
- Riding equipment used for commercial or rental purposes.

FULL 90 DAY WARRANTY ON BATTERY

For 90 days from date of purchase, if any battery included with this riding equipment proves defective in material or workmanship and our testing determines the battery will not hold a charge, Sears will replace the battery at no charge.

WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS WARRANTY APPLIES ONLY WHILE THIS PRODUCT IS IN USE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO., D/731CR-W SEARS TOWER, CHICAGO, IL 60684

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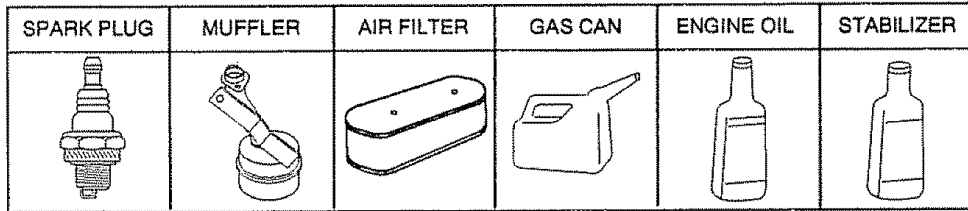
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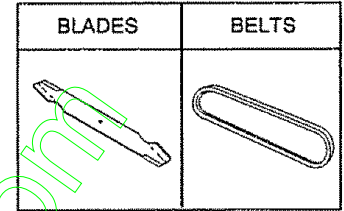
ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

These accessories and attachments were available when the unit was purchased. They are also available at most Sears retail outlets, catalog and service centers. Most Sears stores can order these items for you when you provide the model number of your tractor.

ENGINE



MAINTENANCE



PERFORMANCE

Sears offers a wide variety of attachments that fit your vehicle. Many of these are listed below with brief explanations of how they can help you. This list was current at the time of publication; however, it may change in future years - more attachments may be added, changes may be made in these attachments, or some may no longer be available or fit your model. **Contact your nearest Sears store for the accessories and attachments that are available for your unit.**

Most of these attachments do not require additional hitches or conversion kits (those that do are indicated) and are designed for easy attaching and detaching.

PERMANEX BAGGER lets you collect grass clippings and leaves for a healthier, neater looking lawn. Two Permanex containers hold 30-gallon plastic bags.

LAWN SWEEPERS let you collect grass clippings and leaves.

LAWN VACS for powerful collections of heavy grass clippings and leaves. Wand attachment to pick up debris in hard-to-reach places.

CARTS make hauling easy. Variety of sizes available.

ROLLER for smoother lawn surface. 36-inch wide, 18 inch diameter water-tight drum holds up to 390 lbs. of weight. Rounded edges prevent harm to turf. Adjustable scraper automatically cleans drum.

SPREADER/SEEDERS make seeding, fertilizing, and weed killing easy. Broadcast spreaders are also useful for granular de-icers and sand.

CORING AERATOR takes small plugs out of soil to allow moisture and nutrients to reach grass roots. 36-inch swath. 24 hardened steel coring tips. 150 lb. capacity weight tray.

AERATOR promotes deep root growth for a healthy lawn. Tapered 2.5" steel spikes mounted on 10-in. diameter discs puncture holes in soil at close intervals to let moisture soak in. Steel weight tray for increased penetration.

DETHATCHER loosens soil and flips thatch and matted leaves to lawn surface for easy pick up. Twenty spring tine teeth. Useful to prepare bare areas for seeding. Available for front or rear mounting.

SPRAYERS use 12-volt DC electric motor that connects to the tractor battery or other 12-volt source. Includes booms for automatic spraying when pulling, and hand held wand for spot spraying. Wand has adjustable spray pattern. For applying herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and liquid fertilizers.

SNOW BLADE for snow removal only. 14-inch high, 42-inch wide blade clears 38 inch path when angled left or right. Raises, lowers with side lever. Adjustable skids; replaceable, reversible scraper bar. (Use with tire chains, wheel weights, or rear drawbar weight.)

SNOWTHROWER has 40-inch swath. Drum-type auger handles powdery and wet/heavy snow. Mounts easily with simple pin arrangement. Discharge chute adjusts from tractor seat. 6-inch diameter spout discharges snow 10 to 50 feet. Lift controlled at tractor seat. (Use with chains, wheel weights, or rear drawbar weight.)

TIRE CHAINS are heavy duty; closely spaced extra-large cross links give smooth ride, outstanding traction.

WHEEL WEIGHTS for rear wheels provide needed traction for snow removal or dozing heavy materials. In pairs. (30 lbs. each.)

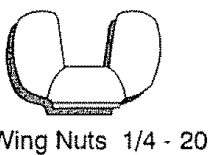
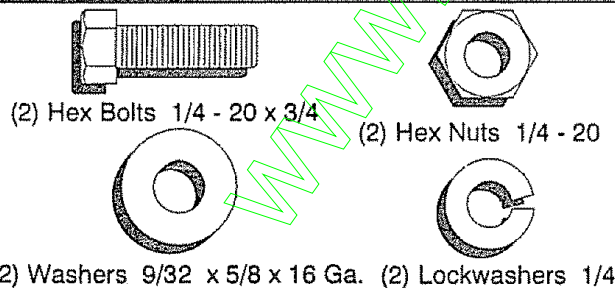
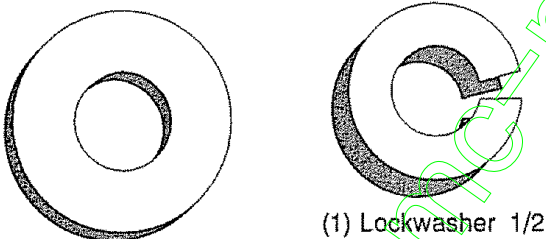
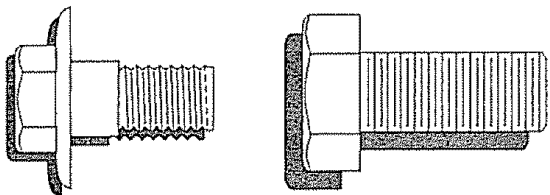
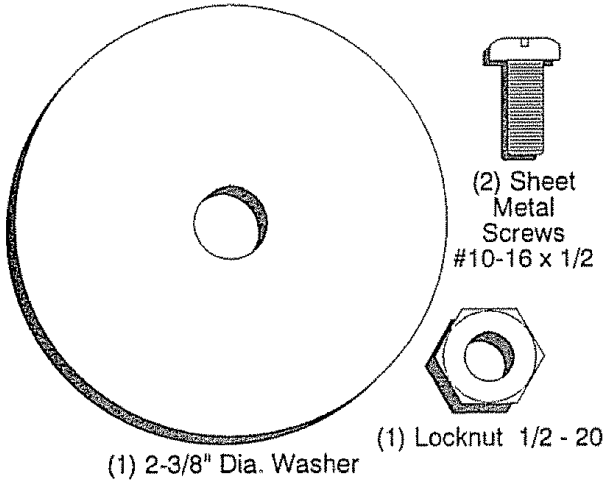
TRACTOR CAB has heavy duty vinyl fabric over tubular steel frame, ABS plastic top; clear plastic windshield offers 360 degree visibility. Hinged metal doors with catch. Keeps operator warm and dry. Remove vinyl and windshields for use as sun protector in summer.

Optional accessories for tractor cab: tinted/tempered solid safety glass windshield with hand operated wiper; 12-volt amber caution light for mounting on cab top.

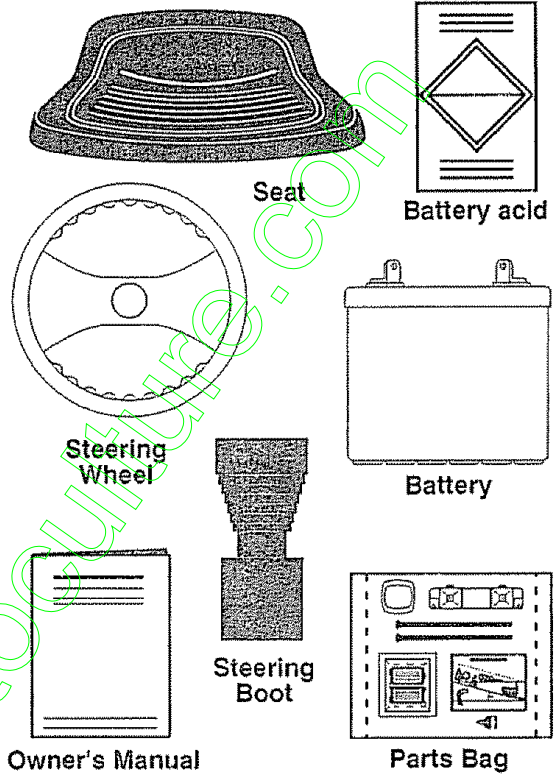
TRACTOR COVER protects tractor from weather. Made of Evolution 3 fabric (water-repellent, extremely breathable, light weight, soft, non-abrasive, pliable in all temperatures, durable, stain/tear/puncture resistant, will not shrink or stretch).

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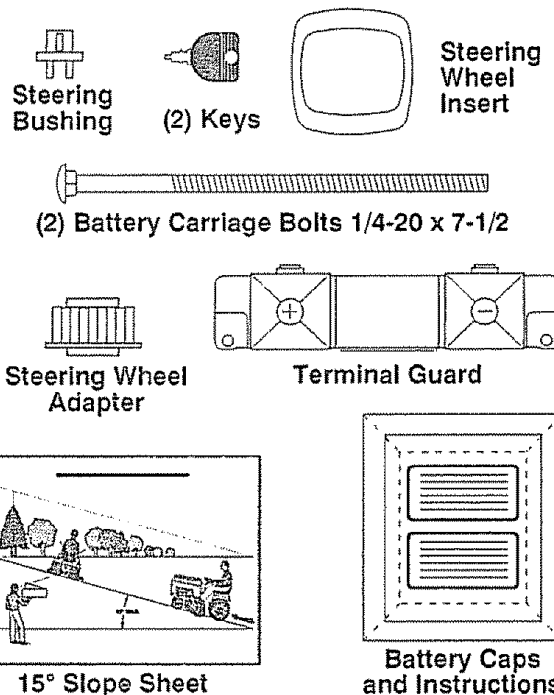
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Parts packed separately in carton



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ASSEMBLY

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

A socket wrench set will make assembly easier. Standard wrench sizes are listed.

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| (1) 5/16" wrench | (1) 3/4" wrench |
| (2) 7/16" wrenches | Tire pressure gauge |
| (1) 1/2" wrench | Screwdriver |
| (1) 9/16" wrench | Utility knife |

When right and left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (seated behind the steering wheel).

TO REMOVE UNIT FROM CARTON

UNPACK CARTON

- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts cartons from carton (See page 6).
- Cut along dotted lines on carton, from top to bottom, all four corners of carton and lay panels flat.
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove.

ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 1)

- Slide the steering bushing over the steering shaft.
- Raise steering shaft forward until screw holes in dash line up with steering bushing. Install two (2) sheet metal screws and tighten securely.
- Position steering boot over steering shaft.
- Place tabs of steering boot over slots in dash and push down to secure.
- Slide steering wheel adapter onto upper steering shaft.
- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide onto adapter.
- Assemble large flat washer and 1/2-20 hex nut and tighten securely.
- Snap insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective plastic from tractor hood and grill.

BEFORE ROLLING UNIT OFF SKID

(See Fig. 6)

IMPORTANT: CHECK FOR AND REMOVE ANY STAPLES IN SKID THAT MAY PUNCTURE TIRES WHERE UNIT IS TO ROLL OFF SKID.

- Raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Release parking brake by depressing clutch/brake pedal.
- Place gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Roll unit backwards off skid.
- Remove banding holding discharge guard up against tractor.

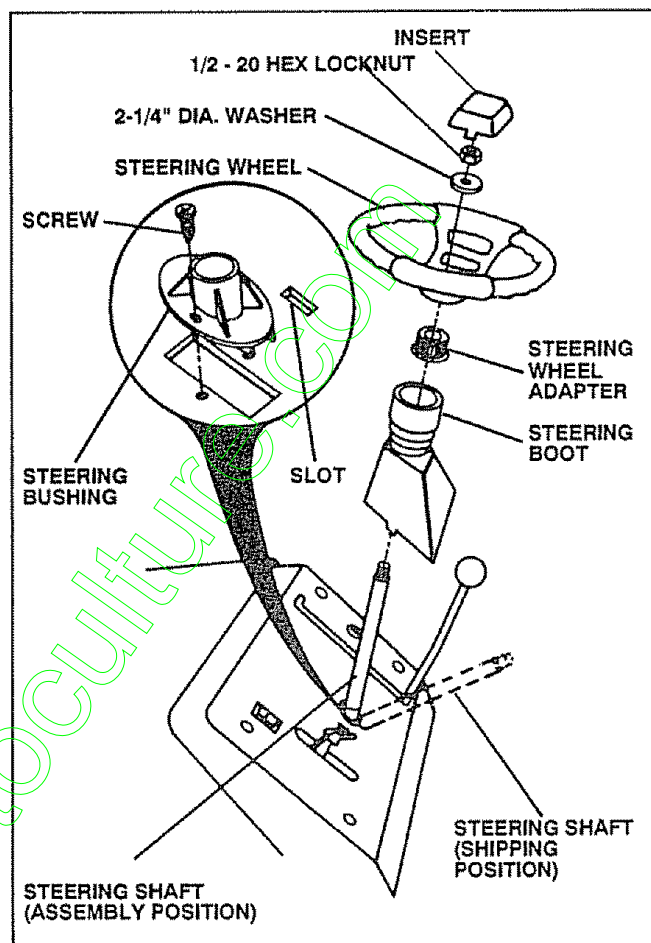


FIG. 1

ASSEMBLY

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR PREPARE BATTERY (See Fig. 2)

CAUTION: Wear eye and face shield.

Wash hands or clothing immediately if accidentally in contact with battery acid.

Do not smoke. Fumes from charged battery acid are explosive.

Read the instructions included with the battery vent caps. Always wear gloves, clothing and goggles to protect your hands, skin and eyes.



Your unit has a battery charging system which is sufficient for normal use. However, periodic charging of the battery with an automotive charger will extend its life.

- See instructions packed with vent caps in parts bag.
- Fill battery with acid. Fill each cell until it reaches the bottom of the vent wells. Do not overfill.
- Allow battery to stand and settle for at least thirty minutes. After standing, check the level of acid. If below the vent wells, add more acid until the correct level is reached.

While battery is standing (after adding acid) and later, while battery is being charged, continue with assembly of unit.

IMPORTANT: TO MAXIMIZE THE LIFE OF YOUR BATTERY, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE BATTERY BE CHARGED BEFORE USE. FAILURE TO CHARGE BATTERY CAN RESULT IN A SHORTENED BATTERY LIFE.

- Charge battery at a rate of 6 amperes for 1 hour. Use a 12 volt battery charger. Observe all safety precautions required for battery charging.
- Check the acid level after the battery is charged. If the acid has fallen below the correct level, add distilled or iron free water.
- Install the vent caps to cover the vent wells. Wash the top of the battery with water to remove any acid, then wipe dry.
- Check battery case for leakage to make sure that no damage has occurred in handling.
- Dispose of excess battery acid. Neutralize acid for disposal by adding it to four inches of water in a five gallon plastic container. Stir with a wooden or plastic paddle while adding baking soda until the addition of more soda causes no more foaming.
- Follow instructions on how to install battery.

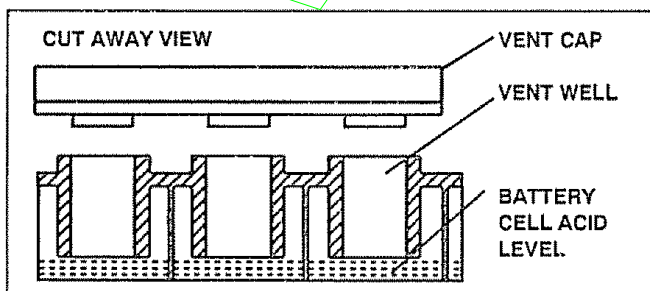


FIG. 2

INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 3)

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment bolt.

- Remove cardboard packing on seat pan.
- Place seat on pan and assemble shoulder bolt.
- Assemble adjustment bolt, lockwasher and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- Tighten shoulder bolt securely.
- Lower seat into operating position and sit on seat.
- Slide seat until a comfortable position is reached which allows you to press clutch/brake pedal all the way down (See Fig. 6).
- Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- Raise seat and tighten adjustment bolt securely.

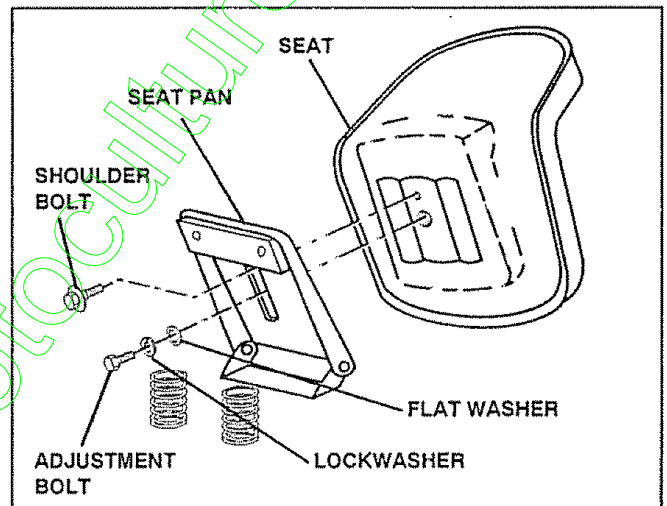


FIG. 3

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

The tires on your unit were overinflated at the factory for shipping purposes. Correct tire pressure is important for best cutting performance.

- Reduce tire pressure to PSI shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

CHECK DECK LEVELNESS

For best cutting results, mower housing should be properly leveled. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

See the figures that are shown for replacing motion and mower blade drive belts in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual. Verify that the belts are routed correctly.

CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM

After you learn how to operate your tractor, check to see that the brake is properly adjusted. See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

ASSEMBLY

INSTALL BATTERY (See Figs. 4 & 5)



CAUTION: Do not short battery terminals. Before installing battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands, rings, etc.

Positive terminal must be connected first to prevent sparking from accidental grounding.

- Lift seat to raised position.
- Lower battery into fender well with battery terminals toward front of unit. Make sure battery rests in battery tray.
- Be sure battery drain tube has not come loose and is securely attached to drain in battery tray.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) battery terminal with hex bolt, flat washer, lockwasher and hex nut as shown. Tighten securely.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) battery terminal with remaining hex bolt, flat washer, lockwasher and hex nut. Tighten securely.
- Slide the two battery bolts through the terminal guard and start the wing nuts onto the threads.
- Position terminal guard over the battery as shown, lower bolts into key holes and slide square shafts of bolts into slots of key holes.
- Tighten wing nuts by hand making sure battery bolts remain in slots of the key holes in the battery support.
- Be sure terminal access doors are closed.

Use terminal access doors for:

- Inspection for secure connections (to tighten hardware).
- Inspection for corrosion.
- Testing battery.
- Jumping (if required).
- Periodic charging.

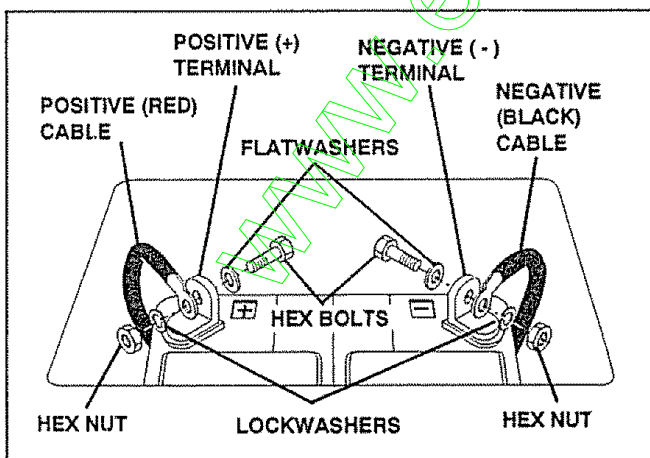


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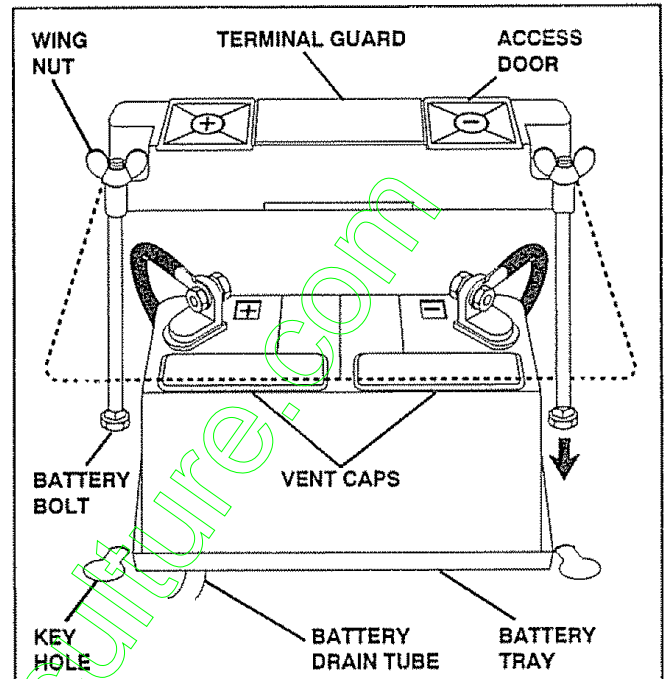


FIG. 5

✓ CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU OPERATE AND ENJOY YOUR NEW TRACTOR, WE WISH TO ASSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE BEST PERFORMANCE AND SATISFACTION FROM THIS QUALITY PRODUCT.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

- ✓ All assembly instructions have been completed.
- ✓ No remaining loose parts in carton.
- ✓ Battery is properly prepared and charged. (Minimum 1 hour at 6 amps).
- ✓ Seat is adjusted comfortably and tightened securely.
- ✓ All tires are properly inflated. (For shipping purposes, the tires were over-inflated at the factory).
- ✓ Be sure mower deck is properly leveled side-to-side/front-to-rear for best cutting results. (Tires must be properly inflated for leveling).
- ✓ Check mower and drive belts. Be sure they are routed properly around pulleys and inside all belt keepers.
- ✓ Check wiring. See that all connections are still secure and wires are properly clamped.

WHILE LEARNING HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR, PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- ✓ Engine oil is at proper level.
- ✓ Fuel tank is filled with fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline.
- ✓ Become familiar with all controls - their location and function. Operate them before you start the engine.
- ✓ Be sure brake system is in safe operating condition.

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR TRACTOR

READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TRACTOR

Compare the illustrations with your tractor to familiarize yourself with the locations of various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for future reference.

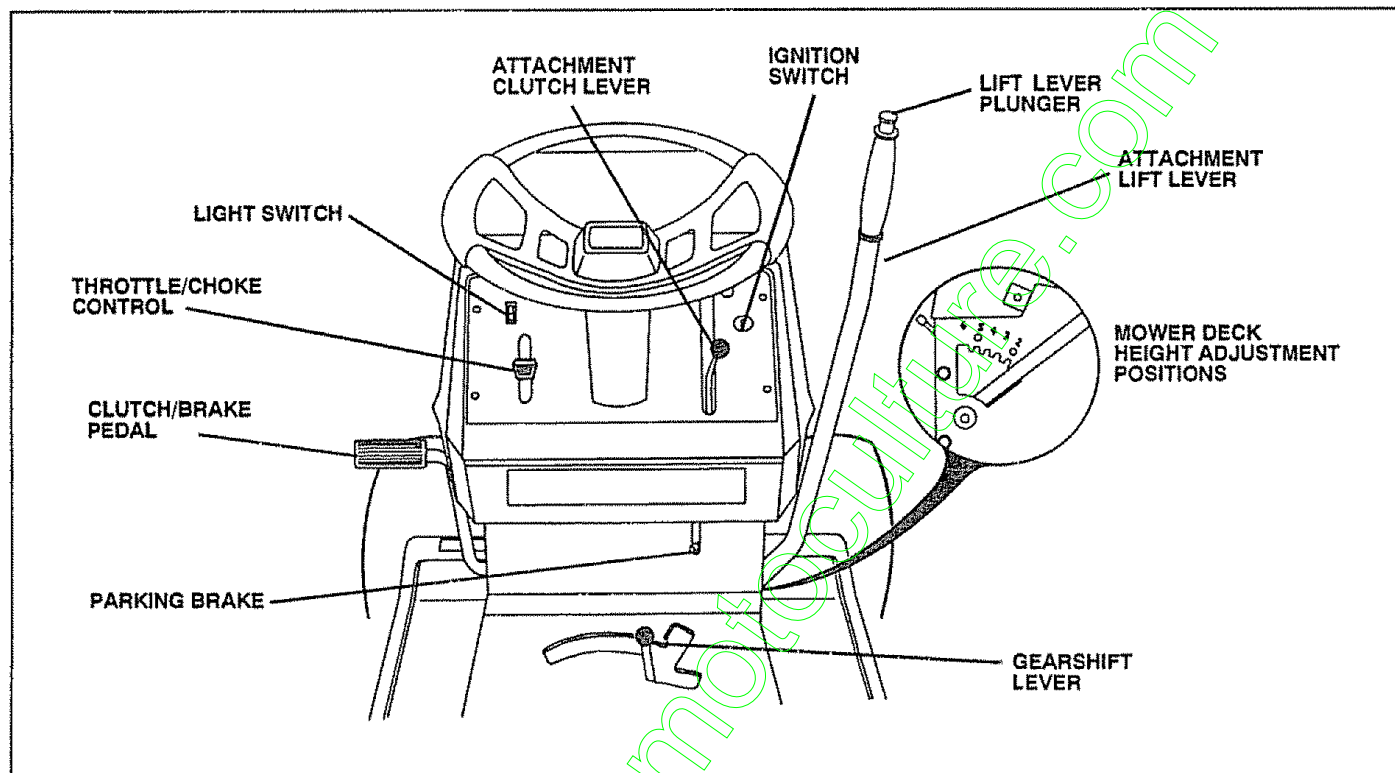


FIG. 6

Sears tractors conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute.

ATTACHMENT CLUTCH LEVER: Used to engage the mower blades, or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

LIGHT SWITCH: Turns the headlights on and off.

THROTTLE/CHOKE CONTROL: Used for starting and controlling engine speed.

CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL: Used for declutching and braking the tractor and starting the engine.

PARKING BRAKE LEVER: Locks clutch/brake pedal into the brake position.

GEARSHIFT LEVER: Selects the speed and direction of tractor.

ATTACHMENT LIFT LEVER: Used to raise, lower, and adjust the mower deck or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

LIFT LEVER PLUNGER: Used to release attachment lift lever when changing its position.

IGNITION SWITCH: Used for starting and stopping the engine.

CAUTION TO AVOID INJURY

- READ OWNER'S MANUAL.
- KNOW LOCATION AND FUNCTION OF ALL CONTROLS.
- KEEP GUARDS, SAFETY SHIELDS AND SWITCHES IN PLACE AND WORKING.
- REMOVE OBJECTS THAT CAN BE THROWN BY BLADES.
- DO NOT MOW WHEN CHILDREN AND OTHERS ARE AROUND.
- NEVER CARRY CHILDREN OR PASSENGERS.
- ALWAYS LOOK BEHIND MACHINE BEFORE BACKING.
- DO NOT MOW WHERE MACHINE CAN TIP OR SLIP.
- IF MACHINE STOPS GOING UPHILL, STOP BLADE AND BACK DOWN SLOWLY.
- BE SURE BLADES AND ENGINE HAVE STOPPED BEFORE PLACING HANDS OR FEET NEAR THE BLADES.
- REMOVE KEY WHEN LEAVING MACHINE.

OPERATION



The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your tractor or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend wide vision safety mask for over the spectacles or standard safety glasses, available at Sears Retail or Catalog stores.

HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 7)

- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold.
- Place parking brake lever in "ENGAGED" position and release pressure from clutch/brake pedal. Pedal should remain in "BRAKE" position. Make sure parking brake will hold vehicle secure.

STOPPING (See Fig. 7)

MOWER BLADES -

- Move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.

GROUND DRIVE -

- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position.
- Move gearshift lever to "NEUTRAL" position.

ENGINE -

- Move throttle control to "SLOW" position.
- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving vehicle to prevent unauthorized use.
- Never use choke to stop engine.

TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 7)

Always operate engine at full throttle.

- Operating engine at less than full throttle reduces the battery charging rate and the engine cooling air flow.
- Full throttle offers the best bagging and mower performance.

TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD (See Fig. 6)

The direction and speed of movement is controlled by the gearshift lever.

- Start tractor with clutch/brake pedal depressed and gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Move gearshift lever to desired position.
- Slowly release clutch/brake pedal to start movement.

IMPORTANT: BRING TRACTOR TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE SHIFTING OR CHANGING GEARS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL SHORTEN THE USEFUL LIFE OF YOUR TRANSAXLE.

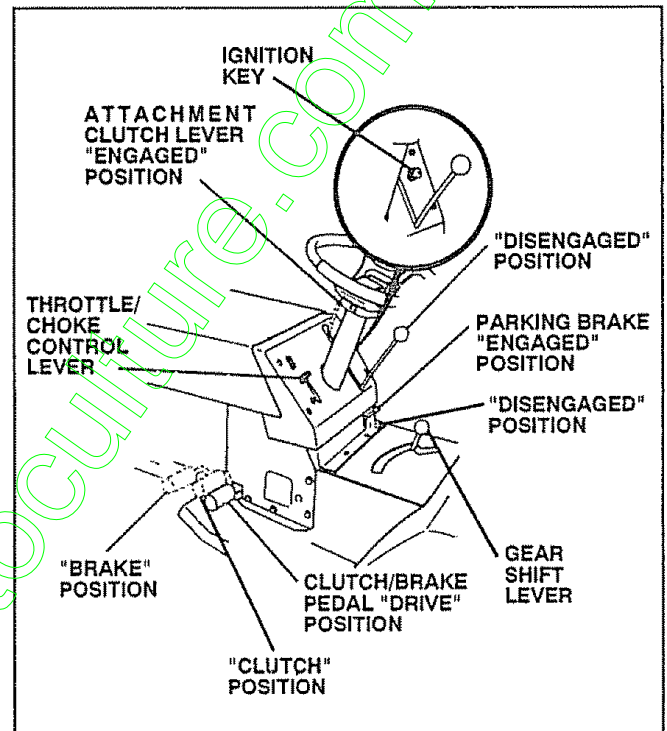


FIG. 7

TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 6)

The position of the attachment lift lever determines the cutting height.

- Grasp lift lever.
- Press plunger with thumb and move lever to desired position.

The cutting height range is approximately 1-1/4 to 3-3/4". The heights are measured from the ground to the blade tip with the engine not running. These heights are approximate and may vary depending upon soil conditions, height of grass and types of grass being mowed.

- The average lawn should be cut approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and over 3 inches during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.
- For best cutting performance, grass over 6 inches in height should be mowed twice. Make the first cut relatively high; the second to desired height.

OPERATION

TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig. 8)

Your unit is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. Any attempt by the operator to leave the seat with the engine running and the attachment clutch engaged will shut off the engine.

- Select desired height of cut.
- Engage mower by slowly moving attachment clutch lever to "ENGAGED" position.
- TO STOP MOWER - Move attachment clutch lever to "DISENGAGED" position.



CAUTION: Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the discharge guard in place.

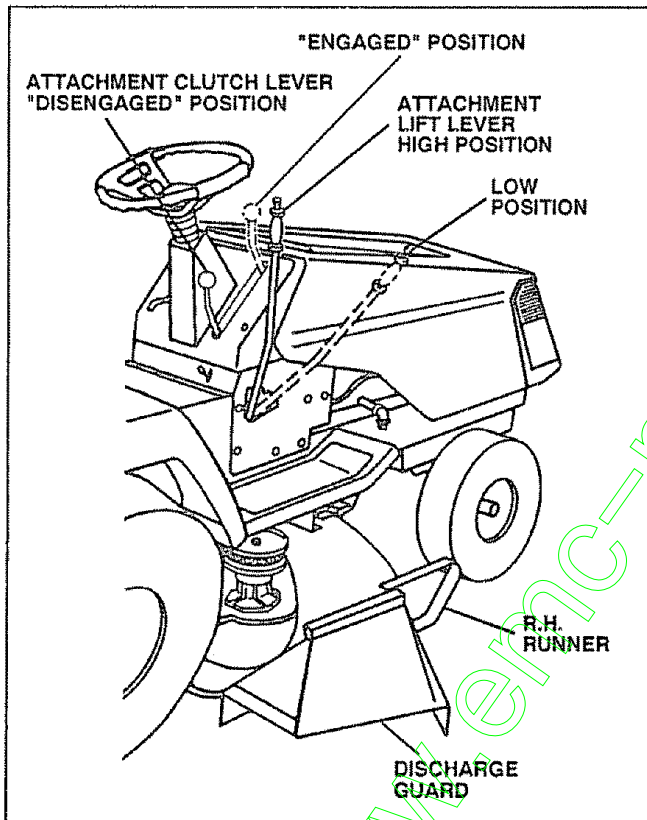


FIG. 8

TO OPERATE ON HILLS



CAUTION: Do not drive up or down hills with slopes greater than 15° and do not drive across any slope.

- Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills.
- Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills.
- If slowing is necessary, move throttle control lever to slower position.

- If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake.
- Move gearshift lever to 1st gear and be sure you have allowed room for tractor to roll slightly as you restart movement.
- To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Make all turns slowly.

TO TRANSPORT

- Raise attachment lift control to highest position.
- When pushing or towing your unit, be sure gearshift lever is in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Do not push or tow unit at more than five (5) MPH.

BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE

CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL (See Fig. 16)

- The engine in your unit has been shipped, from the factory, already filled with summer weight oil.
- Check engine oil with unit on level ground.
- Remove oil fill dipstick and wipe clean, replace and screw cap tight, wait for a few seconds, remove and read oil level. If necessary, add oil until "FULL" mark on dipstick is reached. Do not overfill.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (see "OIL VISCOSITY CHART" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Maintenance section in this manual.

ADD GASOLINE

- Fill fuel tank. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life).

IMPORTANT: WHEN OPERATING IN TEMPERATURES BELOW 32°F (0°C), USE FRESH, CLEAN WINTER GRADE GASOLINE TO HELP INSURE GOOD COLD WEATHER STARTING.

WARNING: Experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. To avoid engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer. Drain the gas tank, start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty. Use fresh fuel next season. See Storage Instructions for additional information. Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.



CAUTION: Fill to bottom of gas tank filler neck. Do not overfill. Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

OPERATION

TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 7)

When starting engine for the first time or if engine has run out of fuel, it will take extra cranking time to move fuel from the tank to the engine.

- Depress the clutch/brake pedal and set the parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move throttle control lever to "CHOKE" position for cold engine start. For warm engine start, move throttle control to "FAST" position.
- Turn ignition key clockwise to "START" position and release key as soon as engine starts. Do not run starter continuously for more than fifteen seconds per minute. If engine does not start after several attempts, move throttle control to "FAST" position, wait a few minutes and try again.
- When engine starts, move throttle control to desired position.
- Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes before engaging drive or attachment clutch.

NOTE: If at a high altitude (above 3000 feet) or in cold temperatures (below 32° F), the carburetor fuel mixture may need to be adjusted for best engine performance. See "TO ADJUST CARBURETOR" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

MOWING TIPS

- Tire chains cannot be used when the mower housing is attached to unit.
- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- Use the runner on the right hand side of mower as a guide. The blade cuts approximately an inch outside the runner (See Fig. 8).
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.

- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 9).

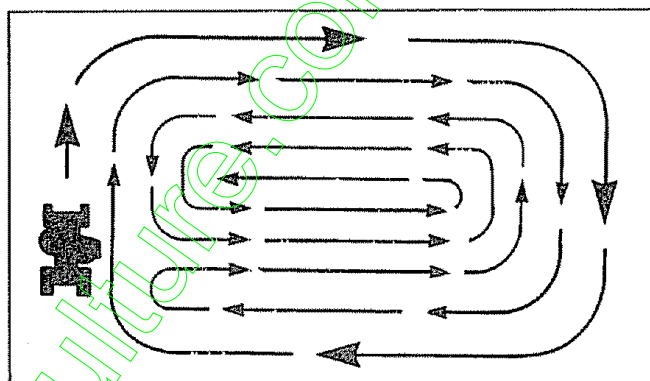


FIG. 9

- If grass is extremely tall, it should be mowed twice to reduce load and possible fire hazard from dried clippings. Make first cut relatively high; the second to the desired height.
- Do not mow grass when it is wet. Wet grass will plug mower and leave undesirable clumps. Allow grass to dry before mowing.
- Always operate engine at full throttle when mowing to assure better mowing performance and proper discharge of material. Regulate ground speed by selecting a low enough gear to give the mower cutting performance as well as the quality of cut desired.
- When operating attachments, select a ground speed that will suit the terrain and give best performance of the attachment being used.

MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FILL IN DATES AS YOU COMPLETE REGULAR SERVICE		BEFORE EACH USE	FIRST 2 HOURS	EVERY 8 HOURS	EVERY 25 HOURS	EVERY 50 HOURS	EVERY 100 HOURS	EVERY SEASON	BEFORE STORAGE	SERVICE DATES								
		TRACTOR	Check Brake Operation	✓		✓												
Check Tire Pressure	✓			✓														
Check for Loose Fasteners	✓								✓									
Sharpen/Replace Mower Blades					✓ ₄													
Lubrication Chart					✓				✓									
Check Battery Level/Recharge					✓													
Clean Battery and Terminals					✓													
Check Transmission Cooling					✓													
Adjust Blade Belt(s) Tension							✓											
Adjust Motion Drive Belt(s) Tension							✓											
ENGINE	Check Engine Oil Level	✓		✓														
	Change Engine Oil		✓		✓ _{1,2,3}			✓										
	Clean Air Filter				✓ ₂													
	Clean Air Screen				✓ ₂													
	Inspect Muffler/Spark Arrester					✓												
	Replace Oil Filter (If equipped)						✓ _{1,2}											
	Clean Engine Cooling Fins						✓ ₂											
	Replace Spark Plug						✓	✓										
	Replace Air Filter Paper Cartridge						✓ ₂											
	Replace Fuel Filter							✓										

1 - Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures
2 - Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

3 - If equipped with oil filter, change oil every 50 hours.
4 - Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this vehicle does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, operator must maintain unit as instructed in this manual.

Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your unit.

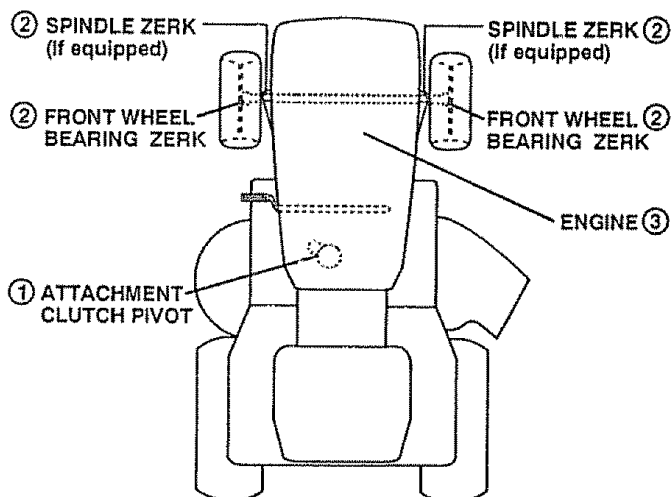
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

- Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check blades and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

BEFORE EACH USE

- Check engine oil level.
- Check brake operation.
- Check tire pressure.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION CHART



- ① SAE 30 OR 10W30 MOTOR OIL API - SF/CC
- ② GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE
- ③ REFER TO ENGINE MAINTENANCE SECTION

IMPORTANT: DO NOT OIL OR GREASE THE PIVOT POINTS WHICH HAVE SPECIAL NYLON BEARINGS. VISCOUS LUBRICANTS WILL ATTRACT DUST AND DIRT THAT WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF THE SELF-LUBRICATING BEARINGS. IF YOU FEEL THEY MUST BE LUBRICATED, USE ONLY A DRY, POWDERED GRAPHITE TYPE LUBRICANT SPARINGLY.

MAINTENANCE

TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

BRAKE OPERATION

If unit requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, than brake must be adjusted (See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in Service and Adjustments section of this manual)

TIRES

- Maintain proper air pressure in all tires (See "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual)
- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

BLADE CARE

For best results mower blades must be kept sharp. The blades can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. We suggest they be sharpened or replaced after every 25 hours of mowing. Check blades more often if mowing in sandy conditions.

- Do not attempt to sharpen blades while they are on the mower.
- Replace bent or damaged blades.

BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 10)

- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove hex bolt, lockwasher and flat washer securing blade.
- Install new or resharpened blade with trailing edge up towards deck as shown.
- Reassemble hex bolt, lockwasher and flat washer in exact order as shown.
- Tighten bolt securely (30-35 Ft Lbs. torque).

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS GRADE 5 HEAT TREATED.

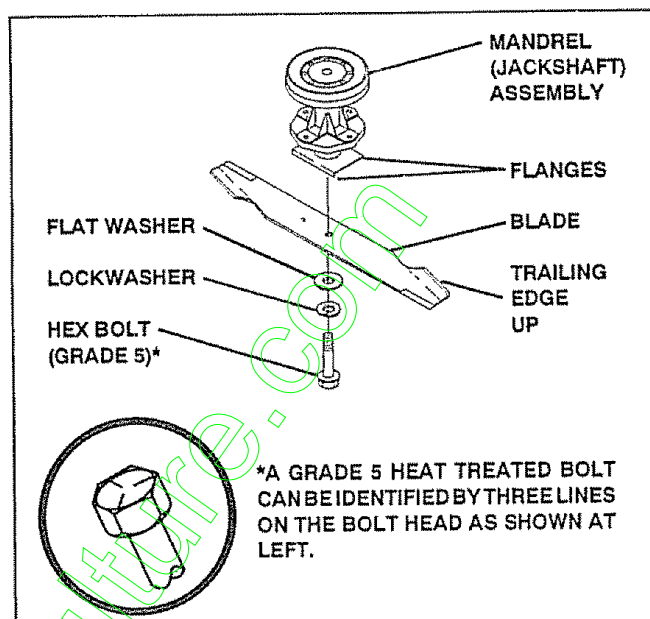


FIG. 10

TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 11)

Care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration and eventual damage to mower and engine.

- The blade can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. Do not attempt to sharpen while on the mower.
- To check blade balance, drive a nail into a beam or wall. Leave about one inch of the straight nail exposed. Place center hole of blade over the head of the nail. If blade is balanced, it should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of the blade moves downward, sharpen the heavy end until the blade is balanced.

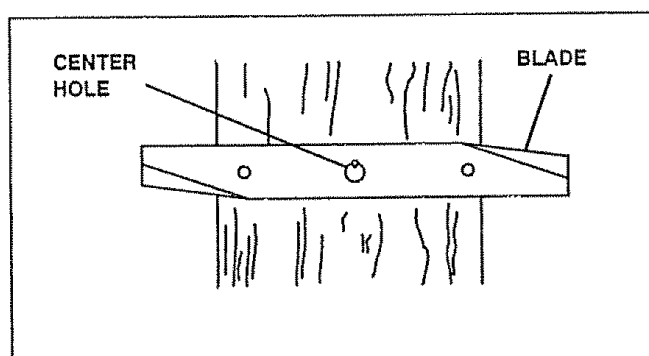


FIG. 11

MAINTENANCE

BATTERY (See Fig. 12)

Your unit has a battery charging system which is sufficient for normal use. However, periodic charging of the battery with an automotive charger will extend its life.

- Acid solution level in each battery cell should be even with bottoms of vent wells. Add only distilled or iron free water if necessary. Do not overfill.

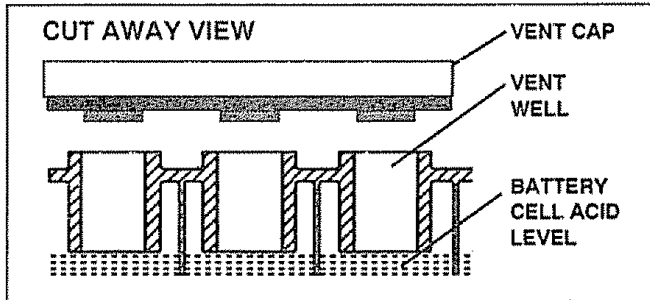


FIG. 12

- Keep battery and terminals clean.
- Keep battery bolts tight.
- Keep vent caps tight and small vent holes in caps open.
- Recharge at 6 amperes for 1 hour.

TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS -

Corrosion and dirt on the battery and terminals can cause the battery to "leak" power.

- Remove terminal guard.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- Wash battery with solution of four tablespoons of baking soda to one gallon of water. Be careful not to get the soda solution into the cells.
- Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.
- Clean terminals and battery cable ends with wire brush until bright.
- Coat terminals with grease or petroleum jelly.
- Reinstall battery (See "INSTALL BATTERY" in assembly section of this manual).

V-BELTS

Check V-belts for deterioration and wear after 100 hours and replace if necessary. The mower blade drive belt can be adjusted to provide you with longer belt life (See "TO ADJUST MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT" in Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

The motions drive belt is not adjustable. Replace belts if they begin to slip from wear.

TRANSAXLE COOLING

Keep transaxle free from build-up of dirt and chaff which can restrict cooling.

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Change the oil after the first two hours of operation and every 25 hours thereafter or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 25 hours in one year.

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each eight (8) hours of continuous use. Add SAE 30W motor oil or equivalent. Tighten oil fill cap/dipstick securely each time you check the oil level. SAE 5W-30 motor oil may be used to make starting easier in areas where temperature is consistently 32° F or lower.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Fig. 13)

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SG.

- Be sure vehicle is on level surface.
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove oil fill dipstick. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when changing oil.
- Remove drain plug.
- After oil has drained completely, replace oil drain plug and tighten securely.
- Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill. For approximate capacity see Product Specifications on page 3 of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill dipstick for checking level. Be sure dipstick cap is tightened securely for accurate reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick.

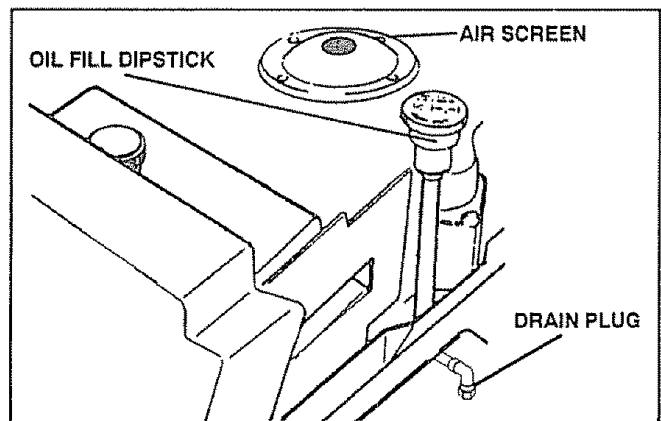
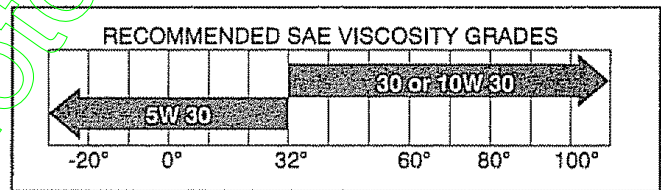


FIG. 13

AIR FILTER (See Fig. 14)

Your engine will not run properly and may be damaged by using a dirty air filter. Remove cartridge every 25 hours and tap gently to clean. Replace paper cartridge once a year or after every 100 hours of operation, more often if used in very dusty, dirty conditions.

- Remove knob and cover.
- Remove cartridge nut and clean or replace cartridge.
- Reassemble and tighten securely.

NOTE: Do not attempt to oil the paper cartridge.

MAINTENANCE

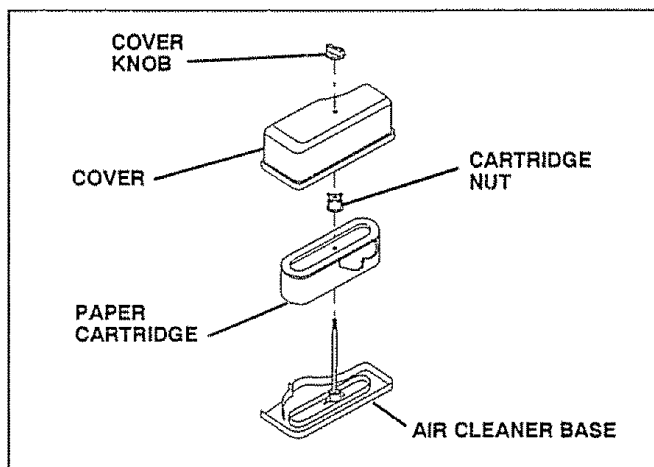


FIG. 14

AIR SCREEN (See Fig. 13)

The engine air screen must be kept free of dirt and chaff to prevent engine damage from overheating. Clean with a wire brush or compressed air to remove dirt and stubborn dried gum fibers.

ENGINE COOLING FINS (See Fig. 15)

Remove any dust, dirt or oil from engine cooling fins to prevent engine damage from overheating.

- Remove oil fill dipstick and cover opening to prevent entry of dirt.
- Remove screws from blower housing and lift housing off engine.
- Remove the screws securing the starter housing and lift housing off engine.
- Use compressed air or stiff bristle brush to thoroughly clean engine cooling fins.
- To reassemble, reverse above procedure.

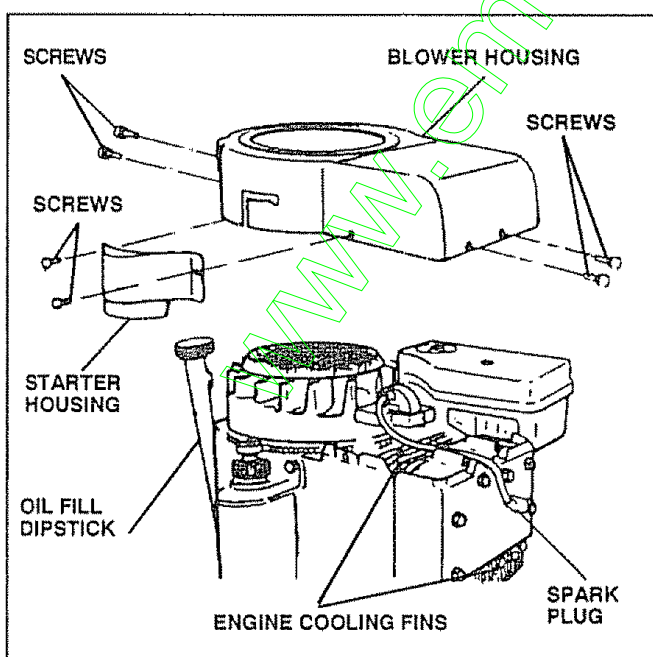


FIG. 15

MUFFLER

Inspect and replace corroded muffler and spark arrester (if equipped) as it could create a fire hazard and/or damage.

SPARK PLUGS

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of use, whichever comes first. Spark plug type and gap setting is shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 16)

Fuel filter should be replaced once each season. If fuel filter becomes clogged, obstructing fuel flow to carburetor, replacement is required.

- With engine cool, remove filter and plug fuel line sections.
- Place new fuel filter in position in fuel line.
- Be sure there are no fuel line leaks and clamps are properly positioned.
- Immediately wipe up any spilled gasoline.

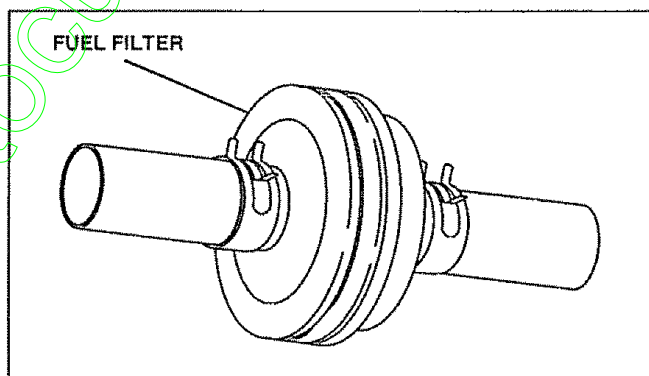


FIG. 16

CLEANING

- Clean engine, battery, seat, finish, etc. of all foreign matter.
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc.
- Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

We do not recommend using a garden hose to clean your unit unless the electrical system, muffler, air filter and carburetor are covered to keep water out. Water in engine can result in a shortened engine life.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS



CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:

- Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.
- Place gearshift lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Turn ignition key "OFF" and remove key.
- Make sure the blades and all moving parts have completely stopped.
- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug.

TRACTOR

TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 17)

Mower will be easier to remove from the right side of unit.

- Remove mower blade drive belt from engine pulley only (See "TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT" through step removing belt from engine pulley).
- Remove retainer spring from clutch rod; pull clutch rod out of clutch lever.
- Pull retainer springs out of rear suspension trunnions. Remove rear suspension trunnions from lift brackets.
- Pull retainer springs from front hinge pins.
- Remove hinge pins attaching parallel link to mower and front axle.
- Raise lift lever to raise suspension arms. Slide mower out from under tractor.

IMPORTANT: IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER IS TO BE MOUNTED TO THE TRACTOR, THE R.H. AND L.H. SUSPENSION ARMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM TRACTOR.

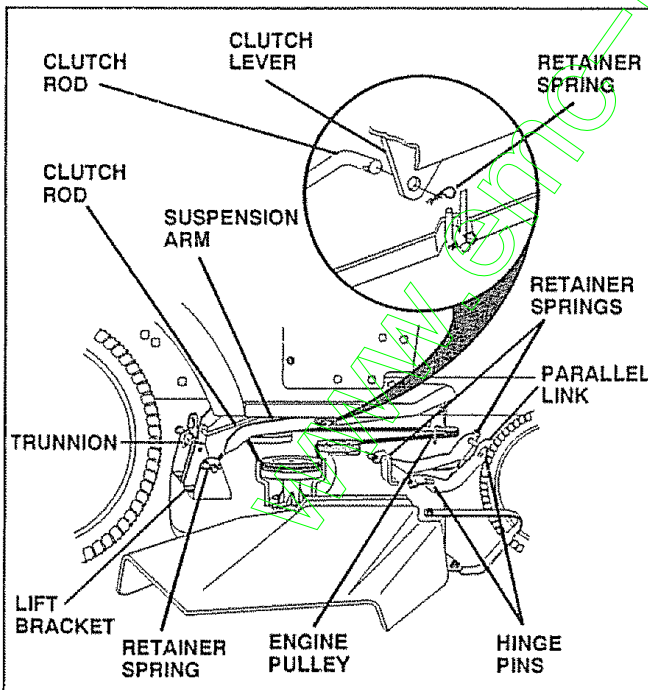


FIG. 17

TO INSTALL MOWER (See Fig. 17)

- Raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Slide mower under tractor with discharge guard to right side of tractor.
- Install parallel link to front axle and mower with hinge pins. Secure hinge pins with retainer springs.
- Install clutch rod in clutch lever and secure with retainer spring.
- Lower attachment lift lever to lower suspension arms. Slide trunnions through lift bracket holes and secure with retainer springs.
- Roll belt over engine pulley. Make sure belt is inside all pulley grooves and inside belt guides.
- Raise attachment lift lever to raise mower.

TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3). If tires are over or under inflated, you will not properly adjust your mower.

SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 18 and 19) -

- Raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Measure height from bottom of deck curl to ground level at front corners of mower. Distance "A" should be the same.
- If distance "A" needs to be changed, snap out access hole cover on left side of tractor above footrest.
- To raise left side of mower, loosen nut "B" and tighten nut "C".
- To lower left side of mower, loosen nut "C" and tighten nut "B".
- When distance "A" is equal, securely tighten nuts "B" and "C".
- Replace access hole cover.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

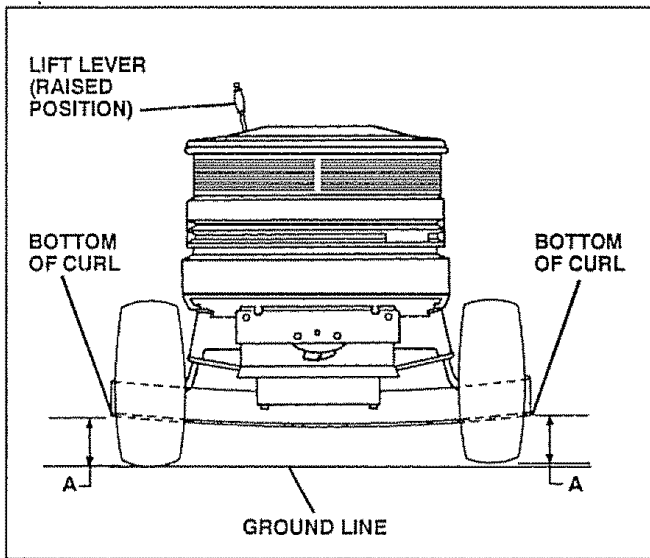


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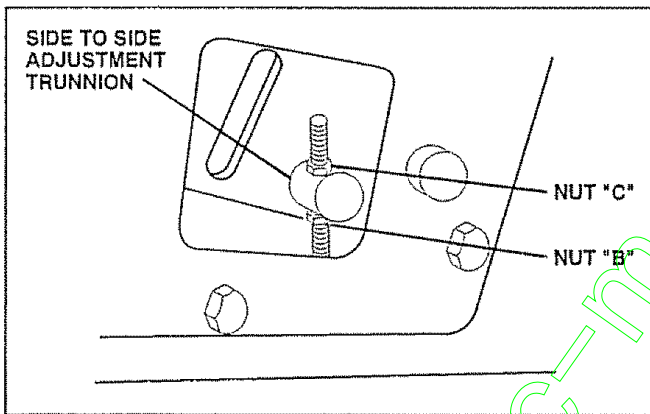


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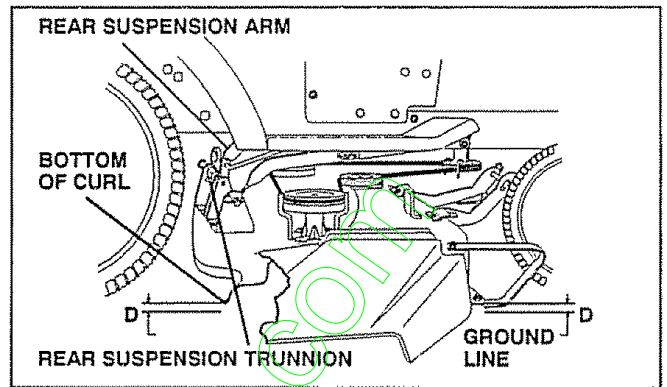


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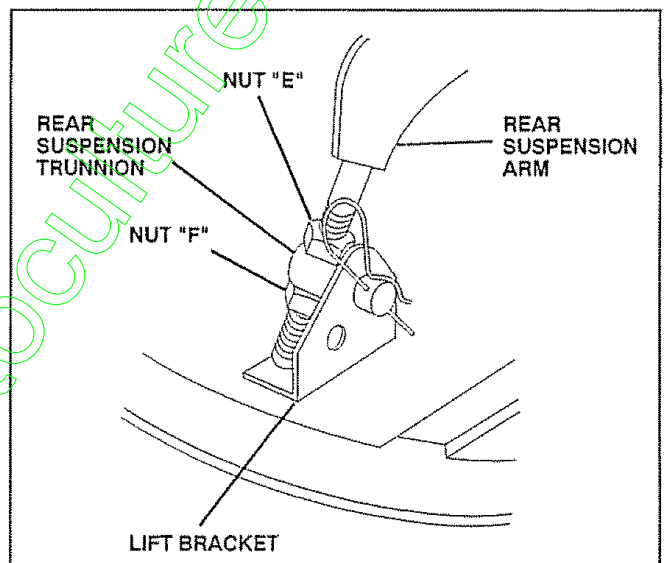


FIG. 21

FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 20 and 21) - To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so the rear is approximately 3/4 to 7/8" higher than the front when the mower is in its highest position.

Check adjustment on right side of tractor. Measure distance "D" at front and rear flanges of mower housing as shown.

- To raise rear of mower, loosen nut "E" on both rear suspension arms. Screw both nuts "F" on both rear suspension arms an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 3/4 to 7/8" higher at rear than front, retighten nuts "E".
- Recheck side-to-side adjustment.

IMPORTANT: WHEN ADJUSTING REAR SUSPENSION TRUNNIONS, ALWAYS ADJUST BOTH EQUALLY SO MOWER WILL STAY LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

TO ADJUST MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 22)

Your tractor has been manufactured with the ability to readjust the mower blade drive belt to provide you with longer belt life.

With the engine off and the lift lever in the highest position, move clutch lever up slowly until resistance is felt. If distance from bottom of slot in dash to clutch lever is greater than 4-1/2 inches, adjustment is necessary.

- Lower the mower deck for easier access.
- Remove the bolt, nut and D-shaped washers from rock shaft assembly.
- Move extension spring from lower to upper end of slot in rock shaft assembly and install bolt, nut and the D-shaped washers (flat side of washers down).
- Tighten bolt and nut to secure the D-shaped washers (flat side down as shown).

TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT (See Figs. 22 and 23)

The mower blade drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake. For assistance, there is a belt installation guide decal on the mower housing.

BELT REMOVAL -

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- Move attachment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position.
- Roll belt off engine pulley.
- Pull belt off both mandrel pulleys.
- Spring belt guide away from idler pulley and pull belt off idler pulley.
- Slide belt from under extension spring.

BELT INSTALLATION -

- Slide belt under extension spring.
- Place belt around back side and in groove of both mandrel pulleys.
- Spring idler belt guide down and place belt around rear side of idler pulley.
- Roll belt over engine pulley.
- Make sure belt is in all pulley grooves and inside all belt guides.

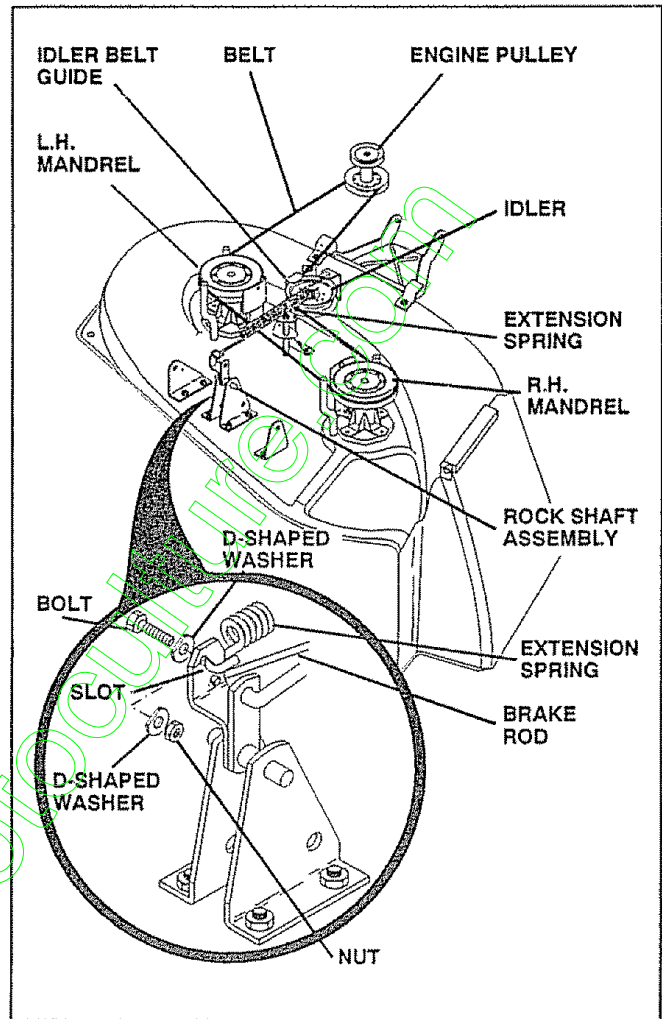


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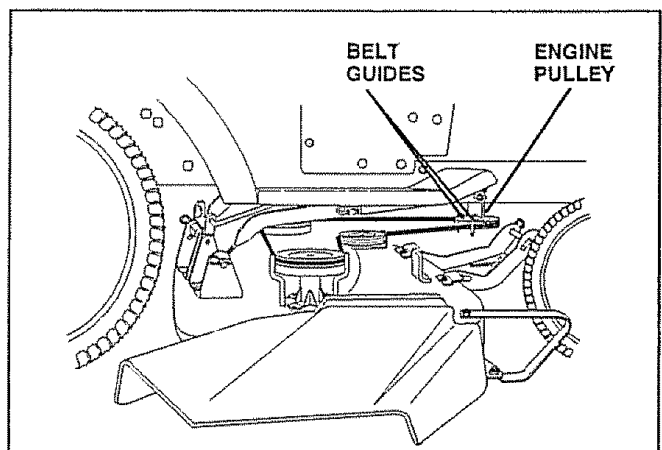


FIG. 23

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

TO ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 24)

Your unit is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the right side of the transaxle.

If unit requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then brake must be adjusted.

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and engage parking brake.
- Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- If distance is other than 1-1/2", disengage parking brake, loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-1/2". Retighten jam nut against nut "A".
- Engage parking brake and recheck distance.
- Road test unit for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than six (6) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Contact your nearest Sears Service Center.

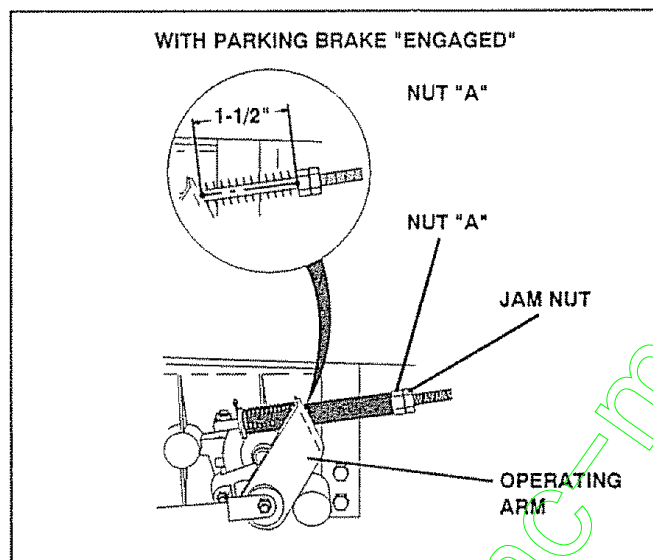


FIG. 24

TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 25)

The tractor drive belt may be replaced without tools. Park the tractor on level area. Engage parking brake. For assistance, there is a belt installation guide decal on bottom side of left footrest.

- Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of this manual).
- Roll belt over top of transaxle pulley.
- Roll belt over engine pulley and off idler.
- Release parking brake. Pull belt as far as possible over top of clutch pulley.
- Reset parking brake. Pull belt over top of clutch pulley.
- Pull belt out up through gearshift lever gate opening to remove from tractor.
- Install new belt by reversing above procedure.

IMPORTANT: REPLACE ONLY WITH BELT LISTED IN THIS MANUAL.

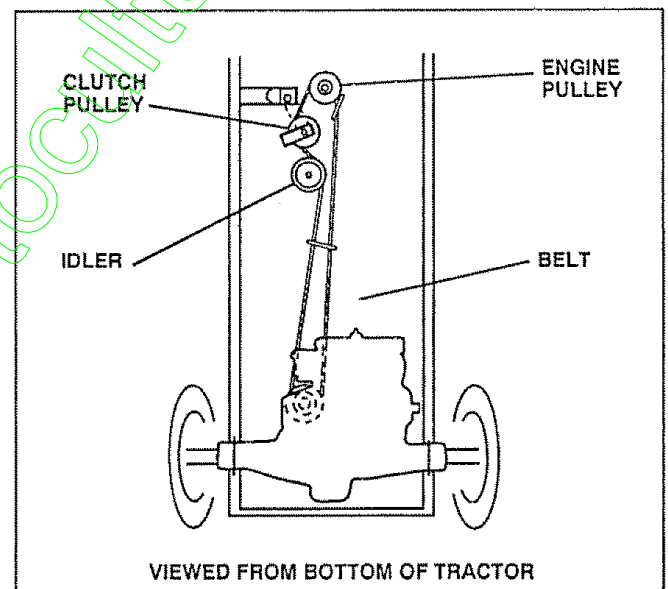


FIG. 25

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT

If steering wheel crossbars are not horizontal (left to right) when wheels are positioned straight forward, remove steering wheel and reassemble per instructions in the Assembly section of this manual.

FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

The front wheel toe-in and camber are not adjustable on your unit. If damage has occurred to affect the front wheel toe-in or camber, contact your nearest Sears Service Center.

TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 26)

- Block up axle securely.
- Remove hub cap, retaining ring and washers to allow wheel removal (rear wheel contains a square key - Do not lose).
- Repair tire and reassemble.
- On rear wheels only: align grooves in rear wheel hub and axle. Insert square key.
- Replace washers and snap retaining ring securely in axle groove.
- Replace hub cap.

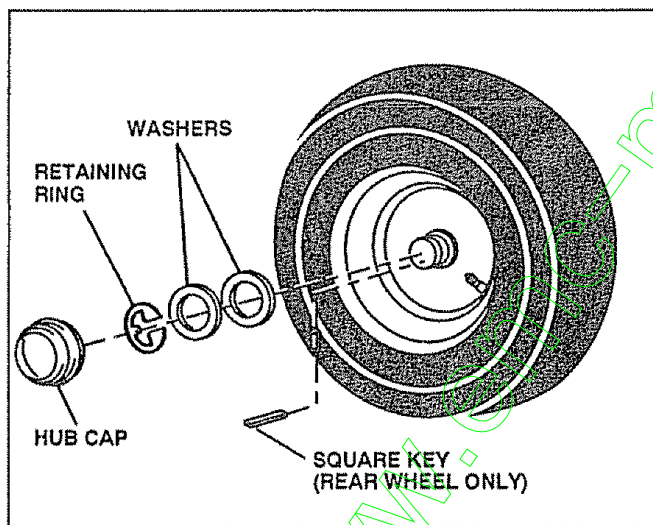


FIG. 26

TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Figs. 27 & 28)



CAUTION: Lead-acid batteries generate explosive gases. Keep sparks, flame and smoking materials away from batteries. Always wear eye protection when around batteries.

If your battery is too weak to start the engine, it should be recharged. If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure:

IMPORTANT: YOUR UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUND SYSTEM. THE OTHER VEHICLE MUST ALSO BE A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUND SYSTEM. DO NOT USE YOUR TRACTOR BATTERY TO START OTHER VEHICLES.

TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

- Connect each end of the RED cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal of each battery, taking care not to short against chassis.
- Connect one end of the BLACK cable to the NEGATIVE (-) terminal of fully charged battery.
- Connect the other end of the BLACK cable to a panel bolt on the left side of the chassis, away from fuel tank and battery.

TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER -

- BLACK cable first from left side of chassis and fully charged battery.
- RED cable last from both batteries.

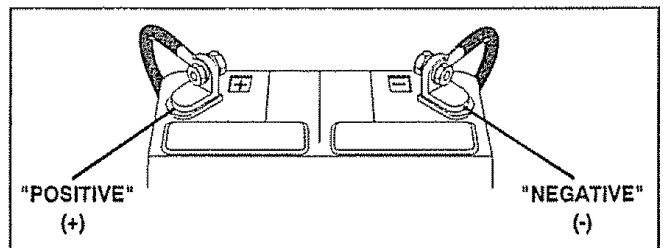


FIG. 27

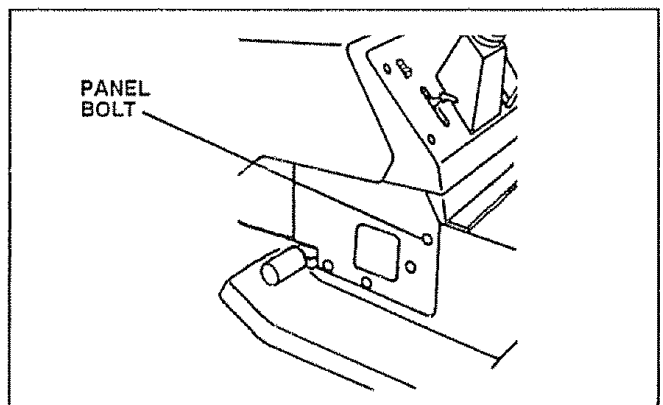


FIG. 28

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

TO REPLACE FUSE (See Fig. 29)

Replace with 30 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located in the engine compartment, directly in front of the dash.

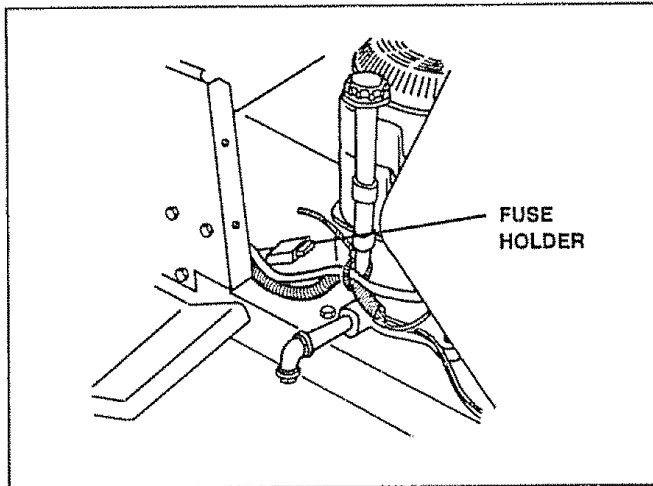


FIG. 29

TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

- Raise hood.
- Pull bulb holder out of the hole in the backside of the grill.
- Replace bulb in holder and push bulb holder securely back into the hole in the backside of the grill.
- Close hood.

INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

Loose or damaged wiring may cause your tractor to run poorly, stop running or prevent it from starting.

- Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in Repair Parts section of this manual.

TO REMOVE HOOD, GRILL AND SIDE PANELS (See Fig's. 30 and 31)

- Raise hood.
- Unsnap headlight wire connector.
- Stand at side of tractor. Grasp hood and tilt forward and lift off hinge brackets.
- To reinstall, slide hood pivot rod into slot in hinge brackets, and carefully reinstall hood springs.

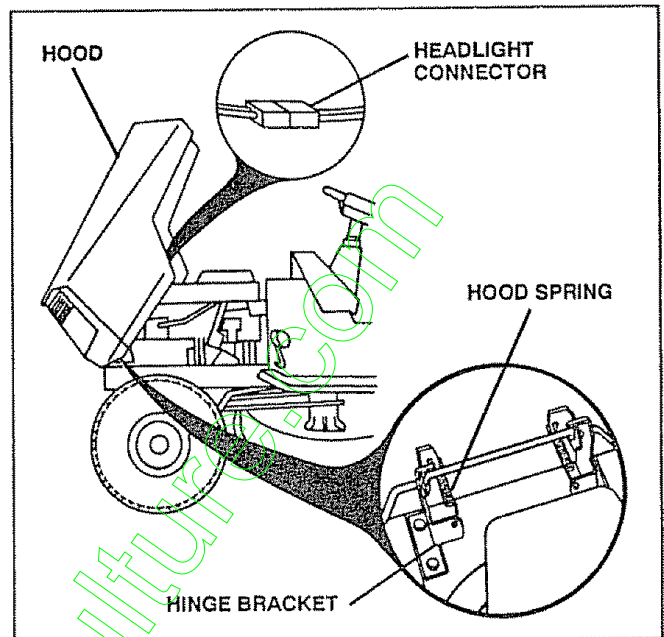


FIG. 30

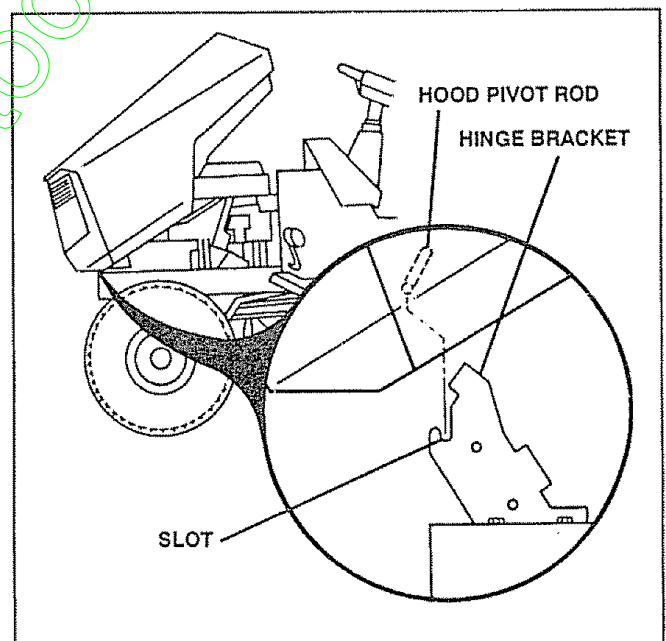


FIG. 31

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

ENGINE

TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Fig. 32)

The throttle control has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. Check adjustment as described below before loosening cable. If adjustment is necessary, proceed as follows:

- With engine not running, move throttle control lever from "SLOW" to "CHOKE" position. Slowly move lever from "CHOKE" to "FAST" position.
- Check that hole in governor control lever and hole in governor plate line-up. If holes "A" are not aligned, loosen clamp screw and move throttle cable until holes are aligned. Tighten clamp screw securely.

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR (See Fig. 32)

The carburetor has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. However, minor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude or load. If the carburetor does need adjustment, proceed as follows:

In general, turning the mixture screws **in** (clockwise) decreases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a leaner fuel/air mixture. Turning the mixture screws **out** (counterclockwise) increases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a richer fuel/air mixture.

IMPORTANT: DAMAGE TO THE NEEDLES AND THE SEATS IN CARBURETOR MAY RESULT IF SCREWS ARE TURNED IN TOO TIGHT.

PRELIMINARY SETTING -

- Air cleaner assembly must be assembled to the carburetor when making carburetor adjustments.
- Be sure the throttle control cable is adjusted properly (see above).
- With engine off turn high speed mixture screw **in** (clockwise) closing it finger tight and then turn **out** (counterclockwise) 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 turns.
- Turn idle mixture screw **in** (clockwise) closing finger tight and then turn **out** (counterclockwise) 1 turn.

FINAL SETTING -

- Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes. Make final adjustments with engine running and shift/motion control lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
- With throttle control lever in "FAST" position, turn high speed mixture screw **in** (clockwise) until engine begins to die then turn **out** (counterclockwise) until engine runs rough. Turn screw to a point midway between those two positions.
- With throttle control lever in "SLOW" position, turn idle mixture screw **in** (clockwise) until engine begins to die and then turn **out** (counterclockwise) until engine runs rough. Turn screw to a point midway between those two positions.

GOVERNED IDLE -

- Move throttle control lever to "SLOW" position. With finger, hold throttle shaft in closed position against throttle stop (counterclockwise). Turn idle speed screw to attain 1550 RPM. Release throttle shaft. Move throttle control lever to attain 1750 RPM. Turn governor idle screw until it contacts governor control lever.

ACCELERATION TEST -

- Move throttle control lever from "SLOW" to "FAST" position. If engine hesitates or dies, turn idle mixture screw **out** (counterclockwise) 1/8 turn. Repeat test and continue to adjust, if necessary, until engine accelerates smoothly.

High speed stop is factory adjusted. Do not adjust - damage may result.

IMPORTANT: NEVER TAMPER WITH THE ENGINE GOVERNOR, WHICH IS FACTORY SET FOR PROPER ENGINE SPEED. OVERSPEEDING THE ENGINE ABOVE THE FACTORY HIGH SPEED SETTING CAN BE DANGEROUS. IF YOU THINK THE ENGINE-GOVERNED HIGH SPEED NEEDS ADJUSTING, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER, WHICH HAS PROPER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

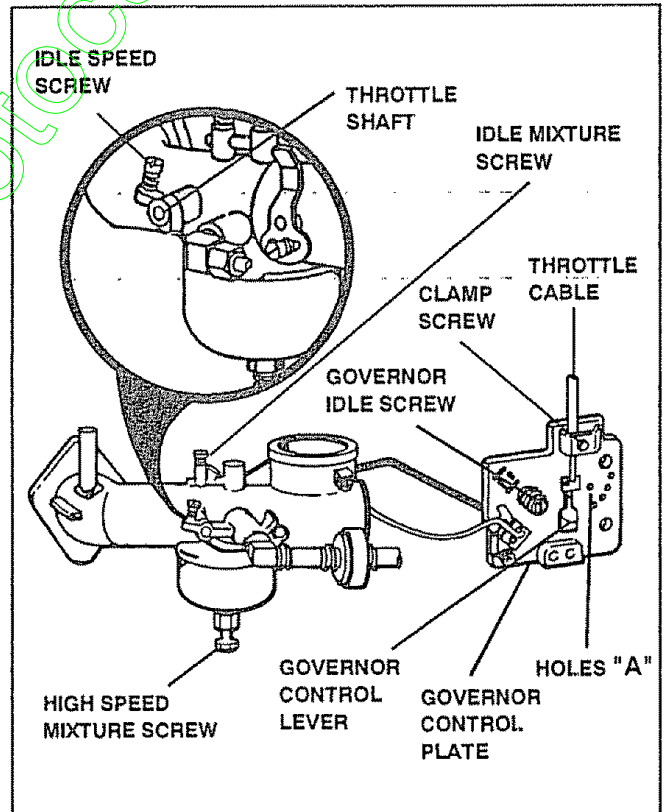


FIG. 32

STORAGE

Immediately prepare your tractor for storage at the end of the season or if the unit will not be used for 30 days or more.



CAUTION: Never store the tractor with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

TRACTOR

Remove mower from tractor for winter storage. When mower is to be stored for a period of time, clean it thoroughly, remove all dirt, grease, leaves, etc. Give blades and underside of housing a good coat of grease or rust preventative. Store in a clean, dry area.

- Clean entire tractor (See "CLEANING" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- Inspect and replace belts, if necessary (See belt replacement instructions in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).
- Lubricate as shown in the Maintenance section of this manual.
- Be sure that all nuts, bolts and screws are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace if necessary.
- Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

BATTERY

- Fully charge the battery for storage.
- After a period of time in storage, battery may require recharging.
- To help prevent corrosion and power leakage during long periods of storage, battery cables should be disconnected and battery cleaned thoroughly (see "TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
- After cleaning, leave cables disconnected and place cables where they cannot come in contact with battery terminals.
- Be sure battery drain tube is securely attached to drain in battery tray.

ENGINE FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS CARBURETOR, FUEL FILTER, FUEL HOSE, OR TANK DURING STORAGE. ALSO, EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT ALCOHOL BLENDED FUELS (CALLED GASOHOL OR USING ETHANOL OR METHANOL) CAN ATTRACT MOISTURE WHICH LEADS TO SEPARATION AND FORMATION OF ACIDS DURING STORAGE. ACIDIC GAS CAN DAMAGE THE FUEL SYSTEM OF AN ENGINE WHILE IN STORAGE.

- Drain the fuel tank.
- Start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty.
- Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.
- Use fresh fuel next season.

NOTE: Fuel stabilizer is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to gasoline in fuel tank or storage container. Always follow the mix ratio found on stabilizer container. Run engine at least 10 minutes after adding stabilizer to allow the stabilizer to reach the carburetor. Do not drain the gas tank and carburetor if using fuel stabilizer.

ENGINE OIL

Drain oil (with engine warm) and replace with clean engine oil. (See "ENGINE" in the Maintenance section of this manual).

CYLINDERS

- Remove spark plug(s).
- Pour one ounce of oil through spark plug hole(s) into cylinder.
- Turn ignition key to "START" position for a few seconds to distribute oil.
- Replace with new spark plug(s).

OTHER

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust. Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems.
- If possible, store your unit indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your unit with a suitable protective cover that does not retain moisture. Do not use plastic. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and will cause your unit to rust.

IMPORTANT: NEVER COVER TRACTOR WHILE ENGINE AND EXHAUST AREAS ARE STILL WARM.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Out of fuel. 2. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. 3. Engine flooded. 4. Bad spark plug. 5. Dirty air filter. 6. Dirty fuel filter. 7. Water in fuel. 8. Loose or damaged wiring. 9. Carburetor out of adjustment. 10. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill fuel tank. 2. See TO START ENGINE in operation section. 3. Wait several minutes before attempting to start. 4. Replace spark plug. 5. Clean/replace air filter. 6. Replace fuel filter. 7. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 8. Check all wiring. 9. Contact Sears Service Department. 10. Contact Sears Service Department.
Hard to start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dirty air filter. 2. Bad spark plug. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Dirty fuel filter. 5. Stale or dirty fuel. 6. Loose or damaged wiring. 7. Carburetor out of adjustment. 8. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean/replace air filter. 2. Replace spark plug. 3. Recharge or replace battery. 4. Replace fuel filter. 5. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. 6. Check all wiring. 7. Contact Sears Service Department. 8. Contact Sears Service Department.
Engine will not turn over	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clutch/brake pedal not depressed. 2. Attachment clutch is engaged. 3. Spark plug wire is disconnected. 4. Weak or dead battery. 5. Blown fuse. 6. Corroded battery terminals. 7. Loose or damaged wiring. 8. Faulty ignition switch. 9. Faulty solenoid or starter. 10. Faulty operator presence switch(es). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depress Clutch/brake pedal. 2. Disengage attachment clutch. 3. Connect wire to spark plug. 4. Recharge or replace battery. 5. Replace fuse. 6. Clean battery terminals. 7. Check all wiring. 8. Check/replace ignition switch. 9. Check/replace solenoid or starter. 10. Contact Sears Service Department.
Engine clicks but will not start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weak or dead battery. 2. Corroded battery terminals. 3. Loose or damaged wiring. 4. Faulty solenoid or starter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recharge or replace battery. 2. Clean battery terminals. 3. Check all wiring. 4. Check/replace solenoid or starter.
Loss of power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting too much grass/too fast. 2. Throttle in "CHOKE" position. 3. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 4. Dirty air filter. 5. Low oil level/dirty oil. 6. Faulty spark plug. 7. Dirty fuel filter. 8. Stale or dirty fuel. 9. Water in fuel. 10. Spark plug wire loose. 11. Dirty engine air screen/fins. 12. Dirty/clogged muffler. 13. Loose or damaged wiring. 14. Carburetor out of adjustment. 15. Engine valves out of adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set in "Higher Cut" position/reduce speed. 2. Adjust throttle control. 3. Clean underside of mower housing. 4. Clean/replace air filter. 5. Check oil level/change oil. 6. Clean and regap or change spark plug. 7. Replace fuel filter. 8. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. 9. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 10. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. 11. Clean engine air screen/fins. 12. Clean/replace muffler. 13. Check all wiring. 14. Contact Sears Service Department. 15. Contact Sears Service Department.
Excessive vibration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Bent blade mandrel. 3. Loose/damaged part(s). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt. 2. Replace blade mandrel. 3. Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine continues to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faulty operator-safety presence control system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact Sears Service Department.
Poor cut - uneven	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worn, bent or loose blade. 2. Mower deck not level. 3. Build-up of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. 4. Bent blade mandrel. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace blade . Tighten blade bolt. 2. Level mower deck. 3. Clean underside of mower housing 4. Replace blade mandrel.
Mower blades will not rotate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obstruction in clutch mechanism. 2. Mower drive belt out of adjustment. 3. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. 4. Frozen idler pulley. 5. Frozen blade mandrel. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove obstruction. 2. Adjust mower drive belt. 3. Replace mower drive belt 4. Replace idler pulley. 5. Replace blade mandrel.
Poor grass discharge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engine speed too slow. 2. Travel speed too fast. 3. Wet grass. 4. Mower deck not level. 5. Low/uneven tire air pressure. 6. Worn, bent or loose blade. 7. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. 8. Mower drive belt worn or out of adjustment 9. Blades improperly installed. 10. Improper blades used. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place throttle control in "FAST" position. 2. Shift to slower speed. 3. Allow grass to dry before mowing. 4. Level mower deck. 5. Check tires for proper air pressure. 6. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. 7. Clean underside of mower housing. 8. Replace/adjust mower drive belt. 9. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. 10. Replace with blades listed in this manual.
Headlight(s) not working (if so equipped)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Switch is "OFF". 2. Bulb(s) burned out. 3. Faulty light switch. 4. Loose or damaged wiring. 5. Blown fuse. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn switch "ON". 2. Replace bulb(s). 3. Check/replace light switch. 4. Check wiring and connections. 5. Replace fuse.
Battery will not charge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bad battery cell(s) 2. Poor cable connections 3. Faulty regulator (if so equipped). 4. Faulty alternator. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace battery 2. Check/clean all connections. 3. Replace regulator. 4. Replace alternator

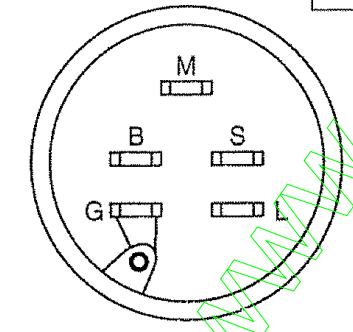
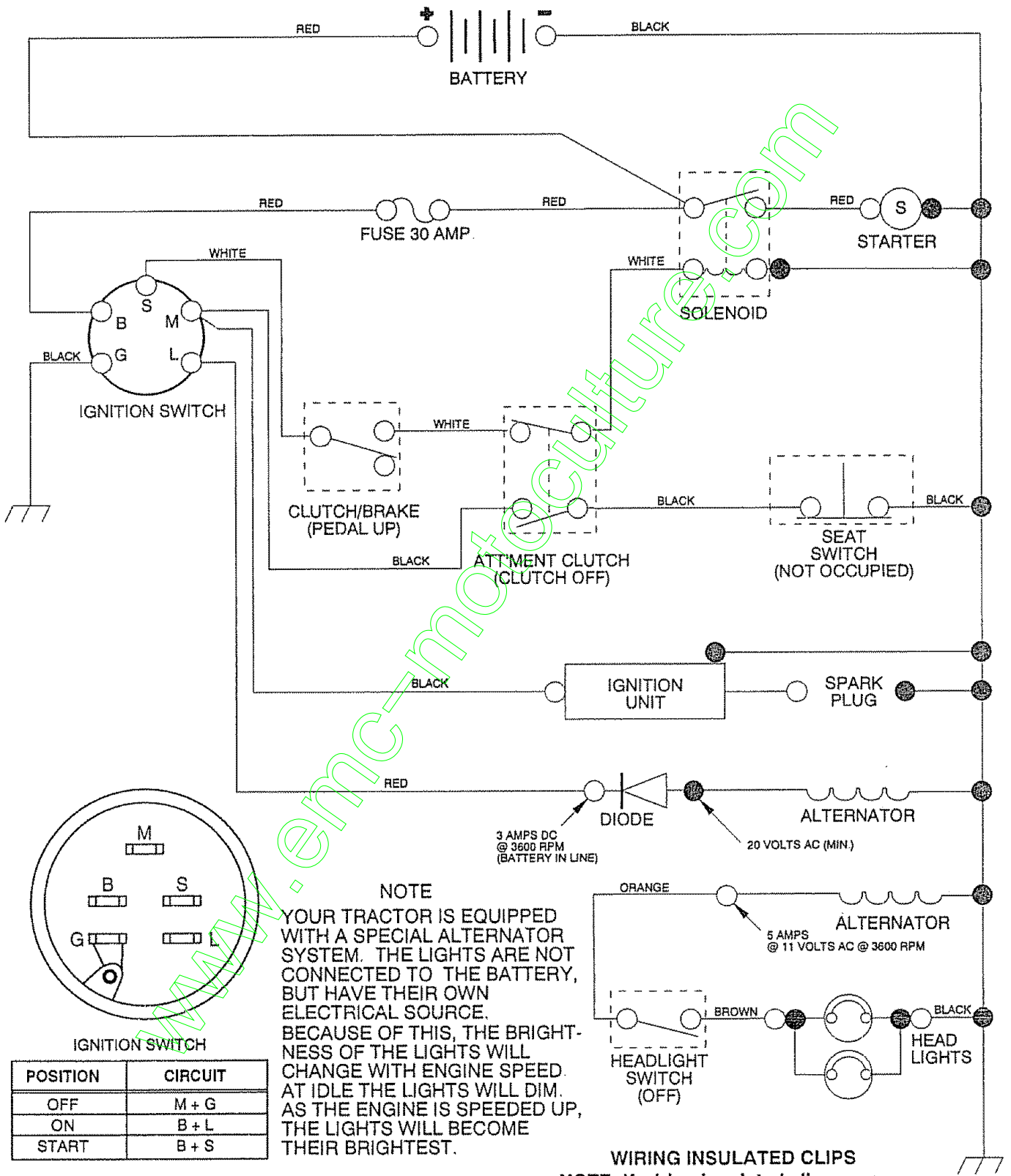
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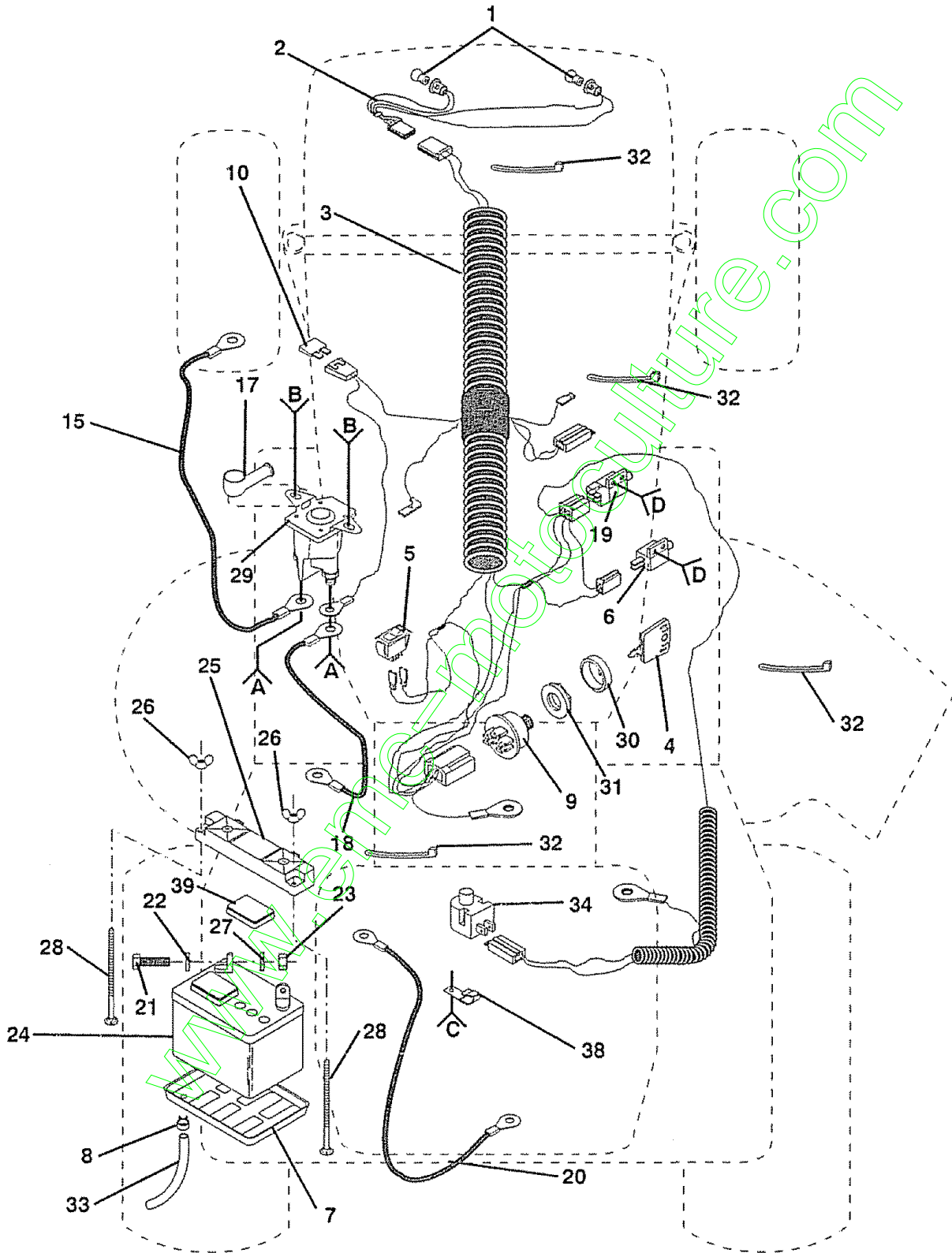
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OFF	M + G
ON	B + L
START	B + S

● NON-REMOVABLE CONNECTIONS ○ REMOVABLE CONNECTIONS

WIRING INSULATED CLIPS
NOTE: If wiring insulated clips were removed for servicing of unit, they should be replaced to properly secure your wiring.

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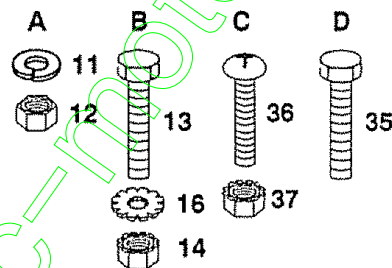
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ELECTRICAL

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	7662J	Bulb, Light	23	STD541025	* Nut, Hex 1/4-20
2	127441X	Harness, Light Socket	24	121265X	Battery
3	124904X	Harness, Wiring	25	102476X	Terminal Guard
4	109310X	Key, Molded	26	123198X	Wing Nut 1/4-20
5	110712X	Switch, Light	27	STD551125	* Washer, Lock Hvy Helical Spring
6	104445X	Switch, Interlock	28	72240460	Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 7-1/2
7	7603J	Tray, Battery	29	109081X	Solenoid
8	109596X	Clamp, Hose	30	109787X	Bezel, Ignition
9	STD365402	* Switch, Ignition	31	109788X	Nut, Ignition
10	108824X	Fuse	32	7192J	Cable Tie
11	STD551125	* Washer, Lock, 1/4	33	105687X	Tube, Plastic
12	73350400	Nut, Hex Jam 1/4-20	34	121305X	Switch, Plunger
13	74780408	Bolt, Hex, 1/4-20 x 1/2 Gr. 5	35	STD601005	* Screw, Tap Hex Hd. #10 x 24 UNC
14	STD541425	* Nut, Keps 1/4-20	36	74641008	Screw, Slotted Pan Hd. # 10-32 x 1/2
15	4799J	Cable Assembly	37	73951000	Nut, Keps # 10-32 x 1/2
16	11050400	Washer, Lock, Ext. Tooth 1/4	38	4171R	Clip, Insulated
17	719J	Cover, Terminal	39	121264X	Battery Caps Set
18	5114J	Cable, Battery	—	101539X	Sheet, Instruction, Tractor, 15"
19	109553X	Switch, Interlock	—	128305	Manual, Owner's
20	4207J	Cable, Battery			
21	74760412	Bolt, Hex 1/4-20 x 3/4			
22	STD551025	* Washer 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.			

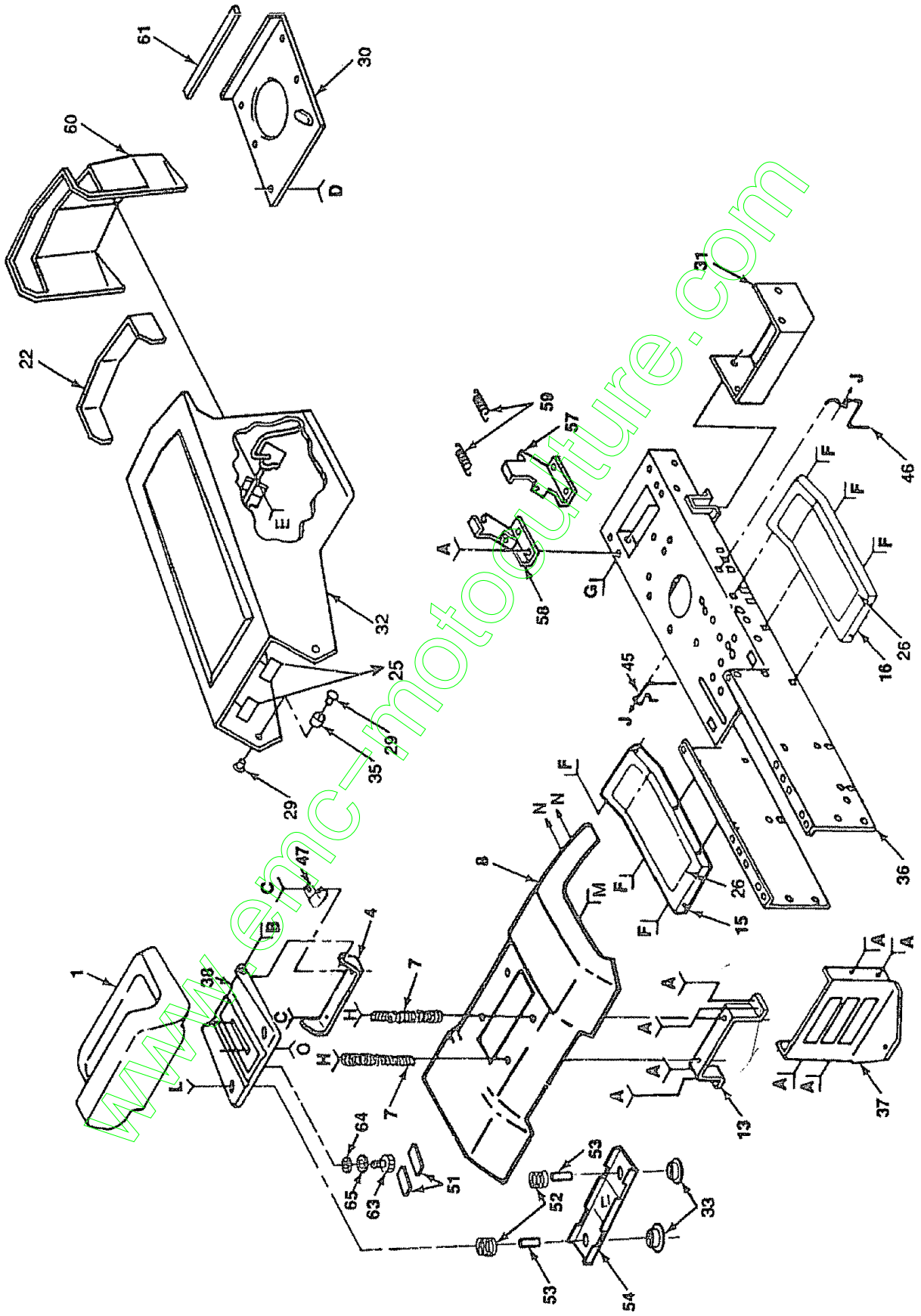
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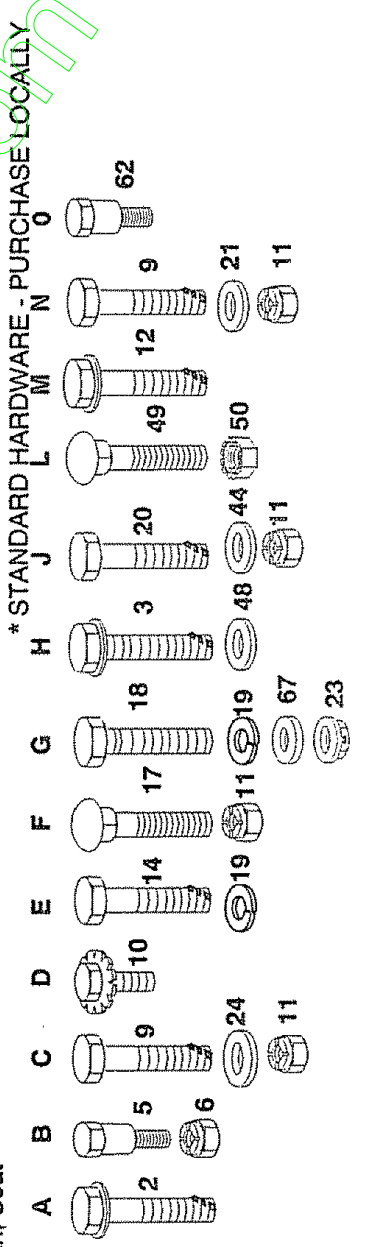


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KEY PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Seat	44	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Ga.
2	Screw, Hex Washer Thd. Roll 3/8-16 x 3/4	45	Guide, Belt, Lower, Eng. Pulley, L.H.
3	Screw, Hex Washer Thd. Rolling 3/8-16 x 1	46	Guide, Belt, Lower, Eng. Pulley, R.H.
4	Bracket, Pivot, Seat	47	Clip
5	Bolt, Shoulder, 5/16-18	48	Washer 13/32 x 1 x 14 Ga.
6	Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18	49	Bolt, Carriage 1/4 - 20 x 1-1/4
7	Spring, Seat	50	Nut, Hex, Lg., Flange, Loc. 1/4-20
8	Fender	51	Strip, Foam
9	* Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8 - 16 UNC x 3/4	52	Spring, Seat, Compression
10	Screw, Spiderlock Hex #8 x 1/2 AB	53	Spacer, Split
11	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16	54	Bracket, Switch Mount
12	Screw, Hex Washer Thd. Roll 3/8 - 16 x 1/2	57	Bracket, Pivot, R.H.
13	Bracket, Fender	58	Bracket, Pivot, L.H.
14	* Bolt, Fin Hex 1/4-20 UNC x 1/2	59	Spring, Extension
15	Footrest, L.H.	60	Grill
16	Footrest, R.H.	61	Foam, Strip
17	* Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 UNC x 3/4	62	Bolt, Shoulder
18	Bolt, Hex 1/4-20 x 3/4	63	Bolt, Fin Hex 1/2-13 UNC x 7/8 Gr. 5
19	* Washer, Lock, Hwy Helical Spring	64	Washer 17/32 x 1-3/16 x 12 Ga.
20	* Bolt, Fin Hex 3/8 - 16 UNC x 1	65	* Washer, Lock 1/2
21	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.	67	Washer 9/37 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
22	Lens Assembly	-	Decal, HP, Side Panel
23	Nut, Self-Retaining 1/4-20	-	Decal, II, Side Panel
24	Washer 13/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga.	-	Decal, Fender, Logo
25	Bumper, Hood	-	Decal, Grill
29	Rivet, Ratchet, Nylon	-	Decal, Caution (English)
30	Shield, Hood, Heat	-	Decal, Chassis, Speed/Deck Size
31	Deflector, Heat	-	Decal, V-Belt Ground Drive
32	Hood Assembly	-	Decal, Hood Stripe L.H.
33	Bushing, Snap	-	Decal, Hood Slope L.H.
35	Washer, Black, Nylon	-	Decal, U.S.A.
36	Chassis Weldment	-	Decal, Clutch/Brake, LH Footrest
37	Drawbar	-	Decal, Light Box
38	Pan, Seat	-	

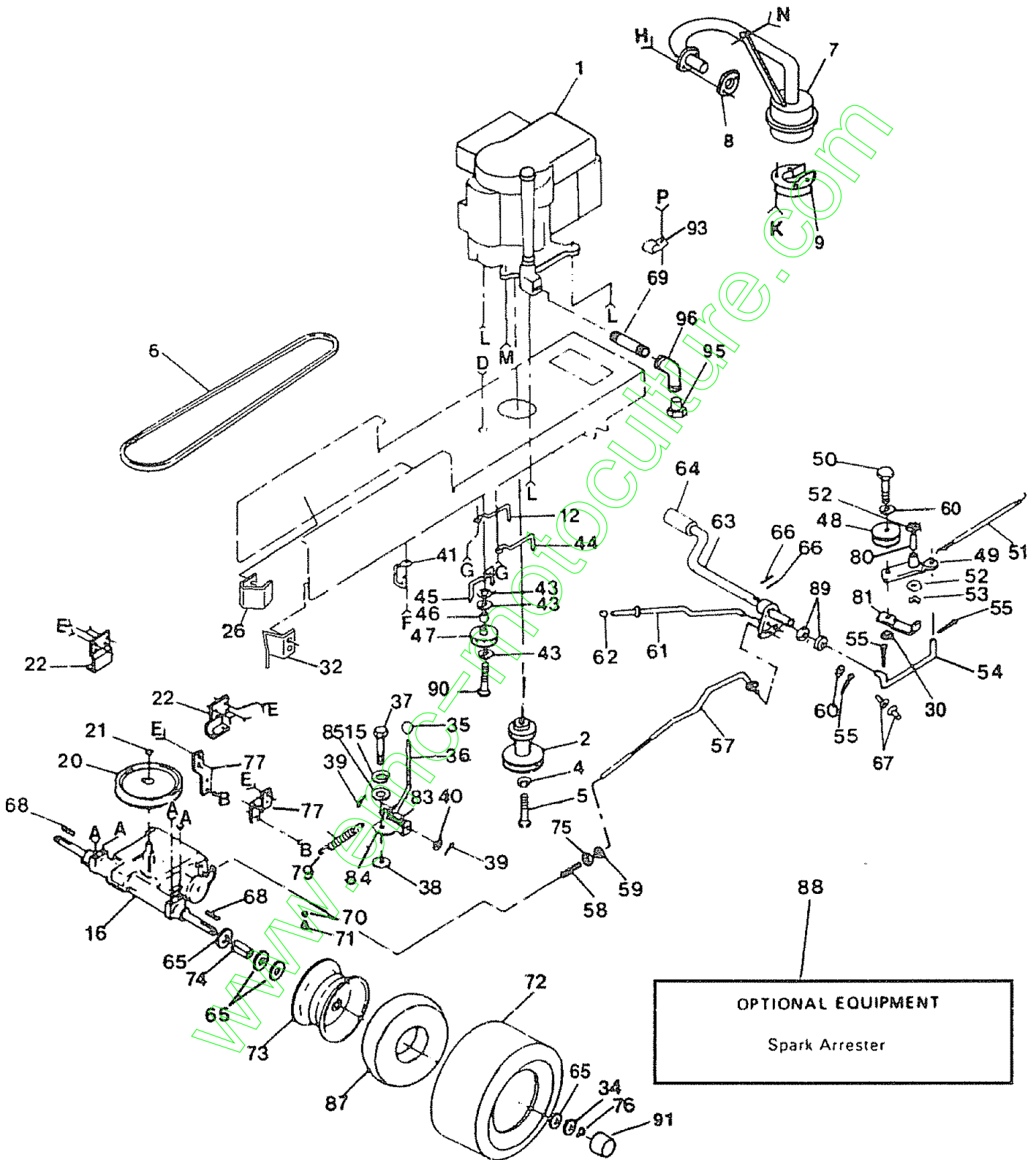


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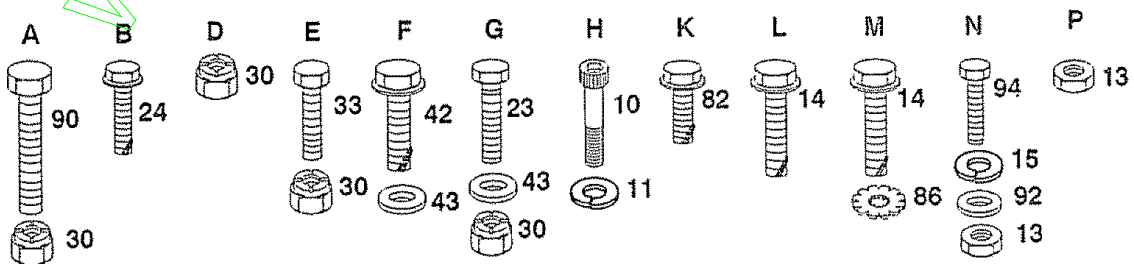
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	124136X	Engine, 12 HP, Briggs and Stratton, Model No. 281707, Type No. 0412-01	54	105710X	Link, Clutch
2	131002	Pulley, Engine	55	STD561210	* Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 3/4
4	STD551143	* Washer, Lock, Hvy Helical Spring	57	110437X	Rod, Brake
5	71130720	Bolt, Hex 7/16-20 x 1-1/4 Grade 8	58	106888X	Spring, Rod, Brake
6	125907X	V-Belt, Drive	59	73350600	Nut, Jam 3/8-16
7	125610X	Muffler	60	19131316	Washer 13/32 x 13/36 x 16 Ga.
8	125593X	Gasket	61	125638X	Rod, Brake, Parking
9	101326L	Deflector, Muffler	62	124236X	Cap, Plunger
10	71070510	Hex Hd. Cap Screw 5/16-18 x 5/8	63	122424X	Shaft, Foot Pedal
11	STD551131	* Washer, Lock 5/16	64	8883R	Cover - Pedal
12	121218X	Keeper, Belt, Engine	65	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
13	73220500	Nut, Hex 5/16 x 18	66	STD571810	* Pin, Roll, 3/16 x 1
14	17490620	Screw, Hex Washer Thd. Rolling 3/8 x 16 x 1-1/4	67	120183X	Bearing, Nylon
15	STD551125	* Washer, Lock, Hvy. Helical Spring	68	123583X	Key, Square 2.5 x .1845/.1865
16	120897X	Transaxle, Foote-Dana, 5 Speed, Model No. 4360-6	69	1328032X	Nipple, Pipe 3/8 NPT 3"
20	123666X	Pulley, Transaxle	70	59192	Cap, Valve
21	12000028	Ring, Retainer	71	65139	Stem, Valve
22	109167X	Bracket Transaxle	72	123969X	Tire, Rear
23	STD523710	* Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 1	73	106108X361	Rim Assembly, Rear
24	17490512	Screw, Hex Washer Thread Rolling 5/16-18 x 3/4	74	109502X	Spacer
26	127275X	Keeper, Belt, L.H.	75	73800600	Locknut, Hex, W/Washer Insert 3/8-16
30	STD541437	* Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16	76	12000001	E-Ring
32	127274X	Keeper, Belt, R.H.	77	121520X	Strap, Torque, TransAxle
33	STD523707	* Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 3/4	79	110422X	Spring - Brake
34	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga.	80	105706X	Bearing
35	106933X	Knob, Shift	81	123205X	Retainer - Belt
36	124461X	Rod, Shift	82	17030808	Screw - Spider Lock #8-18 x 1/2 ABTPS
37	71040412	Bolt, Hex 1/4-28 x 3/4	83	105700X	Spring
38	105701X	Washer, Shift Plate	84	106919X	Plate, Shift
39	STD561210	* Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 1	85	19091210	Washer 9/32 x 3/4 x 10 Ga.
40	19151216	Washer 15/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.	86	11050600	Washer, Lock, Ext. Tooth 3/8
41	104777X	Retainer, Belt	87	7152J	Tube, Tire (not furnished with tractor)
42	17490612	Screw, Hex Washer Thd. Rolling 3/8 16 x 3/4	88	121851X	Spark Arrester
43	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga.	89	STD551062	* Washer 21/32 x 1 x 16 Ga.
44	105730X	Keeper, Belt, Engine	90	STD523727	* Bolt, Hex 3/8 x 16 x 2-3/4
45	109070X	Retainer, Belt	91	104757X	Cap, Axle
46	4470J	Spacer	92	STD551025	* Washer 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.
47	123674X	Idler, Flat	93	2751R	Clip, Fuel Line
48	127783	Idler, V. Groove	94	STD522510	* Bolt, Hex Fin 1/4 x 20 UNC x 1
49	123789X	Arm, Idler (Includes Key #80)	95	---	Oil Drain Plug (order from manufacturer)
50	STD523715	* Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 1-1/2	96	13200300	Elbow
51	105709X	Spring, Return, Clutch		126685X	Decal, HP, Engine
52	110812X	Washer, Hardened			
53	12000039	Ring, Klip			

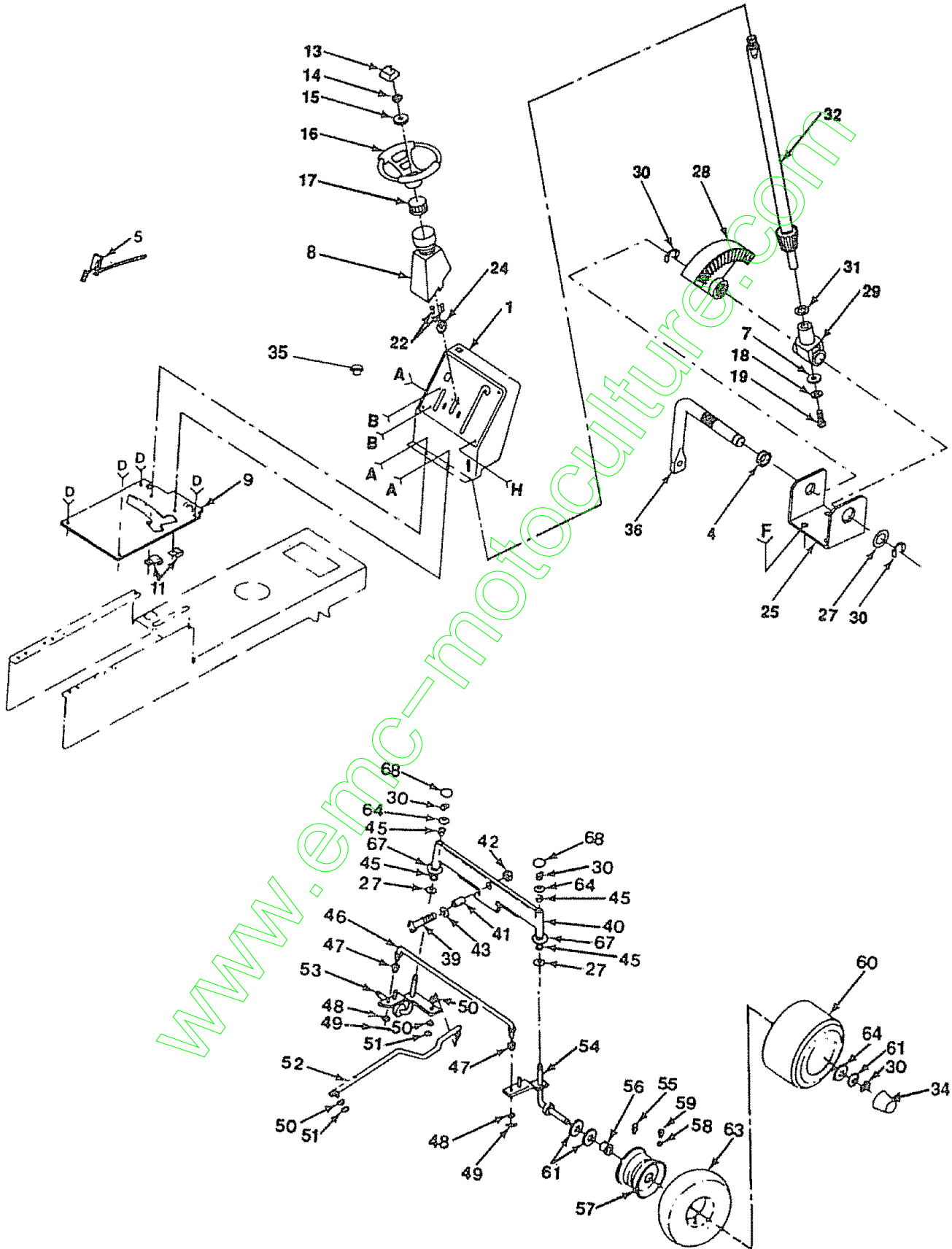
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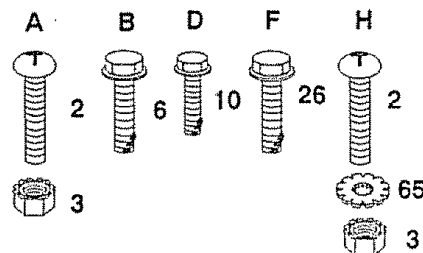
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1	123042X	Dash	36	124033X	Shaft, Pitman
2	74180512	Screw, Truss Hd. 5/16-18 x 3/4	39	74761060	Bolt, Hex 5/8-11 x 3-3/4
3	73510500	Nut, Keps 5/16-18	40	105669X	Axle, Front
4	109816X	Nyliner, Snap In	41	110438X	Spacer, Bearing, Front Axle
5	124434X	Control, Throttle	42	73601000	Locknut, Flange 5/8-16
6	STD522510	* Screw, Hex Thread Cut 1/4 x 20 x 5/8	43	19212010	Washer 21/32 x 1-1/4 x 10 Ga.
7	126684X	Washer 5/8 x 1/4 x 16 Ga.	45	3366R	Bearing
8	124417X	Boot, Steering Shaft	46	105715X	Rod, Tie
9	124465X	Saddle	47	120754X	Bushing
10	17490608	Screw, Hex Washer Hd. Thread Rolling 3/8-16 x 1/2	48	19131416	Washer 13/31 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.
11	2751R	Clip, Insulated	49	76020412	Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 3/4
13	100710L	Insert, Steering Wheel	50	STD551137	* Washer, Lock 3/8
14	STD541350	* Locknut, Hex Jam 1/2-20	51	73610600	Nut, Fin Hex 3/8 - 24 UNF
15	100712K	Washer 2-1/4	52	128122	Link, Drag
16	100713N	Wheel, Steering	53	105656X	Spindle, L.H.
17	100711L	Adapter, Steering Wheel	54	130524	Spindle, R.H.
18	STD551125	* Washer, Lock 1/4	55	278H	Fitting, Grease
19	71070410	Screw, Socket Hex 1/4 - 20 x 5/8	56	9040H	Bearing, Flange
22	STD611005	* Screw, Hex Self Tap #10-16 x 1/2 Type ABTPS	57	106732X361	Rim, Front (Inc. 2 each key no 56)
24	124373X	Bushing, Steering	58	59192	Cap, Valve
25	124036X	Bracket, Steering	59	65139	Stem, Valve
26	17490612	Screw, Hex Washer Thread Rolling 3/8-16 x 3/4 Type TT	60	124157X	Tire, Front
27	6266H	Bearing, Thrust	61	121749X	Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
28	124034X	Gear, Sector	63	59904	Tube, front (not furnished with tractor)
29	124035X	Shaft, Support	64	121748X	Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga.
30	12000029	Klip Ring	65	STD551231	* Washer, Lock, Int. Tooth 5/16
31	57079	Washer, Hardened	67	19272016	Washer 27/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga.
32	128752	Shaft, Steering	68	121232X	Cap, Spindle
34	104757X	Cap, Axle	—	125879X	Decal, Steering Wheel Cap
35	5479J	Plug, Button	—	108456X	Decal, Instruction, Operating

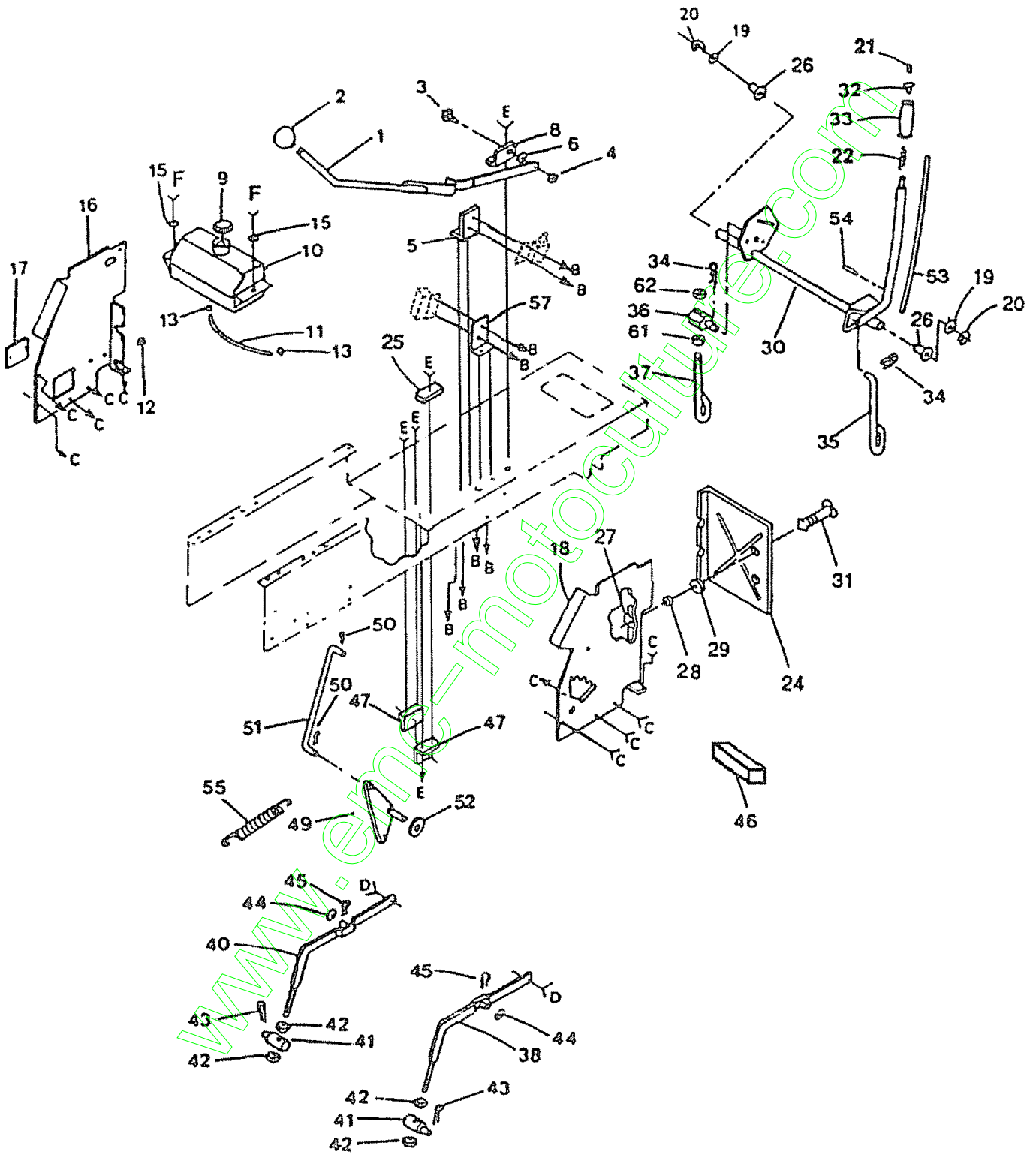
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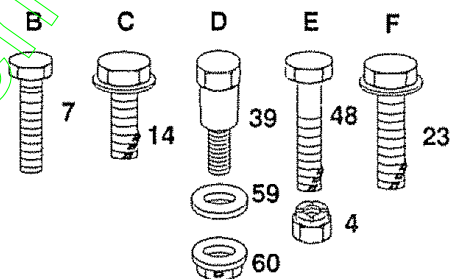
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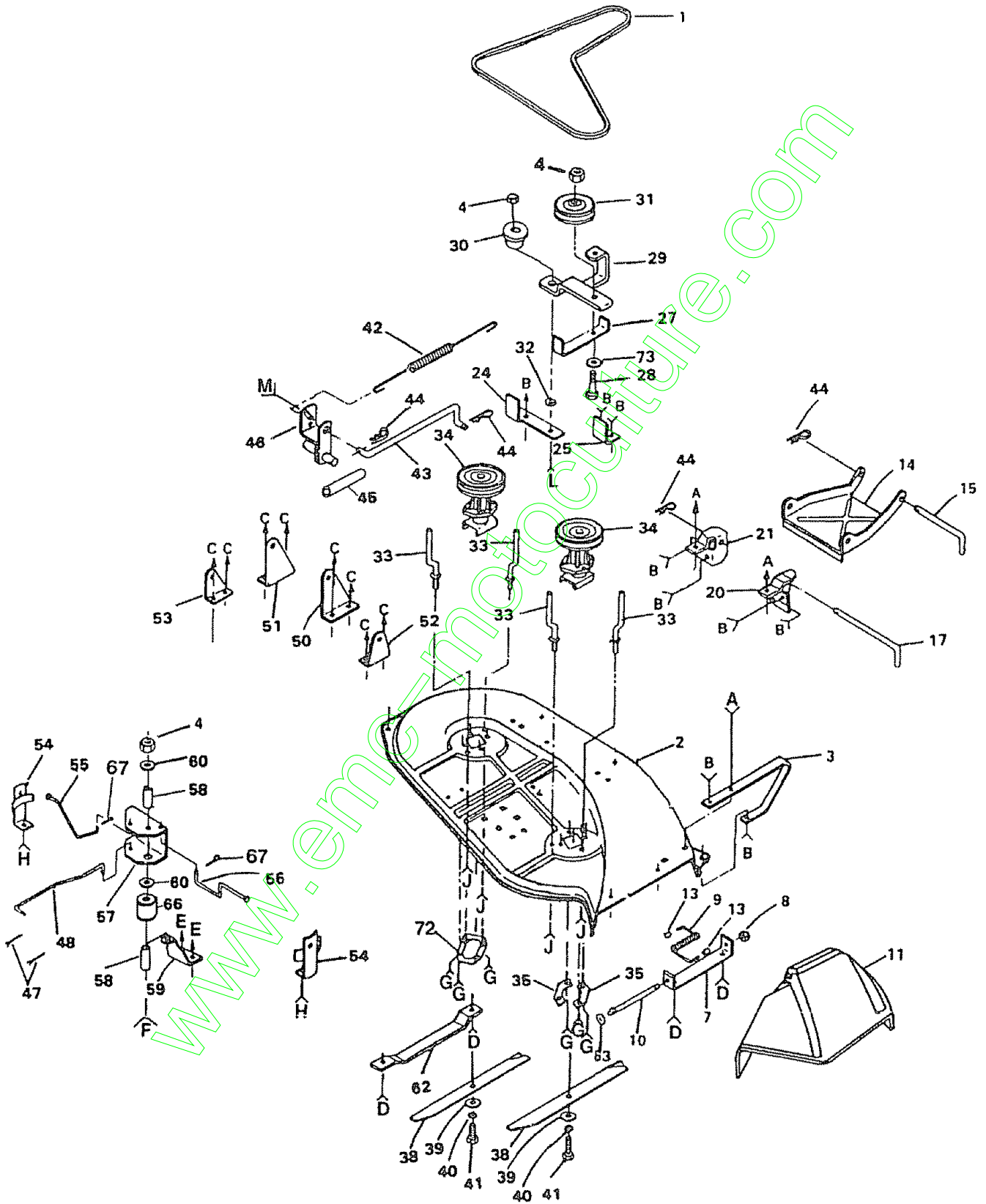
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1	124429X	Lever, Clutch, Mower	31	123650X	Stud, 1/4 Turn
2	106932X	Knob	32	122364X	Plunger
3	106451X	Bolt, Shoulder	33	125631X	Grip, Handle
4	73680600	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16	34	4939M	Retainer, Spring
5	106452X	Bracket, Switch, Interlock	35	110029X	Link, Lift
6	19171516	Washer 17/32 x 15/16 x 16 Ga.	36	110447X	Trunnion, Lift
7	17021008	Screw, Hex, Tapping, # 10-24 x 1/2	37	110448X	Link, Lift, Adjustable
8	106447X	Support, Lever, Clutch	38	121598X	Arm, Suspension, R.H.
9	123549X	Cap, Fuel	39	105848X	Bolt, Shoulder, 3/8-16
10	109202X	Tank, Fuel	40	121599X	Arm, Suspension, L.H.
11	101335K	Line, Fuel	41	106308X	Trunnion, Lift, Lower
12	124028X	Grommet	42	STD541050	Nut, Hex 1/2-13
13	123487X	Clamp, Hose	43	9135R	Retainer, Spring
14	17490608	Screw, Hex Washer Thd. Rolling 3/8 - 16 x 1/2	44	19171516	Washer 17/32 x 15/16 x 16 Ga.
15	19091416	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.	45	4921H	Retainer, Spring
16	122795X	Panel, Dash, L.H.	46	127057X	Strip, Foam
17	121794X	Cover, Access	47	106444X	Bracket, Bellcrank
18	124031X	Panel, Dash, R.H.	48	STD523707	Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 3/4
19	19211416	Washer 21/32 x 7/8 x 16 Ga.	49	109728X	Bellcrank Assembly
20	STD581062	E Ring	50	STD561210	Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 3/4
21	122365X	Button, Plunger	51	124444X	Rod, Clutch, Primary
22	122512X	Spring, Compression	52	19131410	Washer 13/32 x 7/8 x 10 Ga.
23	17490412	Screw, Hex Washer Thd. Rolling 1/4-20 x 3/4	53	122514X	Rod, Assembly, Lever
24	105736X	Shield, Heat	54	105767X	Pin, Groove
25	5320R	Clip, Insulated	55	124446X	Spring, Extension
26	120183X	Bearing, Nylon	57	108236X	Bracket, Switch
27	105839X	Receptacle, 1/4 Turn	59	110739X	Washer, Spring
28	105838X	Retainer, 1/4 Turn	60	73980600	Nut, Flangelock 3/8-16
29	STD551025	Washer, 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	61	73360700	Nut, Hex Jam 7/16-20
30	122507X	Shaft, Lift	62	73710700	Nut, Crownlock 7/16-20

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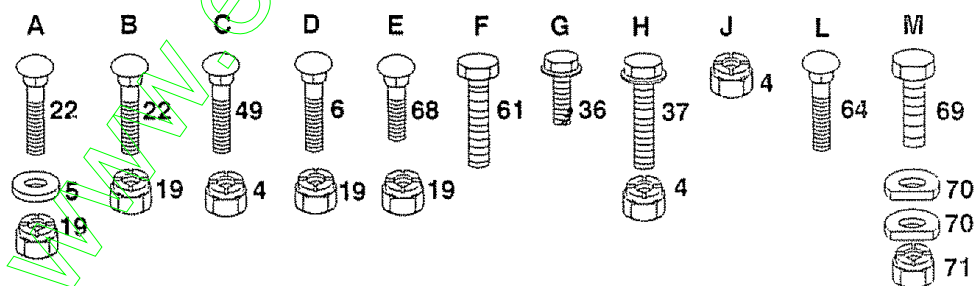
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1	106085X	V-Belt	41	STD623715	* Bolt, Hex 3/8-24 x 1-1/2 Gr.5
2	121259X	Housing	42	108250X	Spring, Extension
3	8417J	Runner, R.H.	43	108235X	Rod, Clutch, Mower
4	73680600	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16	44	4921H	Spring, Retainer
5	19111216	Washer 11/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga.	45	6404J	Spacer 1/2 x 9/16
6	72140505	Bolt, Carr., 5/16-18 x 5/8	46	124066X	Rock Shaft Assembly
7	105896X	Bracket, Deflector	47	76020616	Pin, Cotter 3/16 x 1
8	110452X	Push Nut	48	108247X	Rod, Brake, Primary
9	106734X	Spring, Deflector	49	72140606	Bolt, Carr. 3/8-16 x 3/4
10	106735X	Rod, Hinge	50	108243X	Bracket, Pivot, R.H.
11	106736X	Deflector, Shield	51	108241X	Bracket, Pivot, L.H.
13	105304X	Cap	52	105857X	Bracket, Suspension, Rear, R.H.
14	129762	Link, Parallel	53	108673X	Bracket, Suspension, Rear, L.H.
15	105744X	Pin, Hinge, Front	54	106578X	Brake Assembly
17	109835X	Pin, Hinge, Rear	55	106463X	Rod, Brake, Secondary, L.H.
19	73680500	Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18	56	108249X	Rod, Brake, Secondary, R.H.
20	109598X	Bracket, Lift, R.H.	57	106456X	Bracket, Brake, Pivot
21	109597X	Bracket, Lift, L.H.	58	100672K	Spacer, Brake
22	STD533107	* Bolt, Carr. 5/16-18 x 3/4	59	100673L	Bracket, Support
24	109503X	Support, Arm	60	19131614	Washer 13/32 x 1 x 14 Ga.
25	109504X	Stop, Deck, Front	61	74760688	Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 5-1/2
27	126756X	Guide Belt	62	7631J	Runner, L.H.
28	74760632	Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 2	63	19111016	Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.
29	127163X	Arm, Idler	64	72140610	Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
30	106902X	Spacer, Retainer	66	122314X	Spacer
31	123688X	Pulley, Idler	67	STD560907	* Pin, Cotter 3/32 x 1/2
32	106513X	Washer, Wear 1/16	68	72110506	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 3/4
33	102669X	Keeper, Belt	69	74760412	Bolt, Hex 1/4-20 x 3/4
34	121687X	Mandrel Assembly	70	109893X	Washer, Special
35	100668L	Plate, Support Mandrel	71	73680400	Nut, Crownlock 1/4-20
36	17490614	Screw, Hex Washer Hd. 3/8 - 16 x 7/8	72	110445X	Plate, Support, Mandrel, L.H.
37	17490620	Screw, Hex Washer Hd. 3/8 - 16 x 1-1/4	73	STD551037	* Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga.
38	121263X	Blade	—	122215X	Mower Assembly, Complete
39	19132012	Washer 13/32 x 1-1/4 x 12 Ga.	—	105814X	Decal, V-Belt, Mower Drive
40	STD551137	* Washer, Lock 3/8	—	3713J	Decal, Instruction, Caution
			—	121343X	Decal, Warning

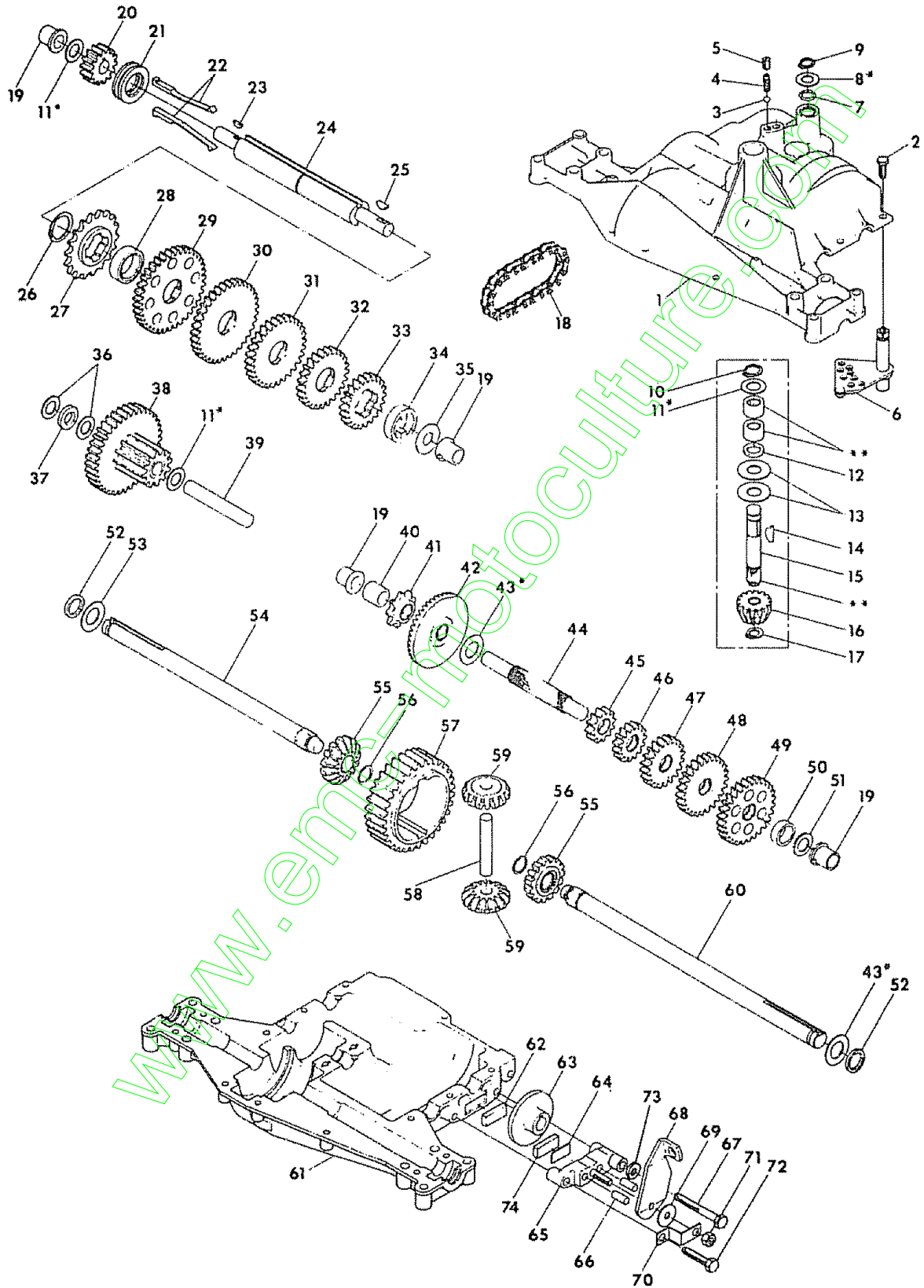
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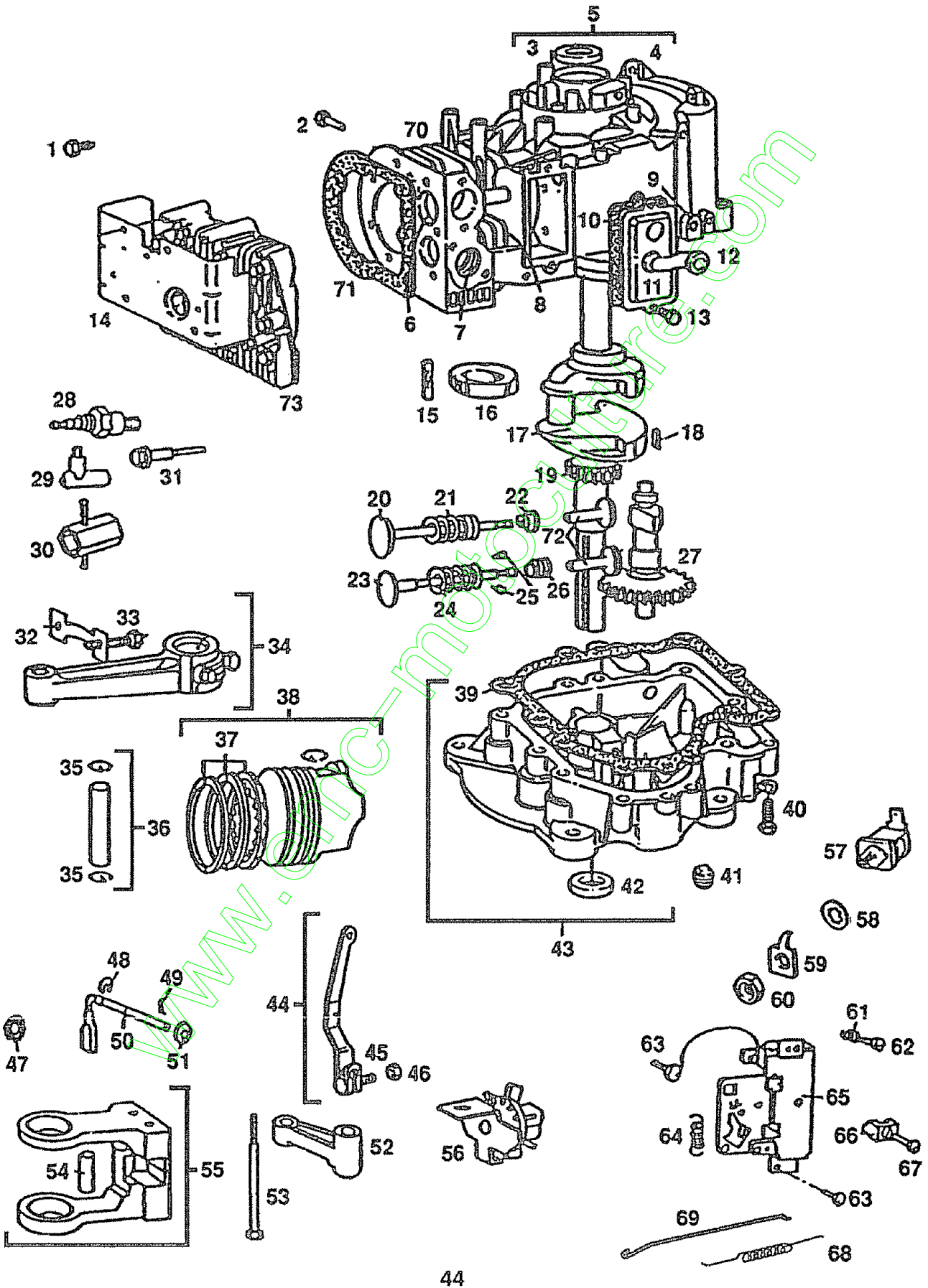
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1	120458X	Housing, Upper	39	120471X	Shaft, Idler
2	2274J	Screw, Tapping, 1/4-20 x .734 Lg.	40	120472X	Spacer, .635 x .875 x .755
3	68003	Ball, Detent	41	105928X	Sprocket, 9T
4	105904X	Spring, Detent	42	110084X	Gear, Bevel, 42T
5	105905X	Screw, Set	43	108983X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.12 x .010
6	120460X	Ass'y., Shifter	43	105930X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.12 x .015
7	120461X	O-Ring	43	105931X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.12 x .020
8	120462X	*Washer, Plain, .505 x .942 x .006	43	105932X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.12 x .025
8	120463X	*Washer, Plain, .505 x .942 x .010	43	3417J	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .020
8	120464X	*Washer, Plain, .505 x .942 x .015	43	106097X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .025
8	120465X	*Washer, Plain, .505 x .942 x .020	43	2264J	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .031
8	120466X	*Washer, Plain, .505 x .942 x .026	43	106098X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .035
8	83818	*Washer, Plain, .505 x .942 x .030	43	2265J	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .040
8	120467X	*Washer, Plain, .505 x .942 x .040	43	106586X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .045
9	2286J	Ring, Retaining	43	106587X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .050
10	2267J	Ring, Retaining	43	106588X	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .055
11	3413J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .010	43	2263J	*Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .062
11	2233J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .020	44	120473X	Shaft, Drive
11	2232J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .026	45	105933X	Gear, Spur, 12T.
11	2231J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .031	46	120407X	Gear, Spur, 20T.
11	2230J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .036	47	106589X	Gear, Spur, 25T.
11	2229J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .041	48	120408X	Gear, Spur, 28T.
11	2228J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .046	49	105937X	Gear, Spur, 31T.
11	2227J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .050	50	105936X	Spacer, .781 x 1.00 x .375
11	2226J	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .060	51	2226J	Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .060
11	105906X	*Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .082	52	2272J	Seal, Felt
12	6725J	O-Ring	53	2263J	Washer, Plain, .758 x 1.25 x .062
13	120415X	Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.38 x .046	54	120474X	Axle, L.H.
14	2257J	Key, Woodruff, #9	55	110081X	Gear, Miter, 15T.
15	110077X	Ass'y., Kit, Input Shaft	56	105941X	Ring, Retaining
16	110078X	Pinion, Bevel, 14T	57	110071X	Gear, Spur, 32T.
17	105909X	Ring, Retaining	58	120952X	Shaft, Cross
18	105910X	Chain, 24 Pitches	59	110082X	Gear, Miter, 15T.
19	105911X	Bearing, Flange	60	120475X	Axle, R.H.
20	108976X	Gear, Spur, 14T	61	120476X	Housing, Lower
21	105913X	Collar, Clutch	62	120961X	Puck, Friction
22	120468X	Key, Clutch	63	7294J	Disc, Brake
23	2242J	Key, Woodruff, #3	64	108989X	Spacer
24	120469X	Shaft, Intermediate	65	120953X	Jaw, Brake
25	2244J	Key, Woodruff, #61	66	120954X	Pin,, Dowel
26	105916X	Ring, Retaining	67	120955X	Screw, Tapping, 5/16-18 x 2.25 Lg.
27	120470X	Sprocket, 18T	68	108992X	Lever, Actuating
28	110070X	Spacer	69	108996X	Washer, Plain, .321 x 1.00 x .055
29	108977X	Gear, Spur, 37T	70	120956X	Bracket, Anti-Rotation
30	120405X	Gear, Spur, 30T	71	73810500	Nut, Lock, 5/16-24
31	108980X	Gear, Spur, 25T	72	106596X	Screw, Tapping, 5/16-18 x 1.44 Lg.
32	120406X	Gear, Spur, 22T	73	120993X	Washer, Plain, .343 x .81 x .059
33	108455X	Gear, Spur, 19T	74	120951X	Puck, Friction.
34	105923X	Spacer, 1.133 x 1.50 x .375	75	120416X	Grease
35	105925X	Washer, Plain, .640 x 1.37 x .061			
36	2232J	Washer, Plain, .632 x 1.00 x .026			
37	108978X	Spacer, .630 x 1.00 x .169			
38	110079X	Ass'y., Gear, Comb., 12T & 35T.			

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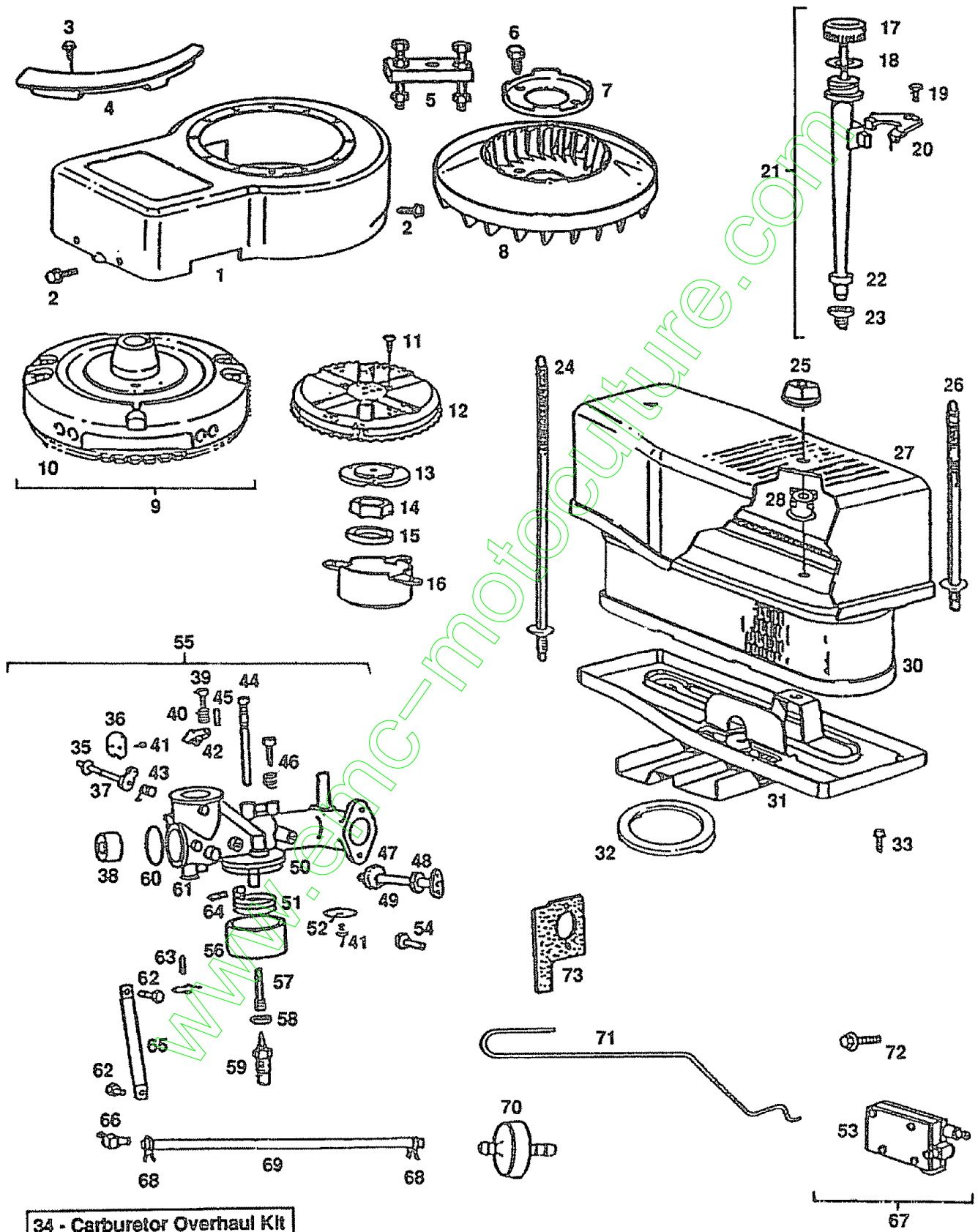
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1	93158	Screw, Blower Housing Mounting Sem	37	394665	Ring Set, Piston - Standard
2	93163	Screw, Cylinder Shield Mtg. Sem		391781	Ring Set, Piston - .010" O.S.
3	399265	Bearing, Cylinder Note: Requires special tools for installation		391782	Ring Set, Piston - .020" O.S.
4	391086	Seal, Oil		391783	Ring Set, Piston - .030" O.S.
5	490450	Cylinder Assembly	38	394661	Piston Assembly Standard
6	261463	Seat, Intake Valve (Standard)		394662	Piston Assembly - .010 O.S.
7	210940	Seat, Exhaust Valve (Standard)		394663	Piston Assembly - .020" O.S.
8	261961	Guide, Exhaust Valve Note: 231218 Guide - Intake Valve (Brass)		394664	Piston Assembly - .030" O.S.
9	231597	Bushing, Governor Crank (1/4" ID)			Piston Ring Sets
10	27803	Gasket, Valve Cover	39	271916	Note: For Chrome Ring Set - Standard size - Order No. 392331
11	391406	Breather Assembly			Gasket, Crankcase Cover (1/64" thick)
12	280100	Tube, Breather	40	94305	Screw, Base Mounting Sem
13	93394	Screw, Sem	41	91084	Plug, Oil Drain
14	491490	Cover, Cylinder Head	42	291675	Seal, Oil
15	94160	Pin, Eccentric	43	490452	Base, Engine
16	262243	Eccentric	44	490927	Lever Assembly, Governor (For 1/4" dia. Crank)
17	490466	Crankshaft Note: Order Part Number 94196 for Timing Gear	45	92613	Bolt, Governor Lever
18	222698	Key, Flywheel	46	231082	Nut, Hex 10 - 24
19	262135	Gear, Timing	47	491323	Seal, Oil
20	262247	Valve, Intake	48	93307	Retainer, E-Ring
21	65906	Spring, Intake Valve	49	93306	Cotter, Hairpin
22	221596	Retainer, Intake Valve	50	231058	Crank, Governor (1/4" dia.)
23	262246	Valve, Exhaust	51	222450	Washer, Governor Crank (1/4" dia.)
24	26828	Spring, Exhaust Valve	52	212359	Link, Counterweight
25	93630	Retainer, Exhaust Valve Rotocoil (2)	53	93875	Screw, Counterweight (1)
26	292260	Rotocoil, Exhaust Valve	54	298909	Pin, Counterweight (1)
27	212897	Gear, Cam	55	399891	Counterweight Assembly
28	802592	Plug, Spark (1 1/2" high - 37-42 mm)	56	490815	Oil Slinger, Governor
29	66538	Elbow, Spark Plug	57	398525	Insulator Assembly
30	89838	Wrench, Spark Plug	58	92791	Washer, Lock, Shake-proof
31	93723	Screw, Cylinder Head (3" long)	59	93722	Terminal, Spade
32	222299	Lock, Connecting Rod Screw	60	90576	Nut, Hex 8 - 32
33	92909	Screw, Connecting Rod	61	26157	Spring, Throttle Adjustment
34	490348	Rod Assembly, Connecting Note: For Connecting Rod with .020" undersize Crankpin Bore - Order No. 490469	62	90200	Screw, Machine Fil Hd. 8 - 32 x 1/2
35	260924	Lock, Piston Pin	63	93572	Screw, Carburetor
36	299691	Pin Assembly, Piston - Standard	64	260695	Spring, Governor
	391286	Pin Assembly, Piston - .005 O.S.	65	390784	Plate, Governor Control (Choke-A-Matic)
			66	221535	Clamp, Casing
			67	93496	Screw, Sem
			68	260584	Spring, Governor Link
			69	262348	Link, Governor
			70	223715	Shield, Cylinder
			71	271866	Gasket, Cylinder Head
			72	262248	Tappet Valve
			73	491491	Head, Cylinder

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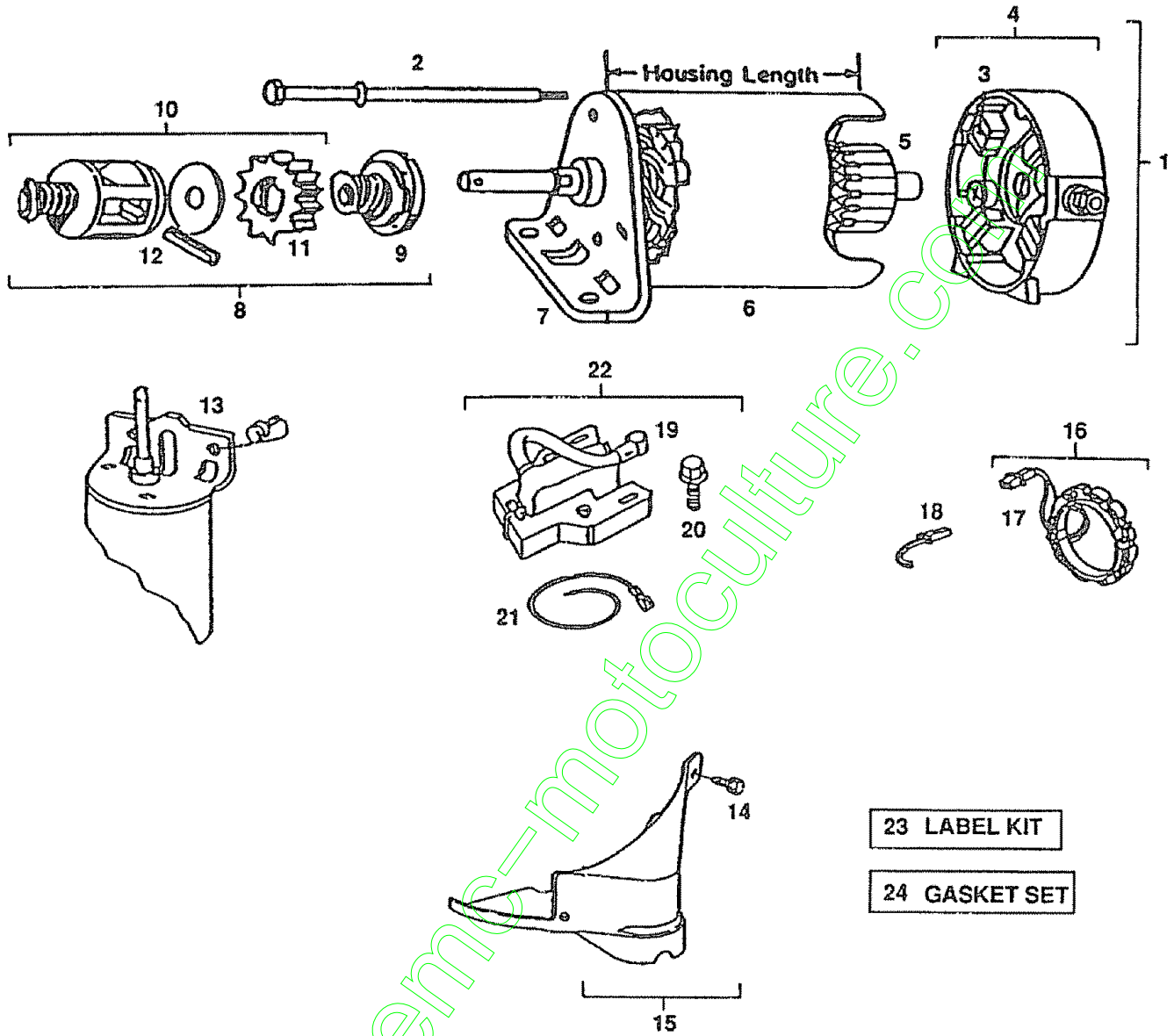
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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	490689	Housing, Blower	37	390684	Shaft and Lever, Choke
2	93158	Screw, Blower Housing Mounting Sem	38	211960	Venturi, Carburetor
3	93705	Screw, Hex Hd.	39	91920	Screw, Machine Fil Hd. 8-32 x 5/8"
4	223752	Guard, Flywheel	40	26157	Spring, Throttle Adjustment
5	19203	Puller, Flywheel	41	93499	Screw, Throttle and Choke Valve Mtg. Sem
6	93535	Screw, Sem 3/4" Long	42	211712	Stop, Throttle
7	223726	Retainer, Fan	43	261116	Spring, Choke Return
8	280687	Fan, Flywheel	44	299740	Nozzle, Carburetor
9	492326	Flywheel and Ring Gear Assy. - Magneto	45	93043	Pin, Throttle Stop
10	392134	Gear, Ring (Includes Mounting Parts)	46	292681	Valve Assembly, Carburetor Idle
11	93805	Screw, Sem	47	271853	Washer, Throttle Shaft Seal (Foam)
12	222562	Screen, Flush Rotating	48	398970	Seal, Throttle Shaft
13	280848	Spacer	49	491006	Shaft and Lever, Throttle
14	92284	Nut, Hex	50	270511	Gasket, Flat Bowl
15	220865	Washer, Spring	51	299707	Float, Carburetor
16	222561	Cup, Screen Mounting	52	222433	Valve, Throttle
17	490327	Cap and Dipstick, Oil Filter	53	390818	Pump, Impulse
18	270920	Seal, Oil Filler Cap	54	93357	Screw, Carburetor
19	93572	Screw, Clamp Mounting	55	491031	Carburetor Assembly
20	223721	Clamp, Oil Filler Tube	56	221995	Bowl, Float
21	490474	Fill Group, Oil	57	231323	Screw, Nozzle
22	280741	Tube, Oil Filler	58	222014	Washer, Float Bowl
23	68838	Seal, Filler Tube	59	396568	Valve, Needle
24	94248	Stud, Air Cleaner	60	221997	Plug, Welch
25	212706	Knob, Air Cleaner	61	490473	Body Assembly, Carburetor
26	94246	Stud, Air Cleaner	62	93572	Screw, Carburetor
27	223700	Cover, Air Cleaner	63	394682	Valve, Fuel Inlet
28	231532	Nut, Air Cleaner Mtg.	64	230896	Pin, Float Hinge
30	491519	Cartridge, Air Cleaner	65	222311	Bracket, Carburetor
31	490332	Body, Air Cleaner	66	67218	Connector, Fuel Pipe
32	270853	Gasket, Air Cleaner	67	394462	Repair Kit, Pump
33	94018	Screw, Air Cleaner Sem	68	93053	Clamp, Fuel Pipe
34	394698	Carburetor Overhaul Lit	69	393815	Fuel Line (11" Long)
35	270382	Washer, Choke Shaft	70	289090	Filter, Fuel (In Fuel Line)
36	222010	Valve, Choke	71	261610	Link, Choke
			72	93621	Screw, Sem
			73	270872	Gasket, Carburetor Mounting

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23 LABEL KIT

24 GASKET SET

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	394805	Motor and Drive Assembly 12V, 4-3/8" Housing Length	14	93984	Screw, Sem
2	94003	Thru Bolt Assembly	15	490324	Cover, Starter (Includes Mounting Screws)
3	395538	Brush Assembly	16	393474	Stator, Alternator (Dual Circuit)
4	395537	* End Cap Assembly Commutator	17	393456	Diode and Connector Assembly (Dual Circuit)
5	390837	Armature Assembly	18	393362	Alternator Harness Assembly (Dual Circuit)
6	393825	Housing Assembly	19	221798	Terminal, Ignition
7	394857	Drive End Cap Assembly	20	93381	Screw, Armature Mounting Sem
8	490421	Drive Assembly	21	398808	Wire, Ground
9	398003	Clutch Assembly	22	492341	Armature, Magneto
10	490476	Retainer and Pin	23	491252	Decal, Label Kit
11	280104	Gear	24	490525	Gasket Set
12	94288	Roll Pin			
13	93535	Screw, Sem			

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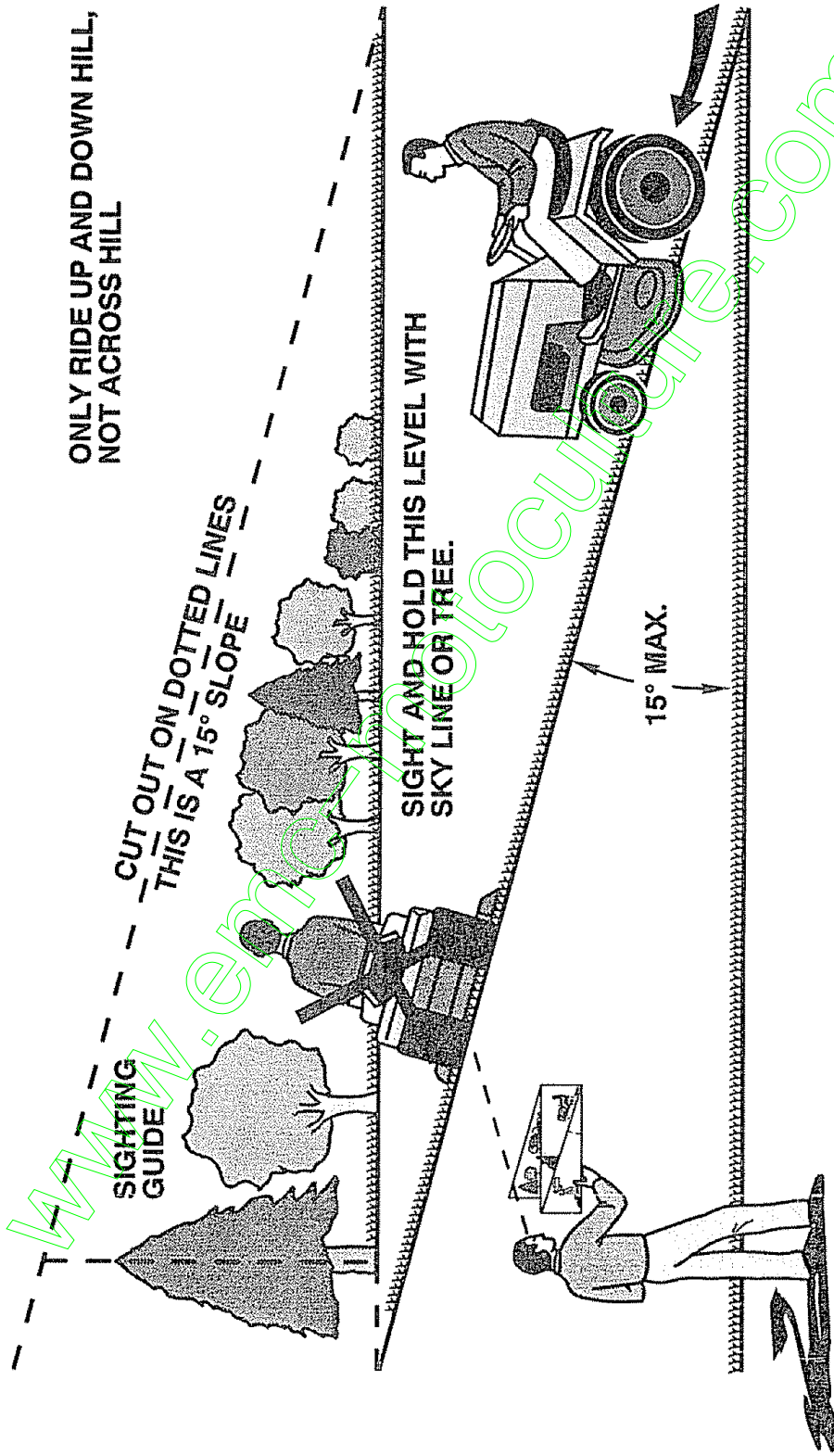
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