



**Count on it.**

**Operator's Manual**

**Z Master<sup>®</sup> Professional 3000  
Series Riding Mower  
with 60in TURBO FORCE<sup>®</sup> Side Discharge  
Mower**

Model No. 74950—Serial No. 316000001 and Up



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It is a violation of California Public Resource Code Section 4442 or 4443 to use or operate the engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land unless the engine is equipped with a spark arrester, as defined in Section 4442, maintained in effective working order or the engine is constructed, equipped, and maintained for the prevention of fire.

The enclosed *Engine Owner's Manual* is supplied for information regarding the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Emission Control Regulation of emission systems, maintenance, and warranty. Replacements may be ordered through the engine manufacturer.

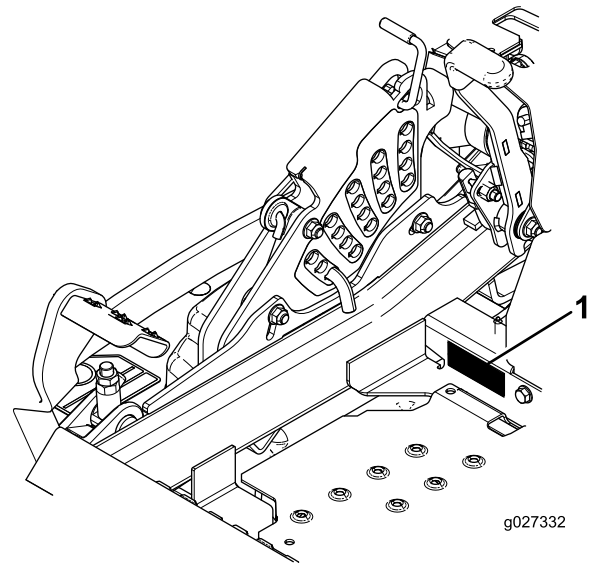


Figure 1

1. Model and serial number location

**▲ WARNING**

**CALIFORNIA  
Proposition 65 Warning**

**The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.**

## Introduction

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

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

You may contact Toro directly at [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) for product safety and operation training materials, accessory information, help finding a dealer, or to register your product.

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

Model No. _____
Serial No. _____

This manual identifies potential hazards and has safety messages identified by the safety-alert symbol ([Figure 2](#)), which signals a hazard that may cause serious injury or death if you do not follow the recommended precautions.



Figure 2

1. Safety-alert symbol

This manual uses 2 words to highlight information. **Important** calls attention to special mechanical information and **Note** emphasizes general information worthy of special attention.

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# Safety

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

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

This product is designed for cutting and recycling grass or, when equipped with a grass bagger, for catching cut grass. It could be dangerous to use this product for any use other than its intended purpose.

## Safe Operating Practices

The following instructions are adapted from ANSI B71.4-2012.

### Training

- Read the *Operator's Manual* and other training material.
- If the operator(s) or mechanic(s) cannot read the manual language, it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained. The owner is responsible for training the users.
- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to people, or damage to property.

### Preparation

- Evaluate the terrain to determine what accessories and attachments are needed to properly and safely perform the job. Only use accessories and attachments approved by the manufacturer.
- Wear appropriate clothing including: substantial slip-resistant footwear, safety glasses, and hearing protection. Tie back long hair. Do not wear jewelry.
- Inspect the area where the equipment is used, and remove all objects that can be thrown by the machine.
- Check that operator's presence controls, safety switches, and shields are attached and functioning

properly. Do not operate unless they are functioning properly.

### Operation

- Lightning can cause severe injury or death. If lightning is seen, or thunder is heard in the area, do not operate the machine; seek shelter.
- Do not run an engine in an enclosed area.
- Operate only in well-lit areas, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Ensure that all drives are in neutral and that the parking brake is engaged before starting engine. Start the engine only from the operator's position.
- Make sure that you have good footing while using this machine, especially when backing up. Reduced footing could cause slipping.
- Slow down and use extra care on hillsides. Be sure to travel side to side on hillsides. Turf conditions can affect the stability of the machine. Use caution while operating near drop-offs.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and when changing directions on slopes.
- Do not raise the mower deck with the blades running.
- Do not operate the machine without the PTO shield or other guards securely in place. Be sure that all interlocks are attached, adjusted properly, and functioning properly.
- Do not operate with the discharge deflector raised, removed or altered, unless you are using a grass catcher.
- Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.
- Stop on level ground, disengage drives, engage the parking brake (if provided), shut off the engine before leaving the operator's position for any reason, including emptying the catchers or unclogging the chute.
- Stop equipment and inspect the blades after striking objects or if an abnormal vibration occurs. Make the necessary repairs before resuming operations.
- Keep your hands and feet away from the cutting unit.
- Look behind and down before backing up to ensure a clear path.
- Keep pets and bystanders away from an operating machine.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and crossing roads and sidewalks. Stop the blades if you are not mowing.

- Be aware of the mower-discharge direction and do not point it at anyone.
- Do not operate the mower under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into or from a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.
- Clean up oil or fuel spills.
- Let the engine cool before storing the machine.
- Do not store fuel near flames or drain fuel indoors.
- Do not allow untrained personnel to service the machine.
- Use jack stands to support components when required.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.

## Safe Handling of Fuels

- To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive.
- Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition.
- Use only an approved fuel container.
- Do not remove the fuel cap or add fuel with the engine running.
- Allow the engine to cool before fueling.
- Do not fuel the machine indoors.
- Do not store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light, such as on a water heater or on other appliances.
- Do not fill containers inside a vehicle, on a truck, or on a trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Remove equipment from the truck or trailer and fuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then add fuel with such equipment as a portable container rather than from a fuel-dispenser nozzle.
- Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete.
- Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
- If you spill fuel on clothing, change your clothing immediately.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank. Replace the fuel cap and tighten securely.
- Disconnect the battery or remove the spark-plug wire before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive terminal last. Connect the positive terminal first and negative last.
- Use care when checking the blades. Wrap the blade(s) or wear thickly padded gloves, and use caution when servicing them. Only replace blades; do not straighten or weld them.
- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts. If possible, do not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hardware tightened. Replace all worn or damaged decals.

## Hauling

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

## Maintenance and Storage

- Disengage drives, set the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the key or disconnect spark-plug wire. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning, or repairing.
- Park the machine on a level surface.
- Clean grass and debris from the cutting unit, drives, mufflers, and engine to help prevent fires.

# Toro Mower Safety

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

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

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

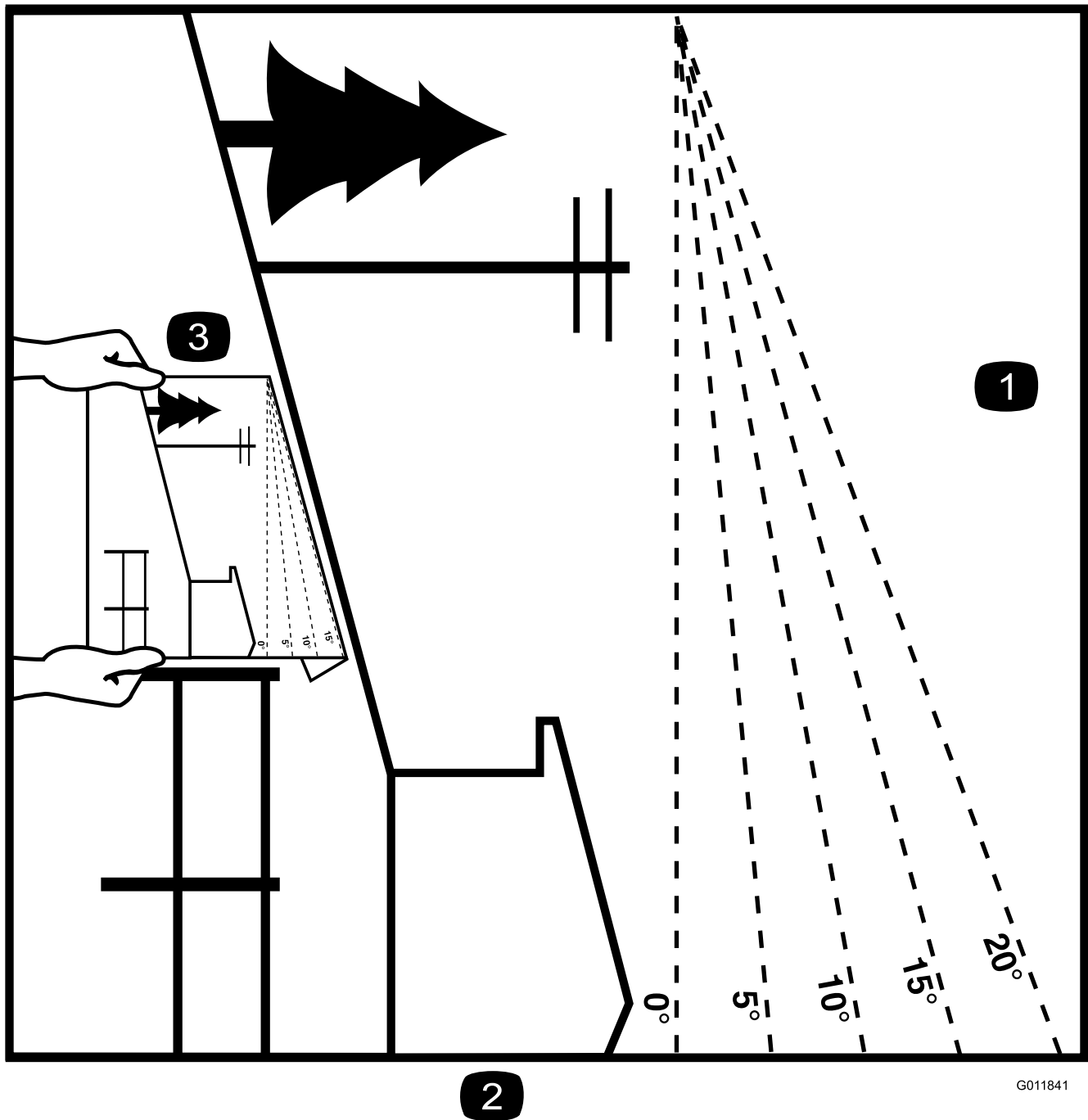
## Using the Rollover-Protection System (ROPS)

- The ROPS is an integral and effective safety device. Keep the ROPS in the raised and locked position and use the seat belt when operating the machine.
- Lower the ROPS temporarily only when absolutely necessary. Do not wear the seat belt when the ROPS is folded down.
- Be aware there is no rollover protection when the ROPS is in the down position.
- Be certain that the seat belt can be released quickly in the event of an emergency.
- Check the area to be mowed and never fold down the ROPS in areas where there are slopes, drop offs or water.
- Check carefully for overhead clearances (i.e. branches, doorways, electrical wires) before driving under any objects and do not contact them.
- Keep the ROPS in safe operating condition by periodically thoroughly inspecting for damage and keeping all mounting fasteners tight.
- Replace a damaged ROPS. Do not repair or revise.
- **Do not** remove the ROPS.
- Any alterations to a ROPS must be approved by the manufacturer.
- Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.

## Service

- Do not store the machine or a fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as near a water heater or furnace.
- Keep the nuts and bolts tight, especially the blade-attachment bolts.
- Never interfere with the intended function of a safety device or reduce the protection provided by a safety device. Check their proper operation regularly.
- To best protect your investment and maintain optimal performance of your Toro equipment, count on Toro genuine parts. When it comes to reliability, Toro delivers replacement parts designed to the exact engineering specifications of our equipment. For peace of mind, insist on Toro genuine parts.
- Check the brake operation frequently. Adjust and service it as required.

# Slope Indicator



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**Figure 3**

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

# Safety and Instructional Decals



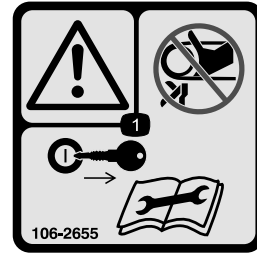
Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or lost.



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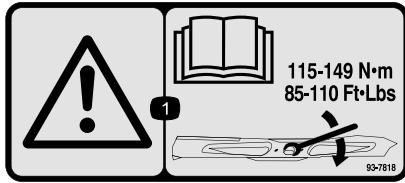
1. Grease



**106-2655**

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1. Warning—do not touch or approach moving belts; remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.



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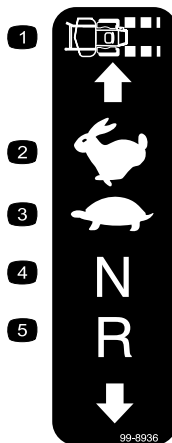
1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual* for instructions on torquing the blade bolt/nut to 115 to 149 N·m (85 to 110 ft-lb).



**106-5517**

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1. Warning—do not touch the hot surface.



**99-8936**

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| 1. Machine speed | 4. Neutral |
| 2. Fast          | 5. Reverse |
| 3. Slow          |            |

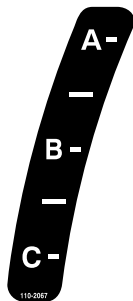




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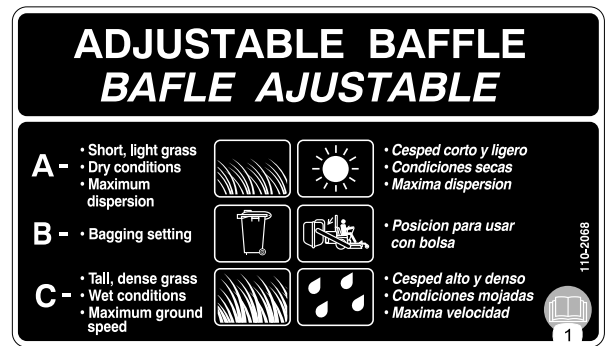
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1. Warning—there is no rollover protection when the roll bar is down.
2. To avoid injury or death from a rollover accident, keep the roll bar in the raised and locked position and wear the seat belt. Lower the roll bar only when absolutely necessary;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



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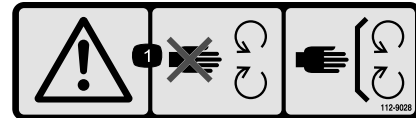
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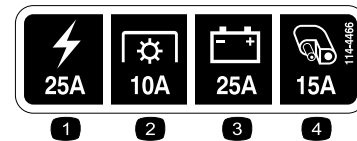
1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.



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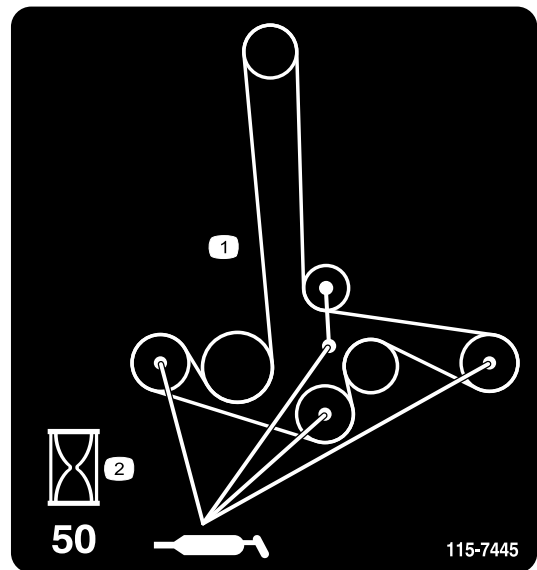
1. Warning—stay away from moving parts; keep all guards in place.



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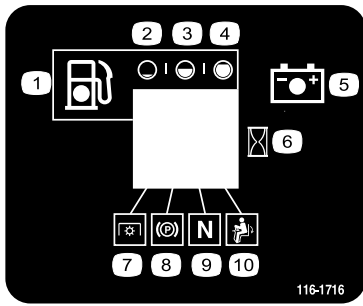
1. Main, 25A
2. PTO, 10A
3. Charge, 25A
4. Auxiliary, 15A



115-7445

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1. Grease pulleys and spindles
2. Maintenance interval—50 hours



116-1716

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|------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Fuel    | 6. Hour meter                |
| 2. Empty   | 7. PTO                       |
| 3. Half    | 8. Parking brake             |
| 4. Full    | 9. Neutral                   |
| 5. Battery | 10. Operator presence switch |



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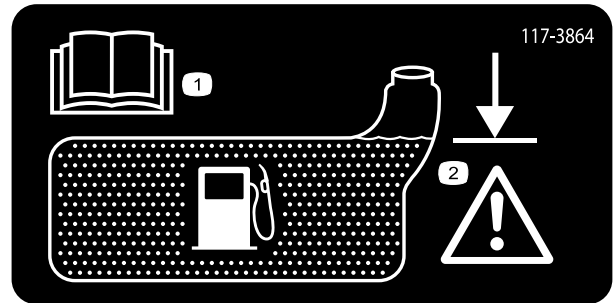
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1. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance from the machine
2. Thrown object hazard, mower—do not operate without the deflector, discharge cover or grass collection system in place.
3. Cutting/dismemberment of hand or foot—stay away from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



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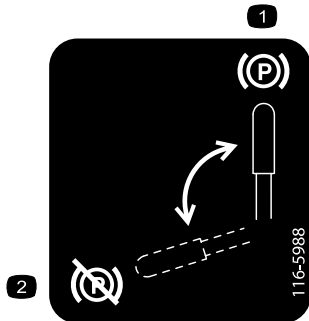
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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Fill to bottom of filler neck; warning—do not overfill the tank.



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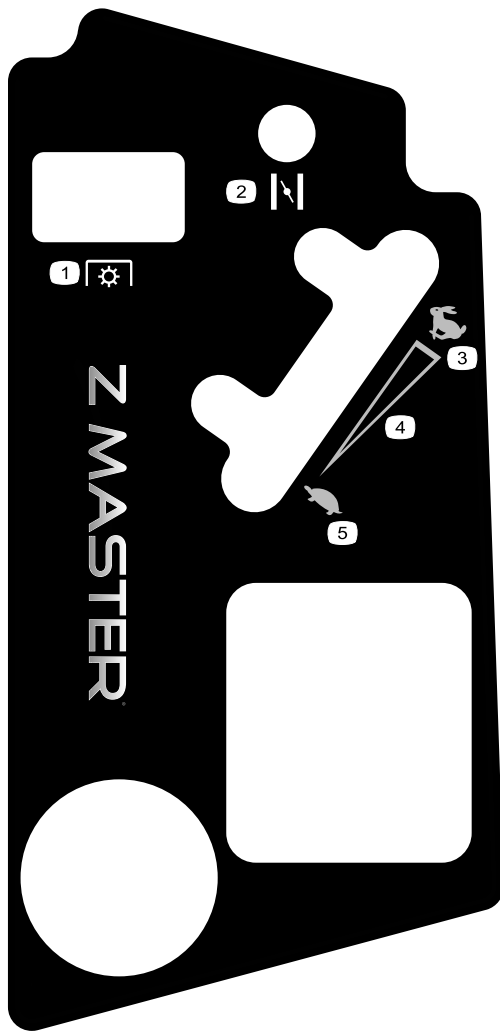
1. Parking brake—engaged
2. Parking brake—disengaged



116-8726

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1. Read the *Operator's Manual* for recommended hydraulic fluid.



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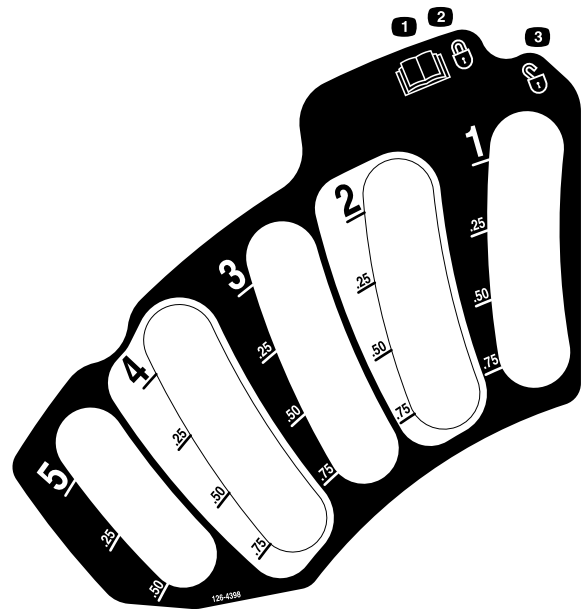
1. Power Take-off (PTO)
2. Choke
3. Fast
4. Continuous variable setting
5. Slow



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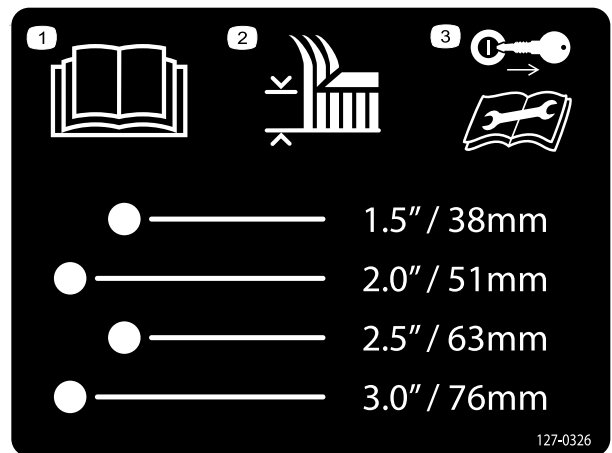
1. Wheel lug nut torque 129 N·m (95 ft-lb) (4x)
2. Wheel hub nut torque 319 N·m (235 ft-lb)
3. Read and understand the *Operator's Manual* before performing any maintenance, check torque after first 100 hours then every 500 hours thereafter.



**126-4398**

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1. Read the *Operator's Manual*
2. Lock
3. Unlock



**127-0326**

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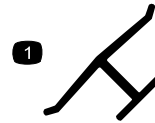
1. Read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Height-of-cut
3. Remove the key from the ignition and read the *Operator's Manual* before performing maintenance or servicing the machine.



### Battery Symbols

Some or all of these symbols are on your battery

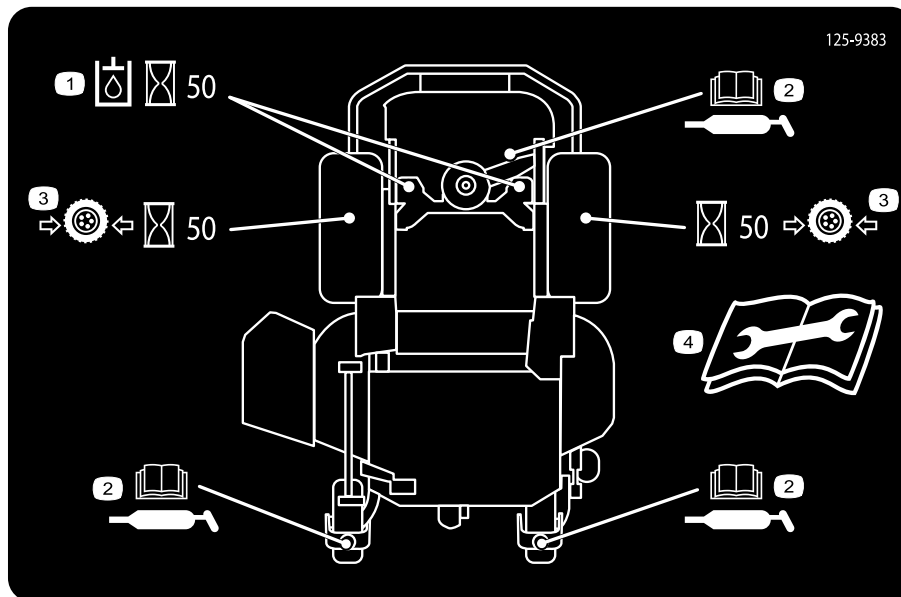
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| 1. Explosion hazard                    | 6. Keep bystanders a safe distance from the battery.                           |
| 2. No fire, open flame, or smoking.    | 7. Wear eye protection; explosive gases can cause blindness and other injuries |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



### Manufacturer's Mark

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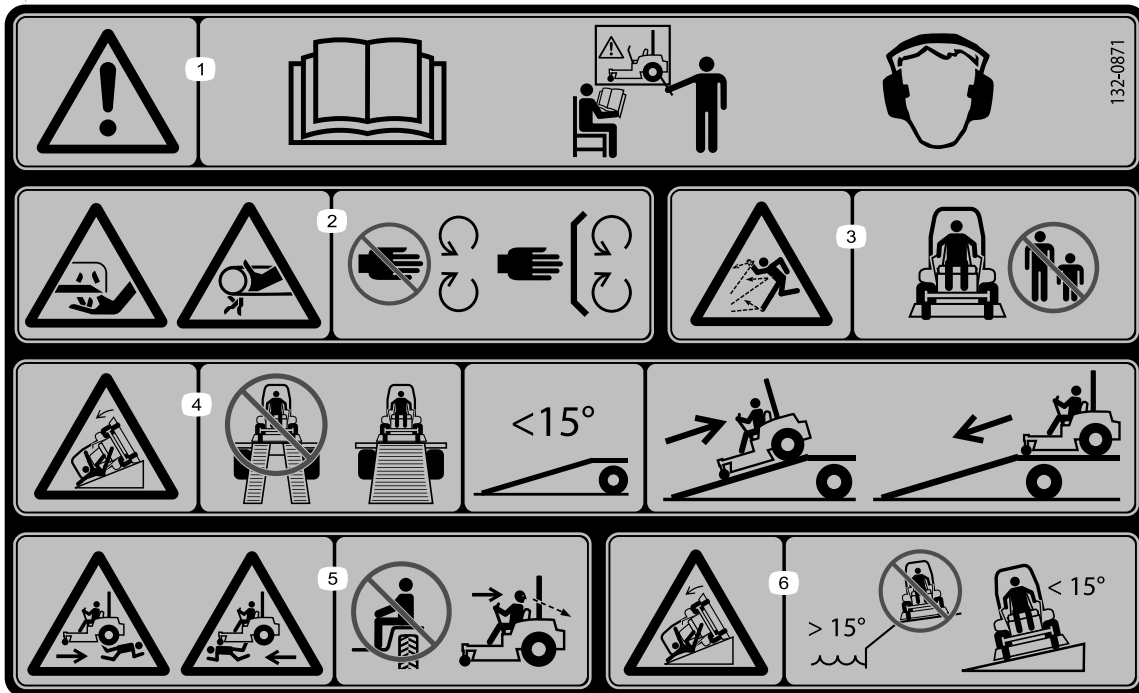
1. Indicates the blade is identified as a part from the original machine manufacturer.



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| 1. Check hydraulic oil every 50 operating hours.                                 | 3. Check the tire pressure every 50 operating hours.                             |
| 2. Read the <i>Operator's Manual</i> for information on lubricating the machine. | 4. Read the <i>Operator's Manual</i> before servicing or performing maintenance. |



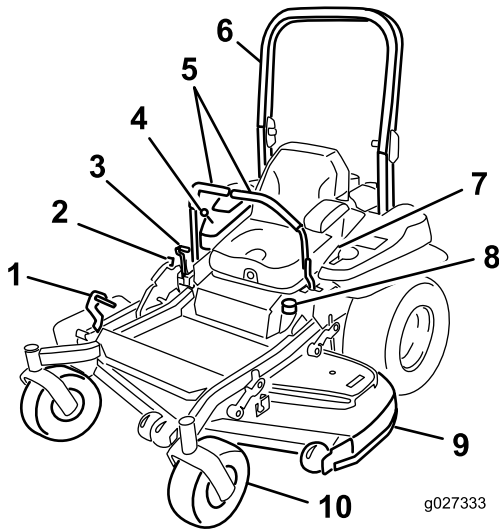
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**Note:** This machine complies with the industry standard stability test in the static lateral and longitudinal tests with the maximum recommended slope indicated on the decal. Review the instructions for operating the machine on slopes in the *Operator's Manual* as well as the conditions in which you would operate the machine to determine whether you can operate the machine in those conditions on that day and at that site. Changes in the terrain can result in a change in slope operation for the machine. If possible, keep the cutting units lowered to the ground while operating the machine on slopes. Raising the cutting units while operating on slopes can cause the machine to become unstable.

1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*; do not operate this machine unless you are trained; wear hearing protection.
2. Cutting, dismembering, and entanglement hazard—keep hands away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.
3. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders away.
4. Ramp hazard—when loading onto a trailer, do not use dual ramps; only use a singular ramp wide enough for the machine and that has an incline less than  $15^\circ$ ; back up the ramp (in reverse) and drive forward off the ramp.
5. Bodily harm hazard—do not carry passengers; look behind you when mowing in reverse.
6. Tipping hazard on slopes—do not use on slopes near open water; do not use on slopes greater than  $15^\circ$ .

# Product Overview

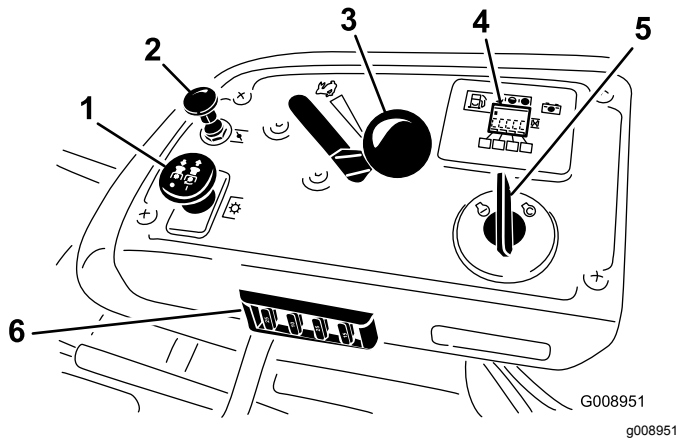


**Figure 4**

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

## Controls

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



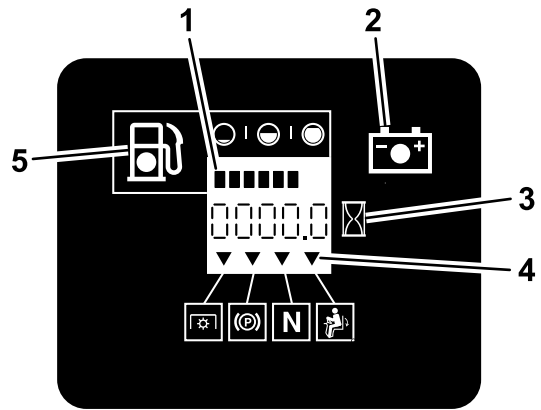
**Figure 5**

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| 1. PTO switch       | 4. Hour meter/Safety-interlock display/Fuel gauge |
| 2. Choke            | 5. Ignition switch                                |
| 3. Throttle control | 6. Fuses  |

## Fuel Gauge

The fuel gauge is located with the hour meter, and the bars light up when the ignition switch is on (Figure 6).

The indicator light appears when the fuel level is low—approximately 3.8 L (1 US gallon) remaining in the fuel tank.



**Figure 6**

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Fuel gauge (bars) | 4. Safety-interlock symbols |
| 2. Battery light     | 5. Low-fuel indicator light |
| 3. Hour meter        |                             |

## Hour Meter

The hour meter records the number of hours that the engine has operated. It operates when the engine is running. Use these times for scheduling regular maintenance (Figure 6).

## Safety-Interlock Indicators

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

## Battery-Indicator Light

When you initially turn the ignition key to the RUN position for a few seconds, the battery voltage will be displayed in the area where the hours are normally displayed.

The battery-indicator light turns on when you turn the ignition key and when the charge is below the correct operating level (Figure 6).

## Throttle Control

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

## **Choke**

Use the choke to start a cold engine. Pull the choke knob up to engage it.

## Blade-Control Switch (PTO)

Use the blade-control switch (PTO) to engage the electric clutch and drive the mower blades. Pull the switch up to engage the blades and release. To disengage the blades, push the blade-control switch (PTO) down or move a motion-control lever into the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.

## Ignition Switch

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

## Motion-Control Levers

The motion-control levers are used to drive the machine forward, reverse, and turn either direction.

## Neutral-Lock Position

Use the NEUTRAL-LOCK position with the safety-interlock system to engage and to determine the NEUTRAL position.

## Fuel-Shutoff Valve

Close the fuel-shutoff valve (under the seat) when transporting or storing the mower.

## Attachments/Accessories

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

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

## Specifications

**Note:** Specifications and design are subject to change without notice.

### Width:

Without deck	134.6 cm (53.0 inches)
Deflector—up	156.8 cm (61.7 inches)
Deflector—down	192.2 cm (75.7 inches)

### Length:

Roll bar—up	211.1 cm (83.1 inches)
Roll bar—down	215.4 cm (84.8 inches)

### Height:

Roll bar—up	Roll bar—down
179.1 cm (70.5 inches)	118.9 cm (46.8 inches)

### Weight:

Model	Weight
74950	541 kg (1,193 lb)



# Operation

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

## Adding Fuel

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

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

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

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

- **Always place gasoline containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.**
- **Do not fill gasoline containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed, because interior carpets or plastic truck-bed liners may insulate the container and slow the loss of any static charge.**
- **When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and fuel the equipment with the wheels on the ground.**

**If this is not possible, then fuel such equipment on a truck or trailer from a portable container, rather than from a gasoline-dispenser nozzle.**

- **If you must use a gasoline dispenser, keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete.**

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

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

## Using Stabilizer/Conditioner

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

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

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

Add the correct amount of fuel stabilizer/conditioner to the fuel, and follow the directions of the manufacturer.

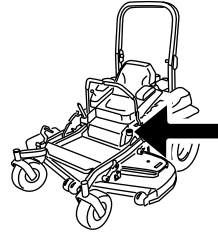
**Note:** Fuel stabilizer/conditioner is most effective when mixed with fresh gasoline. To minimize the chance of varnish deposits in the fuel system, use fuel stabilizer at all times.

## Filling the Fuel Tank

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

1. Park the machine on level ground.
2. Shut the engine off and set the parking brake.
3. Clean around the fuel-tank cap and remove it.
4. Fill the fuel tank until the level is 6 to 13 mm (1/4 to 1/2 inch) below the bottom of the filler neck.

**Note:** Ensure that there is empty space in the tank to allow the gasoline to expand.



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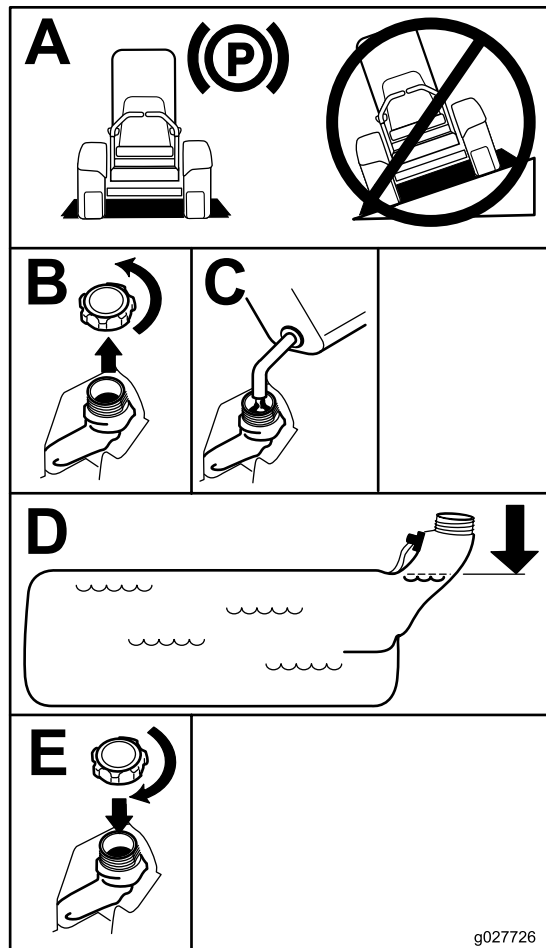


Figure 7

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# Checking the Engine-Oil Level

Before you start the engine and use the machine, check the oil level in the engine crankcase; refer to [Servicing the Engine Oil](#) (page 39).

# Breaking in a New Machine

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

# Using the Rollover Protection System (ROPS)

## ⚠ WARNING

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

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

## ⚠ WARNING

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

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

**Important:** Lower the roll bar only when absolutely necessary.

1. To lower the roll bar, apply forward pressure to the upper part of the roll bar.
2. Pull both knobs out and rotate them 90° so that they are not engaged ([Figure 8](#)).
3. Lower the roll bar to the down position ([Figure 8](#)).

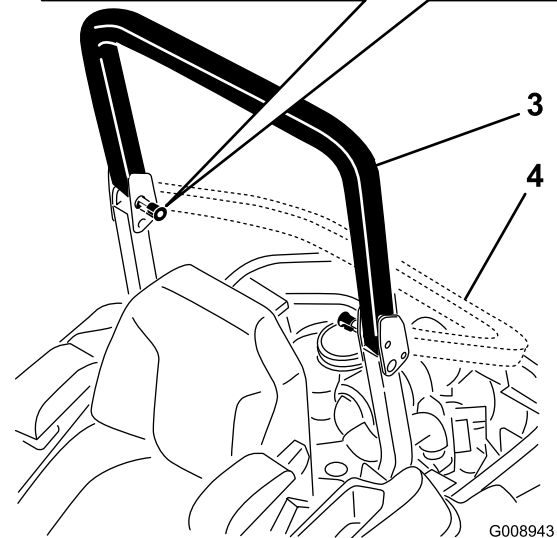
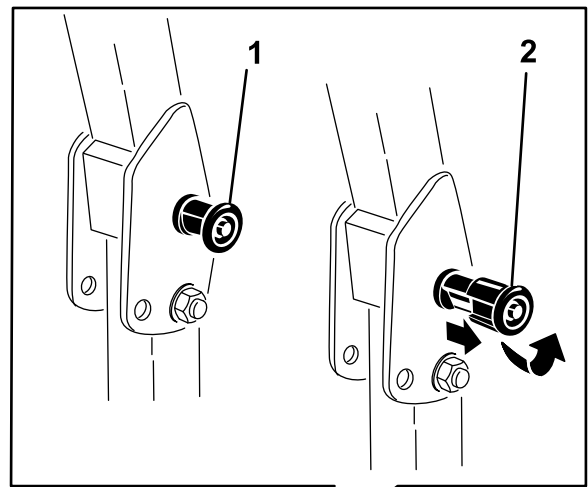


Figure 8

1. ROPS knob
2. Pull the ROPS knob out and rotate it 90°.
3. Roll bar in the upright position
4. Roll bar in the folded position

4. To raise the roll bar, raise the roll bar to the operate position and rotate the knobs so that they move partially into the grooves ([Figure 8](#)).
5. Raise the roll bar to the full upright position while pushing on the upper roll bar and the pins will snap into position when the holes align with the pins ([Figure 8](#)). Push on the roll bar and ensure that both pins are engaged.

**Important:** Always use the seat belt with the roll bar in the fully raised position.

# Think Safety First

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

## ⚠ DANGER

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

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

## ⚠ DANGER

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

Do not operate the machine near drop-offs.

## ⚠ DANGER

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

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

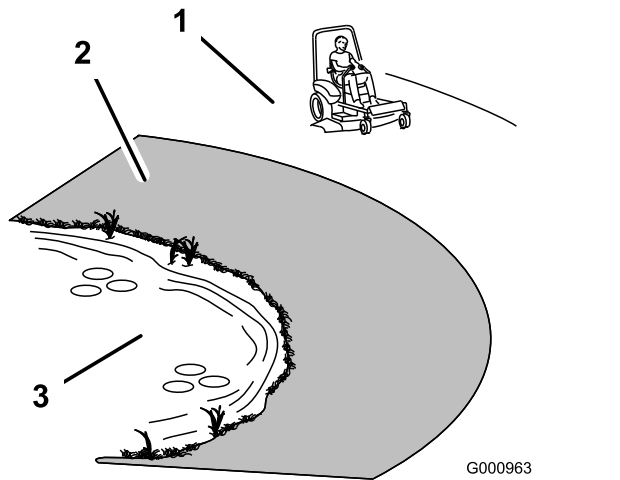


Figure 9

1. Safe Zone—use the Z Master here on slopes less than 15° or flat areas.
2. Danger Zone—use a walk-behind mower and/or a hand trimmer on slopes greater than 15° and near drop-offs and water.
3. Water

## ⚠ CAUTION

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

Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.

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

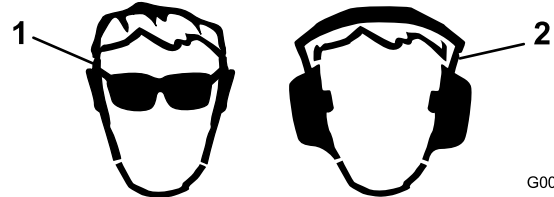


Figure 10

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

## Operating the Parking Brake

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

## Setting the Parking Brake

### ⚠ WARNING

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

Do not park on slopes unless wheels are chocked or blocked.

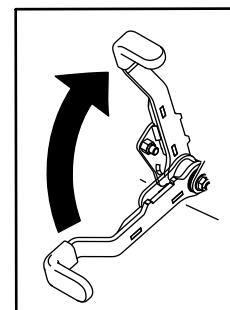
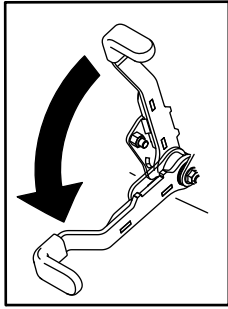


Figure 11

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## Releasing the Parking Brake



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Figure 12

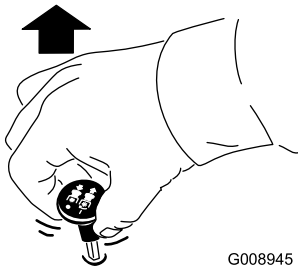
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## Operating the Mower Blade-Control Switch (PTO)

The blade-control switch (PTO) starts and stops the mower blades and any powered attachments.

### Engaging the Blade-Control Switch (PTO)

**Note:** Engaging the blade-control switch (PTO) with the throttle position at half or less causes excessive wear to the drive belts.

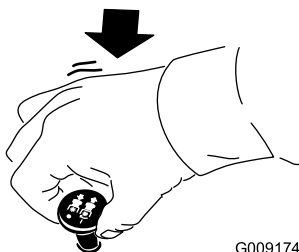


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Figure 13

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### Disengaging the Blade-Control Switch (PTO)



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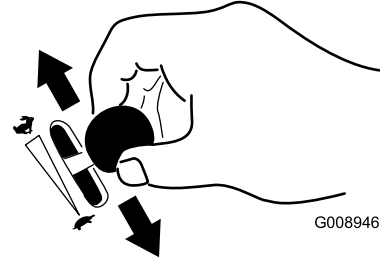
Figure 14

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## Operating the Throttle

You can move the throttle control can be moved between FAST and SLOW positions (Figure 15).

Always use the FAST position when turning on the mower deck with the blade-control switch (PTO).



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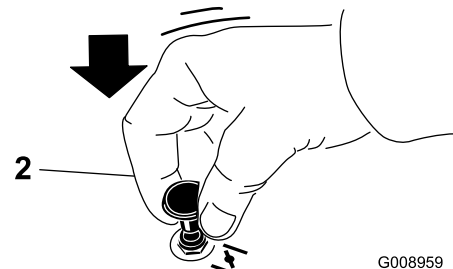
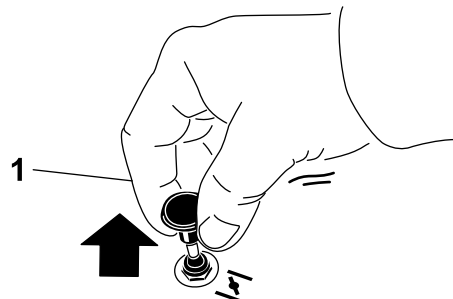
Figure 15

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## Operating the Choke

Use the choke to start a cold engine.

1. If the engine is cold, use the choke to start the engine.
2. Pull up the choke knob to engage the choke before using the ignition switch (Figure 16).
3. Push down the choke to disengage the choke after the engine has started (Figure 16).



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Figure 16

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1. On

2. Off

# Operating the Ignition Switch

1. Turn the ignition key to the START position (Figure 17). When the engine starts, release the key.

**Important:** Do not engage the starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. If the engine fails to start, allow a 15 second cool-down period between attempts. Failure to follow these instructions can burn out the starter motor.

**Note:** You may need multiple attempts to start the engine when you start it the first time after the fuel system has been without fuel completely.

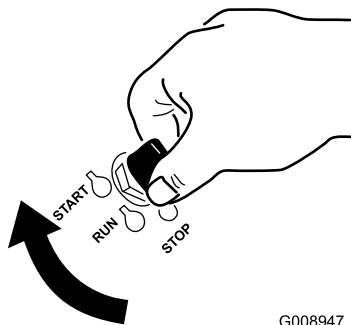


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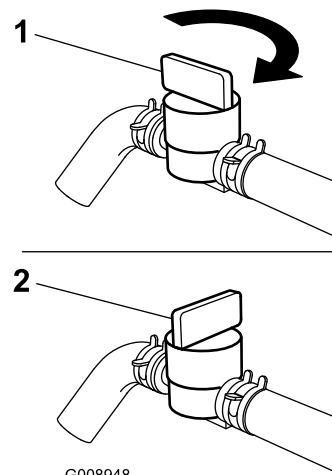
2. Turn the key in the ignition switch to the STOP position.

## Using the Fuel-Shutoff Valve

The fuel-shutoff valve is located under the seat. Move the seat forward to access it.

Close the fuel-shutoff valve for transport, maintenance, and storage.

Ensure that the fuel-shutoff valve is open when starting the engine.



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Figure 18

1. On

2. Off

## Starting and Stopping the Engine

### Starting the Engine

1. Raise the ROPS up and lock into place, sit on the seat, and fasten the seat belt.
2. Move the motion controls to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.
3. Set the parking brake; refer to [Brake Maintenance \(page 53\)](#).
4. Move the blade-control switch (PTO) to the OFF position (Figure 19).

5. Move the throttle lever midway between the SLOW and FAST positions.

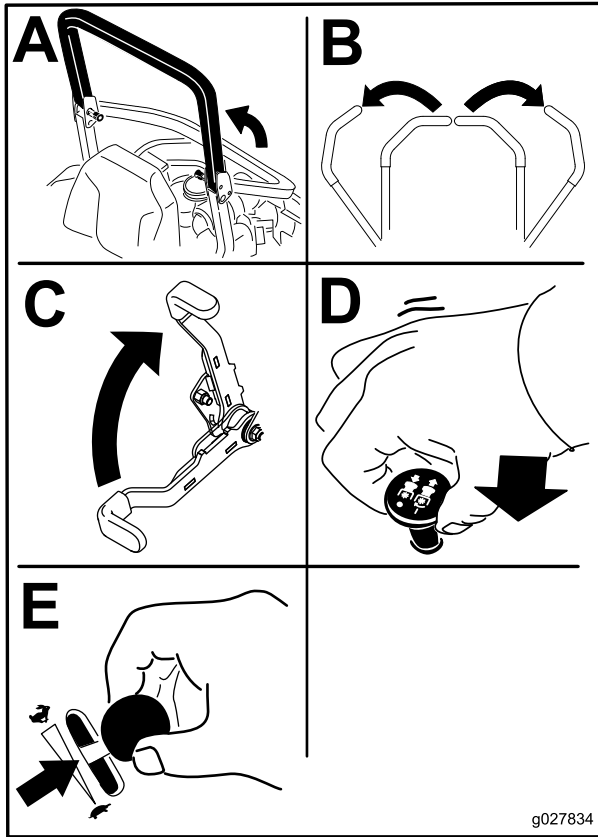


Figure 19

6. Turn the key in the ignition switch to the START position (Figure 20). When the engine starts, release the key.

**Important:** Do not engage starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. If the engine fails to start allow a 15-second cool-down period between attempts. Failure to follow these instructions can burn out the starter motor.

**Note:** You may need to attempt to start the engine multiple times when you start it for the first time after the fuel system has been without fuel completely.

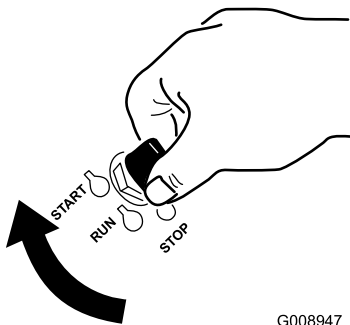


Figure 20

## Stopping the Engine

### ⚠ CAUTION

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

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

Let the engine idle at slow throttle (turtle) for 60 seconds before turning the ignition switch to the OFF position.

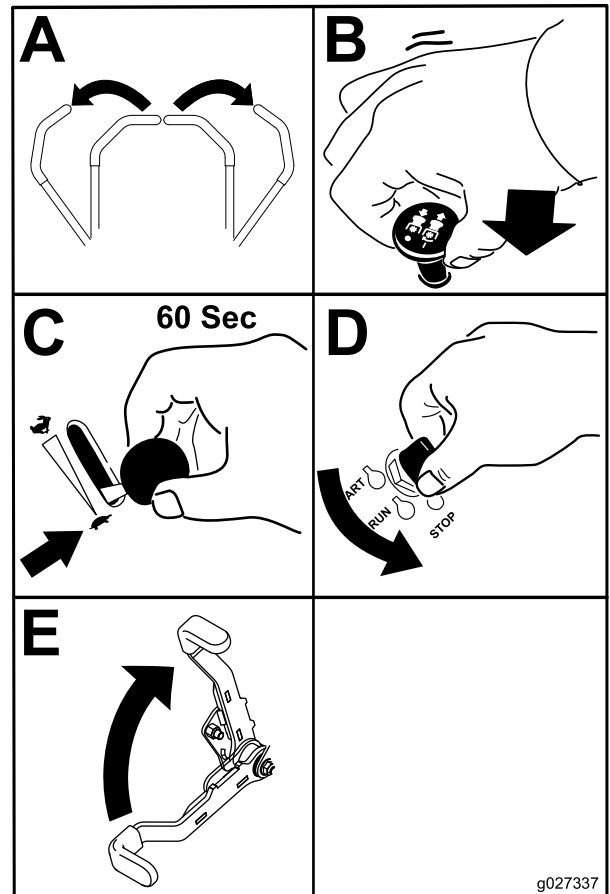


Figure 21

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

# Using the Safety-Interlock System

## ⚠ CAUTION

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

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

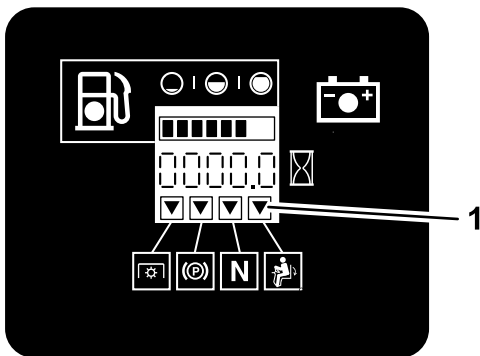
## Understanding the Safety-Interlock System

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

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

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

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



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Figure 22

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

## Testing the Safety-Interlock System

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

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

1. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake and move the blade-control switch (PTO) to the ON position. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.
2. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake and move the blade-control switch (PTO) to the OFF position. Move either motion-control lever (out of the NEUTRAL-LOCK position). Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank. Repeat for the other control lever.
3. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the blade-control switch (PTO) to the OFF position, and move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position. Now start the engine. While the engine is running, release the parking brake, engage the blade-control switch (PTO) and rise slightly from the seat; the engine should stop.
4. Sitting on the seat, engage the parking brake, move the blade-control switch (PTO) to the OFF position, and move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position. Now start the engine. While the engine is running, center either motion control and move (forward or reverse); the engine should stop. Repeat for other motion control.
5. Sitting on the seat, disengage the parking brake, move the blade-control switch (PTO) to the OFF position, and move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position. Try starting the engine; the engine should not crank.

## Driving Forward or Backward

The throttle control regulates the engine speed as measured in rpm (revolutions per minute). Place the throttle control in the FAST position for best performance.

## ⚠ CAUTION

Machine can spin very rapidly. You may lose control of machine and injure yourself or damage the machine.

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



## Using the Motion-Control levers

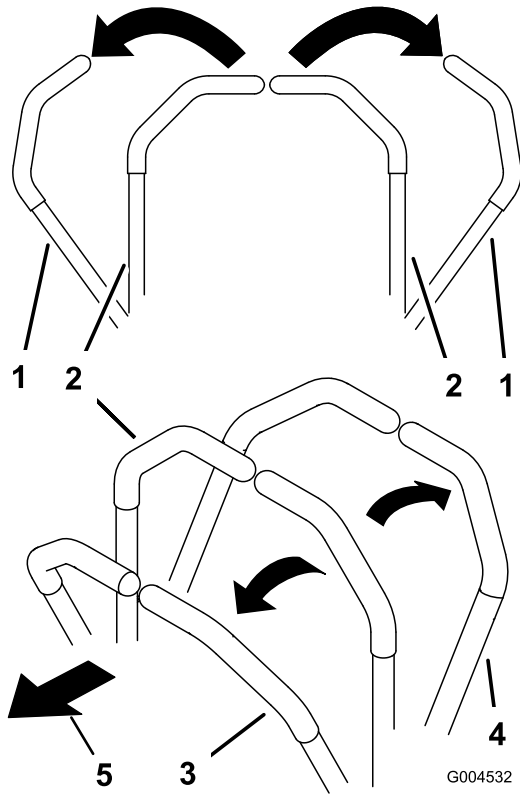


Figure 23

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| 1. Motion-control lever—NEUTRAL-LOCK position | 4. Backward         |
| 2. Center, unlocked position                  | 5. Front of machine |
| 3. Forward                                    |                     |

## Driving Forward

**Note:** The engine will kill if the traction control levers are moved with the parking brake engaged.

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

1. Release the parking brake; refer to [Adjusting the Parking Brake \(page 53\)](#).
2. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
3. To go forward, slowly push the motion-control levers forward ([Figure 24](#)).

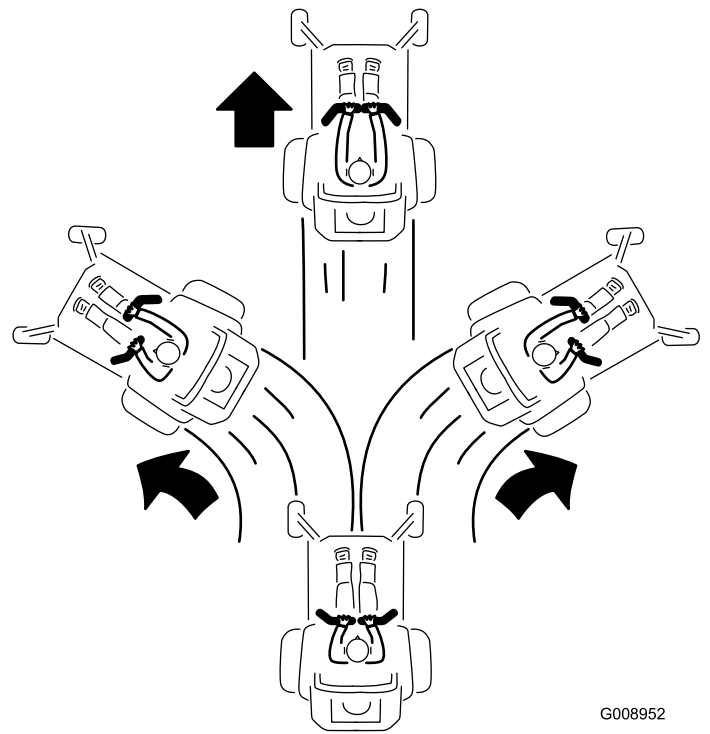


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## Driving Backward

1. Move the levers to the center, unlocked position.
2. To go backward, slowly pull the motion-control levers rearward ([Figure 25](#)).

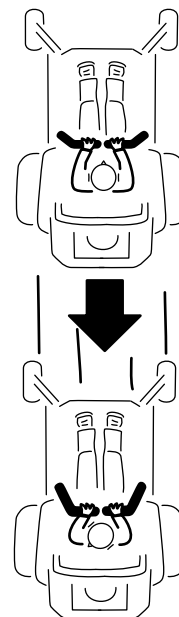


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# Stopping the Machine

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

Set the parking brake when you leave the machine; refer to [Adjusting the Parking Brake \(page 53\)](#). Remove the key from the ignition switch.

## **⚠ CAUTION**

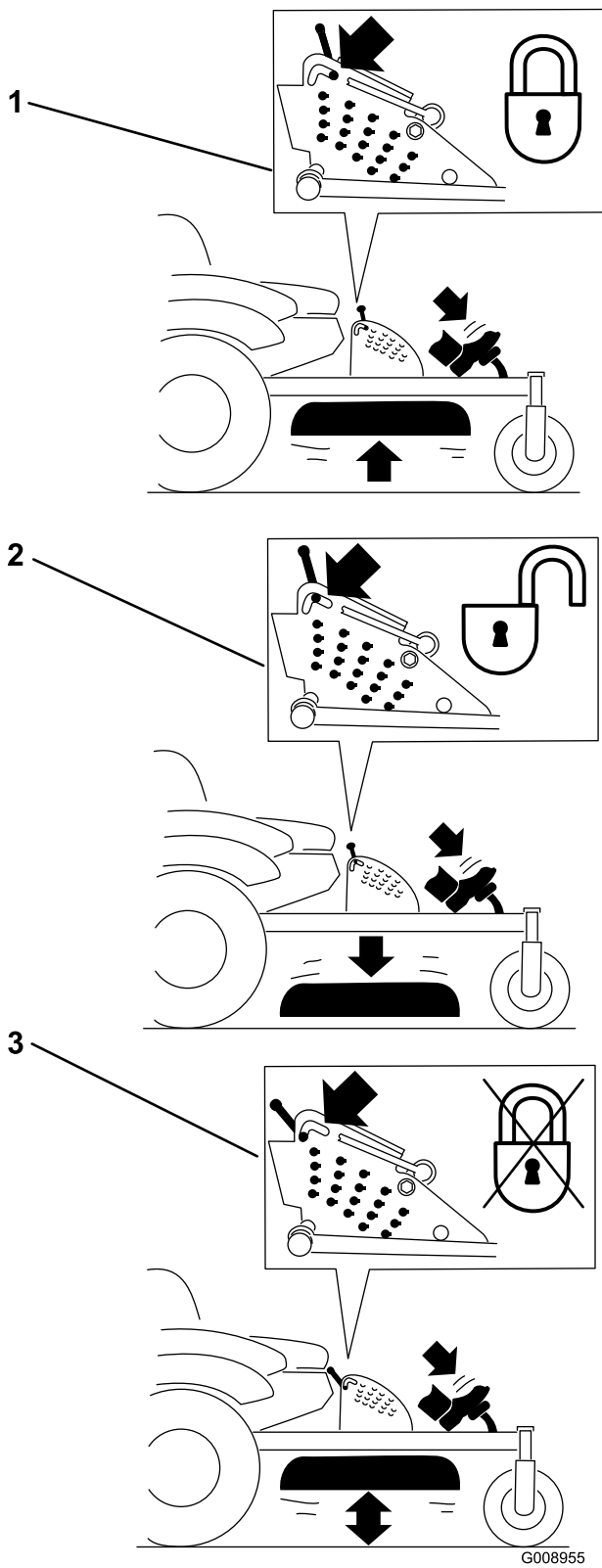
**Children or bystanders may be injured if they move or attempt to operate the machine while it is unattended.**

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

# Adjusting the Height of Cut

## Using the Transport Lock

The transport lock has 2 positions, and is used with the deck-lift pedal. There is a LOCK position and an UNLOCK position for the TRANSPORT position of the mower deck ([Figure 26](#)).



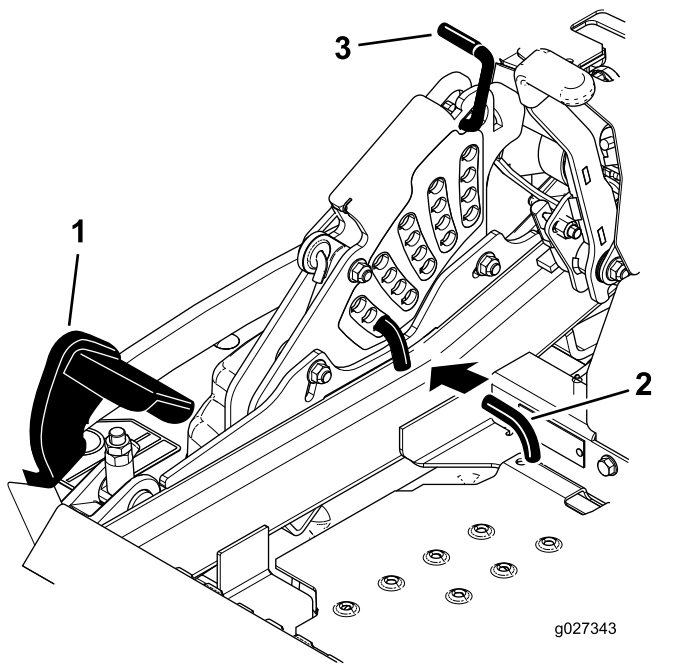
**Figure 26**  
Transport Lock Positions

1. Transport lock
2. Lock position— The mower deck will lock into the Transport position.
3. Unlock position— The mower deck does not lock into the Transport position.

## Adjusting the Height-of-Cut Pin

The height of cut is adjusted from 25 to 140 mm (1 to 5–1/2 inches) in 6 mm (1/4 inch) increments by moving the clevis pin into different hole locations.

1. Move the transport lock to the lock position.
2. Push on the deck-lift pedal with your foot and raise the mower deck to the transport position (also the 140 mm (5–1/2 inch) cutting-height position); refer to [Figure 27](#).
3. To adjust, rotate the pin 90° and remove the pin from the height-of-cut bracket ([Figure 27](#)).
4. Select a hole in the height-of-cut bracket corresponding to the height of cut desired, and insert the pin ([Figure 27](#)).
5. Push on the deck lift, pull back on the transport lock, and slowly lower the mower deck.



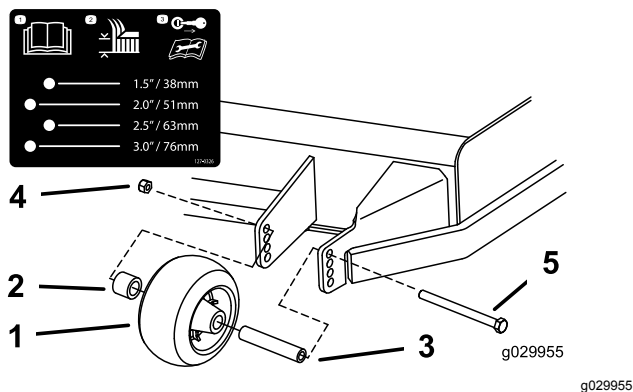
**Figure 27**

- 1. Deck-lift pedal
- 2. Height-of-cut pin
- 3. Transport lock

## Adjusting the Anti-Scalp Rollers

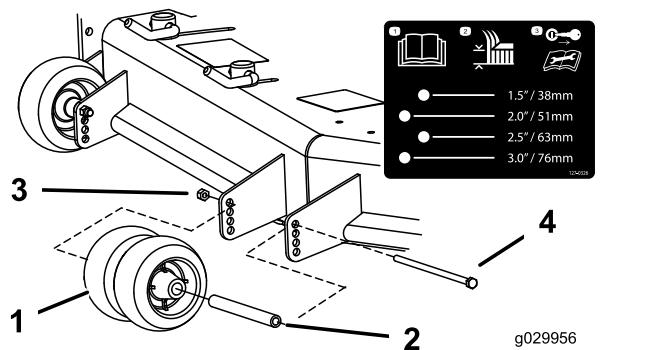
Whenever you change the height of cut, it is recommended to adjust the height of the anti-scalp rollers.

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Adjust the anti-scalp rollers as shown in [Figure 28](#), [Figure 29](#), and [Figure 30](#).



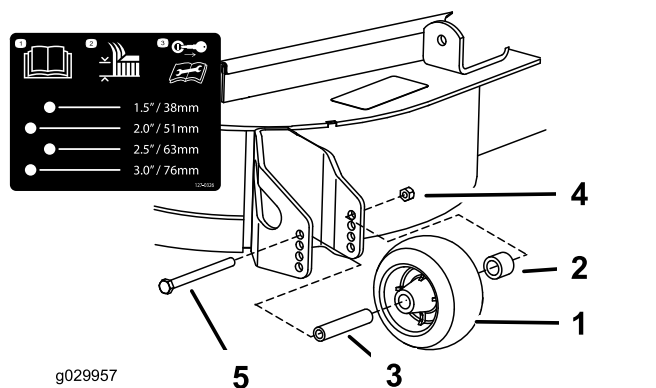
**Figure 28**

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



**Figure 29**

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



**Figure 30**

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

# Adjusting the Flow-Baffle Locks

This procedure is applicable only to machines with the flow-baffle locks. Certain models will have nuts and bolts in-place of the flow-baffle locks and can be adjusted the same.

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

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. To adjust the cam locks, swing the lever up to loosen the cam lock (Figure 31).
4. Adjust the baffle and cam locks in the slots to the desired discharge flow.
5. Swing the lever back over to tighten the baffle and cam locks (Figure 31).
6. If the cam locks do not lock the baffle into place or it is too tight, loosen the lever and then rotate the cam lock. Adjust the cam lock until you achieve the desired locking pressure.

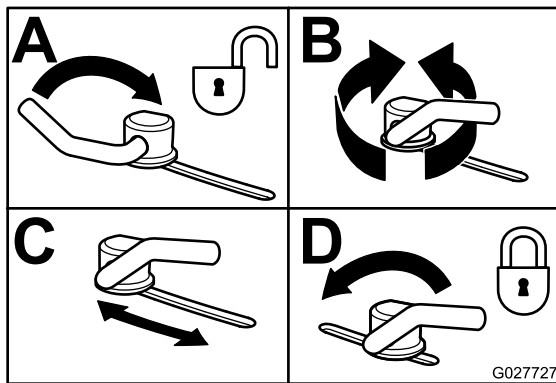


Figure 31

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# Positioning the Flow Baffle

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

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

## Position A

This is the full rear position. The suggested use for this position is as follows:

- Use for short, light grass mowing conditions.
- Use in dry conditions.
- Use for smaller grass clippings.
- Use to propel grass clippings farther away from the mower.

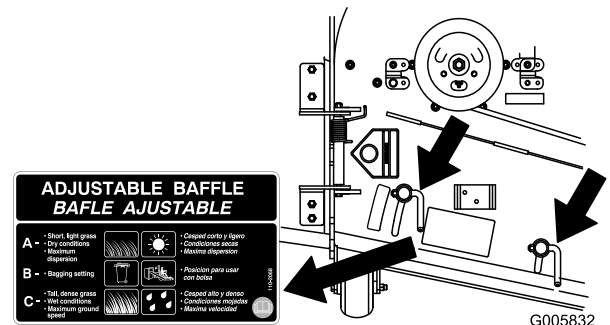


Figure 32

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## Position B

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

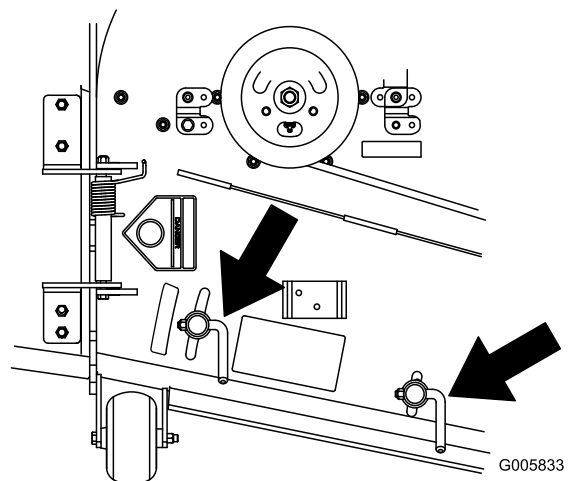


Figure 33

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## Position C

This is the full open position. The suggested use for this position is as follows:

- Use in tall, dense grass mowing conditions.
- Use in wet conditions.
- Use to lower the engine-power consumption.
- Use to allow increased ground speed in heavy conditions.
- This position offers benefits similar to those of the Toro SFS mower.

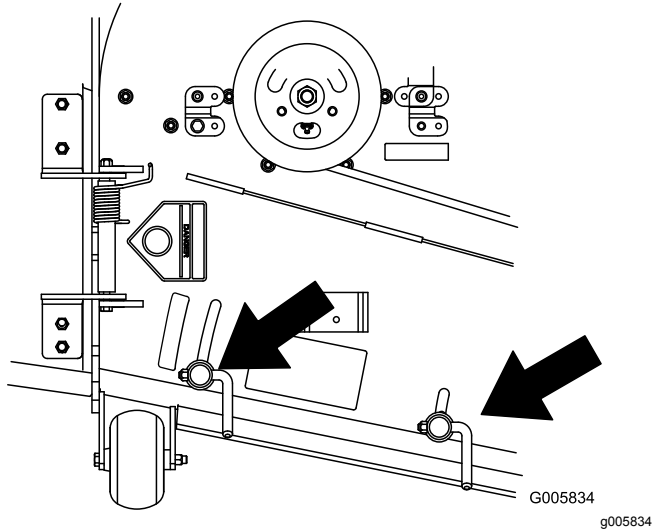


Figure 34

## Positioning the Seat

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

To adjust the seat, move the lever sideways to unlock the seat (Figure 35).

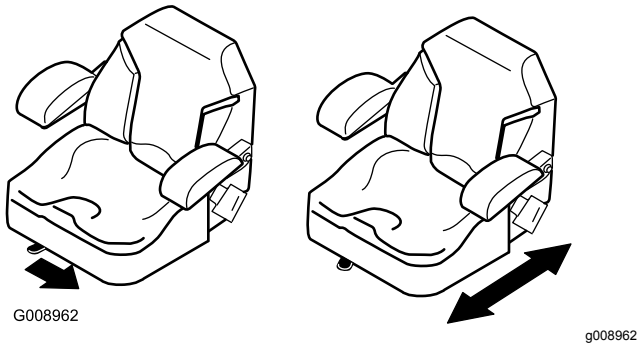


Figure 35

## Using the Drive-Wheel Release Valves

### ⚠ WARNING

Hands may become entangled in the rotating drive components below the engine deck, which could result in serious injury.

Shut off the engine, remove the key, and allow all moving parts to stop before accessing the drive-wheel release valves.

### ⚠ WARNING

The engine and hydraulic drive units can become very hot. Touching a hot engine or hydraulic drive units can cause severe burns.

Allow the engine and hydraulic drive units to cool completely before accessing the drive-wheel release valves.

The drive-wheel release valves are located in the back of each hydraulic drive unit, under the seat.

**Note:** Make sure that the release valves are in the fully horizontal position when operating the machine or severe damage to the hydraulic system can occur.

1. Disengage the PTO (blade-control switch), turn the ignition key to the OFF position, move the levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, apply the parking brake, and remove the key.
2. Rotate the release valve levers vertically to push the machine. This allows hydraulic oil to bypass the pump enabling the wheels to turn (Figure 36).
3. Disengage the parking brake before pushing the machine.

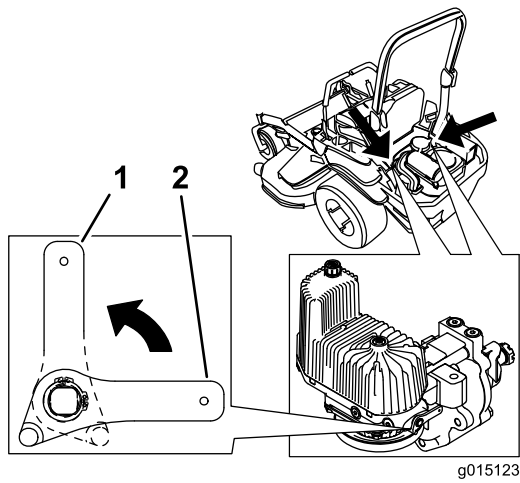


Figure 36

1. Vertical to push the machine
2. Horizontal to run the machine

4. Rotate the release valve levers horizontally to run the machine (Figure 36).

## Using the Side Discharge

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

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

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

## Transporting the Machine

Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the machine. Ensure that the trailer or truck has all

necessary brakes, lighting, and marking as required by law. Please carefully read all the safety instructions. Knowing this information could help you, your family, pets, or bystanders avoid injury.

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

**Do not drive the machine on a public street or roadway.**

1. If using a trailer, connect it to the towing vehicle and connect the safety chains.
2. If applicable, connect the trailer brakes.
3. Load the machine onto the trailer or truck.
4. Shut off the engine, remove the key, set the brake, and close the fuel valve.
5. Use the tie-down loops on the machine to securely fasten it to the trailer or truck with straps, chains, cable, or ropes (Figure 37).

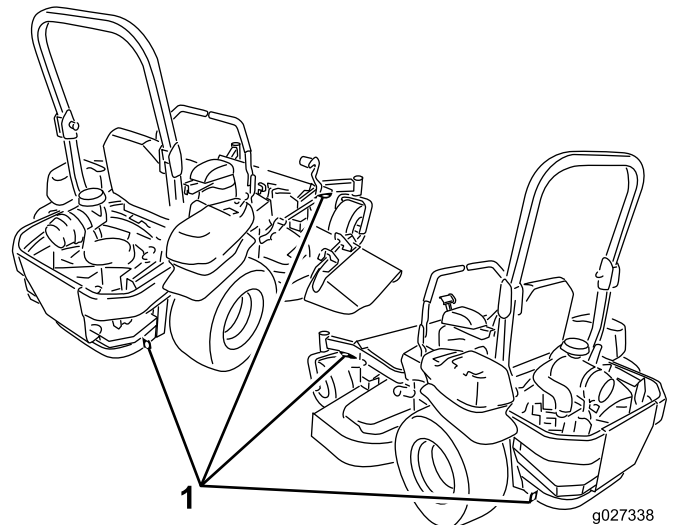


Figure 37

1. Tie-down loops

## Loading the Machine

Use extreme caution when loading or unloading the machine onto a trailer or a truck. Use a full-width ramp that is wider than the machine for this procedure. Back the machine up the ramp and drive it forward down the ramp (Figure 38).

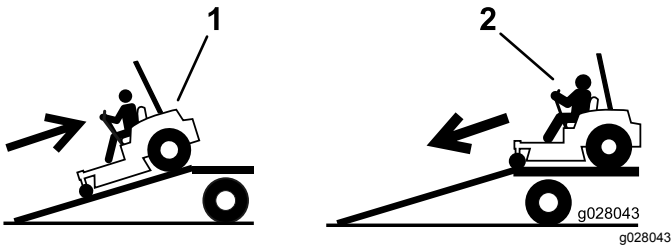


Figure 38

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

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

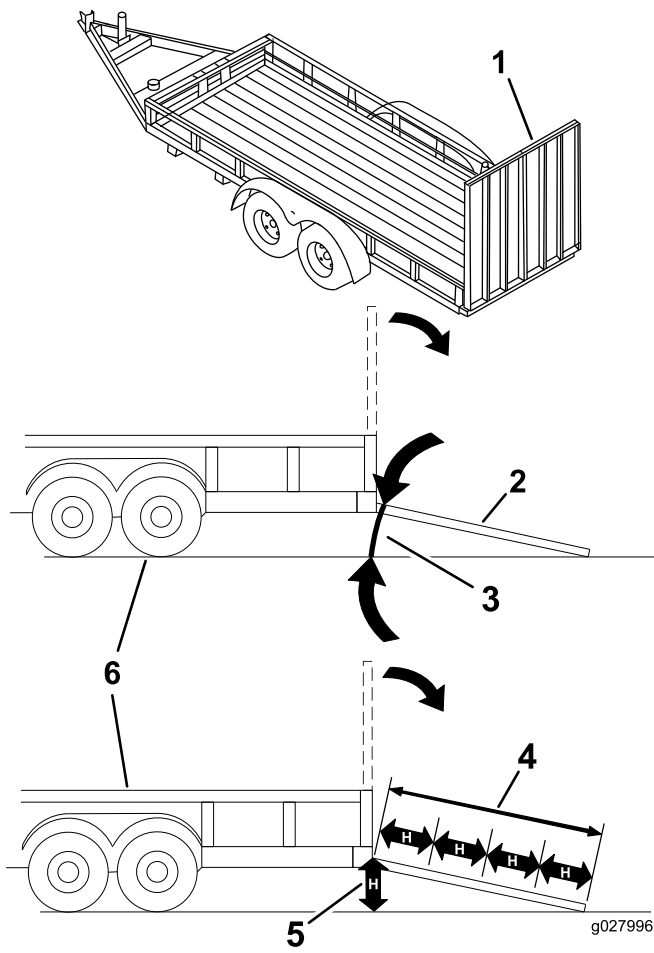
Ensure that the ramp is long enough so that the angle with the ground does not exceed 15° (Figure 39). On flat ground, this requires a ramp to be at least 4 times as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground. A steeper angle may cause mower components to get caught as the machine moves from the ramp to the trailer or truck. Steeper angles may also cause the machine to tip or lose control. If you are loading the machine on or near a slope, position the trailer or truck so that it is on the down side of the slope and the ramp extends up the slope. This will minimize the ramp angle.

## ⚠ WARNING

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

- Use extreme caution when operating a machine on a ramp.
- Ensure that the ROPS is in the up position and use the seat belt when loading or unloading the machine. Ensure that the ROPS will clear the top of an enclosed trailer.
- Use only a full-width ramp; do not use individual ramps for each side of the machine.
- Do not exceed a 15° angle between the ramp and the ground or between the ramp and the trailer or truck.
- Ensure that the length of the ramp is at least 4 times as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground. This will ensure that ramp angle does not exceed 15° on flat ground.
- Back the machine up the ramps and drive it forward down the ramps.
- Avoid sudden acceleration or deceleration while driving the machine on a ramp as this could cause a loss of control or a tip-over.





**Figure 39**

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

# Operating Tips

## Using the Fast Throttle Setting

For best mowing and maximum air circulation, operate the engine at the FAST throttle position. Air is required to thoroughly cut grass clippings, so do not set the height of cut so low as to totally surround the mower in uncut grass. Always try to have 1 side of the mower free from uncut grass, which allows air to be drawn into the mower.

## Cutting a Lawn for the First Time

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

## Cutting a Third of the Grass Blade

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

## Alternating the Mowing Direction

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

## Mowing at Correct Intervals

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

## Adjusting the Cutting Speed

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

## Avoiding Cutting Too Low

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

# Cutting Long Grass

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

## Stopping the Machine

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

## Keeping the Underside of the Mower Clean

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

## Maintaining the Blade

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

# Maintenance

## Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 8 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the engine oil.</li> </ul>
After the first 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the wheel lug nut torque.</li> <li>• Check the wheel-hub slotted-nut torque.</li> <li>• Check the parking-brake adjustment. (Or when a brake component has been removed or replaced).</li> </ul>
After the first 250 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic oil when using any type of oil.</li> </ul>
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the safety system.</li> <li>• Check the engine-oil level.</li> <li>• Check the seat belt.</li> <li>• Check the rollover protection system (ROPS) knobs.</li> <li>• Clean the engine screen and the oil cooler.</li> <li>• Check and clean the hydraulic-unit shrouds.</li> <li>• Check the mower blades.</li> <li>• Clean the mower deck.</li> </ul>
Every 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grease the mower-deck spindles and idler arm.</li> <li>• Check the spark arrester (if equipped).</li> <li>• Check the tire pressure.</li> <li>• Inspect the belts.</li> <li>• Check the hydraulic oil level.</li> </ul>
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lubricate the mower deck lift pivots.</li> <li>• Change the engine oil.</li> <li>• Check and gap the spark plugs.</li> <li>• Check and clean engine-cooling fins and shrouds (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> </ul>
Every 200 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the engine-oil filter.</li> </ul>
Every 250 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the primary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Check the secondary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic oil when using Mobil® 1 oil (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> </ul>
Every 500 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the secondary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Replace the fuel filter. (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Check the wheel lug nut torque.</li> <li>• Check the wheel-hub slotted-nut torque.</li> <li>• Adjust the caster-pivot bearing.</li> <li>• Check the parking-brake adjustment.</li> <li>• Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic oil when using Toro® HYPR-OIL™ 500 hydraulic oil (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> </ul>
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the battery.</li> </ul>
Yearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grease the pump-belt-idler arm.</li> <li>• Grease the front caster pivots (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Repack the front caster-wheel bearings (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Lubricate the caster wheel hubs.</li> </ul>
Yearly or before storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint chipped surfaces.</li> <li>• Check all maintenance procedures listed above before storage.</li> </ul>

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

## ⚠ CAUTION

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

Remove the key from the ignition before you perform any maintenance.

## Lubrication

### Greasing and Lubrication

Grease more frequently when operating conditions are extremely dusty or sandy.

**Grease Type:** No. 2 lithium or molybdenum grease

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

### Adding Light Oil or Spray Lubrication

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

Deck lift pivots.

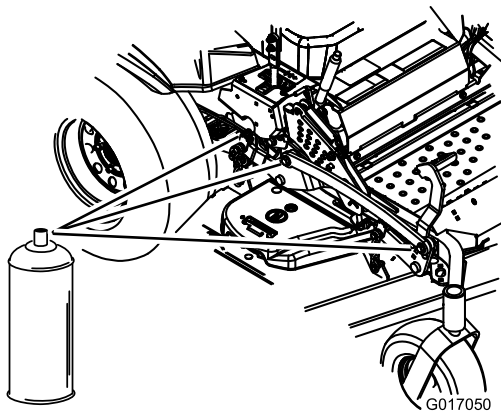


Figure 40

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### Greasing the Mower

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours—Grease the mower-deck spindles and idler arm.

Yearly—Grease the pump-belt-idler arm.

Yearly—Grease the front caster pivots (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Yearly—Repack the front caster-wheel bearings (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

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

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Grease the mower deck idler-pulley pivot until grease comes out the bottom (Figure 41).
4. Grease the 3 spindle bearings until grease comes out (Figure 41).

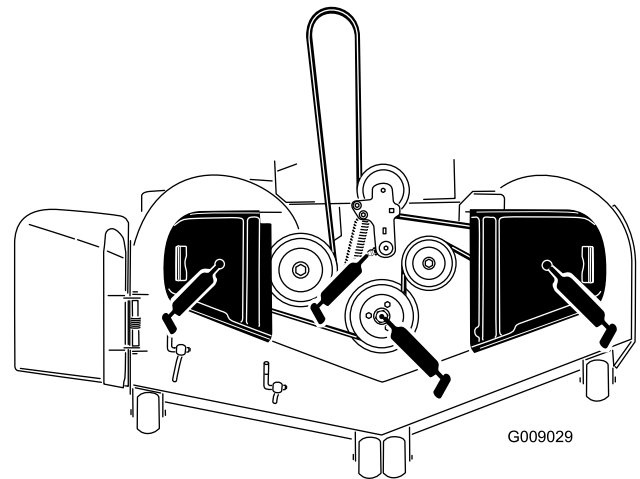


Figure 41

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5. Grease the drive-belt-idler arm (Figure 41).

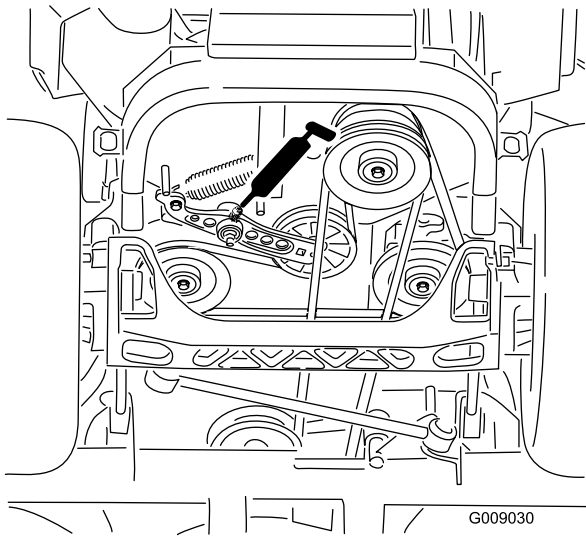


Figure 42

# Lubricating the Caster-Wheel Hubs

**Service Interval:** Yearly

1. Shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key. Engage the parking brake.

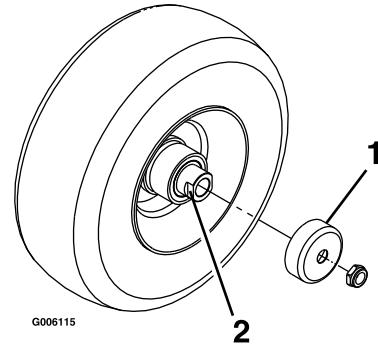


Figure 44

1. Seal guard
2. Spacer nut with wrench flats

6. Remove the dust cap and adjust the caster pivots.

**Note:** Keep the dust cap off until greasing is complete; refer to [Adjusting the Caster-Pivot Bearing](#) (page 49).

7. Remove the hex plug.
8. Thread a grease fitting into the hole.
9. Pump grease into the fitting until it oozes out around the top bearing.
10. Remove the grease fitting from the hole.
11. Install the hex plug and dust cap ([Figure 43](#)).

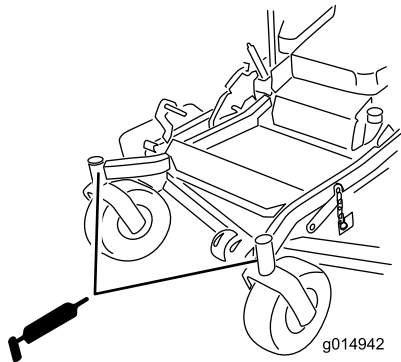


Figure 43

12. Grease the caster-wheel bearings ([Figure 43](#)).

2. Raise the front of the machine up, and support it with jack stands (or equivalent support) just high enough to allow the front wheels to turn freely.
3. Remove the caster wheel from the caster forks.
4. Remove the seal guards from the wheel hub.
5. Remove a spacer nut from the axle assembly in the caster wheel.

**Note:** Thread-locking adhesive has been applied to lock the spacer nuts to the axle.

6. Remove the axle (with the other spacer nut still assembled to it) from the wheel assembly.
7. Pry out seals, and inspect the bearings for wear or damage and replace them if necessary.
8. Pack the bearings with a general-purpose grease.
9. Insert 1 bearing and 1 new seal into the wheel.

**Note:** Replace the seals.

10. If the axle assembly has had both spacer nuts removed (or broken loose), apply thread-locking adhesive to 1 spacer nut and thread it onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.

**Note:** Do not thread the spacer nut all the way onto the end of the axle. Leave approximately 3 mm (1/8 inch) from the outer surface of the spacer nut to the end of the axle inside the nut.

11. Insert the assembled nut and axle into the wheel on the side of the wheel with the new seal and bearing.

12. With the open end of the wheel facing up, fill the area inside the wheel around the axle full of general-purpose grease.
13. Insert the second bearing and a new seal into the wheel.
14. Apply thread-locking adhesive to the second spacer nut and thread it onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.
15. Torque the nut to 8 to 9 N·m (75 to 80 in-lb), loosen it, then torque it to 2 to 3 N·m (20 to 25 in-lb).

**Note:** Make sure that the axle does not extend beyond either nut.

16. Install the seal guards over the wheel hub and insert the wheel into the caster fork. Install the caster bolt and tighten the nut fully.
17. Remove the jack stands.

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

## Engine Maintenance

### **⚠ WARNING**

Contact with hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

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

## Servicing the Air Cleaner

**Service Interval:** Every 250 hours—Replace the primary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 250 hours—Check the secondary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 500 hours—Replace the secondary air filter (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

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

## Removing the Filters

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Push down to release the retaining clamps on the air cleaner, and pull the air-cleaner cover off the air-cleaner body (Figure 45).
4. Clean the inside of the air-cleaner cover with compressed air.
5. Gently slide the primary filter out of the air-cleaner body (Figure 45). Avoid knocking the filter into the side of the body.
6. Remove the secondary filter only if you intend to replace it.

**Important:** Never attempt to clean the secondary filter. If the secondary filter is dirty, then the primary filter is damaged and you should replace both filters.

7. Inspect the primary filter for damage by looking into the filter while shining a bright light on the outside of the filter. Holes in the filter will appear as bright spots. If the filter is damaged discard it.

**Note:** Holes in the filter will appear as bright spots.

**Note:** If the filter is damaged, discard it.

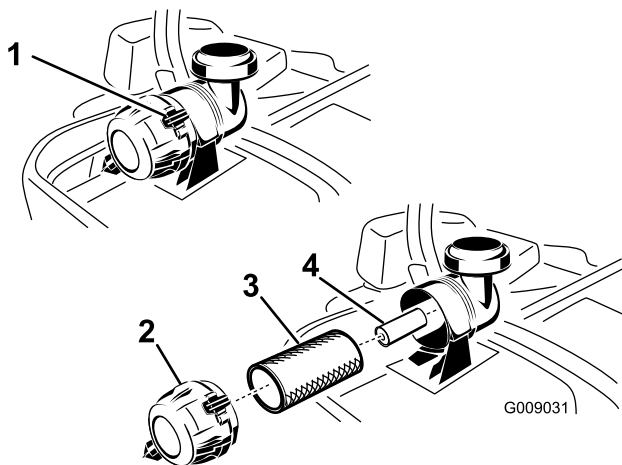


Figure 45

1. Air-cleaner clamps
2. Air-cleaner cover
3. Primary air filter
4. Secondary air filter

## Servicing the Primary Filter

1. Do not clean the paper filter, replace it (Figure 45).
2. Inspect the element for tears, an oily film, or damage to the rubber seal.
3. Replace the paper element if it is damaged.

## Servicing the Secondary Filter

Do not clean the secondary filter, replace it.

**Important:** Never attempt to clean the secondary filter. If the secondary filter is dirty, then the primary filter is damaged and you should replace both filters.

## Installing the Filters

**Important:** To prevent engine damage, always operate the engine with both air filters and cover installed.

1. If installing new filters, check each filter for shipping damage.
 

**Note:** Do not use a damaged filter.
2. If the secondary filter is being replaced, carefully slide it into the filter body (Figure 45).
3. Carefully slide the primary filter over the secondary filter (Figure 45).
4. Ensure that it is fully seated by pushing on the outer rim of the filter while installing it.

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

5. Install the air-cleaner cover with the breather cap down, and rotate so the retaining clamps lock the cover in place (Figure 45).

## Servicing the Engine Oil

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

**Crankcase Capacity:** with a filter change, 2.3 L (2.4 US qt); without a filter change, 2.1 L (2.2 US qt)

**Viscosity:** See the table below.

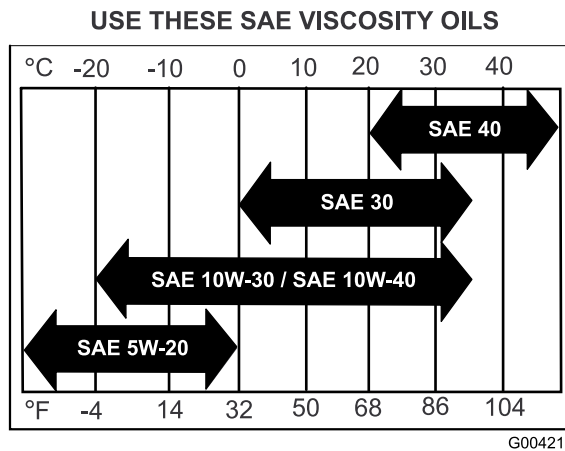


Figure 46

**Note:** Use of multi-grade oils (5W-20, 10W-30, or 10W-40) will increase oil consumption. Check the oil level more frequently when using them.

## Checking the Engine-Oil Level

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

**Note:** Check the oil when the engine is cold.

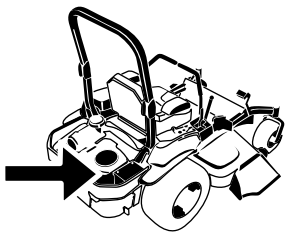
### ⚠ WARNING

Contact with hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

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

**Important:** Do not overfill the crankcase with oil because damage to the engine may result. Do not run engine with oil below the Low mark because the engine may be damaged.

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



# Changing the Engine Oil

**Service Interval:** After the first 8 hours

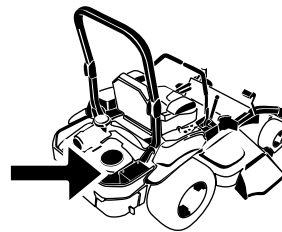
Every 100 hours

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

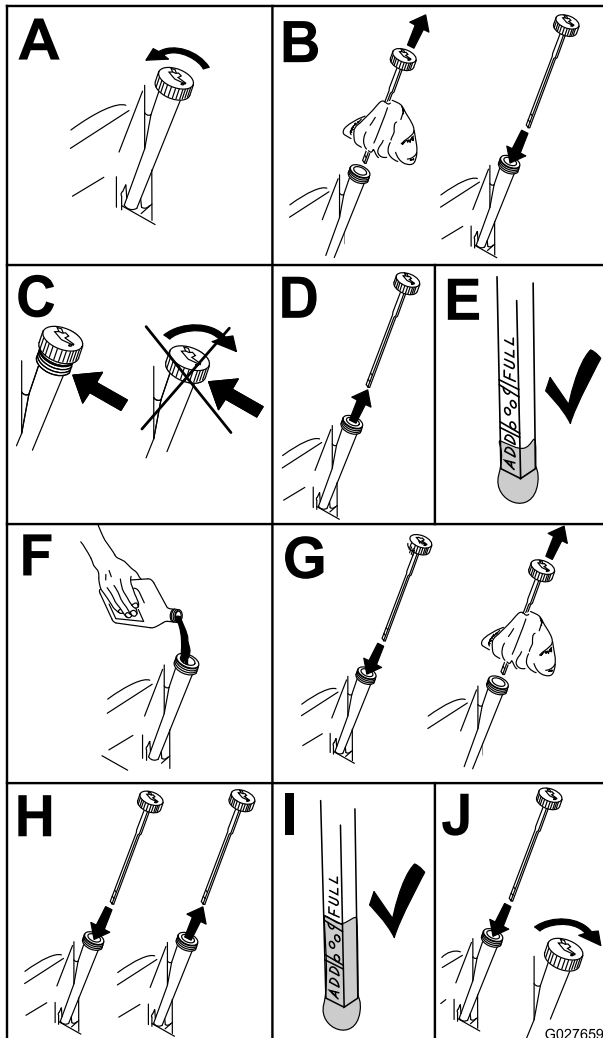
1. Start the engine and let it run for 5 minutes.

**Note:** This warms the oil so that it drains better.

2. Park the machine so that the rear is slightly lower than the front to ensure that the oil drains completely.
3. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
4. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position (Figure 48).

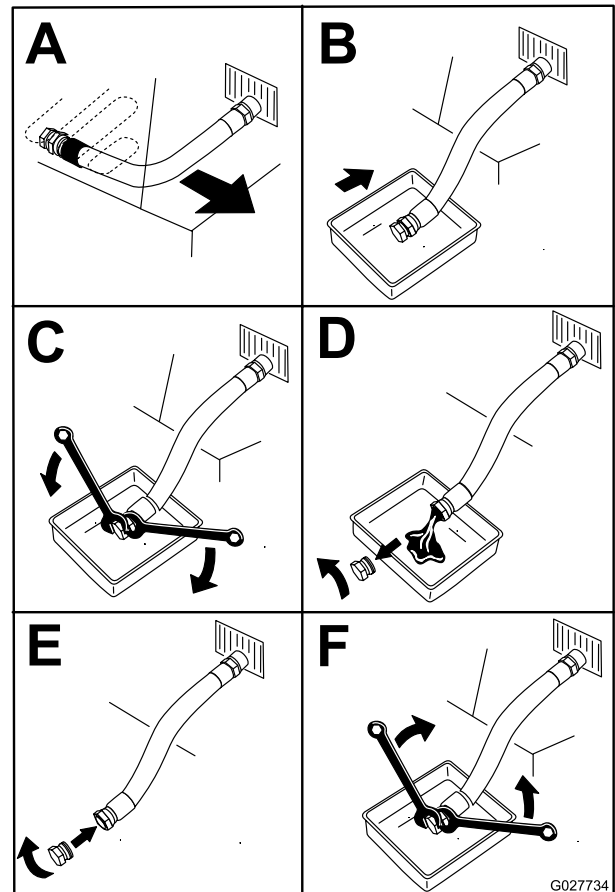


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Figure 48



- Slowly pour approximately 80% of the specified oil into the filler tube and slowly add the additional oil to bring it to the FULL mark (Figure 49).

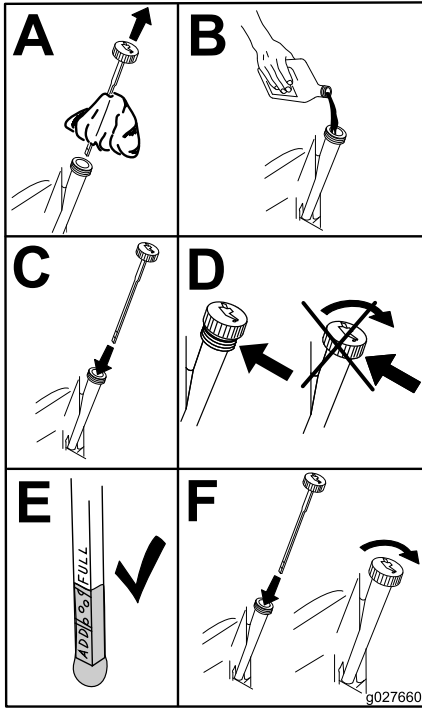


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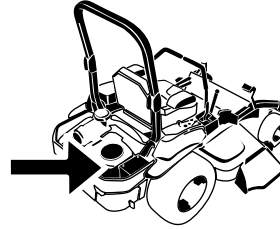
- Start the engine and drive to a flat area.
- Check the oil level again.

## Changing the Engine-Oil Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 200 hours

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

- Drain the oil from the engine.
- Change the engine-oil filter (Figure 50).



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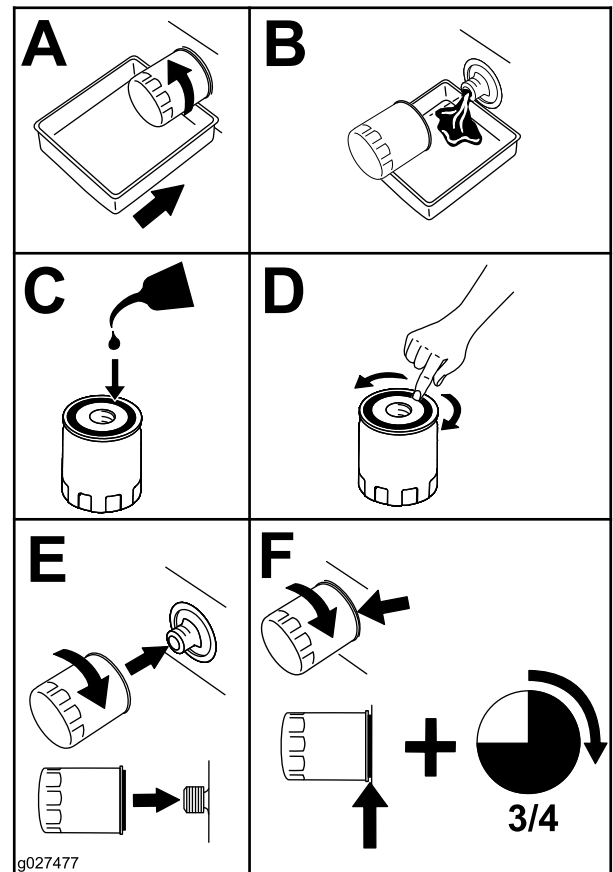


Figure 50

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**Note:** Ensure that the oil-filter gasket touches the engine, then turn the oil filter an extra 3/4 turn.

- Fill the crankcase with the proper type of new oil.

# Servicing the Spark Plugs

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours—Check and gap the spark plugs.

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

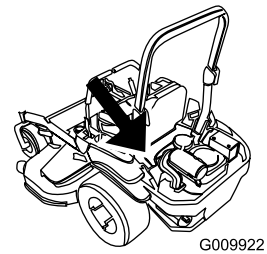
**Type :** NGK BPR4ES or equivalent

**Air Gap:** 0.76 mm (0.030 inch)

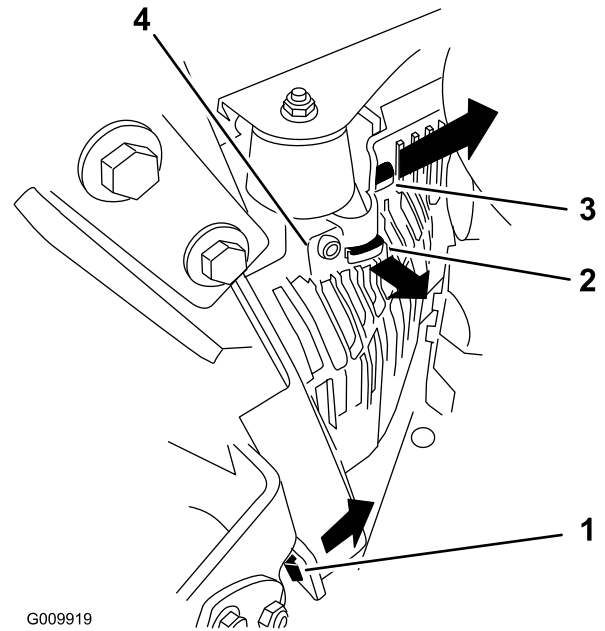
## Removing the Spark Plug

1. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
3. Remove the left hydraulic-unit shroud in the order listed in [Figure 51](#).

**Note:** This gives you access to the front spark plug.



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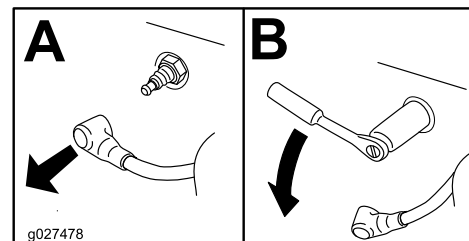
**Figure 51**

1. Pull this tab out to the side in the direction of the arrow.
2. Pull the shroud off this frame tab in the direction of the arrow.
3. Pull the shroud off this frame tab in the direction of the arrow.
4. Shroud

4. Remove the spark plug.



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**Figure 52**

5. Install the left hydraulic-unit shroud (Figure 51).

## Checking the Spark Plugs

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

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

Set the gap to 0.76 mm (0.030 inch).

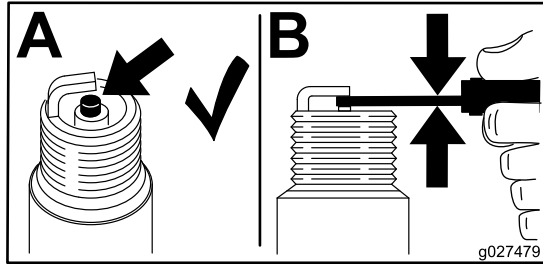


Figure 53

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## Installing the Spark Plugs

Torque the spark plugs to 24.4 to 29.8 N·m (18 to 22 ft-lb).

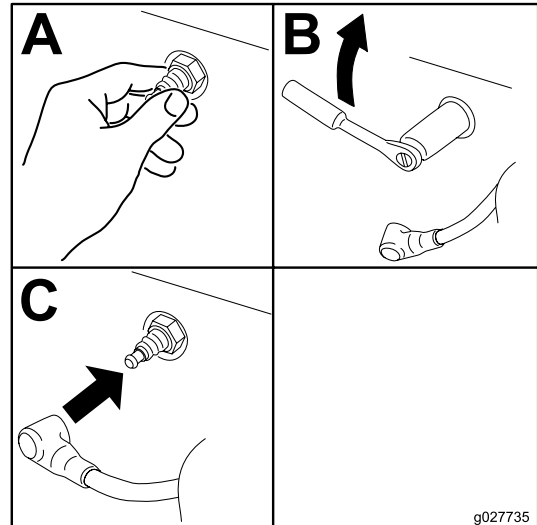


Figure 54

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## Checking the Spark Arrester (if equipped)

Service Interval: Every 50 hours

### ⚠ WARNING

Hot exhaust system components may ignite gasoline vapors even after you shut off the engine. Hot particles exhausted during engine operation may ignite flammable materials. Fire may result in personal injury or property damage.

**Do not fuel or run the engine unless a spark arrester is installed.**

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, remove the key, and engage the parking brake.
2. Wait for the muffler to cool.
3. If there are any breaks in the screen or welds, replace the arrester.
4. If the screen is plugged, remove the arrester and shake the loose particles out of the arrester, and clean the screen with a wire brush (soak it in solvent if necessary).
5. Install the spark arrester on the exhaust outlet.

# Fuel System Maintenance

## Servicing the Fuel Tank

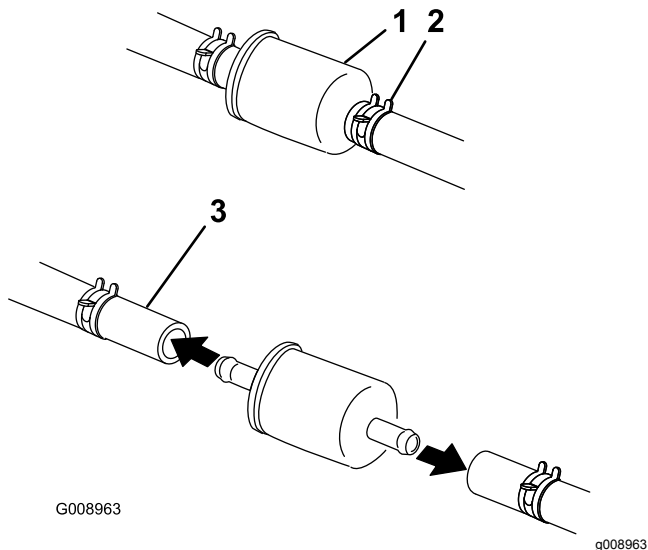
Do not attempt to drain the fuel tank. Ensure that an Authorized Service Dealer drains the fuel tank and services any components of the fuel system.

## Replacing the Fuel Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 500 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first) (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

The fuel filter is located near the engine on the front or rear side of the engine.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Allow the machine to cool down.
4. Close the fuel-shutoff valve under the seat.



**Figure 55**

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Fuel filter | 3. Fuel line |
| 2. Hose clamp  |              |

5. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamps together and slide them away from the filter (Figure 55).
6. Remove the filter from the fuel lines.
7. Install a new filter and move the hose clamps close to the filter (Figure 55).
8. Open the fuel-shutoff valve.

**Important:** Install the fuel line hoses and secure with plastic ties the same as they were originally installed at the factory, to keep the fuel line away from components that could cause fuel line damage.

# Electrical System Maintenance

## Servicing the Battery

Service Interval: Monthly

### WARNING

#### CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning

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

### ⚠ DANGER

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

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

## Removing the Battery

### ⚠ WARNING

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

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

### ⚠ WARNING

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

- Always disconnect the negative (black) battery cable before disconnecting the positive (red) cable.
  - Always connect the positive (red) battery cable before connecting the negative (black) cable.
1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
  2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
  3. Remove the battery as shown in [Figure 19](#).

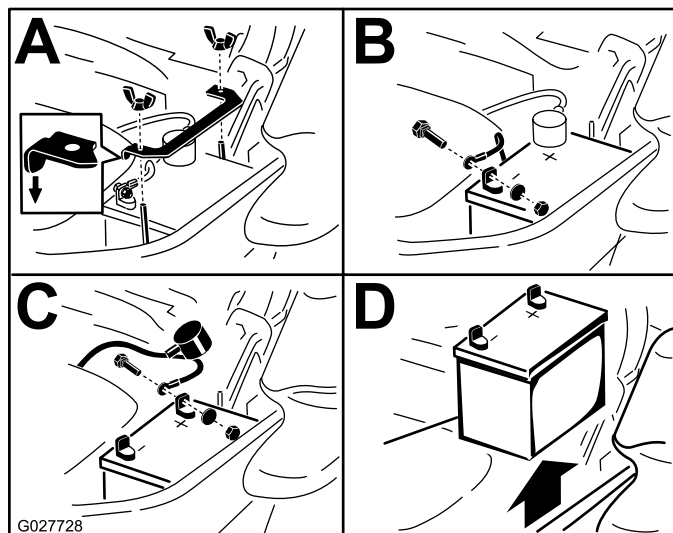


Figure 56

## Installing the Battery

**Note:** Position battery in the tray with the terminal posts opposite from the hydraulic tank ([Figure 56](#)).

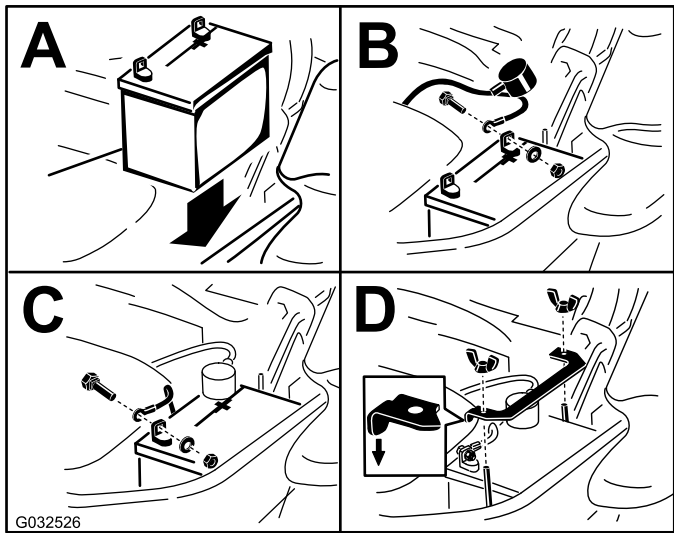


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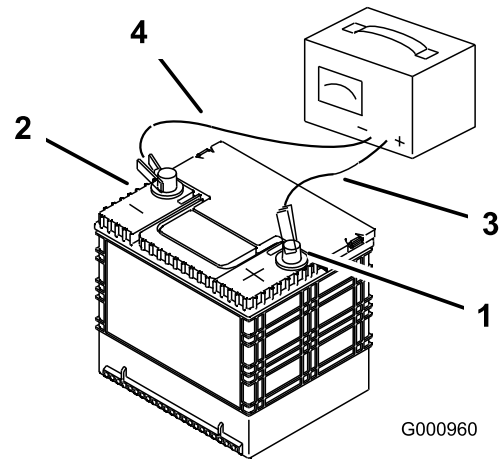


Figure 58

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

## Charging the Battery

### **⚠ WARNING**

Charging the battery produces gases that can explode.

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

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

1. Charge battery for 10 to 15 minutes at 25 to 30 A or 30 minutes at 10 A.
2. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the charger from the electrical outlet; then disconnect the charger leads from the battery posts (Figure 58).
3. Install the battery in the machine and connect the battery cables.

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

## Servicing the Fuses

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

The fuses are located on right console next to the seat (Figure 59).

1. To replace the fuses, pull out the fuse to remove it.
2. Install a new fuse (Figure 59).

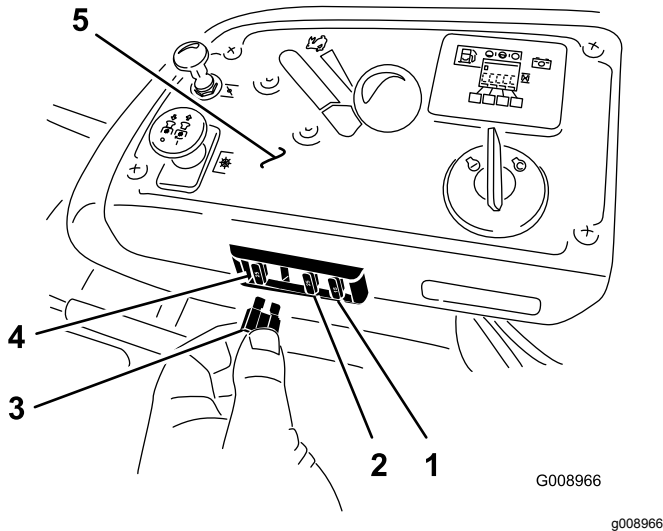


Figure 59

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Optional accessory— 15A | 4. Main— 25A |
| 2. Charge— 25A             | 5. Console   |
| 3. PTO— 10A                |              |

## Drive System Maintenance

### Checking the Seat Belt

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

Inspect the seat belt for wear, cuts, and proper operation of the retractor and buckle. Replace the seat belt if it is damaged.

### Checking the Rollover Protection System (ROPS) Knobs

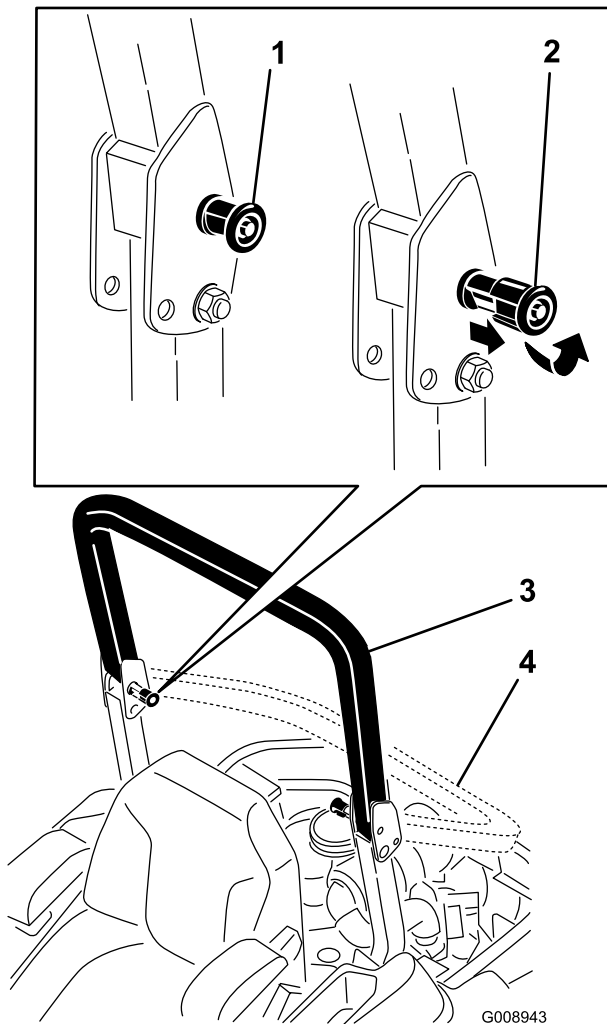
**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

#### **⚠ WARNING**

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

**Ensure that the seat is secured to the machine.**

Check that both the mounting hardware and the knobs are in good working condition. Make sure that the knobs are fully engaged with the ROPS in the raised position. The upper hoop of the roll bar may need to be pushed forward or pulled rearward to get both knobs fully engaged.



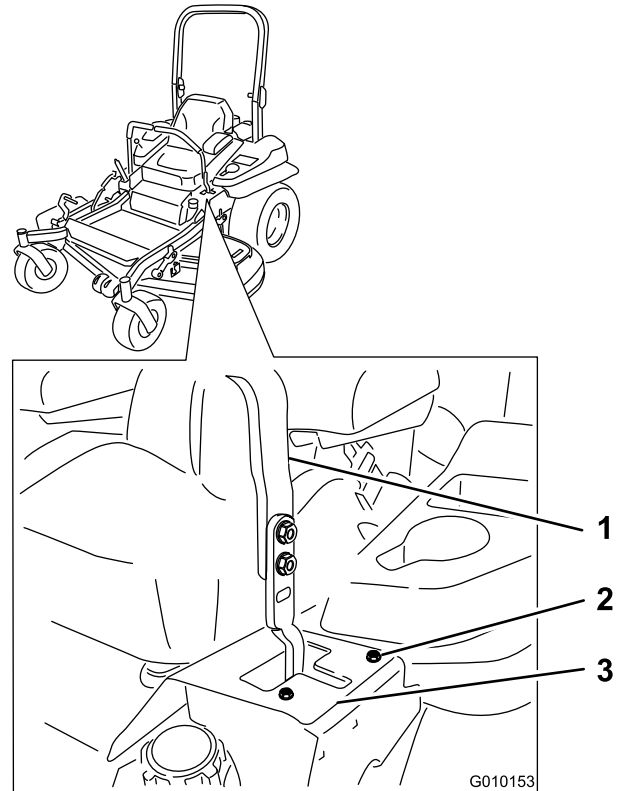
**Figure 60**

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. ROPS knob (locked position)   | 3. Roll bar in the upright position |
| 2. Pull the ROPS knob out and rotate it 90° to change the roll bar position. | 4. Roll bar in the folded position  |

## Adjusting the Tracking

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO).
2. Drive to an open flat area, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position.
3. Move the throttle midway between fast and slow.
4. Move both motion-control levers all the way forward until they both hit the stops in the T-slot.
5. Check which way the machine tracks.
6. If it tracks to the right, loosen the bolts and adjust the left stop plate backward on the left T-slot until the machine tracks straight (Figure 61).
7. If it tracks to the left, loosen the bolts and adjust the right stop plate backward on the right T-slot until the machine tracks straight (Figure 61).

8. Tighten the stop plate (Figure 61).



**Figure 61**  
Left control lever shown

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| 1. Control lever | 3. Stop plate |
| 2. Bolt          |               |

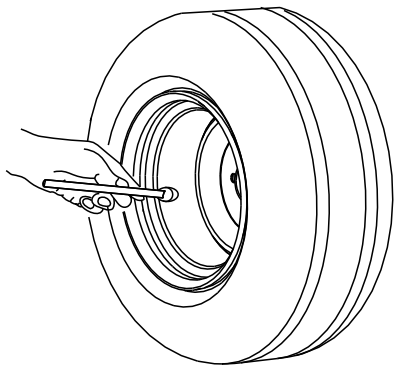
## Checking the Tire Pressure

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours/Monthly (whichever comes first)

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

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

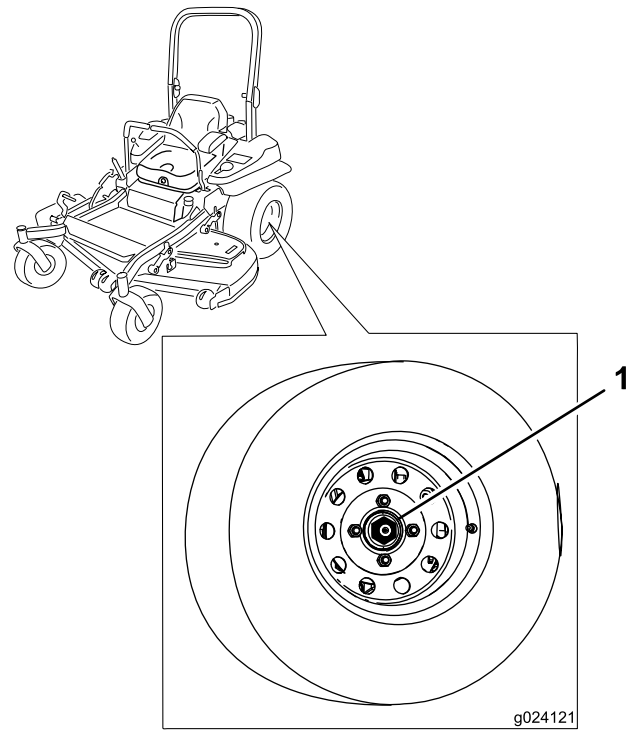




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**Figure 62**

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**Figure 63**

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1. Slotted nut

## Checking the Wheel Lug Nuts

Check and torque the wheel lug nuts to 122 to 129 N·m (90 to 95 ft-lb).

## Checking the Wheel-Hub Slotted Nut

**Service Interval:** After the first 100 hours

Every 500 hours

Check and ensure that the torque of the slotted nut is 286 to 352 N·m (211 to 260 ft-lb).

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

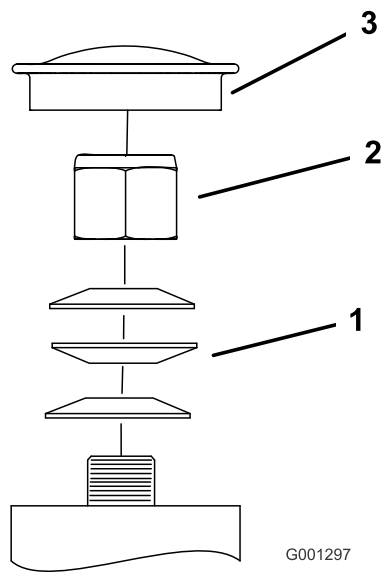
## Adjusting the Caster-Pivot Bearing

**Service Interval:** Every 500 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the dust cap from the caster and tighten the locknut ([Figure 64](#)).
4. Tighten the locknut until the spring washers are flat and then back off a 1/4 turn to properly set the pre-load on the bearings ([Figure 64](#)).

**Important:** Make sure that the spring washers are installed correctly as shown in [Figure 64](#).

5. Install the dust cap ([Figure 64](#)).

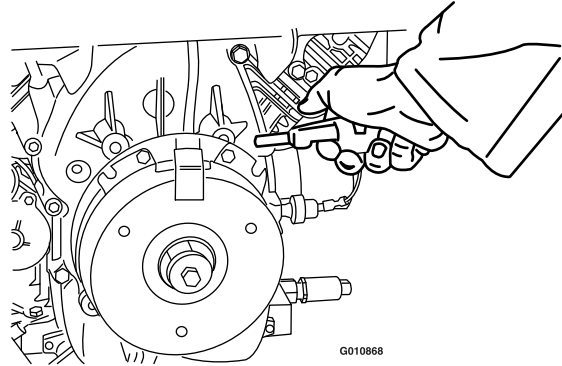


**Figure 64**

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

## Removing the Clutch Shim

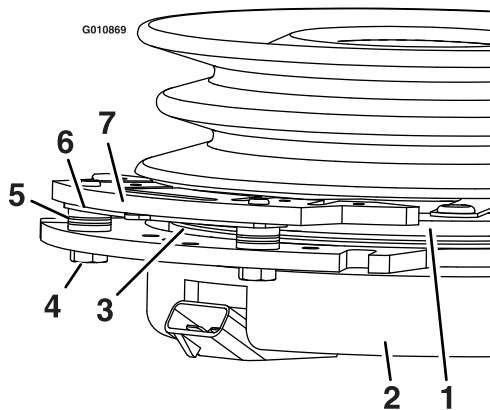
1. Shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key. Engage the parking brake. Allow the machine to cool completely before starting these instructions.
2. Using an air compressor, blow out any debris from under the brake pole and around the brake spacers.



**Figure 66**

## Using the Clutch Shim

Some later model year units have been built with clutches that contain a brake shim. When the clutch brake has worn to the point where the clutch no longer engages consistently, the shim can be removed to extend the clutch life.



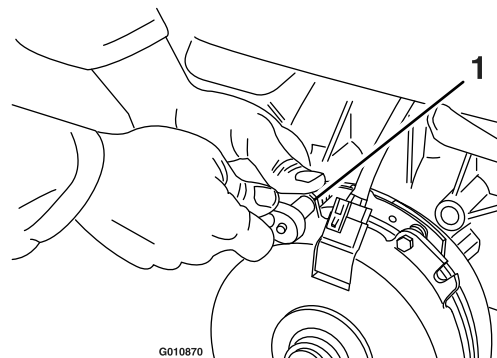
**Figure 65**

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Armature            | 5. Brake spacer     |
| 2. Field shell         | 6. Re-gap the shim. |
| 3. Rotor               | 7. Brake pole       |
| 4. Brake-mounting bolt |                     |

3. Check the condition of the wire harness leads, connectors, and terminals.
4. Verify that 12 V is present at the clutch connector when the PTO switch is engaged.
5. Measure the gap between the rotor and the armature. If the gap is greater than 1 mm (0.04 inch), proceed with the following steps:

- A. Loosen both brake-mounting bolts 1/2 to 1 full turn as shown below.

**Note:** Do not remove the brake pole from the field shell/armature. The brake pole has worn to match the armature and needs to continue to match after the shim is removed to ensure proper brake torque.

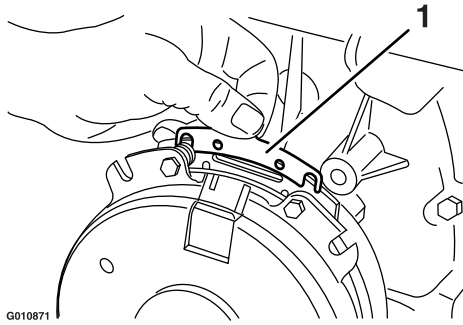


**Figure 67**

1. Brake-mounting bolt

- B. Using needle-nose pliers, or by hand, hold the tab and remove the shim.

**Note:** Do not discard the shim until proper clutch function has been confirmed.

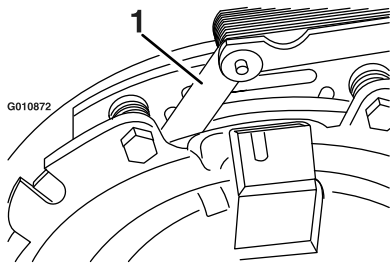


**Figure 68**

1. Shim

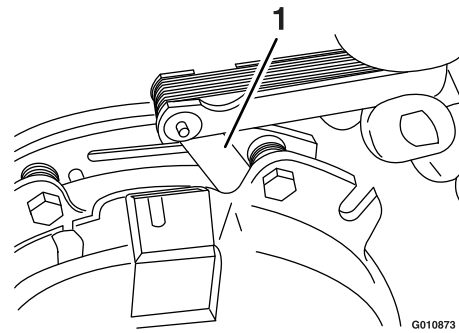
- C. Using a pneumatic line, blow out any debris from under the brake pole and around the brake spacers.
- D. Torque each bolt (M6 x 1) to 13 N·m (10 ft-lb) +/- 0.7 N·m (0.5 ft-lb).
- E. Using a 0.25 mm (0.01 inch) thick feeler gauge, verify that a gap is present between the rotor and the armature face on both sides of the brake pole as shown.

**Note:** Due to the way the rotor and the armature faces wear (peaks and valleys) it is sometimes difficult to measure the gap accurately.



**Figure 69**

1. Feeler gauge



**Figure 70**

1. Feeler gauge

- If the gap is less than 0.25 mm (0.01 inch), then install the shim and refer to [Troubleshooting \(page 69\)](#).
- If the gap is sufficient, proceed to the safety check in step F.

- F. Perform the following safety check:

- i. Sit on the seat and start the engine.
- ii. Make sure that the blades do not engage with the PTO switch in the OFF position, and that the clutch is disengaged.

If the clutch does not disengage, install the shim and refer to [Troubleshooting \(page 69\)](#).

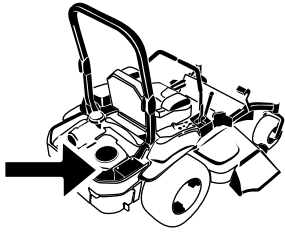
- iii. Engage and disengage the PTO switch 10 consecutive times to ensure that the clutch is functioning properly. If the clutch does not engage properly; refer to [Troubleshooting \(page 69\)](#).

# Cooling System Maintenance

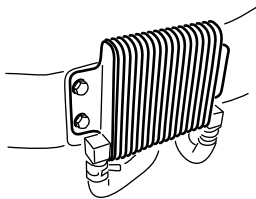
## Cleaning the Engine Screen and Engine-Oil Cooler

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

Remove any buildup of grass, dirt, or other debris from the oil cooler (Figure 71).



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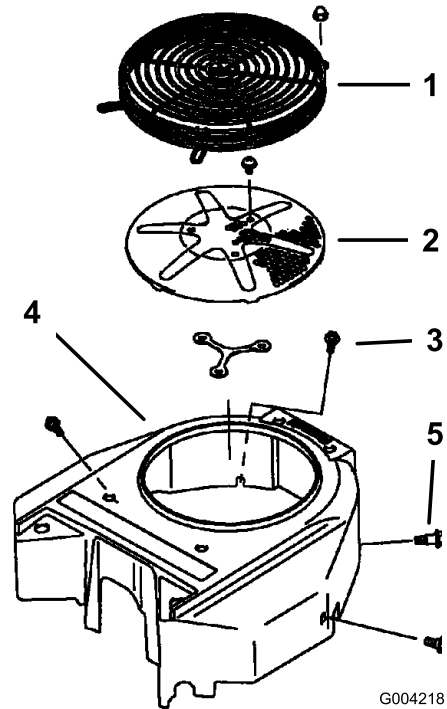
Figure 71

Before each use, remove any buildup of grass, dirt, or other debris from the engine screen. This will help ensure adequate cooling, correct the engine speed, and will reduce the possibility of overheating and mechanical damage to the engine (Figure 72).

## Cleaning the Engine-Cooling Fins and Shrouds

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the air-intake screen, recoil starter, and fan housing (Figure 72).
4. Clean the debris and grass from the engine parts.
5. Install the air-intake screen, recoil starter, and fan housing (Figure 72).



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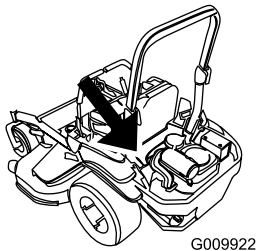
Figure 72

1. Engine guard
2. Engine air-intake screen
3. Bolt
4. Fan housing
5. Screw

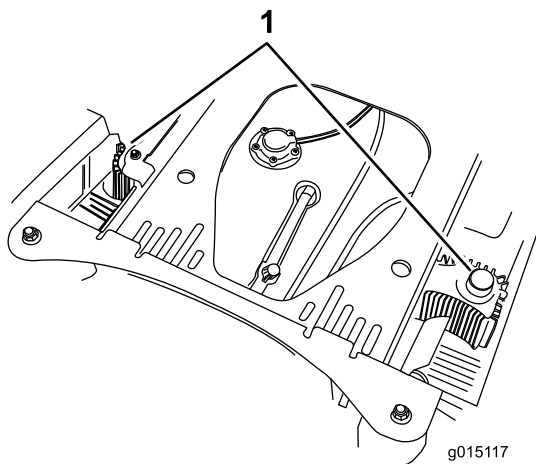
# Checking and Cleaning the Hydraulic-Unit Shrouds

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Move the seat forward.
4. Clean the debris and grass from the hydraulic-unit shrouds (Figure 73).
5. Position the seat.



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**Figure 73**

1. Hydraulic-unit shrouds

# Brake Maintenance

## Adjusting the Parking Brake

**Service Interval:** After the first 100 hours (Or when a brake component has been removed or replaced).

Every 500 hours

Check to make sure that the brake is adjusted properly before adjusting.

1. Drive the machine onto a level surface.
2. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and engage the parking brake.
3. Stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key.
4. Raise the back of the machine up and support the machine with jack stands.

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

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

5. Remove the rear tires from the machine.
6. Remove any debris from the brake area.
7. Rotate the drive-wheel-release handle to the released position.
8. Check to see if there is a visible gap between the L-bracket and the linkage stop (Figure 74).

# Belt Maintenance

## Inspecting the Belts

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours

Replace the belt if it is worn. The signs of a worn belt include squealing while the belt is rotating; the blades slipping while cutting grass; and frayed edges, burn marks, and cracks on the belt.

## Replacing the Mower Belt

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Lower the mower to the 76 mm (3 inch) height of cut.
4. Remove the belt covers (Figure 75).

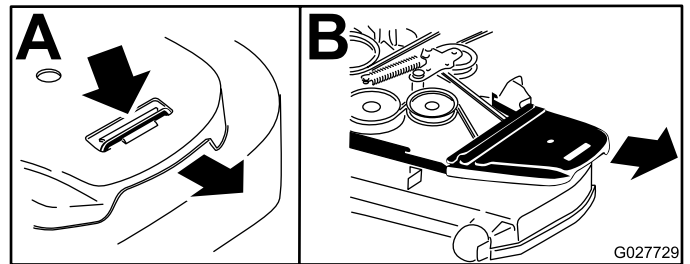


Figure 75

5. Use a ratchet in the square hole in the idler arm to remove tension on the idler spring (Figure 76).
6. Remove the belt from the mower-deck pulleys.
7. Remove the belt guide on the spring-loaded idler arm shown in Figure 76.
8. Remove the existing belt.
9. Install the new belt around the mower pulleys and the clutch pulley under the engine (Figure 76).

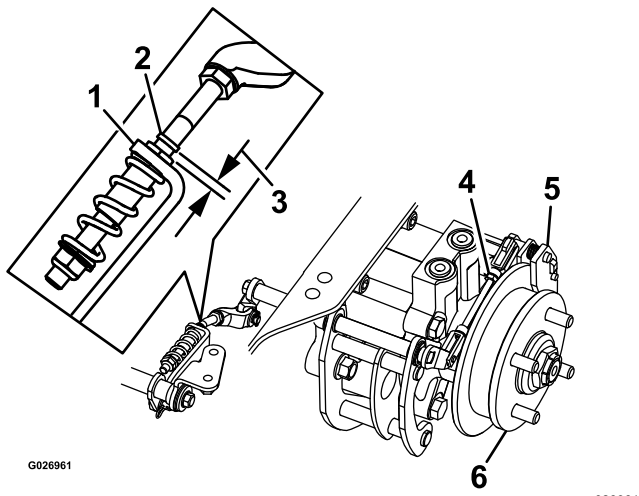


Figure 74  
Left Side Shown

1. L-bracket
  2. Linkage stop
  3. Gap
  4. Rear linkage assembly
  5. Caliper
  6. Wheel hub
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9. Disengage the parking brake, the lever should be in the down position.
  10. Turn the wheel hub by hand in both directions relative to the caliper; the wheel hub should move freely between the caliper.
  11. If a gap is needed or the wheel hub does not move freely:
    - A. Disengage the parking brake.
    - B. Disconnect and fine-tune the rear linkage assembly:
      - Shorten the link to create a gap.
      - Lengthen the link to allow wheel hub movement.
    - C. Reconnect the rear linkage assembly.
  12. Engage the parking brake and check the gap.
  13. Repeat steps 9 through 13 until a visible gap is achieved and the wheel hub rotates freely.
  14. Repeat this procedure for the brake on the opposite side.
  15. Rotate the drive-wheel-release handle to the operating position.
  16. Install the rear tires and torque the lug nuts; refer to [Checking the Wheel Lug Nuts \(page 49\)](#).
  17. Remove the jack stands.

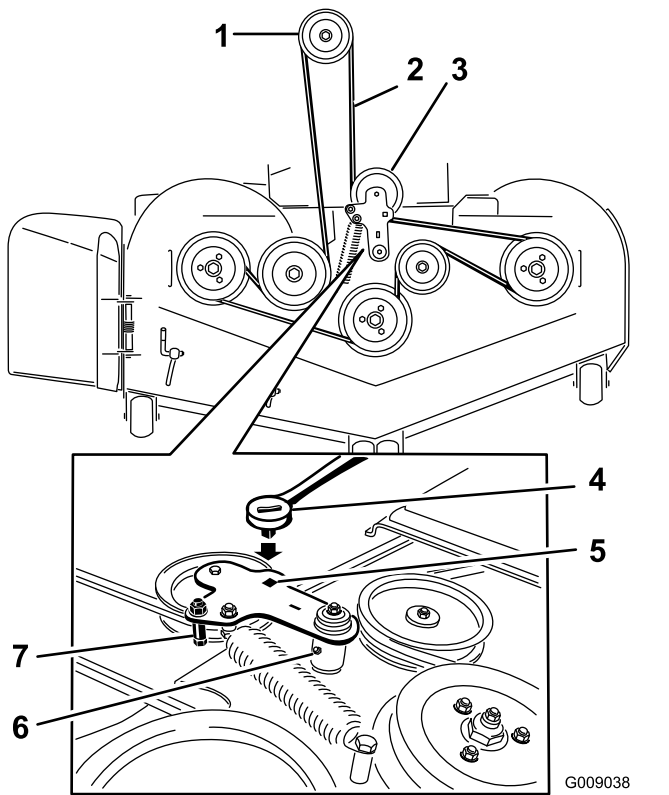


Figure 76

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| 1. Clutch pulley              | 5. Square hole in the idler arm for the ratchet |
| 2. Mower belt                 | 6. Idler-grease fitting                         |
| 3. Spring-loaded idler pulley | 7. Belt guide                                   |
| 4. Ratchet                    |   |

10. Install the belt guide on the idler arm (Figure 76).
11. Using the ratchet in the square hole, install the idler spring (Figure 76).

**Note:** Make sure that the spring ends are seated in the anchor grooves.

12. Install the belt covers (Figure 77).

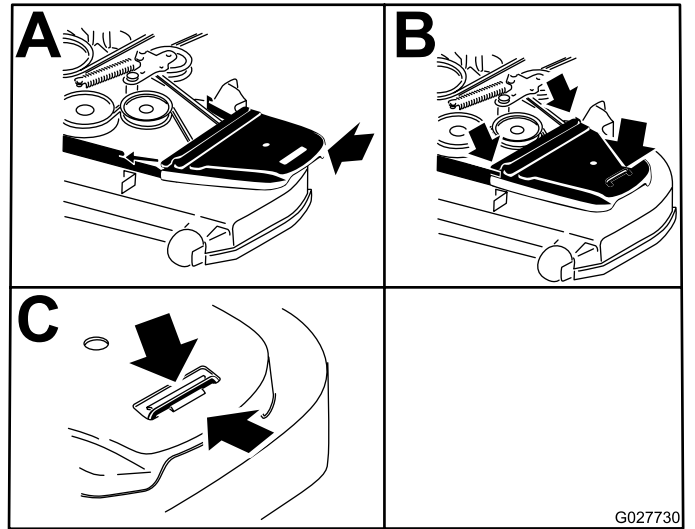


Figure 77

## Replacing the Hydraulic Pump-Drive Belt

1. Disengage the PTO and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Remove the mower belt; refer to [Replacing the Mower Belt \(page 54\)](#).
4. Raise the machine and support it with jack stands (Figure 78).

# Controls System Maintenance

## Adjusting the Control-Handle Position

There are 2 height positions for the control levers—HIGH and LOW. Remove the bolts to adjust the height for the operator.

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Loosen the bolts and flange nuts installed in the levers (Figure 79).
4. Align the levers front-to-rear position by bring the levers together to the NEUTRAL position and slide them until they are aligned, then tighten the bolts (Figure 80).

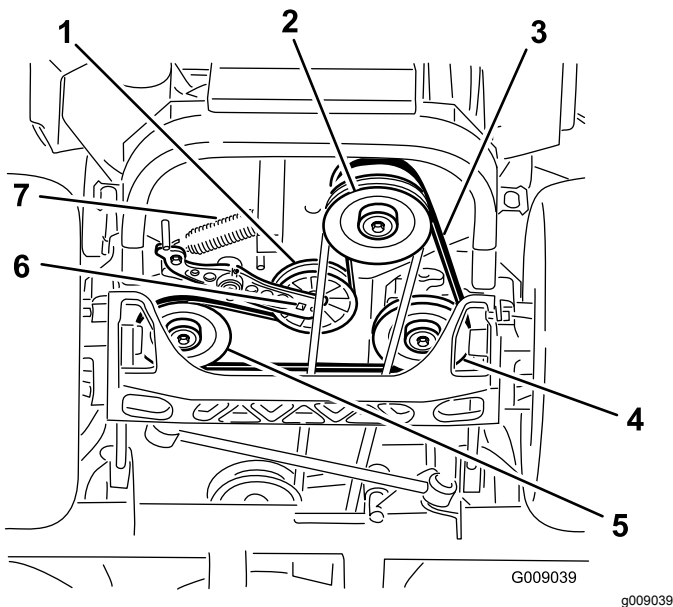


Figure 78

1. Idler pulley
  2. Clutch pulley
  3. Pump-drive belt
  4. Right hydraulic-pump pulley
  5. Left hydraulic-pump pulley
  6. Square hole in idler arm
  7. Idler spring
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5. Use a ratchet in the square hole in the idler arm to remove the idler spring (Figure 78).
  6. Unhook the idler spring from the frame (Figure 78).
  7. Remove the belt from the hydraulic-unit-drive pulleys and the engine pulley.
  8. Install the new belt around the engine pulley and the 2 drive pulleys.
  9. Using a ratchet in the square hole in the idler arm, install the idler spring to the frame (Figure 78).
  10. Install the mower belt; refer to [Replacing the Mower Belt \(page 54\)](#).

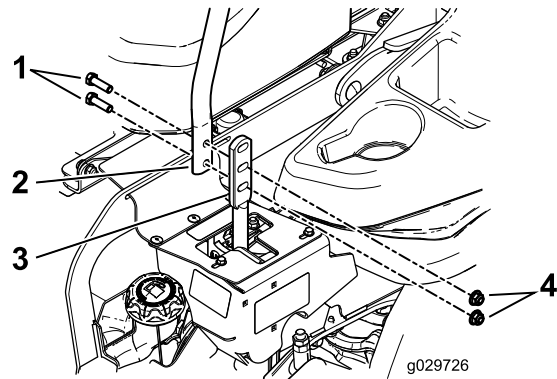


Figure 79

1. Bolt
2. Handle
3. Control lever
4. Nut



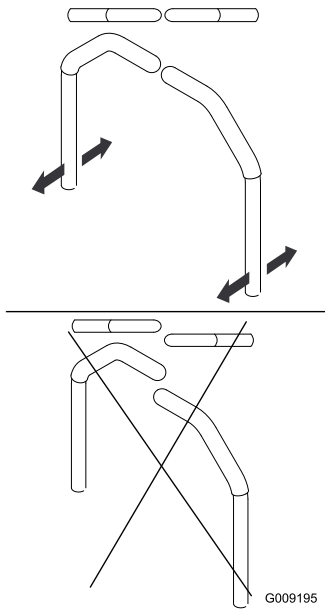


Figure 80

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## Adjusting the Motion-Control Linkage

Located on either side of the fuel tank, below the seat are the pump-control linkages. Rotating the pump linkage with a 1/2-inch wrench allows fine-tuning adjustments so that the machine does not move into NEUTRAL position. Any adjustments should be made for neutral positioning only.

### ⚠ WARNING

Engine must be running and drive wheels must be turning so a motion-control adjustment can be performed. Contact with moving parts or hot surfaces may cause personal injury.

Keep fingers, hands, and clothing clear of rotating components and hot surfaces.

1. Prior to starting the engine, push the deck-lift pedal and remove the height-of-cut pin.
2. Lower the deck to the ground.
3. Raise the rear of machine up and support with jack stands (or equivalent support).

**Note:** Raise the machine just high enough to allow drive wheels to turn freely.

4. Remove the electrical connection from the seat safety switch, located under the bottom cushion of the seat.

**Note:** The switch is a part of the seat assembly.

5. Temporarily install a jumper wire across the terminals in the connector of the main wiring harness.
6. Start the engine, run it at full throttle, and release the brake.

**Note:** The brake must be engaged and motion-control levers out to start engine. You do not have to be in the seat because of the jumper wire being used.

7. Run the unit at least 5 minutes with the drive levers at full forward speed to bring hydraulic oil up to operating temperature.

**Note:** The motion-control lever needs to be in NEUTRAL while making any necessary adjustments.

8. Bring the motion-control lever into the NEUTRAL position.

9. Adjust the pump-control-rod lengths by rotating the double nuts on the rod in the appropriate direction until the wheels slightly creep in reverse (Figure 81).

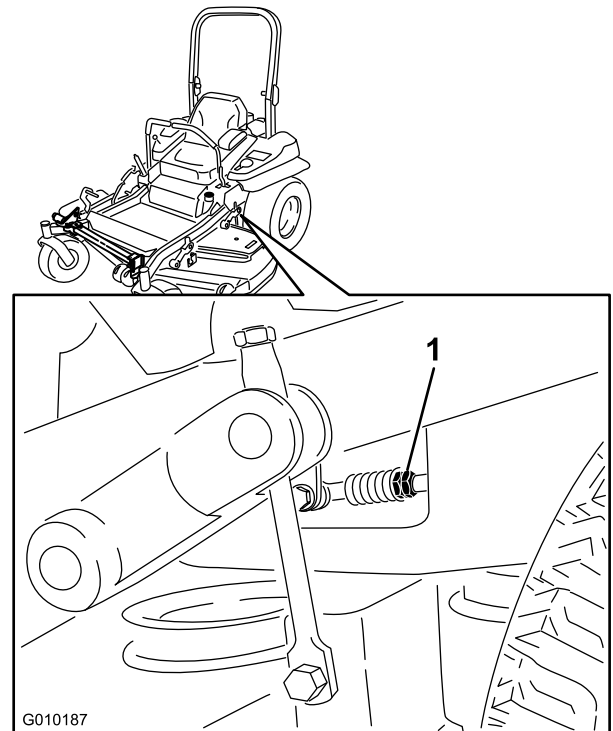


Figure 81

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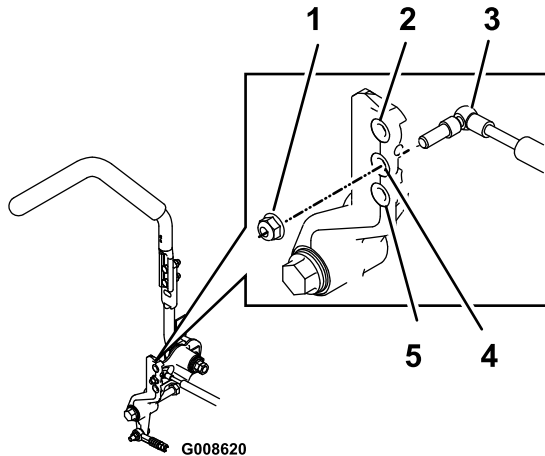
1. Double nuts
10. Move the motion-control levers to the REVERSE position and while applying slight pressure to the lever, allow the reverse-indicator springs to bring the levers back to NEUTRAL.

**Note:** The wheels must stop turning or slightly creep in reverse.

11. Shutoff the unit, remove the jumper wire from the wire harness and plug the connector into the seat switch.
12. Remove the jack stands.
13. Raise the deck and install the height-of-cut pin.
14. Check that the machine does not creep in NEUTRAL with the park brakes disengaged.

## Adjusting the Motion-Control Damper

You can adjust the top damper-mounting bolt to obtain a more desired motion-control lever resistance. See [Figure 82](#) for mounting options.



**Figure 82**

Right motion control shown

1. Torque the locknut to 23 N·m (17 ft-lb). The bolt must protrude past the end of the locknut after torquing.
2. Most resistance (firmest feel)
3. Damper
4. Medium resistance (medium feel)
5. Least resistance (softest feel)

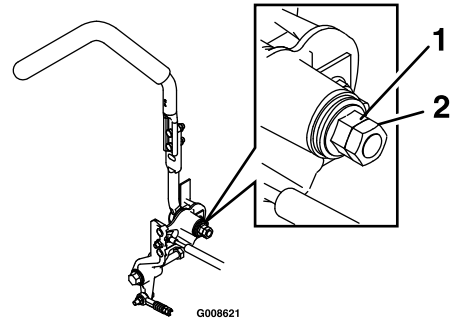
## Adjusting the Motion-Control Neutral-Lock Pivot

You can adjust the flanged nut to obtain the desired motion-control lever resistance when moving it to the neutral-lock position. See [Figure 83](#) for adjustment options.

1. Loosen the jam nut.
2. Tighten or loosen the flanged nut to the desired feel.

**Note:** For more resistance, tighten the flanged nut. For less resistance, loosen the flanged nut

3. Tighten the jam nut.



**Figure 83**

1. Flanged nut
2. Jam nut

# Hydraulic System Maintenance

## Servicing the Hydraulic System

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

**Important:** Use the oil specified. Other fluids could damage the hydraulic system.

**Each Hydraulic System Oil Capacity:** 1.5 L (1.59 US qt) per side with filter change

## Checking the Hydraulic Oil

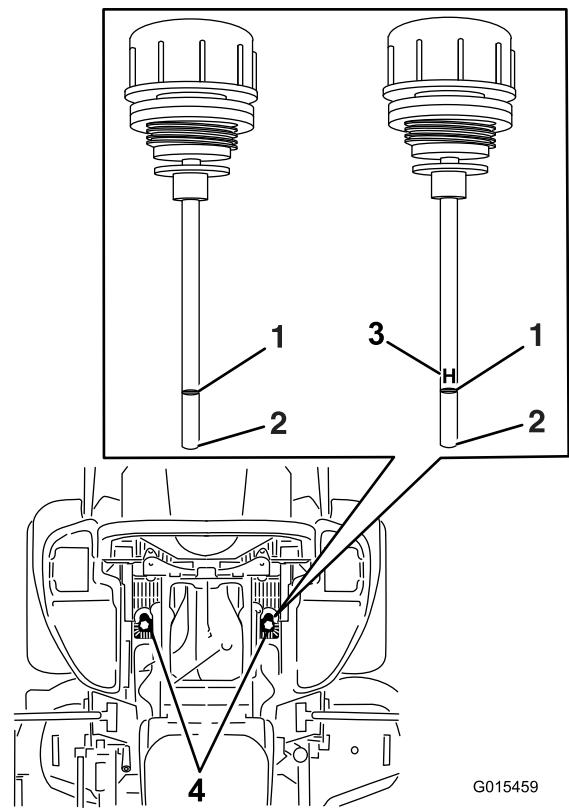
**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours—Check the hydraulic oil level.

1. Position the machine on a level surface.
2. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position and set the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Allow the engine and the hydraulic system to cool for 10 minutes.

**Note:** The oil level on the dipstick will be incorrect if the oil is checked when the machine is hot.

5. Move the seat forward.
6. Clean the area around the dipsticks of the hydraulic-system reservoirs (Figure 84).
7. Remove 1 dipstick from the hydraulic reservoir (Figure 84).
8. Wipe the dipstick off and thread the dipstick into the reservoir.
9. Remove the dipstick and look at the end (Figure 84). If the oil level is at the ADD mark, slowly pour only enough oil into the hydraulic reservoir to raise the level to the FULL mark or H line.
10. Install the dipstick.
11. Repeat procedure for the opposite dipstick.

**Important:** Do not overfill the hydraulic units with oil as damage may occur. Do not run the machine with the oil below the ADD mark.



**Figure 84**

Either dipstick will be used in the machine

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|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. FULL mark | 3. H—high level                  |
| 2. ADD mark  | 4. Dipstick locations under seat |

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Hydraulic oil escaping under pressure can penetrate skin and cause injury.**

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

# Replacing the Hydraulic Filters and Hydraulic Oil

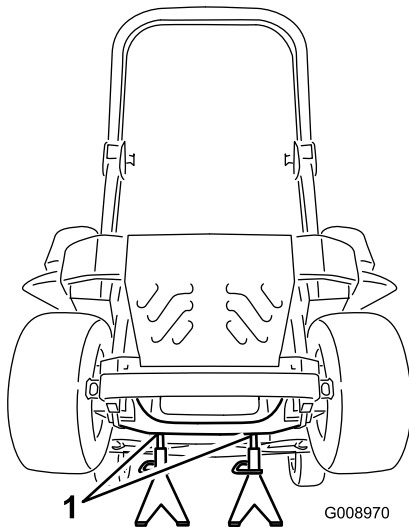
**Service Interval:** After the first 250 hours—Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic oil when using any type of oil.

Every 250 hours—Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic oil when using Mobil® 1 oil (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

Every 500 hours—Change the hydraulic filters and hydraulic oil when using Toro® HYPR-OIL™ 500 hydraulic oil (more often in dirty or dusty conditions).

To replace the hydraulic oil, the filters need to be removed. Replace both at the same time. Refer to the oil specifications under [Servicing the Hydraulic System](#) (page 59) for the correct oil.

1. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Raise the machine and support it with jack stands ([Figure 85](#)).



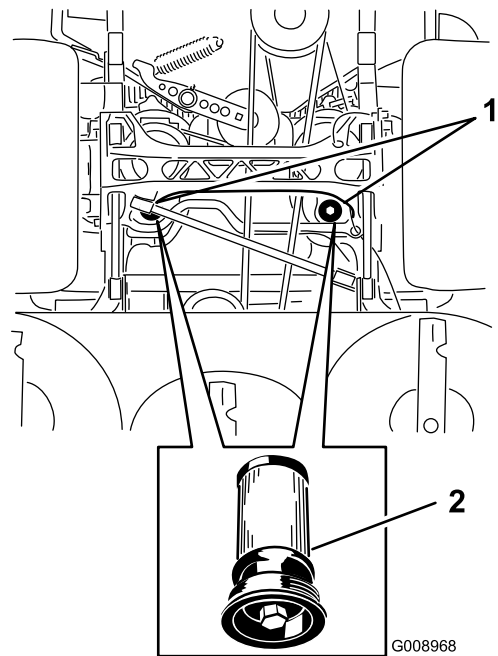
**Figure 85**

1. Jack stands

4. Remove the mower belt and the pump-drive belt; refer to [Replacing the Mower Belt](#) (page 54).

**Note:** This prevents oil from getting on the belts.

5. Place a drain pan under the filter, remove the old filter, and wipe the surface clean ([Figure 86](#)).



**Figure 86**

Bottom View of Machine

1. Filter locations
2. Hydraulic filter

6. Apply a thin coat of hydraulic oil to the rubber gasket on the replacement filter ([Figure 86](#)).
7. Install the replacement hydraulic filter.
8. Install the pump-drive belt and the mower belt.
9. Remove the jack stands and lower the machine ([Figure 85](#)).
10. Add oil to the hydraulic reservoir and check for any leaks.
11. Clean up any spilled oil.
12. Start the engine and let it run for about 2 minutes to purge air from the system. Shut off the engine and check for leaks.
13. Check the oil level while the oil is cold.
14. If required, add oil to the hydraulic reservoir.

**Important:** Do not overfill.

# Mower Deck Maintenance

## Leveling the Mower Deck

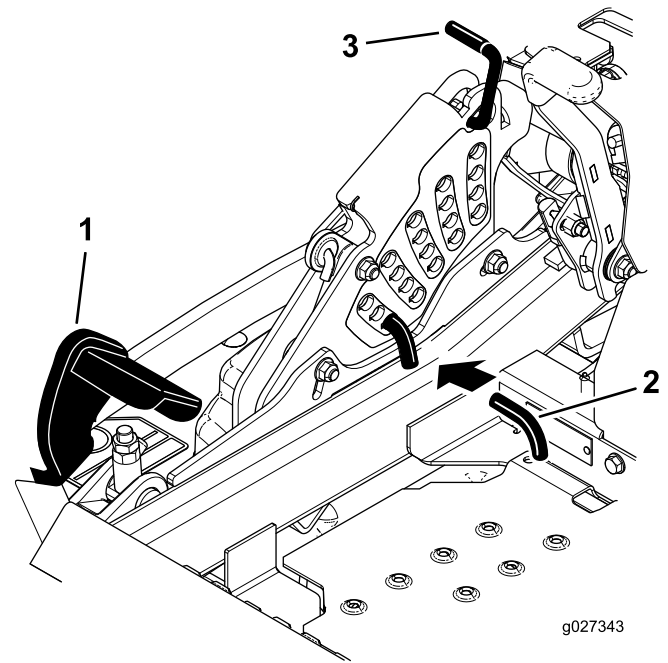
### Setting up the Machine

**Note:** Ensure that the mower deck is level before matching the height of cut (HOC).

1. Position the machine on a flat surface.
2. Disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
3. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
4. Check the tire pressure of the drive tires. If needed, adjust the pressure to 90 kPa (13 psi)
5. Position the mower to the 76 mm (3 inch) height-of-cut position.

### Leveling the Deck

1. Position the mower on a flat surface.
2. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, remove the key, and engage parking brake.
3. Check the tire pressure in the drive tires and adjust if necessary.  
**Note:** Proper inflation pressure for tires is 90 kPa (13 psi).
4. Position the transport lock in the latching position.
5. Push the deck-lift pedal all the way forward and the deck will latch at the 14 cm (5-1/2 inch) TRANSPORT position ([Figure 87](#)).

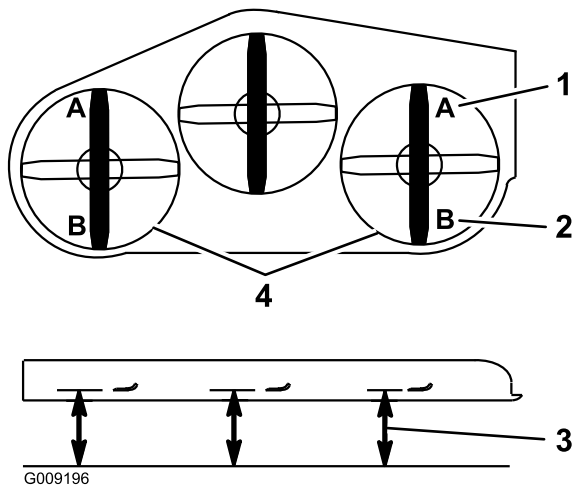


**Figure 87**

1. Deck-lift pedal
2. Height-of-cut pin
3. Transport lock

6. Insert the height-adjustment pin into the 7.6 cm (3 inch) cutting-height position.
7. Release the transport lock and allow the deck to lower to the cutting height.
8. Raise the discharge chute.
9. On both sides of the deck, measure from the level surface to the front tip of the blade (Position A); refer to [Figure 88](#).

**Note:** The measurement should read 7.6 mm (3 inches).

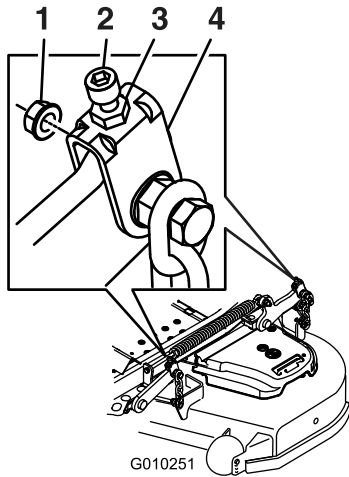


**Figure 88**

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| 1. 7.6 cm (3 inches) at position A is correct     | 3. Measure here, from the blade tip, to the hard surface |
| 2. 8.3 cm (3-1/4 inches) at position B is correct | 4. Measure at position A and B on both sides             |

10. If needed, loosen the flanged locknut on the side of the yoke and the jam nut on top. Fine-tune the adjuster screw by turning it to get 7.6 mm (3 inch) height (Figure 89).

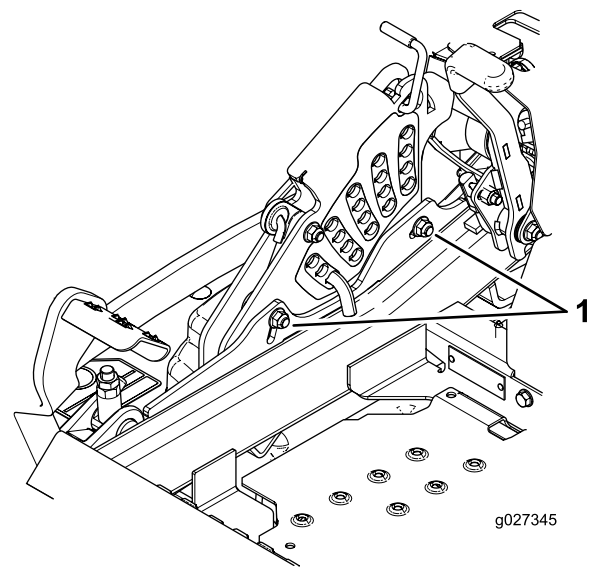
**Note:** To increase the height, turn the adjuster screw clockwise; to decrease the height, turn it counterclockwise.



**Figure 89**

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|--------------------|------------|
| 1. Flanged locknut | 3. Jam nut |
| 2. Adjuster screw  | 4. Yoke    |

11. If the front deck links do not have enough adjustment to achieve the accurate cut height, you can use the single point adjustment can be utilized to gain more adjustment.
12. To adjust the single point system, loosen the 2 bolts at the bottom of the height-of-cut plate. Refer to Figure 90.

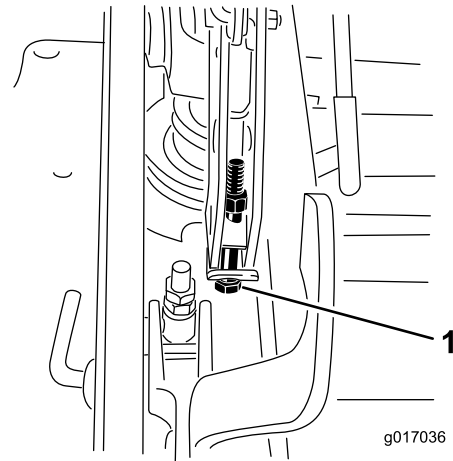


**Figure 90**

1. Bolts at the bottom of the height-of-cut plate

13. If the deck is too low, tighten the single-point-adjustment bolt by rotating it clockwise. If the deck is too high, loosen the single-point-adjustment bolt by rotating it counterclockwise (Figure 91).

**Note:** Loosen or tighten the single-point-adjustment bolt enough to move the height-of-cut plate-mounting bolts at least 1/3 the length of the available travel in their slots. This will regain some up-and-down adjustment on each of the 4 deck links.



**Figure 91**

1. Single-point-adjustment bolt

14. Torque the 2 bolts at the bottom of the height-of-cut plate (Figure 90) to 37 to 45 N·m (27 to 33 ft·lb).

**Note:** For most conditions, adjust the back blade tip 6.4 mm (1/4 inch) higher than the front.

15. On both sides of the deck, measure from the level surface to the back tip of the blade (Position B). The measurement should read 8.3 cm (3-1/4 inches); refer to [Figure 88](#).
16. Fine-tune the adjuster screw by turning it to get 8.3 mm (3-1/4 inches) height ([Figure 89](#)).  
To increase the height, turn the adjustment nut clockwise; to decrease the height, turn the nut counterclockwise.
17. Measure until all 4 sides are the correct height. Tighten all the jam nuts on the deck-lift arm assemblies.
18. Lower the discharge chute.

## Servicing the Cutting Blades

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

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

### **▲ DANGER**

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

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

## Before Inspecting or Servicing the Blades

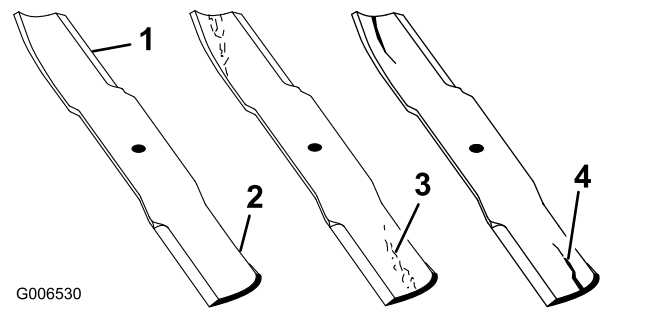
Park the machine on a level surface, disengage the blade-control switch (PTO), and set the parking brake. Turn the ignition key to Off. Remove the key.

## Inspecting the Blades

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

1. Inspect the cutting edges ([Figure 92](#)). If the edges are not sharp or have nicks, remove and sharpen the blades.
2. Inspect the blades, especially the curved area ([Figure 92](#)). If you notice any damage, wear, or a

slot forming in this area ([Figure 92](#)), immediately install a new blade.

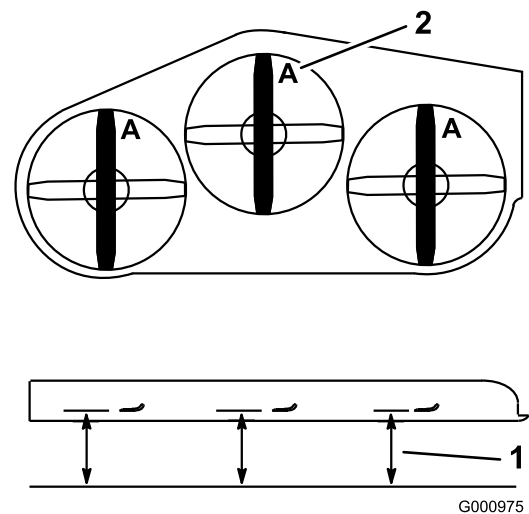


**Figure 92**

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

## Checking for Bent Blades

1. Disengage the PTO, move the motion-control levers to the NEUTRAL-LOCK position, and set the parking brake.
2. Shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
3. Rotate the blades until the ends face forward and backward ([Figure 93](#)).
4. Measure from a level surface to the cutting edge, position A, of the blades ([Figure 93](#)).



**Figure 93**

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

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

**Note:** The difference between the dimensions obtained in steps 4 and 6 must not exceed 3 mm (1/8 inch).

**Note:** If this dimension exceeds 3 mm (1/8 inch), the blade is bent and must be replaced.

### ⚠ WARNING

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

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

## Removing the Blades

Replace a blade if it hits an object, if the blade is out of balance or is bent. To ensure optimum performance and continued safety conformance of the machine, use genuine Toro replacement blades. Replacement blades made by other manufacturers may result in non-conformance with safety standards.

1. Hold the blade end using a rag or thickly-padded glove.
2. Remove the blade bolt, curved washer, and blade from the spindle shaft (Figure 94).

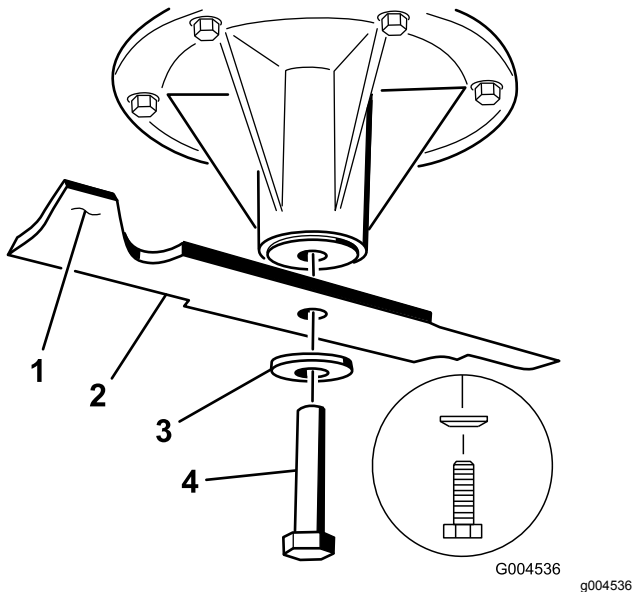


Figure 94

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

## Sharpening the Blades

### ⚠ WARNING

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

Wear proper eye protection when sharpening blades.

1. Use a file to sharpen the cutting edge at both ends of the blade (Figure 95).

**Note:** Maintain the original angle.

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



Figure 95

1. Sharpen at the original angle

2. Check the balance of the blade by putting it on a blade balancer (Figure 96).

**Note:** If the blade stays in a horizontal position, the blade is balanced and ready to use.

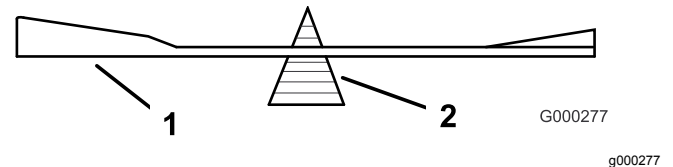


Figure 96

1. Blade
2. Balancer

3. If the blade is not balanced, file some metal off the end of the sail area only (Figure 97).
4. Repeat this procedure until the blade is balanced.

## Installing the Blades

1. Install the blade onto the spindle shaft (Figure 97).

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

2. Install the spring disk and the blade bolt. The spring disk cone must be installed toward the



bolt head (Figure 97). Torque the blade bolt to 115 to 150 N·m (85 to 110 ft-lb).

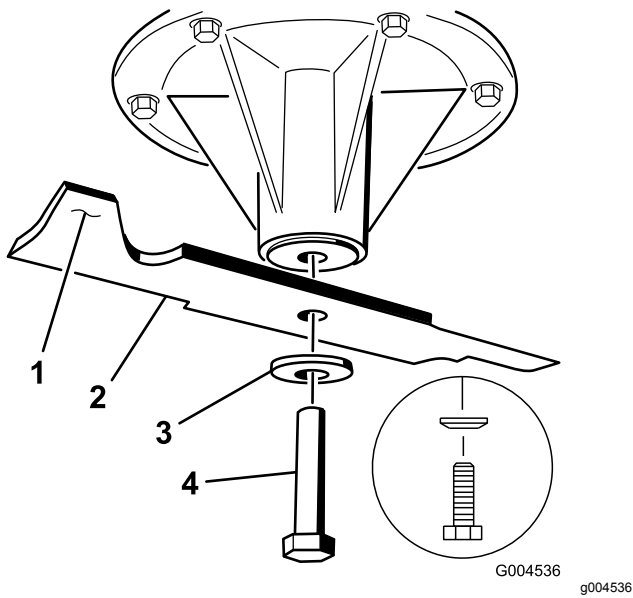


Figure 97

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

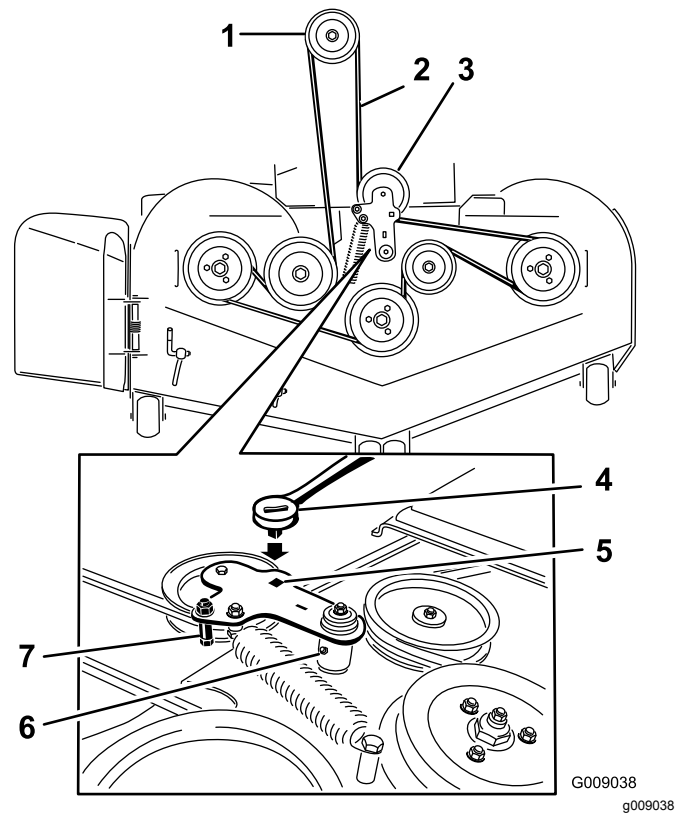


Figure 98

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Clutch pulley              | 5. Square hole in the idler arm for the ratchet |
| 2. Mower belt                 | 6. Idler grease fitting                         |
| 3. Spring-loaded idler pulley | 7. Belt guide                                   |
| 4. Ratchet                    |   |

- Remove and retain the hardware on both sides of the deck as shown in Figure 99.

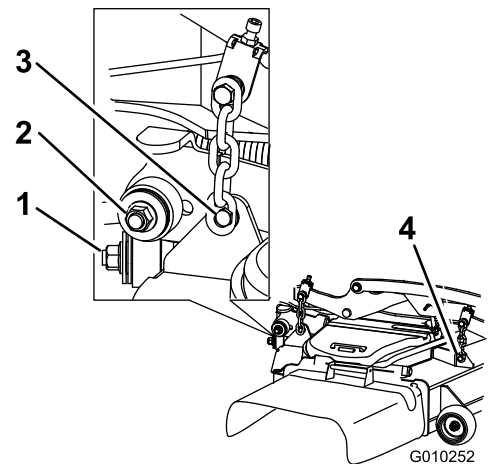


Figure 99

- Right stabilizer
- Deck strut (right side shown)
- Remove the rear deck lift attachment shoulder bolt and nut.
- Remove the front deck lift attachment shoulder bolt and nut.

## Removing the Mower Deck

### ⚠ WARNING

Deck lift arm assemblies have stored energy. Removing the deck with out releasing the stored energy can cause serious injury or death.

Do not attempt to disassemble the deck from the front frame without locking out the stored energy.

Before servicing or removing the mower deck, lock out the spring-loaded deck arms.

- Shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key. Engage the parking brake.
- Remove the height-adjustment pin and lower the deck to the ground.
- Place the height-adjustment pin in the 7.6 cm (3 inch) cutting-height location.
- Remove the belt covers.
- Lift up the floor pan and insert a ratchet into the square hole in the deck idler (Figure 98).
- Rotate the deck idler clockwise and remove the mower belt (Figure 98).

8. Raise the deck struts and secure them in the up position. Slide the deck out to the right side of the machine.

**Important:** The grass deflector must be able to rotate. Lift the deflector up to the full open position and ensure that it rotates into the full down position.

## Replacing the Grass Deflector

### ⚠ WARNING

Operating the machine with the engine running at a speed greater than the factory setting can cause the machine to throw a part of the blade or engine at you or bystanders, resulting in serious injury or death.

Do not operate the machine unless you install a cover plate, mulch plate, grass deflector, or bagger.

1. Remove the locknut, bolt, spring, and spacer holding the deflector to the pivot brackets (Figure 100). Remove the damaged or worn grass deflector.

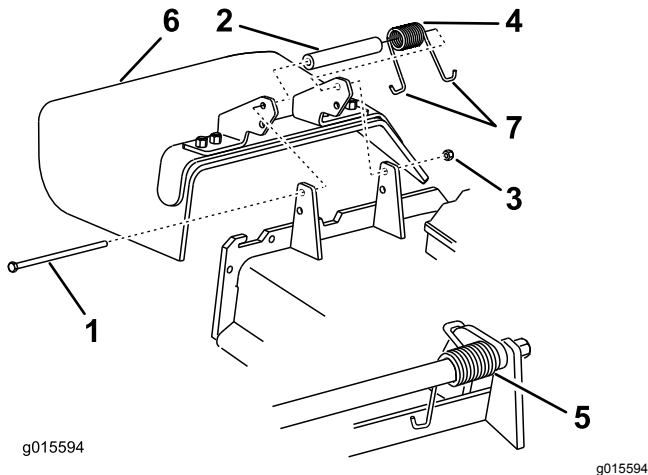


Figure 100

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| 1. Bolt    | 5. Spring installed     |
| 2. Spacer  | 6. Grass deflector      |
| 3. Locknut | 7. J hook end of spring |
| 4. Spring  |                         |

2. Place the spacer and the spring onto the grass deflector. Place one J end of the spring behind the deck edge.

**Note:** Make sure one J end of the spring is installed behind the deck edge before installing the bolt as shown in Figure 100.

3. Install the bolt and the nut. Place one J hook end of the spring around the grass deflector (Figure 100).

# Cleaning

## Cleaning under the Mower

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

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

## Disposing of Waste

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

# Storage

## Cleaning and Storage

1. Disengage the power take off (blade-control switch (PTO), set the parking brake, and turn the ignition key to the off position. Remove the key.
2. Remove grass clippings, dirt, and grime from the external parts of the entire machine, especially the engine and hydraulic system. Clean dirt and chaff from the outside of the engine cylinder head fins and blower housing.

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

3. Check the brake; refer to [Brake Maintenance \(page 53\)](#).
4. Service the air cleaner; refer to [Servicing the Air Cleaner \(page 38\)](#).
5. Grease the machine; refer to [Greasing and Lubrication \(page 36\)](#).
6. Change the crankcase oil; refer to [Changing the Engine Oil \(page 40\)](#).
7. Check the tire pressure; refer to [Checking the Tire Pressure \(page 48\)](#).
8. Change the hydraulic filters; refer to [Replacing the Hydraulic Filters and Hydraulic Oil \(page 60\)](#).
9. Charge the battery; refer to [Charging the Battery \(page 46\)](#).
10. Scrape any heavy buildup of grass and dirt from the underside of the mower, then wash the mower with a garden hose.

**Note:** Run the machine with the blade-control switch (PTO) engaged and the engine at high idle for 2 to 5 minutes after washing.

11. Check the condition of the blades; refer to [Servicing the Cutting Blades \(page 63\)](#).
12. For storage over 30 days, prepare the machine as follows:
  - A. Add a petroleum-based stabilizer/conditioner to fuel in the tank. Follow mixing instructions from the stabilizer manufacturer. Do not use an alcohol-based stabilizer (ethanol or methanol).

**Note:** A fuel stabilizer/conditioner is most effective when mixed with fresh fuel and used at all times.
  - B. Run the engine to distribute conditioned fuel through the fuel system (5 minutes).

- C. Stop the engine, allow it to cool, and drain the fuel tank; refer to [Servicing the Fuel Tank \(page 44\)](#).
- D. Restart the engine and run it until it stops.
- E. Dispose of fuel properly. Recycle as per local codes.

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

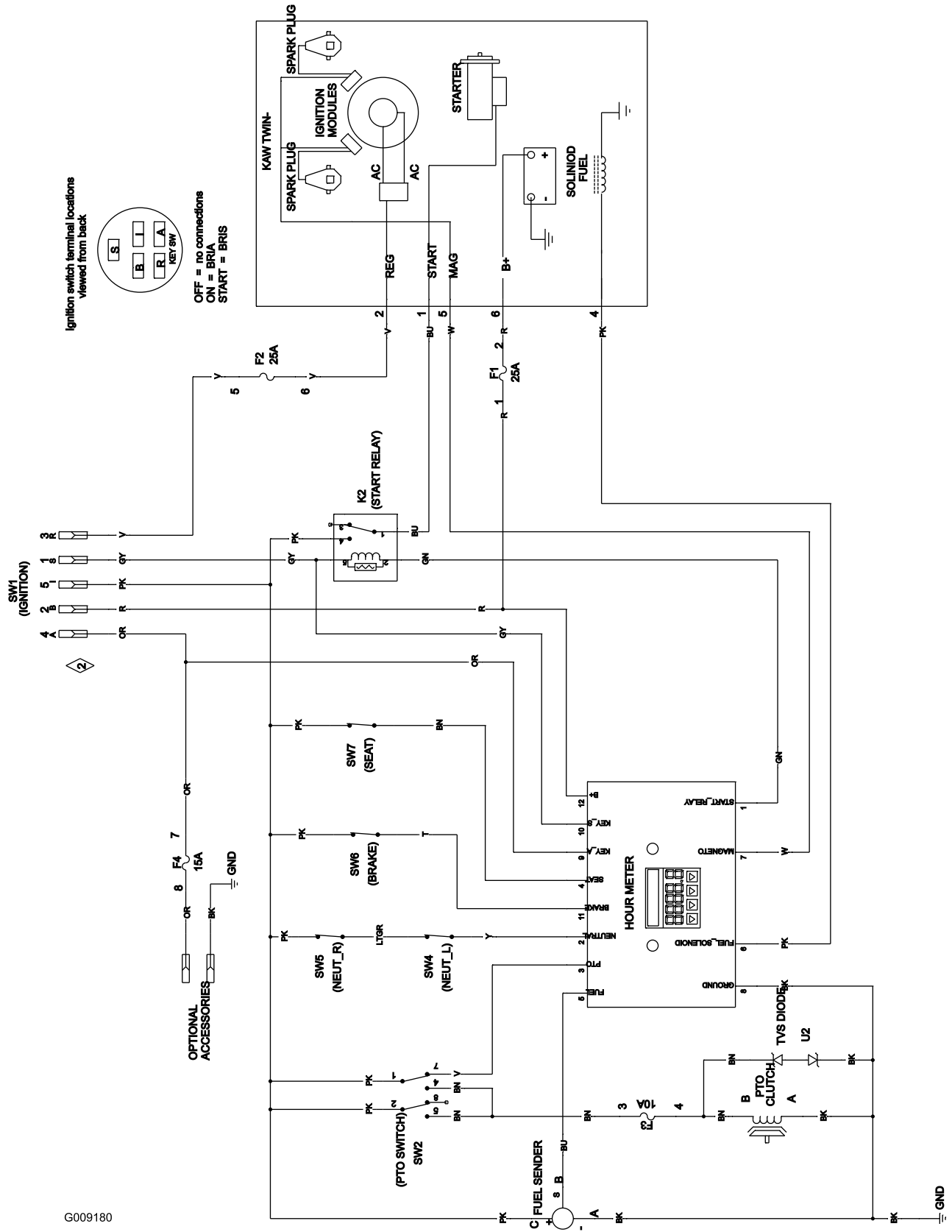
- 13. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any part that is damaged.
- 14. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces. Paint is available from your Authorized Service Dealer.
- 15. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area. Remove the key from the ignition switch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

# Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The starter does not crank.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The blade-control switch (PTO) is engaged.</li> <li>2. The parking brake is not on.</li> <li>3. The motion-control levers are not in the neutral-lock position.</li> <li>4. The operator is not seated.</li> <li>5. The battery is dead.</li> <li>6. The electrical connections are corroded or loose.</li> <li>7. The fuse is blown.</li> <li>8. The relay or switch is worn or damaged.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move the blade-control switch (PTO) to the disengaged position.</li> <li>2. Set the parking brake.</li> <li>3. Ensure that the motion-control levers are in the neutral-lock position.</li> <li>4. Sit on the seat.</li> <li>5. Charge the battery.</li> <li>6. Check the electrical connections for good contact.</li> <li>7. Replace the fuse.</li> <li>8. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The engine does not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuel tank is empty.</li> <li>2. The fuel-shutoff valve is closed.</li> <li>3. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. The throttle is not in the correct position.</li> <li>5. There is dirt in the fuel filter.</li> <li>6. There is dirt, water, or stale fuel in the fuel system.</li> <li>7. The air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>8. The seat switch is not functioning properly.</li> <li>9. The electrical connections are corroded, loose, or damaged.</li> <li>10. The relay or switch is worn or damaged.</li> <li>11. The spark plug is fouled or improperly gapped.</li> <li>12. The spark-plug wire is not connected.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill the fuel tank.</li> <li>2. Open the fuel-shutoff valve.</li> <li>3. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>4. Be sure that the throttle control is midway between the slow and fast positions.</li> <li>5. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Clean or replace the air-cleaner element.</li> <li>8. Check the seat-switch indicator. Replace the seat if necessary.</li> <li>9. Check the electrical connections for good contact. Clean the connector terminals thoroughly with electrical-contact cleaner, apply dielectric grease, and make the appropriate connections.</li> <li>10. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>11. Adjust or replace the spark plug.</li> <li>12. Check the spark-plug wire connection.</li> </ol>
The engine loses power.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. The air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>3. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. The cooling fins and the air passages above the engine are plugged.</li> <li>5. The vent hole in the fuel cap is plugged.</li> <li>6. There is dirt in the fuel filter.</li> <li>7. There is dirt, water, or stale fuel in the fuel system.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>2. Clean the air-cleaner element.</li> <li>3. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>4. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and the air passages.</li> <li>5. Clean or replace the fuel cap.</li> <li>6. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The engine overheats.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine load is excessive.</li> <li>2. The oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>3. The cooling fins and the air passages above the engine are plugged.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>2. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>3. Remove the obstruction from the cooling fins and the air passages.</li> </ol>
The mower pulls to the left or right (with levers fully forward).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The tracking needs adjustment</li> <li>2. The tire pressure in the drive tires is not correct.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adjust the tracking.</li> <li>2. Adjust the tire pressure in the drive tires.</li> </ol>

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The machine does not drive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The bypass valves are not closed tight.</li> <li>2. The pump belt is worn, loose, or broken.</li> <li>3. The pump belt is off a pulley.</li> <li>4. The idler spring is broken or missing.</li> <li>5. The hydraulic oil level is low or too hot.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tighten the bypass valves.</li> <li>2. Change the belt.</li> <li>3. Change the belt.</li> <li>4. Replace the spring.</li> <li>5. Add hydraulic oil to the reservoirs or let it cool down.</li> </ol>
The machine vibrates abnormally.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced.</li> <li>2. The blade mounting bolt is loose.</li> <li>3. The engine mounting bolts are loose.</li> <li>4. The engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley is loose.</li> <li>5. The engine pulley is damaged.</li> <li>6. The blade spindle is bent.</li> <li>7. The motor mount is loose or worn.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>2. Tighten the blade mounting bolt.</li> <li>3. Tighten the engine mounting bolts.</li> <li>4. Tighten the appropriate pulley.</li> <li>5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The machine produces an uneven cutting height.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The blade(s) is/are not sharp.</li> <li>2. The cutting blade(s) is/are bent.</li> <li>3. The mower deck is not level.</li> <li>4. The underside of mower is dirty.</li> <li>5. The tire pressure is not correct.</li> <li>6. The blade spindle is bent.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sharpen the blade(s).</li> <li>2. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>3. Level the mower deck from side-to-side and front-to-rear.</li> <li>4. Clean the underside of the mower.</li> <li>5. Adjust the tire pressure.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
The blades do not rotate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The mower deck belt is worn, loose, or broken.</li> <li>2. The mower deck belt is off pulley.</li> <li>3. The pump drive belt is worn, loose, or broken.</li> <li>4. The idler spring is broken or missing.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install a new deck belt.</li> <li>2. Install the mower deck pulley and check the idler pulley, idler arm, and spring for correct position and function.</li> <li>3. Check the belt tension or install a new belt.</li> <li>4. Replace the spring.</li> </ol>
The clutch does not engage.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuse is blown.</li> <li>2. There is low voltage supply at the clutch.</li> <li>3. The coil is damaged.</li> <li>4. There is inadequate current supply.</li> <li>5. The rotor/armature air gap is too large.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace the fuse. Check the coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections, and replace components if necessary.</li> <li>2. Check the coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections and replace parts if necessary.</li> <li>3. Replace the clutch.</li> <li>4. Repair or replace the clutch lead wire or electrical system. Clean the connector contacts.</li> <li>5. Remove the shim or replace the clutch.</li> </ol>

# Schematics



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Wire Diagram (Rev. A)

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# The Toro Warranty

A Limited Warranty (see warranty periods below)

Landscape  
Contractor  
Equipment  
(LCE)

## Conditions and Products Covered

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

The following time periods apply from the date of purchase:

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

<sup>1</sup>Residential use means use of the product on the same lot as your home. Use at more than one location is considered commercial use and the commercial warranty would apply.

<sup>2</sup>Whichever occurs first.

<sup>3</sup>Some engines used on Toro Products are warranted by the engine manufacturer.

## Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service

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

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

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

## Owner Responsibilities

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

## Items and Conditions Not Covered

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

- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, oil changes, spark plugs, air filters blade sharpening or worn blades, cable/linkage adjustments, or brake and clutch adjustments
- Components failing due to normal wear
- Any product or part which has been altered or misused or neglected or requires replacement or repair due to accidents or lack of proper maintenance
- Pickup and delivery charges
- Repairs or attempted repairs by anyone other than an Authorized Toro Service Dealer
- Repairs necessary due to failure to follow recommended fuel procedure (consult *Operator's Manual* for more details)
  - Removing contaminants from the fuel system is not covered
  - Use of old fuel (more than one month old) or fuel which contains more than 10% ethanol or more than 15% MTBE
  - Failure to drain the fuel system prior to any period of non-use over one month

## General Conditions

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

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

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

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

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

## Countries Other than the United States or Canada

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

**Australian Consumer Law:** Australian customers will find details relating to the Australian Consumer Law either inside the box or at your local Toro Dealer. 374-0252 Rev H