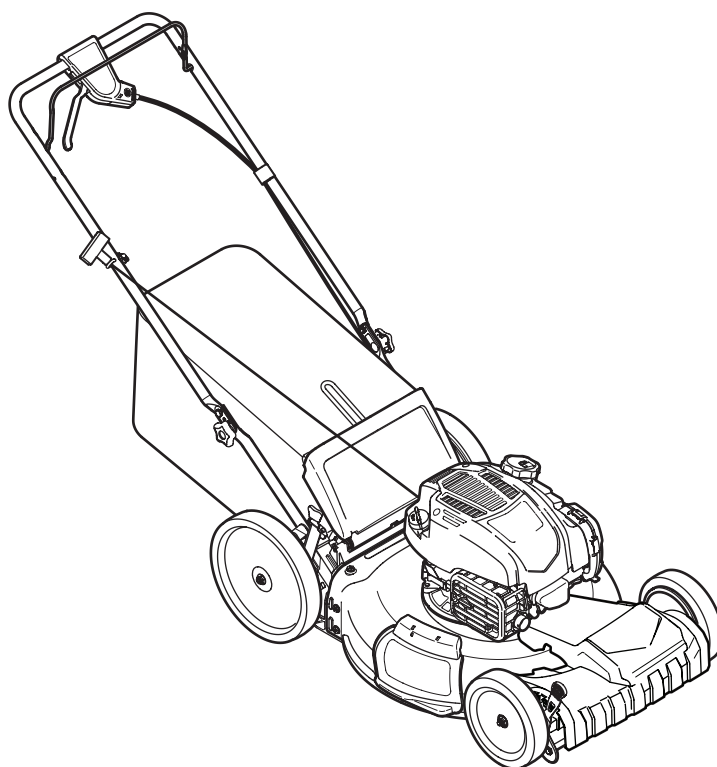




OPERATOR'S MANUAL



**Self Propelled Mower - Model # 12AVB2A2707
Serial # 1C207KC0380**

⚠ WARNING

**READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL
BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE THIS MACHINE.
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.**

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Thank you for purchasing a Snapper lawn mower. It was carefully engineered to provide excellent performance when properly operated and maintained.

Please read this entire manual prior to operating the equipment. It instructs you how to safely and easily set up, operate and maintain your machine. Please be sure that you, and any other persons who will operate the machine, carefully follow the recommended safety practices at all times. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or property damage.

All information in this manual is relative to the most recent product information available at the time of printing. Review this manual frequently to familiarize yourself with the machine, its features and operation. Please be aware that this Operator's Manual may cover a range of product specifications for various models. Characteristics and features discussed and/or illustrated in this manual may not be applicable to all models. We reserve the right to change product specifications, designs and equipment without notice and without incurring obligation.

If applicable, the power testing information used to establish the power rating of the engine equipped on this machine can be found at www.opei.org or the engine manufacturer's web site.

If you have any problems or questions concerning the machine, phone a authorized Snapper service dealer or contact us directly. Snapper's Customer Support telephone number, website address and mailing address can be found on this page. We want to ensure your complete satisfaction at all times.

Throughout this manual, all references to *right* and *left* side of the machine are observed from the operating position.

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Record Product Information

Before setting up and operating your new equipment, please locate the model plate on the equipment and record the information in the provided area to the right. You can locate the model plate by standing at the operator's position and looking down at the rear of the deck. This information will be necessary, should you seek technical support via our web site, Customer Support Department, or with a local authorized service dealer.

MODEL NUMBER

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SERIAL NUMBER

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Customer Support

Please do NOT return the machine to the retailer or dealer without first contacting the Customer Support Department.

If you have difficulty assembling this product or have any questions regarding the controls, operation, or maintenance of this machine, you can seek help from the experts. Choose from the options below:

- ◇ Visit us on the web at www.snapper.com
- ◇ Call a Customer Support Representative at (800) 317-7833
- ◇ Write to Briggs & Stratton Power Products Group, LLC • 12301 West Wirth St. • Wauwatosa • WI 53222



WARNING: This symbol points out important safety instructions which, if not followed, could endanger the personal safety and/or property of yourself and others. Read and follow all instructions in this manual before attempting to operate this machine. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in personal injury.

When you see this symbol. **HEED ITS WARNING!**

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65



WARNING: Engine Exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.



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: This machine was built to be operated according to the safe operation practices in this manual. As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in serious injury. This machine is capable of amputating fingers, hands, toes and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

General Operation

1. Read this operator's manual carefully in its entirety before attempting to assemble this machine. Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine and in the manual(s) before operation. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Be completely familiar with the controls and the proper use of this machine before operating it.
3. This machine is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore, exercise extreme caution at all times. This machine has been designed to perform one job: to mow grass. Do not use it for any other purpose.
4. Never allow children under 14 years of age to operate this machine. Children 14 and over should read and understand the instructions and safe operation practices in this manual and on the machine and should be trained and supervised by an adult.
5. Only responsible individuals who are familiar with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use this machine.
6. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones, toys and other foreign objects, which could be tripped over or picked up and thrown by the blade. Thrown objects can cause serious personal injury.
7. Plan your mowing pattern to avoid discharge of material toward roads, sidewalks, bystanders and the like. Also, avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction, which may cause discharged material to ricochet back toward the operator.
8. To help avoid blade contact or a thrown object injury, stay in operator zone behind handles and keep children, bystanders, helpers and pets at least 75 feet from mower while it is in operation. Stop machine if anyone enters area.
9. Always wear safety glasses or safety goggles during operation and while performing an adjustment or repair to protect your eyes. Thrown objects which ricochet can cause serious injury to the eyes.
10. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close-fitting slacks and shirts. Shirts and pants that cover the arms and legs and steel-toed shoes are recommended. Never operate this machine in bare feet, sandals, slippery or light-weight (e.g. canvas) shoes.
11. Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts or under the cutting deck. Contact with blade can amputate fingers, hands, toes and feet.

12. A missing or damaged discharge cover can cause blade contact or thrown object injuries.
13. Many injuries occur as a result of the mower being pulled over the foot during a fall caused by slipping or tripping. Do not hold on to the mower if you are falling; release the handle immediately.
14. Never pull the mower back toward you while you are walking. If you must back the mower away from a wall or obstruction first look down and behind to avoid tripping and then follow these steps:
 - a. Step back from mower to fully extend your arms.
 - b. Be sure you are well balanced with sure footing.
 - c. Pull the mower back slowly, no more than half way toward you.
 - d. Repeat these steps as needed.
15. Do not operate the mower while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
16. Do not engage the self-propelled mechanism on machines so equipped while starting engine.
17. The blade control is a safety device. Never attempt to bypass its operation. Doing so makes the safety device inoperative and may result in personal injury through contact with the rotating blade. The blade control must operate easily in both directions and automatically return to the disengaged position when released.
18. Never operate the mower in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury. If you feel you are losing your footing, release the blade control handle immediately and the blade will stop rotating within three seconds.
19. Mow only in daylight or good artificial light. Walk, never run.
20. Stop the blade when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads.
21. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
22. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging the chute. The cutting blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the blade control is released. Never place any part of the body in the blade area until you are sure the blade has stopped rotating.
23. Never operate mower without proper trail shield, discharge cover, grass catcher, blade control or other safety protective devices in place and working. Never operate mower with damaged safety devices. Failure to do so can result in personal injury.
24. Muffler and engine become hot and can cause a burn. Do not touch.
25. Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
26. Only use parts and accessories made for this machine by the manufacturer. Failure to do so can result in personal injury.
27. When starting engine, pull cord slowly until resistance is felt, then pull rapidly. Rapid retraction of starter cord (kickback) will pull hand and arm toward engine faster than you can let go. Broken bones, fractures, bruises or sprains could result.
28. If situations occur which are not covered in this manual, use care and good judgement. Contact Customer Support for assistance or the name of the nearest service dealer.

Slope Operation

Slopes are a major factor related to slip and fall accidents, which can result in severe injury. Operation on slopes requires extra caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow it. For your safety, use the slope gauge included as part of this manual to measure slopes before operating this machine on a sloped or hilly area. If the slope is greater than 15 degrees, do not mow it.

Do:

1. Mow across the face of slopes; never up and down to avoid loss of control.
2. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes; turn uphill not down.
3. Watch for holes, ruts, rocks, hidden objects, or bumps which can cause you to slip or trip. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
4. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury. If you feel you are losing your balance, release the blade control handle immediately and the blade will stop rotating within three (3) seconds.

Do Not:

1. Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches or embankments, you could lose your footing or balance.
2. Do not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees as shown on the slope gauge.
3. Do not mow on wet grass. Unstable footing could cause slipping.

Children

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the mower and the mowing activity. They do not understand the dangers. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

1. Keep children out of the mowing area and under watchful care of a responsible adult other than the operator.
2. Be alert and turn mower off if a child enters the area.
3. Before and while moving backwards, look behind and down for small children.
4. Use extreme care when approaching blind corners, doorways, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure your vision of a child who may run into the mower.
5. Keep children away from hot or running engines. They can suffer burns from a hot muffler.
6. Never allow children under 14 years of age to operate this machine. Children 14 and over should read and understand the instructions and safe operation practices in this manual and on the machine and be trained and supervised by an adult.

7. After stopping engine, remove Electric Start Push Key (if equipped) and keep it in a safe place out of the reach of children.

Service

Safe Handling Of Gasoline:

1. To avoid personal injury or property damage use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Serious personal injury can occur when gasoline is spilled on yourself or your clothes, which can ignite. Wash your skin and change clothes immediately.
2. Use only an approved gasoline container.
3. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
4. Remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
5. 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.
6. Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.
7. Never fuel machine indoors because flammable vapors will accumulate in the area.
8. Never remove gas cap or add fuel while engine is hot or running. Allow engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling.
9. Never over fill fuel tank. Fill tank to no more than 1 inch below bottom of filler neck to provide for fuel expansion.
10. Replace gasoline cap and tighten securely.
11. If gasoline is spilled, wipe it off the engine and equipment. Move machine to another area. Wait 5 minutes before starting engine.
12. Never store the machine or fuel container near an open flame, spark or pilot light as on a water heater, space heater, furnace, clothes dryer or other gas appliances.
13. To reduce fire hazard, keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up. Clean up oil or fuel spillage and remove any fuel soaked debris.
14. Allow machine to cool at least 5 minutes before storing.
3. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness. Also, visually inspect blade for damage (e.g., bent, cracked, worn) Replace blade with the original equipment manufacturer's (O.E.M.) blade only, listed in this manual. "Use of parts which do not meet the original equipment specifications may lead to improper performance and compromise safety!"
4. Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
5. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
6. Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
7. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire and ground against the engine. Thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. Repair the damage before starting and operating the mower.
8. Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
9. Grass catcher components, discharge cover, and trail shield are subject to wear and damage which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. For safety protection, frequently check components and replace immediately with original equipment manufacturer's (O.E.M.) parts only, listed in this manual. "Use of parts which do not meet the original equipment specifications may lead to improper performance and compromise safety!"
10. Do not change the engine's governor setting or over-speed the engine. The governor controls the maximum safe operating speed of the engine.
11. Check fuel line, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.
12. Do not crank engine with spark plug removed.
13. Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.
14. Observe proper disposal laws and regulations. Improper disposal of fluids and materials can harm the environment.
15. According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this product has an *Average Useful Life* of seven (7) years, or 140 hours of operation. At the end of the *Average Useful Life* have the machine inspected annually by an authorized service dealer to ensure that all mechanical and safety systems are working properly and not worn excessively. Failure to do so can result in accidents, injuries or death.

General Service:

1. Never run an engine indoors or in a poorly ventilated area. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly gas.
2. Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground against the engine and remove Electric Start Push Key (if equipped) to prevent unintended starting.

Do not modify engine

To avoid serious injury or death, do not modify engine in any way. Tampering with the governor setting can lead to a runaway engine and cause it to operate at unsafe speeds. Never tamper with factory setting of engine governor.

Notice Regarding Emissions

Engines which are certified to comply with California and federal EPA emission regulations for SORE (Small Off Road Equipment) are certified to operate on regular unleaded gasoline, and may include the following emission control systems: Engine Modification (EM), Oxidizing Catalyst (OC), Secondary Air Injection (SAI) and Three Way Catalyst (TWC) if so equipped.

Spark Arrestor



WARNING: This machine is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrestor meeting applicable local or state laws (if any).

If a spark arrestor is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator. In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands.

A spark arrestor for the muffler is available through your nearest engine authorized service dealer or contact the service department at 1-800-317-7833.

Power Ratings

The gross power rating for individual gas engine models is labeled in accordance with SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) code J1940 Small Engine Power & Torque Rating Procedure, and is rated in accordance with SAE J1995.










Torque values are derived at 2600 RPM for those engines with "rpm" called out on the label and at 3060 RPM for all others; horsepower values are derived at 3600 RPM. The gross power curves can be viewed at www.BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM. Net power values are taken with exhaust and air cleaner installed whereas gross power values are collected without these attachments. Actual gross engine power will be higher than net engine power and is affected by, among other things, ambient operating conditions and engine-to-engine variability.

Given the wide array of products on which engines are placed, the gas engine may not develop the rated gross power when used in a given piece of power equipment. This difference is due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the variety of engine components (air cleaner, exhaust, charging, cooling, carburetor, fuel pump, etc.), application limitations, ambient operating conditions (temperature, humidity, altitude), and engine-to-engine variability.

Due to manufacturing and capacity limitations, Briggs & Stratton may substitute an engine of higher rated power for this engine.

Safety Symbols

This page depicts and describes safety symbols that may appear on this product. Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine before attempting to assemble and operate.

Symbol	Description
	READ THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL(S) Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual(s) before attempting to assemble and operate.
	DANGER — ROTATING BLADES To reduce the risk of injury, keep hands and feet away. Do not operate unless discharge cover or grass catcher is in its proper place. If damaged, replace immediately.
	DANGER — BYSTANDERS Do not mow when children or others are around.
	DANGER — HAND/ FOOT CUT Keep hands and feet away from rotating parts.
	DANGER — THROWN DEBRIS Remove objects that can be thrown by the blade in any direction. Wear safety glasses.
	DANGER — SLOPES Use extra caution on slopes. The machine is heavy and can speed up when going downhill. Be prepared to maintain control of the machine. To avoid loss of control, operate across slopes, not up and down. When turning, turn uphill, not down. Do not operate on slopes greater than 15°.
	WARNING—GASOLINE IS FLAMMABLE Allow the engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling.
	WARNING— CARBON MONOXIDE Never run an engine indoors or in a poorly ventilated area. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly gas.
	WARNING— HOT SURFACE Engine parts, especially the muffler, become extremely hot during operation. Allow engine and muffler to cool before touching.



WARNING: Your Responsibility—Restrict the use of this power machine to persons who read, understand and follow the warnings and instructions in this manual and on the machine.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

Slope Gauge

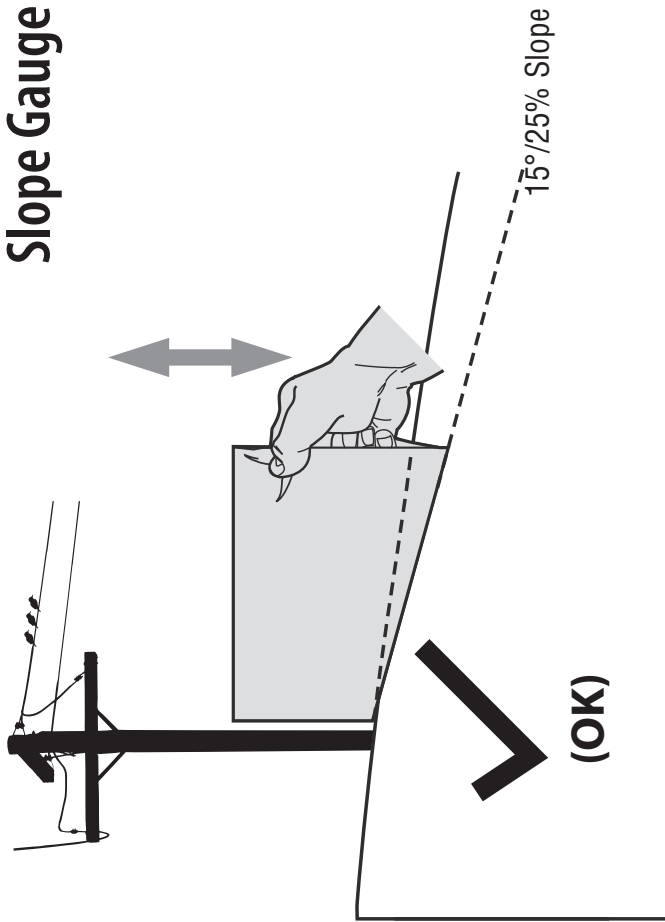


Figure 1

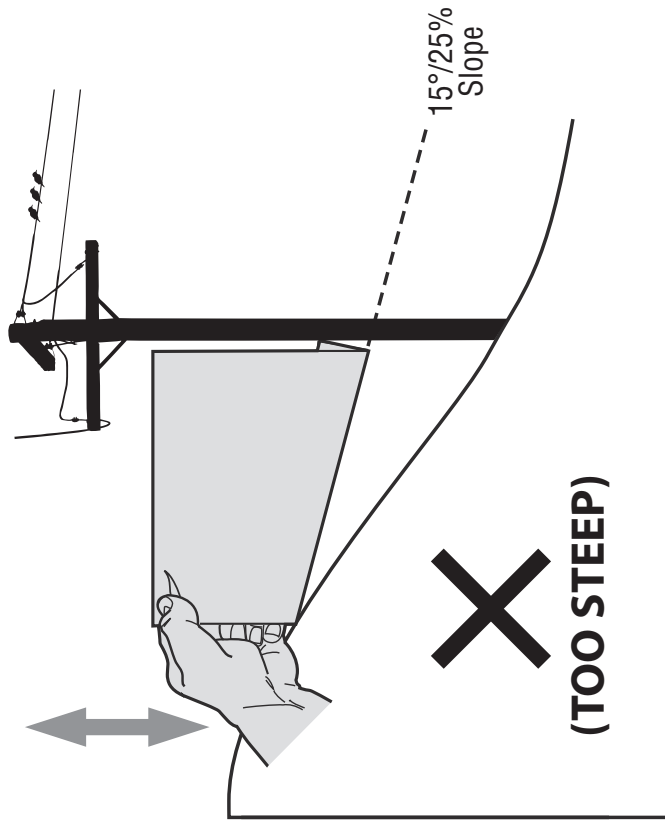


Figure 2

15°/25% dashed line

USE THIS SLOPE GAUGE TO DETERMINE IF A SLOPE IS TOO STEEP FOR SAFE OPERATION!

To check the slope, proceed as follows:

1. Remove this page and fold along the dashed line.
2. Locate a vertical object on or behind the slope (e.g. a pole, building, fence, tree, etc.)
3. Align either side of the slope gauge with the object (See Figure 1 and Figure 2).
4. Adjust gauge up or down until the left corner touches the slope (See Figure 1 and Figure 2).
5. If there is a gap below the gauge, the slope is too steep for safe operation (See Figure 2 above).



WARNING! Slopes are a major factor related to slip and fall accidents which can result in severe injury or death. The machine is heavy and can speed up when going downhill. Be prepared to maintain control of the machine. To avoid loss of control, operate across slopes, not up and down. When turning, turn uphill, not down. Do not operate machine on slopes in excess of 15 degrees.

Contents of Carton

- Lawn Mower (1)
- Operator's Manual (1)
- Grass Catcher (1)
- Oil (1)
- Side Discharge Chute (1)

Assembly

NOTE: This unit is shipped without gasoline or oil in the engine. Fill up with gasoline and oil as instructed BEFORE operating your mower.

Handle

1. Remove any packing material which may be between upper and lower handles.
2. Remove star knobs (a) and carriage bolts (b) from handle as shown in Figure 3-1. Do not loosen or remove adjacent hex head screws.

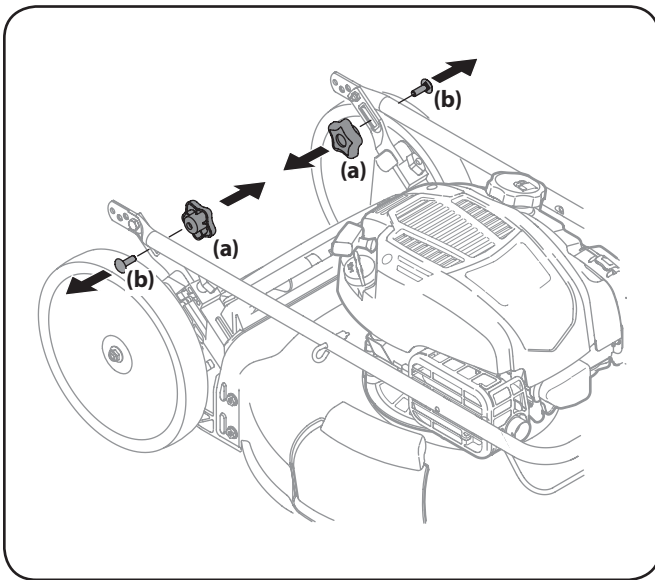


Figure 3-1

3. While stabilizing mower so it doesn't move, pivot upper handle up as shown in Figure 3-2. Do not crimp cable while lifting the handle up.

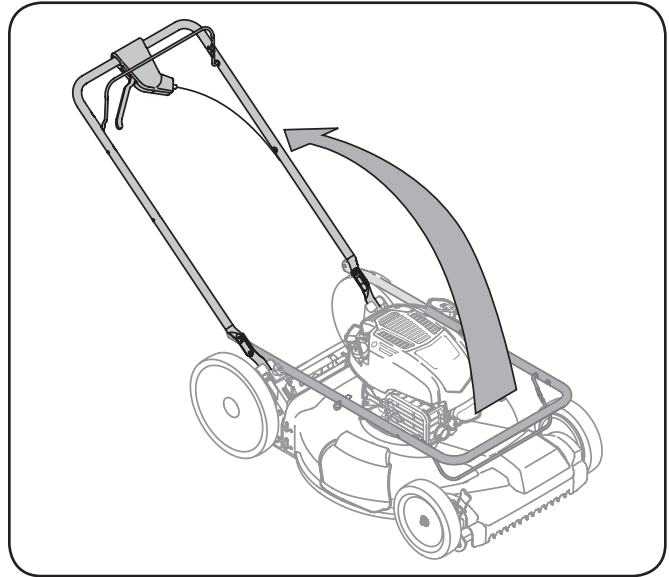


Figure 3-2

- Remove the T-bolts (a) from the handle brackets as shown in Figure 3-3.

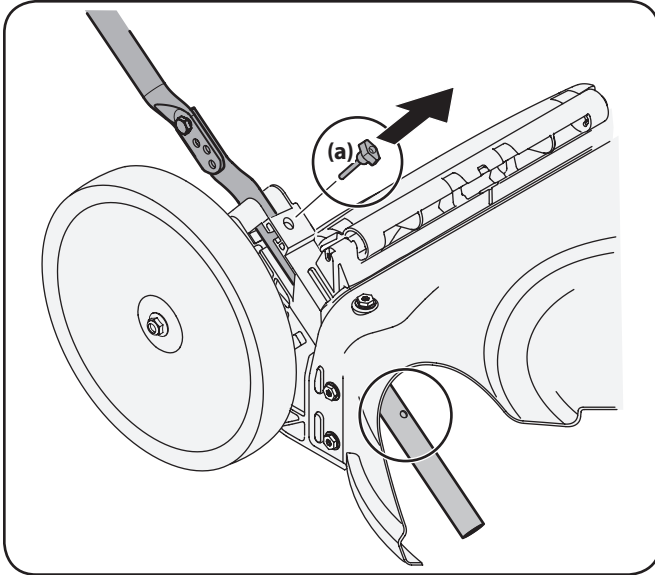


Figure 3-3

- Follow the steps below to complete handle assembly:
 - Pull upward on the handle until holes in lower handle (shown in Figure 3-3 deck cutaway) line up with holes in handle bracket. See Figure 3-4.

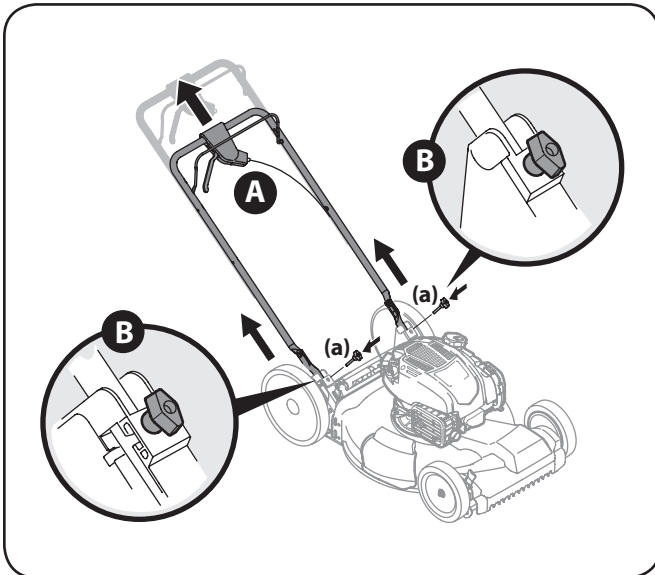


Figure 3-4

NOTE: When pulling upward on handle, make sure to not pull handle all the way out.

- Insert the T-bolts (a) removed in Step 4 through the handle brackets and lower handle and tighten securely to secure the handle in place. See Figure 3-4.
- Reattach star knobs (a) and carriage bolts (b) removed in Step 2 into lower holes of handle as shown in Figure 3-5.

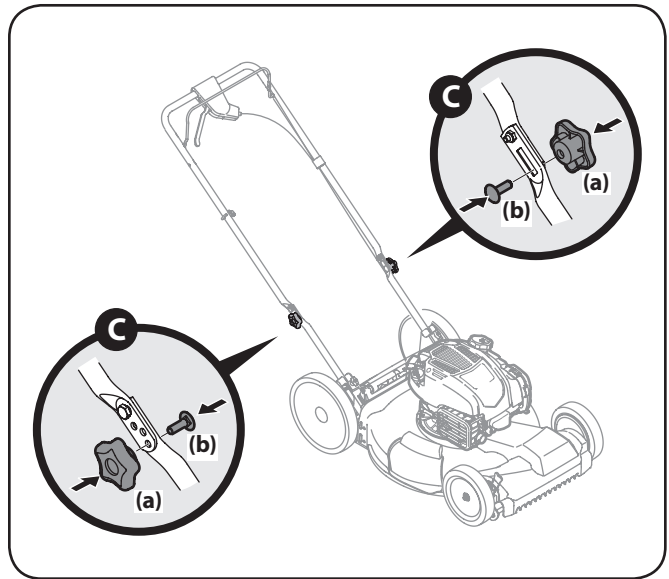


Figure 3-5

- The rope guide is attached to the right side of the upper handle. Loosen the wing knob which secures the rope guide. See Figure 3-6.

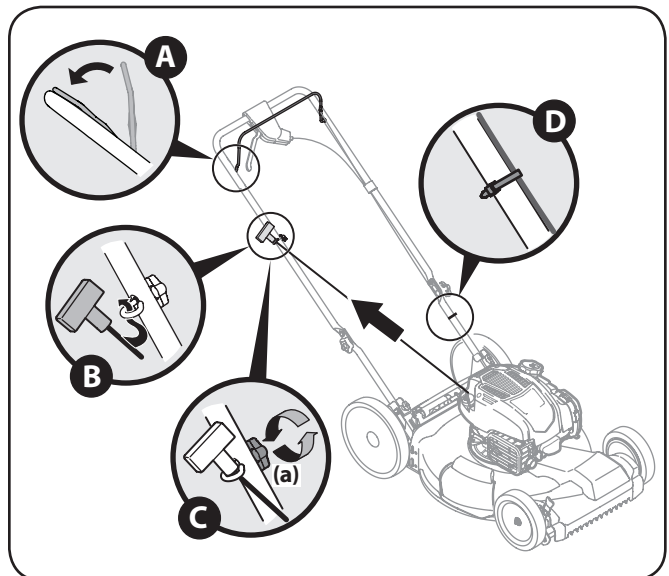


Figure 3-6

- Hold blade control against upper handle.
- Slowly pull starter rope handle from engine and slip starter rope into the rope guide. See Figure 3-6.
- Tighten rope guide wing knob (a).
- Use cable tie(s) to secure cable(s) to lower handle.

Grass Catcher

- Follow steps below to assemble the grass catcher (if needed). Make certain bag is turned right side out before assembling (warning label will be on the outside).
 - Place bag over frame so that its black plastic side is at the bottom.

- b. Slip plastic channel of grass bag over hooks on the frame. See Figure 3-7.

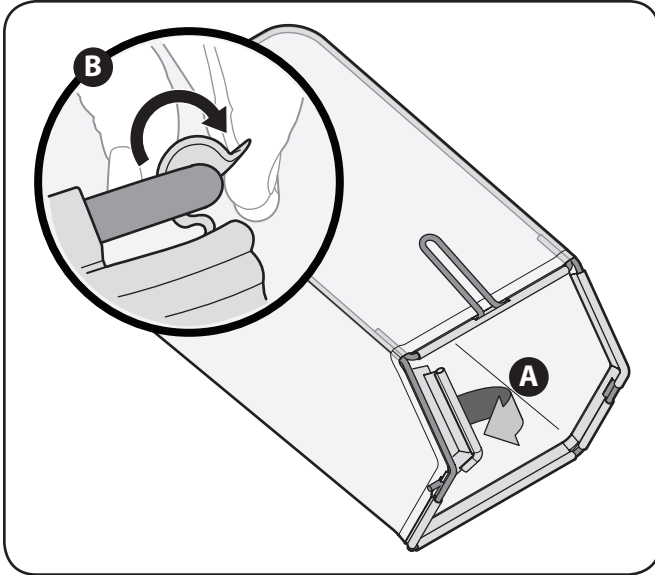


Figure 3-7

2. Follow steps below to attach grass catcher: See Figure 3-8.
 - a. Lift mower rear discharge door.
 - b. Place grass catcher into the slots in the handle brackets. Let go of discharge door so that it rests on the grass catcher.

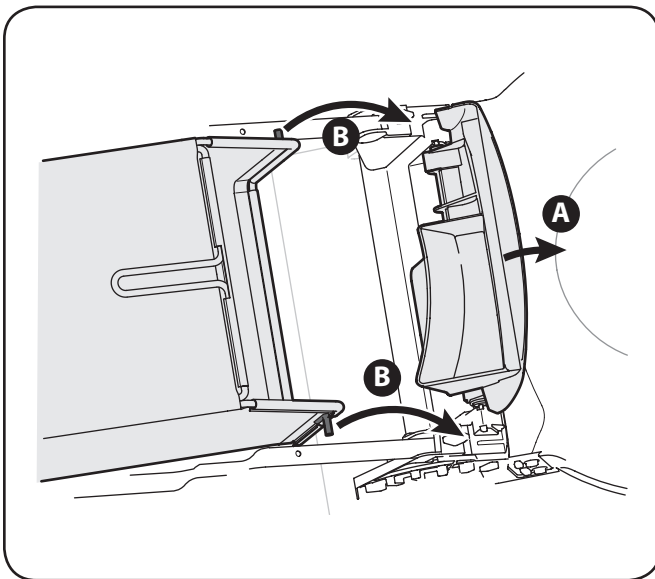


Figure 3-8

To remove grass catcher, lift rear discharge door on the mower. Lift grass catcher up and off of the slots in the handle brackets. Release mower rear discharge door to allow it to close rear opening of mower.

Side Discharge Chute

Your mower is shipped as a mulcher. To convert to side discharge, make sure grass catcher is OFF of the unit and rear discharge door is closed.

1. On the side of the mower, lift the mulch plug. See Figure 3-9.

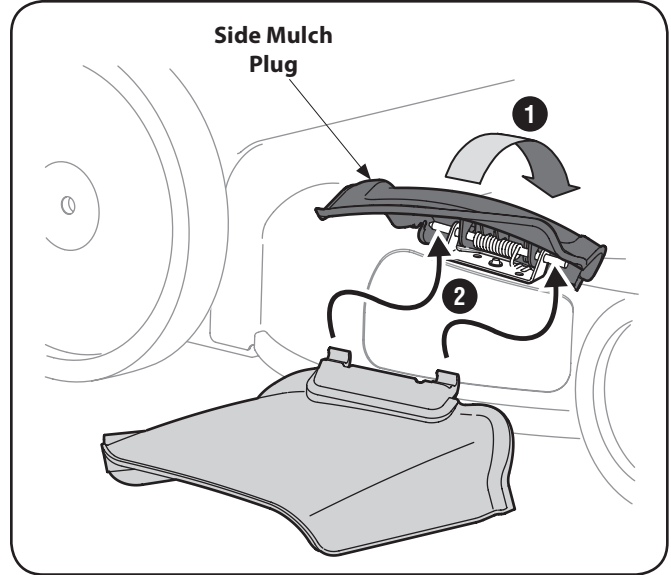


Figure 3-9

2. Slide two hooks of side discharge chute under hinge pin on mulch plug assembly. Lower the mulch plug.

NOTE: Do not remove side mulching plug at any time, even when you are not mulching.

Adjustments

Cutting Height

There is a cutting height adjustment lever located above the front and rear right wheel.

1. Pull the height adjustment lever towards wheel (unit will tend to fall when lever is moved outward).
2. Move lever to desired position for a change in cutting height. See Figure 3-10.

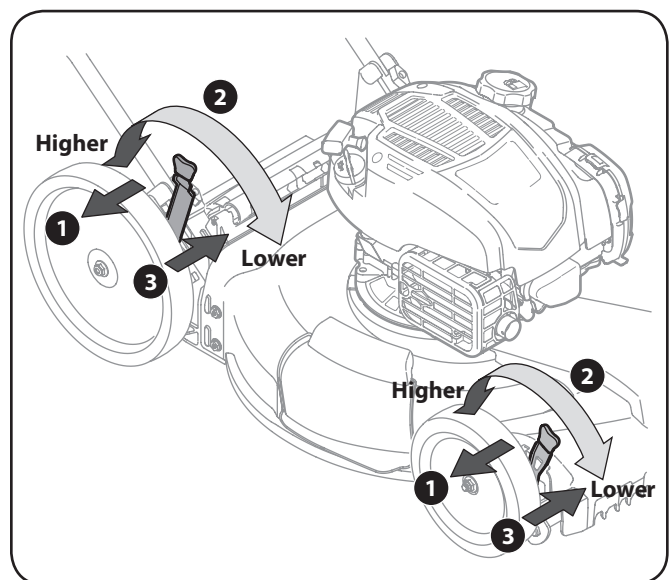


Figure 3-10

3. Release lever towards deck.

IMPORTANT: Both the front and rear wheels must be placed in the same relative position. For rough or uneven lawns, move the height adjustment levers to a higher position. This will stop scalping of grass.

Handle Pitch

For convenience of operation, you may adjust the pitch of the handle as follows:

1. Remove star knobs (a) and carriage bolts (b) from handle. See Figure 3-11.

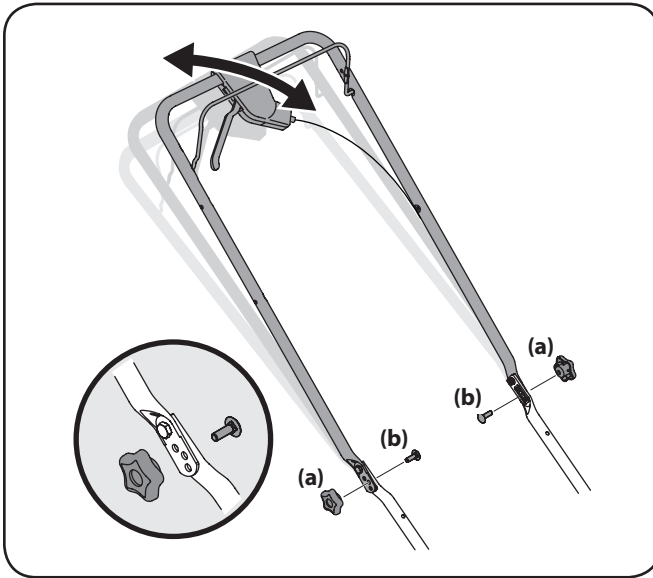


Figure 3-11

2. Position the handle in one of the three positions that is most comfortable. See Figure 3-11 inset.
3. Secure into position with star knobs (a) and carriage bolts (b) removed in Step 1.

Drive Control

The adjustment wheel is located in the drive control handle housing and is used to tighten or loosen the drive belt. You will need to adjust the drive control if the mower does not propel itself with the drive control engaged or if the mower's wheels hesitate with the drive control engaged. If either of these conditions occur, rotate adjustment wheel clockwise to tighten cable or counter-clockwise to loosen the cable. See Figure 3-12.

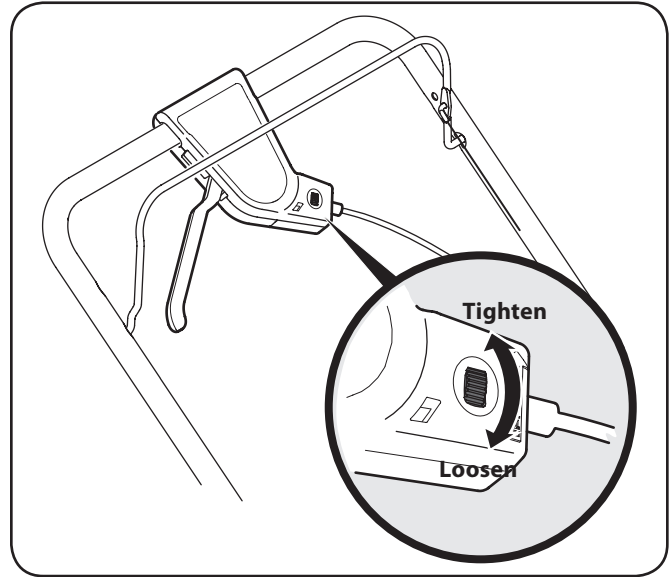


Figure 3-12

Set-Up

Gas and Oil Fill-Up

1. Add oil provided before starting unit for the first time.
2. Service the engine with gasoline. See Fuel Recommendations on page 14 in Operation section.



WARNING: Use extreme care when handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Never fuel the machine indoors or while the engine is hot or running. Extinguish cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.

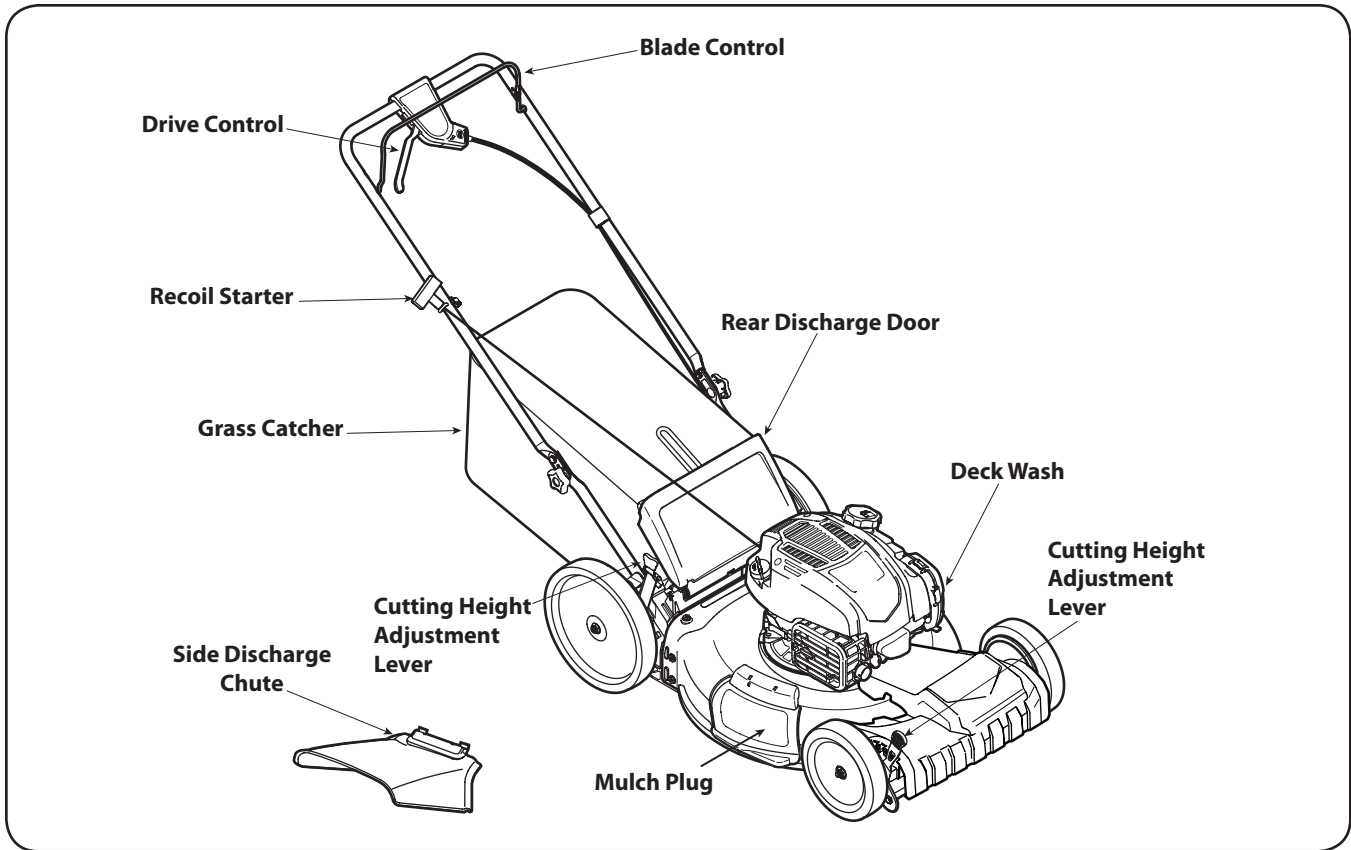


Figure 4-1

Blade Control

The blade control is attached to the upper handle of the mower. Depress and squeeze it against the upper handle to operate the unit. Release it to stop engine and blade.



WARNING: This blade control is a safety device. Never attempt to bypass its operations.

Drive Control

The drive control is located on top of the upper handle and is used to engage the drive. Squeeze it against the upper handle to engage the drive; release it to slow down or stop mower from propelling.

Cutting Height Adjustment Lever

One adjustment lever is located on the right rear wheel and one is located on the right front wheel. Both levers have to be at the same relative position to ensure a uniform cut. To adjust the cutting height, refer to page 11 the Assembly & Set-Up section.

Recoil Starter

The recoil starter is attached to the right upper handle. Stand behind the unit and pull the recoil starter rope to start the unit.

Deck Wash

Your mower's deck is equipped with a water port on its surface as part of its deck wash system. Use the deck wash to rinse grass clippings from the deck's underside.

Grass Catcher

The grass catcher, located at the rear of the mower, is used to bag the grass clippings for disposal. Once the bag is full, remove it up through the handles using the grass catcher handle and empty it before any further mowing.

Side Discharge Chute

Your mower is shipped as a mulcher. To discharge the grass clippings to the side, follow the instructions on page 11 in the Assembly & Set-Up section to attach the side discharge chute.



WARNING: Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck. Refer to warning label on the unit.

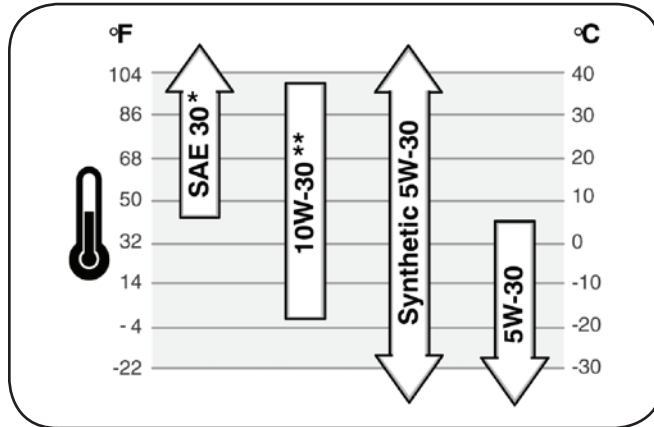
Mulch Plug

The mulch plug is used for mulching purposes. Instead of collecting grass clippings in a grass catcher or using the side discharge chute, the mower has the option of recirculating the clippings back to the lawn. This is called mulching.

Oil Recommendations

We recommend the use of Briggs & Stratton Warranty Certified oils for best performance. Other high-quality detergent oils are acceptable if classified for service SF, SG, SH, SJ or higher. Do not use special additives.

Outdoor temperatures determine the proper oil viscosity for the engine. Use the chart to select the best viscosity for the outdoor temperature range expected.



* Below 40°F (4°C) the use of SAE 30 will result in hard starting.

** Above 80°F (27°C) the use of 10W30 may cause increased oil consumption. Check oil level more frequently.

How to Check/Add Oil

Before adding or checking the oil:

- Place engine level.
 - Clean the oil fill area of any debris.
1. Remove the dipstick and wipe with a clean cloth.
 2. Insert and tighten the dipstick.
 3. Remove the dipstick and check the oil level. It should be at the top of the full indicator on the dipstick.
 4. If low, add oil slowly into the engine oil fill. Do not overfill. After adding oil, wait one minute and then recheck the oil level.
 5. Replace and tighten the dipstick.

Fuel Recommendations

Fuel must meet these requirements:

- Clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline.
- A minimum of 87 octane / 87 AKI (91 RON). For high altitude use, see below.
- Gasoline with up to 10% ethanol (gasohol) is acceptable.

NOTICE: Do not use unapproved gasolines, such as E15 and E85. Do not mix oil in gasoline or modify the engine to run on alternate fuels. Use of unapproved fuels will damage the engine components and void the engine warranty.

To protect the fuel system from gum formation, mix a fuel stabilizer into the fuel. See Off-Season Storage section on page 18. All fuel is not the same. If starting or performance problems occur, change fuel providers or change brands. This engine is certified to operate on gasoline. The emissions control system for this engine is EM (Engine Modifications).

High Altitude

At altitudes over 5,000 feet (1524 meters), a minimum 85 octane / 85 AKI (89 RON) gasoline is acceptable. To remain emissions compliant, high altitude adjustment is required. Operation without this adjustment will cause decreased performance, increased fuel consumption, and increased emissions. Contact an authorized Service Dealer for high altitude adjustment information.

Operation of the engine at altitudes below 2,500 feet (762 meters) with the high altitude kit is not recommended.



WARNING! POISONOUS GAS HAZARD – Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas that could kill you in minutes. You CANNOT smell it, see it, or taste it. Even if you do not smell exhaust fumes, you could still be exposed to carbon monoxide gas.

- Operate this product ONLY outside far away from windows, doors and vents to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide gas from accumulating and potentially being drawn towards occupied spaces.
- Install battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back-up according to the manufacturer's instructions. Smoke alarms cannot detect carbon monoxide gas.
- DO NOT run this product inside homes, garages, basements, crawlspaces, sheds, or other partially-enclosed spaces even if using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these spaces and can linger for hours, even after this product has shut OFF.
- ALWAYS place this product downwind and point the engine exhaust away from occupied spaces.

If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using this product, shut it OFF and get to fresh air RIGHT AWAY. See a doctor. You may have carbon monoxide poisoning.

Starting Engine



WARNING: Be sure no one other than the operator is standing near the lawn mower while starting engine or operating mower. Never run engine indoors or in enclosed, poorly ventilated areas. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly gas. Keep hands, feet, hair and loose clothing away from any moving parts on engine and lawn mower.



WARNING: Rapid retraction of the starter cord (kickback) will pull your hand and arm toward the engine faster than you can let go. Broken bones, fractures, bruises or sprains could result.



WARNING: Fuel and its vapors are extremely flammable and explosive. Fire or explosion can cause severe burns or death.

- Ensure that the spark plug, muffler, fuel cap and air cleaner are in place and secured.
 - Do not crank the engine with spark plug removed.
 - Check the oil level.
1. Standing behind the mower, squeeze the blade control against upper handle. See Figure 5-1.
 2. Holding these two handles together firmly, firmly hold the starter cord handle. Pull the starter cord handle slowly until resistance is felt, then pull rapidly to start the engine.

NOTE: If the engine does not start after repeated attempts, go to BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM or call 1-800-233-3723 (in USA).

Stopping Engine

1. Release blade control to stop the engine and blade.



WARNING: Wait for the blade to stop completely before performing any work on the mower or to remove the grass catcher.

Using Your Lawn Mower

Be sure lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. Such objects could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator and others.

1. Once the engine is running, squeeze the drive control against the upper handle to propel mower.



WARNING: The operation of any lawn mower can result in foreign objects being thrown into the eyes, which can damage your eyes severely. Always wear safety glasses while operating the mower, or while performing any adjustments or repairs on it.

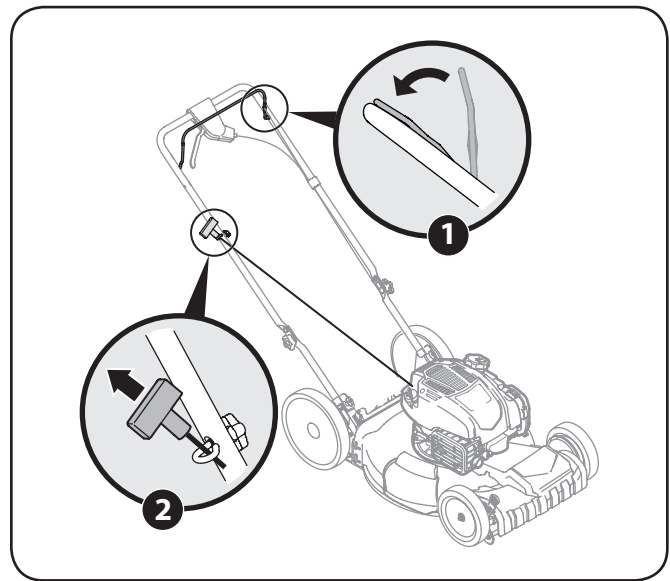


Figure 5-1

Using as Mulcher

For mulching grass, remove the grass catcher and allow the rear discharge door to close the rear opening of mower. For effective mulching, do not cut wet grass. If the grass has been allowed to grow in excess of four inches, mulching is not recommended. Use the grass catcher to bag clippings instead.

Using Grass Catcher

You can use the grass catcher to collect clippings while you are operating the mower.

1. Attach grass catcher following instructions in the Grass Catcher section on page 10 in the Assembly & Set-Up section. Grass clippings will automatically collect in bag as you run mower. Operate mower until grass bag is full.
2. Stop engine completely by releasing the blade control. Make sure that the unit has come to a complete stop.
3. Lift discharge door and pull grass bag up and away from the mower to remove the bag. Dispose of the grass clippings and reinstall the bag when complete.



WARNING: If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect mower for any damage, and repair damage before restarting and operating. Extensive vibration of mower during operation is an indication of damage. The unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

Maintenance

General Recommendations

- Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.
- The warranty on this lawn mower does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from warranty, operator must maintain the lawn mower as instructed here.
- Changing of engine-governed speed will void engine warranty.
- All adjustments should be checked at least once each season.
- Periodically check all fasteners and make sure these are tight.



WARNING: Always stop engine, allow engine to cool, disconnect spark plug, and ground against engine before performing any type of maintenance on your machine.

Emissions Control

Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emissions control devices and systems may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. However, to obtain “no charge” emissions control service, the work must be performed by a factory authorized dealer. See the Emissions Warranty.

Lubrication

1. Lubricate pivot points on the blade control at least once a season with light oil. This control must operate freely in both directions. See Figure 6-1.

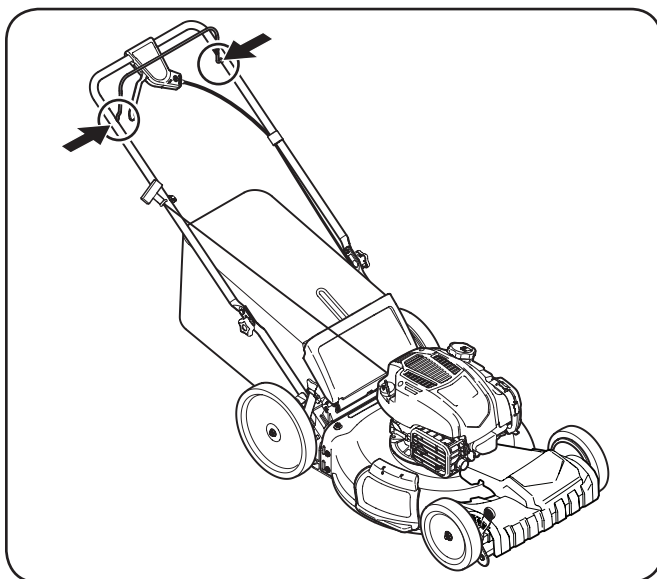


Figure 6-1

2. The transmission is pre-lubricated and sealed at the factory and does not require lubrication.
3. Refer to the Engine Care section on page 17 for lubrication schedule and instruction for engine lubrication.

Deck Wash

Your mower's deck is equipped with a water port on its surface as part of its deck wash system.

Use the deck wash to rinse grass clippings from the deck's underside and prevent the buildup of corrosive chemicals. Complete the following steps AFTER EACH MOWING:

1. Push the mower to a level, clear location on your lawn, near enough for your garden hose to reach.



CAUTION: Make certain the mower's discharge chute is directed AWAY from your house, garage, parked cars, etc.

2. Remove the fast attach deck wash nozzle from the mower deck and thread it onto the end of your garden hose.
3. Attach garden hose with the deck wash nozzle to the water port on your deck's surface. See Figure 6-2.

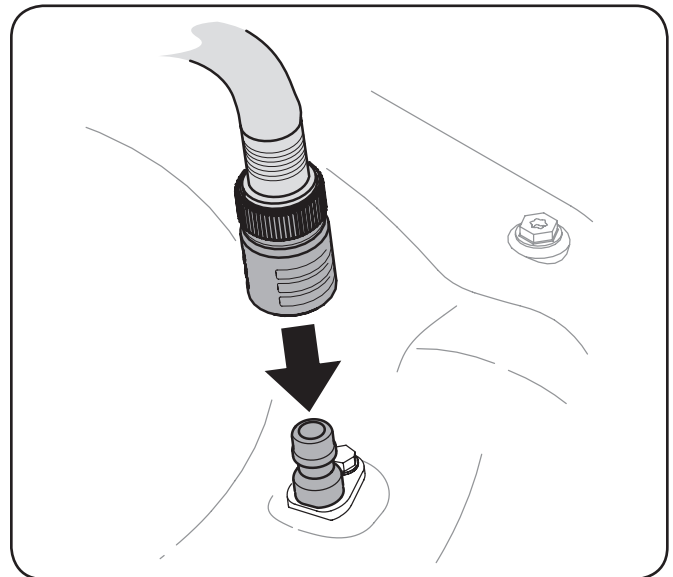


Figure 6-2

4. Turn the water ON.
5. Start the engine as described in the Operation section.
6. Run the engine for a minimum of two minutes, allowing the underside of the cutting deck to thoroughly rinse.
7. Release blade control to stop the engine and blade.
8. Turn the water OFF and detach the deck wash nozzle from the water port on your deck's surface.

After cleaning your deck, restart the mower. Keep the engine and blade running for a minimum of two minutes, allowing the underside of the cutting deck to thoroughly dry.

Engine Care

Before Each Use

- Check engine oil level
- Clean area around muffler and controls
- Clean air intake grille

Every 25 Hours or Annually

- Clean air filter *
- Clean pre-cleaner, if equipped *

Every 50 Hours or Annually

- Check muffler and spark arrester

Annually

- Replace air filter
- Replace pre-cleaner, if equipped
- Replace spark plug
- Clean air cooling system *

* In dusty conditions or when airborne debris is present, clean more often.

How to Change the Oil

Check and add oil as required. See the How to Check/Add Oil section on page 14. An oil change is not required but if you desire to change the oil, follow the procedure below.

Remove Oil



CAUTION: Used oil is a hazardous waste product and must be disposed of properly. Do not discard with household waste. Check with your local authorities, service center, or dealer for safe disposal/recycling facilities.

1. With engine OFF but still warm, disconnect the spark plug wire and keep it away from the spark plug.
2. Place a suitable container next to the engine to catch the used oil.
3. Remove the oil fill dipstick and drain the oil into the container by tipping the engine toward the oil filler neck, keeping the spark plug end of the engine up.



WARNING: When you drain the oil from the top oil fill tube, the fuel tank must be empty or fuel can leak out and result in a fire or explosion. To empty the fuel tank, run the engine until it stops from lack of fuel.

Add Oil

1. Clean the oil fill area of any debris.
2. Remove the dipstick and wipe it with a clean cloth.
3. Pour fresh oil slowly into the engine oil fill. Do not overfill. After adding oil, wait one minute and then check the oil level.
4. Install and tighten the dipstick.
5. Remove the dipstick and check the oil level. It should be at the top of the full indicator on the dipstick.
6. Install and tighten the dipstick.

How to Service the Air Filter

NOTE: Do not use pressurized air or solvents to clean the filter. Pressurized air can damage the filter and solvents will dissolve the filter.

The air cleaner system uses a pleated filter with an optional pre-cleaner. The pre-cleaner can be washed and reused.

1. Open the cover and remove the filter. See Figure 6-3.

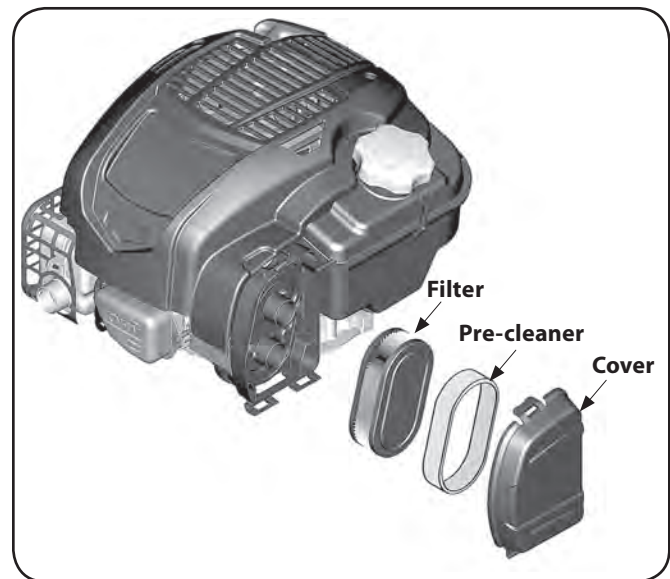


Figure 6-3

2. Remove the pre-cleaner, if equipped, from the filter. To loosen debris, gently tap the filter on a hard surface. If the filter is excessively dirty, replace with a new filter.
3. Wash the pre-cleaner in liquid detergent and water. Then allow it to thoroughly air dry. Do not oil the pre-cleaner.
4. Assemble the dry pre-cleaner, if equipped, to the filter.
5. Install the filter and close the cover.

Blade Care



WARNING: When removing the cutting blade for sharpening or replacement, protect your hands with a pair of heavy gloves or use a heavy rag to hold the blade.

Periodically inspect the blade adapter for cracks, especially if you strike a foreign object. Replace when necessary. Follow the steps below for blade service.

1. Allow the engine to run until it is out of fuel. Do not attempt to pour fuel from the engine. Disconnect spark plug wire. Refer to Engine Operator's Manual.
2. Turn mower on its side making sure that the air filter and the carburetor are facing up (not pointed toward ground).
3. Remove the bolt (a) and the blade bell support (b) which hold the blade and the blade adapter to the engine crankshaft. See Figure 7-1.

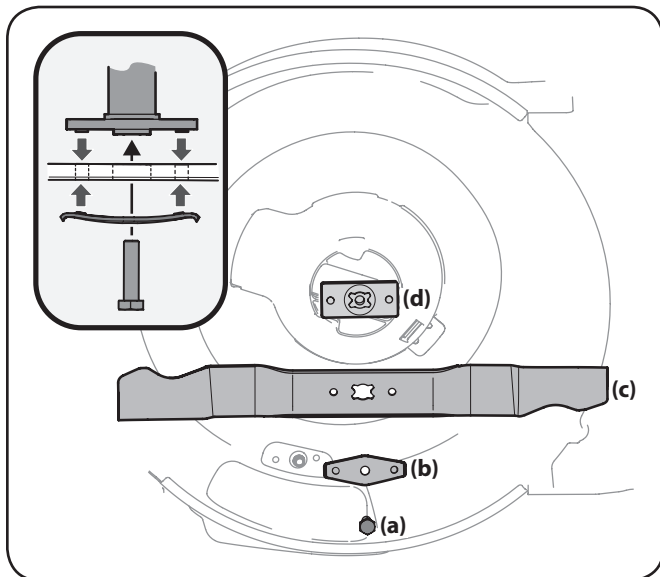


Figure 7-1

4. Remove blade (c) and adapter (d) from the crankshaft. See Figure 7-1.
5. Remove blade from the adapter for testing balance. Balance the blade on a round shaft screwdriver to check. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly. When sharpening the blade, follow the original angle of grind. Grind each cutting edge equally to keep the blade balanced.



WARNING: An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds. It may cause damage to mower and could break causing personal injury.

6. Lubricate the engine crankshaft and the inner surface of the blade adapter with light oil. Slide the blade adapter (d) onto the engine crankshaft. Place the blade on the adapter such that the side of the blade marked "Grass Side" (or with part number) faces the ground when the mower is in the

operating position. Make sure that the blade is aligned and seated on the blade adapter flanges. See Figure 7-1 inset.

7. Place blade bell support (b) on the blade (c). Align notches on the blade bell support with small holes in blade.
8. Replace hex bolt (a) and tighten hex bolt to torque: 450 in-lb (min.), 600 in-lb (max.).

To ensure safe operation of your mower, periodically check the blade bolt for correct torque.

Belt Care

NOTE: Several components must be removed in order to change the mower's belt. See an authorized Service Dealer to have your belt replaced.

Off-Season Storage

The following steps should be taken to prepare your lawn mower and engine for storage.

Mower

- Clean and lubricate mower thoroughly as described in Lubrication section on page 16.
- Apply coat of chassis grease to mower's cutting blade to prevent rusting.
- Store mower in a dry, clean area. Do not store next to corrosive materials, such as fertilizer.

When storing any type of power equipment in a poorly ventilated or metal storage shed, care should be taken to rust-proof the equipment. Using a light oil or silicone, coat the equipment, especially cables and all moving parts of your lawn mower before storage.

Engine

Fuel System

Fuel can become stale when stored over 30 days. Stale fuel causes acid and gum deposits to form in the fuel system or on essential carburetor parts. To keep the fuel fresh, use Briggs & Stratton® Advanced Formula Fuel Treatment & Stabilizer, available wherever Briggs & Stratton genuine service parts are sold.

There is no need to drain gasoline from the engine if a fuel stabilizer is added according to instructions. Run the engine for two minutes to circulate the stabilizer throughout the fuel system before storage.

If gasoline in the engine has not been treated with a fuel stabilizer, it must be drained into an approved container. Run the engine until it stops from lack of fuel. The use of a fuel stabilizer in the storage container is recommended to maintain freshness.

Engine Oil

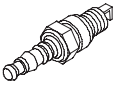
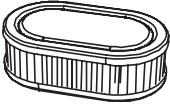
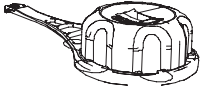
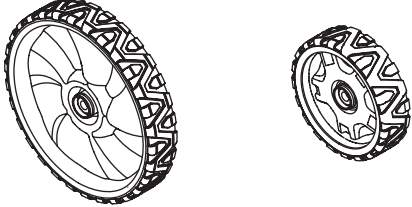
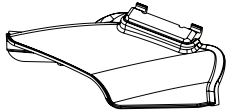
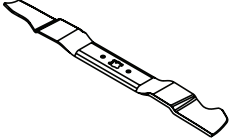
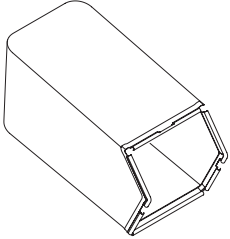
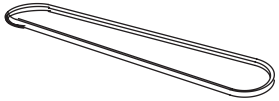
An oil change is not required but if you desire to change the oil then change while the engine is warm.

NOTE: Store the unit level (normal operating position). If the unit is tipped for storage, the fuel tank must be empty and the spark plug side must be up. If the fuel tank is not empty and if the unit is tipped in any other direction, it may be difficult to start due to oil or gasoline contaminating the air filter and/or the spark plug.

Problem	Cause	Remedy
Engine fails to start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blade control disengaged. 2. Spark plug boot disconnected. 3. Fuel tank empty or stale fuel. 4. Engine not primed (if equipped with primer). 5. Faulty spark plug. 6. Blocked fuel line. 7. Engine flooded. 8. Fuel valve (if equipped) closed. 9. Engine not choked (if equipped with choke). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage blade control. 2. Connect wire to spark boot. 3. Fill tank with clean, fresh gasoline. 4. Prime engine as instructed in the Operation section. 5. Clean, adjust gap, or replace. 6. Clean fuel line. 7. Wait a few minutes to restart, but do not prime. 8. Open fuel valve. See Operation section. 9. Choke engine. See Operation section.
Engine fails to start with electric starter (Electric Start Units Only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electric Starter Push Key not fully inserted. 2. Battery not charged. 3. Circuit breaker tripped. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insert key into starter housing until it snaps into place. 2. Charge battery. 3. Debris may be blocking blade operation. Stop engine, remove Electric Starter Push Key, and disconnect spark plug boot. Verify grass or other debris is not obstructing the blade. Carefully clean out debris if necessary. Reattach spark plug boot and reinsert Electric Starter Push Key. Wait one minute after tripping for circuit breaker to automatically self-reset then reattempt start.
Engine runs erratic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spark plug boot loose. 2. Blocked fuel line or stale fuel. 3. Vent in gas cap plugged. 4. Water or dirt in fuel system. 5. Dirty air cleaner. 6. Unit running with CHOKE (if equipped) applied. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect and tighten spark plug boot. 2. Clean fuel line; fill tank with clean, fresh gasoline. 3. Clear vent. 4. Drain fuel tank. Refill with fresh fuel. 5. Refer to Maintenance section. 6. Push CHOKE knob in.
Engine overheats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engine oil level low. 2. Air flow restricted. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill crankcase with proper oil. 2. Clean area around and on top of engine.
Occasional skips (hesitates) at high speed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spark plug gap too close. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adjust gap to 0.030".

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Problem	Cause	Remedy
Idles poorly	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spark plug fouled, faulty, or gap too wide. 2. Dirty air cleaner. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reset gap to 0.030" or replace spark plug. 2. Refer to Maintenance section.
Excessive vibration/noise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting blade loose or unbalanced. 2. Bent/damaged blade or blade adapter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tighten blade and adapter. Balance blade. 2. See an authorized service dealer.
Mower will not mulch grass	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wet grass. 2. Excessively high grass. 3. Dull blade. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not mow when grass is wet; wait until dry to cut. 2. Mow once at a high cutting height, then mow again at desired height or make a narrower cutting path. 3. Sharpen or replace blade.
Uneven cut	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wheels not positioned correctly. 2. Dull blade. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place front and rear wheels in same height position. 2. Sharpen or replace blade.
Mower will not self propel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Belt not installed properly. 2. Debris clogging drive operation. 3. Damaged or worn belt. 4. Drive control out of adjustment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check belt for proper pulley installation and movement. 2. Stop engine, disconnect spark plug boot, and clean out debris. 3. Inspect and replace belt. 4. Adjust drive control. Refer to page 12 in Assembly & Set-up section.

Component	Part Number and Description
	594056 Spark Plug
	593260 Air Filter
	594061 Fuel Cap
	704383 Wheel (Rear) 703386 Wheel (Front)
	703376 Discharge Chute
	703371 Mulching Blade
	703384 Grass Bag
	703375 Belt

Phone (800) 317-7833 to order replacement parts or a complete Parts Manual (have your full model number and serial number ready).
 Parts Manual downloads are also available free of charge at www.snapper.com.

California, U.S. EPA, and Briggs & Stratton Corporation Emissions Control Warranty Statement
Your Warranty Rights And Obligations
For Briggs & Stratton Engine Models with “F” Trim Designation
(Model-Type-Trim Representation xxxxxx xxxx Fx)

The California Air Resources Board, U.S. EPA, and Briggs & Stratton (B&S) are pleased to explain the emissions control system warranty on your 2016-2018 engine/equipment. In California, new small off-road engines and large spark ignited engines less than or equal to 1.0 liter must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. B&S must warrant the emissions control system on your engine/equipment for the periods of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance of your engine/equipment.

Your exhaust emissions control system may include parts such as the carburetor or fuel injection system, ignition system, and catalytic converter. Also included may be hoses, belts, connectors, sensors, and other emissions-related assemblies. Your evaporative emission control system may include parts such as: carburetors, fuel tanks, fuel lines, fuel caps, valves, canisters, filters, vapor hoses, clamps, connectors, and other associated components. Where a warrantable condition exists, B&S will repair your engine/equipment at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts, and labor.

Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage:

Small off-road engines and large spark ignited engines less than or equal to 1.0 liter, and any related emissions components of the equipment, are warranted for two years, or for the time period listed in the respective engine

or product warranty statement, whichever is greater. If any emissions-related part on your B&S engine/equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S.

Owner's Warranty Responsibilities:

- As the engine/equipment owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your Operator's Manual. B&S recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your engine/equipment, but B&S cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.
- As the engine/equipment owner, you should however be aware that B&S may deny you warranty coverage if your engine/equipment or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, or unapproved modifications.
- You are responsible for presenting your engine/equipment to a B&S distribution center, servicing dealer, or other equivalent entity, as applicable, as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact B&S at 1-800-444-7774 (in USA) or BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM.

Briggs & Stratton Emissions Control Warranty Provisions

The following are specific provisions relative to your Emissions Control Warranty Coverage. It is in addition to the B&S engine warranty for non-regulated engines found in the Operator's Manual.

1. Warranted Emissions Parts

Coverage under this warranty extends only to the parts listed below (the emissions control systems parts) to the extent these parts were present on the B&S engine and/or B&S supplied fuel system.

a. Fuel Metering System

- Cold start enrichment system (soft choke)
- Carburetor and internal parts
- Oxygen sensor
- Electronic Control Unit
- Fuel pump module
- Fuel line, fuel line fittings, clamps
- Fuel tank, cap and tether
- Carbon canister

b. Air Induction System

- Air cleaner
- Intake manifold
- Purge and vent line

c. Ignition System

- Spark plug(s)
- Magneto ignition system

d. Catalyst System

- Catalytic converter
- Exhaust manifold
- Air injection system or pulse valve

e. Miscellaneous Items Used in Above Systems

- Vacuum, temperature, position, time sensitive valves and switches
- Connectors and assemblies

2. Length of Coverage

Coverage is for a period of two years from the date of original purchase, or for the time period listed in the respective engine or product warranty statement, whichever is greater. B&S warrants to the original purchaser and each subsequent purchaser that the engine is designed, built, and equipped so as to conform with all applicable regulations adopted by the Air Resources Board; that it is free from defects in material and workmanship that could cause the failure of a warranted part; and that it is identical in all material respects to the engine described in the manufacturer's application for certification. The warranty period begins on the date the engine is originally purchased.

The warranty on emissions-related parts is as follows:

- Any warranted part that is not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the Operator's Manual supplied, is warranted for the warranty period stated above. If any such part fails during the period of warranty coverage, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S at no charge to the owner. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty will be warranted for the remaining warranty period.

- Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the Operator's Manual supplied, is warranted for the warranty period stated above. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remaining warranty period.
- Any warranted part that is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the Operator's Manual supplied, is warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. If the part fails prior to the first scheduled replacement, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S at no charge to the owner. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for the part.
- Add-on or modified parts that are not exempted by the Air Resources Board may not be used. The use of any non-exempted add-on or modified parts by the owner will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim. The manufacturer

will not be liable to warrant failures of warranted parts caused by the use of a non-exempted add-on or modified part.

3. Consequential Coverage

Coverage shall extend to the failure of any engine components caused by the failure of any warranted emissions parts.

4. Claims and Coverage Exclusions

Warranty claims shall be filed according to the provisions of the B&S engine warranty policy. Warranty coverage does not apply to failures of emissions parts that are not original equipment B&S parts or to parts that fail due to abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance as set forth in the B&S engine warranty policy. B&S is not liable for warranty coverage of failures of emissions parts caused by the use of add-on or modified parts.

Look For Relevant Emissions Durability Period and Air Index Information On Your Small Off-Road Engine Emissions Label

Engines that are certified to meet the California Air Resources Board (CARB) small off-road Emissions Standard must display information regarding the Emissions Durability Period and the Air Index. Briggs & Stratton makes this information available to the consumer on our emissions labels. The engine emissions label will indicate certification information.

The **Emissions Durability Period** describes the number of hours of actual running time for which the engine is certified to be emissions compliant, assuming proper maintenance in accordance with the Operator's Manual. The following categories are used:

Moderate:

Engines at or less than 80 cc displacement are certified to be emissions compliant for 50 hours of actual engine running time. Engines greater than 80 cc displacement are certified to be emissions compliant for 125 hours of actual engine running time.

Intermediate:

Engines at or less than 80 cc displacement are certified to be emissions compliant for 125 hours of actual engine running time. Engines greater than 80 cc displacement are certified to be emissions compliant for 250 hours of actual engine running time.

Extended:

Engines at or less than 80 cc displacement are certified to be emissions compliant for 300 hours of actual engine running time. Engines greater than 80 cc displacement are certified to be emissions compliant for 500 hours of actual engine running time.

For example, a typical walk-behind lawn mower is used 20 to 25 hours per year. Therefore, the **Emissions Durability Period** of an engine with an **intermediate** rating would equate to 10 to 12 years.

Briggs & Stratton engines are certified to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Phase 2 or Phase 3 emissions standards. The Emissions Compliance Period referred to on the Emissions Compliance label indicates the number of operating hours for which the engine has been shown to meet Federal emissions requirements.

For engines at or less than 80 cc displacement:

Category C = 50 hours, Category B = 125 hours, Category A = 300 hours

For engines greater than 80 cc displacement and less than 225 cc displacement:

Category C = 125 hours, Category B = 250 hours, Category A = 500 hours

For engines of 225 cc or more displacement:

Category C = 250 hours, Category B = 500 hours, Category A = 1000 hours

LIMITED WARRANTY

Briggs & Stratton warrants that, during the warranty period specified below, it will repair or replace, free of charge, any part that is defective in material or workmanship or both. Transportation charges on product submitted for repair or replacement under this warranty must be borne by purchaser. This warranty is effective for and is subject to the time periods and conditions stated below. For warranty service, find the nearest Authorized Service Dealer in our dealer locator map at www.snapper.com. The purchaser must contact the Authorized Service Dealer, and then make the product available to the Authorized Service Dealer for inspection and testing.

There is no other express warranty. Implied warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to the warranty period listed below, or to the extent permitted by law. Liability for incidental or consequential damages are excluded to the extent exclusion is permitted by law. Some states or countries do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, and some states or countries do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation and exclusion 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 or country to country.**

WARRANTY PERIOD

Item	Consumer Use	Commercial Use
Equipment	36 months	3 months
Engine*	36 months	3 months
Battery	12 months	12 months

* Applies to Briggs & Stratton engines only. Warranty coverage of non-Briggs & Stratton engines is provided by that engine manufacturer. Emissions-related components are covered by the Emissions Warranty Statement.

** In Australia - Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. For warranty service, find the nearest Authorized Service Dealer in our dealer locator map at BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM, or by calling 1300 274 447, or by emailing or writing to salesenquires@briggsandstratton.com.au, Briggs & Stratton Australia Pty Ltd, 1 Moorebank Avenue, NSW, Australia, 2170.

To ensure prompt and complete warranty coverage, register your product at the website shown above or at www.onlineproductregistration.com, or mail the completed registration card (if provided), or call 1-800-743-4115 (in USA).

Save your proof of purchase receipt. If you do not provide proof of the initial purchase date at the time warranty service is requested, the manufacturing date of the product will be used to determine the warranty period. Product registration is not required to obtain warranty service on Briggs & Stratton products.

ABOUT YOUR WARRANTY

Warranty service is available only through Snapper Authorized Service Dealers. This warranty covers only defects in materials or workmanship. It does not cover damage caused by improper use or abuse, improper maintenance or repair, normal wear and tear, or stale or unapproved fuel.

Improper Use and Abuse - The proper, intended use of this product is described in the Operator's Manual. Using the product in a way not described in the Operator's Manual or using the product after it has been damaged will not be covered under this warranty. Warranty coverage will also not be provided if the serial number on the product has been removed or the product has been altered or modified in any way, or if the product has evidence of abuse such as impact damage or water/chemical corrosion damage.

Improper Maintenance or Repair - This product must be maintained according to the procedures and schedules provided in the Operator's Manual, and serviced or repaired using genuine Briggs & Stratton parts or equivalent. Damage caused by lack of maintenance or use of non-original parts is not covered by warranty.

Normal Wear and Tear - Like most mechanical devices, your unit is subject to wear even when properly maintained. This warranty does not cover repairs when normal use has exhausted the life of a part or the equipment. Maintenance and wear items such as filters, belts, cutting blades, and brake pads (except engine brake pads) are not covered by warranty due to wear characteristics alone, unless the cause is due to defects in material or workmanship.

Stale or Unapproved Fuel - In order to function correctly, this product requires fresh fuel that conforms to the criteria specified in the Operator's Manual. Engine or equipment damage caused by stale fuel or the use of unapproved fuels (such as E15 or E85 ethanol blends) is not covered by warranty.

Other Exclusions - This warranty excludes damage due to accident, abuse, modifications, alterations, improper servicing, freezing or chemical deterioration. Attachments or accessories that were not originally packaged with the product are also excluded. There is no warranty coverage on equipment used for primary power in place of utility power or on equipment used in life support applications. This warranty does not include used, reconditioned, second-hand, or demonstration equipment or engines. This warranty also excludes failures due to acts of God and other force majeure events beyond the manufacturer's control.