



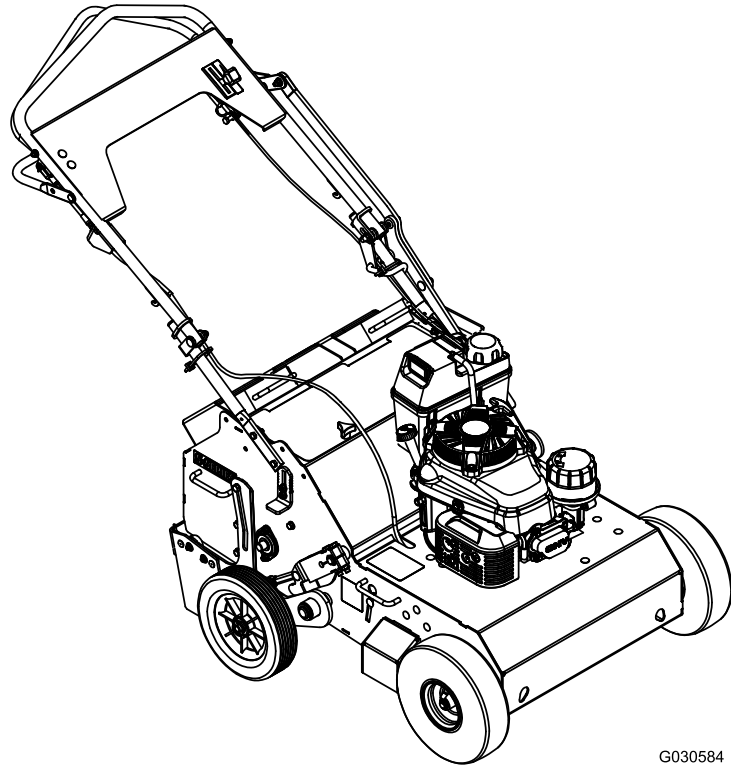
**Count on it.**

**Operator's Manual**

# 21in Walk-Behind Aerator

Model No. 23515—Serial No. 410050000 and Up

Model No. 33515—Serial No. 410020000 and Up



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**Note:**



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.

**⚠ 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.**

**Use of this product may cause exposure to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.**

# Introduction

This aerator, which is controlled by a walking operator, is intended to be used by trained operators in residential and commercial applications. It is primarily designed for aerating small to mid-sized areas of well-maintained lawns on residential grounds, parks, sports fields, and on commercial grounds. Using this product for purposes other than its intended use could prove dangerous to you and bystanders.

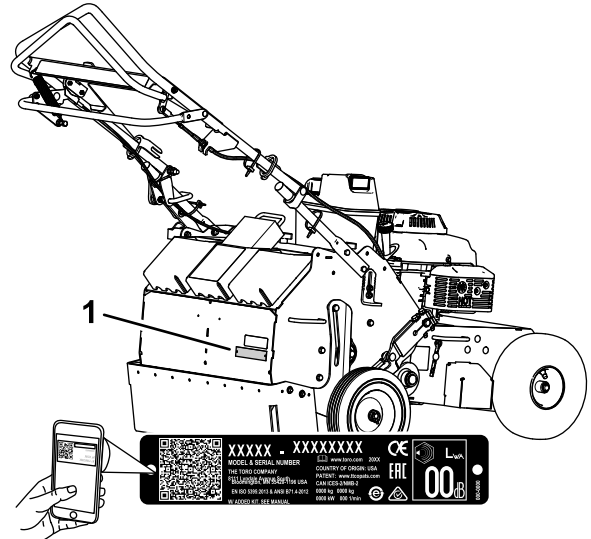
Read this information carefully to learn how to operate and maintain your product properly and to avoid injury and product damage. You are responsible for operating the product properly and safely.

Visit [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.

**Important:** With your mobile device, you can scan the QR code (if equipped) on the serial number plate to access warranty, parts, and other product information.



**Figure 1**

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1. Model and serial number location

**Model No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Serial No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Figure 2**

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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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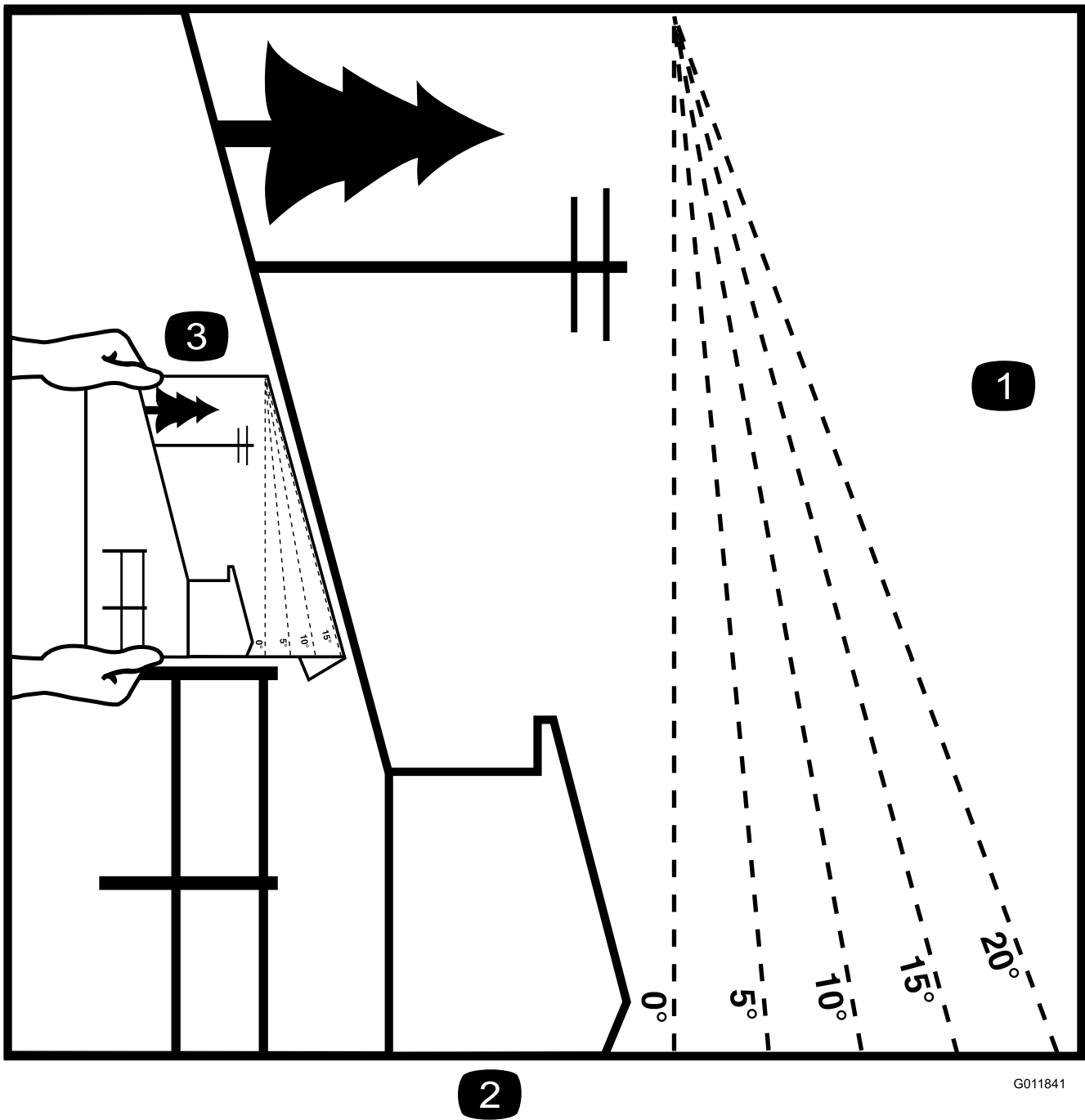
# Safety

## General Safety

- This product is capable of injuring hands and feet. Always follow all safety instructions to avoid serious personal injury or death.
- Read, understand, and follow the instructions and warnings in this *Operator's Manual* and on the machine and attachments before starting the engine.
- Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Know how to stop the machine and disengage the controls quickly.
- Do not put your hands, feet, other body parts, or clothing near or under the rotating tines or other moving parts of the machine.
- Do not operate the machine without all proper shields, guards, and other safety protective devices in place and functioning properly on the machine.
- Keep bystanders, especially small children, and pets out of the operating area.
- Do not allow children to operate the machine. Allow only people who are responsible, trained, familiar with the instructions, and physically capable to operate the machine.
- Shut off the machine and wait for all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's position. Disconnect the spark-plug wire, keep it away from the plug to prevent accidental starting, and allow the machine to cool before adjusting, fueling, unclogging, servicing, cleaning, or storing the machine.

Improperly using or maintaining this 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 ([Figure 2](#)), which means Caution, Warning, or Danger—personal safety instruction. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in personal injury or death.

# Slope Indicator



**Figure 3**

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1. The maximum slope you can safely operate the machine on is **20 degrees**. Use the slope chart to determine the degree of slope of hills before operating. **Do not operate this machine on a slope greater than 20 degrees.** Fold along the appropriate line to match the recommended slope.
2. Align this edge with a vertical surface, a tree, building, fence pole, etc.
3. Example of how to compare slope with folded edge.

# Safety and Instructional Decals



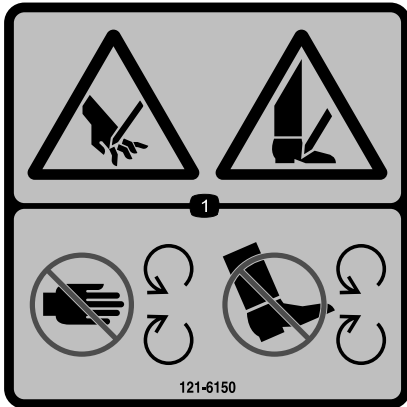
Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or missing.



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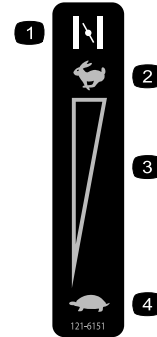
1. Warning—stop the engine; stay away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.



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1. Cutting hazard of hand and foot—stay away from moving parts.



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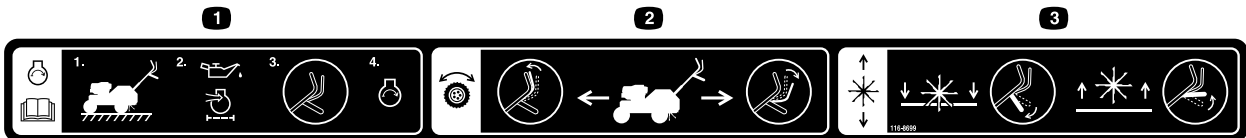
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1. Choke—on
2. Throttle—fast
3. Continuous variable setting
4. Throttle—slow



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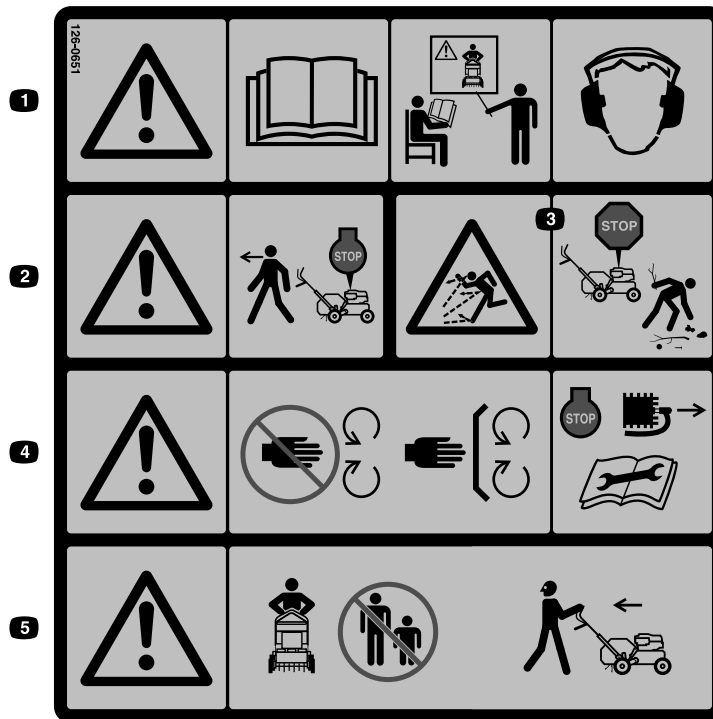
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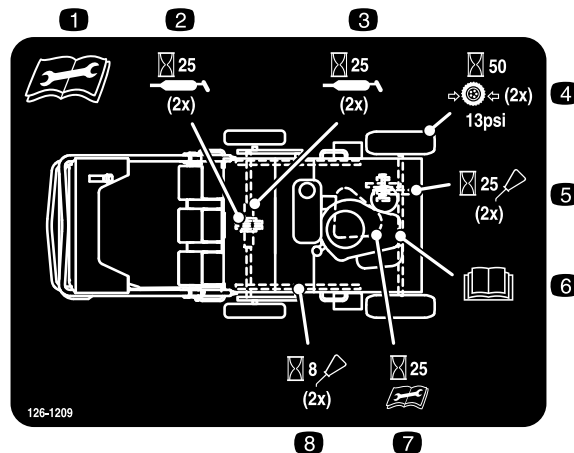
1. To start the engine, read the *Operator's Manual*—(1) Park the machine on a level surface (2) Fill the engine with oil (3) Move the control bars to a neutral position (4) Start the engine.
2. Traction drive—move the traction control lever forward to move the machine forward; move the traction control lever backward to move the machine backward.
3. Raising/Lowering the tines—push the control lever down to lower the tines; pull the control lever up to raise the tines.



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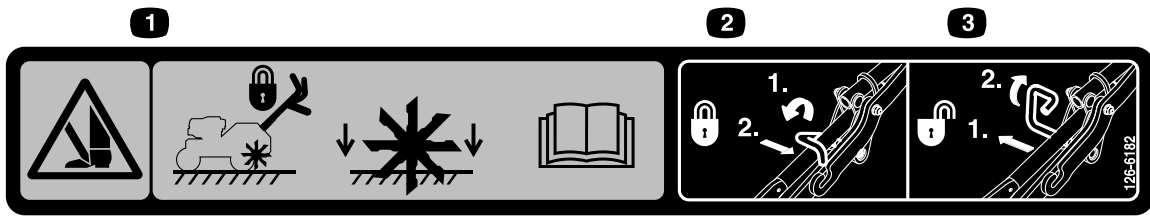
1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*. Do not operate this machine unless you are trained. Wear hearing protection.
2. Warning—disengage the tines and stop the engine before leaving the operator's position.
3. Thrown object hazard—pick up objects before operating.
4. Warning—stay away from moving parts; keep all guards in place. Stop the engine and remove the spark plug before adjusting, servicing, or cleaning.
5. Warning—do not operate when people and pets are in the area. Look behind you when backing up.



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1. Read and understand the *Operator's Manual* before servicing this machine.
2. Grease tine shaft bearings (2x) every 25 hours.
3. Grease tine assembly idlers (2x) every 25 hours.
4. Check tire pressure—90 kPa (13 psi) (2x) every 50 hours.
5. Clean and oil chains (2x) every 25 hours.
6. See engine owner's manual for service.
7. Check transmission belt drive tension every 25 hours.
8. Clean and oil chains and check chain tension (2x) every 8 hours.



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**126-6182**

1. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of foot, tines—keep feet away from tines when pulling up and locking handle—tines may drop when in transport position if lock is not engaged; read the *Operator's Manual*.
  2. Tine transport lock—1) Rotate forward; 2) Push inward
  3. Tine transport unlock—1) Pull outward; 2) Rotate rearward
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# Setup

## Unfolding the Handle

1. Remove the cable tie securing the upper arm to the upper handle.
2. Rotate the handle to the operating position.

**Note:** Make sure that the transport latch pin is in the locked position (Figure 4).

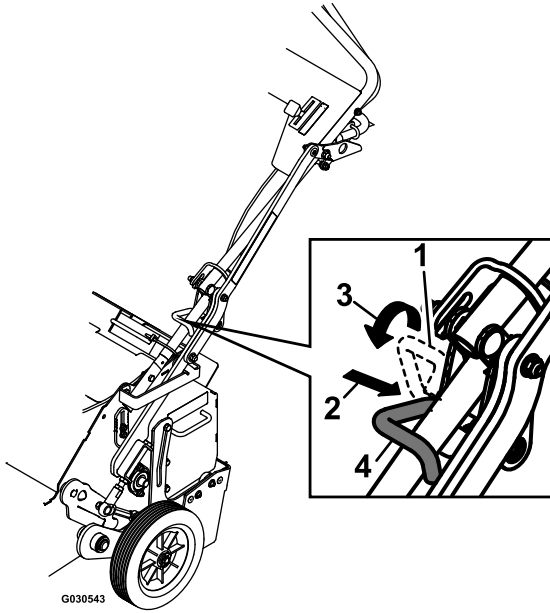


Figure 4

1. Transport latch pin—Unlocked position
2. Push into the lower arm.
3. Rotate the latch pin over the handle.
4. Transport latch pin—Locked position

3. Slide the oval locking rings down each side of the upper handle over the lower handle, locking the handle sections together.

## Checking the Oil Level

Check the engine oil level; refer to [Checking the Engine-Oil Level](#) (page 24).

# Product Overview

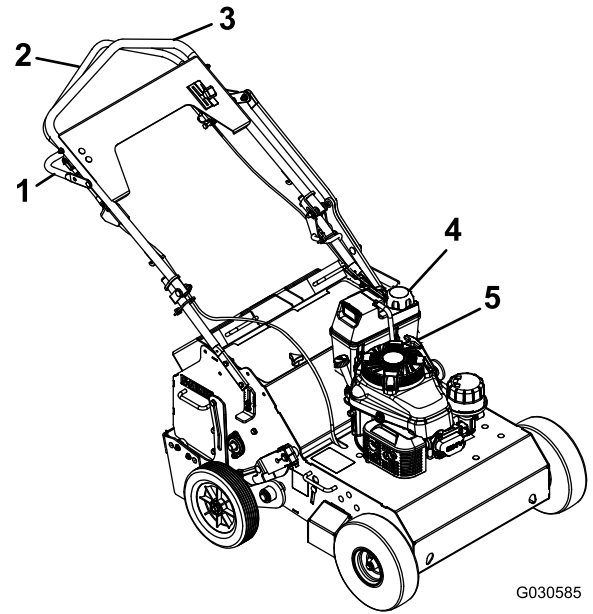


Figure 5

1. Tine-control lever
2. Traction-control handle
3. Handlebar
4. Fuel tank
5. Recoil starter

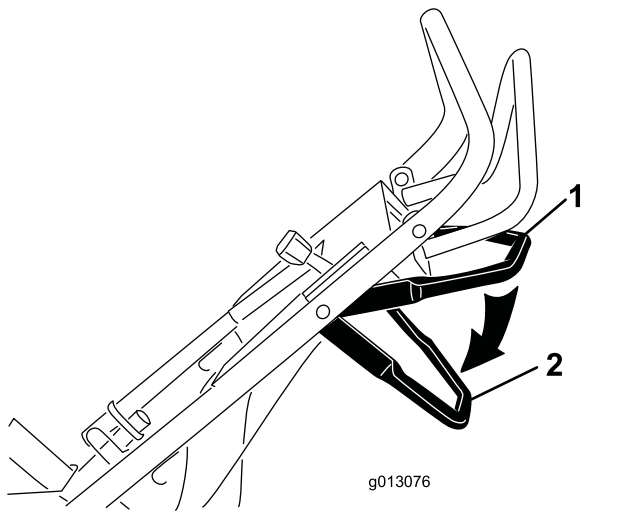
## Controls

### Tine-Control Lever

The tine-control lever lifts and lowers the rear wheels. Push down the tine-control lever to lift the wheels, transferring the weight of the machine onto the tines. Pull up the lever to lower the wheels and raise the tines (Figure 6).

**Note:** If you added extra optional weights to the machine, raising the tines may require significant effort.

**Note:** Make sure that the transport-lock pin is engaged when transporting the machine (see [Figure 4](#)).

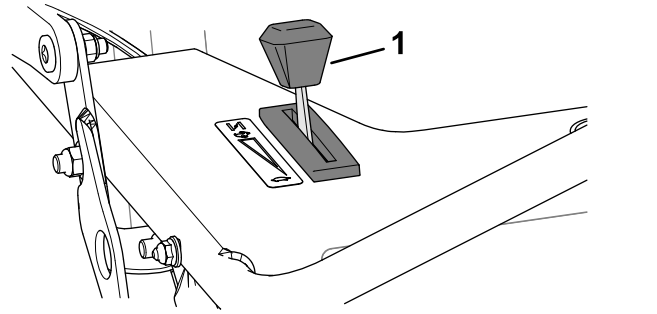


**Figure 6**

1. Tine-control lever—raised position
2. Tine-control lever—lowered position

## Throttle Lever

Use the throttle lever to control the engine speed (Figure 5). Apply the engine choke by moving the throttle lever fully forward.



**Figure 8**

1. Throttle lever

## Traction-Control Handle

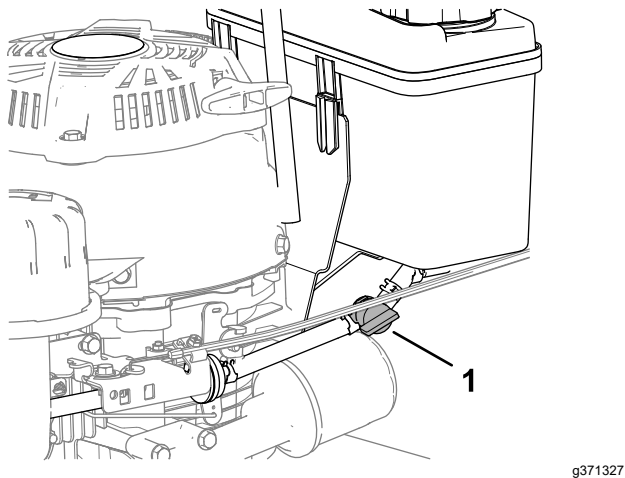
The traction-control lever controls the forward, reverse, and neutral actions of the machine. Refer to [Driving the Machine \(page 14\)](#) for more information.

## Recoil Starter

Pull the recoil-starter handle to start engine (Figure 5).

## Fuel-Shutoff Valve

Close the fuel-shutoff valve before you transport or store the machine.



**Figure 7**

1. Fuel-shutoff valve

## Specifications

Length	150 cm (59 inches)
Width	79 cm (31 inches)
Height	127 cm (50 inches)
Weight (as shipped with 2 weights)	172.4 kg (380 lb)

## 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 authorized Toro distributor or go to [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) for a list of all approved attachments and accessories.

To ensure optimum performance, use only genuine Toro replacement parts and accessories. Replacement parts and accessories made by other manufacturers could be dangerous, and such use could void the product warranty.

# Operation

## Before Operation

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

## Before Operation Safety

### General Safety

- Do not allow children or untrained adults to operate or service the machine. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Operating this machine is strenuous. You must be in good physical condition and mentally alert. If you have any condition that might be aggravated by strenuous work, check with your doctor before operating this machine.
- Shut off the machine and wait for all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's position. Disconnect the spark-plug wire, keep it away from the plug to prevent accidental starting, and allow the machine to cool before adjusting, fueling, unclogging, servicing, cleaning, or storing the machine.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- Check that all guards and safety devices are in place and functioning properly. Do not operate the machine unless they are functioning properly.
- Know how to shut off the engine quickly.
- Keep bystanders, especially small children, and pets out of the operating area.
- Thoroughly inspect the area where you will use the machine and remove all objects that could interfere with the operation of the machine or that the machine could throw.

### Fuel Safety

- Use extreme care in handling fuel. It is extremely flammable and its vapors are explosive.
- Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition.
- Do not remove the fuel cap or add fuel to the tank while the engine is running or hot.
- Allow the engine to cool before filling the fuel tank.
- Do not fill the fuel tank indoors.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank. Replace the fuel cap and tighten it securely after fueling. Clean up spilled fuel before starting the engine.

- To prevent a static charge from igniting the fuel, remove the machine from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground, away from all vehicles. If this is not possible, place a portable fuel container on the ground, away from all vehicles, and fill it; then refuel the machine from the fuel container rather than from a fuel-dispenser nozzle.
- Keep the fuel-dispenser 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 your clothing, change your clothing immediately. Do not attempt to start the engine; move the machine away from the spill and avoid creating a source of ignition until the fuel vapors have dissipated.
- If you must drain the fuel tank, do it outdoors.
- Store fuel in an approved fuel container and keep it out of the reach of children.
- Do not store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light, such as on a water heater or other appliance. Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in any enclosure.
- Fuel is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors can cause serious injury and illness.
  - Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
  - Keep your hands and face away from the nozzle and the fuel-tank opening.
  - Keep fuel away from your eyes and skin.

## Checking the Engine Oil Level

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

Check the engine oil level; refer to [Checking the Engine-Oil Level \(page 24\)](#).

## Fuel Specification

Type	Unleaded gasoline
Minimum octane rating	87 (US) or 91 (research octane; outside the US)
Ethanol	No more than 10% by volume
Methanol	None
MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether)	Less than 15% by volume
Oil	Do not add to the fuel

Use only clean, fresh (no more than 30 days old), fuel from a reputable source.

**Important:** To reduce starting problems, add fuel stabilizer/conditioner to fresh fuel as directed by the fuel-stabilizer/conditioner manufacturer.

## Filling the Fuel Tank

Fuel tank capacity: 3.8 L (1 US gallon)

**Important:** Do not use fuel additives other than a fuel stabilizer/conditioner. Do not use fuel stabilizers with an alcohol base such as ethanol, methanol, or isopropanol.

1. Clean around the fuel-tank cap and remove the cap from the tank. (Figure 9).

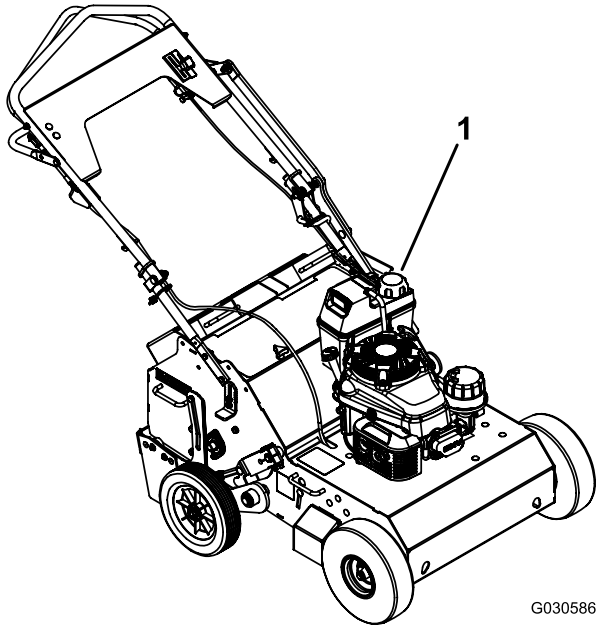


Figure 9

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1. Fuel-tank cap

2. Fill the fuel tank with the specified fuel to within 6 mm (1/4 inch) or more from the top of the tank.

**Important:** Do not fill into the filler neck. Do not fill the tank more than 6 mm (1/4 inch) from the top of the tank because the gasoline needs room to expand.

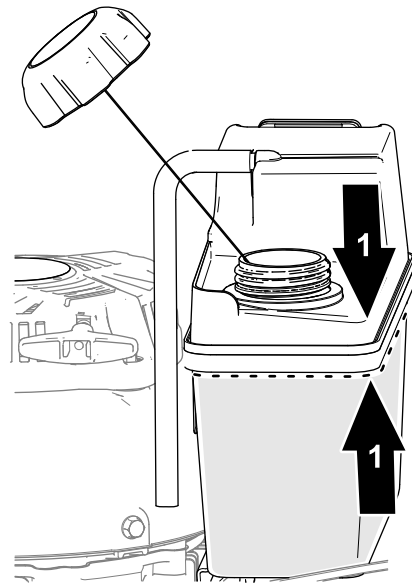


Figure 10

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1. Air gap—6 mm (1/4 inch) or more (fuel level to the top of the tank)
3. Install the cap to the fuel tank, and wipe up any spilled gasoline.

## During Operation

### During Operation Safety

#### General Safety

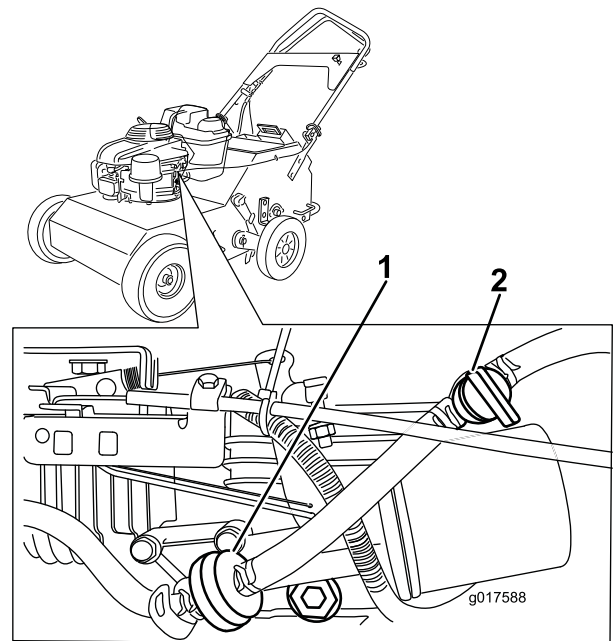
- Use your full attention while operating the machine. Do not engage in any activity that causes distractions; otherwise, injury or property damage may occur.
- Do not operate the machine while ill, tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Wear appropriate clothing, including eye protection; long pants; substantial, slip-resistant footwear; hearing protection; and gloves. Tie back long hair and do not wear loose clothing or loose jewelry.
- Keep your hands, feet, other body parts, and clothing away from rotating tines and moving parts of the machine. The tines begin rotating when you start the engine and may continue to rotate momentarily after you shut off the engine.
- Start the engine carefully according to instructions in this *Operator's Manual* and with your feet well away from the tines.
- Use extreme caution when reversing or pulling the machine toward you. To avoid getting pinned against a structure, allow enough distance to reverse direction near a wall or fence.

- Keep bystanders out of the operating area. Keep small children out of the operating area and under the watchful care of a responsible adult who is not operating the machine. Stop the machine if anyone enters the area.
- Before you start the engine, ensure that all drives are in neutral and you are in the operating position.
- Operate the machine only in good visibility and appropriate weather conditions. Do not operate the machine when there is the risk of lightning.
- Do not attempt to adjust the machine while the engine is running.
- If the machine strikes an object or starts to vibrate abnormally, immediately shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and disconnect the wire from the spark plug before examining the machine for damage. Vibration is often a warning sign of trouble. Make all necessary repairs before resuming operation.
- Do not operate the machine at high transport speeds on hard or slippery surfaces.
- Look behind and down and use care when reversing.
- Do not overload the machine capacity by attempting to aerate too deep and at too fast a rate.
- Do not pick up or carry the machine while the engine is running.
- Exercise caution and be sure of your footing, especially when backing up, to avoid slipping or falling.
- Be careful when operating the machine in hard ground. The tines can catch in the ground and propel the machine forward. If this occurs, let go of the machine; do not try to restrain it.
- Exercise extreme caution when crossing gravel surfaces. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic.
- Do not leave a running machine unattended.
- Shut off the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's position. Disconnect the spark-plug wire, keep it away from the plug to prevent accidental starting, and allow the machine to cool before adjusting, fueling, unclogging, servicing, cleaning, or storing the machine.
- Operate the engine only in well-ventilated areas. Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, which is an odorless, deadly poison.
- Use only accessories and attachments approved by Toro.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine.

- Always be sure of your footing; keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run.
- Be alert, slow down, and use caution when making turns. Look behind and to the side before reversing direction.
- Do not operate the machine on steep slopes.
- Allow the muffler and engine area to cool before touching them.
- The tines should not rotate when the engine is idling; if they do rotate, contact your Authorized Service Dealer.
- If an object becomes lodged in the tines, shut off the engine, disconnect the wire from the spark plug, and allow the engine to cool before removing the object.

## Starting the Engine

1. Ensure that the spark-plug wire is connect to the spark plug.
2. Open the fuel-shutoff valve ([Figure 11](#)).



**Figure 11**

1. Fuel filter
2. Fuel valve—OFF position

3. Set the throttle lever as follows:
  - If the engine is cold, move the throttle control all the way forward to the CHOKE position ([Figure 12](#)).

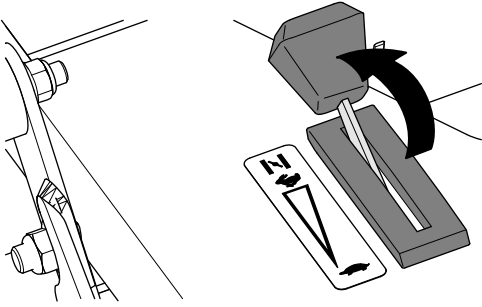


Figure 12

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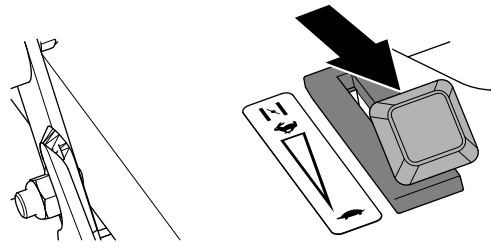


Figure 14

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- If the engine is warm, move the throttle control to the FAST position (Figure 13).  
A warm engine requires little or no choke to start.

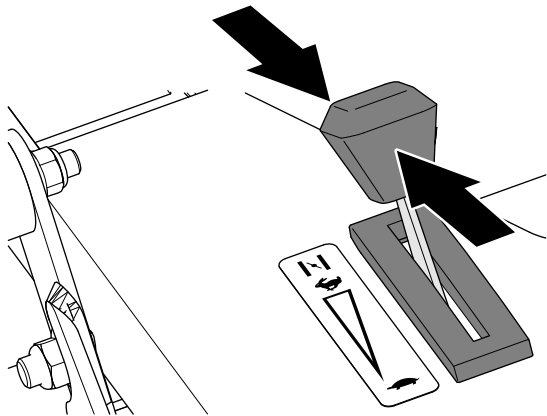


Figure 13

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4. Pull the starter handle lightly until you feel resistance, then pull it sharply. Allow the rope to return to the handle slowly.
5. If you moved the throttle control to the CHOKE position, when the engine starts—move the throttle control toward the FAST position.

**Note:** The throttle setting governs the maximum drive speed of the machine.

## Stopping the Engine

1. Release the traction control handle, and allow it to return to NEUTRAL.
2. Move the throttle lever all the way rearward to SLOW position (Figure 14).

## Driving the Machine

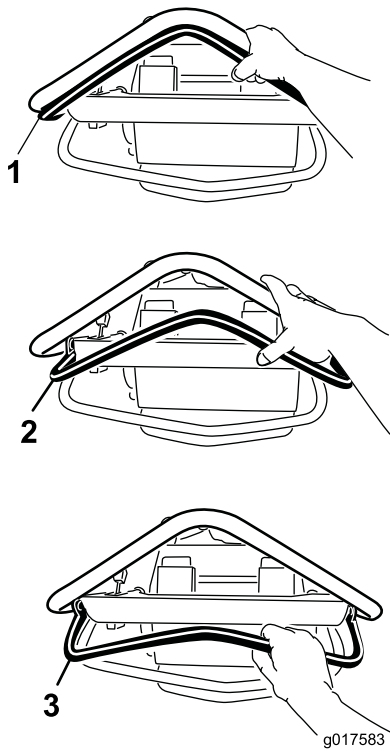
- To move forward, press the control lever forward (Figure 15). The further forward you push it, the faster the machine will travel.
- To move in reverse, pull the control lever rearward (Figure 15). The further rearward you pull it, the faster the machine will travel.

### ⚠ WARNING

The aerator tines are sharp and can puncture your feet or other body parts.

Use extreme care when moving in reverse so that you do not allow your feet to go close to the tines. Watch for and avoid obstacles you could trip over.

- To turn the machine, move slowly and press down on the handles; turn the machine in the desired direction then resume normal operation.
  - To make zero turns, pull up on the tine ground engagement lever and raise the tines.
- Important:** Do not make a zero turn when the tines are down. Turning with the tines down will result in turf tearing.
- To stop, release the control lever (Figure 15).

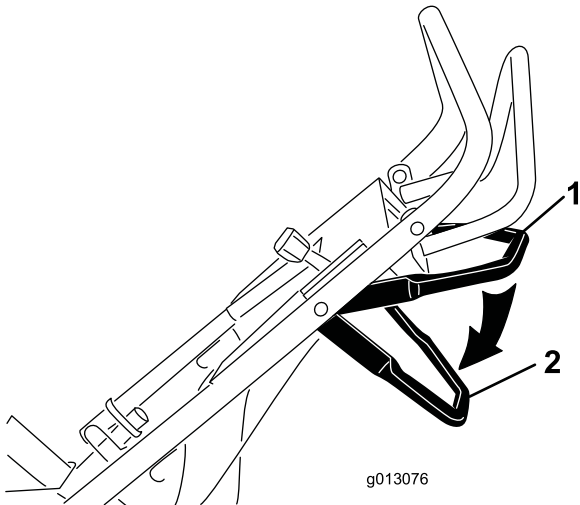


**Figure 15**

1. Forward
2. Neutral (Stop)
3. Reverse

## Aerating

1. Drive the machine to the desired location and stop it.
2. Push the tine control lever down and forward to raise the rear wheels and engage the tines.



**Figure 16**

1. Tine control lever—tines disengaged from the ground
2. Tine control lever—tines engaged into the ground

3. Drive the machine to aerate the desired area.

**Note:** The machine aerates in both forward and reverse.

4. When finished, stop the machine and pull the tine control lever rearward and up to lower the rear wheels and lifts the tines out of the ground.

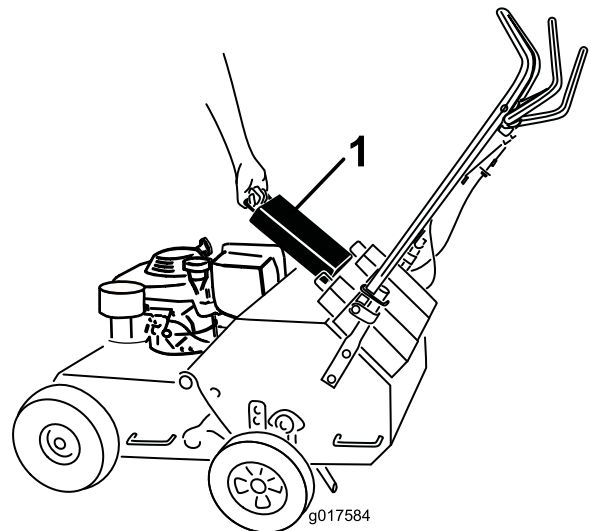
**Important:** Do not drive the machine across pavement or other hard surfaces without first raising the tines. Crossing hard surfaces with the tines lowered will damage the tines.

## Adding Weight

The removable weights are heavy. Use care when lifting them. Make sure that you can grasp them securely before lifting them. Use caution when positioning your hands so that you do not set the weight down on your hands or fingers.

To ensure that the tines penetrate fully into the soil, you can add weight to the back of the machine. The machine has 3 weight pockets that hold the weights (Figure 17). When placing weights, ensure that you have a balance the weights across the machine. If you use only 1 weight, place it in the center pocket, and if you use 2 weights, place them in the side pockets.

**Note:** If you added extra optional weight(s) to the machine, raising the tines requires significant effort.



**Figure 17**

1. Weight

# Adjusting the Coring Depth

A coring depth of 6.35 cm (2-1/2 inches) is recommended, but you can change the depth as follows:

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug.
3. Loosen the nuts securing the wheel stop on the right side of the machine (Figure 18).

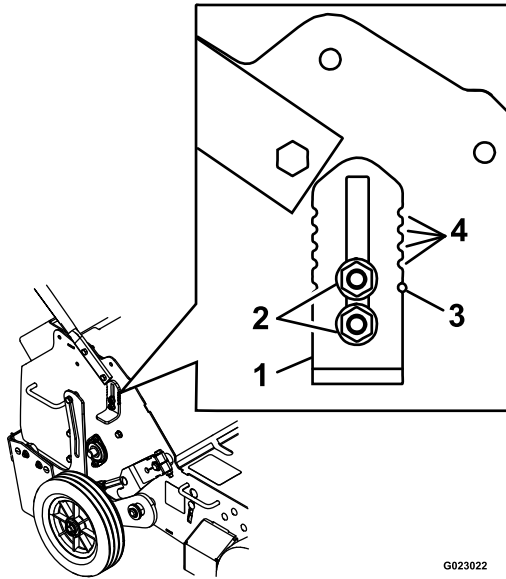


Figure 18

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. Wheel stop | 3. Indicator hole    |
| 2. Nuts       | 4. Indicator notches |

4. Lower the wheel stop to reduce the coring depth; raise the wheel stop to increase the coring depth.
5. Tighten the nuts securely to lock the wheel stop in place.
6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for the wheel stop on the left side of the machine. Use the visual indicator notches in the wheel stop and indicator holes in the frame to set the wheel stops to the same height on each side (see Figure 18).
7. Connect the spark-plug wire to the spark plug.

# Adjusting the Tine-Control Lever

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Raise the tines to the transport position.
3. Attempt to lock the transport latch pin into the lower arm; refer to Figure 19.

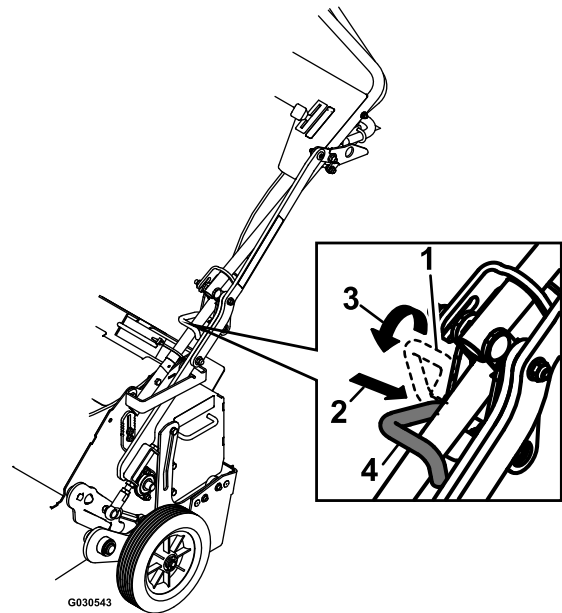


Figure 19

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Transport latch pin—unlocked | 3. Rotate latch pin over handle. |
| 2. Push into lower arm.         | 4. Transport latch pin—locked    |

**Note:** If the pin engages and locks, the tine-control lever is correctly adjusted. If the pin does not engage or lock, then perform steps 4 through 8.

4. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug.
5. Note the location of the pin in relation to the bushing.
6. Loosen the jam nuts on the adjuster bolt (Figure 20).

**Note:** If the transport latch pin aligns below the bushing, rotate the bolt **counterclockwise** until you can lock the pin.

If the transport latch pin aligns at the top of the bushing, rotate the bolt **clockwise** until you can lock the pin.



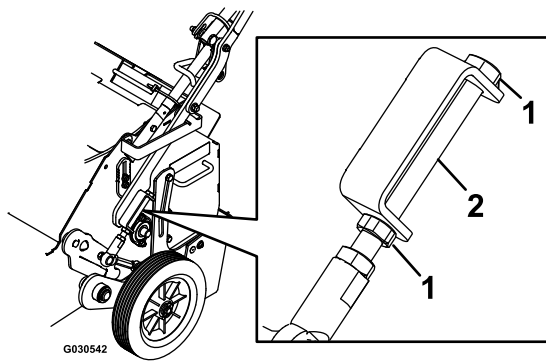


Figure 20

1. Jam nut
2. Adjuster bolt

7. Tighten the jam nuts and verify that the transport latch pin locks and unlocks.
8. Connect the spark-plug wire to the spark plug.

## Folding the Handlebar

1. Move the 2 handle-lock rings rearward (Figure 21).

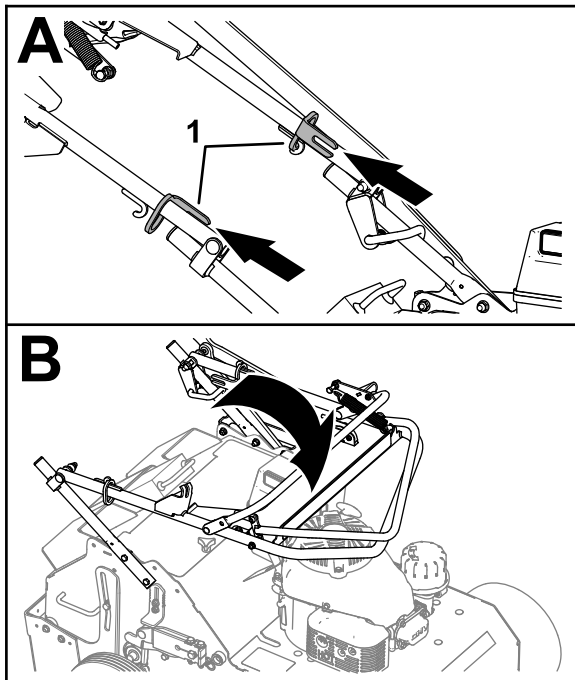


Figure 21

1. Handle-lock rings
2. Fold the handlebar toward the engine.

## Extending the Handlebar

1. Extend the handlebar (Figure 22).

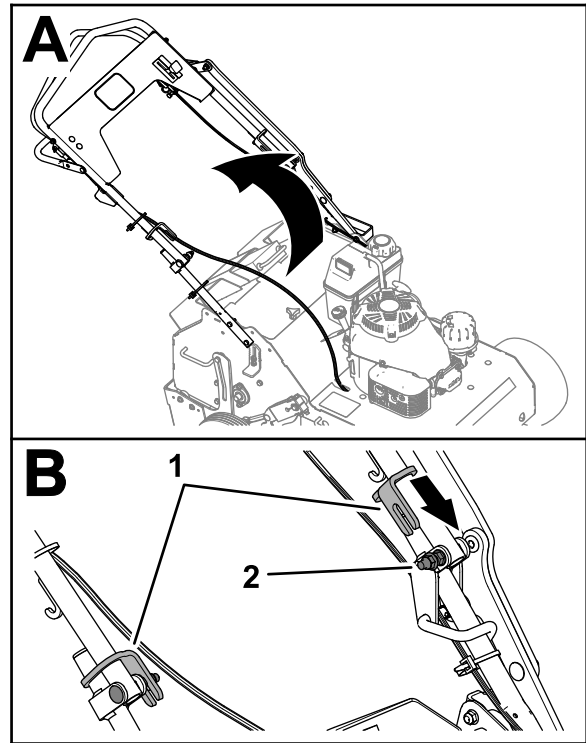


Figure 22

1. Handle-lock rings
2. Carriage bolt

2. Move the 2 handle-lock rings forward into the slot in the lock ring is full engaged with the carriage bolts of the upper and lower handle halves.

## Operating Tips

- For best performance and maximum tine penetration, water the turf thoroughly the day before aerating.
- Clean the area of debris before using the machine.
- Mark and avoid shallow obstacles such as sprinkler heads and invisible fence wires.

## After Operation

### After Operation Safety

#### General Safety

- Shut off the machine and wait for all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's position. Disconnect the spark-plug wire, keep it away from the plug to prevent accidental starting, and allow the machine to cool before adjusting, fueling,

unclogging, servicing, cleaning, or storing the machine.

- Clean debris from the machine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spills.

## Hauling Safety

- Disconnect the wire from the spark plug before loading the machine for hauling.
- Use care when loading or unloading the machine.

## Hauling the Machine

**Important:** Do not operate or drive the machine on roadways.

1. Drive the machine onto a trailer, stop the machine, shut off the engine, close the fuel valve, and disconnect the spark-plug wire.

**Important:** If you do not close the fuel valve, the engine may flood when you haul the machine.

2. Move the transport locking pin (Figure 23) on the handle into the TRANSPORT position.

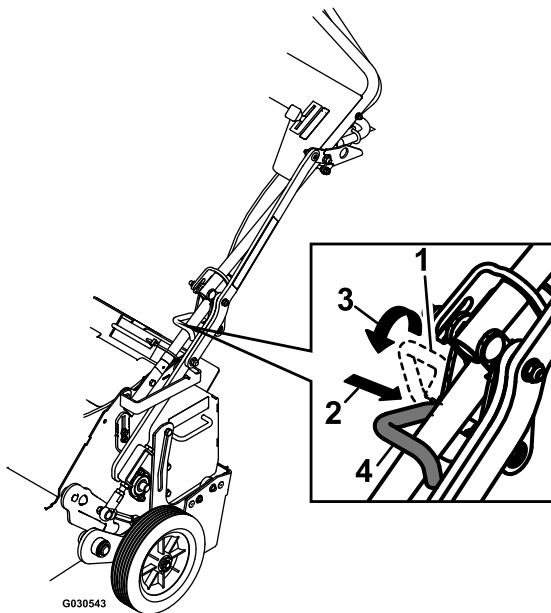


Figure 23

1. Transport latch pin—Unlocked position
2. Push into the lower arm.
3. Rotate the latch pin over the handle.
4. Transport latch pin—Locked position

3. Lift the handle to lock it in the transport position.
4. Slide the transport latch pin through the bushing in the top of the lower arm.
5. Rotate the transport latch pin down and lock the end over the handle tube.

6. Close the fuel-shutoff valve.
7. Secure the machine to the trailer with chains or straps using the tie-down/lift loops (Figure 24).

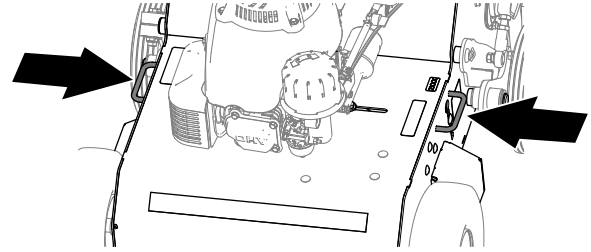


Figure 24

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# Maintenance

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

**Note:** Download a free copy of the electrical or hydraulic schematic by visiting [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) and searching for your machine from the Manuals link on the home page.

## Maintenance Safety

- Inspect the machine frequently to ensure that it is in safe working condition and that shear bolts, engine-mounting bolts, and other fasteners are properly tightened. Replace worn or damaged parts.
- Shut off the machine and wait for all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's position. Disconnect the spark-plug wire, keep it away from the plug to prevent accidental starting, and allow the machine to cool before adjusting, fueling, unclogging, servicing, cleaning, or storing the machine.
- Keep your hands, feet, other body parts, and clothing away from rotating tines and moving parts of the machine. The tines begin rotating when you start the engine and may continue to rotate momentarily after you shut off the engine.
- Wear gloves and eye protection when servicing the machine.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- To ensure optimum performance of the machine, use only genuine Toro replacement parts and accessories. Replacement parts and accessories made by other manufacturers could be dangerous, and such use could void the product warranty.
- Replace tines that are bent, damaged, or loose; do not repair or alter them.
- Keep the machine, attachments, and accessories in safe working condition.
- Do not attempt to repair the machine unless you have the proper tools and instructions for disassembling, assembling, and repairing the machine.

## Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 5 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the engine oil.</li> </ul>
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the engine oil level.</li> <li>• Check the condition and tension of the tine-drive chains.</li> <li>• Check the condition of the front drive chains.</li> <li>• Check the condition of the drive chain sprockets.</li> <li>• Lubricate the tine-drive chains.</li> <li>• Check the condition of the coring tines and replace any that are damaged or excessively worn.</li> <li>• Clean the machine.</li> <li>• Check for loose fasteners.</li> <li>• Clean the engine and exhaust system area.</li> <li>• Clean grass and debris buildup from the machine.</li> </ul>
Every 25 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grease tine shaft bearings.</li> <li>• Grease tine assembly idlers.</li> <li>• Lubricate the front drive chains.</li> <li>• Clean the foam pre-cleaner (more frequently in dusty conditions).</li> <li>• Check belt tension.</li> </ul>
Every 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the engine oil.</li> <li>• Check the spark arrester (if equipped).</li> <li>• Check for leaks in the fuel systems and/or deteriorating fuel hose.</li> <li>• Check the tire pressures.</li> </ul>
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the oil filter.</li> <li>• Clean the fuel tank.</li> <li>• Change the hydraulic transaxle fluid.</li> </ul>

<b>Maintenance Service Interval</b>	<b>Maintenance Procedure</b>
Every 250 hours	• Replace the fuel filter (more frequently in dusty conditions).
Every 300 hours	• Replace the air cleaner elements (more frequently in dusty conditions).
Yearly or before storage	• Touch up chipped paint.

# Pre-Maintenance Procedures

## Preparing for Maintenance

### ⚠ CAUTION

If you leave the spark plug wire connected, someone could accidentally start the engine and seriously injure you or bystanders.

Disconnect the spark-plug wire, and ensure that the wire does not contact the spark plug.

1. Park the machine on a level surface.
2. Shut off the engine.
3. Disconnect the spark-plug wire.
4. Wait for the engine to cool.

**Important:** When machine maintenance is complete, connect the spark-plug wire.

## Removing the Tine Access Cover

1. Remove the 2 knobs that secure the tine access cover to the tine housing (Figure 25).

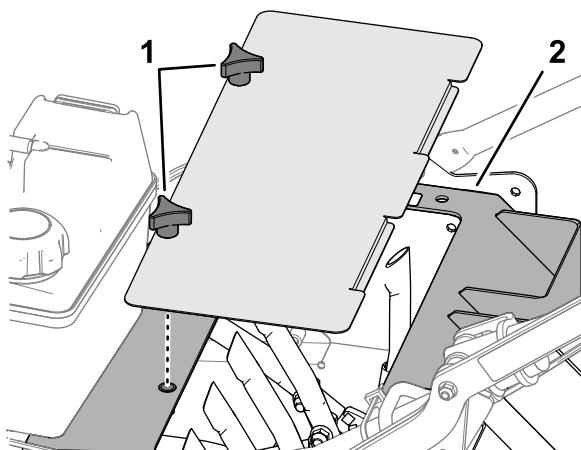


Figure 25

1. Knobs (rear access cover) 2. Tine housing

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2. Tilt the cover slightly and remove the rear access cover from the machine.

## Installing the Tine Access Cover

### ⚠ WARNING

If you operate the machine with the rear access panel removed, someone could be severely injured by contact with the moving tines or by flying debris.

Always securely install the rear access panel before operating the machine.

1. Align the tabs of the tine access cover with the opening in the tine housing (Figure 26).

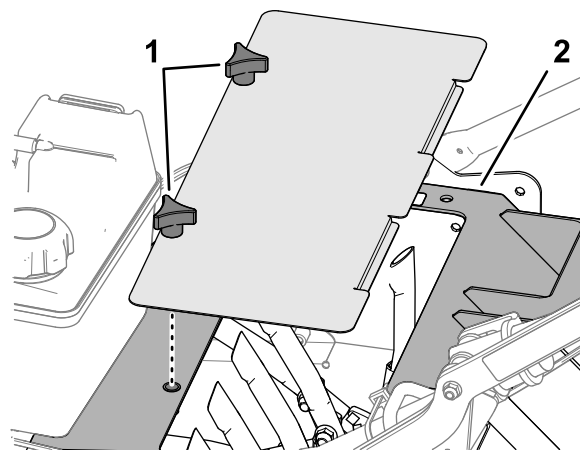


Figure 26

1. Knobs (rear access cover)
2. Tine housing

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2. Align the threaded shaft of the knobs with the threaded inserts in the housing.
3. Secure the cover to the housings with the knobs.

## Raising the Front of the Machine

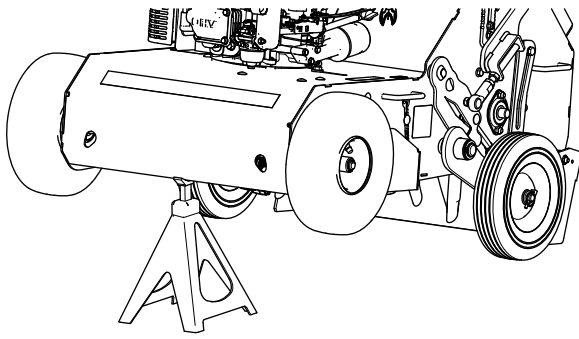
### ⚠ CAUTION

If you do not securely support the front of the machine before performing maintenance, the machine could fall on you, causing serious injury.

Support the front of the machine with a jack stand or block.

1. If you need to work on the underside of the machine, tip it backward (Figure 27).

**Important:** Do not tip the machine forward or you will fill the air cleaner with gasoline.



**Figure 27**

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2. Support the front of the machine with a jack stand.

## Lubrication

### Greasing the Tine Shaft Bearings

**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours

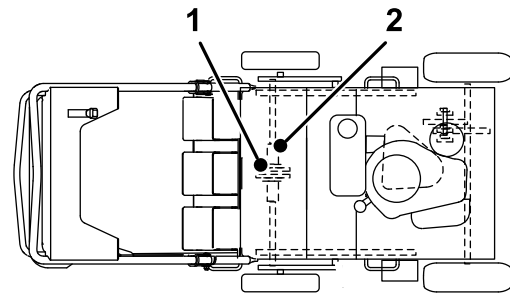
Every 25 hours

**Grease Specification:** NGLI grade No. 2 multi-purpose

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#)
2. Remove the rear access panel; refer to [Removing the Tine Access Cover \(page 21\)](#).
3. Lubricate the grease fittings with a grease gun and the specified grease; refer to the Lubrication Chart for the fitting locations.

#### Lubrication Chart

Fitting Location	Initial Number of Pumps	Number of Places
1. Tine Shaft Bearings	1	2
2. Tine Assembly Idlers	1-2	2



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4. Install the rear access panel; refer to [Installing the Tine Access Cover \(page 21\)](#).

### Lubricating and Checking the Drive Chains and Sprockets

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily—Check the condition and tension of the tine-drive chains.

Before each use or daily—Check the condition of the front drive chains.

Before each use or daily—Check the condition of the drive chain sprockets.

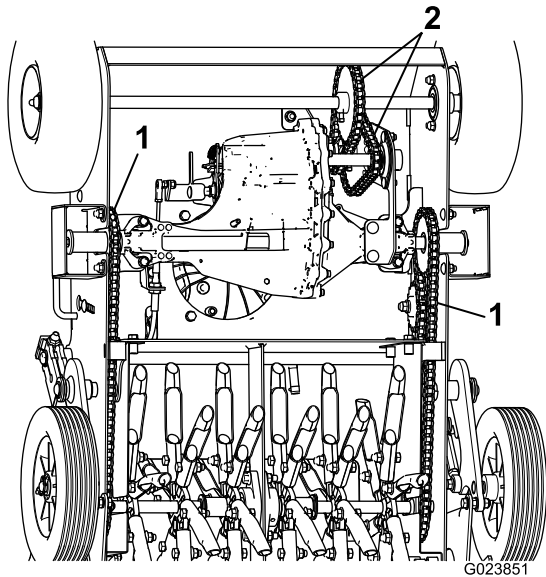
Before each use or daily—Lubricate the tine-drive chains.

Every 25 hours

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
2. Tip up the front of the machine, and support it with jack stands; refer to [Raising the Front of the Machine \(page 21\)](#).

**Important:** Do not tip the machine forward or you will fill the air cleaner with gasoline.

3. Rotate the front wheels and apply oil or chain lubricant onto the chain links of the lower spans of the front drive chains ([Figure 28](#)).



**Figure 28**

1. Tine-drive chains
2. Front drive chains

4. Check the front drive chains ([Figure 28](#)) for wear, damage, and proper tension.

**Note:** If chains pop or snap, replace the sprockets and chains.

5. Rotate tine shafts and apply oil or chain lubricant onto all the links of the lower spans of the tine-drive chains ([Figure 28](#)).

6. Check the chains on both sides of the machine for wear, damage, and proper tension.

**Note:** The chains should be able to move up and down 6 mm (1/4 inch) maximum.

**Note:** If chains are not tight enough or they pop or snap, adjust the chain tension; refer to [Adjusting Tine-Drive Chain Tension \(page 30\)](#).

7. Inspect all chain sprockets for wear and replace them as required.
8. Wipe up any oil that spilled and lower the machine to the ground

# Engine Maintenance

## Servicing the Air Cleaner

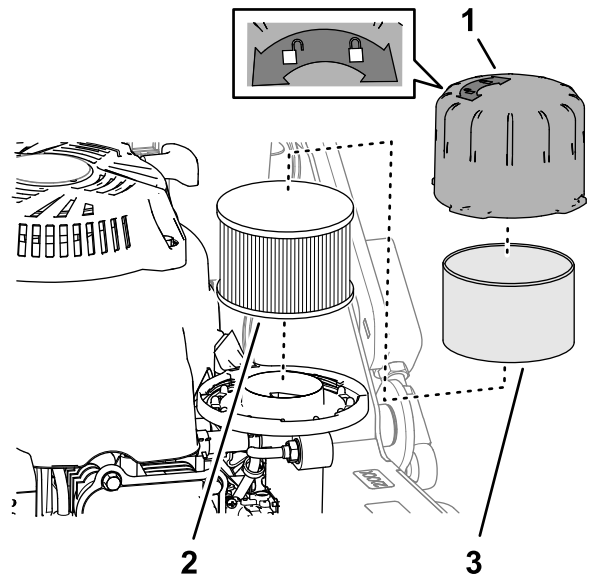
**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours—Clean the foam pre-cleaner (more frequently in dusty conditions).

Every 300 hours—Replace the air cleaner elements (more frequently in dusty conditions).

**Important:** Do not operate the engine without the air filter assembly; extreme engine damage may occur.

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#)
2. Remove the air-cleaner cover, and clean it thoroughly ([Figure 29](#)).

**Note:** Be careful to prevent dirt and debris from falling into the base.



**Figure 29**

1. Air-cleaner cover
2. Air-filter element
3. Foam pre-cleaner

3. Remove the foam pre-cleaner and wash it with a mild detergent and water, then blot it dry ([Figure 29](#)).

4. Remove and inspect the air-filter element ([Figure 29](#)); if it is excessively dirty, replace it.

**Important:** Do not try to clean the air-filter element.

5. Assemble the foam pre-cleaner onto the air-filter element.

**Note:** Use a new air-filter element if you discarded the old one.

6. Wipe dirt from the air-filter base with a moist rag.

**Note:** Be careful to prevent dirt and debris from entering the air duct leading to the carburetor.

7. Install the filter element onto the filter base, and install the and air-cleaner cover.

## Engine Oil Specification

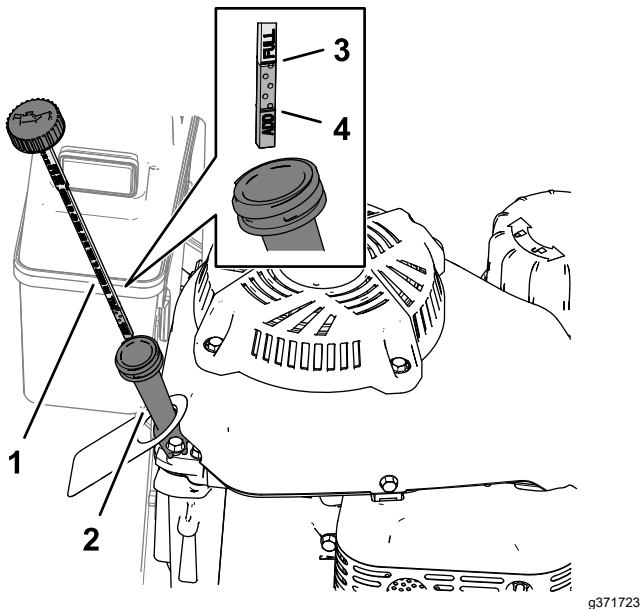
**Service Classification:** American Petroleum Institute (API) SJ or higher

**Oil Viscosity:** SAE 10W-30

**Oil Type:** detergent oil

## Checking the Engine-Oil Level

1. Move the machine to a level surface.
2. Clean around the dipstick ([Figure 30](#)).



**Figure 30**

1. Dipstick
  2. Filler neck
  3. Full mark
  4. Add mark
3. Loosen dipstick cap counterclockwise, and remove the dipstick from the filler neck.
  4. Wipe the dipstick clean with a clean cloth.
  5. Insert the dipstick into the filler neck—**do not rotate the cap**—then remove dipstick.
  6. Read the oil level on the dipstick.
  7. If the oil level is below the add mark on the dipstick, remove it, and slowly add enough of the specified oil into the filler neck to raise the oil level to the full mark on the dipstick.

**Important:** Do not overfill the crankcase with oil and run the engine; engine damage

**will result. Drain the excess oil until the oil level reaches the upper limit mark on the dipstick.**

8. Insert the dipstick into the filler neck, and tighten the dipstick cap.

## Engine Oil Capacity

With oil filter	0.85 L (29 oz)
Without oil filter	0.65 L (22 oz)

## Changing the Engine Oil

**Service Interval:** After the first 5 hours

Every 50 hours

### ⚠ WARNING

Oil may be hot after engine has been run, and contact with hot oil can cause severe personal injury.

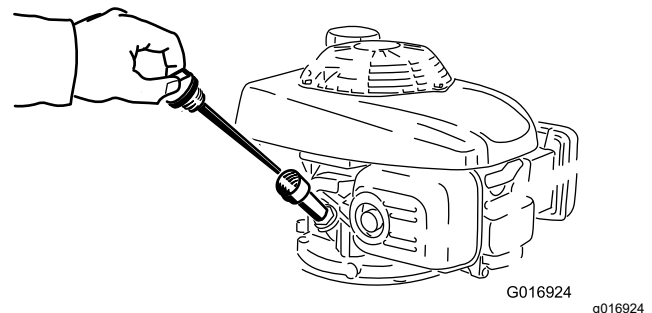
Avoid contacting the hot engine oil when you drain it.

## Draining the Engine Oil

1. Run the engine to warm the engine oil.

**Note:** Warm oil flows better and carries more contaminants.

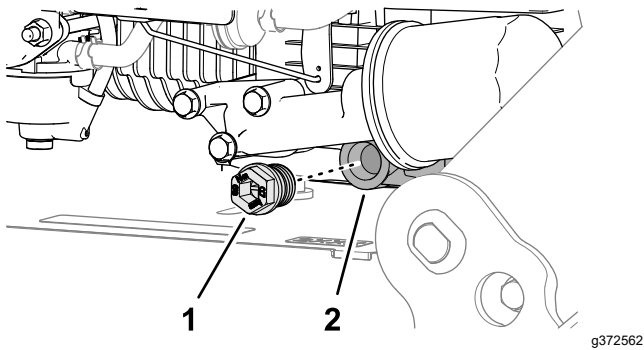
2. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
3. Remove the dipstick ([Figure 31](#)).



**Figure 31**

4. Align a drain pan along the left side of the engine.
5. Remove the oil-drain plug from the drain port of the engine ([Figure 32](#)), and tip the machine so that the oil flows into the pan.

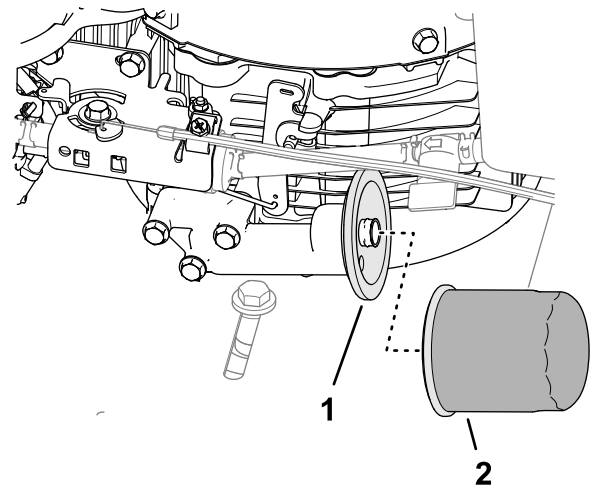




**Figure 32**

1. Oil-drain plug
2. Drain port

6. Tip the machine upright again, clean the oil from the frame with a rag.
7. Install the drain plug, and tighten it to 6.9 N-m (61 in-lb).



**Figure 33**

1. Oil-filter adapter
2. Oil filter

4. Wipe clean the mounting surface of the filter adapter.

## Adding Oil to the Engine

1. Slowly pour the specified oil into the oil fill tube, periodically checking the level with the dipstick, until the oil level is at the full mark; refer to [Engine Oil Specification \(page 24\)](#), [Engine Oil Capacity \(page 24\)](#), and [Checking the Engine-Oil Level \(page 24\)](#).

**Important:** Do not overfill the engine with oil. If you overfill the engine, pour some oil out of it.

2. Insert the dipstick into the filler neck, and tighten the dipstick cap.

## Changing the Oil Filter

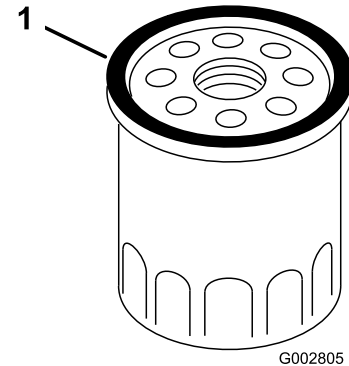
### Removing the Oil Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

1. Drain the engine oil; refer to [Draining the Engine Oil \(page 24\)](#).
2. Place a rag under the oil filter ([Figure 32](#)) to catch oil when you remove the filter.
3. Remove the filter from the oil-filter adapter ([Figure 33](#)).

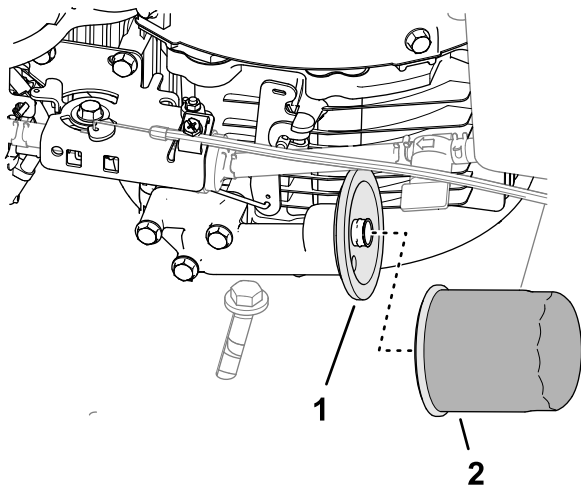
### Installing the Oil Filter

1. Apply a coat of the specified oil onto the gasket of the new oil filter ([Figure 34](#)); refer to [Engine Oil Specification \(page 24\)](#).



**Figure 34**

1. Gasket (oil filter)
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2. Thread the filter onto the oil-filter adapter until the gasket is flush to the adapter, then hand tighten the filter another 2/3 turn.



**Figure 35**

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1. Oil-filter adapter                      2. Oil filter

3. Add oil to the engine; refer to [Adding Oil to the Engine \(page 25\)](#)
4. Connect the spark-plug wire, start the engine, and run it for 3 minutes.
5. Stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and check for oil leakage around the filter.
6. Check the engine-oil level, and add oil as needed; refer to [Checking the Engine-Oil Level \(page 24\)](#).

## 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 refuel or run engine unless spark arrester is installed.**

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#)
2. Ensure that the muffler is cool.
3. Check the spark arrester for any breaks in the screen or welds.

**Note:** If the spark arrester is worn or damaged, replace the arrester.

# Fuel System Maintenance

## Cleaning the Fuel Tank

Service Interval: Every 100 hours

### Emptying the Fuel Tank

The fuel filter (screen) element is located inside the fuel tank.

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).

**Important:** Empty the fuel tank when the engine is cool.

2. Place a drain pan with a 3.8 L (1 US gallon) or greater capacity at the left side of the engine.
3. Close the fuel valve ([Figure 42](#)).
4. At the carburetor, squeeze the ends of the hose clamp together and move it away from the fuel fitting ([Figure 36](#)).

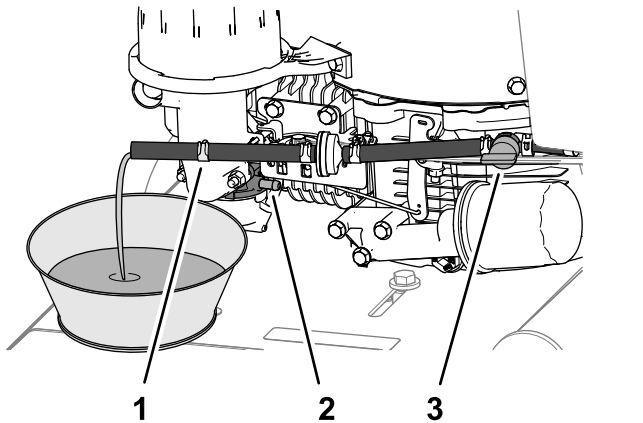


Figure 36

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1. Hose clamp
2. Fuel fitting (carburetor)
3. Fuel-shutoff valve

5. Disconnect the fuel hose from the fitting.
6. Align the fuel hose over the drain pan, and open the fuel-shutoff valve.
7. Wait for the fuel to completely drain from the tank, and close the shutoff valve.

### Removing and Cleaning the Tank

1. Remove the 2 flange-head bolts that secure the fuel tank to the tank-mounting bracket ([Figure 37](#)).

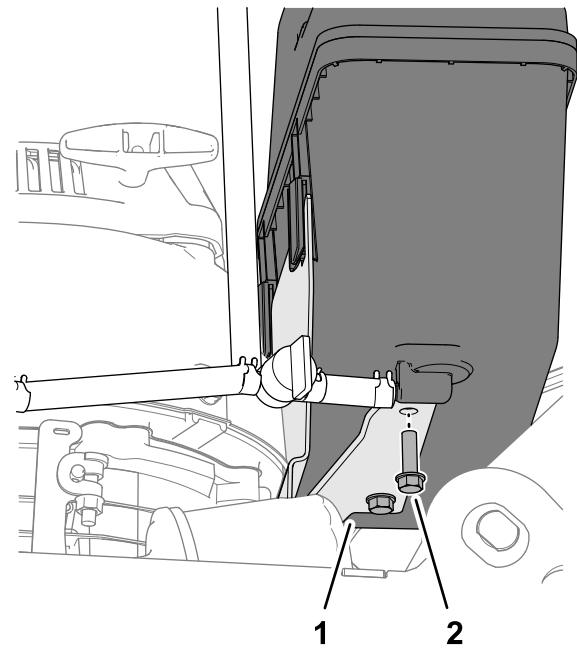


Figure 37

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1. Capscrew
2. Tank-mounting bracket

2. Lift the tank from the bracket ([Figure 38](#)).

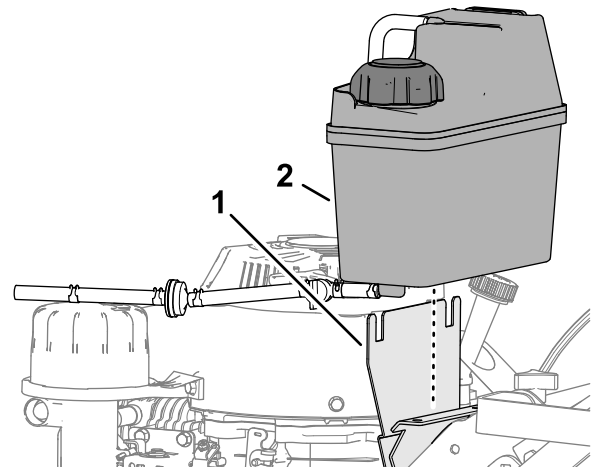


Figure 38

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1. Fuel tank
2. Tank-mounting bracket

3. Plug the vent hose.
4. Remove the fuel-tank cap, pour a small amount of fuel in the fuel tank, and gently shake the fuel in the tank.
5. Remove the cap from the tank, and pour the fuel into an approved fuel container.
6. Install the fuel-tank cap.
7. Remove the plug from the vent hose

## Installing the Tank

1. Align the tabs of the fuel tank with the plate of the tank-mounting bracket (Figure 39).

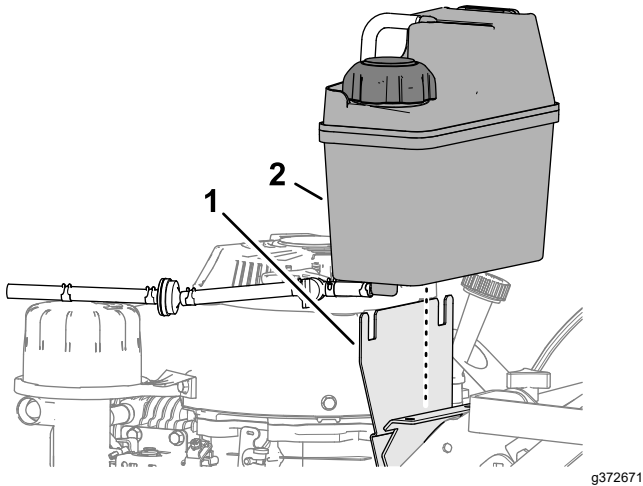


Figure 39

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1. Fuel tank
2. Tank-mounting bracket

2. Secure the tank to the flange of the tank-mounting bracket with the 2 flange-head bolts (Figure 40).

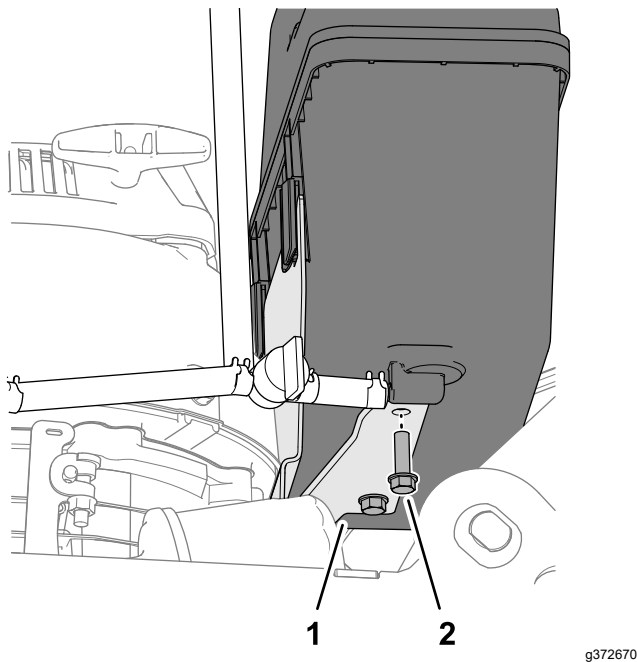


Figure 40

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1. Capscrew
2. Tank-mounting bracket

3. Assemble the fuel hose over the carburetor-fuel fitting (Figure 41).

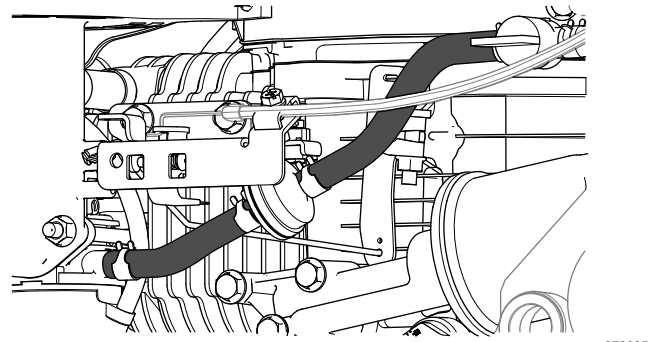


Figure 41

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4. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamp together and move it over the fitting.
  5. Pour fuel into the tank, open the fuel-shutoff valve, and check for leaks.
- Note:** Repair all fuel leaks.
6. Close the fuel-shutoff valve.

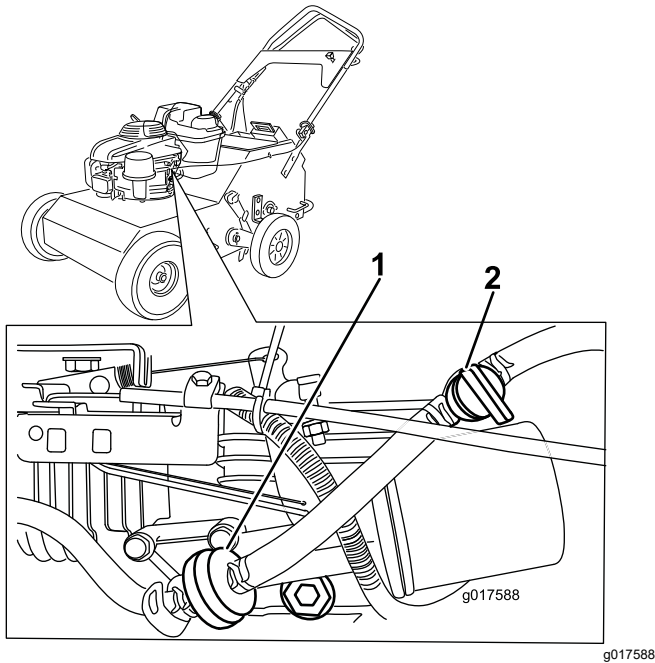
# Replacing the Fuel Filter

**Service Interval:** Every 250 hours

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).

**Important:** Replace the fuel filter when the engine is cool.

2. Close the fuel-shutoff valve.
3. Place a small drain pan under the fuel filter.
4. Squeeze the ends of the hose clamps together and move them away from the filter ([Figure 42](#)).



**Figure 42**

1. Fuel filter
2. Fuel valve

5. Remove the filter from the fuel hoses.
6. Install the hoses onto the fittings of the new filter ([Figure 42](#)).
7. Secure the hoses to the fittings with the hose clamps.
8. Open the fuel-shutoff valve, and check for leaks.

# Drive System Maintenance

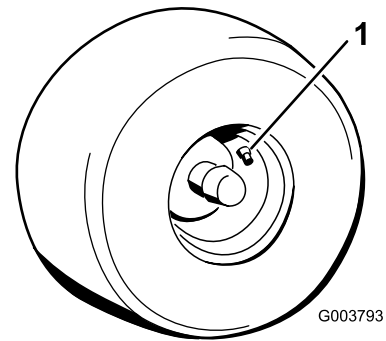
## Checking Tire-Air Pressure

**Service Interval:** Every 50 hours

**Air pressure specification:** 83-97 kPa (12-14 psi)

**Note:** To get the most accurate measurement, check the air pressure when the tires are cold.

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
2. Measure the air pressure in the tires.
3. If the air pressure is higher than or less than 83-97 kPa (12-14 psi), remove air from or add air to the tire.



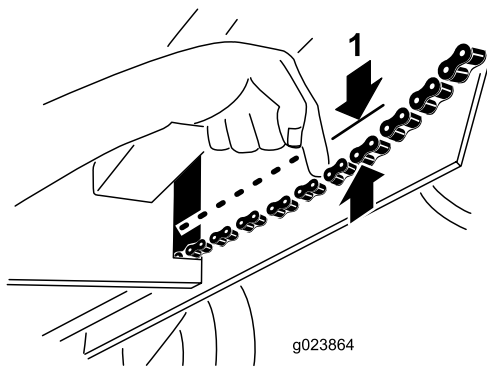
**Figure 43**

1. Valve stem

## Checking Tine-Drive Chain Tension

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
2. Ensure that the tines are raised.
3. Raise the front of the machine and support it; refer to [Raising the Front of the Machine \(page 21\)](#).
4. Pull down on the tine-drive chain near the opening in the frame with 9 kg (20 lb) of force ([Figure 44](#)).

**Note:** If a chain deflects more than 3 mm (1/8 inch), adjust the chain tension; refer to [Adjusting Tine-Drive Chain Tension \(page 30\)](#).



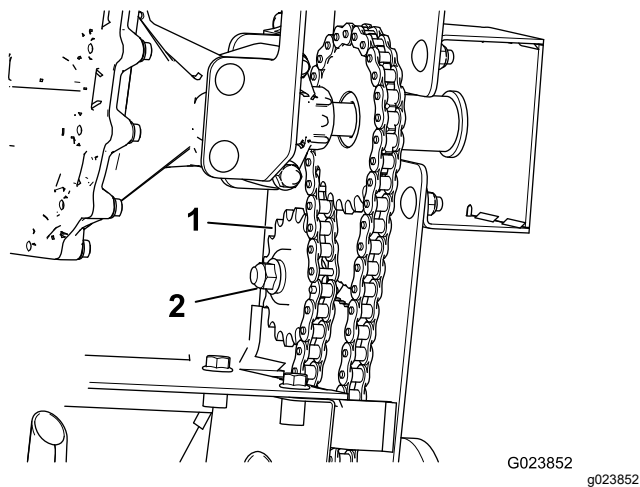
**Figure 44**

1. Flex in the chain

5. Repeat step 4 at the other tine-drive chain.
6. Lower the machine and install the spark-plug wire.

## Adjusting Tine-Drive Chain Tension

1. Loosen the nut securing the idler sprocket of the chain you are tensioning (Figure 45).



**Figure 45**

1. Idler sprocket
2. Nut

2. Pull down on the idler sprocket until the slack is taken out of the chain.
3. Tighten the idler sprocket nut and torque it to 40.6 N-m (30 ft-lb).
4. Pull down on the chain near the opening in the frame with 9 kg (20 lb) of force (Figure 44).

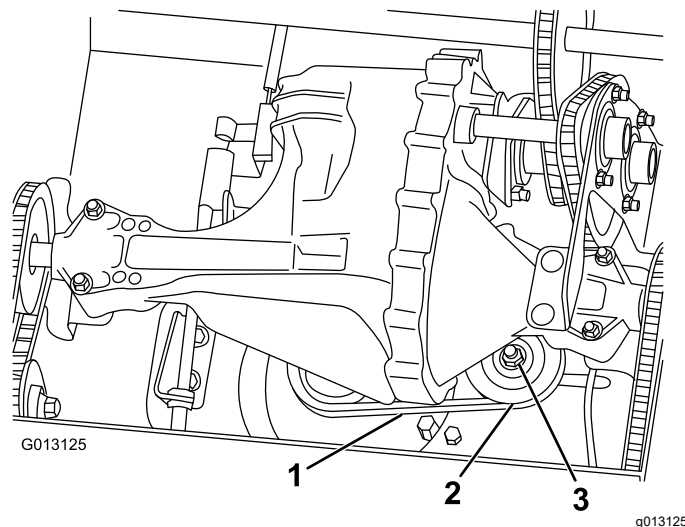
**Note:** The chain should deflect 3 mm (1/8 inch) or less.

# Belt Maintenance

## Checking Belt Tension

**Service Interval:** Every 25 hours

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
2. Raise the front of the machine; refer to [Raising the Front of the Machine \(page 21\)](#).
3. Push on the drive belt midway between the pulleys with 9 kg (20 lb) of force (Figure 46).



**Figure 46**

1. Pump-drive belt
2. Idler pulley
3. Idler-pulley nut

**Note:** If the belt deflects more than 3 mm (1/8 inch), tension the belt; refer to [Adjusting Belt Tension \(page 31\)](#).

## Adjusting Belt Tension

1. Loosen the nut that secures the idler pulley (Figure 46).

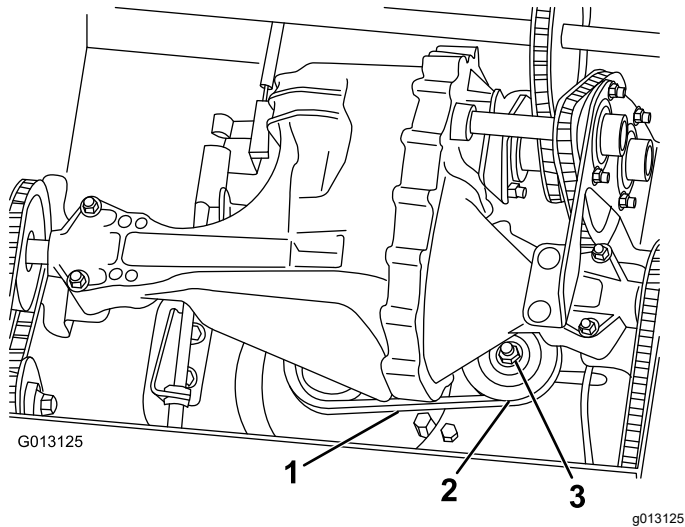


Figure 47

2. Push the idler pulley to the left to tighten the belt.
3. Tighten the idler-pulley nut and torque it to 40.6 N-m (30 ft-lb).
4. Push on the drive belt midway between the pulleys with 9 kg (20 lb) of force.

**Note:** The belt should deflect 3 mm (1/8 inch) or less.

## Controls System Maintenance

### Checking the Traction-Control Handle Adjustment

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
2. Ensure that the tines are raised.
3. Squeeze the traction-control handle to the handlebar until the transaxle is fully engaged.

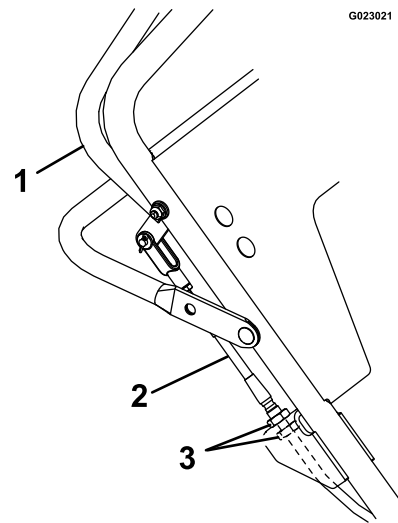


Figure 48

1. Traction-control handle
2. Cable
3. Top/bottom adjustment nuts

**Note:** If the traction-control handle the handlebar, continue as follows:

4. Measure the gap between the traction-control handle and the handlebar.

**Note:** The traction-control handle is correctly adjusted if the gap is 3 mm (1/8 inch).

5. If the gap between the traction-control handle and the handlebar is less than 3 mm (1/8 inch), adjust the traction-control handle; refer to [Adjusting the Traction-Control Handle \(page 32\)](#).

# Adjusting the Traction-Control Handle

1. Release the traction-control handle.
2. Loosen the top adjustment nut 1 turn and tighten the bottom adjustment nut.

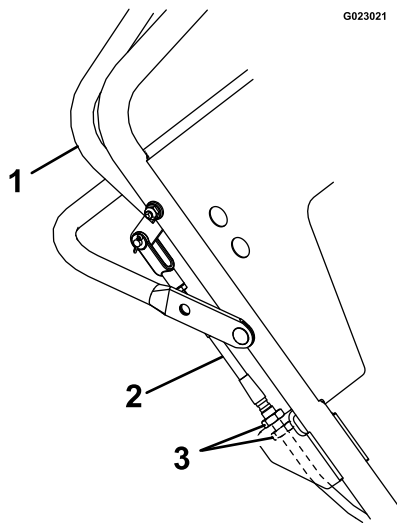


Figure 49

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1. Traction-control handle
2. Cable
3. Top/bottom adjustment nuts

3. Squeeze the traction-control handle to the handlebar.
4. Measure the gap between the traction-control handle and the handlebar.

**Note:** The traction-control handle is correctly adjusted if the gap is 3 mm (1/8 inch).

5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 until the gap is 3 mm (1/8 inch).

# Hydraulic System Maintenance

## Hydraulic System Safety

- Seek immediate medical attention if fluid is injected into skin. Injected fluid must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor.
- Ensure that all hydraulic-fluid hoses and lines are in good condition and all hydraulic connections and fittings are tight before applying pressure to the hydraulic system.
- Keep your body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high-pressure hydraulic fluid.
- Use cardboard or paper to find hydraulic leaks.
- Safely relieve all pressure in the hydraulic system before performing any work on the hydraulic system.

## Changing the Hydraulic Transaxle Fluid

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

## Preparing to Remove the Transaxle

### ⚠ CAUTION

**If you do not securely stabilize the front of the machine before service, the machine could fall on you, causing serious injury.**

**Use an overhead hoist to hold the machine up securely.**

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
2. Ensure that the tines are raised.
3. In installed, remove the weight(s) from the machine; refer to [Adding Weight \(page 15\)](#).
4. Drain the fuel from the fuel tank, refer to [Emptying the Fuel Tank \(page 27\)](#).
5. Fold the handlebar; refer to [Folding the Handlebar \(page 17\)](#).
6. Slowly lift the front of the machine until the back of the machine and weight pockets are resting on the ground.

**Note:** Using 2 people or an overhead hoist to lift the machine will make this easier.

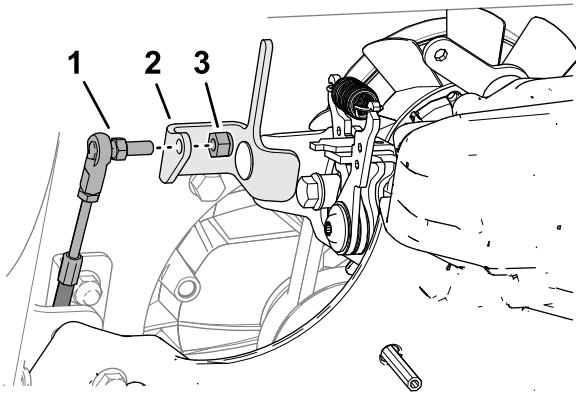
7. Stabilize the machine with an overhead hoist.



# Removing the Transaxle

**Note:** Use 2 people or a second hoist to safely remove the transaxle.

1. Remove the locknut (1/4 inch) that secures the fitting of the traction-control cable to the transaxle-control bracket, and separate the cable from the bracket (Figure 50).

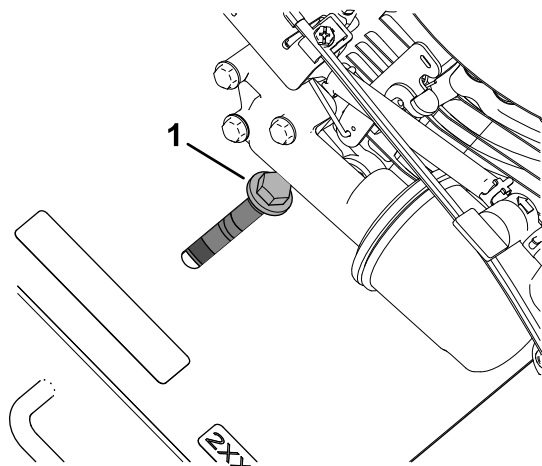


**Figure 50**

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1. Fitting (traction-control cable)
2. Transaxle-control bracket
3. Locknut (1/4 inch)

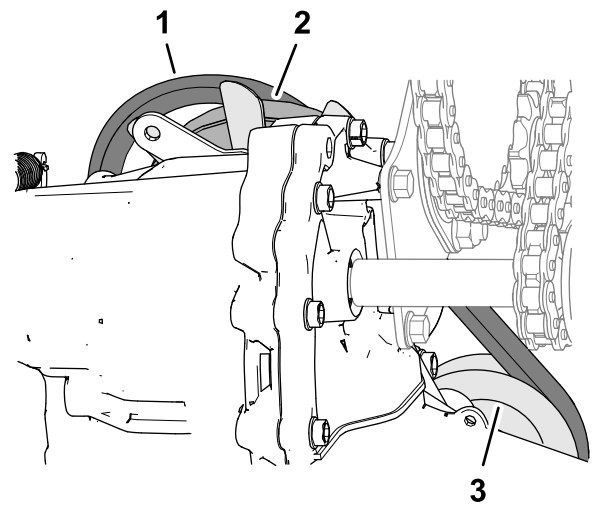
2. Loosen the flange locknut and capscrew that secures the belt idler pulley to the frame of the machine, move the idler pulley inboard, and remove the belt from the transaxle pulley (Figure 51 and Figure 52).



**Figure 51**

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1. Capscrew (belt idler pulley)

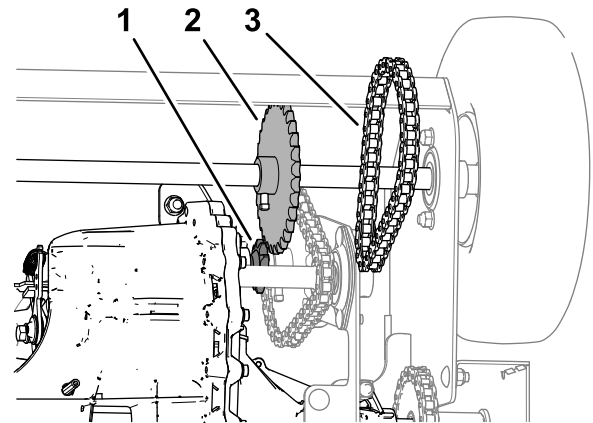


**Figure 52**

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1. Belt
2. Transaxle pulley
3. Belt idler pulley

3. Remove and retain the connecting link from the wheel-drive-chain, and remove the chain from the transaxle sprocket and the wheel-drive sprocket (Figure 53).

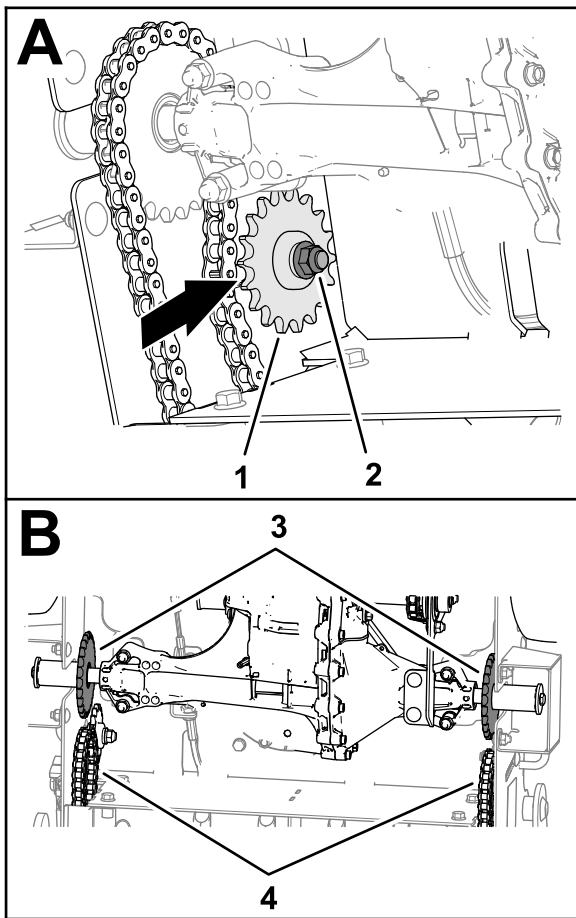


**Figure 53**

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1. Transaxle sprocket
2. Wheel-drive sprocket
3. Chain (wheel drive)

4. Loosen the carriage bolts and flange locknuts that secure the idler sprockets for the tine-drive chains at each side of the machine, and move the sprocket away from the chain (Figure 54).



**Figure 54**

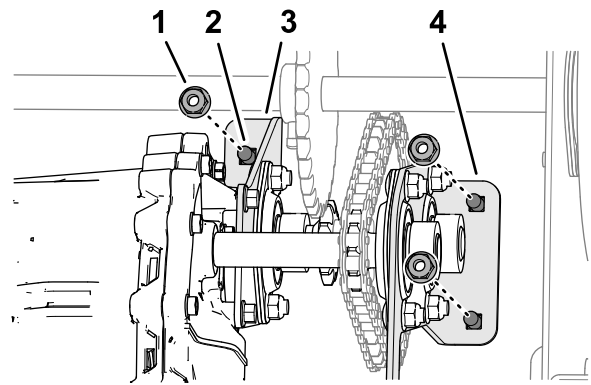
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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Idler sprocket                   | 3. Front tine-drive sprockets |
| 2. Carriage bolt and flange locknut | 4. Tine-drive chains          |

- Remove the connecting links from the tine-drive chains, and remove the drive chain from the front tine-drive sprockets (Figure 54).

**Note:** Retain the connecting links.

- Remove the 3 flange locknuts (5/16 inch) that secure the transaxle support bracket and the bearing bracket to the machine (Figure 55).



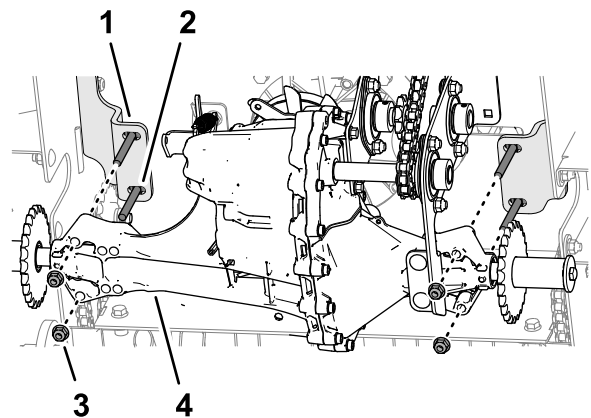
**Figure 55**

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| 1. Flange locknut (5/16 inch)      | 3. Transaxle support bracket |
| 2. Carriage bolt (5/16 x 3/4 inch) | 4. Bearing bracket           |

- While supporting the transaxle, remove the 4 flange locknuts (5/16 inch) that secure the transaxle to the axle mount, and carefully lower the transaxle to the ground (Figure 56).

**Note:** Retain the mounting hardware.



**Figure 56**

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Axle mount                         | 3. Flange locknuts (3/8 inch) |
| 2. Carriage bolt (3/8 x 2-3/4 inches) | 4. Transaxle                  |

- Inspect the belt, pulleys, sprockets, and bearings.

**Note:** Replace all worn or damaged parts.

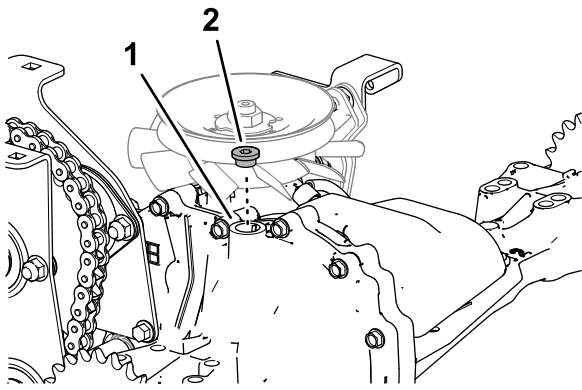
## Draining the Transaxle

- Carefully clean the area around the expansion tank and drain/fill port.

**Important:** Ensure that no dirt or contamination enters the hydraulic system.

- Remove the plug from the side-housing port (Figure 57).

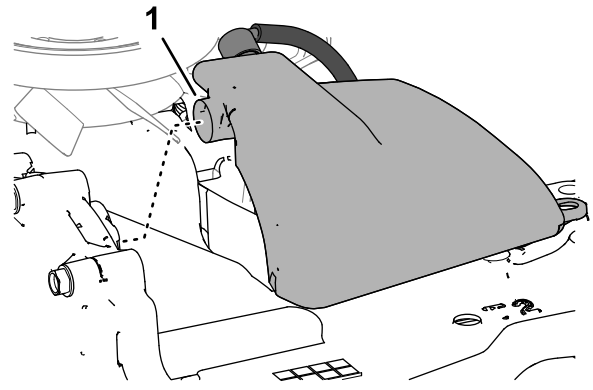
**Note:** Retain the plug.



**Figure 57**

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1. Drain/fill port
2. Plug



**Figure 59**

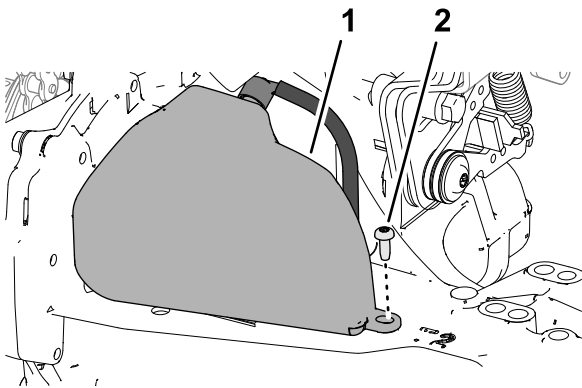
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1. Transfer port (expansion tank)

3. Rotate the transaxle over a drain pan, and fully drain oil.

## Draining the Expansion Tank

1. Align the transaxle with the drain/fill port up.
2. Remove and retain the screw (#10 x 1/2 inch) and release the ratchet fastener that secure the expansion tank to the housing (Figure 58).



**Figure 58**

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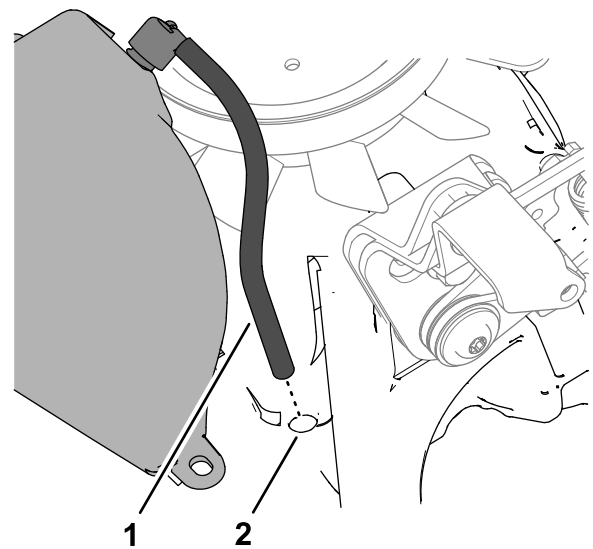
1. Expansion tank
2. Screw #10 x 1/2 inch

3. Remove the expansion tank from the transaxle (Figure 59).

**Note:** Do not remove the vent cap from the tank.

**Note:** Do not remove the tank hose or O-ring unless you need to replace them.

4. Tip the expansion tank over the drain pan, and drain the oil through the transfer port.
5. Insert the vent hose of the expansion tank into the hole in the main transaxle housing (Figure 60).



**Figure 60**

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1. Vent hose
2. Hole (main transaxle housing)

6. Align the transfer port in the expansion tank over the O-ring of the transfer those, and push down to engage the ratchet fastener.

**Note:** Ensure that the expansion tank seals to the transaxle.

7. Secure the expansion tank to the transaxle with the screw (#10 x 1/2 inch), and torque it to 2.8 N-m (25 in-lb).

## Transaxle Oil Specification

**Oil type:** Toro Premium Hydro Oil

**Note:** Mobil 1 15W50 is an acceptable alternative.

**Oil quantity:** approximately 2.1 L (69.3 fl-oz)

## Adding Oil to the Transaxle

1. Fill the transaxle with the specified oil through the drain/fill port until the oil level is 13 to 32 mm (1/2 to 1-1/4 inches) below the top of the port (Figure 61).

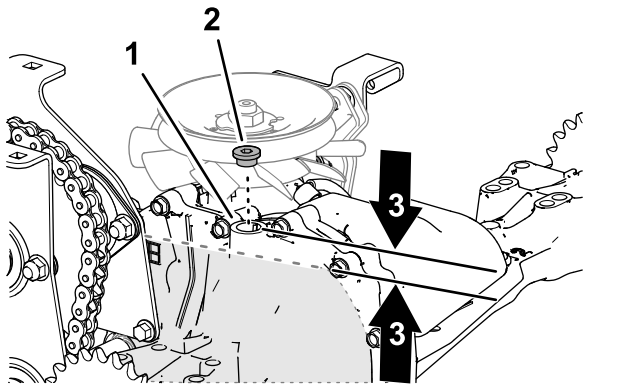


Figure 61

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1. Drain/fill port
2. Plug
3. Fluid level (13 to 32 mm (1/2 to 1-1/4 inches))

2. Install the plug into the side-housing port.

## Assembling the Transaxle to the Machine

1. Ensure that the belt is over the engine pulley and aligned to the idler pulley.
2. Ensure that the 4 carriage bolts (3/8 x 2-3/4 inches) are assembled to the 2 axle mounts (Figure 62).

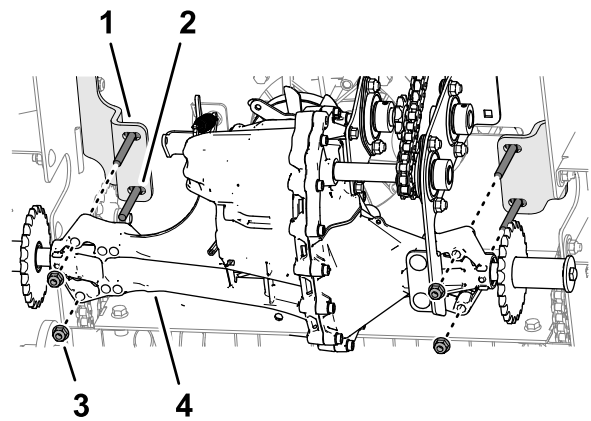


Figure 62

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1. Axle mount
2. Carriage bolt (3/8 x 2-3/4 inches)
3. Flange locknuts (3/8 inch)
4. Transaxle

3. Lift the transaxle, and align the holes in it with the 4 carriage bolts (3/8 x 2-3/4 inches).
4. Loosely assemble the transaxle to the carriage bolts and the axle mounts with the 4 flange locknuts (3/8 inch).
5. Loosely assemble the transaxle support bracket and the bearing bracket to the machine (Figure 63) with the 3 carriage bolts (5/16 x 3/4 inch) and the 3 flange locknuts (5/16 inch).

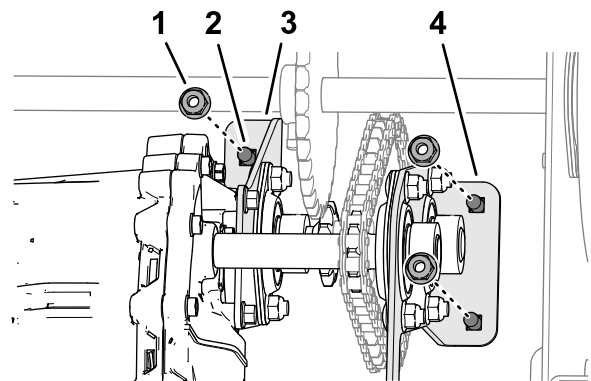


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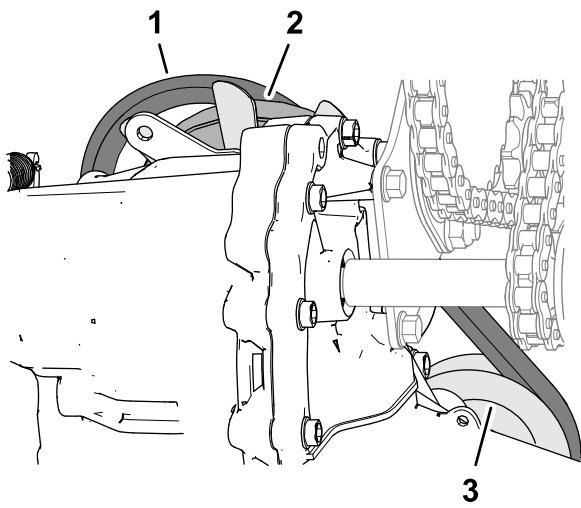
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1. Flange locknut (5/16 inch)
2. Carriage bolt (5/16 x 3/4 inch)
3. Transaxle support bracket
4. Bearing bracket

## Assembling the Belts and Chains

1. Assemble the belt over the transaxle pulley (Figure 64).

**Note:** Ensure that the belt is routed around the engine and transaxle pulleys, and aligned to the idler pulley.

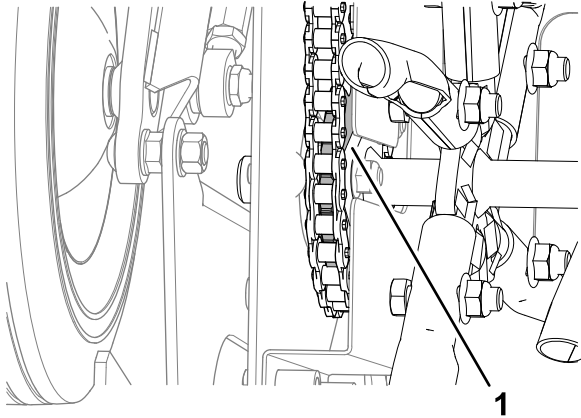


**Figure 64**

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- 1. Belt
- 2. Transaxle pulley
- 3. Belt idler pulley

- 2. Ensure that the chains are engaged in the rear tine-drive sprockets (Figure 65).

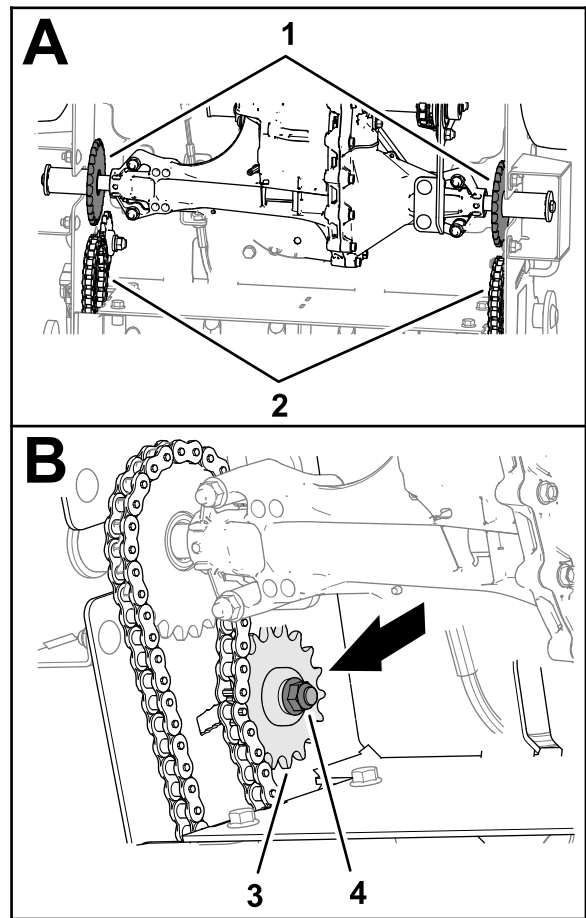


**Figure 65**

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- 1. Rear tine-drive sprocket

- 3. Assemble the drive chains onto the front tine-drive sprockets and idler sprockets (Figure 66), and secure the chains with the connecting links.

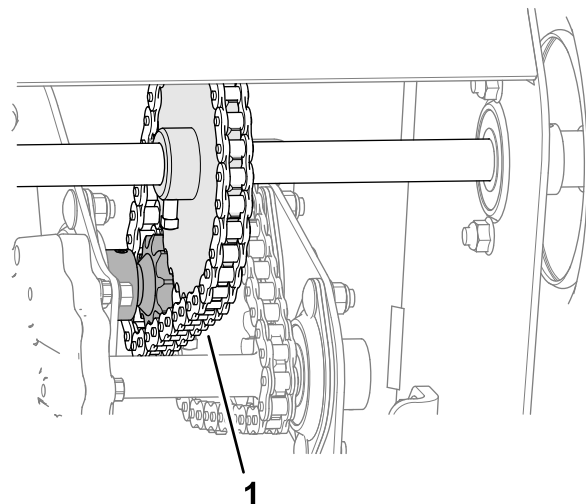


**Figure 66**

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- 1. Tine-drive sprockets
- 2. Tine-drive chains
- 3. Idler sprocket
- 4. Carriage bolt and flange locknut

- 4. Assemble the wheel-drive chain onto the transaxle sprocket and the wheel-drive sprocket, and secure the chain with the connecting link.



**Figure 67**

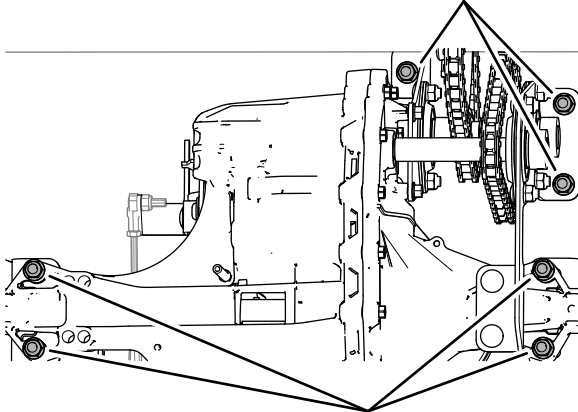
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- 1. Wheel-drive chain

## Torquing the Transaxle Hardware and Tensioning the Belt and Chains

1. Ensure that the front axle sprocket is aligned with the transaxle sprocket.
2. Torque the 3 flange locknuts (5/16 inch) and 4 carriage bolts as shown in [Figure 68](#).

**1978 to 2542 N·cm  
(175 to 225 in-lb)**



**37 to 45 N·m  
(27 to 33 ft-lb)**

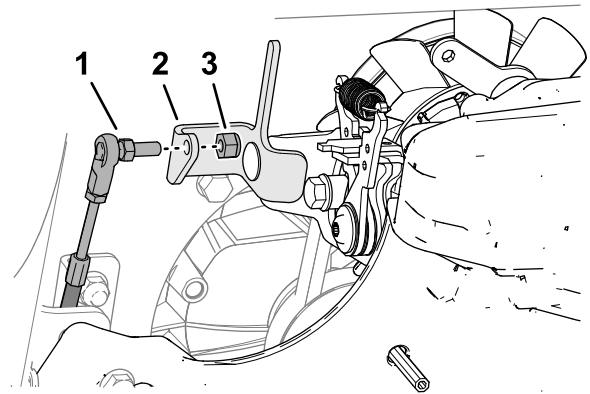
**Figure 68**

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3. Torque the 4 flange locknuts (3/8 inch) and 4 carriage bolts as shown in [Figure 68](#).
4. Tension the belt; refer to [Adjusting Belt Tension \(page 31\)](#).
5. Tension the tine-drive chains; refer to [Adjusting Tine-Drive Chain Tension \(page 30\)](#).

## Installing the Traction-Control Cable

1. Align the fitting of the traction control cable through the hole in the transaxle-control bracket ([Figure 69](#)).



**Figure 69**

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1. Fitting (traction-control cable)
2. Transaxle-control bracket
3. Locknut (1/4 inch)

2. Secure the fitting to the bracket with the locknut.

## Checking the Traction-Control Handle

1. Carefully remove the jack stand, lower the machine to the ground, and separate the machine from the overhead hoist.
2. Extend the handlebar; refer to [Extending the Handlebar \(page 17\)](#).
3. Check the gap between the traction-control handle and the handlebar; refer to [Checking the Traction-Control Handle Adjustment \(page 31\)](#).

# Tine Maintenance

## Checking/Replacing Tines

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

### Preparing to Service the Tines

1. Prepare the machine for maintenance; refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 21\)](#).
2. Ensure that the tines are raised.
3. Remove the tine-access panel; refer to [Removing the Tine Access Cover \(page 21\)](#).
4. Raise the front of the machine; refer to [Raising the Front of the Machine \(page 21\)](#).
5. Move the bypass lever toward the shaft-support bracket, and secure the lever to the bracket ([Figure 70](#)).

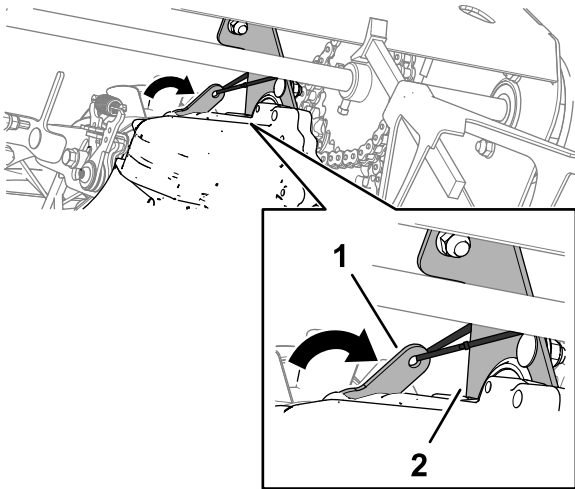


Figure 70

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1. Transaxle bypass handle
2. Shaft-support bracket (disengaged position)

6. Lower the front of the machine.

### Checking the Tines

1. At the tine-access panel opening, inspecting the tines for wear or damage ([Figure 71](#)).

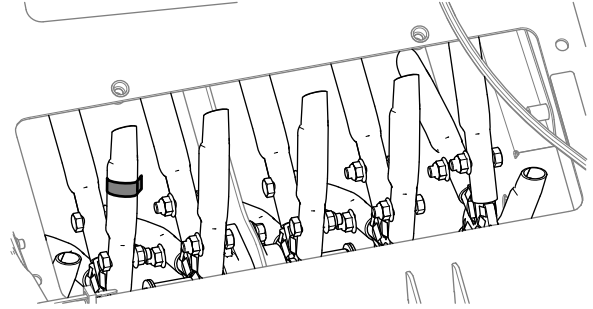


Figure 71

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2. If the tine is worn or damaged, replace it; refer to [Replacing a Tine \(page 39\)](#).
3. Mark one of the tines with a piece of tape.
4. Manually rotate the tine assembly.
5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 until all the tines have been inspected.
6. Lift the front of the machine, release the bypass lever from the shaft-support bracket ([Figure 72](#)), and lower the machine.

**Note:** The bypass lever is spring-loaded to the transaxle-engaged position.

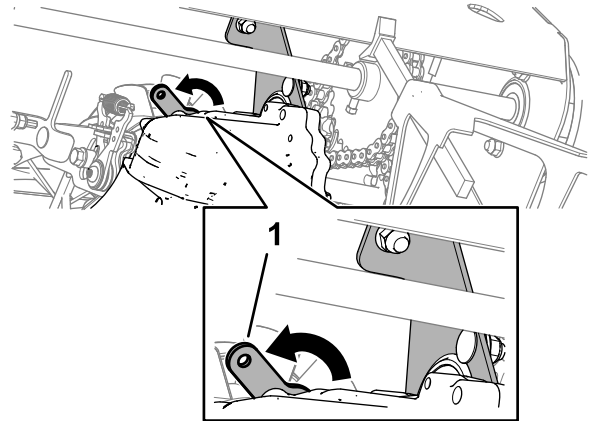


Figure 72

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1. Transaxle bypass handle (engaged position)

7. Install the tine access cover; refer to [Installing the Tine Access Cover \(page 21\)](#).

### Replacing a Tine

1. Remove the flange-locknut and bolt securing the tine to the tine spider, and remove the tine ([Figure 73](#)).

# Cleaning

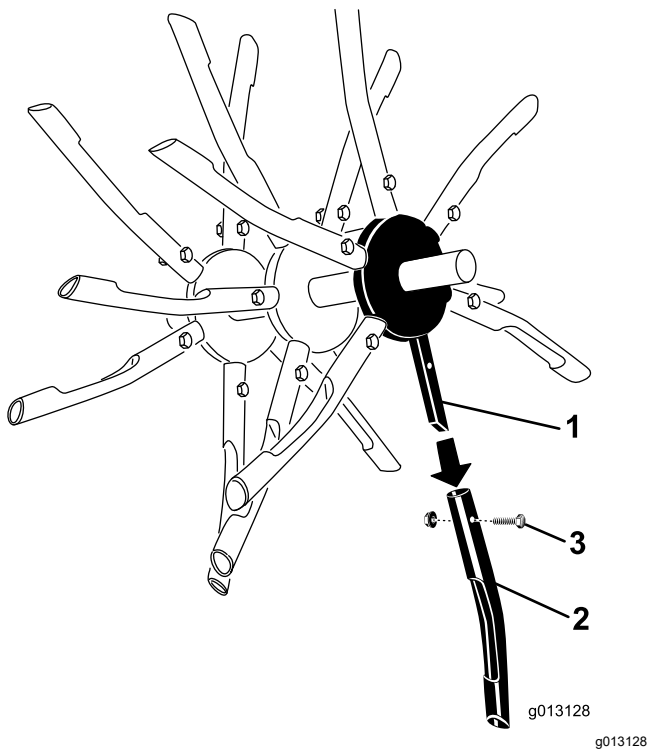
## Cleaning the Machine

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

**Important:** Do not use brackish or reclaimed water to clean the machine.

**Important:** Do not pressure wash the machine.

**Important:** Avoid using excessive amounts of water near the control panel, engine, and transaxle.



**Figure 73**

1. Tine spider
  2. Tine
  3. Bolt and flange-locknut
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2. Align the new tine the same direction as the other tines of the tine assembly.
  3. Assemble the tine to the tine spider with the bolt and flange-locknut.
  4. Torque the bolt and flange-locknut to 40.6 N-m (30 ft-lb).

1. Park the machine on a level surface, shut off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Thoroughly wash the machine.
  - Wash the machine with mild detergent and water.
  - Use a garden hose without a nozzle to avoid forcing water past the seals and contaminating bearing grease.
  - Use a brush to remove caked-on material.
  - Use mild detergent to clean the covers.
3. After cleaning, apply a coat of auto wax periodically to maintain the glossy finish of the cover.
4. Inspect the machine for damage, oil leaks, and component and tine wear.



# Storage

## Storage Safety

- Shut off the machine and wait for all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's position. Disconnect the spark-plug wire, keep it away from the plug to prevent accidental starting, and allow the machine to cool before adjusting, fueling, unclogging, servicing, cleaning, or storing the machine.
- Run the engine dry or remove the fuel with a hand pump; never siphon the fuel. If you must drain the fuel tank, do it outdoors.
- Follow the instructions in this *Operator's Manual* to safely unload, transport, and store the machine.
- Do not store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank inside a building where ignition sources are present, such as hot water and space heaters and clothes dryers. Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in an enclosure.
- Always refer to the Operator's Manual for important details if the machine is to be stored for an extended period.

## Storing the Machine

1. Raise the tines, stop the machine, shut off the engine, and disconnect the spark-plug wire.
2. Wash dirt and grime from the entire machine; refer to [Cleaning the Machine \(page 40\)](#).
3. Service the air cleaner; refer to [Servicing the Air Cleaner \(page 23\)](#).
4. Grease the chains and floating tine assemblies; refer to [Lubrication \(page 22\)](#).
5. Change the engine oil; refer to [Changing the Engine Oil \(page 24\)](#).
6. Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws. Repair or replace any worn or damaged parts.
7. Paint all scratched or bare metal surfaces.  
**Note:** Paint is available from your authorized Toro service dealer.
8. Store the machine in a clean, dry garage or storage area.
9. Cover the machine to protect it and keep it clean.

# Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The engine does not start.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The throttle lever is in the OFF position.</li> <li>2. The spark plug is disconnected.</li> <li>3. The fuel is turned off.</li> <li>4. The traction-control handle is not in neutral.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move the throttle lever to the CHOKE position.</li> <li>2. Connect the spark plug.</li> <li>3. Open the fuel valve.</li> <li>4. Release the traction-control handle so it returns to neutral.</li> </ol>
The machine vibrates abnormally.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are loose bolts and/or broken parts.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stop the machine and engine immediately. Replace any broken or missing parts.</li> </ol>
The machine does not pull itself up hills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The drive belt to the hydrostatic pump is loose.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check and tighten the pump-drive belt.</li> </ol>
The front wheels move but the tines do not.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A chain or drive sprocket is broken.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace the broken chain or sprocket.</li> </ol>
The engine smokes when starting.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The engine was tipped forward.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the air cleaner and replace it if it is fouled. Always tip the machine back when servicing.</li> </ol>
The engine is difficult to start after transporting it.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fuel valve was not closed before transport and the engine is flooded.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Always close the fuel valve before transporting the machine.</li> </ol>
The ground speed is slow.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The drive or pump belt is worn, loose, or broken.</li> <li>2. The engine idle is not set properly.</li> <li>3. The chains are not properly tensioned.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check and tighten the pump-drive belt, or change the belt.</li> <li>2. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>3. Adjust the tine-drive chain.</li> </ol>

# California Proposition 65 Warning Information

## What is this warning?

You may see a product for sale that has a warning label like the following:



**WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm—[www.p65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.p65Warnings.ca.gov).**

## What is Prop 65?

Prop 65 applies to any company operating in California, selling products in California, or manufacturing products that may be sold in or brought into California. It mandates that the Governor of California maintain and publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, and/or other reproductive harm. The list, which is updated annually, includes hundreds of chemicals found in many everyday items. The purpose of Prop 65 is to inform the public about exposure to these chemicals.

Prop 65 does not ban the sale of products containing these chemicals but instead requires warnings on any product, product packaging, or literature with the product. Moreover, a Prop 65 warning does not mean that a product is in violation of any product safety standards or requirements. In fact, the California government has clarified that a Prop 65 warning "is not the same as a regulatory decision that a product is 'safe' or 'unsafe.'" Many of these chemicals have been used in everyday products for years without documented harm. For more information, go to <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/faqs-view-all>.

A Prop 65 warning means that a company has either (1) evaluated the exposure and has concluded that it exceeds the "no significant risk level"; or (2) has chosen to provide a warning based on its understanding about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the exposure.

## Does this law apply everywhere?

Prop 65 warnings are required under California law only. These warnings are seen throughout California in a wide range of settings, including but not limited to restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, schools, and hospitals, and on a wide variety of products. Additionally, some online and mail order retailers provide Prop 65 warnings on their websites or in catalogs.

## How do the California warnings compare to federal limits?

Prop 65 standards are often more stringent than federal and international standards. There are various substances that require a Prop 65 warning at levels that are far lower than federal action limits. For example, the Prop 65 standard for warnings for lead is 0.5 µg/day, which is well below the federal and international standards.

## Why don't all similar products carry the warning?

- Products sold in California require Prop 65 labelling while similar products sold elsewhere do not.
- A company involved in a Prop 65 lawsuit reaching a settlement may be required to use Prop 65 warnings for its products, but other companies making similar products may have no such requirement.
- The enforcement of Prop 65 is inconsistent.
- Companies may elect not to provide warnings because they conclude that they are not required to do so under Prop 65; a lack of warnings for a product does not mean that the product is free of listed chemicals at similar levels.

## Why does Toro include this warning?

Toro has chosen to provide consumers with as much information as possible so that they can make informed decisions about the products they buy and use. Toro provides warnings in certain cases based on its knowledge of the presence of one or more listed chemicals without evaluating the level of exposure, as not all the listed chemicals provide exposure limit requirements. While the exposure from Toro products may be negligible or well within the "no significant risk" range, out of an abundance of caution, Toro has elected to provide the Prop 65 warnings. Moreover, if Toro does not provide these warnings, it could be sued by the State of California or by private parties seeking to enforce Prop 65 and subject to substantial penalties.



**Count on it.**